FINANCE CORPORATION OF BAHAMAS LIMITED

Consolidated Financial Statements October 31, 2017

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Statement of management responsibilities

Management is responsible for the following:

- Preparing and fairly presenting the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Finance Corporation of Bahamas Limited (the "Bank"), together with its subsidiary (the "Group") which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at October 31, 2017 and the consolidated statements of comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information;
- Ensuring that the Group keeps proper accounting records;
- Selecting appropriate accounting policies and applying them in a consistent manner;
- Implementing, monitoring and evaluating the system of internal control that assures security of the Group's assets, detection/prevention of fraud, and the achievement of the Group operational efficiencies;
- Ensuring that the system of internal control operated effectively during the reporting period;
- Producing reliable financial reporting that comply with laws and regulations; and
- Using reasonable and prudent judgement in the determination of estimates.

In preparing these consolidated financial statements, management utilized the International Financial Reporting Standards, as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. Where International Financial Reporting Standards presented alternative accounting treatments, management chose those considered most appropriate in the circumstances.

Nothing has come to the attention of management to indicate that the Group will not remain a going concern for the next twelve months from the reporting date; or up to the date the accompanying financial statements have been authorized for issue, if later.

Management affirms that it has carried out its responsibilities as outlined above.

Managing Director

Date:

JAN 0 8 2018

Senior Manager, Finance Northern Caribbean

Date:

JAN 0 8 2018



Independent auditors' report

To the Shareholders of Finance Corporation of Bahamas Limited

Report on the audit of the consolidated financial statements

Our opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects the consolidated financial position of Finance Corporation of Bahamas Limited (the Bank) and its subsidiary (together 'the Group') as at October 31, 2017, and their consolidated financial performance and their consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

What we have audited

Finance Corporation of Bahamas Limited's consolidated financial statements comprise:

- the consolidated statement of financial position as at October 31, 2017;
- the consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended;
- the consolidated statement of changes in equity for the year then ended;
- · the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the consolidated financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements* section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence

We are independent of the Group in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code). We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code.



Our audit approach

Overview



- Overall Group materiality: \$2,091,000, which represents 1% of net assets.
- The consolidated group consists of Finance Corporation of Bahamas Limited (the parent) and one wholly owned subsidiary, Safeguard Insurance Brokers Limited, both incorporated and registered in the Bahamas.
- The audit engagement team was the auditor for both the parent and the subsidiary.
- A full scope audit was performed on both entities.
- Impairment losses on loans and advances to customers.

Audit scope

As part of designing our audit, we determined materiality and assessed the risks of material misstatement in the consolidated financial statements. In particular, we considered where management made subjective judgements; for example, in respect of significant accounting estimates that involved making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain. As in all of our audits, we also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including among other matters consideration of whether there was evidence of bias that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

How we tailored our group audit scope

We tailored the scope of our audit in order to perform sufficient work to enable us to provide an opinion on the consolidated financial statements as a whole, taking into account the structure of the Group, the accounting processes and controls, and the industry in which the Group operates.

A full scope audit was performed on both parent and subsidiary resulting in 100% coverage. Both entities were audited by PwC Bahamas.

Materiality

The scope of our audit was influenced by our application of materiality. An audit is designed to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. Misstatements may arise due to fraud or error. They are considered material if individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the consolidated financial statements.

Based on our professional judgement, we determined certain quantitative thresholds for materiality, including the overall Group materiality for the consolidated financial statements as a whole as set out in the table below. These, together with qualitative considerations, helped us to determine the scope of our audit and the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures and to evaluate the effect of misstatements, both individually and in aggregate on the financial statements as a whole.



Overall group materiality	\$2,091,000
How we determined it	1% of net assets
Rationale for the materiality benchmark applied	We chose net assets as the benchmark because, in our view, it is the benchmark against which the performance of the Group is most commonly measured by users, and is a generally accepted benchmark. We chose 1% which is within a range of acceptable benchmark thresholds.

We agreed with the Audit Committee that we would report to them misstatements identified during our audit above \$104,500 as well as misstatements below that amount that, in our view, warranted reporting for qualitative reasons.

Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Key audit matter

How our audit addressed the Key audit matter

Impairment losses on loans and advances to customers

See notes 2 (e), 2 (f), 5 and 21 of the consolidated financial statements for disclosures of related accounting policies, judgements and estimates.

As at October 31, 2017, loans and advances to customers, net of allowance for impairment losses, represented \$758,055,817 or 86% of total assets of the Group. The allowance for impairment losses totalling \$74,614,457 were recognised at the statement of financial position date.

We focused on the allowance for impairment losses as the assumptions used for estimating the allowance for loan losses, including the amount and timing of future cash flows are complex and require management to make significant judgements, including:

 The classification of loans and advances to customers as impaired, specifically the completeness of the population of loans and advances included in the impairment calculation and the determination of We evaluated the design and tested the operating effectiveness of relevant controls over the identification of loans and advances to customers past due for more than 90 days, and the associated change in status to 'non-performing'. We determined we could rely on these controls for the purposes of our audit.

We tested the calculation of the aging of loans and advances to customers within the loan system by testing a sample of loans and advances to customers and re-calculating the delinquency days based on the repayment history and testing the report used by management to extract the aging information for financial reporting purposes.

We tested a sample of loans and advances which had not been identified by management as impaired and formed our own judgement over the appropriateness of management's conclusions.



management's threshold for individually assessed and collectively assessed loans.

- The valuation of real estate property pledged as collateral for mortgage loans. For impaired real estate secured loans, this is the most significant repayment source. The collateral values depend on market values, which are determined by management's approved independent appraisers.
- The estimated cost and time to sell the pledged collateral.
- Evaluation of historical loss experience for loans within the general provision as well as collectively assessed loan provision.
- Evaluation of current economic credit conditions for provisions on loans which are not provided for individually nor within the collective provision.

Individually Assessed Provisions

For those loans which are individually assessed, we tested the completeness of those loans included in management's impairment assessment considering management's provisioning policy.

We evaluated the competence and objectivity of management's appointed real estate appraisers, confirming that they are qualified and that there was no affiliation to the Group. For a sample of valuation reports, we compared the key assumptions used by the real estate appraisers to recent comparable sales.

For a sample of impaired loans, we tested the reasonableness of collateral values used by management in their calculation of the provision by agreeing to the valuation appraisal reports obtained. We evaluated the discounts to the collateral value for estimated closing costs and time to sell through testing of historical and current sales made by the Group.

We further considered the accuracy of management's calculation of the individually assessed provisions by performing, on a sample basis, an independent re-calculation of such amounts.

Collectively Assessed Loans

For those loans which are collectively assessed using a model, we tested the inputs into the model against historical loss experience on portfolios with similar characteristics. We also tested the mathematical accuracy of the model.

We assessed management's evaluation of current economic credit conditions by agreeing to published market data where available.

No material adjustments to the carrying value of loans at October 31, 2017 were noted as a result of the procedures we performed.



Other information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information presented in the RBC FINCO 2017 Annual Report (but does not include the consolidated financial statements and our auditors' report thereon), which is expected to be made available to us after the date of this auditors' report.

Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above when it becomes available and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

When we read the RBC FINCO 2017 Annual Report, if we conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, we are required to communicate the matter to those charged with governance.

Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the consolidated financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

• Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.



- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit
 procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an
 opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditors' report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditors' report is Myra Lundy-Mortimer.

Chartered Accountants

Nassau, Bahamas

January 30, 2018

(Incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas)

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position As at October 31, 2017 Expressed in Bahamian Dollars

	Notes	2017	2016
		\$	\$
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	38,245,212	49,153,632
Balance with central banks	4	48,176,387	52,745,888
Loans and advances to customers	5	758,055,817	782,615,717
Investment securities	6	34,389,485	34,792,000
Premises and equipment	7	345,584	471,510
Other assets		3,775,520	5,199,576
Total Assets		882,988,005	924,978,323
Liabilities			
Customer deposits	8	572,032,600	650,673,080
Due to affiliated companies	19	96,385,242	79,981,988
Other liabilities		5,465,931	7,411,945
Total Liabilities		673,883,773	738,067,013
Equity			
Share capital	10	5,333,334	5,333,334
Share premium		2,552,258	2,552,258
Retained earnings		200,979,555	179,025,718
Other components of equity		239,085	
Total Equity		209,104,232	186,911,310
Total Equity and Liabilities	_	882,988,005	924,978,323

The Board of Directors of Finance Corporation of Bahamas Limited authorized these consolidated financial statements for issue.

Director Director

January 8, 2018_____

Date

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended October 31, 2017 Expressed in Bahamian Dollars

	Notes	2017	2016
		\$	\$
Income			
Interest income	12	58,551,809	63,523,575
Interest expense	13	(12,045,385)	(14,355,608)
Net interest income	_	46,506,424	49,167,967
Non-interest income	14	2,272,973	2,545,212
Total income		48,779,397	51,713,179
Non-interest expenses	15	(14,348,682)	(15,092,115)
Impairment losses on loans and advances	5	(12,476,878)	(25,017,168)
Net income		21,953,837	11,603,896
Other comprehensive income:			
Items that may be reclassified to net income			
Net change in the fair value of available for sale		•••	
investments	_	239,085	
Total comprehensive income for the year	=	22,192,922	11,603,896
Earnings per share (basic and diluted)	11	0.82	0.44

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity For the Year Ended October 31, 2017 Expressed in Bahamian Dollars

				Other		
		Share	Share	Components	Retained	
N	Notes	Capital	Premium	of Equity	Earnings	Total
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
As at November 1, 2015		5,333,334	2,552,258	500,000	166,921,822	175,307,414
Transfer to retained earnings		-	-	(500,000)	500,000	-
Comprehensive income						
Net income					11,603,896	11,603,896
Total Comprehensive Income					11,603,896	11,603,896
As at October 31, 2016		5,333,334	2,552,258		179,025,718	186,911,310
As at November 1, 2016		5,333,334	2,552,258	-	179,025,718	186,911,310
Comprehensive income						
Net income		-	-	-	21,953,837	21,953,837
Other comprehensive income				239,085	<u>-</u>	239,085
Total Comprehensive Income				239,085	21,953,837	22,192,922
As at October 31, 2017	:	5,333,334	2,552,258	239,085	200,979,555	209,104,232

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended October 31, 2017 Expressed in Bahamian Dollars

	Notes	2017 \$	2016 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net income		21,953,837	11,603,896
Adjustments for:			
Impairment losses on loans and advances	5	12,476,878	25,017,168
Depreciation and amortization tangible assets	7	125,926	128,876
Loss on disposal of premises and equipment		-	57,970
Realized (gain)/loss on available for sale investments	_	(18,900)	<u> </u>
		34,537,741	36,807,910
(Increase) / decrease in operating assets:			
Balance with central banks		4,569,501	(2,477,549)
Loans and advances to customers		12,083,022	19,814,098
Other assets		1,424,056	(410,003)
Increase / (decrease) in operating liabilities:			
Customer deposits		(78,640,480)	(49,054,980)
Due to affiliated companies		16,403,254	(28,649,641)
Other liabilities		(1,946,014)	(1,354,529)
Net cash used in operating activities		(11,568,920)	(25,324,694)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from maturity of investments		660,500	1,668,500
Net cash from investing activities		660,500	1,668,500
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(10,908,420)	(23,656,194)
BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		49,153,632	72,809,826
BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	3	38,245,212	49,153,632
Supplemental information:			
Interest received		59,862,567	63,244,520
Interest received		(12,689,981)	(15,119,125)
interest para		(12,00),701)	(13,117,123)

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements October 31, 2017

1. Incorporation and Business Activities

Finance Corporation of Bahamas Limited (the "Bank") is incorporated in The Commonwealth of The Bahamas (The Bahamas) and is licensed under the provisions of the Banks and Trust Companies Regulations Act, 2000 and is also licensed as an Authorized Dealer, pursuant to the Exchange Control Regulations Act.

The Bank is 75% owned by RBC Royal Bank Holdings (Bahamas) Limited, a company incorporated in Barbados, and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the ultimate parent company, Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) incorporated in Canada. The remaining 25% ownership of the Bank's shares are publicly traded and listed on The Bahamas International Securities Exchange (BISX).

The Bank has four branch locations in New Providence and one in Freeport, Grand Bahama. Its business activities include the acceptance of savings, term and demand deposits, the buying and selling of foreign currency, and mortgage lending in The Bahamas.

The Bank has a wholly-owned subsidiary, Safeguard Insurance Brokers Limited which is incorporated in The Bahamas and provides insurance brokerage services to mortgage customers of the Bank. The Bank and its subsidiary is collectively referred to as the Group.

The Group's registered office is located at Royal Bank House, East Hill Street, Nassau, The Bahamas.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented, unless otherwise stated.

a) Basis of preparation

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, and under the historical cost convention, except as disclosed in the accounting policies below.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the consolidated financial statements are disclosed in Notes 2(d), 2(f), 2(n) and 24.

New standards, amendments and interpretations adopted by the Group

Standards and amendments and interpretations to published standards that became effective for the Group's financial year beginning on November 1, 2016 were either not relevant or not significant to the Group's operations and accordingly did not have a material impact on the Group's accounting policies or consolidated financial statements.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements October 31, 2017 (Continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

a) Basis of preparation (continued)

New standards, amendments and interpretations not yet adopted by the Group

With the exception of IFRS 9 Financial Instruments (IFRS 9), IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers (IFRS 15) and IFRS 16 Leases (IFRS 16), the application of new standards and amendments and interpretations to existing standards that have been published but are not yet effective are not expected to have a material impact on the Group's accounting policies or consolidated financial statements in the financial period of initial application.

In July 2014, the International Accounting Standards Board issued the complete version of IFRS 9, which brings together the classification and measurement, impairment and hedge accounting phases of the IASB's project to replace IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement (IAS 39).

IFRS 9 introduces a principles-based approach to the classification of financial assets. Debt instruments, including hybrid contacts, are measured at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL), fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) or amortized cost based on an entity's business model and the nature of the cash flows of the assets. Equity instruments are measured at FVTPL, unless they are not held for trading purposes, in which case an irrevocable election can be made on initial recognition to measure them at FVOCI with no subsequent reclassification of gains or losses to net income. For financial liabilities, IFRS 9 largely carried forward the classification and measurement requirements previously included in IAS 39.

IFRS 9 also introduces an expected credit loss impairment model for all financial assets not measured as FVTPL. The model has three stages: (1) on initial recognition, a loss allowance is recognized to cover credit losses arising from defaults expected to occur over the next 12 months; (2) if credit risk increases significantly relative to initial recognition, a loss allowance equal to full lifetime expected credit losses is recognized; and (3) when a financial asset is considered credit-impaired, a loss allowance equal to lifetime expected credit losses is recognized and interest revenue is calculated based on the carrying amount of asset, net of the loss allowance, rather than its gross carrying amount. Changes in the required loss allowance, including the impact of movement between 12 months and lifetime expected credit losses, will be recorded in net income.

The mandatory effective date of IFRS 9 is November 1, 2018; however the Group will early adopt IFRS 9 with an effective date of November 1, 2017, consistent with the adoption date of its ultimate parent company, the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC). The new impairment and classification and measurement requirements will be applied using the modified retrospective method adjusting opening retained earnings on the date of initial application with no restatement of the comparative periods.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements October 31, 2017 (Continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

a) Basis of preparation (continued)

New standards, amendments and interpretations not yet adopted by the Group (continued)

The Group's implementation of IFRS 9 is primarily part of a comprehensive enterprise-wide program led by RBC. The initial focus of the enterprise-wide program was the design and implementation of systems, models, policies and controls to support RBC's consolidated financial statements. Work is ongoing to adapt the enterprise-wide policies and practices to the unique portfolio and environment attributes of each individual subsidiary of RBC, including key areas of judgement such as the determination of significant increases in credit risk and the application of forward looking macroeconmic scenarios. For the Caribbean region, separate expected credit loss models have been developed which reflect the available credit risk data, information systems and risk management practices of the Group. While significant progress has been made to date, work is still ongoing to refine this approach, including the supporting processes and controls. Accordingly, we are not yet in a position to make a reliable estimate of the expected impact of the adoption of IFRS 9 on the consolidated financial statements of the Group.

IFRS 15 deals with revenue recognition and establishes principles for reporting useful information to users of financial statements about the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from an entity's contracts with its customers. Revenue is recognized when a customer obtains control of a good or service and thus has the ability to direct the use and obtain the benefits from the good or service. The standard is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018, and replaces IAS 18 *Revenue* and IAS 11 *Construction Contracts* and related interpretations. The Group is assessing the full impact of adopting IFRS 15.

IFRS 16 results in lessees accounting for most leases within the scope of the standard in a manner similar to the way in which finance leases are currently accounted for under IAS 17 *Leases* (IAS 17). Lessees will recognize a 'right of use' asset and a corresponding financial liability on the balance sheet. The asset will be amortized over the length of the lease and the financial liability measured at amortized cost. Lessor accounting remains substantially the same as in IAS 17. The Group is assessing the full impact of adopting IFRS 16, which is effective for financial periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019.

b) Basis of consolidation

Subsidiaries are all entities over which the Group has control. The Group controls an entity when the Group is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. The existence and effect of potential voting rights that are currently exercisable or convertible are considered when assessing whether the Group controls the entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group. They are deconsolidated from the date that control ceases.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements October 31, 2017 (Continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

b) Basis of consolidation (continued)

Intercompany transactions, balances and unrealized gains on transactions between group companies are eliminated. Unrealized losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the transferred asset. Accounting policies of the subsidiary have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

c) Foreign currency translation

Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements of each of the Group's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (the functional currency). The consolidated financial statements are presented in Bahamian dollars (B\$), which is the Group's functional currency.

Transactions and balances

In preparing the consolidated financial statements transactions in currencies other than the functional currency (foreign currencies) are recognized at the rates of exchange prevailing at the dates of the transactions. At the end of each reporting period, monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rates prevailing at that date. Non-monetary items that are denominated in foreign currencies and carried at fair value are translated at the rates prevailing at the date when the fair value was determined. Non-monetary items denominated in foreign currencies and carried at historical cost are translated at the rate prevailing at the date of the transaction.

Exchange differences are recognized in net income in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income in the period in which they arise.

d) Financial assets

The Group classifies its financial assets into the following categories: loans and receivables and available-for-sale (AFS) financial assets. Management determines the classification of its financial assets at initial recognition.

i) Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables include cash and cash equivalents, balance with central banks, loans and advances to customers and other assets which are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They arise when the Group provides money to a debtor with no intention of trading the receivable.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements October 31, 2017 (Continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

d) Financial assets (continued)

ii) AFS financial assets

AFS investments are those which may be sold in response to needs for liquidity or changes in interest rates, exchange rates or equity prices.

Regular-way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognized on the settlement date - the date on which there is a cash outflow or inflow. Financial assets are initially recognized at fair value plus transaction costs.

AFS financial assets are subsequently carried at fair value. Loans and receivables are carried at amortized cost using the effective interest method. Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of AFS financial assets are recognized in other comprehensive income, until the financial asset is derecognized or impaired. At this time, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognized in other comprehensive income is recognized in income. Interest calculated using the effective interest method and foreign currency gains and losses on monetary securities classified as AFS are recognized in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

The fair values of quoted investments in active markets are based on current bid prices. If there is no active market for a financial asset, the Group establishes fair value using valuation techniques. These include the use of recent arm's length transactions, discounted cash flow analysis, option pricing models and other valuation techniques commonly used by market participants.

Interest calculated using the effective interest method and foreign currency gain and loss on monetary securities classified as available for sale are recognized in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

ii) <u>Derecognition of financial assets</u>

The Group derecognizes a financial asset only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or when it has transferred the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset to another entity.

e) Non-performing financial assets

All loans and advances to customers on which principal or interest payments are overdue in excess of ninety days are classified by management as non-performing, and are considered for impairment.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements October 31, 2017 (Continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

f) Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets carried at amortized cost

Allowance for impairment losses represent management's best estimates of losses incurred in the loan portfolio at the statement of financial position date. Management's judgement is required in making assumptions and estimations when calculating allowances on both individually and collectively assessed loans. The underlying assumptions and estimates used for both individually and collectively assessed loans can change from period to period and may significantly affect the results of operations.

The Group assesses at each reporting period whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired. A financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired and impairment losses are incurred only if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that have occurred after the initial recognition of the asset (a 'loss event') and that loss event (or events) has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial assets or group of financial assets that can be reliably estimated.

The criteria that the Group uses to determine that there is objective evidence of an impairment loss include:

- Delinquency in contractual payments of principal or interest;
- Cash flow difficulties experienced by the borrower (e.g. equity ratio, net income percentage of sales);
- Granting of concessions which would otherwise not be considered;
- Breach of loan covenants or conditions;
- Initiation of bankruptcy proceedings;
- Deterioration of the borrower's competitive position;
- Deterioration in the value of collateral; and
- Downgrading of the asset.

The Group first assesses whether objective evidence of impairment exists individually for financial assets that are individually significant. If it is determined that no objective evidence of impairment exists for an individually assessed financial asset, whether significant or not, it includes the asset in a group of financial assets with similar credit risk characteristics and collectively assesses them for impairment. Assets that are individually assessed for impairment and for which an impairment loss is or continues to be recognized are not included in a collective assessment of impairment.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements October 31, 2017 (Continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

f) Impairment of financial assets (continued)

Financial assets carried at amortized cost (continued)

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss has been incurred, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows including the cash flows from the realization of collateral held (excluding future credit losses that have not been incurred) discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of an allowance account and the amount of the loss is recognized as a part of net income in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income. If a financial asset has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate determined under the contract. As a practical expedient, the Group may measure impairment on the basis of an instrument's fair value using an observable market price.

The calculation of the present value of the estimated future cash flows of a collateralized financial asset reflects the cash flows that may result from foreclosures less costs for obtaining and selling the collateral, whether or not foreclosure is probable.

For the purpose of a collective evaluation of impairment, financial assets are grouped together on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics. Those characteristics are relevant to the estimation of future cash flows for groups of such assets by being indicative of the debtors' ability to pay all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the assets being evaluated. Future cash flows in a group of financial assets that are collectively evaluated for impairment are estimated on the basis of historical loss experience for assets with credit risk characteristics similar to those in the group.

Historical loss experience is adjusted on the basis of current observable data to reflect the effects of current conditions that did not affect the period on which the historical loss experience is based and to remove the effects of conditions in the historical period that do not exist currently. The methodology and assumptions used for estimating future cash flows are reviewed regularly to reduce any differences between loss estimates and actual loss experience.

If in the subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognized (such as an improved credit rating), the previously recognized impairment loss is reversed by adjusting the allowance account.

When a financial asset is uncollectible, it is written off against the related provision for impairment loss. Such financial assets are written off after all the necessary procedures have been completed and the amount of the loss has been determined. Recoveries of accounts previously written off are recognized directly in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income as a part of net income.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements October 31, 2017 (Continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

f) Impairment of financial assets (continued)

Financial assets classified as AFS

At the end of the reporting period the Group assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or a group of financial assets classified as AFS is impaired.

At the end of the reporting period if any such evidence exists for financial assets AFS, the cumulative loss in the other comprehensive income measured as the difference between the acquisition cost and the current fair value, less any impairment loss on that financial asset previously recognized in the other comprehensive income is removed and recognized in income.

With the exception of AFS equity instruments, if, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognized, the previously recognized impairment loss is reversed through income to the extent that the carrying amount of the investment at the date the impairment is reversed does not exceed what the amortized cost would have been had the impairment not been recognized.

Renegotiated loans

Where possible, the Group seeks to restructure loans rather than to take possession of collateral. This may involve extending the payment arrangements and the agreement of new loan conditions. Once the terms have been renegotiated, the loan is no longer considered past due. Management continuously reviews renegotiated loans to ensure that all criteria are met and that future payments are likely to occur.

g) Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are any liabilities that are contractual obligations to deliver cash or another financial asset to another entity or to exchange financial assets or liabilities.

Financial liabilities are classified as financial liabilities at amortized cost.

Financial liabilities includes customer deposits, borrowings, accounts payable and accrued liabilities. Borrowings are initially measured at fair value net of transaction costs and are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method, with interest expense recognized on an effective yield basis.

The Group derecognizes financial liabilities when, and only when, its obligations are discharged, cancelled or they expire.

h) Customer deposits

Customer deposits are recognized initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. Customer deposits are derecognized when the financial liability has been extinguished.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements October 31, 2017 (Continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

i) Income and expense recognition

Interest income and expense

Interest income and interest expense are recognized in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income for all financial instruments measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. Loan origination fees for loans that are likely to be drawn down are deferred (together with related direct costs) and recognized as an adjustment to the effective interest rate on the loans.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortized cost of a financial asset or a financial liability and of allocating the interest income and interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument or where appropriate, a shorter period to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or liability. When calculating the effective interest rate, the Group estimates cash flows considering all contractual terms of the financial instrument (e.g. prepayment options) but does not consider future credit losses.

The calculation includes all fees paid or received between parties to the contract that are an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and all other premiums or discounts.

Non-interest income

The Group earns non-interest income from its range of services and products provided to its customers. Non-interest income is generally recognized on an accrual basis when the service has been provided.

Commissions earned and incurred on insurance policies are recognized when the policies are written as the Group has no further service obligations associated with these policies.

Other income and expenses

Other income and expenses are recognized on the accrual basis.

j) Premises and equipment

Premises and equipment are carried at historical cost less accumulated depreciation, amortization and impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of an item. Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or are recognized as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All repairs and maintenance are charged to the consolidated statement of comprehensive income as part of net income during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements October 31, 2017 (Continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

j) Premises and equipment (continued)

Depreciation and amortization is calculated principally on the straight-line method to write off the depreciable amounts over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Land - Not depreciated

Building and improvements - Straight line -20 to 40 years

Leasehold improvements - Straight line lease term plus 1 renewal term Furniture and other equipment - Straight line 5 years and declining balance - 20%

Computer equipment - Straight line – 3 to 7 years

Management reviews the estimated useful lives, residual values and methods of depreciation at each year-end. Any changes are accounted for prospectively as a change in accounting estimate. Assets that are subject to depreciation and amortization are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of the asset's fair value less cost to sell and its value in use.

Gains and losses on disposal of premises and equipment are determined by reference to their carrying amounts and are included in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income as part of net income in the period.

k) Impairment of tangible assets

At the end of each reporting date, the Group reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the assets is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognized immediately in net income.

1) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash and demand deposits with banks together with short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and subject to insignificant risk of change in value. Such investments are normally those with original maturities up to three months from the date of acquisition.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements October 31, 2017 (Continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

m) Leases

The Group is the lessee

The leases entered into by the Group, which do not transfer substantially all the risk and benefits of ownership, are classified as operating leases. The total payments made under operating leases are charged to the consolidated statement of comprehensive income as part of net income on a straight-line basis over the lease period.

When an operating lease is terminated before the lease period has expired, any payment required to be made to the lessor by way of penalty is recognized as an expense in the period in which termination takes place.

The Group is the lessor

Leases where the Group does not transfer substantially all the risk and benefits of ownership of the asset are classified as operating leases. Rental payments received under operating leases are recognized in income on a straight-line basis over the lease period.

n) Provisions

Provisions are recognized when the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is more likely than not that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and the amount has been reliably estimated.

The amount recognized as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the end of the reporting period, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where a provision is measured using the cash flows estimated to settle the present obligation, its carrying amount is the present value of those cash flows.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognized even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be immaterial.

o) Share capital

Shares issued for cash are accounted for at the issue price less any transaction costs of the issue.

p) Guarantees, indemnities and letters of credit

Financial guarantees are financial contracts that require the issuer to make specified payments to reimburse the holder for a loss it incurs because a specified debtor fails to make payment when due in accordance with the original or modified terms of a debt instrument. Financial guarantee contracts issued by the Group are treated as contingent liabilities and not recognized in the consolidated statement of financial position until a payment under the guarantee has been made.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements October 31, 2017 (Continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

q) Dividends

Dividends that are proposed and declared during the period are accounted for as an appropriation of retained earnings in the consolidated statement of changes in equity.

Dividends that are proposed and declared after the consolidated statement of financial position are disclosed in the subsequent events note to the consolidated financial statements.

r) Employee benefits

The Group's employees participate in a defined benefit pension plan and a defined contribution pension plan of Royal Bank of Canada (RBC). Employees become eligible for membership in the defined benefit pension plan (the Plan) after completing a probationary period and receive their benefits after retirement. The Plan's benefits are determined based on years of service, contributions and average earnings at retirement. Due to the long-term nature of the Plan, the calculation of benefit expenses and obligations depends on various assumptions such as discount rates, expected rates of return on assets, projected salary increases, retirement age, mortality and termination rates. The accrued pension obligation is retained by and recorded in the books of RBC. The Group recognizes its proportionate share of pension costs as an expense during the period, after which the Group has no further obligations to the Plan.

Defined contribution plan

Under the defined contribution plan, an employee may contribute up to 10% of their salary and the Group matches half of the employee's contribution up to 3% of the employee's salary.

Contributions made by the employee are immediately vested and contributions made by the Group become vested after the completion of ten years of service. Expenses for services rendered by the employees and related to the defined contribution plan are recognized as an expense during the period. The Group has no further payment obligations once the recognized contributions have been paid.

s) Taxation

Under the current laws of The Bahamas, the country of domicile of the Bank and its subsidiary, there are no income, capital gains or other corporate taxes imposed. The Group's operations do not subject it to taxation in any other jurisdiction.

t) Segment reporting

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision-maker. The chief operating decision-maker, which is the person or group responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments, has been identified as the management of the Bank.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements October 31, 2017 (Continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

t) Segment reporting (Continued)

Income and expenses directly associated with each segment are included in determining business segment performance. The Group has identified the following business segments: banking and insurance services.

u) Corresponding figures

Corresponding figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation adopted in the current year as follows:

Segment Reporting

Non-interest expense and impairment losses on loans and advances have been disclosed by segment.

3. Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Treasury bills	7,981,100	8,000,000
Due from banks	30,264,112	41,153,632
	38,245,212	49,153,632

Due from banks are deposits held with other banks on demand or for fixed periods up to three months. Treasury bills have original maturities up to three months. Due from banks are non-interest bearing. Treasury bills earn interest at a rate of 1.72% (2016: 0.68% to 2.19%).

4. Balances with Central Banks

The balance with The Central Bank of The Bahamas is non-interest bearing and includes a mandatory daily average reserve deposit of \$48,176,387 (2016: \$52,745,888) which is based on a ratio to customers' deposits.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements October 31, 2017 (Continued)

5. Loans and Advances to Customers

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Retail	1,599,354	2,215,897
Home equity and other mortgages	227,125,162	236,187,371
Residential mortgages	607,442,554	616,638,082
Government insured mortgages	754,748	799,998
	836,921,818	855,841,348
Allowance for impairment losses	(74,614,457)	(68,536,519)
Loan origination fees and costs (net)	(4,251,544)	(4,689,112)
	758,055,817	782,615,717
Loans categorized by performance are as follows:	2017 \$	2016 \$
Neither past due nor impaired	631,394,963	669,480,702
Past due but not impaired	84,656,736	66,946,193
Impaired	120,870,119	119,414,453
	836,921,818	855,841,348
Loans categorized by maturity are as follows:		
Current (due within one year)	18,771,811	18,757,476
Non-current (due after one year)	818,150,007	837,083,872
• • •	836,921,818	855,841,348

Loans and advances classified as impaired represent 14.44% (2016: 13.95%) of the total loans and advances portfolio. The allowance for impairment losses represents 8.92% (2016: 8.01%) of the total loans and advances portfolio and 61.73% (2016: 57.39%) of the total impaired loans.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements October 31, 2017 (Continued)

5. Loans and Advances to Customers (Continued)

Allowance for impairment losses consists of the following:

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Balance, beginning of year	68,536,519	57,145,555
Loans and advances written-off	(11,721,510)	(16,283,084)
Recoveries	10,198,514	7,125,653
Reversal of time value of money component	(4,875,944)	(4,468,773)
Increase in allowance for the year	12,476,878	25,017,168
	74,614,457	68,536,519
Allowance for impairment losses consisting of:		
Individually and collectively assessed impaired loans	59,451,705	55,351,360
Collective allowance - Incurred but not yet identified	15,162,752	13,185,159
	74,614,457	68,536,519

6. Investment Securities

Investment securities are all classified as available for sale and is comprised as follows:

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Bahamas Government Debt Securities	31,251,634	31,780,600
Locally Issued Corporate Bonds	3,137,851	3,011,400
	34,389,485	34,792,000
Investments categorized by maturity are as follows:		
Current (due within one year)	1,314,424	660,500
Non-current (due after one year)	33,075,061	34,131,500
	34,389,485	34,792,000
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Balance, beginning of year	34,792,000	36,460,500
Maturities	(660,500)	(1,668,500)
Gain/(loss) from change in fair value	257,985	
	34,389,485	34,792,000

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements October 31, 2017 (Continued)

6. Investment Securities (Continued)

Investment securities have maturities ranging from 2018 to 2037 (2016: 2017 to 2037) and with floating interest rates ranging from 0.125% to 1.625% (2016: 0.125% to 2.125%) above the B\$ Prime rate of 4.25% (2016: 4.75%).

As of October 31, 2017, the cost of investment securities totaled \$34,131,500 (2016: \$34,792,000), all of which is comprised of level 3 securities.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements October 31, 2017 (Continued)

7. Premises and Equipment

	Land \$	Buildings & Improvements	Leasehold & Improvements	Furniture & Other Equipment \$	Computer	Total \$
Year Ended						
October 31, 2017						
Opening net book value	105,700	154,679	65,691	63,916	81,524	471,510
Depreciation charge		(30,772)	(40,488)	(12,352)	(42,314)	(125,926)
Closing net book value	105,700	123,907	25,203	51,564	39,210	345,584
At October 31, 2017						
Cost	105,700	1,219,104	420,108	759,869	1,376,805	3,881,586
Accumulated	<u> </u>	(1,095,197)	(394,905)	(708,305)	(1,337,595)	(3,536,002)
depreciation						
Net book value	105,700	123,907	25,203	51,564	39,210	345,584
Year Ended						
October 31, 2016						
Opening net book value	105,700	193,594	104,354	114,075	140,633	658,356
Disposals	-	-	(21,637)	(33,327)	(3,006)	(57,970)
Depreciation charge		(38,915)	(17,026)	(16,832)	(56,103)	(128,876)
Closing net book value	105,700	154,679	65,691	63,916	81,524	471,510
At October 31, 2016						
Cost	105,700	1,219,104	420,108	759,869	1,376,805	3,881,586
Accumulated		(1,064,425)	(354,417)	(695,953)	(1,295,281)	(3,410,076)
depreciation						
Net book value	105,700	154,679	65,691	63,916	81,524	471,510

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements October 31, 2017 (Continued)

7. Premises and Equipment (Continued)

There were no write-offs during the fiscal year ended 2017, (2016: \$1,171,176), (2016: \$351,451) and (2016: \$176,231) of leasehold improvements, furniture & other equipment and computer equipment respectively

Certain of the Group's buildings have been subleased to an affiliate company. Minimum lease payments in respect of these arrangements are as follows:

		2017	2016
		\$	\$
	Within one year	66,520	66,520
	One to three years	66,520	133,040
	Three to five years	133,040	133,040
	Over five years	-	332,600
		266,080	665,200
8.	Customer Deposits		
		2017	2016
		\$	\$
	Term deposits	427,177,397	500,003,623
	Savings deposits	123,387,407	130,469,424
	Demand deposits	21,467,796	20,200,033
		572,032,600	650,673,080
	Deposits categorized by customer type are as follows:		
	Personal	300,048,299	326,965,940
	Non-Personal	271,984,301	323,707,140
		572,032,600	650,673,080
	Deposits categorized by maturity are as follows:		
	Current (due within one year)	571,927,953	650,660,201
	Non-current (due after one year)	104,647	12,879
	•	572,032,600	650,673,080

Deposits carry interest rates ranging from 0.05% to 1.25% (2016: 0.10% to 1.25%) per annum, interest rates are determined based on variable market rates and can be adjusted based on changes in market rates.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements October 31, 2017 (Continued)

9. Pension Plans

Employees of the Group participate in a defined benefit pension plan of Royal Bank of Canada (the Plan). Employees become eligible for membership after completing a probationary period on a contributory or non-contributory basis. The Plan provides pensions based on years of service, contribution to the Plan and average earnings at retirement. The Plan also covers a portion of the current medical insurance premiums for retirees. RBC fund's the Plan in accordance with actuarially determined amounts required to satisfy employee benefit entitlements under current pension regulations. The most recent actuarial valuation performed was completed on January 1, 2017 at which time the actuarial present valued accrued pension benefits exceeded the actuarial valuation of net assets.

The principal assumptions used for the purpose of the actuarial valuation are as follows:

	2017	2016
Discount rate	5.25%	5.25%
Expected return on plan assets	6.30%	6.14%
Rate of increase in future compensation	1.50% - 9.00%	1.50% - 9.00%

The Group's employees also participate in a defined contribution plan of Royal Bank of Canada. Under the defined contribution plan, an employee may contribute up to 10% of their salary and the Group matches half of the employee's contribution up to 3% of the employee's salary. Contributions made by the employee are immediately vested and contributions made by the Group become vested after the completion of ten years of service.

The Royal Bank of Canada charges the Group for its share of the amount of funding required in the Plan. This cost is recognized in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income after which no further obligation is required of the Group. During the year, the Group's pension expenses arising from the Plan was \$ 633,833 (2016: \$444,990) and the defined contribution plan was \$18,197 (2016: \$19,658).

10. Share Capital & Reserves

Share capital consists of the following:

	2017	2016
Authorized:	\$	\$
27,500,000 common shares at par value B\$0.20		
Issued and fully paid: 26,666,670 common shares	5,333,334	5,333,334

There were no transfers during the fiscal year ended 2017, (2016: the Group transferred the general reserve in the amount of \$500,000 to retained earnings).

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements October 31, 2017 (Continued)

11. Earnings per Share

The calculation of basic and diluted earnings per share is based on the profit attributable to the equity shareholders divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period.

		2017 \$	2016 \$
	Total earnings for the year attributable to the	·	·
	equity shareholders	21,953,837	11,603,896
	Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue	26,666,670	26,666,670
	Basic and diluted earnings per share	0.82	0.44
12.	Interest Income		
		2017	2016
		\$	\$
	Loans and advances to customers	56,785,258	61,622,027
	Investment securities - AFS	1,766,551	1,901,548
		58,551,809	63,523,575

Included in interest income is interest attributable to the time value of money component of non-performing loans of \$4,875,944 (2016: \$4,468,773).

13. Interest Expense

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Customer deposits	7,329,102	10,729,106
Due to affiliated companies	4,703,555	3,625,971
Other interest bearing liabilities	12,728	531
	12,045,385	14,355,608

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements October 31, 2017 (Continued)

14. Non-Interest Income

		2017	2016
		\$	\$
Fees	and commissions	2,054,882	2,371,154
Forei	gn exchange earnings	59,345	42,054
Other	service charges and fees	158,746	132,004
		2,272,973	2,545,212
15. Non-l	Interest Expenses		
		2017	2016
		\$	\$
Staff	costs	1,690,871	2,579,918
Opera	ating lease rentals	362,397	1,067,910
Prem	ises and equipment expenses, excluding		
dep	reciation and operating lease rentals	400,334	626,149
Depre	eciation and amortization	125,926	128,876
Busir	ness and miscellaneous taxes	3,248,533	3,375,178
Depo	sit insurance premium	322,929	325,900
Profe	ssional fees	145,474	94,787
Other	operating expense	8,052,218	6,893,397
		14,348,682	15,092,115

The Protection of Depositors Act, 1999 requires that the Group pay an annual premium to the Deposit Insurance Fund based on insurable deposit liabilities outstanding. During the year, the Group paid \$322,929 (2016: \$325,900) into the fund.

16. Dividends

There were no dividends declared to shareholders during the fiscal year ended 2017 (2016: \$Nil).

17. Contingent Liabilities

Various legal proceedings are pending that challenge certain practices or actions of the Group. Many of these proceedings are loan-related and are in reaction to steps taken by the Group to collect delinquent loans and enforce rights in collateral securing such loans. Management considers that the aggregate liability resulting from these proceedings will not be material.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements October 31, 2017 (Continued)

18. Commitments

a) Credit commitments

As of the date of the consolidated statement of financial position, mortgage commitments in the normal course of business amounted to \$18,571,797 (2016: \$16,616,879).

b) Operating lease commitments

The Group enters into lease agreements for office space under non-cancellable leases. Minimum lease payments are as follows:

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Within one year	99,962	352,655
One to three years	323,109	558,329
Three to five years	599,019	39,000
Over five years		40,000
	1,022,090	989,984

Operating lease expense recorded in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income amounted to \$362,397 (2016: \$1,067,910).

19. Related Party Balances and Transactions

Related parties include: i) key management personnel, including directors; ii) entities that have the ability to control or exercise significant influence over the Group in making financial or operational decisions; and iii) entities that are controlled, jointly controlled or significantly influenced by parties described in i) and ii). These consolidated financial statements include the following balances and transactions with related parties not otherwise disclosed in these consolidated financial statements:

The Group also has technical service and license agreements with RBC Royal Bank (Bahamas) Limited. During the year \$7,141,724 (2016: \$6,011,654) was expensed in reference to these agreements and is included in general and administrative expense in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income. The Group continues to pursue opportunities for outsourcing with related parties to improve operational efficiency.

All clearing accounts are maintained at RBC Royal Bank (Bahamas) Limited, which acts as a clearing bank for the Group. The balance as at October 31, 2017 was \$29,527,966 (2016: \$40,556,187). These deposits are non-interest bearing and are held as a part of the Group's liquidity reserve requirement.

Included in due to affiliate are balances that are medium term lending arrangements with terms up to three years and bearing interest at effective rates of 2.25% and 2.50% (2016: 2.75% and 3.00%).

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements October 31, 2017 (Continued)

19. Related Party Balances and Transactions (Continued)

The following table shows balances and transactions with related parties not disclosed elsewhere in these consolidated financial statements:

	2017	2016
Consolidated Statement of Financial Position	\$	\$
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	20.525.066	10.55< 105
Other related parties	29,527,966	40,556,187
Loans and advances to customers:		
Directors and key management personnel	544,910	525,324
Liabilities		
Customer deposits		
Directors and key management personnel	2,755,845	2,720,358
Due to affiliated companies	96,385,242	79,981,988
Other liabilities	1,460,217	712,210
Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income		
Interest income		
Directors and key management personnel	28,808	28,236
Non-interest expense		
Other related parties	7,878,370	6,011,654
Interest expense		
Directors and key management personnel	34,079	40,375
Staff costs		
Salaries and other short term benefits	142,361	145,009

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements October 31, 2017 (Continued)

20. Categorization of Financial Assets and Liabilities

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
<u>Assets</u>		
Financial assets available-for-sale at fair value		
Investment securities	34,389,485	34,792,000
Financial assets at amortized cost:		
Cash and cash equivalents	38,245,212	49,153,632
Balance with central banks	48,176,387	52,745,888
Loans and advances to customers	758,055,817	782,615,717
Other assets	3,158,510	5,199,576
Total financial assets	882,025,411	924,506,813
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Financial liabilities at amortized cost:		
Customer deposits	572,032,600	650,673,080
Due to affiliated companies	96,385,242	79,981,988
Other liabilities	5,465,931	7,411,945
Total financial liabilities	673,883,773	738,067,013

21. Risk Management of Financial Instruments

Risk is inherent in the Group's activities but it is managed through a process of ongoing identification, measurement and monitoring subject to risk limits and other controls. The process of risk management is critical to the Group's continuing profitability. The Group is exposed to credit risk, liquidity risk, operational risk and market risk.

Risk Management Structure

The Group's board of directors is ultimately responsible for identifying and controlling risks; however, there are separate independent bodies responsible for managing and monitoring risks.

Risk Management Unit

A centralized Risk Management Unit of the Group's parent provides oversight of the implementation and maintenance of risk related procedures to ensure an independent control process.

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21. Risk Management of Financial Instruments (Continued)

Risk Measurement and Reporting Systems (continued)

The unit, which is sub-divided into three departments (Group Market Risk, Group Credit Risk and Group Compliance and Operational Risk), is also responsible for monitoring compliance with risk policies and limits across the region in the three key areas of credit risk, market risk and operational risk. Each business unit has decentralized units which are responsible for the independent control of risks, including monitoring the risk or exposures against limits and the assessment of risks of new products and structured transactions. These decentralized units also ensure the risks are completely captured in the risk measurement and reporting systems.

Internal Audit

Risk management processes throughout the RBC Group are audited by the internal audit function that examines both the adequacy of the procedures and the Group's compliance with the procedures. The internal audit unit discusses the results of all assessments with management and reports its findings and recommendations to the Group's audit committee and the audit committee of the Group's parent.

The Group's risks are measured using methods which reflect the expected loss likely to arise in normal circumstances.

Monitoring and controlling risks is primarily performed based on limits established by the RBC Group. These limits reflect the business strategy and market environment of the Group as well as the level of risk that the Group is willing to accept, with additional emphasis on selected industries and geographies.

Information compiled from all of the affiliate companies is examined and processed in order to analyze, control and identify risks early. This information, which consists of several reports, is presented and explained to the Group's managing director and the Group's Operating and Asset/Liability Committees. The reports include but are not limited to aggregate credit exposure, open currency positions, liquidity ratios and risk profile changes. On a quarterly basis, senior management assesses the appropriateness of the allowance for impairment losses.

(a) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that the Group will incur a loss because its customers, clients or counterparties failed to discharge their contractual obligations. The Group manages and controls credit risk by setting limits on the amount of risk it is willing to accept for individual counterparties and for geographical and industry concentrations, and by monitoring exposures in relation to such limits.

The Group places its deposits with banks in good standing with the Central Bank of The Bahamas and other regulators in jurisdictions in which deposits are placed. Investment securities with credit risk comprise debt securities issued by the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

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21. Risk Management of Financial Instruments (Continued)

(a) Credit risk (continued)

Collateral

The Group employs a range of policies and practices to mitigate credit risk. The most traditional of these is the taking of security for funds advanced, which is common practice. The Group implements guidelines on the acceptability of specific classes of collateral or credit risk mitigation.

The principal collateral types for loans and advances to customers are:

- Mortgages over residential properties;
- Charges over business assets such as premises, inventory and accounts receivable;
- Charges over financial instruments such as debt securities and equities.

Impairment and provisioning policies

Impairment provisions are recognized for losses that have been incurred at the consolidated statement of financial position date based on objective evidence of impairment. See Note 2(f). The Group's policy requires the review of individual financial assets are individually significant at least annually or more regularly when individual circumstances require. Impairment allowances on individually assessed accounts are determined by an evaluation of the incurred loss at the reporting date on a case-by-case basis. The assessment normally encompasses collateral held (including reconfirmation of its enforceability) and the anticipated receipts for that individual account.

Collectively assessed impairment allowances are provided for portfolios of homogenous assets that are individually below the materiality threshold. An impairment allowance is provided for on all classes of loans based on historical loss ratios in respect of loans not yet identified as impaired.

Geographical concentrations of financial assets

The Group has a concentration of risk in respect of geographical area, as both customers and assets held as collateral are based in The Bahamas.

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21. Risk Management of Financial Instruments (Continued)

(a) Credit risk (continued)

The maximum exposure to credit risk before collateral held or other credit enhancement is as follows:

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
On Balance Sheet		
Due from banks	30,264,112	41,153,632
Treasury bills	7,981,100	8,000,000
Balance with central banks	48,176,387	52,745,888
Loans and advances to customers	836,921,818	855,841,348
Investment securities - AFS	34,389,485	34,792,000
Other assets	3,158,510	5,199,576
	960,891,412	997,732,444
Off Balance Sheet		
Credit commitments	18,571,797	16,616,879
Total credit risk exposure	979,463,209	1,014,349,323

Concentration of risk is managed by client or counterparty and by industry sector. The maximum credit exposure to any client or counterparty as at the date of the consolidated statement of financial position was \$39,481,572 (2016: \$40,187,869) before taking account of collateral or other credit enhancements.

The following table shows the Group's main credit exposure of loans and advances categorized by industry sectors:

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Personal	835,525,519	854,281,861
Construction	218,259	273,949
Distribution	-	156,955
Tourism	119,749	150,894
Professional Services	16,934	16,166
Other	1,041,357	961,523
	836,921,818	855,841,348

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21. Risk Management of Financial Instruments (Continued)

(a) Credit risk (continued)

The following table is an aged analysis of loans and advances which were past due and impaired as of the date of the consolidated statement of financial position. All other financial assets of the Group are neither past due nor impaired.

	2017 \$	2016 \$
	Ψ	Ψ
Neither past due or impaired	631,394,963	669,480,702
Past due but not impaired		
Past due 31 - 60 days	63,649,028	43,955,043
Past due 61 - 90 days	21,007,708	22,991,150
Past due and impaired		
Past due over 90 days	120,870,119	119,414,453
	836,921,818	855,841,348

Renegotiated loans and advances that would otherwise be past due or impaired totaled \$86,795,743 (2016: \$88,786,608).

(b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will be unable to meet its payment obligations when they fall due under normal and stress circumstances. To limit this risk, management manages assets with liquidity in mind and monitors future cash flows and liquidity needs on a daily basis. The Group's liquidity management process is performed by its treasury department and is also monitored by an RBC's Asset and Liability Committee (ALCO) for the region. The Group's liquidity management framework is designed to ensure that there are adequate reserves of cash and other liquid securities to satisfy current and prospective commitments arising from either onbalance sheet or off-balance sheet liabilities. The Group manages liquidity risk by preserving a large and diversified base of core client deposits, by maintaining ongoing access to wholesale funding and by maintaining a liquid pool of investment securities dedicated to mitigating liquidity risk as a contingency measure.

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21. Risk Management of Financial Instruments (Continued)

(b) Liquidity risk (continued)

The following table presents the cash flows payable by the Group under non-derivative financial liabilities by remaining period to contractual maturity from the date of the consolidated statement of financial position. The amounts disclosed in the table below equal their carrying amounts as the impact of discounting is not significant.

	Up to 3 months	Over 3 to 6 months	Over 6 to 12 months	Over 1 to 5 years	Over 5 years	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
At October 31, 2017						
Liabilities:						
Customers' deposits	373,262,903	57,315,121	141,349,929	104,647	-	572,032,600
Due to affiliated companies	425,025	960,217	55,000,000	40,000,000	-	96,385,242
Other liabilities	5,465,931	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>		5,465,931
Total	379,153,859	58,275,338	196,349,929	40,104,647		673,883,773
At October 31, 2016						
Liabilities:						
Customers' deposits	320,640,034	89,009,002	241,011,165	12,879	-	650,673,080
Due to affiliated companies	-	-	25,112,500	54,869,488	-	79,981,988
Other liabilities	7,411,945	<u> </u>		<u> </u>		7,411,945
Total	328,051,979	89,009,002	266,123,665	54,882,367		738,067,013

The following table presents the Group's cash flows from contingent liabilities and commitments by remaining period to contractual maturity from the date of the consolidated statement of financial position:

	Up to 3 months	Over 3 to 6 months	Over 6 to 12 months	Over 1 to 5 years	Over 5 years	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
At October 31, 2017						
Credit commitments	7,423,434	1,086,137	7,492,392	78,023	2,491,811	18,571,797
Operating leases	33,321	166,604	199,924	922,128	<u>-</u>	1,321,977
Total	7,456,755	1,252,741	7,692,316	1,000,151	2,491,811	19,893,774
At October 31, 2016						
Credit commitments	7,459,115	1,334,285	5,572,850	-	2,250,629	16,616,879
Operating leases	88,164	88,164	176,328	597,329	40,000	989,985
Total	7,547,279	1,422,449	5,749,178	597,329	2,290,629	17,606,864

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21. Risk Management of Financial Instruments (Continued)

(b) Liquidity risk (continued)

The total outstanding contractual amount of commitments to extend credit does not necessarily represent future cash requirements, as these commitments may expire or terminate without being funded.

(c) Currency risk

The Group's exposure to currency risk is negligible as its functional and presentation currency is the currency of the economic environment in which it operates. Assets and liabilities denominated in a currency other than Bahamian dollars form a very small part of the Group's consolidated statement of financial position.

(d) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk arises primarily from differences in the maturity of repricing dates of assets and liabilities. Interest rate risk exposures or "gaps" may produce favorable or unfavorable effects on interest margins depending on the nature of the gap and the direction of interest rate movement and/or expected volatility of those interest rates. When assets have a shorter average maturity or repricing date than liabilities, an increase in interest rates have a positive impact on net interest margins, and conversely if more liabilities than assets mature or are repriced in a period, then a negative impact on net interest margins results.

The following table summarizes the Group's exposure to interest rate repricing risk. It includes the Group's interest rate sensitive financial instruments at carrying amounts categorized by the earlier of contractual repricing or maturity dates.

	Immediately rate-sensitive	Up to 3 months	Over 3 to 6 months	Over 6 to 12 month	Over 1 to 5 years	Over 5 years	Non-interest rate sensitive	Total
	\$:	\$!	\$	\$	\$	\$
At October 31, 2017								
Assets:								
Cash and cash equivalents	-	7,981,100	-	-	-	-	30,264,112	38,245,212
Balance with central								
banks	-	-	-	-	-	-	48,176,387	48,176,387
Loans and advances	-	715,013,405	-	-	-	-	43,042,412	758,055,817
Investment securities	34,131,500	-	-	-	-	-	257,985	34,389,485
Other assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,158,510	3,158,510
Total assets	34,131,500	722,994,505				-	124,899,406	882,025,411
Liabilities:		_	-		_		_	
Customer deposits	-	373,262,903	2,315,121	196,349,929	104,647	-	-	572,032,600
Due to affiliated								
companies	-	-	55,000,000	-	40,000,000	-	1,385,242	96,385,242
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,465,931	5,465,931
Total liabilities	-	373,262,903	57,315,121	196,349,929	40,104,647	-	6,851,173	673,883,773
Net repricing gap	34,131,500	349,731,602	(57,315,121)	(196,329,929)	(40,104,647)			

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21. Risk Management of Financial Instruments (Continued)

(d) Interest rate risk (continued)

	Immediately rate-sensitive	Up to 3 months	Over 3 to 6 months	Over 6 to 12 months	Over 1 to 5 years	Over 5 years \$	Non-interest rate sensitive	Total
At October 31, 2016								
Assets:								
Cash and cash equivalents Balance with central	-	8,000,000	-	-	-	-	41,153,632	49,153,632
banks	-	-	-	-	-	-	52,745,888	52,745,888
Loans and advances	-	735,465,371	-	-	-	-	47,150,346	782,615,717
Investment securities	34,792,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	34,792,000
Other assets	-	-	-	-	_	-	5,199,576	5,199,576
Total assets	34,792,000	743,465,371					146,249,442	924,506,813
Liabilities:								
Customer deposits	-	409,649,036	117,254,584	123,756,581	12,879	-	-	650,673,080
Due to affiliated								
companies	-	-	-	25,000,000	55,000,000	-	(18,012)	79,981,988
Other liabilities				-			7,411,945	7,411,945
Total liabilities		409,649,036	117,254,584	148,756,581	55,012,879		7,393,933	738,067,013
Net repricing gap	34,792,000	333,816,335	(117,254,584)	(148,756,581)	(55,012,879)			

The Group analyses its exposure on interest sensitive assets and liabilities on a periodic basis. Consideration is given to the impact on net income as movements in interest rates occur. Based on these events, simulations are performed to determine the considered impact on pricing of assets and liabilities, including those pegged to prime rates. The following table shows the expected impact on net income:

	Effect on net profit income			
	2017	2016		
	\$	\$		
Change in interest rate				
+ 1%	5,691,715	5,895,974		
- 1%	(5,691,715)	(5,895,974)		

(e) Price risk

Price risk is the risk that the fair values and/or amounts realized on sales of financial instruments may fluctuate significantly as a result of changes in market prices. This risk is considered to be minimal, as the Group's investment securities are represented in the vast majority by Government debt securities, which continue to be traded and mature at face value.

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22. Capital Management

Capital management is a proactive process that ensures that the Group has and remains able to generate or raise sufficient capital on a timely and cost-effective basis to underpin its risks and ultimately protect depositors and other creditors from unexpected losses.

Capital adequacy is viewed in terms of both regulatory requirements: Tier 1 ratio, total capital ratio and single name credit exposure limits; as well as projected subsidiary capital levels based on anticipated business growth and earnings forecast and internal assessment of risk using a stress testing model. RBC Group Treasury prepares the annual capital plan incorporating the financial goals including the capital ratio targets in alignment with the operating business plan.

The Group is committed to maintaining a sound and prudent capital structure that:

- Exceeds, with an appropriate cushion, the minimum capital requirements for the level and quality of capital set by the regulator;
- Safeguards the Group's ability to continue as a going concern by maintaining capital levels
 that are sufficient to support all material risks and also to support potential unexpected
 increases in risk;
- Promotes an integrated and streamlined approach to managing regulatory capital that is both reflective of the Group's risk appetite and risk management practices and strongly supportive of growth strategies and performance management; and
- Reflects alignment with the Group's risk management frameworks and policies.

Capital adequacy and the use of regulatory capital are monitored by the Group's management, based on an internal risk assessment approach employing techniques based on the guidelines developed by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision as implemented by the Central Bank of The Bahamas (the Central Bank). The required information is filed with the Central Bank on a monthly basis as prescribed. The Central Bank requires the Group to maintain a minimum total capital ratio of 14%. As of the date of the consolidated statement of financial position, the Group's total capital ratio was 38.32% (2016: 34.08%).

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23. Operating Segments

As disclosed in Note 1, the Bank's business activities include the acceptance of deposits, buying and selling foreign currencies and mortgage lending in The Bahamas. Through its subsidiary, the Bank provides insurance agency services solely to its mortgage customers. The following table includes a summary of financial information for these entities.

<u> </u>	2017					
	Banking	Insurance Services	Consolidated			
	\$	\$	\$			
Assets	871,408,121	11,579,884	882,988,005			
Liabilities	673,166,952	716,821	673,883,773			
Revenue:						
Net interest income	46,506,424	-	46,506,424			
Non-interest income	1,542,326	730,647	2,272,973			
Total income	48,048,750	730,647	48,779,397			
Non-interest expense Impairment losses on loans and	(14,134,465)	(214,217)	(14,348,682)			
advances	(12,476,878)		(12,476,878)			
Net income	21,437,407	516,430	21,953,837			
		2016				
	Banking	Insurance Services	Consolidated			
	\$	\$	\$			
Assets	913,961,661	11,016,662	924,978,323			
Liabilities	737,396,984	670,029	738,067,013			
Revenue:						
Net interest income	49,167,967	_	49,167,967			
Non-interest income	1,688,125	857,087	2,545,212			
Total income	50,856,092	857,087	51,713,179			
Non-interest expense Impairment losses on loans and	(14,915,240)	(176,875)	(15,092,115)			
advances	(25,017,168)	<u> </u>	(25,017,168)			
Net income	10,923,684	680,212	11,603,896			

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24. Fair Value of Financial Assets and Liabilities

The following fair value hierarchy table presents fair values of financial assets and liabilities that are carried at amortized cost, and therefore excludes financial instruments that are measured and disclosed at fair value on a recurring basis. The carrying amounts of certain financial instruments approximate their fair values due to the short-term nature and generally insignificant credit risk of the instruments:

				Fair Value Hierarchy		
	Fair Value Always Approximate Carrying Value	Fair Value may not Approximate Carrying Value	Total Fair Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
October 31, 2017						
Financial Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	38,245,212	-	38,245,212	-	38,245,212	-
Balance with Central bank	48,176,387	-	48,176,387	-	48,176,387	-
Loans and advances	-	843,086,614	843,086,614	-	-	843,086,614
Other assets	3,158,510	-	3,158,510	-	3,158,510	-
Financial Liabilities						
Customer deposits	572,032,600	-	572,032,600	_	572,032,600	-
Due to affiliated companies	96,385,242	_	96,385,242	-	96,385,242	_
Other Liabilities	5,465,931	-	5,465,931	-	5,465,931	-
October 31, 2016						
Financial Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	49,153,632	-	49,153,632	-	49,153,632	-
Balance with Central bank	52,745,888	-	52,745,888	-	52,745,888	_
Loans and advances	-	799,359,925	799,359,925	_	-	799,359,925
Other assets	5,199,576	-	5,199,576	-	5,199,576	-
Financial Liabilities						
Customer deposits	650,673,080	_	650,673,080	_	650,673,080	_
Due to affiliated						
companies Other Liabilities	79,981,988	-	79,981,988	-	79,981,988	-
Calci Diagnities	7,411,945	-	7,411,945	-	7,411,945	-

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24. Fair Value of Financial Assets and Liabilities (Continued)

Valuation techniques and assumptions applied for the purposes of measuring fair value

The fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities are determined as follows:

- The fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities with standard terms and conditions and traded on active liquid markets are determined with reference to quoted market prices (includes listed redeemable notes, bills of exchange, debentures and perpetual notes).
- The fair values of other financial assets and financial liabilities (excluding derivative instruments)
 are determined in accordance with generally accepted pricing models based on discounted cash
 flow analysis using prices from observable current market transactions and dealer quotes for similar
 instruments. Loans and advances to customers are similarly valued taking into account credit
 portfolio experience.

The following table provides an analysis of financial instruments that are measured at fair value subsequent to initial recognition, grouped into Levels 1 to 3 based on the degree to which the fair value is observable:

- Level 1 fair value measurements are those derived from quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 fair value measurements are those derived from inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices).
- Level 3 fair value measurements are those derived from valuation techniques that include inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

As at October 31, 2017	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Bahamas Government Debt Securities	-	-	31,251,634	31,251,634
Locally Issued Corporate Bonds			3,137,851	3,137,851
			34,389,485	34,389,485
As at October 31, 2016				
Bahamas Government Debt Securities	-	-	31,780,600	31,780,600
Locally Issued Corporate Bonds			3,011,400	3,011,400
			34,792,000	34,792,000

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24. Fair Value of Financial Assets and Liabilities (Continued)

Valuation techniques and assumptions applied for the purposes of measuring fair value (continued)

Level 3 investments is comprised primarily of debt issued or guaranteed by The Bahamas government. The Central Bank of The Bahamas introduced a pricing model for The Bahamas Government Registered Stock (BGRS) in March 2017. The model introduces a market based pricing formula for Bahamian dollar denominated BGRS which are traded in the secondary market. Under this model new bonds or initial public offerings will continue to be priced at par, with liquidity and other market conditions determining the fixed coupon rates at which the bonds will be offered to the market. The Group adopted this pricing model during the fiscal year 2017. The movement in the Group's investments in Level 3 assets during the year was as follows:

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Balance, beginning of year	34,792,000	36,460,500
Maturities	(660,500)	(1,668,500)
Gain from change in fair value	257,985	_
Balance at end of year	34,389,485	34,792,000

If the discount rate were to increase or decrease 25 bps in the yield curve, the fair value would increase \$83,000 or decrease \$87,000, all other factors remaining constant.

There were no transfers between levels for the year ended October 31, 2017 or 2016.

25. Subsequent Events

On January 8, 2018, the Board of Directors approved a dividend payment of \$0.05 per ordinary share and a special dividend payment of \$0.10 per ordinary share to all shareholders of record as at January 22, 2018 payable on January 29, 2018.