

FCMB Group Plc
Interim Unaudited Financial Statements
Period ended 31 March 2026

FCMB GROUP PLC
INTERIM UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31 MARCH 2026

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**STATEMENTS OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2026**

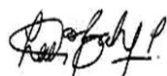
In thousands of Naira	Note	GROUP		COMPANY	
		31 MAR 2026	31 MAR 2025	31 MAR 2026	31 MAR 2025
Gross earnings		320,219,950	252,697,230	23,800,492	4,588,893
Interest and discount income	8	286,135,956	214,361,800	13,096,029	3,223,007
Interest expense	9	(117,786,642)	(126,865,683)	(2,115,039)	(2,148,756)
Net interest income		168,349,314	87,496,117	10,980,990	1,074,251
Fee and commission income	11	27,872,289	24,292,273	1,291,264	949,571
Fee and commission expense	11	(3,401,259)	(5,513,484)	(872)	(1,844)
Net fee and commission income		24,471,030	18,778,789	1,290,392	947,727
Net trading income	12	(3,424,130)	14,343,532	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	14(a)	(12,987,901)	(440,434)	(743,776)	312,692
		(16,412,031)	13,903,098	(743,776)	312,692
Other income	14(b)	9,635,835	140,059	9,413,199	103,623
Net impairment losses on financial instruments	10	(12,308,344)	(9,519,886)	-	-
Personnel expenses	15	(27,594,696)	(22,753,540)	(1,145,696)	(621,370)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	16	(4,969,395)	(3,860,466)	(23,937)	(19,166)
General and administrative expenses	17	(32,357,987)	(29,475,096)	(733,006)	(899,484)
Other operating expenses	18	(21,966,295)	(19,458,572)	(117,645)	(104,253)
Result from operating activities		86,847,431	35,250,503	18,920,521	794,020
Share of post tax result of associate		139,632	(230,137)	-	-
Profit before windfall tax, minimum tax and income tax		86,987,063	35,020,366	18,920,521	794,020
Windfall tax	20	-	-	-	-
Minimum tax	20	(8,467,582)	(225,000)	-	-
Taxation charge	20	(1,992,775)	(2,565,256)	-	-
Profit for the year		76,526,706	32,230,110	18,920,521	794,020
Other comprehensive income					
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:					
Unquoted equity investments at fair value through other comprehensive income:					
- Net change in fair value		-	-	-	-
- Foreign currency translation differences		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
Items that may be subsequently reclassified to profit or loss:					
Debt investments at fair value through other comprehensive income:					
- Net change in fair value		20,492,684	11,620,775	-	-
- Net impairment reclassified from profit or loss		-	-	-	-
- Losses arising from derecognition of financial assets		(12,818,499)	-	-	-
		7,674,185	11,620,775	-	-
Foreign currency translation differences for foreign operations		(3,761,958)	(1,860,348)	-	-
		3,912,227	9,760,427	-	-
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		3,912,227	9,760,427	-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR		80,438,933	41,990,537	18,920,521	794,020
Profit attributable to:					
Equity holders of the Company		76,354,891	32,173,059	18,920,521	794,020
Non-controlling interests		171,815	57,051	-	-
		76,526,706	32,230,110	18,920,521	794,020
Total comprehensive income attributable to:					
Equity holders of the Company		80,267,118	41,933,486	18,920,521	794,020
Non-controlling interests		171,815	57,051	-	-
		80,438,933	41,990,537	18,920,521	794,020
Basic earnings per share	19	4.63	3.25	1.15	0.08
Diluted earnings per share	19	4.63	3.25	1.15	0.08

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

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

In thousands of Naira	Note	GROUP		COMPANY	
		31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	21	1,810,180,239	1,298,920,721	761,982	3,014,998
Non-pledged trading assets	22(a)	232,905,756	439,720,734	-	-
Derivative assets held for risk management	23(a)	447,021	4,276,814	-	-
Investment securities	24	2,169,778,842	2,035,651,897	90,741,047	85,157,405
Assets pledged as collateral	25	93,756,398	104,900,576	-	-
Loans and advances to customers	26	2,257,427,788	2,365,686,373	-	-
Other assets	27	80,627,329	68,575,267	22,833,796	26,181,421
Restricted reserve deposits	28	1,203,541,338	1,198,149,879	-	-
Investment in subsidiaries	29	-	-	528,581,116	295,894,665
Investment in associates		2,222,055	2,131,287	-	-
Property and equipment, and right of use assets	31	62,612,217	63,115,786	436,238	428,784
Intangible assets	32	41,655,597	40,509,161	422,814	149,160
Deferred tax assets	33	8,850,984	9,350,284	-	-
Total assets		7,964,005,564	7,630,988,779	643,776,993	410,826,433
LIABILITIES					
Derivative liabilities held for risk management	23(b)	208,334	608,639	-	-
Deposits from banks	34	796,619,660	1,010,355,965	-	-
Deposits from customers	35	4,676,187,360	4,418,520,958	-	-
Retirement benefit obligations	36	798,937	112,623	-	-
Current income tax liabilities	20(ii)	40,308,280	36,960,723	4,526,751	4,526,751
Deferred tax liabilities	33(a)	1,386,751	1,612,152	1,071,390	1,071,390
Other liabilities	37	326,127,699	509,241,955	14,072,513	21,311,258
Provision	38	12,008,058	11,818,408	-	-
On-lending facilities	39	290,270,430	318,192,503	-	-
Debt securities issued	40	44,199,722	121,583,156	-	-
Borrowings	41	634,023,555	365,570,331	3,594,347	5,708,894
Total liabilities		6,822,138,786	6,794,577,413	23,265,001	32,618,293
EQUITY					
Share capital	42(b)	32,977,297	21,385,853	32,977,297	21,385,853
Additional Tier 1 (AT1) Capital issued	42(d)	46,686,000	46,686,000	46,686,000	46,686,000
Share premium	43	479,366,270	267,574,383	479,366,270	267,574,383
Retained earnings	43	299,866,973	223,512,082	61,201,801	42,281,280
Other reserves	43	280,184,126	276,271,900	280,624	280,624
Total Equity attributable to owners of the Company		1,139,080,666	835,430,218	620,511,992	378,208,140
Non-controlling Interests		2,786,112	981,147	-	-
		1,141,866,778	836,411,366	620,511,992	378,208,140
Total liabilities and equity		7,964,005,564	7,630,988,779	643,776,993	410,826,433

The financial statements and the accompanying notes and material accounting policies were approved by the Board of Directors on 24 April 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



Ladi Balogun
Group Chief Executive
FRC/2013/PRO/DIR/003/00000001460



Deji Fayose
Chief Financial Officer
FRC/2021/PRO/ICAN/001/00000025061

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

**STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2026**

GROUP												
In thousands of Naira												
	Share capital	Share premium	AT1 Capital ^(a)	Retained earnings	Statutory reserve ^(b)	AGSMEIS reserve ^(c)	Forbearance Reserve	Translation reserve	Fair value reserve	Regulatory risk reserve	Non-controlling interest	Total equity
Balance at 1 January 2026	21,385,853	267,574,384	46,686,000	223,512,082	64,466,724	11,274,007	1,960,712	65,521,929	30,027,903	103,020,624	981,147	836,411,366
Profit for the year	-	-	-	76,354,891	-	-	-	-	-	-	171,815	76,526,706
Other comprehensive income												
Equity investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,674,185	-	-	7,674,185
Foreign currency translation differences for foreign operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,761,958)	-	-	-	(3,761,958)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	76,354,891	-	-	-	(3,761,958)	7,674,185	-	171,815	80,438,933
Transactions with equity holders, recorded directly in equity												
Issued shares capitalised	11,591,444	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,591,444
share premium on issued shares	-	211,791,887	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	211,791,887
Transactions with minority shareholders recorded directly in equity												
Dividend paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adjustment to NCI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,633,149	1,633,149
Total contributions by and distributions to equity holders	11,591,444	211,791,887	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,633,149	225,016,480
Balance at 31 March 2026	32,977,297	479,366,270	46,686,000	299,866,973	64,466,724	11,274,007	1,960,712.00	61,759,971	37,702,088	103,020,624	2,786,112	1,141,866,779
Balance as at 1 January 2025	19,802,710	246,431,292	46,686,000	188,437,683	39,526,632	3,543,333	1,960,712.00	71,514,805	47,266,612	23,000,624	810,629	688,981,031
Profit for the year	-	-	7,466,366	169,548,148	-	-	-	-	-	-	256,419	177,270,933
Other comprehensive income												
Equity investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,145,239	-	-	10,145,239
Debt investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(27,383,948)	-	4,854.53	(27,379,093)
Foreign currency translation differences for foreign operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(5,992,876)	-	-	-	(5,992,876)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	7,466,366	169,548,148	-	-	-	(5,992,876)	(17,238,709)	-	261,274	154,044,203
Transactions with equity holders, recorded directly in equity												
Issued shares capitalised	1,583,143	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,583,143
share premium on issued shares	-	21,143,092	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21,143,092
Additional Tier 1 (AT1) Capital coupon paid	-	-	(7,466,366)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(7,466,366)
Transfer to statutory reserve	-	-	-	(24,940,092)	24,940,092	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Transfer to AGSMEIS reserve	-	-	-	(7,730,674)	-	7,730,674	-	-	-	-	-	0
Transfer from forbearance reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Transfer to regulatory risk reserve	-	-	-	(80,020,000)	-	-	-	-	-	80,020,000	-	0
Dividend paid	-	-	-	(21,782,982)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(21,782,982)
Transactions with minority shareholders recorded directly in equity												
Dividend paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(90,755)	(90,755)
Adjustment to NCI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total contributions by and distributions to equity holders	1,583,143	21,143,092	(7,466,366)	(134,473,748)	24,940,092	7,730,674	-	-	-	80,020,000	(90,755)	(6,613,868)
Balance at 31 December 2025	21,385,853	267,574,384	46,686,000	223,512,082	64,466,724	11,274,007	1,960,712.00	65,521,929	30,027,903	103,020,624	981,147	836,411,366

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Notes:
(a) For further details refer to Note 41(c) N7.47billion (2024: N7.4 billion) relates to the interest coupon expense incurred on the AT1 issued because the underlying instrument is classified as equity, hence the interest coupon paid was through equity.
(b) Nigerian banking regulations require the Bank to make an annual appropriation to a statutory reserve. An appropriation of 15% of profit after tax is made if the statutory reserve is greater than the paid-up share capital and 30% of profit after tax if the statutory reserve is less than the paid up share capital.

(c) The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) required that all licensed banks set aside a portion of the profit after tax in a fund to be used to finance equity investment in qualifying small and medium scale enterprises. In the CBN Circular dated 5 April 2017, all DMBs are required to set aside and remit 5% of the annual profit after tax for equity investments.

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

COMPANY

In thousand of Naira

	Share capital	Share premium	AT1 Capital ^(a)	Retained earnings	Statutory reserve ^(b)	AGSMEIS reserve ^(c)	Forbearance Reserve	Translation reserve	Fair value reserve	Regulatory risk reserve	Non-controlling Interest	Total equity
Balance at 1 January 2026	21,385,853	267,574,384	46,686,000	42,281,280	-	-	-	-	-	280,624	-	378,208,141
Profit for the year	-	-	-	18,920,521	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,920,521
Other comprehensive income												
Equity investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the period				18,920,521								18,920,521
Transactions with equity holders, recorded directly in equity												
Issued shares capitalised	11,591,444	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,591,444
share premium on issued shares	-	211,791,887	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	211,791,887
Total contributions by and distributions to equity holders	11,591,444	211,791,887										223,383,331
Balance at 31 March 2026	32,977,297	479,366,270	46,686,000	61,201,801	-	-	-	-	-	280,624	-	620,511,992
Balance as at 1 January 2025	19,802,710	246,431,292	46,686,000	37,731,205	-	-	-	-	-	280,624	-	350,931,831
Profit for the year	-	-	7,466,366	26,333,057	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33,799,423
Other comprehensive income												
Equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the period			7,466,366	26,333,057								33,799,423
Transactions with equity holders, recorded directly in equity												
Issued shares capitalised	1,583,143	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,583,143
share premium on issued shares	-	21,143,092	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21,143,092
Additional Tier 1 (AT1) Capital coupon paid	-	-	(7,466,366)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(7,466,366)
Transfer to statutory reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to AGSMEIS reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividend paid	-	-	-	(21,782,982)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(21,782,982)
Total contributions by and distributions to equity holders	1,583,143	21,143,092	(7,466,366)	(21,782,982)								(6,523,113)
Balance at 31 December 2025	21,385,853	267,574,384	46,686,000	42,281,280	-	-	-	-	-	280,624	-	378,208,141

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**CONSOLIDATED AND SEPARATE STATEMENTS OF CASHFLOWS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2026**

In thousands of Naira	Note	GROUP		COMPANY	
		31 MAR 2026	31 MAR 2025	31 MAR 2026	31 MAR 2025
Cash flows from operating activities					
Profit for the year		76,526,706	32,230,110	18,920,521	794,020
Adjustments for:					
Net impairment loss on financial assets	10	12,308,344	9,519,886	-	-
Fair value gain on financial assets held for trading		(474,455)	(4,740,602)	(474,455)	-
Amortisation of intangibles	16	1,849,094	1,257,932	6,085	2,046
Depreciation of property and equipment	16	3,120,301	2,602,534	17,852	17,120
Gain on disposal of property and equipment	14(b)	(2,335)	(627)	(18)	(3)
Items written-off during the year		-	217	-	-
Modification loss / (gain) on restructured facilities	14(a)(iii)	-	-	-	-
Unrealised foreign exchange gains	14(a)(ii)	13,036,451	2,365,434	743,776	60,778
Other operating expenses - provisions for litigation no longer required	18(a)	675,000	675,000	-	-
Net interest income		(168,349,314)	(87,496,117)	(10,980,990)	(1,074,251)
Dividends received	14(a)(i)	(48,550)	(1,925,000)	-	(373,470)
Tax expense	20	10,460,357	2,790,256	-	-
		(60,898,401)	(42,720,977)	8,232,771	(573,760)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities					
Net (decrease) / increase in restricted reserve deposits		(5,391,459)	197,754,280	-	-
Net increase / (decrease) in derivative assets held for risk management		3,829,793	1,150,362	-	-
Net (increase) / decrease in trading assets		206,340,523	34,186,512	-	-
Net increase in loans and advances to customers		207,061,702	(146,477,249)	-	-
Net (decrease)/increase in other assets		26,632,699	82,302,880	3,466,413	2,290,913
Net decrease in deposits from banks		(184,736,305)	252,968,987	-	-
Net decrease in deposits from customers		257,666,402	(171,115,238)	-	-
Net increase / (decrease) in on-lending facilities		(27,922,073)	19,540,120	-	-
Net increase in assets pledged as collateral		31,636,862	(20,382,882)	-	-
Net decrease in derivative liabilities held for risk management		(400,305)	(2,313,064)	-	-
Net increase in provision		(4,089,279)	(2,050,718)	-	-
Net decrease / (increase) in other liabilities		(108,086,573)	167,826,081	(4,031,695)	(3,037,110)
		351,643,586	370,669,094	7,667,689	(1,319,957)
Interest received		263,370,972	318,590,147	13,538,166	2,305,971
Interest paid		(112,947,969)	(157,577,119)	(2,115,039)	(384,800)
VAT paid		(11,538,074)	(7,452,865)	(38,074)	8,977
Income taxes paid		(6,798,212)	(9,512,645)	-	-
Net cash generated from operating activities		483,730,303	514,716,612	19,052,642	610,191
Cash flows from investing activities					
Investment in subsidiaries	29(a)	-	-	(232,686,451)	-
Dividends received	14(a)	48,550	1,925,000	-	373,470
Purchase of property and equipment	31	112,516	(5,759,995)	(268,770)	(8,003)
Purchase of intangible assets	32(a)	(1,588,306)	(1,966,227)	(279,739)	-
Purchase of intangible assets work-in-progress	32(a)	(4,919,864)	(6,022,137)	-	-
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment		(145,094)	533,292	(1,115)	126
Acquisition of investment securities		(266,503,366)	(190,291,517)	-	-
Proceeds from sale and redemption of investment securities		162,633,662	165,639,069	-	-
Net cash used in from investing activities		(110,361,902)	(35,942,515)	(233,236,075)	365,593
Cash flows from financing activities					
Interest paid on interest bearing borrowings		(1,306,939)	(2,798,117)	(101,665)	(98,117)
Interest paid on interest debt securities issued		-	(8,279,934)	-	-
Proceeds from issue of shares		223,383,331	-	223,383,331	-
Coupon paid on Additional Tier 1 capital		-	-	-	-
Proceeds from long term borrowings		92,476,432	62,476,333	-	-
Repayment of long term borrowings		(23,840,061)	(62,476,333)	-	-
Proceeds from debt securities issued		-	-	-	-
Repayment of debt securities issued		(77,383,434)	-	-	-
Lease payment		(724,314)	(658,360)	-	-
Dividends paid to owners		-	-	-	-
Net cash generated / (used in) from financing activities		212,605,015	(11,736,411)	223,281,666	(98,117)
Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents		585,973,415	467,037,686	9,098,233	877,667
Cash and cash equivalents at start of period		1,299,088,570	795,405,036	3,014,998	14,371,980
(decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents		585,973,415	467,037,686	9,098,233	877,667
Effect of exchange rate movement on cash and cash equivalents held		(74,190,893)	56,880,926	(11,351,249)	(14,156,794)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period		1,810,871,092	1,319,323,648	761,982	1,092,853

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Notes to the consolidated and separate financial statements

1 Reporting entity

FCMB Group Plc was incorporated in Nigeria as a financial holding company on November 20, 2012, under the Companies and Allied Matters Act, in response to the CBN's Regulation on the Scope of Banking Activities and Ancillary Matters (Regulation 3).

The principal activity of FCMB Group Plc is to carry on business as a financial holding company, investing in and holding controlling shares in, as well as managing equity investments in Central Bank of Nigeria approved financial entities. The Company has seven direct subsidiaries; First City Monument Bank Limited (100%), FCMB Capital Markets Limited (100%), CSL Stockbrokers Limited (100%), FCMB Trustees Limited (formerly CSL Trustees Limited) (100%), FCMB Microfinance Bank Limited (100%), FCMB Pensions Limited (82.54%) and Credit Direct Finance Company Limited (100%).

FCMB Group Plc is a company domiciled in Nigeria. The address of the Company's registered office is 44 Marina, Lagos. These unaudited reports for the period ended 31 March 2026 comprise the Company and its subsidiaries (together referred to as the 'Group').

These consolidated and separate unaudited financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of directors on 24 April 2026.

2 (a) Changes in accounting policies

Except as noted below, the Group has consistently applied the accounting policies as set out in Note 3 to all periods presented in these consolidated and separate financial statements.

(b) Significant accounting policies

Except as noted in Note 2(a), the Group has consistently applied the following accounting policies to all periods presented in these consolidated and separate financial statements, unless otherwise stated.

3(a) (i) Statement of compliance

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standard Board (IASB) and in the manner required by the Companies and Allied Matters Act of Nigeria, the Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria Act, the Banks and other Financial Institutions Act of Nigeria, and relevant Central Bank of Nigeria circulars. The same accounting policies and methods of computation are followed in the consolidated and separate financial statements as compared with the most recent annual financial statements except as described in note 2(a).

(ii) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with the exception of the following:

- Financial assets and liabilities measured at amortised cost;
- Derivative financial instruments which are measured at fair value; and
- Non-derivative financial instruments, carried at fair value through profit or loss, or fair value through OCI are measured at fair value.

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(iii) Functional and presentation currency

These consolidated and separate financial statements are presented in Naira, which is the Bank's functional currency. Except where indicated, financial information presented in Naira has been rounded to the nearest thousand.

(iv) Use of estimates and judgments

In preparing these consolidated financial statements, management has made judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of the Group's accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to estimates are recognised prospectively.

(a) Judgements

Information about judgements made in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effects on the amounts recognised in the consolidated financial statements is included in the following notes.

– Note 4(b): establishing the criteria for determining whether credit risk on the financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition, determining the methodology for incorporating forward-looking information into the measurement of ECL and selection and approval of models used to measure ECL.

– Notes 3(k)(ii) and 5: classification of financial assets: assessment of the business model within which the assets are held and assessment of whether the contractual terms of the financial asset are SPPI on the principal amount outstanding.

b) Assumptions and estimation uncertainties

Information about assumptions and estimation uncertainties that have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment in the period ended 30 September 2021 is included in the following notes.

– Notes 4(b) and 3(k)(vii): impairment of financial instruments: determination of inputs into the ECL measurement model, including key assumptions used in estimating recoverable cash flows and incorporation of forward-looking information.

– Note 7: measurement of the fair value of financial instruments with significant unobservable inputs.

– Note 31: recognition of deferred tax assets: availability of future taxable profit against which carry-forward tax losses can be used.

– Note 30(d) - (e): impairment testing for CGUs containing goodwill: key assumptions underlying recoverable amounts.

Information about significant areas of estimation uncertainties and critical judgments in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the consolidated and separate financial statements are described in note 5.

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(b) Basis of Consolidation**(i) Subsidiaries**

Subsidiaries are investees controlled by the Group. The Group 'controls' an investee if it is exposed to, or has the rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the investee and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee. The Group reassesses whether it has control if there are changes to one or more of elements of control. This includes circumstances in which protective rights held become substantive and lead to the Group having power over an investee.

The financial statements of subsidiaries are included in the consolidated financial statements from the date that control commences until the date that control ceases. Investment in subsidiaries are measured at cost less impairment in the Bank's separate financial statements.

(ii) Special purpose entities

Special purpose entities (SPEs) are entities that are created to accomplish a narrow and well-defined objective such as the execution of a specific borrowing or lending transaction. An SPE is consolidated if, based on an evaluation of the substance of its relationship with the Group and the SPE's risks and rewards, the Group concludes that it controls the SPE.

The Group established FCMB Financing SPV Plc, Nigeria as a special purpose entity to raise capital from the Nigerian capital markets or other international market either by way of a stand-alone Issue or by the establishment of a programme. Accordingly, the financial statements of FCMB Financing SPV Plc have been consolidated.

(iii) Loss of control

On the loss of control, the Group derecognises the assets and liabilities of the subsidiary, any non-controlling interests and the other components of equity related to the subsidiary. Any surplus or deficit arising on the loss of control is recognised in profit or loss. If the Group retains any interests in the previous subsidiary, then such interests is measured at fair value at the date that control is lost. Subsequently that retained interests is accounted for as an equity-accounted investee or in accordance with the Group's accounting for financial instruments.

(iv) Common control transactions

Common control transactions in the consolidated financial statement are either accounted for at book value accounting. Any method chosen by an entity are consistently used for all similar common control transactions in its consolidated financial statements; i.e. it cannot use IFRS 3 accounting for some common control transactions and book value accounting for other similar transactions.

The difference between the consideration paid and the book value of the asset represents transaction with shareholder and should therefore be recorded in equity. The assets and liabilities transferred are recognised at the carrying amounts recognised previously in the transferor's consolidated financial statements. The Group adopted the book value method of accounting for its common control transactions.

(v) Transactions eliminated on consolidation

Intra-group balances and any unrealised income and expenses arising from intra-group transactions, are eliminated in preparing the consolidated financial statements. Unrealised gains arising from transactions with equity-accounted investees are eliminated against the investment to the extent of the Group's interest in the investee. Unrealised losses are eliminated in the same way as unrealised gains, but only to the extent that there is no evidence of impairment.

(c) Foreign currency**(i) Foreign currency transactions and balances**

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into the respective functional currencies of the operations at the spot exchange rates at the dates of the transactions.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the reporting date are translated into the functional currency at the spot exchange rates as at that date. The foreign currency gain or loss is the difference between amortised cost in the functional currency at the beginning of the period, adjusted for effective interest and payments during the period, and the amortized cost in foreign currency translated at the spot exchange rate at the end of the period.

Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are measured at fair value are translated into the functional currency at the spot exchange rate at the date that the fair value was determined. Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction.

However, foreign currency differences arising from the translation of the following item are recognised in other comprehensive income:

- an investment in equity securities designated at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) except on impairment, in which case foreign currency difference that have been recognised in other comprehensive income are reclassified to profit or loss.

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The assets and liabilities of foreign operations, including goodwill and fair value adjustments arising on acquisition, are translated to Naira at spot exchange rates at the reporting date. The income and expenses of foreign operations are translated to Naira at spot exchange rates at the dates of the transactions.

Foreign currency differences are recognised in other comprehensive income, and presented in the foreign currency translation reserve, except to the extent that the translation difference is allocated to non-controlling interests (NCI). When a foreign operation is disposed of such that control is lost, the cumulative amount in the translation reserve related to that foreign operation is reclassified to profit or loss as part of the gain or loss on disposal. When the Group disposes of only part of its interest in a subsidiary that includes a foreign operation while retaining control, the relevant proportion of the cumulative amount is reattributed to non-controlling interests.

When the settlement of monetary item receivable from or payable to a foreign operation is neither planned nor likely in the foreseeable future, foreign currency gains and losses arising from such item are considered to form part of a net investment in the foreign operation and are recognised in other comprehensive income, and presented in the translation reserve in equity.

(d) Interest

Interest income and expense are recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest method. The 'effective interest rate' is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument to the gross carrying amount of financial assets or financial liability.

When calculating the effective interest rate for financial instruments other than credit-impaired assets, the Group estimates future cashflows considering all contractual terms of the financial instrument, but not expected credit losses. For credit-impaired financial assets, a credit adjusted effective interest rate is calculated using estimated future cashflows including expected credit losses.

The calculation of the effective interest rate includes transaction costs and fees and points paid or received that are an integral part of the effective interest rate. Transaction costs include incremental costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of a financial asset or financial liability.

The 'amortised cost' of a financial asset or financial liability is the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured on initial recognition minus the principal repayments, plus or minus the cumulative amortisation using the effective interest method of any difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount and, for financial assets adjusted for any expected credit loss allowance. The 'gross carrying amount of a financial asset' is the amortised cost of a financial asset before adjusting for any expected credit loss allowance.

In calculating interest income and expense, the effective interest rate is applied to the gross carrying amount of the asset (when the asset is not credit-impaired) or to the amortised cost of the liability. However, for financial assets that have become credit-impaired subsequent to initial recognition, interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the amortised cost of the financial asset. If the asset is no longer credit-impaired, then the calculation of interest income reverts to the gross basis. For financial assets that were credit-impaired on initial recognition, interest income is calculated by applying the credit-adjusted effective interest rate to the amortised cost of the asset. The calculation of interest income does not revert to a gross basis, even if the credit risk of the asset improves.

Interest income and expense presented in the statement of profit or loss and OCI include:

- Interest on financial assets and liabilities measured at amortised cost calculated on an effective interest rate basis.
- Interest on debt instruments measured at fair value through other comprehensive income calculated on an effective interest basis;

Interest income and expense on all trading assets and liabilities are considered to be incidental to the Group's trading operations and are presented together with all other changes in the fair value of trading assets and liabilities in net trading income.

(e) Fees and commission

Fees and commission income and expenses that are integral to the effective interest rate on a financial asset or liability are included in the measurement of the effective interest rate which is used in the computation of Interest Income. Fees, such as processing and management fees charged for assessing the financial position of the borrower, evaluating and reviewing guarantees, collateral and other security, negotiation of instruments' terms, preparing and processing documentation and finalising the transaction are an integral part of the effective interest rate on a financial asset or liability and are included in the measurement of the effective interest rate of financial assets or liabilities.

Other fees and commission income, including loan account servicing fees, investment management and other fiduciary activity fees, sales commission, placement fees and syndication fees, are recognised as the related services are performed. When a loan commitment is not expected to result in the draw-down of a loan, loan commitment fees are recognised on a straight-line basis over the commitment period.

Other fees and commission expense relates mainly to transaction and service fees, which are expensed as the services are received.

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(f) Net trading income

Net trading income comprises gains less losses related to trading assets and liabilities, and includes all realised and unrealised fair value changes, dividends and foreign exchange differences.

(g) Net income from other financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss

Net income from other financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss relates to fair value gains or losses on non-trading derivatives held for risk management purposes that do not form part of qualifying hedge relationships and financial assets and liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss. It includes all realised and unrealised fair value changes, interest, dividends and foreign exchange differences.

(h) Dividend income

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive income is established. Dividends are presented in net trading income, net income from other financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss or other revenue based on the underlying classification of the equity investment.

(i) Leases

The Group has applied IFRS 16 using the modified retrospective approach and therefore the comparative information has not been restated and continues to be reported under IAS 17 and IFRIC 4. The details of accounting policies under IAS 17 and IFRIC 4 are disclosed separately.

At inception of a contract, the Group assesses whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. To assess whether a contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset, the Group uses the definition of a lease in IFRS 16.

(i) Group acting as a lessee

At commencement or on modification of a contract that contains a lease component, the Group allocates consideration in the contract to each lease component on the basis of its relative standalone price. However, for leases of branches and office premises the Group has elected not to separate non-lease components and accounts for the lease and non-lease components as a single lease component.

The Group recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the lease commencement date. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, plus any initial direct costs incurred and an estimate of costs to dismantle and remove any improvements made to branches or office premises.

The right-of-use asset is subsequently depreciated using the straight-line method from the commencement date to the end of the lease term. In addition, the right-of-use asset is periodically reduced by impairment losses, if any, and adjusted for certain remeasurements of the lease liability.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the Group's incremental borrowing rate. Generally, the Group uses its incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate.

The Group determines its incremental borrowing rate by analysing its borrowings from various external sources and makes certain adjustments to reflect the terms of the lease and type of asset leased.

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Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability comprise the following:

- fixed payments, including in-substance fixed payments;
- variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate as at the commencement date;
- amounts expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee; and
- the exercise price under a purchase option that the Group is reasonably certain to exercise, lease payments in an optional renewal period if the Group is reasonably certain to exercise an extension option, and penalties for early termination of a lease unless the Group is reasonably certain not to terminate early.

The lease liability is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. It is remeasured when there is a change in future lease payments arising from a change in an index or rate, if there is a change in the Group's estimate of the amount expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee, if the Group changes its assessment of whether it will exercise a purchase, extension or termination option or if there is a revised in-substance fixed lease payment.

When the lease liability is remeasured in this way, a corresponding adjustment is made to the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset, or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero.

The Group presents right-of-use assets in 'property and equipment' and lease liabilities in 'other liabilities' in the statement of financial position.

Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

The Group has elected not to recognise right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for leases of low-value assets and short-term leases, including leases of IT equipment. The Group recognises the lease payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

(ii) Group acting as a lessor

At inception or on modification of a contract that contains a lease component, the Group allocates the consideration in the contract to each lease component on the basis of their relative stand-alone selling prices. When the Group acts as a lessor, it determines at lease inception whether the lease is a finance lease or an operating lease.

To classify each lease, the Group makes an overall assessment of whether the lease transfers substantially all of the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the underlying asset. If this is the case, then the lease is a finance lease; if not, then it is an operating lease. As part of this assessment, the Group considers certain indicators such as whether the lease is for the major part of the economic life of the asset.

The Group applies the derecognition and impairment requirements in IFRS 9 to the net investment in the lease. The Group further regularly reviews estimated unguaranteed residual values used in calculating the gross investment in the lease.

The Group determined whether the arrangement was or contained a lease based on the assessment of whether:

- fulfilment of the arrangement was dependent on the use of a specific asset or assets; and
- the arrangement had conveyed a right to use the asset.

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i. As a lessee

The Group did not have any finance leases under IAS 17.

Assets held under other leases were classified as operating leases and were not recognised in the Group's statement of financial position. Payments made under operating leases were recognised in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. Lease incentives received were recognised as an integral part of the total lease expense, over the term of the lease.

ii. As a lessor

When the Group acted as a lessor, it determined at lease inception whether each lease was a finance lease or an operating lease.

To classify each lease, the Group made an overall assessment of whether the lease transferred substantially all of the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the underlying asset. If this was the case, then the lease was a finance lease; if not, then it was an operating lease. As part of this assessment, the Group considered certain indicators such as whether the lease was for the major part of the economic life of the asset.

(j) Income tax

Income tax expense comprises current tax (company income tax, tertiary education tax National Information Technology Development Agency levy and Nigeria Police Trust Fund levy) and deferred tax. It is recognised in profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to a business combination, or items recognised directly in equity or in other comprehensive income.

The Company had determined that interest and penalties relating to income taxes, including uncertain tax treatments, do not meet the definition of income taxes, and therefore are accounted for under IAS 37 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets.

(a) Current income tax

Current tax comprises the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year, and any adjustment to tax payable or receivable in respect of previous years. The amount of current tax payable or receivable is the best estimate of the tax amount expected to be paid or received that reflects uncertainty related to income taxes, if any. It is measured using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date and is assessed as follows:

- Company income tax is computed on taxable profits
- Tertiary education tax is computed on assessable profits
- National Information Technology Development Agency levy is computed on profit before tax
- Nigeria Police Trust Fund levy is computed on net profit (i.e. profit after deducting all expenses and taxes from revenue earned by the company during the year)

Total amount of tax payable under CITA is determined based on the higher of two components namely Company Income Tax (based on taxable income (or loss) for the year); and minimum tax. Taxes based on profit for the period are treated as income tax in line with IAS 12.

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Minimum tax

Minimum tax which is based on a gross amount is outside the scope of IAS 12 and therefore, are not presented as part of income tax expense in the profit or loss.

Minimum tax is determined based on the sum of:

- the highest of; 0.25% of revenue of N500,000, 0.5% of gross profit, 0.25% of paid up share capital and 0.5% of net assets; and
- 0.125% of revenue in excess of N500,000.

Where the minimum tax charge is higher than the Company Income Tax (CIT), a hybrid tax situation exists. In this situation, the CIT is recognised in the income tax expense line in the profit or loss and the excess amount is presented above the income tax line as minimum tax.

The Company offsets the tax assets arising from withholding tax (WHT) credits and current tax liabilities if, and only if, the entity has a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts, and intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. The tax asset is reviewed at each reporting date and written down to the extent that it is no longer probable that future economic benefit would be realised.

(b) Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes.

Deferred tax is not recognised for:

- temporary differences on the initial recognition of assets or liabilities in a transaction that is not a business combination and that affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss;
- temporary differences related to investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint arrangements to the extent that the Company is able to control the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences and it is probable that they will not reverse in the foreseeable future; and
- taxable temporary differences arising on the initial recognition of goodwill.

Deferred tax assets are recognised for unused tax losses, unused tax credits and deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be used. Future taxable profits are determined based on the reversal of relevant taxable temporary differences.

If the amount of taxable temporary differences is insufficient to recognise a deferred tax asset in full, then future taxable profits, adjusted for reversals of existing temporary differences, are considered, based on the business plans of the Company. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised; such reductions are reversed when the probability of future taxable profits improves.

Unrecognised deferred tax assets are reassessed at each reporting date and recognised to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be used.

Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to be applied to temporary differences when they reverse, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date, and reflects uncertainty related to income taxes, if any.

The measurement of deferred tax reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Company expects, at the reporting date, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset only if certain criteria are met.

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(k) Financial assets and financial liabilities**(i) Recognition and initial measurement**

The Group initially recognises loans and receivables, deposits, debt securities issued and subordinated liabilities on the date on which they are originated. All other financial instruments (including assets and liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss) are recognised on the trade date, which is the date on which the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the Group changes its business model for managing financial assets in which case, all affected financial assets are reclassified on the first reporting period following the change in business model.

A financial asset or financial liability is measured initially at fair value plus, for an item not at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs that are directly attributable to its acquisition or issue.

(ii) Classification

A financial asset is measured at fair value through other comprehensive income only if it meets both the following conditions and is not designated as at fair value through profit or loss:

- the asset is held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cashflow and selling financial assets; and
- the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cashflows that are solely payments of principal and interest on principal amount outstanding

On initial recognition of an equity investment that is not held for trading, the Group may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in fair value in other comprehensive income. This election is made on an investment-by-investment basis.

All other financial assets are classified as measured at fair value through profit or loss.

In addition, on initial recognition, the Group may irrevocably designate a financial asset that otherwise meets the requirements to be measured at amortised cost or at fair value through other comprehensive income as at fair value through profit or loss if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch that would otherwise arise.

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Reclassifications

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition, except in the period after the Group changes its business model for managing financial assets. The reclassification carried out prospectively from the reclassification date. Accordingly, any previously unrecognised gains, losses or interest are not reinstated. Changes in the business model for managing financial assets are expected to be very infrequent.

Financial liabilities

The Group classifies its financial liabilities, other than financial guarantees and loan commitments, as measured at amortised cost or fair value through profit or loss.

(iii) Derecognition**Financial assets**

The Group derecognises a financial asset when the contractual right to the cash flow from the Financial assets expires or it transfers the right to receive the contractual cash flow in a transaction in which the substantially all the risks and rewards of the ownership of the financial asset are transferred or in which the Group neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and the rewards of the ownership and it does not retain control of the financial asset.

On derecognition of the financial asset, the difference between the carrying amount of the asset (or the carrying amount allocated to the portion of the asset derecognised) and the sum of (i) the consideration received (including any new asset obtained less any new liability assumed) and (ii) any cumulative gain or loss that had been recognised in OCI is recognised in profit or loss.

Any cumulative gain/loss recognised in OCI in respect of equity investment securities designated as at fair value through other comprehensive income is not recognised in the profit or loss on derecognition of such securities. Any interest in transferred financial assets that qualify for derecognition that is created or retained by the Group is recognised as a separate asset or liability.

The Group enters into transactions whereby it transfers assets recognised on its statement of financial position, but retains either all or substantially all of the risks and rewards of the transferred assets or a portion of them. In such cases, the transferred assets are not derecognised. Examples of such transactions are securities lending and sale-and-repurchase transactions.

When assets are sold to a third party with a concurrent total rate of return swap on the transferred assets, the transaction is accounted for as a secured financing transaction similar to sale-and-repurchase transactions, because the Group retains all or substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of such assets.

In transaction in which the Group neither retains nor transfers substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset and it retains control over the asset, the Group continues to recognise the asset to the extent of its continuing involvement, determined by the extent to which it is exposed to changes in the value of the transferred asset.

In certain transactions, the Group retains the obligation to service the transferred financial asset for a fee. The transferred asset is derecognised if it meets the derecognition criteria. An asset or liability is recognised for the servicing contract if the servicing fee is more than adequate (asset) or is less than adequate (liability) for performing the servicing.

The Group securitises various loans and advances to customers and investment securities, which generally result in the sale of these to unconsolidated securitisation vehicles and in the Group transferring substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership. The securitisation vehicle in turn issues securities to investors. Interest in the securitised financial assets are generally retained in the form of senior or subordinated tranches, interest-only strips or other residual interests (retained interests). Retained interests are recognised as investment securities and carried at fair value through other comprehensive income. Gains or losses on securitisation are recorded in other revenue.

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Financial liabilities

The Group derecognises a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged or cancelled, or expired.

(iv) Modification of financial assets and financial liabilities**Financial assets**

If the terms of a financial asset are modified, the Group evaluates whether the cash flows of the modified assets are substantially different. If the cash flows are substantially different, then the contractual right to cash flows from the original financial asset are deemed to have expired. In this case, the original financial asset is derecognised and a new financial asset is recognised at fair value.

If the cash flow of the modified asset carried at amortised cost are not substantially different, then the modification does not result in derecognition of the financial asset. In this case, the Group recalculates the gross carrying amount of the financial asset and derecognises the amount arising from adjusting the gross carrying amount as a modification gain or loss in profit or loss. If such a modification is carried out because of financial difficulties of the borrower, then the gain or loss is presented together with impairment losses. In other cases, it is presented as interest income.

Financial liabilities

The Group derecognises a financial liability when its terms are modified and the cash flow of the modified liability are substantially different. In this case, a new financial liability based on the modified terms is recognised at fair value. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability extinguished and the new financial liability with modified terms is recognised in profit or loss.

(v) Offsetting

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statement of the financial position when, the Group currently has a legally enforceable right to set off the amounts and it intends to either to settle them on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously

Income and expenses are presented on a net basis only when permitted under IFRS, or gains and losses arising from a group of similar transactions such as the Group's trading activity.

(vi) Fair value measurement

Fair value' is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date in the principal or, in its absence, the most advantageous market to which the Group has access at that date. The fair value of a liability reflects its non-performance risk.

When one is available, the Group measure the fair value of an instrument using the quoted price in an active market for that instrument. A market is regarded as active if transactions for the asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

If there is no quoted price in an active market, then the Group uses valuation techniques that maximise the use of relevant observable inputs and minimise the use of unobservable inputs. The chosen valuation technique incorporates all of the factors that the market participants would take into account in pricing a transaction.

The best evidence of the fair value of a financial instrument on initial recognition is normally the transaction price - i.e, the fair value of the consideration given or received. If the Group determines that the fair value on initial recognition differs from the transaction price and the fair value is evidenced neither by a quoted price in an active market for an identical asset or liability nor based on a valuation technique for which any unobservable inputs are judged to be insignificant in relation to the measurement, then the financial instrument is initially measured at fair value, adjusted to defer the difference between the fair value on initial recognition and the transaction price. Subsequently, that difference is recognised in profit or loss on an appropriate basis over the life of the instrument but no later than when the valuation is wholly supported by observable market data or the transaction is closed out.

If an asset or a liability measured at fair value has a bid price and ask price, then the Group measures assets and long positions at a bid price and liabilities and short positions at an ask price.

Portfolios of financial assets and financial liabilities that are exposed to market risk and credit risk that are managed by the Group on the basis of the net exposure to either market or credit risk are measured on the basis of a price that would be received to sell a net long position (or paid to transfer a net short position) for the particular risk exposure. Portfolio-level adjustments-e.g bid-ask adjustment or credit risk adjustments that reflect the measurement on the basis of the net exposure- are allocated to the individual assets and liabilities on the basis of the relative risk adjustment of each of the individual instruments in the portfolio.

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The fair value of a financial liability with a demand feature (e.g. a demand deposit) is not less than the amount payable on demand, discounted from the first date on which the amount could be required to be paid.

The Group recognises transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy as of the end of the reporting period during which the change has occurred.

(vii) Impairment

The Group recognises loss allowances for ECL on the following financial instruments that are not measured at fair value through profit or loss:

- financial assets measured at amortised cost;
- debt investments measured at fair value through other comprehensive income;
- financial guarantee contracts issued; and
- loan commitments issued

No impairment loss is recognised on equity investments.

The Group measures loss allowances at an amount equal to lifetime ECL, except for the following for which they are measured as 12-month ECL;

- financial assets that are determined to have low credit risk at the reporting date; and
- other financial instruments (other than lease receivables) on which credit risk has not increased significantly since their initial recognition.

Loss allowances for lease receivable are always measured at an amount equal to lifetime ECL.

The Group considers a debt investment security to have low credit risk when its credit risk rating is equivalent to the globally understood definition of 'investment grade'. The Group does not apply the low credit risk exemption to any other financial instruments.

12-months ECL are the portion of ECL that result from default events on a financial instrument that are possible within the 12 months after the reporting date. Financial instruments for which a 12-month ECL is recognised are referred to as 'Stage 1 financial instruments'.

Life-time ECL are the ECL that result from all possible default events over the expected life of the financial instruments. Financial instruments for which a lifetime ECL is recognised but which are not credit-impaired are referred to as 'Stage 2 financial instruments'.

Measurement of ECL

ECL are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses. They are measured as follows:

- financial assets that are not credit -impaired at the reporting date: as the present value of all cash shortfalls (i.e. the difference between the cash flow due to the entity in accordance with the contract and the cash flow that the Group expects to receive);
- financial assets that are credit-impaired at the reporting date: as the difference between the gross carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows;
- undrawn loan commitments: as the present value of the difference between the contractual cash flows that are due to the Group if the commitment is down and the cash flows that the Group expects to receive; and
- financial guarantee contracts: the expected payments to reimburse the holder less any amount that the Group expects to recover.

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Restructured financial assets

If the terms of a financial assets renegotiated or modified or an existing financial asset is replaced with a new one due to financial difficulties of the borrower, then an assessment is made of whether the financial asset should be derecognised and ECL are measured as follows.

- If the expected restructuring will not result in derecognition of the existing asset, then the expected cashflows arising from the modified financial asset are included in calculating the cash shortfalls from the existing assets.
- If the expected restructuring will result in derecognition of the existing asset, then the expected fair value of the asset is treated as final cash flow from the existing financial asset at the time of its derecognition. The amount is included in calculating the cash shortfalls from the existing financial asset that are discounted from the expected date of derecognition to the reporting date using the original effective interest rate of the existing financial asset.

Credit-Impaired financial assets

At each reporting date, the Group assesses whether financial assets at amortized cost and debt instruments carried at fair value through other comprehensive income are credit-impaired. A financial asset is 'credit impaired' when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on he estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred.

Evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired includes the following observable data:

- Significant financial difficulty of the borrower or issuer;
- a breach of contract such as a default or past due event;
- the restructuring of a loan or advance by the Group on terms that the Group would not consider otherwise;
- it is becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation; or
- the disappearance of an active market for a security because of financial difficulties.

A loan that has been renegotiated due to a deterioration in the borrower's condition is usually considered to be credit-impaired unless there is evidence that the risk of not receiving contractual cash flows has reduced significantly and there are no other indicators of impairment. In addition, a retail loan that is overdue for 90 days or more is considered impaired.

In making an assessment of whether an investment in sovereign debt is credit-impaired, the Group considers the following factors.

- The market's assessment of creditworthiness as reflected in the bond yields.
- The rating agencies' assessment of creditworthiness.
- The countries ability to access the capital markets for new debt issuance.
- The probability of debt being restructured, resulting in holders suffering losses through voluntary or mandatory debt forgiveness.
- The international support mechanism in place to provide the necessary support as 'lender of last resort' to the country,as well as the intention, reflected in the public statement of governments and agencies to use those mechanisms.This includes an assessment of the depth of those mechanisms and, irrespective of political intent,whether there is the capacity to fulfil the required criteria.

Presentation of allowance for ECL in the statement of financial position

Loss allowances for ECL are presented in the statement of financial position as follows:

- Financial assets measured at amortised cost: as a deduction from the gross carrying amount of the assets;
- Loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts: generally, as a provision;
- Where a financial instrument includes both a drawn and an undrawn component, and the Group cannot identify the ECL on the loan commitment component separately from those on the drawn component, the Group presents a combined loss allowance for both components. The combined amount is presented as a deduction from the gross carrying amount of the drawn component. Any excess of the loss allowance over the gross amount of the drawn component is presented as a provision; and
- debt instruments measured at fair value through other comprehensive income: no loss allowance is recognised in the statement of financial position because the carrying amount of these assets is their fair value. However, the loss allowance is charged to profit or loss and is recognised in the fair value reserve, other comprehensive income.

Write-off policy

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Loans and debt securities are written off (either partially or in full) when there is no realistic prospect of recovery. This is generally the case when the Group determines that the borrower does not have assets or sources of income that could generate sufficient cash flows to repay the amounts subject to the write-off. Recoveries of amount previously written off are included in impairment losses "on financial instruments" in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income". However, financial assets that are written off could still be subject to enforcement activities in order to comply with the Group's procedures for recovery of amounts due.

Measurement of impairment

Impairment losses on assets measured at amortised cost were calculated as the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted as the asset's original effective interest rate. Impairment losses on available-for-sale assets were calculated as the difference between the carrying amount and the fair value.

Reversal of impairment

- For assets measured at amortised cost: If an event occurring after the impairment was recognised caused the amount of impairment loss to decrease, then the decrease in impairment loss was reversed through profit or loss.

- For debt security at fair value through other comprehensive income: If, in a subsequent period, the fair value of an impaired debt security increased and the increase could be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised, then the impairment loss was reversed through profit or loss; otherwise, any increase in fair value was recognised through OCI.

Any subsequent recovery in the fair value of an impaired equity security at fair value through other comprehensive income is recognised in OCI.

Impairment losses were recognised in profit or loss and reflected in an allowance account against loans and receivables or held-to-maturity investment securities. Interest on the impaired assets continued to be recognised through the unwinding of the discount.

Impairment losses on investment securities at fair value through other comprehensive income are recognised by reclassifying the losses accumulated in the fair value reserve in equity to profit or loss. The cumulative loss that is reclassified from equity to profit or loss is the difference between the acquisition cost, net of any principal repayment and amortization, and the current fair value, less any impairment loss previously recognised in profit or loss. Changes in impairment attributable to the application of the effective interest method were reflected as a component of interest income.

Write-off

The Group wrote off a loan or an investment debt security, either partially or in full, and any related allowance for impairment losses, when Group determined that there was no realistic prospect of recovery.

(viii) Designation at fair value through profit or loss**Financial assets**

At initial recognition, the Group has designated certain financial assets as at fair value through profit or loss because this designation eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch, which would otherwise arise.

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Financial liabilities

The Group has designated certain financial liabilities as at fair value through profit or loss in either of the following circumstances:

- the liabilities are managed, evaluated and reported internally on a fair value basis; or
- the designation eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch that would otherwise arise.

(l) (i) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include bank notes and coins on hand, unrestricted balances held with central banks and highly liquid financial assets with original maturities of less than three months, which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in their fair value, and are used by the Group in the management of its short-term commitments. Cash and cash equivalents are carried at amortised cost in the statement of financial position. For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents include cash and non-restricted balances with central banks.

(ii) Restricted reserve deposits

Restricted reserve deposits are restricted mandatory reserve deposits held with the Central Bank of Nigeria, which are not available for use in the Bank and Group's day-to-day operations. They are calculated as a fixed percentage of the Group's and Bank's deposit liabilities.

(m) Trading assets and liabilities

Trading assets and liabilities are those assets and liabilities that the Group acquires or incurs principally for the purpose of selling or repurchasing in the near term, or holds as part of a portfolio that is managed together for short-term profit or position taking.

Trading assets and liabilities are initially recognised and subsequently measured at fair value in the statement of financial position with transaction costs recognised in profit or loss. All changes in fair value are recognised as part of net trading income in profit or loss.

(n) Assets pledged as collateral

Financial assets transferred to external parties that do not qualify for de-recognition (see k(iii)) are reclassified in the statement of financial position from investment securities to assets pledged as collateral, if the transferee has received the right to sell or re-pledge them in the event of default from agreed terms. Assets pledged as collateral are initially recognised at fair value, and are subsequently measured at amortised cost or fair value as appropriate. These transactions are performed in accordance with the usual terms of securities lending and borrowing.

(o) Loan and advances

Loan and advances' captions in the statement of financial position include:

- loans and advances measured at amortised cost; they are initially measured at fair value plus incremental direct transaction costs, and subsequently at their amortised cost using the effective interest method;
- loans and advances mandatorily measured at fair value through profit or loss or designated as at fair value through profit or loss; these are measured at fair value with changes recognised immediately in profit or loss; and
- finance lease receivables.

When the Group purchases a financial asset and simultaneously enters into an agreement to resell the asset (or a substantially similar asset) at a fixed price on a future date (reverse repo or stock borrowing), the arrangement is accounted for as a loan or advance, and the underlying asset is not recognised in the Group's financial statements.

Loans and advances were initially measured at fair value plus incremental direct transaction costs, and subsequently measured at their amortised cost using effective interest method. When the Group chose to designate the loans and advances as measured at fair value through profit or loss, they were measured at fair value with face value changes recognised immediately in profit or loss.

Loans and advances also included finance lease receivables in which the Group was the lessor.

When the Group purchased a financial asset and simultaneously entered into an agreement to resell the asset (or a substantially similar asset) at a fixed price on a future date (reverse repo or stock borrowing), the arrangement was accounted for as a loan or advance, and the underlying asset was not recognised in the Group's financial statements

(p) Investment securities

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Investment securities' caption in the statement of financial position includes:

- debt investment securities measured at amortised cost; these are initially measured at fair value plus incremental direct transaction costs, and subsequently at their amortised cost using the effective interest method;
- debt and equity investment securities mandatorily measured at fair value through profit or loss or designated at fair value through profit or loss; these are at fair value with changes recognised immediately in profit or loss;
- debt securities measured at fair value through other comprehensive income; and
- equity investment securities designated at fair value through other comprehensive income.

For debt securities measured at fair value through other comprehensive income, gains and losses are recognised in OCI, except for the following, which are recognised in profit and loss in the same manner as for financial assets measured at amortised cost:

- interest revenue using the effective interest method;
- ECL and reversals; and
- foreign exchange gains and losses.

When debt security measured at fair value through other comprehensive income is derecognised, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in OCI is reclassified from equity to profit or loss.

The Group elects to present in OCI changes in the fair value of certain investments in equity instruments that are not held for trading. The election is made on an instrument-by-instrument basis on initial recognition and is irrevocable.

Gains and losses on such equity instruments are never reclassified to profit or loss and no impairment is recognised in the profit and loss. Dividends are recognised in profit and loss unless they clearly represent a recovery of part of the cost of the investment, in which case they are recognised in OCI. Cumulative gains and losses recognised in OCI are transferred to retained earnings on disposal of an investment.

(q) Derivatives held for risk management purposes

Derivatives held for risk management purposes include all derivative assets and liabilities that are not classified as trading assets or liabilities. Derivatives are recognised initially at fair value in the statement of financial position, while any attributable costs are recognised in profit or loss when incurred. Subsequent to initial recognition, derivatives are measured at fair value with fair values changes recognised in profit or loss.

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(r) Property and equipment

(i) Recognition and measurement

Items of property and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Cost includes expenditures that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. Purchased software that is integral to the functionality of the related equipment is capitalised as part of the equipment.

When parts of an item of property or equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items (major components) of property and equipment. Items of work in progress are recognised at cost less any observable impairment. A review for impairment is carried out when circumstances or situations suggests that the asset carrying amount may not be recoverable. Impairment loss is recognized when the current asset value is less than the cost.

The gain or loss on disposal of an item of property and equipment is determined by comparing the proceeds from disposal with the carrying amount of the item of property and equipment and are recognized net within other income in profit or loss.

The assets' carrying values and useful lives are reviewed, and written down if appropriate, at each reporting date. Assets are impaired whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount is less than the recoverable amount; see note (t) on impairment of non-financial assets.

(ii) Subsequent costs

The cost of replacing part of an item of property or equipment is recognised in the carrying amount of the item if it is probable that the future economic benefits embodied within the part will flow to the Group and its cost can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised. The costs of the day-to-day servicing of property and equipment are recognised in profit or loss as incurred.

(iii) Depreciation

Depreciation is recognised in profit or loss on a straight-line basis to write down the cost of each asset, to their residual values over the estimated useful lives of each part of an item of property and equipment.

Depreciation begins when an asset is available for use and ceases at the earlier of the date that the asset is derecognised or classified as held for sale in accordance with IFRS 5. A non-current asset or disposal group is not depreciated while it is classified as held for sale. Items classified as work in progress are not depreciated till the asset is available for use. Leasehold land is not depreciated.

The estimated useful lives for the current and comparative periods of significant items of property and equipment are as follows:

Leasehold improvement	Over the shorter of the useful life of the item or lease term
Buildings	50 years
Computer equipment	4 years
Furniture, fittings and equipment	5 years
Motor vehicles	4 years
Right-of-use assets	Over the relevant lease terms.

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reassessed at each reporting date and adjusted if appropriate. When an item of work in progress is completed and is available for use, the asset is de-classified to the relevant class of the asset under property and equipment.

(iv) De-recognition

An item of property and equipment is derecognised on disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Any gain or loss arising on de-recognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is included in profit or loss in the year the asset is derecognised.

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(s) Intangible assets**(i) Goodwill**

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of the acquisition over the Group's interest in the net fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities of the acquired subsidiaries at the date of acquisition. When the excess is negative, it is recognised immediately in profit or loss; Goodwill on acquisition of subsidiaries is included in intangible assets. Subsequent to initial recognition, goodwill is measured at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

Subsequent measurement

Goodwill is allocated to cash-generating units or groups of cash-generating units for the purpose of impairment testing. The allocation is made to those cash-generating units or groups of cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the business combination in which the goodwill arose. Goodwill is tested annually as well as whenever a trigger event has been observed for impairment by comparing the present value of the expected future cash flows from a cash generating unit with the carrying value of its net assets, including attributable goodwill and carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses. Impairment losses on goodwill are not reversed. Gains and losses on the disposal of an entity include the carrying amount of goodwill relating to the entity sold.

(ii) Software

Software acquired by the Group is stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses.

Subsequent expenditure on software assets is capitalised only when it increases the future economic benefits embodied in the specific asset to which it relates. All other expenditure is expensed as incurred.

Amortisation is recognised in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the software, from the date that it is available for use since this most closely reflects the expected pattern of consumption of the future economic benefits embodied in the asset. The maximum useful life of software is four years.

Amortisation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted if appropriate.

(t) Impairment of non-financial assets

The Group's non-financial assets with carrying amounts other than deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. For goodwill and intangible assets that have indefinite useful lives or that are available for use, the recoverable amount is estimated each year at the same time.

An impairment loss is recognised if the carrying amount of an asset or its cash-generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount. A cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable asset group that generates cash flows that largely are independent from other assets and groups. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. Impairment losses recognised in respect of cash-generating units are allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the units and then to reduce the carrying amount of the other assets in the unit (group of units) on a pro rata basis.

The recoverable amount of an asset or cash-generating unit is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs to sell. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset.

An impairment loss in respect of goodwill is not reversed. In respect of other assets, impairment losses recognised in prior periods are assessed at each reporting date for any indications that the loss has decreased or no longer exists. An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised.

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(u) Deposits, debt securities issued, onlending facilities and borrowings

Deposits, debt securities issued, onlending facilities and borrowings are the Group's sources of funding. When the Group sells a financial asset and simultaneously enters into a "repo" or "lending" agreement to repurchase the asset (or a similar asset) at a fixed price on a future date, the arrangement is accounted for as a deposit, and the underlying asset continues to be recognised in the Group's financial statements.

Deposits, debt securities issued, onlending facilities and borrowings are initially measured at fair value less incremental direct transaction costs, and subsequently measured at their amortised cost using the effective interest method, except where the Group chooses to carry the liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

(v) Sale and repurchase agreements

Securities sold subject to repurchase agreements ('repos') remain on the statement of financial position; the counterparty liability is included in amounts due to other banks, deposits from banks, other deposits or deposits due to customers, as appropriate. Securities purchased under agreements to resell (reverse repos') are recorded as money market placement. The difference between sale and repurchase price is treated as interest and accrued over the life of the agreements using the effective interest method.

Securities lent to counterparties are also retained in the financial statements. Securities borrowed are not recognised in the financial statements, unless these are sold to third parties, in which case the purchase and sale are recorded with the gain or loss included in trading income.

(w) Provisions

Provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cashflows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of time value of money and the specific risks to the liability. Provisions for restructuring costs and legal claims are recognised 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. A provision for bank levies is recognised when the condition that triggers the payment of the levy is met. If a levy obligation is subject to a minimum activity threshold so that the obligating event is reaching a minimum activity, then a provision is recognised when that minimum activity threshold is reached. The Group recognises no provisions for future operating losses.

(x) Financial guarantees and loan commitments

Financial guarantees are contracts that require the Group to make specific payments to reimburse the holder for a loss that it incurs because a specified debtor fails to make payment when it is due in accordance with the terms of a debit instrument. 'Loan commitments' are firm commitments to provide credit under pre-specified terms and conditions.

Financial guarantees issued or commitments to provide a loan at a below- market interest rate are initially measured at fair value and the initial fair value is amortised over the life of the guarantee or the commitment. Subsequently, they are measured as follows;

- At the higher of this amortised amount and the amount of loss allowance (see k(vii)).

The Group has issued no loan commitment that are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

For other loan commitments:

The Group recognises loss allowance (see k(vii)).

Liabilities arising from financial guarantees and loan commitments are included within provisions.

(y) Employee benefits

(i) Short-term employee benefits

Short-term employee benefit obligations are expensed as the related service is provided. A liability is recognised for the amount expected to be paid under short-term cash bonus or profit-sharing plans if the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation to pay this amount as a result of past service provided by the employee and the obligation can be estimated reliably.

(ii) Defined contribution plans

A retirement benefit obligation is a defined contribution plan. A defined contribution plan is a post-employment benefits plan under which an entity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity and has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further amounts. In line with the Pension Reform Act 2014, the Group and its employees make a joint contribution of 18% (10% by the Bank and 8% by the employees) of basic salary, housing and transport allowance to each employee's retirement savings account maintained with their nominated pension fund administrators. Obligations for contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as personnel expenses in profit or loss in the period during which related services are rendered.

(iii) Termination benefits

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Termination benefits are recognised as an expense when the Group is demonstrably committed, without realistic possibility of withdrawal, to a formal detailed plan to either terminate employment before the normal retirement date, or to provide termination benefits as a result of an offer made to encourage voluntary redundancy. Termination benefits for voluntary redundancy are recognised as an expense if the Group has made an offer of voluntary redundancy, it is probable that the offer will be accepted, and the number of acceptances can be estimated reliably. If benefits are payable more than 12 months after the reporting date, then they are discounted.

(z) Share capital and reserves

(i) Share issue costs

Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of an equity instrument are deducted from the initial measurement of the equity instrument.

(ii) Dividend on the Group's ordinary shares

Dividends on ordinary shares are recognised in equity in the period in which they are approved by the Group's shareholders. Dividends for the year that are declared after the date of the consolidated statement of financial position are dealt with in the subsequent events note. Dividends proposed by the Directors but not yet approved by members are disclosed in the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies and Allied Matters Act of Nigeria.

(iii) Share premium

Premiums from the issue of shares are reported in share premium.

(iv) Retained earnings

Retained earnings comprise the undistributed profits from previous periods which have not been reclassified to any specified reserves.

(v) Other reserves comprises of statutory reserve, SSI reserve, translation reserve, fair value reserve, regulatory risk reserve and forbearance reserve

(a) Statutory reserve: Nigerian banking regulations require the Bank to make an annual appropriation to a statutory reserve. As stipulated by Section 16(1) of the Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act of 1991 (amended), an appropriation of 30% of profit after tax is made if the statutory reserve is less than the paid-up share capital and 15% of profit after tax if the statutory reserve is greater than the paid-up share capital.

(b) AGSMEIS / SSI reserve: The SSI reserve is maintained to comply with the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) requirement that all licensed banks set aside a portion of the profit after tax in a fund to be used to finance equity investments in qualifying small and medium scale enterprises. Under the terms of the guideline (amended by CBN letter dated 11 July 2006), the contributions will be 10% of profit after tax and shall continue after the five years but banks' contributions shall thereafter reduce to 5% of profit after tax. The small and medium scale industries equity investment scheme reserves are nondistributable.

In April 2017, the Central Bank of Nigeria issued guidelines to govern the operations of the Agricultural/Small and Medium Enterprises Scheme (AGSMIES), which was established to support the Federal Government's efforts at promoting agricultural businesses and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) as vehicles for achieving sustainable economic development and employment generation. Though there's no longer mandatory transfers to this reserve under the earlier directives, all Nigerian banks are now required to set aside an amount equal to 5% of their annual Profits After Tax (PAT) towards the funding of equity investments, which qualify under the AGSMEIS Scheme. This is done after the audit and Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) approval.

(c) Translation reserve: comprises exchange differences resulting from the translation to Naira of the results and financial position of Group companies that have a functional currency other than Naira.

(d) fair value reserve: comprises fair value movements on equity instruments and debt securities carried at fair value through other comprehensive income.

(e) Regulatory risk reserve: The Nigerian banking regulator requires the Bank to create a reserve for the difference between impairment charge determined in line with the principles of IFRS and impairment charge determined in line with the prudential guidelines issued by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN). This reserve is not available for distribution to shareholders.

(f) forbearance reserve: this is a non-distributable reserve which arose from forbearance granted by Central Bank of Nigeria being an additional appropriation of 15% of profit after tax to account for potential future provisions valid until 31 December 2020.

(aa) Earnings per share

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The Group presents basic earnings per share (EPS) data for its ordinary shares. Basic EPS is calculated by dividing the profit or loss attributable to ordinary shareholders of the Group by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period. Diluted EPS is determined by adjusting the profit or loss attributable to ordinary shareholders and the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding for the effects of all dilutive potential ordinary shares, which comprise share options granted to employees.

(ab) Segment reporting

An operating segment is a component of the Group that engages in business activities from which it may earn revenues and incur expenses, including revenues and expenses relating to transactions with any of the Group's other components, whose operating results are regularly reviewed by the Executive Management Committee (being the chief operating decision maker) to make decisions about resources to be allocated to the segment and assess its performance, and for which discrete financial information is available.

Segment results that are reported to the Executive Management Committee (being the chief operating decision maker) include items directly attributable to a segment as well as those that can be allocated on a reasonable basis. Unallocated items comprise mainly corporate assets (primarily the Company's headquarters), head office expenses, and tax assets and liabilities.

(ac) Operating expense - general and administrative expenses and other operating expenses

Expenses are decreases in economic benefits during the accounting period in the form of outflows, depletion of assets or incurrence of liabilities that result in decrease in equity, other than those relating to distributions to equity participants.

Expenses are recognized on an accrual basis regardless of the time of spending cash. Expenses are recognized in the income statement when a decrease in future economic benefit related to a decrease in an assets or an increase of a liability has arisen that can be measured reliably. Expenses are measured at historical cost.

Only the portion of cost of a previous period that is related to the income earned during the reporting period is recognized as an expense. Expenses that are not related to the income earned during the reporting period, but expected to generate future economic benefits, are recorded in the financial statement as assets. The portion of assets which is intended for earning income in the future periods shall be recognized as an expense when the associated income is earned.

Expenses are recognized in the same reporting period when they are incurred in cases when it is not probable to directly relate them to particular income earned during the current reporting period and when they are not expected to generate any income during the coming financial years.

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(ad) Deposit for Investment in AGSMEIS

The Agri-Business/Small and Medium Enterprises Investment Scheme is an initiative of Banker's committee of Nigeria. The contributed funds is meant for supporting the Federal Government's effort at promoting agricultural businesses as well as Small and Medium Enterprises. In line with this initiative, the Bank will contribute 5% of Profit After Tax yearly to the fund.

(ae) Standards issued but not yet adopted

A number of new Standards, Amendments to Standards, and Interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 January 200 and have not been applied in preparing these (consolidated and separate) financial statements. Those Standards, Amendments to Standards, and Interpretations which may be relevant to the Group (or Company) are set out below.

The Group and Bank do not plan to adopt these standards early. The standards will be adopted in the period that they become mandatory unless otherwise indicated:

The directors are of the opinion that the impact of the application of the remaining Standards, Amendments to Standards and Interpretations are not expected to have a significant impact on the Group's consolidated and separate financial statements.

Effective at the option of the entity (effective date has been deferred indefinitely)

– Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture (Amendments to IFRS 10 and IAS 28). When new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations will have little, or no material effect on the financial statements, it is not necessary to list them as such a disclosure would not be material. (IAS 1.31).

New and amended IFRS Standards that are effective for the current year

(i) Impact of the initial application of Interest Rate Benchmark Reform amendments to IFRS 9 and IFRS 7.

In September 2019, the IASB issued Interest Rate Benchmark Reform (Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39 and IFRS 7). These amendments modify specific hedge accounting requirements to allow hedge accounting to continue for affected hedges during the period of uncertainty before the hedged items or hedging instruments affected by the current interest rate benchmarks are amended as a result of the on-going interest rate benchmark reforms.

The amendments are relevant to the Group given that it applies hedge accounting to its benchmark interest rate exposures. The application of the amendments impacts the Group's accounting in the following ways:

- The Group has floating rate debt, linked to, which it cash flow hedges using interest rate swaps. The amendments permit continuation of hedge accounting even though there is uncertainty about the timing and amount of the hedged cash flows due to the interest rate benchmark reforms.
- The Group has issued [Currency B]-denominated fixed rate debt which it fair value hedges using [Currency B]-fixed to [Currency B] IBOR interest rate swaps. The amendments permit continuation of hedge accounting even if in the future the hedged benchmark interest rate, [Currency B] IBOR, may no longer be separately identifiable. However, this relief does not extend to the requirement that the designated interest rate risk component must continue to be reliably measurable. If the risk component is no longer reliably measurable, the hedging relationship is discontinued.
- The Group will retain the cumulative gain or loss in the cash flow hedge reserve for designated cash flow hedges that are subject to interest rate benchmark reforms even though there is uncertainty arising from the interest rate benchmark reform with respect to the timing and amount of the cash flows of the hedged items. Should the Group consider the hedged future cash flows are no longer expected to occur due to reasons other than interest rate benchmark reform, the cumulative gain or loss will be immediately reclassified to profit or loss.

The amendments also introduce new disclosure requirements to IFRS 7 for hedging relationships that are subject to the exceptions introduced by the amendments to IFRS 9. The new disclosure requirements are presented in note 63(c)(ii).

(ii) Impact of the initial application of Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions Amendment to IFRS 16

In May 2020, the IASB issued Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions (Amendment to IFRS 16) that provides practical relief to lessees in accounting for rent concessions occurring as a direct consequence of COVID-19, by introducing a practical expedient to IFRS 16. The practical expedient permits a lessee to elect not to assess whether a COVID-19-related rent concession is a lease modification. A lessee that makes this election shall account for any change in lease payments resulting from the COVID-19-related rent concession the same way it would account for the change applying IFRS 16 if the change were not a lease modification.

The practical expedient applies only to rent concessions occurring as a direct consequence of COVID-19 and only if all of the following conditions are met:

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- a) The change in lease payments results in revised consideration for the lease that is substantially the same as, or less than, the consideration for the lease immediately preceding the change;
- b) Any reduction in lease payments affects only payments originally due on or before 30 June 2021 (a rent concession meets this condition if it results in reduced lease payments on or before 30 June 2021 and increased lease payments that extend beyond 30 June 2021); and
- c) There is no substantive change to other terms and conditions of the lease.

In the current financial year, the Group has applied the amendment to IFRS 16 (as issued by the IASB in May 2020) in advance of its effective date.

Impact on accounting for changes in lease payments applying the exemption

The Group has applied the practical expedient retrospectively to all rent concessions that meet the conditions in IFRS 16:46B, and has not restated prior period figures.

The Group has benefited from a ___ month waiver of lease payments on buildings in [A land]. The waiver of lease payments of N___ has been accounted for as a negative variable lease payment in profit or loss. The Group has derecognised the part of the lease liability that has been extinguished by the forgiveness of lease payments, consistent with the requirements of IFRS 9:3.3.1.

The Group has benefited from a ___ month lease payment holiday on buildings in [B land]. The payment holiday reduces payments in the period to [date] by N___, and increases in payments in the period to [date] by N___.

The Group has remeasured the lease liability using the revised lease payments and the discount rate originally applied to the lease, resulting in a decrease in the lease liability of N___, which has been recognised as a negative variable lease payment in profit or loss. The Group continued to recognise interest expense on the lease liability.

Impact of the initial application of other new and amended IFRS Standards that are effective for the current year

IAS 8:28 In the current year, the Group has applied the below amendments to IFRS Standards and Interpretations issued by the Board that are effective for an annual period that begins on or after 1 January 2020. Their adoption has not had any material impact on the disclosures or on the amounts reported in these financial statements.

Amendments to References to the Conceptual Framework in IFRS Standards

The Group has adopted the amendments included in *Amendments to References to the Conceptual Framework in IFRS Standards* for the first time in the current year.

The amendments include consequential amendments to affected Standards so that they refer to the new *Framework*. Not all amendments, however, update those pronouncements with regard to references to and quotes from the *Framework* so that they refer to the revised *Conceptual Framework*. Some pronouncements are only updated to indicate which version of the *Framework* they are referencing to (the IASC *Framework* adopted by the IASB in 2001, the IASB *Framework* of 2010, or the new revised *Framework* of 2018) or to indicate that definitions in the Standard have not been updated with the new definitions developed in the revised *Conceptual Framework*.

The Standards which are amended are IFRS 2, IFRS 3, IFRS 6, IFRS 14, IAS 1, IAS 8, IAS 34, IAS 37, IAS 38, IFRIC 12, IFRIC 19, IFRIC 20, IFRIC 22, and SIC-32.

Amendments to IFRS 3 Definition of a business

The Group has adopted the amendments to IFRS 3 for the first time in the current year. The amendments clarify that while businesses usually have outputs, outputs are not required for an integrated set of activities and assets to qualify as a business. To be considered a business an acquired set of activities and assets must include, at a minimum, an input and a substantive process that together significantly contribute to the ability to create outputs. The amendments remove the assessment of whether market participants are capable of replacing any missing inputs or processes and continuing to produce outputs. The amendments also introduce additional guidance that helps to determine whether a substantive process has been acquired. The amendments introduce an optional concentration test that permits a simplified assessment of whether an acquired set of activities and assets is not a business. Under the optional concentration test, the acquired set of activities and assets is not a business if substantially all of the fair value of the gross assets acquired is concentrated in a single identifiable asset or group of similar assets. The amendments are applied prospectively to all business combinations and asset acquisitions for which the acquisition date is on or after 1 January 2020.

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Amendments to IAS 1 and IAS 8

Definition of material

The Group has adopted the amendments to IAS 1 and IAS 8 for the first time in the current year. The amendments make the definition of material in IAS 1 easier to understand and are not intended to alter the underlying concept of materiality in IFRS Standards. The concept of 'obscuring' material information with immaterial information has been included as part of the new definition. The threshold for materiality influencing users has been changed from 'could influence' to 'could reasonably be expected to influence'. The definition of material in IAS 8 has been replaced by a reference to the definition of material in IAS 1. In addition, the IASB amended other Standards and the Conceptual Framework that contain a definition of 'material' or refer to the term 'material' to ensure consistency.

New and revised IFRS Standards in issue but not yet effective

Entities are required to disclose in their financial statements the potential impact of new and revised IFRS Standards that have been issued but are not yet effective. The disclosures below reflect a cut off date of 31 December 2021. The potential impact of the application of any new and revised IFRS Standard issued by the IASB after 31 December 2021, but before the financial statements are issued should also be considered and disclosed. The impact of the application of the new and revised IFRS Standards (see below) is for illustrative purposes only. Entities should analyse the impact based on their specific facts and circumstances.

At the date of authorisation of these financial statements, the Group has not applied the following new and revised IFRS Standards that have been issued but are not yet effective.

The impact of the application of the new and revised IFRS Standards below is for illustrative purposes only. Entities should analyse the impact of these new or revised IFRS Standards on their financial statements based on their specific facts and circumstances and make appropriate disclosures.

Standard	Content	Effective Date
IFRS 3	Amendments to IFRS 3 Reference to the Conceptual Framework	01 JAN 2022
IAS 16	Amendments to IAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment—Proceeds before Intended Use	01 JAN 2022
IAS 37	Amendments to IAS 37 - Contingent liabilities and Contingent assets – Onerous Contracts Provisions,	01 JAN 2022
IFRS 17	Insurance Contracts	01 JAN 2023
IAS 1	Amendments to IAS 1 Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current	01 JAN 2023
IFRS 8	Amendment to IFRS 8 - Definition of Accounting Estimates	01 JAN 2023
IAS 12	Amendment to IAS 12-Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a single Transaction	01 JAN 2023

The directors do not expect that the adoption of the Standards listed above will have a material impact on the financial statements of the Group in future periods, except as noted below:

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Amendments to IFRS 3 – Reference to the Conceptual Framework

The amendments update IFRS 3 so that it refers to the 2018 Conceptual Framework instead of the 1989 Framework. They also add to IFRS 3 a requirement that, for obligations within the scope of IAS 37, an acquirer applies IAS 37 to determine whether at the acquisition date a present obligation exists as a result of past events. For a levy that would be within the scope of IFRIC 21 Levies, the acquirer applies IFRIC 21 to determine whether the obligating event that gives rise to a liability to pay the levy has occurred by the acquisition date. Finally, the amendments add an explicit statement that an acquirer does not recognise contingent assets acquired in a business combination.

The amendments are effective for business combinations for which the date of acquisition is on or after the beginning of the first annual period beginning on or after 1 January 2022. Early application is permitted if an entity also applies all other updated references (published together with the updated Conceptual Framework) at the same time or earlier.

Amendments to IAS 16 – Property, Plant and Equipment—Proceeds before Intended Use

The amendments prohibit deducting from the cost of an item of property, plant and equipment any proceeds from selling items produced before that asset is available for use, i.e. proceeds while bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management. Consequently, an entity recognises such sales proceeds and related costs in profit or loss. The entity measures the cost of those items in accordance with IAS 2 *Inventories*. The amendments also clarify the meaning of 'testing whether an asset is functioning properly'. IAS 16 now specifies this as assessing whether the technical and physical performance of the asset is such that it is capable of being used in the production or supply of goods or services, for rental to others, or for administrative purposes. If not presented separately in the statement of comprehensive income, the financial statements shall disclose the amounts of proceeds and cost included in profit or loss that relate to items produced that are not an output of the entity's ordinary activities, and which line item(s) in the statement of comprehensive income include(s) such proceeds and cost. The amendments are applied retrospectively, but only to items of property, plant and equipment that are brought to the location and condition necessary for them to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management on or after the beginning of the earliest period presented in the financial statements in which the entity first applies the amendments. The entity shall recognise the cumulative effect of initially applying the amendments as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings (or other component of equity, as appropriate) at the beginning of that earliest period presented.

The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022, with early application permitted.

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Amendments to IAS 37 – Onerous Contracts—Cost of Fulfilling a Contract

The amendments specify that the 'cost of fulfilling' a contract comprises the 'costs that relate directly to the contract'. Costs that relate directly to a contract consist of both the incremental costs of fulfilling that contract (examples would be direct labour or materials) and an allocation of other costs that relate directly to fulfilling contracts (an example would be the allocation of the depreciation charge for an item of property, plant and equipment used in fulfilling the contract).

The amendments apply to contracts for which the entity has not yet fulfilled all its obligations at the beginning of the annual reporting period in which the entity first applies the amendments. Comparatives are not restated. Instead, the entity shall recognise the cumulative effect of initially applying the amendments as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings or other component of equity, as appropriate, at the date of initial application.

The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022, with early application permitted.

IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts

IFRS 17 establishes the principles for the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of insurance contracts and supersedes IFRS 4 Insurance Contracts.

IFRS 17 outlines a general model, which is modified for insurance contracts with direct participation features, described as the variable fee approach. The general model is simplified if certain criteria are met by measuring the liability for remaining coverage using the premium allocation approach.

The general model uses current assumptions to estimate the amount, timing and uncertainty of future cash flows and it explicitly measures the cost of that uncertainty. It takes into account market interest rates and the impact of policyholders' options and guarantees.

In June 2020, the IASB issued Amendments to IFRS 17 to address concerns and implementation challenges that were identified after IFRS 17 was published. The amendments defer the date of initial application of IFRS 17 (incorporating the amendments) to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023. At the same time, the IASB issued Extension of the Temporary Exemption from Applying IFRS 9 (Amendments to IFRS 4) that extends the fixed expiry date of the temporary exemption from applying IFRS 9 in IFRS 4 to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023.

IFRS 17 must be applied retrospectively unless impracticable, in which case the modified retrospective approach or the fair value approach is applied.

For the purpose of the transition requirements, the date of initial application is the start of the annual reporting period in which the entity first applies the Standard, and the transition date is the beginning of the period immediately preceding the date of initial application.

Amendments to IAS 1 – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current

The amendments to IAS 1 affect only the presentation of liabilities as current or non-current in the statement of financial position and not the amount or timing of recognition of any asset, liability, income or expenses, or the information disclosed about those items. The amendments clarify that the classification of liabilities as current or non-current is based on rights that are in existence at the end of the reporting period, specify that classification is unaffected by expectations about whether an entity will exercise its right to defer settlement of a liability, explain that rights are in existence if covenants are complied with at the end of the reporting period, and introduce a definition of 'settlement' to make clear that settlement refers to the transfer to the counterparty of cash, equity instruments, other assets or services.

The amendments are applied retrospectively for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023, with early application permitted.

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	GROUP		COMPANY	
	31 MAR 2026	31 MAR 2025	31 MAR 2026	31 MAR 2025
8 Interest and discount income				
Cash and cash equivalents	62,365,710	3,710,388	10,812,033	881,743
Loans and advances to customers	143,802,165	150,302,144	-	-
Investment securities at amortised cost	41,509,266	39,706,421	325,275	358,252
Investment securities at FVTPL	-	-	1,841,859	1,841,859
Investment securities at FVOCI	38,458,815	20,642,847	116,862	141,153
Total interest income	286,135,956	214,361,800	13,096,029	3,223,007
9 Interest expense				
Deposits from banks	16,790,841	26,770,622	-	-
Deposits from customers	72,173,418	67,500,891	-	-
	88,964,259	94,271,513	-	-
Borrowings	22,634,731	25,776,555	273,180	306,897
Debt securities issued	3,283,553	4,043,702	-	-
Onlending facilities	1,058,639	921,678	-	-
Additional Tier 1 (AT1) capital issued	1,841,859	1,841,859	1,841,859	1,841,859
Interest expense on lease liabilities	3,601	10,376	-	-
	117,786,642	126,865,683	2,115,039	2,148,756
The amounts reported above include interest income and expense, calculated using the effective interest method, that relate to the following financial assets and financial liabilities.				
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	247,677,141	193,718,953	11,137,308	1,239,995
Financial assets measured at FVOCI	38,458,815	20,642,847	116,862	141,153
Total	286,135,956	214,361,800	11,254,170	1,381,148
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	117,786,642	126,865,683	2,115,039	2,148,756
10 Net impairment loss on financial assets				
Loan and advances	12,947,873	12,689,416	-	-
Other assets	1,125,000	950,925	-	-
Investment securities - amortised cost	(157,150)	(7,387)	-	-
Investment securities - fair value other comprehensive income	(901)	-	-	-
Recoveries on loans previously written off	(1,806,478)	(4,113,068)	-	-
	12,308,344	9,519,886	-	-
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11 Disaggregation of fee and commission income by major type of services;				
Credit related fees	257,936	279,865	-	-
Account Maintenance	5,176,014	4,425,853	-	-
Letters of credit commission	1,351,158	1,739,513	-	-
Asset Management Fees	3,164,339	2,417,111	-	-
Administration Fees	54,941	70,943	-	-
Commission on off-balance sheet transactions	2,199,683	1,448,897	-	-
Electronics fees and commissions	2,821,571	3,759,900	-	-
Service fees and commissions	12,846,647	10,150,191	1,291,264	949,571
Gross Fee and commission income	27,872,289	24,292,273	1,291,264	949,571
Electronics fees and commissions recoverable expenses	(1,784,419)	(4,564,918)	-	-
Cheque books recoverable expenses	(30,326)	(21,443)	-	-
Other banks charges	(1,586,514)	(927,123)	(872)	(1,844)
Fee and commission expense	(3,401,259)	(5,513,484)	(872)	(1,844)
Net fee and commission income	24,471,030	18,778,789	1,290,392	947,727

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	GROUP		COMPANY	
	31 MAR 2026	31 MAR 2025	31 MAR 2026	31 MAR 2025
12 Net trading income				
Foreign exchange trading income	1,294,204	3,331,055	-	-
Bonds trading income	(5,461,347)	9,994,181	-	-
Treasury bills trading income	743,013	1,018,296	-	-
	(3,424,130)	14,343,532	-	-
14(a) Other gains /(losses)				
Dividends on equity investment securities in the subsidiaries	-	-	-	373,470
Dividends on unquoted equity securities	48,550	1,925,000	-	-
Foreign exchange loss	(13,036,451)	(2,365,434)	(743,776)	(60,778)
	(12,987,901)	(440,434)	(743,776)	312,692
14(b) Other income				
Gain on sale of property and equipment	2,335	627	18	3
Gain on disposal of minority interest in FCMB Pensions	9,303,121	-	9,303,121	-
Rental income	330,379	139,432	110,060	103,620
	9,635,835	140,059	9,413,199	103,623

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	GROUP		COMPANY	
	31 MAR 2026	31 MAR 2025	31 MAR 2026	31 MAR 2025
15 Personnel expenses				
Wages and salaries	20,138,051	17,065,125	694,614	448,816
Contributions to defined contribution plans	489,480	392,811	8,809	8,014
Other employee benefits (see note (a) below)	6,967,165	5,295,604	442,273	164,540
	27,594,696	22,753,540	1,145,696	621,370

(a) Other employee benefits

These are non-payroll staff cost, which includes medical expenses, club subscriptions and other staff related expenses not paid to staff.

16 Depreciation and amortisation				
Amortisation of intangibles	1,849,094	1,257,932	6,085	2,046
Depreciation of property and equipment and right of use assets	3,120,301	2,602,534	17,852	17,120
	4,969,395	3,860,466	23,937	19,166

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	GROUP		COMPANY	
	31 MAR 2026	31 MAR 2025	31 MAR 2026	31 MAR 2025
17 General and administrative expenses				
Communication, stationery and postage	2,023,022	1,430,292	35,563	6,807
Business travel expenses	1,487,410	1,378,498	42,744	22,903
Advert, promotion and corporate gifts	2,332,954	3,795,244	11,818	9,115
Business premises and equipment costs	3,875,308	3,095,228	22,914	15,841
Operating lease expenses	709,532	585,655	8,633	4,084
Directors' emoluments and expenses	922,992	1,194,895	162,773	623,117
IT & IS expenses	9,665,054	8,364,503	18,440	6,450
Contract Services and training expenses	4,380,652	3,223,170	1,613	3,731
Vehicles maintenance expenses	760,926	577,207	24,851	9,966
Security expenses	1,031,248	1,005,547	968	-
Auditors' remuneration (see note 17a below)	620,452	383,476	27,000	18,000
Professional charges	4,548,437	4,441,381	375,689	179,470
	32,357,987	29,475,096	733,006	899,484

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18 Other operating expenses				
NDIC Insurance Premium	5,165,476	4,949,170	-	-
AMCON Levy	13,021,769	11,629,983	-	-
FRCN expense (see note (c) below)	156,250	125,000	-	-
Insurance expenses	751,088	524,631	15,127	10,733
Others (see note (a) below)	2,871,712	2,229,788	102,518	93,520
	21,966,295	19,458,572	117,645	104,253
(a) Others comprises:				
AGM, meetings and shareholders expenses	225,313	167,234	75,188	67,445
Donation and sponsorship expenses	407,265	193,604	-	-
Entertainment expenses	438,161	327,349	13,258	6,474
Provision for fraud and forgery expense	6,190	6,138	-	-
Other accounts written off	36,605	6,153	-	-
PENCOM Recovery Agent Fee	2,209	1,806	-	-
Pension Protection Fund Expenses	94,935	72,510	-	-
Provision for litigation	675,000	675,000	-	-
Industrial training fund levy	330,974	146,973	5,799	5,192
Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund expenses	141,413	119,113	5,799	5,115
Penalties	21,000	77,000	-	-
Miscellaneous expenses	492,646	429,408	2,474	1,794
	2,871,711	2,229,788	102,518	93,520

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	31 MAR 2026	31 MAR 2025	31 MAR 2026	31 MAR 2025
19 Earnings per share				
Basic and diluted earnings per share				
Profit attributable to equity holders (N'000)	76,354,891	32,173,059	18,920,521	794,020
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue ('000)	65,954,594	39,605,420	65,954,594	39,605,420
Basic earnings per share	4.63	3.25	1.15	0.08
Diluted earnings per share	4.63	3.25	1.15	0.08
20 Tax expense				
(i) Current tax expense:				
Minimum tax	8,467,582	225,000	-	-
Corporate income tax	1,992,775	2,565,256	-	-
	10,460,357	2,790,256	-	-
Income tax expense	1,992,775	2,565,256	-	-
(iii) Windfall tax	-	-	-	-
	10,460,357	2,790,256	-	-

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	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025
(ii) Current income tax liability				
At 1 January	36,960,723	38,227,831	4,526,751	5,382,217
Tax paid	(6,798,212)	(28,417,427)	-	(1,683,876)
Tax refund	(314,588)	(969,226)	-	(643,077)
Minimum tax	8,467,582	4,886,994	-	-
Windfall tax	-	7,573,475	-	-
Capital gain tax	-	78,847	-	-
National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) levy	-	1,858,690	-	141,736
Tertiary education tax	-	2,365,889	-	121,396
National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure (NASENI) levy	-	429,238	-	-
Income tax expense	1,992,775	10,926,412	-	1,208,355
	40,308,280	36,960,723	4,526,751	4,526,751

(a) Amount represents withholding tax credit notes utilized during the year. Withholding tax is an advance payment of company income tax (CIT) deducted at source used to net off the tax liability for the year.

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	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025
21 Cash and cash equivalents				
Cash	36,261,317	28,287,313	-	-
Current balances with banks within Nigeria	8,305,766	301,269	761,982	3,014,998
Current balances with banks outside Nigeria (see note (c) below)	738,916,587	1,173,824,248	-	-
Placements with local banks	6,141,277	79,349,373	-	-
Placements with foreign banks	553,303,568	736,551	-	-
Unrestricted balances with Central banks	467,942,577	16,589,816	-	-
	1,810,871,092	1,299,088,570	761,982	3,014,998
Less impairment allowances (note (a) below)	(690,853)	(167,849)	-	-
	1,810,180,239	1,298,920,721	761,982	3,014,998
(a) Impairment allowance				
Balance at 1 January	167,849	18,017	-	-
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	0	142,671	-	-
Effect of movement in exchange rates	523,004	7,161	-	-
Closing balance	690,853	167,849	-	-

(b) Cash and cash equivalents comprise balances with less than three months maturity from the date of acquisition, including cash in hand, deposits held at call with other banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities less than three months.

(c) Balances with banks outside Nigeria include N42.51billion (31 December 2024: N163.84billion) which represents the naira value of foreign currency amounts held by the Bank on behalf of customers in respect of letters of credit transactions. The corresponding liability is included in other liabilities (see Note 36(a)).

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	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025
22(a) Non-pledged trading assets				
Federal Government of Nigeria Bonds - fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)	70,486,420	101,282,506	-	-
Treasury Bills - fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)	38,557,147	95,854,155	-	-
Fund investments Government and others	123,862,189	242,584,073	-	-
	232,905,756	439,720,734	-	-

	GROUP		COMPANY	
	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025
23 Derivative assets and liabilities held for risk management				
Instrument type				
(a) Assets - Non-deliverable forwards transactions				
	447,021	4,276,814	-	-
	447,021	4,276,814	-	-
(b) Liabilities - Non-deliverable forwards transactions				
	208,334	608,639	-	-
	208,334	608,639	-	-

Derivative financial instruments consist of short-term foreign exchange contracts. These are held for day to day cash management rather than for trading purposes and are held at fair value. All derivative contracts open at the year-end have intended settlement dates within twelve months. All derivative financial instruments are considered to be level two and are priced with reference to observable market data including prices from exchanges. The fair values of the foreign exchange contracts are reflected in the table above.

All derivative assets and liabilities are current.

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24 Investment securities				
Investment securities at amortised cost (see note (a))	1,198,258,743	1,289,564,333	40,410,448	34,826,806
Investment securities at FVTPL - debt instruments (see note (c) below)	-	-	50,330,599	50,330,599
Investment securities at FVOCI - debt instruments (see note (c) below)	852,422,555	626,266,506	-	-
Investment securities at FVOCI - quoted equity investments (see note (f) below)	316,687	316,687	-	-
Investment securities at FVOCI - unquoted equity investments (see note (d) below)	118,780,857	119,504,371	-	-
	2,169,778,842	2,035,651,897	90,741,047	85,157,405
(a) Investment securities at amortised cost				
Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) Bonds - listed	675,016,402	766,621,338	2,066,134	2,194,199
Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) EuroBonds - listed	471,218,639	486,917,712	-	-
State Government Bonds - unlisted	13,919,280	13,513,179	-	-
Corporate bonds - unlisted	19,906,588	9,987,977	11,398,036	11,529,035
Unclaimed dividend investment fund	2,983,698	2,866,836	2,983,698	2,866,836
Placements	24,803,740	19,526,016	24,537,928	18,812,084
	1,207,848,347	1,299,433,058	40,985,796	35,402,154
Less impairment allowances (see note (b) below)	(9,589,604)	(9,868,725)	(575,348)	(575,348)
	1,198,258,743	1,289,564,333	40,410,448	34,826,806
(b) Impairment allowance				
At 1 January	9,868,725	13,637,058	575,348	399,068
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	(157,150)	(3,055,495)	-	176,280
Translation difference	(121,971)	(712,838)	-	-
Closing balance	9,589,604	9,868,725	575,348	575,348
(c) Investment securities at FVTPL				
Bond - AT1 instrument	-	-	50,330,599	50,330,599
	-	-	50,330,599	50,330,599

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	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025
(c) Investment securities at FVOCI				
Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) Bonds - listed	589,456,843	317,133,983	-	-
Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) Sukuk Bonds	12,077,613	11,639,000	-	-
Treasury bills - listed	167,006,144	248,166,094	-	-
Bank, Government bonds, and HQLA Investments	82,265,102	47,554,969	-	-
Legacy Debt Fund	46,913	46,913	-	-
Legacy USD Bond Fund	652,997	652,997	-	-
Legacy Money Market Fund	1,072,551	1,072,551	-	-
	852,422,556	626,266,506	-	-
(d) Impairment allowance				
At 1 January	2,686,458	806,822	-	-
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	(901)	1,879,636	-	-
Closing balance	2,685,557	2,686,458	-	-
(f) Investment securities at FVOCI - quoted equity investments				
Industrial and General Insurance Plc	29,826	29,826	-	-
Food Concepts	10,200	10,200	-	-
Legacy Equity Fund	276,661	276,661	-	-
	316,687	316,687	-	-

In thousands of Naira	GROUP		COMPANY	
	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025
(e) Investment securities at FVOCI - unquoted equity investments				
Credit Reference Company Limited	1,035,500	1,035,500	-	-
Nigeria Inter-bank Settlement System Plc	25,140,300	25,140,300	-	-
Africa Finance Corporation	72,860,500	72,860,500	-	-
Africa Export-Import Bank, Cairo	5,905,600	5,905,600	-	-
Unified Payment Services Limited	3,807,400	3,807,400	-	-
FMDQ (OTC) Plc	9,372,417	10,095,931	-	-
Financial Derivative Ltd	136,090	136,090	-	-
Shared Agent Network Expansion Facilities Limited (SANEF)	523,050	523,050	-	-
	118,780,857	119,504,371	-	-

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	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025
25 Assets pledged as collateral				
The nature and carrying amounts of the non tradable financial assets pledged as collaterals are as follows:				
(a) Investment Securities - FVOCI				
Treasury Bills - listed	-	-	-	-
Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) Bonds - listed	-	-	-	-
(b) Investment Securities - FVTPL				
Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) Bonds - listed	-	-	-	-
(c) Investment Securities - Amortized cost				
Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) Bonds - listed	93,756,398	104,900,576	-	-
	93,756,398	104,900,576	-	-
	93,756,398	104,900,576	-	-
	93,756,398	104,900,576	-	-
26 Loans and advances to customers				
(a) Overdrafts	250,713,918	299,389,199	-	-
Term loans	1,911,552,159	1,945,386,607	-	-
On-lending facilities	217,450,922	229,710,891	-	-
Advances under finance lease	983,485	983,485	-	-
Gross loans and advances to customers at amortised costs	2,380,700,484	2,475,470,182	-	-
Less impairment loss allowance	(123,272,696)	(109,783,809)	-	-
Net loans and advances to customers	2,257,427,788	2,365,686,373	-	-

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In thousands of Naira	GROUP		COMPANY	
	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025
27 Other assets				
(a) Other financial assets:				
E-settlement receivables	19,148,964	35,618,875	-	-
Agric SMEIS receivables	6,218,044	4,697,909	-	-
Differentiated Cash Reserve Requirement Scheme (DCRR) receivable	-	-	-	-
Related parties receivables	-	-	14,719,696	15,809,495
Insurance claims and fraud receivables	11,441,679	16,674,327	-	-
Judgement debt receivables	8,962,244	9,222,110	-	-
Accounts receivable- TSA refunds	433,101	433,101	-	-
Accounts receivable- remittances	900,015	1,052,795	-	-
FX forwards receivable	-	13,103,363	-	-
Accounts receivables	63,998,472	30,254,596	8,217,604	10,384,879
	111,102,519	111,057,076	22,937,300	26,194,374
Less impairment allowances (note (c) below)	(69,159,951)	(69,848,369)	(222,292)	(222,292)
	41,942,568	41,208,707	22,715,008	25,972,082
(b) Other non-financial assets:				
Prepayments	35,471,375	24,177,754	118,788	209,339
Consumables	3,213,386	3,188,806	-	-
	38,684,761	27,366,560	118,788	209,339
	80,627,329	68,575,267	22,833,796	26,181,421
(c) Movement in impairment on other financial assets				
At 1 January	69,318,099	67,163,171	222,292	185,567
Net remeasurement of loss allowances	1,125,000	4,574,791	-	36,725
Write-offs	-	(33)	-	-
Translation difference	(1,283,148)	(2,419,830)	-	-
Balance at the end	69,159,951	69,318,099	222,292	222,292

(d) E-settlement receivables represent settlements due from other banks use of the Bank's electronic channels by their customers.

(e) Agric SMEIS receivables represents the Bank's deposit as equity investment in Agri-business/Small and Medium Enterprises Investment Scheme. As approved by the Bankers' Committee on 9th February 2017, all Deposit Money Banks are required to invest 5% of prior year's Profit After Tax as equity investment in the scheme. The balance is warehoused in other assets pending allocation of investment units from the scheme.

(f) The amount represents refunds to customers pending the investigation report and recoveries from insurance. This amount has been fully provisioned.

(g) The amount includes Judgement debt receivables in respect of suit against the Bank in United Kingdom as ordered by the court of which the sum of £3.34million (N1.82billion) has been transferred to Zumax with recourse. The Bank won the case as judgement was awarded in its favour and ordered Zumax to repay the Bank the sum of £3.29million released from the Court Funds Office pursuant to and on terms of the undertakings in the 13 November 2018 Order. This amount has been fully provisioned pending recovery.

(h) Accounts receivable - deposits for investments balance relates to deposits paid for the Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) US Dollar denominated Bond investment for which bond certificate have not been issued to the Bank.

(i) The balance represents the Naira transaction value of matured forwards contracts with the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN).

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	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025
28 Restricted reserve deposits				
Restricted mandatory reserve deposits with central banks (see note (a) below)	1,037,909,669	1,023,889,826	-	-
Special Cash Reserve Requirement (see note (b) below)	23,374,411	23,019,130	-	-
Differentiated Cash Reserve Requirement Scheme (DCRR) (see note (c) below)	142,257,258	151,168,628	-	-
LDR Cash Reserve (see note (d) below)	-	72,295	-	-
	1,203,541,338	1,198,149,879	-	-

(a) Restricted mandatory reserve deposits are not available for use in the Bank and Group's day-to-day operations. Mandatory reserve deposits are non interest-bearing and are computed as a fixed percentage of the Bank's qualifying deposit liabilities.

(b) Special Cash Reserve Requirement represents a 5% special intervention reserve held with the Central Bank of Nigeria as a regulatory requirement.

(c) Differentiated Cash Reserve Requirement Scheme (DCRR) represents restricted reserve set up scheme to fund Real Sector Support Facility (RSSF).

(d) LDR Cash Reserve represents restricted reserve for failure of the bank to meet the Loan to Deposit Ratio of 65% as at 31 December 2024 was N72.30million (2023: N72.30million). In April 2024, The Central Bank of Nigeria has directed all Deposit Money Banks to reduce the Loan-to-Deposit Ratio (LDR) to 50% from 65%, which the Bank has complied, but the LDR cash reserve has not been reversed.

(e) For the purposes of the Statement of cashflow, all the restricted balances above are excluded from cash and cash equivalents.

In thousands of Naira

29 Investment in Subsidiaries				
(a) Investment in subsidiaries comprises:				
First City Monument Bank Limited (see note (i) below)	-	-	513,075,636	279,088,794
FCMB Capital Markets Limited (see note (ii) below)	-	-	240,000	240,000
CSL Stockbrokers Limited (CSLS) (see note (iii) below)	-	-	3,053,777	3,053,777
FCMB Trustees Limited (see note (iv) below)	-	-	220,000	220,000
FCMB Microfinance Bank Limited (see note (v) below)	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000
FCMB Pensions Limited (see note (vi) below)	-	-	10,625,493	11,925,884
Credit Direct Finance Company Limited (see note (vii) below)	-	-	366,210	366,210
Carrying amount	-	-	528,581,116	295,894,665

(b) Group entities

The subsidiary companies, country of incorporation, nature of business, percentage equity holding and period consolidated with the parent company are as detailed below:

Company Name	Country of incorporation	Nature of Business	Percentage of equity capital held (Direct end holdings)	Financial year
(1) First City Monument Bank Limited (see Note (i) below)	Nigeria	Banking	100%	31 Dec
(2) FCMB Capital Markets Limited (see Note (ii) below)	Nigeria	Capital Market	100%	31 Dec
(3) CSL Stockbrokers Limited (CSLS) (see Note (iii) below)	Nigeria	Stockbroking	100%	31 Dec
(4) FCMB Trustees Limited (see Note (iv) below)	Nigeria	Trusteeship	100%	31 Dec
(5) FCMB Microfinance Bank Limited (see Note (v) below)	Nigeria	Micro-lending	100%	31 Dec
(6) FCMB Pensions Limited (see Note (vi) below)	Nigeria	Pension Fund Administrator	82.54%	31 Dec
(7) Credit Direct Finance Company Limited (see Note (vii) below)	Nigeria	Micro-lending	100%	31 Dec

(i) This represents the cost of the Company's 100% equity holding in First City Monument Bank Limited. The Company was incorporated under the Companies and Allied Matters Act as a Private Limited Liability Company on 20 April, 1982. It was licensed on 11 August, 1983 to carry on the business of Commercial Banking and Commercial Business on 1 September 1983. The Bank was converted into a Public Limited Liability Company and its shares listed on the Nigerian Stock Exchange on 21 December, 2004. The Bank was however delisted from the Nigerian Stock Exchange on 21 June 2013 and registered as a Limited Liability Company on 4 September 2013 following the group restructuring. In line with the Central Bank of Nigeria recapitalisation policy, the company invested additional N140.9bn to shore up the capital base of the Bank in December 2024 and another N22.73bn in September 2025. In order to fully recapitalize the Bank in line with CBN directive, in March 2026, the Company invested additional N233.99bn to secure the international banking license.

(ii) This represents the cost of the Company's 100% equity holding in FCMB Capital Markets Limited. The Company was incorporated in April 4, 2002.

(iii) This represents the cost of the Company's 100% equity holding in CSL Stockbrokers Limited. The Company was incorporated on January 24, 1979 and commenced operations in May 1979.

(iv) This represents the cost of the Company's 100% equity holding in FCMB Trustees Limited. The Company was incorporated in November 24, 2010. The company invested additional N180m in FCMB Trustees Limited in September 2015 in order to recapitalize the business in line with the new SEC minimum capitalisation policy of N300m for trustee businesses in Nigeria. The company changed its name from CSL Trustees Limited to FCMB Trustees Limited in February 2019.

(v) This represents the cost of the Company's 100% equity holding in FCMB Microfinance Bank Limited. The Company was incorporated on February 25, 2015 and started operations on January 1, 2017. The company invested additional N850m in FCMB Microfinance Bank Limited in December 2022 in order to recapitalize the business in line with the Central Bank of Nigeria directive to recapitalize Microfinance Banks with State License to N1billion.

(vi) This represents the Company's 82.54% equity holding in FCMB Pensions Limited, a pension fund manager licensed to carry on the business of fund and pension management. The company was incorporated in April 2005 and commenced operations in May 2005. FCMB Pensions Limited was a former associate company to the Group by virtue of the Group's initial 28.22% equity holding. However, the Group acquired additional 60% .342% and 1.16% equity holding in November 2017, August 2018 and August 2020 respectively thereby raising the total equity holding to 92.80%. The company changed its name from Legacy Pension Managers Limited to FCMB Pensions Limited in November 2018. In February 2026, the company divested 10% of its equity interest in FCMB Pensions Limited and effectively retained 82.54% equity holding.

(vii) This represents the Company's 100% equity holding in Credit Direct Finance Company Limited. The Company was incorporated on June 13, 2006 and commenced operations in January 2007.

(viii) There are no significant restrictions on the ability of subsidiaries to transfer funds to the Group in the form of cash dividends or repayment of loans and advances.

(ix) The investments are carried at cost less impairment. There was no impairments on any of the subsidiaries as at the reporting date (2025: nil).

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	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025
30 Investment in associates				
(a) Investment in associate company:				
Balance at 1 January	2,131,287	1,738,796	-	-
Dividend received during the period	(48,864)	(795,239)	-	-
Share of profit after tax	139,632	1,187,730	-	-
Balance at year end	2,222,055	2,131,287	-	-

In thousands of Naira

31 This comprises:

(a) Property and equipment, and right of use assets

GROUP									
31 MAR 2026									
In thousands of Naira	Leasehold land	Buildings	Right-of-use Assets - Buildings	Leasehold improvement	Motor vehicles	Furniture, fittings and Equipment	Computer equipment	Capital Work in progress	Total
Cost									
At 1 January	4,685,144	28,789,127	8,217,228	7,111,561	11,029,242	48,509,601	8,981,662	1,874,981	119,198,546
Additions during the year	(401)	-	-	-	268,085	30,096	2,685	(410,981)	(112,516)
Reclassifications	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer from intangible assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(244,596)	(244,596)
Derecognised during the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Items written-off during the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Effect of movements in exchange rates	-	631,544	284,675	(27,260)	495,009	964,197	425,943	-	2,774,108
Balance at the end	4,684,743	29,420,671	8,501,903	7,084,301	11,790,336	49,503,894	9,410,290	1,219,404	121,615,542
Accumulated depreciation									
At 1 January	-	6,780,491	2,058,185	6,029,958	6,326,719	30,561,721	4,325,686	-	56,082,760
Depreciation for the period	-	281,141	321,067	69,546	408,236	1,576,753	463,559	-	3,120,302
Eliminated on Disposal	-	(146,296)	-	-	-	(1)	(1,132)	-	(147,429)
Derecognised during the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Effect of movements in exchange rates	-	-	(31,238)	(3,303)	-	(17,979)	212	-	(52,308)
Balance at the end	-	6,915,336	2,348,014	6,096,201	6,734,955	32,120,494	4,788,325	-	59,003,325
31 DEC 2025									
In thousands of Naira	Leasehold land	Buildings	Right-of-use Assets - Buildings	Leasehold improvement	Motor vehicles	Furniture, fittings and Equipment	Computer equipment	Capital Work in progress	Total
Cost									
At 1 January	4,684,743	26,978,705	5,660,562	7,191,035	7,900,419	39,667,584	6,896,597	2,405,200	101,384,845
Additions during the year	401	1,880,808	3,223,384	-	3,429,091	9,246,619	2,077,129	950,121	20,807,553
Reclassifications	-	495,914	-	-	23,566	491,821	144,808	(1,156,109)	-
Disposal during the year	-	(288,216)	-	(7,615)	(193,510)	(68,036)	-	-	(557,377)
Derecognised during the year	-	-	(576,005)	-	-	-	-	-	(576,005)
Items written-off during the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(135)	(135)
Effect of movements in exchange rates	-	(278,084)	(90,713)	(71,859)	(130,324)	(828,387)	(136,872)	-	(1,536,239)
Balance at the end	4,685,144	28,789,127	8,217,228	7,111,561	11,029,242	48,509,601	8,981,662	1,874,981	119,198,546
Accumulated depreciation									
At 1 January	-	6,336,422	1,192,653	5,837,854	5,215,882	24,050,259	2,757,307	-	45,390,377
Depreciation for the year	-	595,989	1,244,175	174,154	1,475,096	6,696,384	1,715,892	-	11,901,690
Eliminated on Disposal	-	(151,920)	-	-	(193,510)	(68,036)	(2,122)	-	(415,588)
Derecognised during the year	-	-	(333,414)	-	-	-	-	-	(333,414)
Effect of movements in exchange rates	-	-	(45,229)	17,950	(170,749)	(116,886)	(145,391)	-	(460,305)
Balance at the end	-	6,780,491	2,058,185	6,029,958	6,326,719	30,561,721	4,325,686	-	56,082,760
Carrying amounts:									
Balance at end of the period	4,684,743	22,505,335	6,153,889	988,100	5,055,381	17,383,400	4,621,965	1,219,404	62,612,217
Balance at 31 December 2025	4,685,144	22,008,636	6,159,043	1,081,603	4,702,523	17,947,880	4,655,976	1,874,981	63,115,786

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COMPANY									
31 MAR 2026									
In thousands of Naira	Leasehold land	Buildings	Right-of-use Assets - Buildings	Leasehold improvement	Motor vehicles	Furniture, fittings and Equipment	Computer equipment	Capital Work in progress	Total
Cost									
At 1 January	-	-	-	68,133	192,527	40,843	40,815	244,596	586,914
Additions during the year	-	-	-	-	266,085	-	2,685	-	268,770
Transfer from intangible assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(244,596)	(244,596)
Balance at the end	-	-	-	68,133	458,612	40,843	43,500	-	611,088
Accumulated depreciation									
At 1 January	-	-	-	14,989	101,645	23,460	18,036	-	158,130
Depreciation for the year (see note 16)	-	-	-	1,574	12,033	1,804	2,442	-	17,853
Eliminated on Disposal	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	(1,132)	-	(1,133)
Derecognised during the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at the end	-	-	-	16,563	113,678	25,263	19,346	-	174,850
31 DEC 2025									
In thousands of Naira	Leasehold land	Buildings	Right-of-use Assets - Buildings	Leasehold improvement	Motor vehicles	Furniture, fittings and Equipment	Computer equipment	Capital Work in progress	Total
Cost									
At 1 January	-	-	-	68,133	192,527	32,956	32,478	-	326,094
Additions during the year	-	-	-	-	-	8,002	10,578	244,596	263,176
Reclassifications	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposal during the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Derecognised during the year	-	-	-	-	-	(116)	(2,241)	-	(2,356)
Items written-off	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at the end	-	-	-	68,133	192,527	40,843	40,815	244,596	586,914
Accumulated depreciation									
At 1 January	-	-	-	8,694	53,513	16,480	11,645	-	90,332
Depreciation for the year	-	-	-	6,295	48,132	7,095	8,513	-	70,035
Eliminated on Disposal	-	-	-	-	-	(115)	(2,122)	-	(2,237)
Derecognised during the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at the end	-	-	-	14,989	101,645	23,460	18,036	-	158,130
Carrying amounts:									
Balance at end of the period	-	-	-	51,570	344,934	15,580	24,154	-	436,238
Balance at 31 December 2025	-	-	-	53,144	90,882	17,383	22,779	244,596	428,784

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	GROUP		COMPANY	
	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025
32 Intangible assets				
Software (see note (a) below)	21,090,203	19,919,102	422,814	149,160
Goodwill (see note (d) below)	19,291,037	19,291,037	-	-
Customer relationships (see note (e) below)	1,274,357	1,299,022	-	-
	41,655,597	40,509,161	422,814	149,160
(a) Software				
Cost				
At 1 January	46,221,289	36,872,317	163,243	163,243
Additions during the year	1,588,306	39,463,647	279,739	-
Work-in-progress - additions during the year	4,919,864	4,919,864	-	-
Capitalised during the year	(6,260,136)	(6,260,136)	-	-
Transfer from property and equipment	324,096	-	-	-
Effect of movement in exchange rates	2,284,647	-28,774,403	-	-
Balance at the end	49,078,066	46,221,289	442,982	163,243
Accumulated amortisation				
At 1 January	26,302,187	21,218,750	14,083	5,898
Amortisation for the year	1,849,094	5,414,892	6,085	8,185
Disposal during the year	-	-	-	-
Effect of movement in exchange rates	(163,418)	(331,455)	-	-
Balance at the end	27,987,863	26,302,187	20,168	14,083
Carrying amount	21,090,203	19,919,102	422,814	149,160
(b) There were no capitalised borrowing costs related to any acquisition during the year (31 December 2025: nil)				
(c) There was no impairment loss on the Bank's software during the year (31 December 2025: nil)				
(d) Goodwill				
At 1 January	19,291,037	19,291,037	-	-
Carrying amount	19,291,037	19,291,037	-	-
(e) Customer relationships				
At 1 January	1,677,217	1,677,217	-	-
Acquired during the year	-	-	-	-
	1,677,217	1,677,217	-	-
Accumulated depreciation				
At 1 January	378,195	279,535	-	-
Charged during the year:	24,665	98,660	-	-
	402,860	378,195	-	-
Net book value	1,274,357	1,299,022	-	-
	41,655,597	40,509,161	422,814	149,160

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33 Deferred tax assets and liabilities**(a) Recognised deferred tax assets and liabilities**

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are attributable to the following:

Group	31 MAR 2026			31 DEC 2025		
	Assets	Liabilities	Net	Assets	Liabilities	Net
Property and equipment	1,203,659	-	1,203,659	1,742,977	(540,762)	1,202,215
Allowances for loan losses	3,278,580	(1,386,751)	1,891,829	3,563,351	-	3,563,351
Tax loss carried forward	4,373,032	-	4,373,032	4,537,223	-	4,537,223
Effects of movement in exchange rates	76,882	-	76,882	47,495	(1,071,390)	(1,023,895)
Net tax assets/ (liabilities)	8,850,984	(1,386,751)	7,464,233	9,350,284	(1,612,152)	7,738,132

Company	31 MAR 2026			31 DEC 2025		
	Assets	Liabilities	Net	Assets	Liabilities	Net
Property and equipment	-	33,883	33,883	-	33,883	33,883
Allowances for loan losses	-	(1,109,000)	(1,109,000)	-	(1,109,000)	(1,109,000)
Tax loss carried forward	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net tax assets/ (liabilities)	-	(1,075,118)	(1,075,118)	-	(1,071,390)	(1,075,118)

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34 Deposits from banks

Money market deposits
Trade related obligations to foreign banks

	GROUP		COMPANY	
	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025
Money market deposits	3,166,469	2,521,042	-	-
Trade related obligations to foreign banks	793,453,191	1,007,634,923	-	-
	796,619,660	1,010,355,965	-	-

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35 Deposits from customers

Term deposits
Current deposits
Savings

Corporate customers:

Term deposits
Current deposits

	GROUP		COMPANY	
	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025
Term deposits	786,302,329	1,032,122,237	-	-
Current deposits	946,392,354	522,529,561	-	-
Savings	1,322,263,349	1,318,417,902	-	-
	3,054,958,032	2,873,069,700	-	-
Corporate customers:				
Term deposits	566,252,388	496,314,817	-	-
Current deposits	1,054,976,940	1,049,136,441	-	-
	1,621,229,328	1,545,451,258	-	-
	4,676,187,360	4,418,520,958	-	-

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36 Retirement benefit obligations

Defined contribution scheme

The Group and its employees make a joint contribution, 18% of basic salary, housing and transport allowance to each employee's retirement savings account maintained with their nominated pension fund administrators. During the year, the Group complied with the Pension Reform Act 2014 and contributed 10% while employees contributed 8%. The payments made to the pension fund administrators are up to date.

Total contributions to the scheme for the year were as follows:

At 1 January	112,623	52,502	-	-
Charged to profit or loss for the year	489,480	1,652,945	8,809	32,882
Employee contribution for the year	391,584	2,066,181	7,047	41,103
Total amounts remitted for the year	(194,750)	(3,659,005)	(15,856)	(73,985)
Balance at the end	<u>798,937</u>	<u>112,623</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

In thousands of Naira**37 Other liabilities****(a) Other financial liabilities:**

	GROUP		COMPANY	
	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025
Customers' deposit for letters of credit	42,506,026	41,060,287	-	-
Bank cheques/drafts	6,780,910	6,982,718	-	-
Negotiated letters of credits	58,388,962	44,103,965	-	-
E-settlement payables	21,393,839	24,322,853	-	-
Collections and settlement account balances (see note (c))	44,297,175	283,762,318	-	-
Unclaimed items	2,204,272	2,918,176	-	-
Undisbursed intervention funds & payable suspense (see note (d))	3,458,027	3,065,172	-	-
Accounts payables	70,509,586	39,657,804	9,483,038	17,173,847
Accounts payable - unclaimed dividend	1,366,469	1,366,469	1,366,469	1,366,469
	<u>250,905,266</u>	<u>447,239,762</u>	<u>10,849,507</u>	<u>18,540,316</u>

(b) Other non-financial liabilities:

Deferred income & Rent received in advance (see note (f))	1,668,171	2,650,252	-	-
Withholding tax and value added tax payables	8,514,371	8,056,379	107,979	159,047
Accrued expenses	62,435,869	48,532,240	3,115,027	2,611,895
Lease liability (see note (g))	2,604,022	2,763,322	-	-
	<u>75,222,433</u>	<u>62,002,193</u>	<u>3,223,006</u>	<u>2,770,942</u>
	<u>326,127,699</u>	<u>509,241,955</u>	<u>14,072,513</u>	<u>21,311,258</u>

(c) Collections are balances held in trust on behalf of customers for various transactions. These include collection for remittances, payments, etc.

(d) This relates to onlending facilities undisbursed as customers are yet to meet conditions precedent to drawdown as well as the related accrued payables.

(f) This relates to outstanding rent paid in advances from sublet and Included deferred income are fees on financial guarantee contracts, which represents the amount initially recognised less cumulative amortisation.

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	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025
38 Provision				
Legal claims (see note (d))	11,233,657	11,036,153	-	-
Financial guarantee contracts and loan commitments issued (see note (b))	774,401	782,255	-	-
	12,008,058	11,818,408	-	-
In thousands of Naira	GROUP		COMPANY	
	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025
39 On-lending facilities				
Bank of industry (BOI)	76,025,690	142,582,601	-	-
Commercial Agriculture Credit Scheme (CACS)	580,055	580,055	-	-
Real Sector Support Facility (RSSF) Differentiated Cash Reserve Requirement Scheme (DCRR)	130,975,249	139,855,750	-	-
Power & Aviation Intervention Fund	2,536,142	2,540,974	-	-
Babagona Agricultural Scheme	2,124,626	2,114,428	-	-
Development Bank of Nigeria (DBN)	25,851,909	28,518,695	-	-
National Agricultural Development Fund(NADF)	1,808,983	-	-	-
Bank Of Agriculture Limited (BOA)	48,352,473	-	-	-
Ministry Of Finance Real Estate Investment Fund (MREIF)	2,015,303	-	-	-
Nigerian Export - Import Bank (NEXIM)	-	2,000,000	-	-
	290,270,430	318,192,503	-	-
In thousands of Naira	GROUP		COMPANY	
	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025
40 Debt securities issued				
Debt securities at amortised cost:				
Note issued	29,997,098	29,997,098	-	-
Note issued	14,202,624	14,202,624	-	-
Commercial paper issued	-	77,383,434	-	-
	44,199,722	121,583,156	-	-
In thousands of Naira	GROUP		COMPANY	
	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025
41 Borrowings				
(a) Borrowings comprise:				
Oikocredit Cooperative Society, Netherlands	-	2,933,494	-	-
Societe De Promotion et De Participation Pour La Cooperation Economique SA. (Proparco)	2,887,107	14,584,585	-	-
African Export-Import Bank (Afrexim)	14,395,141	-	-	-
African Development Bank (AfDB)	210,196,203	64,592,240	-	-
African Export-Import Bank (Afrexim)	53,495,156	72,298,304	-	-
British International	63,908,524	-	-	-
Netherlands Development Finance Company (FMO)	70,560,032	66,036,258	-	-
FCMB Asset Management	64,991,615	145,125,450	3,594,347	5,708,894
	153,589,777	365,570,331	3,594,347	5,708,894
	634,023,555	365,570,331	3,594,347	5,708,894

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In thousands of Naira	GROUP		COMPANY	
	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025
42 Share capital				
(a) Authorised				
65.95 billion ordinary shares of 50k each (31 December 2025: 42.77 billion)	32,977,297	21,385,853	32,977,297	21,385,853
(b) Issued and fully paid				
65.95 billion ordinary shares of 50k each (31 December 2025: 42.77 billion)	32,977,297	21,385,853	32,977,297	21,385,853
The movement on the issued and fully paid-up share capital account during the year was as follows:				
At 1 January	21,385,853	19,802,710	21,385,853	19,802,710
Issue of shares	11,591,444	1,583,143	11,591,444	1,583,143
Balance at the end	32,977,297	21,385,853	32,977,297	21,385,853
(d) Additional Tier 1 (AT1) Capital (Series I & II)	46,686,000	46,686,000	46,686,000	46,686,000

On the 16 February 2023, FCMB Group Plc issued a N20,686,000,000.00 (series 1) Perpetual 16% Fixed Rate Resettable NC 5.25 Additional Tier 1 Subordinated Bonds ("the Bonds" or "AT1 Instrument") under the Issuer's N300,000,000,000 Debt Issuance Programme listed on the FMDQ Exchange and/or The NGX. The proceeds was used for the purchase of the Intercompany Notes issued by First City Monument Bank Limited, for purposes of the Bank financing incremental term lending in focus sectors and shoring up the Bank's regulatory capital base. The Intercompany Notes were issued under the same terms as the AT1.

On the 24 October 2023, FCMB Group Plc issued a N26,000,000,000.00 (series 2) Perpetual 16% Fixed Rate Resettable NC 5.25 Additional Tier 1 Subordinated Bonds ("the Bonds" or "AT1 Instrument") under the Issuer's N300,000,000,000 Debt Issuance Programme listed on the FMDQ Exchange and/or The NGX. The proceeds was used for the purchase of the Intercompany Notes issued by First City Monument Bank Limited, for purposes of the Bank financing incremental term lending in focus sectors and shoring up the Bank's regulatory capital base. The Intercompany Notes were issued under the same terms as the AT1.

The principal terms of the issue are described below:

- (i) The AT1 security will rank in claim behind all present and future Senior Obligation; pari passu without any preference among themselves with all present and future parity obligations and in priority to all payments in respect of all present and future Junior Obligations.
- (ii) The AT1 security is undated and are redeemable, at the option of FCMB Group PLC in whole at any time from the fifth year up to and including the First Reset Date, and every Interest Payment Date thereafter; subject to the prior approval of the Central Bank of Nigeria and the CBN Guidelines on Regulatory Capital (as amended from time to time).
- (iii) AT1 security will bear a fixed rate of interest of 16% percent until the initial call date or the initial reset date, as the case may be. After the initial call date or the initial reset date, as the case may be, in the event that they are not redeemed, the AT1 security shall bear interest on its Outstanding Principal Amount at a rate per annum (the "Interest Rate") equal to:
 - (a). In respect of the period from (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the First Reset Date, 16% per annum; and
 - (b). In respect of each Reset Period, the aggregate of: (i) the Reset Margin of 1.44% per annum and (ii) the then applicable Benchmark Rate.

The Interest Rate in (b) above ("Reset Interest Rate") shall apply in the event that the Bonds are not redeemed on any Reset Date, and it shall be determined by the Calculation Agent on the Reset Determination Date. The Reset Margin will be fixed, and there will be no step-up in the interest rate. Interest rate is subject to "Coupon Discretion" and/ "Loss Absorption".
- (iv) Interest on the AT1 security will be due and payable only at the sole discretion of the Bank, and it has sole and absolute discretion at all times and for any reason to cancel (in whole or in part) any interest payment that would otherwise be payable on any interest payment date. Interest on the Notes will be payable semi-annually in arrears on the 16 February and 16 August of each year, from the Issue Date of 16 February 2023, and 24 April and 24 October of each year from the issue Date of 16 October 2023 respectively up to and, including, the Call Date or Reset Date.

Interest coupon paid on Additional Tier 1 (AT1) Capital	GROUP		COMPANY	
	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025
	-	7,466,366	-	7,466,366
	-	7,466,366	-	7,466,366

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43 Share premium and reserves

The nature and purpose of the reserves in equity are as follows:

- (a) **Share premium:** is the excess paid by shareholders over the nominal value for their shares. Premiums from the issue of shares are reported in share premium.
- (b) **Retained earnings:** Retained earnings comprise the undistributed profits from previous years, which have not been reclassified to the other reserves.
- (c) **Other reserves:** comprises of these reserves;
- (i) **Statutory reserve:** Nigerian banking regulations require the Bank to make an annual appropriation to a statutory reserve. As stipulated by S.16(1) of the Banks and Other Financial Institution Act of 1991 (amended), an appropriation of 30% of profit after tax is made if the statutory reserve is less than paid-up share capital and 15% of profit after tax if the statutory reserve is greater than the paid up share capital. The Bank transferred 15% of its profit after tax to statutory reserves as at year end (31 December 2022: 15%).
- (ii) **AGSMEIS reserve:** The AGSMEIS reserve is maintained to comply with the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) requirement that all licensed banks set aside a portion of the profit after tax in a fund to be used to finance equity investment in qualifying small and medium scale enterprises. Under the terms of the guideline (amended by CBN letter dated 11 July 2006), the contributions will be 10% of profit after tax and shall continue after the first 5 years but Banks' contributions shall thereafter reduce to 5% of profit after tax. The small and medium scale industries equity investment scheme reserves are non-distributable. In the CBN Circular dated 5 April 2017, all DMBs are required to set aside and remit 5% of the annual profit after tax for equity investments.
- (iii) **Fair Value Reserve:** The fair value reserves comprise:
- the cumulative net change in the fair value of equity securities designated at fair value through other comprehensive income and
- the cumulative net change in fair value of debt securities at fair value through other comprehensive income until the assets are derecognised or reclassified. The amount is reduced by the amount of loss allowance.
- (iv) **Regulatory risk reserve:** The regulatory risk reserve warehouses the difference between the impairment of loans and advances under the Nigerian GAAP and Central Bank of Nigeria prudential guidelines and the expected loss model used in calculating the impairment balance under IFRS.
- (v) **Foreign currency translation reserve (FCTR):** Records exchange movements on the Group's net investment in foreign subsidiaries.
- (vi) **Forbearance reserve:** this is a non-distributable reserve which arose from forbearance granted by Central Bank of Nigeria being an additional appropriation of 15% of profit after tax to account for potential future provisions valid until 30 June 2025.

44 Non-controlling Interest (NCI)

Disclosure of NCI in the Group's subsidiary

The following table summarises the information relating to the Group's subsidiary - FCMB Pensions Limited

	GROUP	
	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025
NCI Percentage	17.46%	8.29%
Total Assets	30,082,226	28,048,366
Total Liabilities	12,725,602	13,265,473
Net Assets	17,356,624	14,782,893
Estimated NCI share of Net Assets	3,030,467	1,225,502
Adjustment to NCI	(244,354)	(244,354)
Net assets attributable to NCI	2,786,112	981,147
Movement in NCI		
Balance at 1 January	981,147	810,629
Transfer to associate		
Dividend paid/declared		(90,755)
Additional NCI	1,633,149	
Share of profit post acquisition	171,815	256,419
Share of other comprehensive income		4,855
Total NCI at 31 December	2,786,112	981,147

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The Group in its ordinary course of business is presently involved in 451 cases as a defendant (31 December 2024: 429) and 56 cases as a plaintiff (31 December 2024: 104). The total amount claimed in the 451 cases against the Group is estimated at N464.11 billion (31 December 2024: N152.21 billion) while the total amount claimed in the 56 cases instituted by the Group is N1.9billion (31 December 2023: N22 billion).

The Directors of the Group are of the opinion that none of the aforementioned cases is likely to have material adverse effect on the Group and are not aware of any other pending and or threatened claims or litigation which may be material to the financial statements. Based on the realistic reserves as recommended by solicitors in charge of these ongoing litigations, a provision has been made for the period ended 31 December 2025 of N11.04billion (31 December 2023: N12.23billion). See note 37(a) for the provisions made in the books for claims.

Other contingent liabilities and commitments

Bank conducts business involving acceptances, performance bonds and indemnities. The majority of these facilities are offset by corresponding obligations of third parties. Contingent liabilities and commitments comprise acceptances, endorsements, guarantees and letters of credit.

Nature of instruments

An acceptance is undertaken by a bank to pay a bill of exchange drawn on a customer. The Bank expects most acceptances to be presented, but reimbursement by the customer is normally immediate. Endorsements are residual liabilities of the Bank in respect of bills of exchange, which have been paid and subsequently rediscounted.

Guarantees and letters of credit are given as security to support the performance of a customer to third parties. As the Bank will only be required to meet these obligations in the event of the customer's default, the cash requirements of these instruments are expected to be considerably below their nominal amounts.

Other contingent liabilities include transaction related custom and performance bonds and are generally short term commitments to third parties which are not directly dependent on the customer's credit worthiness. Commitments to lend are agreements to lend to a customer in the future, subject to certain conditions. Such commitments are either made for a fixed year, or have no specific maturity dates but are cancellable by the lender subject to notice requirements. Documentary credits commit the Group to make payments to third parties, on production of documents, which are usually reimbursed immediately by customers.

The table below summarises the fair value amount of contingent liabilities and commitments off-financial position risk:

Acceptances, bonds, guarantees and other obligations for the account of customers:

In thousands of Naira	GROUP		COMPANY	
	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025	31 MAR 2026	31 DEC 2025
Performance bonds and guarantees	619,005,565	618,334,206	-	-
Loan commitments	-	2,623,450	-	-
Clean line letters of credit	262,508,866	209,103,435	-	-
	881,514,431	830,061,091	-	-
Other commitments	25,059	26,550	-	-
	881,539,490	830,087,641	-	-

Clean line letters of credit, which represent irrevocable assurances that the Bank will make payments in the event that a customer cannot meet its obligations, carry the same credit risk as loans.

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For the period ended

46 Group subsidiaries and related party transactions**(a) Parent and Ultimate controlling party**

FCMB Group Plc is the ultimate parent company and its subsidiaries are as listed in note 46(b) below.

(b) Subsidiaries:

Transactions between FCMB Group Plc and its subsidiaries which are eliminated on consolidation are not separately disclosed in the consolidated financial statements. The Group's effective interests and investments in subsidiaries as at 31 March 2026 are shown below.

Entity	Form of holding	Effective holding	Nominal share capital held N'000	Country of incorporation	Nature of Business
(1) First City Monument Bank Limited	Direct	100%	513,075,636	Nigeria	Banking
(2) FCMB Capital Markets Limited	Direct	100%	240,000	Nigeria	Capital Market
(3) CSL Stockbrokers Limited (CSLS)	Direct	100%	3,053,777	Nigeria	Stockbroking
(4) FCMB Trustees Limited	Direct	100%	220,000	Nigeria	Trusteeship
(5) FCMB Microfinance Bank Limited	Direct	100%	1,000,000	Nigeria	Micro-lending
(6) FCMB Pensions Limited					Pension Fund
(7) Credit Direct Finance Company Limited (CDFCL)	Direct	82.54%	10,625,493	Nigeria	Manager
(8) FCMB (UK) Limited (FCMB UK)	Direct	100%	366,210	Nigeria	Micro-lending
(9) FCMB Asset Management Limited	Indirect	100%	7,791,147	United Kingdom	Banking
(10) FCMB Financing SPV Plc.	Indirect	100%	50,000	Nigeria	Asset Management
	Indirect	100%	250	Nigeria	Capital Raising

(c) Significant restrictions

The Group does not have significant restrictions on its ability to access or use its assets and settle its liabilities other than those resulting from the supervisory frameworks within which its banking subsidiaries operate. The carrying amounts of banking subsidiaries' assets and liabilities are N231.99billion and N188.83billion respectively (31 December 2025: N757.49billion and N665.67billion respectively).

The Group does not have any subsidiary that has material non-controlling interest.

(d) Condensed Financial Information

(i) The condensed financial data of the consolidated entities as at 31 March 2026 were as follows:

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS											
In thousands of Naira	FCMB GROUP PLC	FCMB LIMITED GROUP	CSL				FCMB MFB LIMITED	FCMB PENSIONS LIMITED	CREDIT DIRECT FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED	CONSOLIDATION	
			FCMB CM LIMITED	STOCKBROKERS LIMITED GROUP	FCMB TRUSTEES LIMITED	STOCKBROKERS LIMITED GROUP				TOTAL	JOURNAL ENTRIES
Interest and discount income	13,096,029	252,463,150	81,128	336,239	21,754	181,411	301,621	22,324,909	288,806,241	(2,670,285)	286,135,956
Interest expense	(2,115,039)	(110,843,094)	-	(38,281)	-	(7,154)	-	(7,453,359)	(120,456,927)	2,670,285	(117,786,642)
Net interest income	10,980,990	141,620,056	81,128	297,958	21,754	174,257	301,621	14,871,550	168,349,314	-	168,349,314
Other income	9,959,815	2,617,454	567,788	2,466,322	141,730	22,295	3,216,320	149,395	19,141,119	(1,446,285)	17,694,834
Operating income	20,940,805	144,237,510	648,916	2,764,280	163,484	196,552	3,517,941	15,020,945	187,490,433	(1,446,285)	186,044,148
Operating expenses	(2,020,284)	(75,638,709)	(284,039)	(1,136,065)	(93,563)	(113,896)	(2,112,153)	(6,935,949)	(88,334,658)	1,446,285	(86,888,373)
Impairment losses on financial instruments	-	(12,535,708)	-	(158,051)	-	(8,033)	-	75,346	(12,308,344)	-	(12,308,344)
Results from operating activities	18,920,521	56,063,093	364,877	1,786,265	69,921	76,623	1,405,788	8,160,342	86,847,431	-	86,847,431
Share of post tax result of associate	-	-	-	139,632	-	-	-	-	139,632	-	139,632
Profit before tax	18,920,521	56,063,093	364,877	1,925,898	69,921	76,623	1,405,788	8,160,342	86,987,063	-	86,987,063
Income tax expense	-	(6,434,087)	(120,410)	(618,850)	(20,277)	-	(421,736)	(2,844,997)	(10,460,357)	-	(10,460,357)
Profit after tax	18,920,521	49,629,006	244,467	1,307,048	49,644	76,623	984,052	5,315,345	76,526,706	-	76,526,706
Other comprehensive income	-	3,851,068	-	61,159	-	-	-	-	3,912,227	-	3,912,227
Total comprehensive income for the period	18,920,521	53,480,074	244,467	1,368,207	49,644	76,623	984,052	5,315,345	80,438,933	-	80,438,933
FINANCIAL POSITION											
In thousands of Naira	FCMB GROUP PLC	FCMB LIMITED GROUP	CSL				FCMB MFB LIMITED	FCMB PENSIONS LIMITED	CREDIT DIRECT FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED	CONSOLIDATION	
			FCMB CM LIMITED	STOCKBROKERS LIMITED GROUP	FCMB TRUSTEES LIMITED	STOCKBROKERS LIMITED GROUP				TOTAL	JOURNAL ENTRIES
Assets	761,982	1,796,920,728	346,326	10,421,510	1,305,901	1,756,905	10,474,611	34,538,828	1,856,526,791	(46,346,552)	1,810,180,239
Cash and cash equivalents	-	1,203,541,338	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,203,541,338	-	1,203,541,338
Restricted reserve deposits	-	229,879,280	-	3,026,476	-	-	-	-	232,905,756	-	232,905,756
Non-pledged trading assets	-	447,021	-	-	-	-	-	-	447,021	-	447,021
Derivative assets held for risk management	-	2,101,095,053	81,477	253,376	10,590	994,117	759,657	154,233,518	2,257,427,788	-	2,257,427,788
Loans and advances to customers	-	93,756,398	-	-	-	-	-	-	93,756,398	-	93,756,398
Assets pledged as collateral	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment securities	90,741,047	2,126,112,059	4,519,334	2,494,089	147,924	44,263	3,695,086	-	2,227,753,802	(57,974,960)	2,169,778,842
Investment in subsidiaries	528,581,116	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	528,581,116	-	528,581,116
Investment in associates	-	-	-	2,222,055	-	-	-	-	2,222,055	-	2,222,055
Property and equipment, and right of use assets	436,238	54,807,139	30,121	272,035	71,947	82,841	2,976,199	3,935,697	62,612,217	-	62,612,217
Intangible assets	422,814	24,385,060	-	108,833	80,529	-	9,324,160	1,989,098	38,310,464	5,345,113	41,655,597
Deferred tax assets	-	8,432,328	49,560	44,132	-	-	-	324,964	8,550,984	-	8,550,984
Other assets	22,833,796	55,266,339	461,906	5,430,140	943,010	376,718	2,852,513	6,885,459	95,049,881	(14,422,552)	80,627,329
	643,776,993	7,694,642,743	5,488,724	24,272,646	2,559,901	3,254,844	30,082,226	201,907,554	8,605,985,631	(641,980,067)	7,964,005,564
Financed by:											
Derivative liabilities held for risk management	-	208,334	-	-	-	-	-	-	208,334	-	208,334
Deposits from banks	-	796,619,660	-	-	-	-	-	-	796,619,660	-	796,619,660
Deposits from customers	-	4,721,750,756	-	-	-	783,157	-	-	4,722,533,913	(46,346,553)	4,676,187,360
Borrowings	3,594,347	480,433,778	-	-	-	17,090	-	149,978,340	634,023,555	-	634,023,555
On-lending facilities	-	290,270,430	-	-	-	-	-	-	290,270,430	-	290,270,430
Debt securities issued	-	55,177,465	-	-	-	-	-	-	55,177,465	(10,977,743)	44,199,722
Retirement benefit obligations	-	60,860	-	-	-	-	-	677,424	60,863	-	798,937
Current income tax liabilities	4,526,751	20,681,226	727,394	1,902,064	95,163	146,873	421,736	11,807,073	40,308,280	-	40,308,280
Deferred tax liabilities	1,071,390	-	-	44,061	12,289	18,008	241,003	-	1,386,751	-	1,386,751
Provision	-	12,008,058	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,008,058	-	12,008,058
Other liabilities	14,072,513	277,407,753	1,814,934	12,483,559	1,823,241	610,204	11,385,439	14,259,017	338,856,664	(7,728,965)	326,127,699
Share capital	32,977,297	10,000,000	500,000	943,577	50,000	1,000,000	1,380,661	500,000	47,351,535	(14,374,238)	32,977,297
Share premium	479,366,270	490,500,000	-	1,057,250	170,000	-	4,177,965	-	975,271,485	(495,905,215)	479,366,270
Additional Tier 1 (AT1) Capital issued	46,686,000	46,686,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	93,372,000	(46,686,000)	46,686,000
Retained earnings	61,201,801	345,695,220	2,446,396	6,841,249	409,204	374,238	9,284,797	18,835,035	445,087,940	(145,220,967)	299,866,973
Other reserves	280,624	147,143,203	-	1,000,886	-	305,274	2,513,201	6,467,436	157,710,624	122,473,502	280,184,126
Non-controlling interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,786,112	-	2,786,112
	643,776,993	7,694,642,743	5,488,724	24,272,646	2,559,901	3,254,844	30,082,226	201,907,554	8,605,985,631	(641,980,067)	7,964,005,564
Acceptances and guarantees	-	881,539,490	-	-	-	-	-	-	881,539,490	-	881,539,490

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CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

(i) The condensed financial data of the consolidated entities as at 31 March 2025 were as follows:

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

In thousands of Naira	FCMB GROUP PLC	FCMB LIMITED GROUP	CSL STOCKBROKER S LIMITED GROUP		FCMB TRUSTEES LIMITED	FCMB MFB LIMITED	FCMB PENSIONS LIMITED	CREDIT DIRECT FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED	TOTAL	CONSOLIDATION	
			FCMB CM LIMITED	GROUP						JOURNAL ENTRIES	GROUP
Interest and discount income	3,223,007	200,334,865	86,965	194,487	18,187	152,013	158,827	13,787,584	217,955,935	(3,594,135)	214,361,800
Interest expense	(2,148,796)	(123,280,594)	-	(15,178)	-	(3,153)	-	(5,012,137)	(130,459,819)	3,594,135	(126,865,683)
Net interest income	1,074,251	77,054,271	86,965	179,309	18,187	148,860	158,827	8,775,447	87,496,117	-	87,496,117
Other income	1,364,042	28,068,243	767,687	1,324,779	99,437	20,558	2,489,197	126,494	34,260,437	(1,438,491)	32,821,946
Operating income	2,438,293	105,122,514	854,652	1,504,088	117,624	169,418	2,648,024	8,901,941	121,756,554	(1,438,491)	120,318,063
Operating expenses	(1,644,273)	(67,608,301)	(339,482)	(823,532)	(71,996)	(93,129)	(1,664,897)	(4,367,085)	(76,612,695)	1,065,021	(75,547,674)
Impairment losses on financial instruments	-	(9,089,989)	-	7,387	-	(3,258)	-	(434,026)	(9,519,886)	-	(9,519,886)
Results from operating activities	794,020	28,424,224	515,170	687,943	45,628	73,031	983,127	4,100,830	35,623,973	(373,470)	35,250,503
Share of post tax result of associate	-	-	-	(230,137)	-	-	-	-	(230,137)	-	(230,137)
Profit before tax	794,020	28,424,224	515,170	457,806	45,628	73,031	983,127	4,100,830	35,393,836	(373,470)	35,020,366
Income tax expense	-	(642,356)	(170,006)	(234,433)	(13,232)	-	(294,938)	(1,435,291)	(2,790,256)	-	(2,790,256)
Profit after tax	794,020	27,781,868	345,164	223,373	32,396	73,031	688,189	2,665,539	32,603,580	(373,470)	32,230,110
Other comprehensive income	-	11,742,406	-	(1,981,979)	-	-	-	-	9,760,427	-	9,760,427
Total comprehensive income for the period	794,020	39,524,274	345,164	(1,758,606)	32,396	73,031	688,189	2,665,539	42,364,007	(373,470)	41,990,537

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FINANCIAL POSITION

	FCMB GROUP PLC	FCMB LIMITED GROUP	FCMB CM LIMITED	CSL STOCKBROKERS LIMITED GROUP	FCMB TRUSTEES LIMITED	FCMB MFB LIMITED	FCMB PENSIONS LIMITED	CREDIT DIRECT FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED	TOTAL	CONSOLIDATION JOURNAL ENTRIES	GROUP
In thousands of Naira											
Assets											
Cash and cash equivalents	1,092,853	1,309,255,658	358,432	7,710,370	933,904	1,190,324	4,314,813	14,781,961	1,339,638,315	(20,350,271)	1,319,288,044
Restricted reserve deposits	-	1,243,710,811	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,243,710,811	-	1,243,710,811
Non-pledged Trading assets	-	277,874,120	-	2,308,036	-	-	-	-	280,182,156	-	280,182,156
Derivative assets held for risk management	-	301,570	-	-	-	-	-	-	301,570	-	301,570
Loans and advances to customers	-	2,335,166,870	80,549	611,310	12,050	749,146	922,226	98,747,786	2,436,289,937	-	2,436,289,937
Assets pledged as collateral	-	433,707,398	-	-	-	-	-	-	433,707,398	-	433,707,398
Investment securities	87,980,080	1,161,767,442	2,407,941	2,035,888	154,032	26,000	3,054,991	-	1,257,426,374	(77,515,815)	1,179,910,559
Investment in subsidiaries	273,168,431	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	273,168,431	(273,168,431)	-
Investment in associates	-	-	-	1,508,659	-	-	-	-	1,508,659	-	1,508,659
Property and equipment, and right of use assets	226,524	51,448,111	48,737	316,376	64,140	12,706	2,652,585	3,028,681	57,797,840	-	57,797,840
Intangible assets	155,299	21,676,512	-	52,533	80,932	-	9,467,350	475,699	31,908,325	5,345,113	37,253,438
Deferred tax assets	-	7,938,383	-	33,085	-	-	-	178,258	8,149,726	-	8,149,726
Other assets	11,053,504	392,289,944	786,608	3,166,088	413,562	255,145	2,152,045	4,822,154	414,939,050	(7,713,560)	407,225,490
	373,676,691	7,235,136,819	3,682,267	17,742,345	1,658,620	2,233,321	22,563,990	122,034,539	7,778,728,592	(373,402,964)	7,405,325,628
Financed by:											
Trading liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Derivative liabilities held for risk management	-	295,082	-	-	-	-	-	-	295,082	-	295,082
Deposits from banks	-	1,087,862,215	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,087,862,215	-	1,087,862,215
Deposits from customers	-	4,166,151,143	-	-	-	529,065	-	-	4,166,680,208	(41,309,597)	4,125,370,611
Borrowings	5,409,435	357,903,756	-	-	-	34,569	-	91,324,705	454,672,465	624,442	455,296,907
On-lending facilities	-	224,343,751	-	-	-	-	-	-	224,343,751	-	224,343,751
Debt securities issued	-	210,613,148	-	-	-	-	-	-	210,613,148	(11,537,199)	199,075,949
Retirement benefit obligations	-	8,494	-	-	-	-	617,808	42,133	668,435	-	668,435
Current income tax liabilities	5,382,217	17,750,029	696,890	1,111,458	61,475	24,101	294,938	6,192,699	31,513,807	-	31,513,807
Deferred tax liabilities	4,361,472	-	10,276	202,400	4,398	-	131,227	-	4,709,773	32,502	4,742,275
Provision	-	13,584,173	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,584,173	-	13,584,173
Other liabilities	6,797,715	501,322,674	614,904	8,981,132	1,057,692	143,069	6,673,925	8,402,356	533,993,467	(2,392,612)	531,600,855
Share capital	19,802,711	7,000,000	500,000	943,577	50,000	1,000,000	1,380,661	500,000	31,176,949	(11,374,239)	19,802,710
Share premium	246,431,292	236,786,924	-	1,057,250	170,000	-	4,277,249	-	488,722,715	(242,291,423)	246,431,292
Additional Tier 1 (AT1) Capital issued	46,686,000	46,686,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	93,372,000	(46,686,000)	46,686,000
Retained earnings	38,805,849	223,216,818	1,860,197	4,720,181	315,055	415,266	7,273,221	10,727,799	287,343,386	(66,851,747)	220,491,639
Other reserves	-	141,612,612	-	717,347	-	87,251	1,914,961	4,844,847	149,177,018	47,515,230	196,692,248
Non controlling interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	867,679
	373,676,691	7,235,136,819	3,682,267	17,742,345	1,658,620	2,233,321	22,563,990	122,034,539	7,778,728,592	(373,402,964)	7,405,325,628
Acceptances and guarantees	-	770,234,164	-	-	-	-	-	-	770,234,164	-	770,234,164