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BANK OF CHINA SRBIJA AD BEOGRAD

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024

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(For management purposes only)*

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF BANK OF CHINA SRBIJA A.D. BEOGRAD

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of **Bank of China Srbija a.d. Beograd** (the Bank), which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2024, and the income statement, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of material accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Bank as at 31 December 2024 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with IFRS accounting standards.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Standards on Auditing applicable in the Republic of Serbia. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Bank in accordance with the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the Republic of Serbia, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code.

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

Other matter

The financial statements of the Bank for the year ended 31 December 2023, were audited by another auditor who expressed an unqualified opinion on those statements on 28 March 2024.

Other information included in the Bank's Annual Business Report

Other information consists of the information included in the Annual business report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Management is responsible for the preparation of other information in accordance with the legal requirements of the Republic of Serbia.

Other information included in the Bank's Annual Business Report (continued)

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the Other information. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. In addition, we assessed whether the other information has been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with Law on Accounting of Republic of Serbia, in particular, whether the other information complies with the Law on Accounting of Republic of Serbia in terms of formal requirements and procedure for preparing the other information in the context of materiality, i.e. whether any non-compliance with these requirements could influence judgments made on the basis of the other information.

Based on the procedures undertaken, to the extent we are able to assess it, we report that:

1. the other information describing the facts that are also presented in the financial statements is, in all material respects, consistent with the financial statements; and
2. the other information is prepared in accordance with requirements of the Law on Accounting of Republic of Serbia.

In addition, our responsibility is to report, based on the knowledge and understanding of the Bank obtained in the audit, on whether the other information contains any material misstatement. Based on the procedures we have performed on the other information obtained, we have not identified any material misstatement.

Responsibilities of management and Audit Committee for the financial statements

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

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

Audit Committee is responsible for overseeing the Bank's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

As part of an audit in accordance with Auditing Standards applicable in Republic of Serbia, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Bank's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Bank's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Bank to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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

Belgrade, 31 March 2025



Nikola Ribar
Authorized auditor
for Ernst & Young d.o.o. Beograd



INCOME STATEMENT

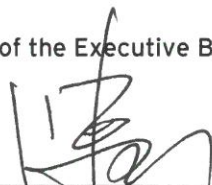
for the period from 01 January to 31 December 2024

(in RSD thousand)

	Note	2024	2023
Interest income	4	1,466,447	933,281
Interest expense	4	(17,749)	(33,572)
Net interest income		1,448,698	899,709
Fee and commission income	5	1,174,509	1,169,581
Fee and commission expense	5	(16,534)	(12,232)
Net fee and commission income		1,157,975	1,157,349
Net losses from change in fair value of financial instruments		-	-
Net profit/(loss) on foreign exchange differences and foreign currency clause	6	(43,407)	(9,233)
Impairment losses from financial assets and credit risk off-balance sheet items	7	(171,335)	(19,444)
NET OPERATING INCOME		2,391,931	2,028,381
Salaries, wages and other personal expenses	8	(335,923)	(290,496)
Depreciation costs	9	(58,971)	(58,200)
Other income		-	-
Other expenses	10	(177,621)	(139,853)
PROFIT BEFORE INCOME TAX		1,819,416	1,539,832
Income tax	11	(289,508)	(231,746)
Deferred tax gain	11.1	-	-
Deferred tax loss	11.1	(112)	(1,578)
PROFIT (LOSS) AFTER TAXES		1,529,796	1,306,508
EARNINGS PER SHARE		15,298	13,065
Basic earnings per share (in RSD)	12	15,298	13,065

Belgrade, 31 March 2025

Chairman of the Executive Board



Keqin Chen

Member of the Executive Board



Slaviša Aleksić

STATEMENT OF OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
for the period from 01 January to 31 December 2024

(in RSD thousand)

	Note	2024	2023
Profit/(Loss) for the period		1,529,796	1,306,508
Other comprehensive income		-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		1,529,796	1,306,508

Belgrade, 31 March 2025

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Keqin Chen

Member of the Executive Board



Slaviša Aleksić

BALANCE SHEET
as of 31 December 2024

(in RSD thousand)	Note	2024	2023
ASSETS			
Cash and assets held with the central bank	13	16,113,408	16,929,653
Receivables under derivatives		-	-
Loans and receivables from banks and other financial organizations	14	40,786,132	15,860,893
Loans and receivables from customers	15	753,625	10,779
Intangible investments	16	11,279	13,692
Property, plant and equipment	17	168,762	203,066
Current tax assets	18	141,210	143,327
Deferred tax assets	12.2	4,535	4,648
Other assets	19	33,640	14,808
TOTAL ASSETS		58,012,591	33,180,866
LIABILITIES			
Liabilities under derivatives		-	-
Deposits and other liabilities due to banks, other financial institutions and the Central Bank	20	2	2
Deposits and other liabilities due to customers	21	41,928,057	27,002,061
Provisions	22	35,765	51,949
Current tax liabilities	18	205,082	296,327
Deferred tax liabilities	12.2	-	-
Other liabilities	23 24	10,503,250	2,019,886
TOTAL LIABILITIES		52,672,154	29,370,225
EQUITY			
Share capital	25	1,843,887	1,843,887
Gain (Loss)	25	1,529,796	1,306,508
Gain from previous year	25	1,966,754	660,246
TOTAL EQUITY		5,340,437	3,810,641
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		58,012,591	33,180,866

Belgrade, 31 March 2025

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OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
from 01 January to 31 December 2024

(in thousands)

at 01 January of the previous year
Profit

losses from previous periods

at 31 December of the previous year

at 01 January of the current year

Profit

from prior years

at 31 December of the current year

Share capital and other capital	Profit	Loss	Total
1,843,887	660,246	-	2,504,133
-	1,306,508	-	1,306,508
1,843,887	1,966,754	-	3,810,641
1,843,887	1,966,754	-	3,810,641
-	1,529,796	-	1,529,796
1,843,887	3,496,550	-	5,340,437

March 2025

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT

for the period from 01 January to 31 December 2024

(in RSD thousand)

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**Inflows**

Interest receipts

Fee receipts

Outflows

Interest payments

Fee payments

Payments to and on behalf of employees

Cash for other taxes and contributions

Outflow to other operating expenses

*Net operating cash inflows before changes in placements and deposits***Decrease in placements and increase in deposits and other liabilities**

Decrease in loans and receivables due from banks, other financial institutions, central bank and customers

Increase in deposits to banks, other financial institutions, central bank and customers

Increase in other financial liabilities

Increase in loans and decrease in deposits and other liabilities

Increase in loans and receivables due from banks, other financial institutions, the central bank and customers

Decrease in deposits to banks, other financial institutions, central bank and customers

Decrease in other financial liabilities

Net cash inflows from operating activities before income tax

Income tax paid

Net cash generated from operating activities**CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES****Outflows**

Purchase of intangible and property, plant and equipment

Net cash outflow from investing activities

Total net received cash

Total net cash payments

NET INCREASE IN CASH

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF THE YEAR

GAINS ON EXCHANGE

LOSS ON EXCHANGE

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR

	2024	2023
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Inflows	2,690,105	2,121,875
Interest receipts	1,467,238	937,131
Fee receipts	1,222,867	1,184,744
Outflows	(622,534)	(485,329)
Interest payments	(67,344)	(35,097)
Fee payments	(31,914)	(25,743)
Payments to and on behalf of employees	(239,006)	(202,566)
Cash for other taxes and contributions	(115,179)	(92,356)
Outflow to other operating expenses	(169,091)	(129,567)
<i>Net operating cash inflows before changes in placements and deposits</i>	2,067,571	1,636,546
Decrease in placements and increase in deposits and other liabilities	29,570,419	23,692,442
Decrease in loans and receivables due from banks, other financial institutions, central bank and customers	3,390,573	18,907,618
Increase in deposits to banks, other financial institutions, central bank and customers	26,099,339	4,764,415
Increase in other financial liabilities	80,507	20,409
Increase in loans and decrease in deposits and other liabilities	(32,019,795)	(30,049,412)
Increase in loans and receivables due from banks, other financial institutions, the central bank and customers	(29,193,398)	(2,762,129)
Decrease in deposits to banks, other financial institutions, central bank and customers	(2,749,005)	(27,258,067)
Decrease in other financial liabilities	(77,392)	(29,216)
<i>Net cash inflows from operating activities before income tax</i>	(381,805)	(4,720,424)
Income tax paid	(374,717)	(143,326)
Net cash generated from operating activities	(756,522)	(4,863,750)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Outflows	(60,156)	(79,425)
Purchase of intangible and property, plant and equipment	(60,156)	(79,425)
Net cash outflow from investing activities	(60,156)	(79,425)
Total net received cash	32,260,524	25,814,317
Total net cash payments	(33,077,202)	(30,757,492)
NET INCREASE IN CASH	(816,678)	(4,943,175)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	16,929,653	21,874,252
GAINS ON EXCHANGE	25,659	8,418
LOSS ON EXCHANGE	(25,226)	(9,842)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	16,113,408	16,929,653

Belgrade, 31 March 2025

Chairman of the Executive Board

Keqin Chen

Member of the Executive Board

Slaviša Aleksić

This is a translation of the original Independent Auditors' Report issued in the Serbian language. All due care has been taken to produce a translation that is as faithful as possible to the original. However, if any suggestion arise related to interpretation of the information contained in the translation, the Serbian version of the document shall prevail.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR 2024

BANK OF CHINA SRBIJA AD BEOGRAD

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE BANK

Bank of China Serbia a.d. Belgrade (hereinafter referred to as: "the Bank") was established on 22.12.2016, when the registration of was made within the Company Registry in the Serbian Business Registers Agency.

In accordance with the decision of the National Bank of Serbia dated as of 20 December 2016 and the Memorandum of Association, the Bank was registered to perform the following activities:

- Deposit operations
- Loan (credit) operations
- Foreign exchange, foreign exchange - currency and exchange operations
- Payment transaction operations
- Issuance of payment cards
- Securities operations
- Issuance of bonds, guarantees, bill of exchange securities and other forms of securities
- Purchase, sale and collection of receivables (factoring, forfaiting, etc.)
- Operations as authorized by the Law
- Provision of other financial services.

The Bank was founded by Bank of China (Central and Eastern Europe) Limited. In accordance with the share sale and purchase agreement signed on March 24, 2022, between Bank of China (Central and Eastern Europe) Limited and Bank of China (Europe) S.A., the transfer of 100% shares owned by Bank of China (Central and Eastern Europe) Limited to the new owner Bank of China (Europe) S.A. Luxembourg was concluded. Bank of China (Europe) S.A. Luxembourg became the sole shareholder of the Bank, and Bank of China (Central and Eastern Europe) Limited ceased to be the shareholder of the Bank.

The Bank's registered office is located at the address 2a Bulevar Zorana Đinđića St., 11070 Novi Beograd. The Bank's registration number is 21251640, and the tax identification number is 109837136.

As at 31 December 2024, the Bank had no subsidiaries or branch offices within its composition.

As of 31 December 2024, the Bank had 33 employees (2023: 28 employees).

2. BASIS FOR PREPARATION AND DISCLOSURES IN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2.1 Basis for compilation and disclosure of financial statements

The financial statements of the Bank for the year 2023 were prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and the regulations of the National Bank of Serbia governing financial reporting of banks.

The enclosed financial statements have been prepared in the form prescribed by the Decision on the Forms and Contents of Items in the Financial Statement Forms for Banks ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia", No. 93/2020).

The enclosed financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the concept of historical cost.

In compiling these financial statements, the Bank has applied the Accounting Policies outlined in Note 3. These policies have been consistently applied to all the periods presented, unless otherwise stated.

The Bank's financial statements are reported in thousands of dinars. The Dinar represents the official reporting currency in the Republic of Serbia.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2. BASIS FOR PREPARATION AND DISCLOSURES IN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

2.1 Basis for compilation and disclosure of financial statements (continued)

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which entails that the Bank will continue to operate in the foreseeable future.

Operating environment of the Bank

After a decline in economic activity in 2022 due to the conflict in Ukraine, Russia and Ukraine achieved positive GDP growth rates of 3.6% and 5.0%, respectively, in 2023. Emerging and developing European countries recorded a higher GDP growth rate (3.2%) than the eurozone countries in 2023.

According to data published in February 2025 by the National Bank of Serbia, despite the multidimensional crisis that has lasted almost 4 years, Serbia has managed to preserve the stability of its economy and the confidence of consumers and investors, as evidenced by the cumulative real GDP growth in the period 2020-2024 of around 18%, record FDI inflows, continued growth in employment and wages in the private sector, as well as a record level of foreign exchange reserves.

Inflation has been declining throughout the year, and in December it amounted to 4.3%. Inflation in Serbia has been within the target range ($3\% \pm 1.5\%$) since May 2024.

It is estimated that the real GDP growth in 2024 was 3.9%, while the projected GDP growth for 2025 is in the range of 4-5%, and in 2027 the same growth rate is expected to be maintained, in line with the new investment cycle associated with the Expo 2027 project.

According to the results of the Labor Force Survey, in the fourth quarter of 2024, the employment rate was 51.4%, while the unemployment rate was 8.6%.

The reference interest rate has been at the level of 5.75% since September 2024, with the National Bank of Serbia emphasizing that caution is still necessary given the current geopolitical tensions, the rise in protectionism and uncertain trade.

Management takes the necessary measures to ensure the sustainability of the Bank's operations and to support its customers and employees, such as:

- Remote work for employees in the Bank's Head Office
- intensification of online trainings and trainings for employees on-line business communication between employees and employees and clients
- raising employee awareness of Cyber risks
- Strict monitoring of system performance
- responsible cost management
- keeping the bank fully operational, while preserving the safety and health of employees and clients.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2. BASIS FOR PREPARATION AND DISCLOSURES IN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

2.1 Basis for compilation and disclosure of financial statements (continued)

Operating environment of the Bank (continued)

For the purpose of measuring expected credit losses ("ECL"), the Bank uses forward-looking information, including forecasts of macroeconomic variables. However, as with any economic forecast, projections and probabilities of their occurrence are subject to a high degree of uncertainty and therefore actual outcomes may differ significantly from those projected. Note 3.19 provides more information on how the Bank incorporated forward-looking information into the ECL model.

Climate change - The Bank is not exposed to significant risks of climate change. Bearing this in mind, as well as the limited volume of placements, the Bank did not incorporate the risks associated with climate change into its ECL model.

The long-term effects of the current economic situation are difficult to predict and management's current expectations and estimates could differ from the actual results.

2.2 Adoption of new or revised standards and interpretations

2.2.1 Changes in accounting policy and disclosures

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year except for the following IFRS and amendments to IFRS which have been adopted by the Bank as of 1 January 2024:

- **IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements: Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current (Amendments)**

The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024, and are applied retrospectively. The objective of the amendments is to clarify the principles in IAS 1 for the classification of liabilities as either current or non-current. The amendments clarify the meaning of a right to defer settlement, the requirement for this right to exist at the end of the reporting period, that management intent does not affect current or non-current classification, that options by the counterparty that could result in settlement by the transfer of the entity's own equity instruments do not affect current or non-current classification. Also, the amendments specify that only covenants with which an entity must comply on or before the reporting date will affect a liability's classification. Additional disclosures are also required for non-current liabilities arising from loan arrangements that are subject to covenants to be complied within twelve months after the reporting period. The newly adopted IFRS and amendments to IFRS did not have a material impact on the Bank's accounting policies.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**2. BASIS FOR PREPARATION AND DISCLOSURES IN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)****2.2 Adoption of new or revised standards and interpretations (continued)****2.2.1 Changes in accounting policy and disclosures (continued)**

- **IFRS 16 Leases: Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback (Amendments)**

The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024. The amendments are intended to improve the requirements that a seller-lessee uses in measuring the lease liability arising in a sale and leaseback transaction in IFRS 16, while it does not change the accounting for leases unrelated to sale and leaseback transactions. Under the amendments, the seller-lessee determines 'lease payments' or 'revised lease payments' in such a way that the seller-lessee would not recognise any amount of the gain or loss that relates to the right of use it retains. Applying these requirements does not prevent the seller-lessee from recognising, in profit or loss, any gain or loss relating to the partial or full termination of a lease. The amendments apply retrospectively to sale and leaseback transactions entered into after the date of initial application, being the beginning of the annual reporting period in which an entity first applied IFRS 16. The newly adopted IFRS and amendments to IFRS did not have a material impact on the Bank's accounting policies.

- **IAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows and IFRS 7 Financial Instruments Disclosures - Supplier Finance Arrangements (Amendments)**

The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024. The amendments supplement requirements already in IFRS and require an entity to disclose the terms and conditions of supplier finance arrangements. Additionally, entities are required to disclose at the beginning and end of reporting period the carrying amounts of supplier finance arrangement financial liabilities and the line items in which those liabilities are presented as well as the carrying amounts of financial liabilities and line items, for which the finance providers have already settled the corresponding trade payables. Entities should also disclose the type and effect of non-cash changes in the carrying amounts of supplier finance arrangement financial liabilities, which prevent the carrying amounts of the financial liabilities from being comparable. Furthermore, the amendments require an entity to disclose at the beginning and end of the reporting period the range of payment due dates for financial liabilities owed to the finance providers and for comparable trade payables that are not part of those arrangements. The newly adopted IFRS and amendments to IFRS did not have a material impact on the Bank's accounting policies.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**2. BASIS FOR PREPARATION AND DISCLOSURES IN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)****2.2 Adoption of new or revised standards and interpretations (continued)****2.2.2 Standards issued but not yet effective and not early adopted**

- **IAS 21 The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates: Lack of Exchangeability (Amendments)**

The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2025, with earlier application permitted. The amendments specify how an entity should assess whether a currency is exchangeable and how it should determine a spot exchange rate when exchangeability is lacking. A currency is considered to be exchangeable into another currency when an entity is able to obtain the other currency within a time frame that allows for a normal administrative delay and through a market or exchange mechanism in which an exchange transaction would create enforceable rights and obligations. If a currency is not exchangeable into another currency, an entity is required to estimate the spot exchange rate at the measurement date. An entity's objective in estimating the spot exchange rate is to reflect the rate at which an orderly exchange transaction would take place at the measurement date between market participants under prevailing economic conditions. The amendments note that an entity can use an observable exchange rate without adjustment or another estimation technique. Management has assessed that the effects of this standard will not have a significant impact on the Bank's financial statements.

- **IFRS 9 Financial Instruments and IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures - Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments (Amendments)**

The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2026. Early adoption of amendments related to the classification of financial assets and the related disclosures is permitted, with the option to apply the other amendments at a later date. The amendments clarify that a financial liability is derecognised on the 'settlement date', when the obligation is discharged, cancelled, expired, or otherwise qualifies for derecognition. They introduce an accounting policy option to derecognise liabilities settled via electronic payment systems before the settlement date, subject to specific conditions. They also provide guidance on assessing the contractual cash flow characteristics of financial assets with environmental, social, and governance (ESG)-linked features or other similar contingent features. Additionally, they clarify the treatment of non-recourse assets and contractually linked instruments and require additional disclosures under IFRS 7 for financial assets and liabilities with contingent event references (including ESG-linked) and equity instruments classified at fair value through other comprehensive income. The amendments have not yet been endorsed by the EU. Management has assessed that the effects of this standard will not have a significant impact on the Bank's financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**2. BASIS FOR PREPARATION AND DISCLOSURES IN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)****2.2 Adoption of new or revised standards and interpretations (continued)****2.2.2 Standards issued but not yet effective and not early adopted (continued)**

- **IFRS 9 Financial Instruments and IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures - Contracts Referencing Nature-dependent Electricity (Amendments)**

The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2026, with earlier application permitted. The amendments include clarifying the application of the 'own-use' requirements, permitting hedge accounting if contracts in scope of the amendments are used as hedging instruments, and introduce new disclosure requirements to enable investors to understand the impact of these contracts on a company's financial performance and cash flows. The clarifications regarding the 'own-use' requirements must be applied retrospectively, but the guidance permitting hedge accounting have to be applied prospectively to new hedging relationships designated on or after the date of initial application. The amendments have not yet been endorsed by the EU. Management has assessed that the effects of this standard will not have a significant impact on the Bank's financial statements.

- **IFRS 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements**

IFRS 18 introduces new requirements on presentation within the statement of profit or loss. It requires an entity to classify all income and expenses within its statement of profit or loss into one of the five categories: operating; investing; financing; income taxes; and discontinued operations. These categories are complemented by the requirements to present subtotals and totals for 'operating profit or loss', 'profit or loss before financing and income taxes' and 'profit or loss'. It also requires disclosure of management-defined performance measures and includes new requirements for aggregation and disaggregation of financial information based on the identified 'roles' of the primary financial statements and the notes. In addition, there are consequential amendments to other accounting standards. IFRS 18 is effective for reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2027, with earlier application permitted. Retrospective application is required in both annual and interim financial statements. The standard has not yet been endorsed by the EU. In the following reporting periods, Management will analyse the requirements of this newly issued standard and assess its impact.

- **IFRS 19 Subsidiaries without Public Accountability: Disclosures**

IFRS 19 permits subsidiaries without public accountability to use reduced disclosure requirements if their parent company (either ultimate or intermediate) prepares publicly available consolidated financial statements in compliance with IFRS accounting standards. These subsidiaries must still apply the recognition, measurement and presentation requirements in other IFRS accounting standards. Unless otherwise specified, eligible entities that elect to apply IFRS 19 will not need to apply the disclosure requirements in other IFRS accounting standards. IFRS 19 is effective for reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2027, with early application permitted. The standard has not yet been endorsed by the EU. Management has assessed the effects of this standard are not expected to have a significant impact on the Bank's financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2. BASIS FOR PREPARATION AND DISCLOSURES IN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

2.2 Adoption of new or revised standards and interpretations (continued)

2.2.2 Standards issued but not yet effective and not early adopted (continued)

- **Annual Improvements to IFRS Accounting Standards - Volume 11**

The IASB's annual improvements process deals with non-urgent, but necessary, clarifications and amendments to IFRS. In July 2024, the IASB issued Annual Improvements to IFRS Accounting Standards – Volume 11. An entity shall apply those amendments for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2026. The Annual Improvements to IFRS Accounting Standards - Volume 11, includes amendments to IFRS 1, IFRS 7, IFRS 9, IFRS 10, and IAS 7. These amendments aim to clarify wording, correct minor unintended consequences, oversights, or conflicts between requirements in the standards. The standard has not been endorsed by the EU. Management has assessed that the effects of this standard will not have a significant impact on the Bank's financial statements.

- **Amendment in IFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements and IAS 28 Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures: Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture**

The amendments address an acknowledged inconsistency between the requirements in IFRS 10 and those in IAS 28, in dealing with the sale or contribution of assets between an investor and its associate or joint venture. The main consequence of the amendments is that a full gain or loss is recognised when a transaction involves a business (whether it is housed in a subsidiary or not). A partial gain or loss is recognised when a transaction involves assets that do not constitute a business, even if these assets are housed in a subsidiary. In December 2015 the IASB postponed the effective date of this amendment indefinitely pending the outcome of its research project on the equity method of accounting. The amendments have not yet been endorsed by the EU. Management has assessed that the effects of this standard will not have a significant impact on the Bank's financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Material accounting policies applied for the preparation of the financial statements for 2023 are presented below.

3.1 Interest Income and Expenses

Interest income and expenses for all interest-bearing financial instruments are shown under "interest income" and "interest expense" in the income statement. Interest income and expenses are recognized in the income statement using the effective interest rate method.

The effective interest rate method is a method that calculates the amortized value of financial assets or financial liabilities, as well as the costs of allocating interest income or expenses in a certain period. The effective interest rate includes all fees and amounts paid or received between two contracting parties that are an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and any other premiums or discounts.

The effective interest rate is the rate that accurately discounts the estimated future payments or receipts of cash assets during the expected life of the financial instrument or, where appropriate, during a shorter period to the net carrying amount of financial assets or financial liabilities. When calculating the effective interest rate, the Bank estimates cash flows taking into account all contractual terms of a financial instrument (for example, the possibility of early repayment), but does not take into account future credit losses.

When a financial asset or a group of similar financial assets is written off as a result of impairment loss, interest income is recognized using the interest rate discounted for the future cash flow to assess the impairment loss.

Interest income is calculated as follows:

- Applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset (Stage 1 and Stage 2).
- Applying the effective interest rate on the amortised value of a financial asset in subsequent reporting periods, net of ECL as long as the asset has become credit impaired (Stage 3).
The Bank does not have such financial assets in its portfolio as at 31.12.2024. nor as at 31.12.2023.
- Applying a credit-adjusted effective interest rate on purchased or created financial assets reduced for credit losses (POCI).
The Bank does not have such financial assets in its portfolio as at 31.12.2024. nor as at 31.12.2023.

Interest expenses are calculated using the effective interest rate on the amortized value of a financial liability.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

3.2 Income and Expenses on Fees and Commissions

Fee and commission income is recognised over time on a straight line basis as the services are rendered, when the customer simultaneously receives and consumes the benefits provided by the Bank's performance. Such income includes fees for issued guarantees and loan administration fees on behalf of third parties. These fees are deferred according to life period of a guarantee or a loan.

Other fee and commission income is recognised at a point in time when the Bank satisfies its performance obligation, usually upon execution of the underlying transaction. The amount of fee or commission received or receivable represents the transaction price for the services identified as distinct performance obligations. Such income includes fees for payment services and other banking services, as well as, commissions and fees arising from negotiating, or participating in the negotiation of a transaction for a third party (arrangement fee). These fees are not deferred during a period since they are one time fees.

Loan syndication fees are recognised as income when the syndication has been completed and the Bank retains no part of the loan package for itself.

3.3 Sales and purchases of foreign currencies and currency conversion

The Bank sells and purchases foreign currencies through its bank accounts, as well as exchanges foreign currencies. The transactions are performed at the exchange rates established by the Bank, which are different from the official spot exchange rates at the particular dates. The differences between the official rates and Bank rates are recognised under "Income from fees and commissions" at a point in time when a particular performance obligation is satisfied.

3.4 Conversion of foreign means of payment

Items included in the Bank's financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Bank operates (functional currency). The financial statements are presented in thousands of dinars (RSD), which is the functional and reporting currency of the Bank.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are translated into dinars at the middle exchange rate of the National Bank of Serbia in force at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currency are translated into dinars at the middle exchange rate established on the interbank foreign exchange market, applicable on the day of the transaction. Currency gains and losses arising on the adjustment of balance sheet items denominated in foreign currency and in foreign currency transactions are recorded by crediting or debiting the income statement as income and expenses on the basis of currency gains and losses.

Translation at year-end rates does not apply to non-monetary items that are measured at historical cost.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

3.5 Current Income Tax

Income tax represents the amount that is calculated and paid in accordance with the provisions of the Law on Corporate Income Tax of the Republic of Serbia. During the year, the Bank paid income tax in the form of monthly advance payments, the amount of which is determined based on the tax return for the previous year. The final tax base, to which the prescribed corporate tax rate of 15% is applied, is determined under the Bank's tax balance. The tax base includes income from the income statement adjusted for certain expenditures and income, in accordance with tax regulations.

Tax regulations in the Republic of Serbia do not allow tax losses from the current period to be used as a basis for tax refunds paid during a certain previous. However, current-year losses can be used to reduce the tax base for future accounting periods, but not longer than 5 years.

3.6 Deferred Income Tax

Deferred income tax is calculated for all temporary differences between the tax base of assets and liabilities and their carrying amount. Current tax rates at the balance sheet date are used to calculate the amount of deferred tax. Deferred tax liabilities are recognized for all taxable temporary differences between the tax base of assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date and amounts reported for reporting purposes, which will result in taxable amounts of future periods. Deferred tax assets are recognized for deductible temporary differences and for the effects of the transferred loss and unused tax credits from previous periods to the extent that it is likely that there will be future taxable income at the expense of which deferred tax assets can be utilized.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

3.7 Taxes, Contributions and Other Duties Not Related to Operating Result

Taxes, contributions and other duties that are not related to the Bank's operating result include property taxes, value added tax, payroll contributions charged to the employer and various other taxes, contributions and duties payable under the republic and municipal tax regulations. These are included under operating and other expenses within the income statement.

3.8 Employee Compensation

a) Employee Benefits

Short-term employee benefits include salaries and social security contributions and are recognized as an expense in the period in which they have been incurred.

The Bank and its employees are legally obliged to make payments in accordance with defined contribution plans to the pension fund of the Republic of Serbia. The Bank is not under the legal or enforceable obligation to pay compensation to its employees if the Fund does not have sufficient funds to pay compensation to all employees for employment during the current and previous periods. Contributions are recorded as the expense of remuneration to employees for the period to which such remunerations relate.

b) Other Employee Benefits

The Bank provides benefits to employees after retirement. The entitlement to these benefits is usually conditional on the employee's years of service up to the age limit for retirement and achievement of minimum length of service. Expected costs for these benefits are accumulated during the period of employment. The defined pension obligation is assessed annually by independent, qualified actuaries, using the method of a projected credit unit. The present value of a defined benefit liability is determined by discounting the expected future cash payments using the interest rates of high-quality bonds expressed in the currency in which the payment liabilities will be effected and which have a maturity that roughly corresponds to the maturity periods of the pension obligation.

(c) Short-Term Compensated Absences

Accumulating compensated absences (annual vacation leaves) may be carried forward and used in future periods if the current period's entitlement is not used in full. Expenses for compensated absences are recognized at the amount the Bank expects to pay as a result of the unused entitlement that has accumulated at the reporting date. In the case of non-accumulating compensated absences, an obligation or expense is recognized when the absences occur.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

3.9 Financial Instruments

A financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity.

Financial asset

A financial asset is any asset that is:

- cash;
- an equity instrument of another entity;
- a contractual right to receive cash or another financial asset from another entity; or
- a contractual right to exchange financial assets or financial liabilities with another entity under conditions that are potentially favourable to the entity; or
- a contract that will or may be settled in the entity's own equity instruments and is
- a contract that will or may be settled in the entity's own equity instruments and is a non-derivative for which the entity is or may be obliged to receive a variable number of the entity's own equity instruments.

Financial liability

A financial liability is any liability that is:

- a contractual obligation to deliver cash or another financial asset to another entity; or
- a contractual obligation to exchange financial assets or financial liabilities with another entity under conditions that are potentially unfavourable to the entity; or
- a contract that will or may be settled in the entity's own equity instruments and is a non-derivative for which the entity is or may be obliged to deliver a variable number of the entity's own equity instruments; or
- a contract that will or may be settled in the entity's own equity instruments and is a derivative that will or may be settled other than by the exchange of a fixed amount of cash or another financial asset for a fixed number of the entity's own equity instruments

Financial instruments - key measurement terms. 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. The best evidence of fair value is price in an active market. An active market is one in which transactions for the asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis. Fair value of financial instruments traded in an active market is measured as the product of the quoted price for the individual asset or liability and the quantity held by the entity. This is the case even if a market's normal daily trading volume is not sufficient to absorb the quantity held and placing orders to sell the position in a single transaction might affect the quoted price. The price within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value in the circumstances was used to measure fair value, which management considers is the average of actual trading prices.

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market is determined by the use of valuation techniques, appropriate in the circumstances, and for which sufficient data to measure fair value are available, maximizing the use of relevant observable inputs and minimizing the use of unobservable inputs.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)****3.9 Financial Instruments (continued)**

Valuation techniques such as discounted cash flow models or models based on recent arm's length transactions or consideration of financial data of the investees, are used to measure fair value of certain financial instruments for which external market pricing information is not available. Fair value measurements are analysed by level in the fair value hierarchy as follows: (i) level one are measurements at quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities, (ii) level two measurements are valuations techniques with all material inputs observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices), and (iii) level three measurements are valuations not based on solely observable market data (that is, the measurement requires significant unobservable inputs). More detailed disclosure on valuation models and hierarchy of instruments that are valued at fair value are given in Note 30. Transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy are deemed not to have occurred at the end of the reporting period.

Transaction costs are incremental costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, issue or disposal of a financial instrument. An incremental cost is one that would not have been incurred if the transaction had not taken place. Transaction costs include fees and commissions paid to agents (including employees acting as selling agents), advisors, brokers and dealers, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges, and transfer taxes and duties. Transaction costs do not include debt premiums or discounts, financing costs or internal administrative or holding costs.

Amortised cost is the amount by which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition minus repayment of principal and plus or minus cumulative depreciation by using the effective interest rate method of any difference between that initial amount and the amount of maturity. For financial assets, the amount is adjusted for the impairment allowance. Accrued interest income and accrued interest expense, including both accrued coupon and amortised discount or premium (including fees deferred at origination, if any), are not presented separately and are included in the carrying values of related items in the statement of financial position.

The *effective interest method* is a method of allocating interest income or interest expense over the relevant period, so as to achieve a constant periodic rate of interest (effective interest rate) on the carrying amount.

Effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts the estimated future cash payments or receipts over the expected duration of a financial instrument or, if appropriate, a shorter period than the gross carrying amount of the financial asset or the net carrying amount of a financial liability.

When the effective interest rate is calculated, the Bank estimates cash flows taking into account all contractual terms of a financial instrument (for example, early repayment, purchase and similar options) but does not take into account future credit losses. The calculation includes all fees and points paid or received between the contracting parties, which are an integral part of the effective interest rate.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)****3.9 Financial Instruments (continued)****Initial recognition and initial measurement****(i) Initial recognition**

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognized in the Bank's balance sheet on the date upon which the Bank becomes counterparty to the contractual provisions of a specific financial instrument. All regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognized on the settlement date, i.e. the date the assets is delivered to the counterparty.

(ii) Initial measurement

All financial instruments are initially recognized at fair value adjusted for transaction costs that are directly attributable to acquisition or issue of financial assets or financial liabilities (except for financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit and loss which are initially recognized at fair value). Fair value at initial recognition is best evidenced by the transaction price. After the initial recognition, an ECL allowance is recognised for financial assets measured at AC and investments in debt instruments measured at FVOCI, resulting in an immediate accounting loss.

Principles of subsequent measurement of financial instruments

Regarding classification and measurement, the Bank classifies financial assets, except for equity instruments and derivatives, based on the assessment of the business model for managing specific financial assets and contractual characteristics of cash flows of financial instruments.

(i) Classification and measurement

IFRS 9 requires that all financial assets, except derivatives and equity instruments, be analysed through the composition of the financial asset management business model on the one hand, and the characteristics of contracted cash flows on the other.

Bank assesses the objectives of the business model for managing financial assets at the portfolio level, since such an assessment reflects, in the best way, the way in which business operations are managed and the manner in which management reports. The classification of financial assets is based on the application of an appropriate business model for the management of financial assets and the fulfilment of the test of characteristics of contracted cash flows.

The business model determines whether the Bank's objective is: (i) solely to collect the contractual cash flows from the assets ("hold to collect contractual cash flows",) or (ii) to collect both the contractual cash flows and the cash flows arising from the sale of assets ("hold to collect contractual cash flows and sell") or, if neither of (i) and (ii) is applicable, the financial assets are classified as part of "other" business model and measured at FVTPL. A business model for the classification of financial assets is determined at the appropriate level of aggregation. Fulfilment of the test of characteristics of contracted cash flows means that cash flows consist exclusively of principal and interest payments on the remaining principal (SPPI criterion). Refer to Note 3.22 for critical judgements applied by the Bank in determining the business models for its financial assets.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

3.9 Financial Instruments (continued)

Principles of subsequent measurement of financial instruments (continued)

(i) Classification and measurement (continued)

Where the business model is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows or to hold contractual cash flows and sell, the Bank assesses whether the cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest ("SPPI"). In making this assessment, the Bank considers whether the contractual cash flows are consistent with a basic lending arrangement, i.e. interest includes only consideration for credit risk, time value of money, other basic lending risks and profit margin.

Where the contractual terms introduce exposure to risk or volatility that is inconsistent with a basic lending arrangement, the financial asset is classified and measured at FVTPL. The SPPI assessment is performed on initial recognition of an asset and it is not subsequently reassessed. Refer to Note 3.19 for critical judgements applied by the Bank in performing the SPPI test for its financial assets.

Financial assets can be classified into the following categories:

- financial assets valued at amortized cost (AC)
- financial assets valued at fair value through profit and loss account (FVTPL)
- financial assets valued at fair value through other comprehensive income through the income statement - "recycling" (FVOCI)
- financial assets valued at fair value through other comprehensive income without reclassification of amounts recognised and accumulated in OCI to profit or loss.

Subsequent measurement of financial assets depends on their classification.

The Bank measures financial investments at amortized cost if both of the following conditions are met:

- a) The financial entity is maintained within the business model with the aim of holding the financial asset for the purpose of collecting contracted cash flows,
- b) The contractual terms of a financial asset give cash flows that are exclusively principal and interest payments (SPPI) on specified dates to the amount of outstanding principal.

On the balance sheet, these assets are carried at amortised cost, i.e. the gross carrying amount net of the credit loss allowance. They are presented under the lines 'Loans and receivables from banks and other financial organisations', 'Loans and receivables from clients' and 'Cash and assets held with the central bank'.

Financial assets at amortized cost are the largest category of measurement, as the entire credit portfolio of the Bank's is measured at amortized cost.

Cash balances include only claims (deposits) against central banks that are repayable on demand. Repayable on demand means that they may be withdrawn at any time or with a term of notice of only one business day or 24 hours. Mandatory minimum reserves are also shown under this item.

Loans and receivables from banks and other financial organisations. Amounts due from other banks are recorded when the Bank advances money to counterparty banks.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)****3.9 Financial Instruments (continued)****Principles of subsequent measurement of financial instruments (continued)****(i) Classification and measurement (continued)**

Loans and receivables from clients are recorded when the Bank advances money to purchase or originate a loan due from a customer. If they are measured at amortized cost, loans and receivables are presented net of allowances for impairment in the balance sheet. Impairment allowances are determined based on the ECL models. Note 3.22 provides information about inputs, assumptions and estimation techniques used in measuring ECL

Interest income on these assets is calculated by effective interest method and is included under the position 'Interest income' in the statement of income. Impairment gains or losses are included in the position 'Impairment losses from financial assets and credit risk off-balance sheet items'. Gains and losses from derecognition (such as sales) of the assets are reported under the line item 'Net gains/losses from derecognition of financial instruments recognized at amortised cost'.

(iii) Expected credit loss

IFRS 9 requires a move from a loss model to an expected loss model. This means that the Bank recognizes not only credit losses that have already been incurred, but also losses that are expected in the future. The calculation of expected credit loss (ECL) is mandatory for all loans and other debt financial assets that are not in the FVPL, together with loan commitments and financial guarantee agreements.

Debt instruments measured at AC are presented in the balance sheet net of the allowance for ECL. For loan commitments and financial guarantees, a separate provision for ECL is recognised as a liability in the balance sheet.

The allowance is based on the expected credit losses associated with the probability of default in the next 12 months unless there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, in which case, the allowance is based on the probability of default over the life of the financial asset (LECL - lifetime expected credit loss). When determining whether the risk of default increased significantly since initial recognition, the Bank considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis, based on the historical data and experience.

Based on the applied impairment methodology, the Bank, classifies financial instruments into Stage 1, Stage 2, and Stage 3, as described below:

- Stage 1 - performing portfolio: no significant increase of credit risk since initial recognition, the Bank recognises an allowance based on 12-month period,
- Stage 2 - underperforming portfolio: significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, the Bank recognises an allowance for lifetime period, and
- Stage 3 - impaired portfolio, significant increase in credit risk after initial recognition, the Bank recognises lifetime allowances for these financial assets.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)****3.9 Financial Instruments (continued)****Principles of subsequent measurement of financial instruments (continued)*****(iii) Expected credit loss (continued)***

The definition of default and delay is in the line with Decision of NBS about capital adequacy and with Instructions of NBS for determining the status of default.

ECL for Stage 1 financial assets is calculated based on 12-month PDs (probability of default) or shorter period PDs, if the maturity of the financial asset is shorter than 1 year, The 12-month PD already includes macroeconomic impact effect, Impairment losses in stage 1 are designed to reflect impairment losses that had been incurred in the performing portfolio, but have not been identified.

LECL for Stage 2 financial assets is calculated on the basis of lifetime PDs (LPD) because their credit risk has increased significantly since their initial recognition, This calculation is also based on forward-looking assessment that takes into account number of economic scenarios in order to recognise the probability of losses associated with the predicted macro-economic forecasts.

Note 3.19 provides information about inputs, assumptions and estimation techniques used in measuring ECL, including an explanation of how the Bank incorporates forward-looking information in the ECL models.

Financial liabilities***(i) Measurement categories***

Financial liabilities are classified as subsequently measured at AC, except for (i) financial liabilities at FVTPL: this classification is applied to derivatives, financial liabilities held for trading (e.g. short positions in securities), contingent consideration recognised by an acquirer in a business combination and other financial liabilities designated as such at initial recognition and (ii) financial guarantee contracts and loan commitments.

All financial liabilities of the Bank are classified as subsequently measured at AC as at 31.12.2024. and 31.12.2023.

3.10 Performance guarantees

Performance guarantees are contracts that provide compensation if another party fails to perform a contractual, commercial or legal obligation. Where the performance guarantee provides the Bank with contractual indemnification rights to recover any payments made to the guarantee holder from the applicant and such rights are covered by collateral, they are treated as a loan commitment provided to the applicant, if the bank concludes that there is no event with commercial substance that could cause the bank to incur an overall loss on the guarantee arrangement. Such performance guarantees are initially recognised at their fair value, which is normally evidenced by the amount of fees received. This amount is amortised on a straight line basis over the life of the contract. At the end of each reporting period, the performance guarantee contracts are measured at the higher of (i) the unamortised balance of the amount at initial recognition and (ii) the amount of the loss allowance determined based on the expected credit loss model. Note 3.22 provides information about inputs, assumptions and estimation techniques used in measuring ECL.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)****3.11 Loan commitments**

The Bank issues commitments to provide loans. These commitments are irrevocable or revocable only in response to a material adverse change. Such commitments are initially recognised at their fair value, which is normally evidenced by the amount of fees received. This amount is amortised on a straight line basis over the life of the commitment, except for commitments to originate loans if it is probable that the Bank will enter into a specific lending arrangement and does not expect to sell the resulting loan shortly after origination; such loan commitment fees are deferred and included in the carrying value of the loan on initial recognition.

At the end of each reporting period, the commitments are measured at (i) the remaining unamortised balance of the amount at initial recognition, plus (ii) the amount of the loss allowance determined based on the expected credit loss model, unless the commitment is to provide a loan at a below market interest rate, in which case the measurement is at the higher of these two amounts. The carrying amount of the loan commitments represents a liability. For contracts that include both a loan and an undrawn commitment and where the Bank cannot separately distinguish the ECL on the undrawn loan component from the loan component, the ECL on the undrawn commitment is recognised together with the loss allowance for the loan. To the extent that the combined ECLs exceed the gross carrying amount of the loan, they are recognised as a liability.

3.12 Intangible Assets

Expenditures directly linked to identified and unique software products controlled by the Bank and likely to generate an economic benefit greater than the expense of more than one year shall be recognized as an intangible asset.

Licenses have a limited life and are stated at purchase value reduced by accumulated value adjustment. Amortization is calculated by using a proportional method in order to distribute the license costs during their estimated useful lives.

The acquired software licenses are capitalized in the amount of expenses incurred in acquiring and putting into use and development of the software. Amortization is calculated using a proportional method in order to distribute expenditures during their estimated useful lives.

Amortization costs are calculated according to the following rates:

Intangible assets

Software	33.00%
Other intangible assets and intellectual property (with the exception of logo)	16.60%
Bank's logo	14.50%

Expenditures related to the maintenance of software programs are recognized as the expense of the period in which they have been incurred.

Amortization methods, useful lives and residual values are reassessed at each financial year-end and adjusted as appropriate

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)****3.13 Property, plant and equipment**

Items of property, plant and equipment are stated at purchase value reduced by the value adjustment and impairment. The purchase value includes expenses directly attributable to the purchase of assets.

Subsequent expenditures are included in the cost of the asset or recognized as a separate asset only when it is probable that the Bank will have economic benefits from that asset in the future and if its value can be reliably measured.

Expenditures related to the on-going maintenance of fixed assets are recognized as the expenditure of the period in which they have been incurred.

Depreciation is calculated by using the proportional (straight-line method) method in order to distribute the cost to the residual value over their estimated life, as follows:

Buildings	2%
Right-of-use assets	Shorter of useful life and the term of the underlying lease
Electronic network, air conditioners, pipes and heating	4%
Computer equipment	33%
Other equipment	14.50%
Vehicles	20%

Land and construction in progress are not depreciated.

The residual value of the asset is the estimated amount that the Bank could earn by selling the asset at the present time, reduced by the estimated cost of sales, if the asset is already old and in the condition in which it is expected to be at the end of its useful life. The residual value of the asset is zero if the Bank expects to use the said asset until the end of its physical life. The residual value and useful life of the asset are reviewed and, if necessary, adjusted at the balance sheet date.

Gains and losses arising from the disposal of an asset are determined by the difference between the cash inflow and the carrying amount and are recognized in the income statement within the item of "Other income/Other expenses".

3.14 Leases**Accounting for leases by the Bank as a lessee**

Leases are recognised as a right-of-use asset and a corresponding liability at the date at which the leased asset is available for use by the Bank. Each lease payment is allocated between the liability and finance cost. The finance cost is charged to profit or loss over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period. The right-of-use asset is recognised at cost and depreciated over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term on a straight-line basis.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)****3.14 Leases (continued)**

Lease payments include fixed rents, variable rent payments that depend on the index or rate, amounts expected to be paid under the residual value guarantee, and lease payments over an optional extension period if the lessee estimates that they will exercise option, as well as penalties for early termination of the contract if the lease term reflects a lessee's intention of using the termination option. Thereafter, the carrying amount of the lease liability is increased by interest calculated using the discount rate, less any lease payments made, and possibly revalued in accordance with the change in lease agreement.

Lease liabilities are discounted using an interest rate that represents the implicit lease rate. If this rate cannot be determined, the Bank uses an incremental borrowing rate - the rate at which the Bank can borrow from Bank of China Group.

Right-of-use assets are measured at cost comprising the following: the amount of the initial measurement of lease liability; any lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received; any initial direct costs, and restoration costs.

The Bank adopts the same depreciation policy for leased assets (right of use of asset) as those for which it has title rights (i.e. measures them in the amount of amortized cost adjusted for changes in lease liabilities). The cost of the right of use on the recognition date is equal to the amount of the lease liabilities increased by the initial direct dependent costs and payments of lease liabilities made before or on the recognition date and reduced by discounts. Lease liabilities are equal to the present value of the lease payment during the lease term.

The Bank, as the lessee, decides not to separate the lease into a part that is a lease and a non-lease, and instead calculates as if it were a single component of the lease.

Bank, as a lessee, on the day of lease establishing (i.e. on the day when the assets are available for use): (a) recognized assets and liabilities for all leases with a term of more than 12 months, unless the underlying asset is of low value (less than USD 5 000); and (b) show depreciation of lease assets separately from interest on lease liabilities in the income statement. Expense relating to short-term leases are presented in Note 24.

3.15 Impairment of Non-Financial Assets

Assets that have an unlimited useful life are not subject to depreciation. Checking whether there has been a decrease in their value is performed annually and when events or altered circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable.

For assets subject to depreciation, the verification of whether there has been a decrease in their value is made when events or changed circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognized in the amount for which the carrying amount of the asset is greater than its recoverable amount.

The recoverable amount is the value greater than the fair value of the asset reduced by the cost of sales and the values in use. For the purpose of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels where separate recognizable cash flows (cash-generating units) can be determined.

Non-financial assets that have been impaired are reviewed for each reporting period due to possible reversal of impairment.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

3.16 Deposits of banks and clients

Bank and clients' deposits, as well as other interest-bearing financial liabilities are initially recognized at fair value reduced by the transaction costs incurred, except for the financial liabilities that are measured at fair value in the income statement. After initial recognition, interest bearing deposits and loans are stated at amortised cost using the contracted interest rate.

3.17 Provisions, contingent liabilities and assets

Provisions are recognized and made when the Bank has a legal or contractual obligation as a result of past events and when it is likely that an outflow of resources will arise in order to settle the obligation and when the amount of the obligation can be reliably estimated. Provisions for liabilities and charges are non-financial liabilities of uncertain timing or amount.

The provision is measured at the present value of the expected expenditures to settle the obligation, by using a discount rate that reflects the current market estimate of the time value of money.

Provisions can be created if the following conditions are met:

- A current liability (legal or derived) exists as a result of some past event
- There is a probability that the settlement of the liability requires an outflow of funds which generates economic benefit and
- A reliable estimate of the amount of the liability can be made.

Provisions for liabilities and expenses in the financial statements are stated under the heading of Provisions.

Contingent liabilities are not recognized in the financial statements. Contingent assets and liabilities are disclosed in notes to the financial statements.

Provisions are reviewed at every balance sheet date and adjusted so as to reflect the best current estimate, If it is no longer probable that an outflow of funds which generates economic benefit is required for the settlement of the liability, the provision is derecognized through Profit and loss.

3.18 Equity

Equity consists of share capital (ordinary shares), issuance premiums, reserves and accumulated loss. Ordinary shares and non-redeemable preference shares with discretionary dividends are both classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds. Any excess of the fair value of consideration received over the par value of shares issued is recorded as share premium in equity.

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3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

3.19 Critical Accounting Estimates, and Judgements in Applying Accounting Policies

The preparation and presentation of the financial statements requires management to use the best estimates and reasonable assumptions that affect the presented amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent receivables and payables as at the reporting date as well as the disclosure of income and expenses during the reporting period.

These estimates and assumptions are based on the information available as at the date of the financial statements. The actual results may differ from these estimates. Estimates and related assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis, and where adjustments are required, they are recognized in the income statement for the periods in which they have become known.

Management also makes certain judgements, apart from those involving estimations, in the process of applying the accounting policies.

Critical estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are presented below.

(a) Preparation of financial statements on a going concern basis

The Bank's management is not aware of any material uncertainties that may cause doubts about the possibility of discontinuity of the Bank's operations. In making this judgement management considered the Bank's financial position, current intentions, profitability of operations and access to financial resources, and analysed the impact of recent macro-economic developments on future operations of the Bank. Given the above, the financial statements are prepared under the going concern basis.

(b) Income tax

The Bank is subject to income tax in the Republic of Serbia. Determining tax liabilities requires the use of certain estimates. In a situation where the final tax liability is different from the initially recognized tax liabilities, this difference affects the tax liability of the period in which the difference was found.

(c) Deferred income tax asset recognition

The recognised deferred tax asset represents income taxes recoverable through future deductions from taxable profits, and is recorded in the statement of financial position. Deferred income tax assets are recorded to the extent that realisation of the related tax benefit is probable. The future taxable profits and the amount of tax benefits that are probable in the future are based on a medium term business plan prepared by management and extrapolated results thereafter. The business plan is based on management expectations that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)****3.19 Critical Accounting Estimates, and Judgements in Applying Accounting Policies (continued)****(d) Business model assessment and assessment whether cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest ("SPPI")**

Fulfilment analysis of whether the contracted cash flow of a financial asset leads to an increase in cash flow that is solely the payment of principal and interest (SPPI), which is the subject of significant assessment when classifying a financial asset. These estimates are crucial in the IFRS 9 classification and measurement process because they determine whether an asset will be measured at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL), or depending on the business model estimate, amortized cost (AC) or fair value through other comprehensive assets. result (FVOCI).

The Bank conducted an analysis of business models at the level of the portfolio of financial assets. Existing portfolio policies and strategies were analysed, as well as their implementation in practice. Information and how to evaluate and report on portfolio performance, information on risks affecting portfolio performance and how they are managed are also taken into account. In addition, the frequency, volume and timing of the sale of financial assets in previous periods, the reasons for the sale and plans for the sale of financial assets in the next period are considered.

Business models of the Bank:

- **Corporate banking - Loans and receivables: Hold to Collect (AC valuation method)**
All loans and receivables are held in order to collect the contracted cash flows (principal and interest) during the total duration of the placement, i.e. until maturity. There is no trading in placements, that is, there is no placement of loans with the aim of selling them and making a profit based on the difference in price.
- **Treasury - Debt securities: Hold to Collect (AC valuation method)**
Financial instruments, i.e. debt securities, in the "hold for collection" ("HtC") business model, are managed to generate cash flows by collecting contractual cash flows. Achieving a price difference is not the goal, nor the nature of this business model.

Review of instruments' contractual cash flow characteristics (the SPPI test - solely payment of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding)

In assessing whether contractual cash flows are only a payment of principal and interest, the Bank reviewed the contractual terms of the financial instruments and whether they contain provisions that may change the timing or amount of the contractual cash flows, which would result in a fair valuation of the instruments. The principal reflects the fair value at initial recognition less any subsequent changes, e.g. repayments. Interest must only represent consideration for the time value of money, credit risk, other underlying credit risks and profit margins consistent with the underlying credit functions. If cash flows introduce more than de minimis risk exposures or volatility that is inconsistent with underlying credit functions, the financial asset must be recognized in the FVPL.

The analysis concluded that there are no Bank's credit products whose contractual terms do not result in cash flows that represent only payment of principal and interest on the principal balance at specific dates, which would require a fair value measurement.

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3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

3.19 Critical Accounting Estimates, and Judgements in Applying Accounting Policies (continued)

(e) Credit Loss Allowance

The expected credit loss model is based on judgment because it requires an estimate of a significant increase in credit risk and the measurement of expected losses without some more detailed guidance. Details of ECL measurement methodology are disclosed in Note 29.

Measurement of expected credit loss involves complex models that rely on historical default and loss rates, their extrapolation in case of insufficient data, individual estimations of credit loss-adjusted cash flows, and probability of scenario realization including forward-looking information.

The Bank regularly reviews the models and inputs to the models to reduce any differences between expected credit loss estimates and actual credit loss experience.

(f) Significant increase in credit risk ("SICR")

In terms of a significant increase in credit risk, the Bank has set out specific valuation rules that include quantitative and qualitative criteria. In order to determine whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk, the Bank compares the risk of a default occurring over the life of a financial instrument at the end of the reporting date with the risk of default at the date of initial recognition. The assessment considers relative increase in credit risk rather than achieving a specific level of credit risk at the end of the reporting period. The Bank considers all reasonable and supportable forward looking information available without undue cost and effort, which includes a range of factors, including behavioural aspects of particular customer portfolios.

(g) Performance guarantees treated as loan commitments

The Bank has concluded that its performance guarantee contracts expose the Bank solely to credit risk of the applicant because (i) all the contracts require the customers who apply for a guarantee to fully collateralise their obligations to indemnify the Bank as the issuer and (ii) there are no scenarios with commercial substance where the Bank would have to pay significant additional amounts to the holders of such guarantees. Accordingly, the Bank accounts for these contracts as loan commitments in accordance with IFRS 9. The gross amount of the performance guarantees issued and accounted for as loan commitments is RSD 9,491,916 thousand (31 December 2023: RSD 6,511,416 thousand). The fee income recognised for these performance guarantees was RSD 93,744 thousand for the year ended 31 December 2024 (2023: RSD 26,105 thousand).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

3.19 Critical Accounting Estimates, and Judgements in Applying Accounting Policies (continued)

(h) Determining the Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The fair value of financial instruments traded on an active market at the reporting date are based on the quoted market bid and ask prices, before the decrease by transaction costs. The fair value of financial instruments which are not listed on an active market are determined using adequate measurement techniques including techniques of net present value, comparison with similar instruments for which there are market prices and other relevant models.

When market inputs are unavailable, these are determined through assessments that include a certain degree of judgments in the fair value assessment. Models of estimates reflect the current market situation at the date of assessment and do not have to correspond to the market terms before or after the date of measuring. Hence, measurement techniques are revised periodically so they would bestreflect current market terms.

(i) Valuation of right of use assets and leasing liabilities in accordance with IFRS 16

The estimates used by the Bank to measure financial leasing liabilities and right of use assets relate primarily to:

- Classification of contracts as subject to IFRS 16
- Determination of the lease term - the length of contracts that are subject to IFRS 16 (including contracts of indefinite duration and contracts that can be extended)
- Determination of depreciation rates
- Determining the interest rates that will be applied to discount future cash flows

At the moment of initial recognition of leases, the Bank uses a model which in accordance with IFRS 16 requirements. The lessee recognizes the right of use asset, which represents it's right to use the underlying property, and the lease liability, which, represents its lease payment obligation.

For each lease agreement, it is assessed whether it contains a lease i.e. whether the contract bears the right to control the use of the identified property in the contracted period in exchange for compensation.

In assessing the lease period, the Bank included a non-cancellation period, an optional lease extension period, if the lessee is relatively certain to exercise that option, a period covered by the option to terminate the lease, if the lessee is relatively certain that the option will not be used, while in case of a leasing without a defined (fixed) term, the Bank applied term determined in accordance with the best possible estimate of the lease term

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments not paid at the leasing contract inception date, discounted using the interest rate implied in the lease or, if the rate cannot be easily determined, the incremental borrowing rate.

The Bank uses an incremental borrowing rate - the rate at which the Bank can borrow from the Bank of China Group.

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(j) Initial recognition of transactions with related parties

When performing ordinary business activities, the Bank does transactions with its related parties. IFRS 9 requires the initial recognition of financial instruments based on their fair value. An estimate is required when determining whether transaction prices are market or non-market interest rates, where there is no active market for such transactions. The basis for judgment is pricing for similar types of transactions with unrelated parties and an effective interest rate analysis. More information on transactions with related parties is provided in Note 29.

4. INTEREST INCOME AND EXPENSE

In RSD thousand	2024	2023
Interest income		
Interest income from deposits - domestic banks	617,912	400,272
Interest income from deposits - foreign banks	847,887	505,693
Interest income from deposits - customers	648	27,316
Total interest income	1,466,447	933,281
Interest expense		
Interest expense from deposits - corporate clients	-	-
Interest expense from deposits - foreign banks	(2,536)	(1,064)
Interest expense from deposits in foreign currency - foreign banks	(13,179)	(30,857)
Lease interest expense	(2,034)	(1,651)
Total interest expense	(17,749)	(33,572)
Total net income	1,448,698	899,709

Interest income from foreign banks amounts to RSD 617,912 thousand (2023: RSD 400,272 thousand)

Interest income from foreign banks in the amount of RSD 847,887 thousand relates to interest income earned from placements with other member of the Bank of China Group (2023: RSD 505,693 thousand).

Interest expense in the amount of RSD 17,749 thousand (2023: RSD 33,572 thousand) incurred as a result of increased activity of raising deposit funds from customers as well as from the foreign bank sector (other members of the Group to which the Bank belongs).

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5. FEE AND COMMISSION INCOME AND EXPENSE

In RSD thousand	2024	2023
Income from bank charges		
Fee and commission income from payment transactions	45,124	64,156
Fee and commission income from guarantees	90,766	93,744
Fee and commission income intra group charges	314,517	342,242
Fee and commission income from other clients	45,957	53,516
Fee and commission income from foreign exchange business	676,108	614,452
Other fee income	2,037	1,471
Total income	1,174,509	1,169,581
Expense from bank charges		
Payment operations in foreign currency	(14,937)	(10,628)
Payment operations in RSD	(1,597)	(1,604)
Total expense:	(16,534)	(12,232)
Net fee and commission income	1,157,975	1,157,349

Major fee income was generated on the basis of foreign exchange transactions (2024: RSD 676,108 thousand, 2023: RSD 614,452 thousand), which increased due to the Bank's greater activity in providing foreign exchange services to its clients.

The second most important fee income comes from loan to clients arrangements where loans are approved by other members of the BOC group and where Bank of China Srbija a.d. acted as a contractor. This income, together with other income within the group, amounted to RSD 314,517 thousand (2023: RSD 342,242 thousand).

Income from fees and commissions from other clients in the amount of RSD 45,957 thousand (2023: RSD 53,516 thousand) refers to the fee for loan processing for new projects with legal entities from the non-financial sector for loans approved by other members of the BOC Group, where Bank of China Serbia a.d. acted as a contractor.

6. NET PROFIT FROM FOREIGN EXCHANGE DIFFERENCES AND FOREIGN CURRENCY CLAUSE

In RSD thousand	2024	2023
Other foreign exchange result from exchange operations	25,554	(9,843)
Net result from exchange of balance sheet items	(25,123)	8,416
Net result from the valuation of irrevocable off-balance sheet liabilities	(43,838)	(7,807)
Net income from foreign exchange	(43,407)	(9,233)

Other income and expenses from exchange rate differences are insignificant because the Bank strives to have a uniform foreign exchange position during the year, i.e. a minimum exposure based on foreign exchange risk.

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7. IMPAIRMENT LOSSES FROM FINANCIAL ASSETS AND CREDIT RISK OFF-BALANCE SHEET ITEMS

In RSD thousand	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Net expense (income) from increase (decrease) in ECL on financial assets at AC	187,467	(836)
Net expense (income) from increase (decrease) in ECL on off-balance sheet items	<u>(16,132)</u>	<u>20,280</u>
Total	<u>171,335</u>	<u>19,444</u>

During a year there was an increase in financial sector placements' impairment mostly due to increase of total amount of assets that bank keeps on its nostro accounts and placed deposits in financial sector.

8. SALARIES, WAGES AND OTHER PERSONAL EXPENSES

In RSD thousand	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Cost of net salaries	172,682	189,321
Allowance costs	722	3,474
Taxes	45,587	29,529
Contributions	63,837	50,739
Other personal expenses	<u>53,095</u>	<u>17,433</u>
Total	<u>335,923</u>	<u>290,496</u>

The average number of employees at the end of 2024 was 31 (2023: average no. of employees was 28), however average salaries have increased, leading to the overall slight increase in salary expense.

Other personal expenses in the amount of RSD 53,095 thousand (2023: RSD 17,433 thousand) mainly relate to the provision for transportation costs and the expenses for business trips for 2024 in gross amount.

9. DEPRECIATION COSTS

In RSD thousand	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Amortization of intangible assets (note 16)	6,881	8,612
Depreciation of fixed assets (note 17)	10,689	7,369
Depreciation expense - lease (note 17)	<u>41,401</u>	<u>42,219</u>
Total	<u>58,971</u>	<u>58,200</u>

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10. OTHER EXPENSES

In RSD thousand	2024	2023
Office supplies costs	706	523
Expenses related to the lease of business premises	5,437	4,704
Fuel costs	882	945
Promotion and advertising costs	11,413	830
Costs of assignment of activities to other persons	2,581	1,787
Maintenance and repair costs of safety equipment	14,580	13,387
Costs of mobile and landline phones	4,162	2,958
Costs of renting office space from legal entities	6,265	6,258
Costs of renting office space from natural persons	39,120	33,840
Maintenance costs of leased facilities	4,252	3,757
Car rental costs	2,811	2,438
Rental costs of other equipment	8,055	689
Costs of a special internet line	22,120	4,990
Costs of using BOC software	7,696	18,620
Expenses incurred in connection with business trips	6,408	5,957
Representation expenses	8,285	6,990
Costs of advisory and other intellectual services	3,428	7,906
Other production costs	2,820	2,417
Costs of membership fees	1,729	1,920
Deposit insurance costs with a deposit insurance agency	9,254	1,265
Intangible costs	15,503	3,406
Costs of taxes, fees and charges according to regulatory bodies	114	14,266
Total	177,621	139,853

Costs of renting business premises with individuals in the amount of RSD 39,120 thousand (2023: RSD 33,840 thousand) relate to short-term leases of apartments for employees from abroad that have the character of earnings.

The costs of BOC software amount to RSD 7,696 thousand (2023: RSD 18,620 thousand) and relate to investments in the bank's information system and improvement of the payment system.

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11. INCOME TAX

In RSD thousand	2024	2023
Current tax	289,508	231,746
Deferred tax income	-	-
Deferred tax expense	112	1,578
Total	289,620	233,324

Income tax expense differs from the theoretical amount that would arise using the nominal tax rate applicable to profit before tax. The ratio of the tax expense / income to the accounting expense / income is presented below:

In RSD thousand	2024	2023
Gain / (Loss) before tax	1,819,416	1,539,831
Tax rate	15%	15%
Calculated income tax	272,912	230,975
Tax effect of non-deductible expenses	16,596	771
Tax effect of final tax billing	-	-
Tax expense for the period	289,508	231,746

11.1 Calculation of deferred tax income / expense

In RSD thousand	2024	2023
Tax effect of temporary differences concerning PPE and intangible assets	(112)	(1,578)
Net deferred tax income / (expense)	(112)	(1,578)

11.2 Deferred tax assets /liabilities

At year-end, deferred tax liabilities amount to RSD 4,535 thousand (2023: RSD 4,648 thousand). This temporary tax difference arises due to the difference in the methods of calculating the depreciation of fixed assets according to accounting policies and according to the tax prescribed depreciation rates.

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12. EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic earnings per share are calculated by dividing the net profit attributable to equity holders of the Bank by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year.

In RSD thousand	2024	2023
Gain attributable to equity holders of the Company	1,529,796	1,306,508
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue	100	100
Basic earnings per share (expressed in RSD per share)	15,298	13,065

13. CASH AND ASSETS HELD WITH THE CENTRAL BANK

In RSD thousand	2024	2023
Current account at National Bank of Serbia	12,484,921	13,820,087
Regulatory reserve in RSD at NBS	3,627,462	3,105,103
Accrued receivables based on cash and deposits at the National Bank of Serbia	1,025	4,463
Total cash and deposits held with NBS:	16,113,408	16,929,653

The regulatory reserve increased compared to the previous year, RSD 3,627,462 thousand (2023: RSD 3,105,103 thousand), as a result of the increase in transaction deposits of the bank's clients.

Regulatory reserve in RSD at NBS represents the minimum amount of RSD reserves allocated in accordance with the Decision on Mandatory Reserves Held with the NBS. During 2024 NBS paid interest on the balance of the Bank's mandatory RSD reserve at the annual interest rate of 0.75%.

For the purpose of ECL measurement cash and deposits held with NBS are included in Stage 1. The Bank did not recognise any credit loss allowance.

For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents include balances with a maturity of less than three months from the date of acquisition, including cash and cash equivalents that are not subject to Central Bank restrictions, treasury bills and other appropriate securities, loans and advances made banks, due receivables from other banks and short-term government securities.

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14. LOANS AND RECEIVABLES FROM BANKS AND OTHER FINANCIAL ORGANISATIONS

Structure by product

In RSD thousand	Moody's	2024	2023
Foreign currency			
FX current accounts with foreign banks			
Bank of China Ltd (Head Office)	A1	33	
Bank of China Limited, Hungary Branch	A1	98,341	576,542
Bank of China Frankfurt Branch	A1	8,197,655	2,599,334
Bank of China Luxemburg Branch	A1	11,274,072	10,087,355
Shanghai RMB Trading unit	A1	2,236,833	2,597,550
Royal bank of Canada, Montreal, H.O.	Aa2	-	116
Loans and deposits to other banks			
Bank of China Macau Branch	A1	19,114,562	-
Bank of China Frankfurt Branch	A1	50,760	-
Receivables for interest income on loans and deposits		-	-
Accrued receivables from guarantees fee		(186,124)	(4)
Total		40,786,132	15,860,893

The Bank foreign currency current accounts relates to the nostro account held with foreign banks. These accounts are within BOC Group.

At present, all balances are classified in Stage 1 and there has been no movement to other levels during the year.

Since deposit funds have been placed for a term of up to 90 days and all funds have been placed within the Group no material impairment has been determined (Expected Credit Loss).

15. LOANS AND RECEIVABLES FROM CUSTOMERS

The Bank does not hold a portfolio of loans and advances to customers that do not meet the SPPI requirement for AC classification under IFRS 9. As a result, all loans and advances were classified as at AC from the date of initial recognition. The carrying amount presented in the balance sheet best represents the Bank's maximum exposure to credit risk arising from loans and advances to customers:

Structure by product

In RSD thousand	2024	2023
Foreign currency		
Loans and deposits to the customers		
Corporate clients	740,648	-
Allowance	(3,167)	(1)
Accrued fees receivable from customers	16,144	10,780
Total	753,625	10,779

The balance of loan receivables to customers net of ECL amounts to RSD 753,625 thousand (2023: RSD 10,779 thousand). The increase of receivables refers to the new placed loans. Remaining amount on this balance sheet position as of 31.12.2024. refers to deferred claims from clients based on fees for performance guarantees.

At present, all loans and receivables are classified in Stage 1 and there has been no movement to other levels during the year.

The Bank's policies regarding obtaining collateral have not significantly changed during the reporting period and there has been no significant change in the overall quality of the collateral held by the Bank since the prior period.

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16. INTANGIBLE INVESTMENTS

Movements within intangible assets are presented below. Intangible assets are relative to the software and the licenses used by the Bank in its business operations.

In RSD thousand	License and software	Other intangible assets	Total
Cost			
As at 01.01.2023.	75,611	-	75,611
Additions	11,320	567	11,887
Other	-	1,840	1,840
As at 31.12.2023.	86,931	2,407	89,338
Additions	4,408	60	4,468
Other	-	-	-
As at 31.12.2024.	91,339	2,467	93,806
Amortisation			
As at 01.01.2022.	(67,034)	-	(67,034)
Amortisation	(7,345)	(1,267)	(8,612)
As at 31.12.2023.	(74,379)	(1,267)	(75,646)
Amortisation	(5,949)	(932)	(6,881)
As at 31.12.2024.	(80,328)	(2,199)	(82,527)
Net book value as at			
31. December 2024.	11,011	268	11,279
31. December 2023.	12,552	1,140	13,692

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PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Property - rights-of-use	Vehicles - rights-of-use	Equipment and other assets	Investments in other fixed assets	Total
2023.	293,754	37,620	81,107	60,464	
	17,235	14,242	25,639	-	
Depreciation	-	(4,575)	-	-	
2023.	<u>310,989</u>	<u>47,287</u>	<u>106,746</u>	<u>58,624</u>	
	3,596	-	14,189	-	
Depreciation	(3,681)	(28,574)	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
2024.	<u>310,904</u>	<u>18,713</u>	<u>120,935</u>	<u>58,624</u>	
Provisions					
2023.	(120,657)	(26,000)	(70,284)	(58,624)	
	(31,699)	(10,520)	(7,369)	-	
Depreciation	-	4,575	-	-	
	-	-	(2)	-	
2023.	<u>(152,356)</u>	<u>(31,945)</u>	<u>(77,655)</u>	<u>(58,624)</u>	
	(36,226)	(5,174)	(10,690)	-	
Depreciation	3,681	28,574	-	-	
	-	-	1	-	
2024.	<u>(184,901)</u>	<u>(8,545)</u>	<u>(88,344)</u>	<u>(58,624)</u>	
Value as at					
2024.	<u>126,003</u>	<u>10,168</u>	<u>32,591</u>	<u>-</u>	
2023.	<u>158,633</u>	<u>15,342</u>	<u>29,091</u>	<u>-</u>	

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17. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (continued)

During the year, there was an increase in property, plant and equipment of RSD 17,785 thousand (2023: RSD 57,116 thousand). Additions mainly relate to renewing the lease of vehicles as well as the lease of additional electronic equipment. During 2024, the lease agreement for business vehicles expired (RSD 28,574 thousand).

Most of the fixed assets are new and therefore there were no events that would indicate the impairment triggers for this part of assets.

18. CURRENT TAX ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

In RSD thousand	2024	2023
Current tax assets	141,210	296,327
Total	141,210	143,327
In RSD thousand	2024	2023
Current tax liabilities	205,082	296,327
Total	205,082	296,327

Current tax assets represent advance payments for corporate income tax during 2024. At the beginning of 2025 closing of total tax receivables and liabilities made during 2025, takes place.

19. OTHER ASSETS

In RSD thousand	2024	2023
Other receivables for deposits to lessors	12,844	11,964
Receivables accrued - valuation of assets from spot arbitrage	18,275	1,148
Deferred rental fee and other differed expenses	2,521	1,696
Total	33,640	14,808

Receivables from lessors relate to receivables from corporate clients and individuals in the amount of RSD 12,844thousand (2023: RSD 11,964thousand).

20. DEPOSITS AND OTHER LIABILITIES DUE TO BANKS, OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND THE CENTRAL BANK

Liabilities to banks as at 31 December 2024 amounted to RSD 2 thousand (2023: RSD 2 thousand).

In RSD thousand	2024	2023
Current accounts of other financial institutions	-	-
Term deposits of other financial institutions	2	2
Total	2	2

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21. DEPOSITS AND OTHER LIABILITIES DUE TO CUSTOMERS

As of 31 December 2023 the Bank had liabilities for deposit in the total amount of RSD 41,928,057 thousand (2023: RSD 27,002,062 thousand). The sectorial structure of these deposits relates mostly entirely to the corporate sector, mostly engaging in the mining and manufacturing sector.

Structure by product

In RSD thousand	2024	2023
RSD		
Demand deposits	12,694,017	10,066,580
Total in RSD	12,694,017	10,066,580
Foreign currency		
Demand deposits	26,162,569	16,462,131
Time deposits	3,070,675	473,126
Accrued interest liabilities	796	224
Total in foreign currency	29,234,040	16,935,481
Total	41,928,057	27,002,061

Structure by sector

In RSD thousand	2024	2023
Corporate	39,494,105	24,344,266
Public enterprises	2,433,952	2,657,795
Total	41,928,057	27,002,061

22. PROVISIONS

At the end of the year provisions amounted to RSD 35,765 thousand (2023: RSD 51,949 thousand). This rise in provisions is due to issued guarantees to clients which are secured with contra guarantees issued by members of the BOC Group. This rise in provisions directly influenced impairment losses from financial assets and credit risk off-balance sheet items.

23. OTHER LIABILITIES

In RSD thousand	2024	2023
RSD		
Liabilities towards employees	16,843	12,357
Other taxes	5,223	-
Liabilities accrued	61,427	28,985
Payables for other tax and contributions	55,858	8,086
Suspense accounts	(122)	8,963
Accrued other expenditures in dinars	16,064	5,087
Total in RSD	155,293	63,478
Foreign currency		
Lease liabilities in foreign currency	165,096	178,929
Liabilities accrued in foreign currency	-	-
Liabilities for calculated fee and commission - guarantees	-	12,752
Liabilities on transitory and temporary accounts -		
Unallocated inflow of funds	3,320	1,745,547
Accrued other expenditures in foreign currency	10,179,541	19,180
Total in foreign currency	10,347,957	1,956,408
Total	10,503,250	2,019,886

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23. OTHER LIABILITIES (continued)

Increase in Liabilities on transitory and temporary accounts - unallocated inflow of funds is due to a late inflow of a client which is allocated to the relevant account next working day.

24. LEASE

The Bank has lease agreements for business premises, lease of private apartments to employed foreigners, lease of additional servers at the reserve location (DR location) and lease agreements for business vehicles. The lease agreement is concluded for the following period: business premises for up to 10 years, private apartments for employees from abroad for a period of up to one year, server lease agreement and lease agreements for business vehicles for up to 3 years.

Contracts contain options for extension and termination in exceptional cases and do not include variable payment obligations. Extension options have been taken into account for calculating lease liabilities in accordance with IFRS 16.

Set out below are the carrying amounts of right-of-use assets recognized and the movements during the period:

In RSD thousand	Property - rights of use	Vehicles - rights of use	Electronic equipment - rights of use	Total
As at 1 st Jan 2023	173,097	7,837	3,783	184,717
Additions	17,235	14,242	-	31,477
Lease agreement expired	-	-	-	-
Depreciation expense	(31,699)	(6,737)	(3,783)	(42,219)
As at 1 st Jan 2024	158,633	15,342	-	173,975
Additions	3,596	-	-	3,596
Lease agreement expiration	-	-	-	-
Depreciation expense	(36,226)	(5,174)	-	(41,400)
As at 31 st Dec 2024	126,003	10,168	-	136,171

Set out below are the carrying amounts of lease and the movements during the period

In RSD thousand	2024	2023
As at 1st Jan	173,975	189,355
Additions	5,047	34,511
Interest expense	2,034	1,651
Expiring lease contract	-	-
Foreign exchange	2,110	(5,211)
Payments	(46,995)	(46,331)
As at 31 st Dec	136,171	173,975

The maturity analysis of lease liabilities are disclosed in and liquidity gap analysis is given in Note 27.

The following are the amounts recognized in profit or loss

In RSD thousand	2024	2023
Depreciation expense of right-of-use assets	41,400	42,219
Lease interest expense	2,034	1,651
Expense relating to short-term leases	45,385	40,098
Total expenses designated in P&L	88,819	83,968

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25. EQUITY

The bank's share capital consists of 100 ordinary shares with nominal value of RSD 18,438,870 per share (2023: RSD 18,438,870). The capital was registered on the basis of the incorporation act and registered with the Central Securities Depository and clearing house as of 22 December 2016.

The first payment of the capital was made on 8 December 2016 in the amount of RSD 1,843,887 thousand (EUR 15,000,000). Total sum of registered capital is paid in full amount. The owner of 100% of the Bank's shares as of 31 December 2023 is Bank of China (Europe) S.A. Luxembourg.

Profit from previous years amounted to RSD 1,966,754 thousand while the amount of RSD 1,529,796 thousand represents result (gain) from the current period.

26. OFF-BALANCE SHEET ITEMS AND POTENTIAL LIABILITIES**26.1 Off-balance sheet items**

As of 31 December 2024, the Bank continued to issue performance guarantees and other off balance sheet items. The guarantees are secured by counter-guarantee from the members of the BOC group, while others are covered in cash deposits.

Structure by product**In RSD thousand**

	2024	2023
Issued guarantees and other sureties	14,319,456	9,491,916
Issued letters of credit	620,167	2,314,532
Other irrevocable commitments in foreign currency	25,409,390	2,529,910
Total	40,349,013	14,336,360

Off balance sheet items in the amount of RSD 14,319,456 thousand (2023: RSD 9,491,916 thousand) increased compared to the previous year as a result of increase in the Bank's activity in issuing performance guarantees. Other irrevocable commitments in foreign currency represent spot exchange temporary exposures due to foreign exchange activity which were completed first working day in 2025.

26.2 Contingencies and commitments

Legal proceedings. As of 31 December 2024, no court proceedings have been held against the Bank.

Tax contingencies. The Management of the Bank is of the opinion that there is no risk of any tax implications on the financial position of the Bank and therefore has made no provisions related to this matter in these financial statements. The Management has implemented internal controls to be in compliance with this transfer pricing legislation and has no reason to estimate any potential tax expenses related to this area

Future cash outflows related to leases. Where the Bank is a lessee, the future cash outflows, to which the Bank is potentially exposed and that are not reflected in the lease liabilities at 31 December 2024 relate mainly to short-term leases with monthly payments. Rent expense recorded for such leases for 202 is disclosed in Note 24.

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27. RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES

27.1 Competences

The Board of Directors is responsible for establishing the system of internal controls and monitoring their effectiveness. The Board of Directors adopts Strategies and Risk Management Policies, as well as the Bank's Capital Management Strategy, proposed by the Executive Board.

The Executive Board implements the mentioned strategies and policies by adopting procedures for risk management and ensuring their implementation. The Executive Board analyses the risk management system and at least on quarterly reports the Board of Directors on the level of risk exposure and management.

It is also the responsibility of the Board of Directors to determine the amounts to which the Bank's Executive Board may decide on the investments and borrowings of the Bank, as well as deciding on the investments and borrowings of the Bank through such amounts, and gives prior consent for the Bank's exposure to each individual person or group of related parties exceeding 10% of the Bank's capital, and/or to increase this exposure to more than 20% of the Bank's equity.

The Board of Directors ensures the implementation of the internal capital adequacy assessment process of the Bank.

27.2. Internal Regulations

The highest level document for risk management in the Bank is the Risk Management Strategy. With this document, the following risks are identified as the major risks faced by the Bank:

- **Credit risk** is the possibility of occurrence of adverse effects on financial result and capital of the Bank caused by the borrower's failure to fulfil its obligations to the Bank.
- **Residual risk** is the likelihood of occurrence of adverse effects on financial result and Bank's capital due to the fact that credit risk mitigation techniques are less efficient than anticipated or their implementation does not have sufficient influence on the reduction of risk to which the Bank is exposed.
- **Dilution risk** is the possibility of occurrence of adverse effects on the Bank's financial result and capital due to the reduced value of purchased receivables as a result of cash or non-cash liabilities of the former creditor to the borrower.
- **Settlement/delivery risk** is the possibility of adverse effects on the Bank's financial result and capital arising from unsettled transactions or counterparty's failure to deliver in free transactions on the due delivery date.
- **Counterparty credit risk** is the possibility of adverse effects on the Bank's financial result and capital arising from counterparty's failure to fulfil his part of the deal in a transaction before final settlement of cash flows of the transaction or settlement of monetary liabilities under that transaction.
- **Concentration risk** is a risk which arises, directly or indirectly, from the Bank's exposure to the same or similar source of risk or the same or similar type of risk.
- **Market risk** implies the possibility of occurrence of adverse effects on the Bank's financial result and capital due to changes in the value of balance-sheet positions and off-balance sheet items arising from changes in prices in the market. Market risks includes foreign exchange risk, price risk on debt securities, and commodity risk.

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27. RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (continued)

27.2 Internal Regulations (continued)

- **Interest rate risk** is a risk of possible adverse effects on the financial result and capital of the Bank arising from positions in the banking book due to changes in interest rates.
- **Liquidity risk** is the possibility of occurrence of adverse effects on the financial result and capital of the Bank caused by the Bank's inability to fulfil its due obligations as a result of (i) withdrawal of existing sources of financing and/or impossibility of securing new sources of financing (funding liquidity risk), or (ii) difficulties in converting assets into liquid funds due to market disturbances (market liquidity risk).
- **Operational risk** is the risk of possible adverse effects on financial result and capital of the Bank caused by omissions (unintentional and intentional) in employees' work, inadequate internal procedures and processes, inadequate management of information and other systems, as well as by unforeseeable external events including in particular legal risk.
- **Legal risk** is the risk of adverse effects on the bank's financial result and capital arising from court or out-of-court proceedings relating to the bank's operation (contracts and torts, labour relations, etc.).
- **Strategic risk** is the possibility of adverse effects on the bank's financial result or capital due to absence of adequate policies and strategies, or due to their inadequate implementation, and due to changes in the environment in which the bank operates or failure of the bank to adequately respond to these changes.
- **The Bank's investment risk** includes the risks of its investments in other legal entities and in fixed assets and investment property.
- **Country risk** is a risk relating to the country of origin of the person to which the Bank is exposed, i.e. risks of possible adverse effects on the financial result and capital of the Bank due to the Bank's inability to collect receivables from such person for reasons arising from political, economic or social circumstances in such person's country of origin.
- **The term "compliance risk"** referred to the risk that the Bank may suffer legal sanctions, regulatory penalties, financial losses or reputational losses resulting from failure to abide by compliance requirements.
- **The risk of money laundering and terrorist financing** implies the risk of possible occurrence of negative effects on the financial result, capital or reputation of a Bank if the Bank is used (direct or indirect use of the business relationship with the Bank, transactions, service or product of the Bank) for money laundering and/or terrorist financing

The basic principles of the risk management in the Bank are:

- 1) **Compliance:** The Bank aims to be fully compliant with all applicable local laws and regulations, as well as BoC Group guidelines.
- 2) **Appropriate balance between risk and return:** The Bank aims to achieve appropriate balance of risk and return through active control. Each kind of business shall at least gain benefits that match the risk it bears, and optimize capital allocation.
- 3) **Segregation of duties, avoiding conflict of interest:** Risk management units and personnel is independent from business units, and should provide independent views and professional opinions for related risks arising from business development.

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27. RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (continued)**27.2 Internal Regulations (continued)**

- 4) Clarify rights and responsibilities. Accountability shall be carried out through a strict internal control mechanism, specific division of responsibilities and clearly defined rights and responsibilities.
- 5) Forward-looking and proactive approach: All employees shall cooperate with each other, study and manage risks in a forward-looking manner, actively identify, improve management and control measures, and ensure risks are under control.
- 6) Fully know your customers and businesses: "know your customers", "know your businesses", especially new products and new businesses to ensure risk margin is measurable and risks are acceptable.
- 7) Consistence and coherence: BOCS shall implement a coherent risk appetite and risk management strategy and carry out consolidated risk management of all members of the Group in order to ensure consistency between the objectives of risk management and business development.
- 8) Differentiated and controllable: Under the risk appetite and risk management strategy, the Bank shall implement differentiated and controllable risk management in line with the external market environment and its own risk management capability in order to make risk management more flexible and pragmatic.
- 9) Substance over the form should prevail. In all cases where risk strategy and/or any other relevant risk internal rules are not fully clear, substance over the form should prevail, meaning all available information should be considered in final interpretation of a certain internal guideline.

Risk-taking capacity refers to the level of risk that the Bank is willing to accept or maintain, with the aim of maximizing benefits for shareholders, while satisfying relevant stakeholders, and thus defining the most significant set of indicators in the field of risk management. The Bank seeks to maintain a moderate risk-taking capacity and achieve a balance between risk and return, in accordance with the principles of "rationality, stability and prudence".

Risk-taking capacity indicators are defined for all risks to which the Bank is exposed. Indicators of risk-taking capacity are monitored through the levels of exposure to that risk and have defined target values or limit values (limits). Target values are determined on the basis of the bank's business strategy and risk strategy, while internal limits are determined taking into account the regulatory and requirements of the banking group.

The key risk indicators for previously listed risks that the Bank has identified as key ones are:

Risk	Key risk indicators
1.Capital adequacy	CET 1ratio, Tier 1 ratio, Capital adequacy ratio, Regulatory capital
2.Credit risk	
2.1. Credit assets	Non-performing loans in total loan
2.2. Concentration risk	Single client limit, Sum of large exposures, Total exposure within the Group, Sector exposure
3.Market risk	Total currency exposure, FX risk indicator
4.Interest rate risk in the banking book	Change in economic value of capital, change in net interest income
5.Operational risk	The number of operational events with a loss, IT Number of significant fault lasting more than 1h
6.Liquidity risk	Daily liquidity ratio, liquidity ratio for three consecutive days, average monthly liquidity ratio, Narrow daily liquidity ratio, narrow liquidity ratio for three consecutive days, narrower average monthly liquidity ratio, liquidity coverage ratio
7.Country risk	Maximum amount of exposure in a country with a non-investment rating
8.Business compliance risk	Penalties by regulators and other material risks, Losses from lawsuits and litigation
9.Risk of money laundering	Number of reports of suspicious transactions from the aspect of money laundering
10. Strategic risk	Minimum percentage of completed tasks in accordance with the business plan.

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27. RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (continued)

27.3 Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the possibility of occurrence of adverse effects on the financial result and capital of the bank caused by the bank's inability to meet its due obligations as a result of:

- Withdrawal of existing sources of funding and/or impossibility to secure new sources of funding (funding liquidity risk), or
- Difficulties in converting assets into liquid funds due to market disturbances (market liquidity risk).

Liquidity risk (risk of not being liquid) is the danger that the Bank will no longer be able to meet its current and future payment obligations in full, or in a timely manner. The bank must therefore maintain at all times sufficient liquid funds available to meet its obligations, even in times of stress. It has a shorter-term perspective.

Funding risk is the danger that additional funding can no longer be obtained, or can only be obtained at significantly increased market interest rates. It has a longer-term perspective.

Liquidity management in the Bank is a continuous process, based on the following **general principles**:

- The Bank does not engage in speculative affairs – Money Market deals, deals in the purchase or sale of securities or currencies whose main goal is to make a profit based on the expected trends in their prices.
- The bank concludes the aforementioned contracts only to maintain suitable level of liquidity (its liquidity position), i.e. to reduce its exposure to financial and market risks.
- In order to reduce the liquidity risk, the Bank strives for its policy of independence and seeks finance through the deposit of its clients.
- All operations must be carried out on the basis of appropriate processes and internal controls and must be adequately documented;
- Unnecessary risks are avoided, i.e. bank does not enter into jobs that are outside the defined mission of the Bank.
- Liquidity management is performed in all relevant currencies
- The Bank strive for stability and diversification of the sources of funding where such structure limit the possible concentration of liquidity risk and guarantee a relatively simple and direct liquidity risk management system.

The Bank calculates liquidity ratios on a daily basis in accordance with the requirement of the National Bank of Serbia. The Bank's daily liquidity ratio during 2024, was always within prescribed regulatory limit (min 1) and at the 31.12.2024 amounts to 4.48 (2023: amounts to 3.82).

Monthly liquidity ratio – LCR –liquidity coverage ratio, during 2024, was always above prescribed regulatory limit of 100%. At the 31.12.2024 amounts to 133 (2023: amounts to 285.14).

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27. RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (continued)

27.3 Liquidity risk (continued)

Liquidity gap - Remaining maturity gap analysis of financial assets and liabilities

Beside regulatory prescribed liquidity indicators, the Bank monitors its liquidity by measuring total cash flow of its balance sheet liabilities and receivables and off-balance sheet items.

Analysis of the gap presents a comparison of the total available funds / inflows to meet the total commitments over a given period of time. Liquidity gap is present when in the reporting period, total amount of liabilities exceeds the total amount of assets. Liquidity that can potentially be generated to cover the liquidity gap is called liquid potential.

Periodical reports about cash flow are used in order to identify significant mismatch and for estimation of future liquidity needs, as well as liquidity surplus. Decision related to liquidity management are based on cash flow mismatch - GAP analysis. Projection of future cash flows of balance sheet items is based on the principle of remaining maturity of these items.

The following tables represent analysis of assets and liabilities by remaining maturity taking into account analysis of expected time of realization of assets and liability payments as of 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023.

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MANAGEMENT POLICIES (continued)

ity risk (continued)

as of 31 December 2024 - Maturity gap analysis of financial assets and liabilities

of RSD	until 1 month	from 1 to 3 months	from 3 to 6 months	from 6 months to 1 year	from 1 to 5 years	over 5 years
es held with the central bank	16,113,408	-	-	-	-	-
nder derivatives	-	-	-	-	-	-
ivables from banks and other financial	40,972,257	-	-	-	-	-
ivables from customers	16,144	-	-	740,648	-	-
	21,126	-	-	3,067	9,446	-
ICIAL ASSETS	57,122,935	-	-	743,715	9,446	-
er derivatives	-	-	-	-	-	-
ther liabilities due to banks, other	-	-	-	-	-	-
utions and the central bank	-	-	-	-	-	-
ther liabilities due to customers	39,535,289	1,838,116	554,652	-	-	-
bilities	205.082					
s	10.503.250				-	
ICIAL LIABILITIES	50,243,621	1,838,116	554,652	-	-	-
on the assets side	8,048,173	-	-	-	-	-
mmittments - on the assets side	455,004	396,249	401,892	398,569	12,667,742	-
on the liabilities side	8,048,173	-	-	-	-	-
bilities from guaranties - liability side	(455,004)	(396,249)	(401,892)	(398,569)	(12,667,742)	-
HEET FINANCIAL ITEMS	-	-	-	-	-	-
maturity gap as of 31 December 2024	6,879,314	(1,838,116)	(554,652)	743,715	9,446	-

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MANAGEMENT POLICIES (continued)

ity risk (continued)

s of 31 December 2023 - Maturity gap analysis of financial assets and liabilities

of RSD	until 1 month	from 1 to 3 months	from 3 to 6 months	from 6 months to 1 year	from 1 to 5 years	over 5 years
es held with the central bank	16,929,653	-	-	-	-	-
nder derivatives	-	-	-	-	-	-
eivables from banks and other financial	15,860,893	-	-	-	-	-
eivables from customers	10,779	-	-	-	-	-
	3,014	-	-	2,689	9,105	-
FIANCIAL ASSETS	32,804,343	-	-	2,689	9,105	-
er derivatives	-	-	-	-	-	-
ther liabilities due to banks, other	-	2	-	-	-	-
utions and the central bank	26,003,691	582,665	415,705	-	-	-
ther liabilities due to customers	2,019,886				-	
FIANCIAL LIABILITIES	28,023,577	582,667	415,705	-	-	-
on the assets side	2,529,911	-	-	-	-	-
mmittments - on the assets side	219,166	324,144	132,510	872,399	7,943,697	-
on the liabilities side	(2,529,911)	-	-	-	-	-
ilities from guaranties - liability side	(219,166)	(324,144)	(132,510)	(872,399)	(7,943,697)	-
HEET FINANCIAL ITEMS	-	-	-	-	-	-
maturity gap as of 31 December 2023	4,780,766	(582,667)	(415,705)	2,689	9,105	-

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27. RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (continued)

27.4 Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that certain claims of the Bank will not be fully paid under the conditions under which they were initially approved, or the inability and / or unwillingness of the debtor to settle its obligations in accordance with the terms of the contract. The debtor is any legal entity or private individual having on balance and / or off-balance liability towards the Bank. All related persons in terms of Article 2 of the Banking Law are considered as one debtor.

Exposure to credit risk arises as a result of the Bank's lending and other transactions with counterparties, giving rise to financial assets and off-balance sheet credit-related commitments.

The process of credit risk management is based on general business principles:

- 1) consistent approach and uniform standards in the process of decision making on the Bank's placements that are defined by internal documents;
- 2) The Bank determines the total exposure to one debtor, where under one client it is also considered a group of related parties in accordance with the provisions of the Banking Law;
- 3) The Bank monitors and manages the level of total exposure of the borrower in accordance with the adopted credit policy of the Bank;
- 4) All individual decisions on placement, as well as all material changes to the concluded contracts, are authorized by the competent authority;
- 5) The competence of the individual in the process of deciding on the Bank's placements is determined in accordance with their qualification, expertise and experience, subject to periodic review.

When deciding on the exposures, the Bank is required to comply with limits on counterparty and to endeavour to avoid excessive concentration of exposure, taking into account the requirements in terms of the structure of financing of the Bank, as well as the requirements of prudent lending.

The process of credit risk management refers to activities such as identifying and assessing risks, monitoring and reporting, as well as risk control of the Bank. The process of credit risk taking involves the following activities carried out by the Bank:

- receipt and recording of the risk-taking transaction requirement;
- client rating and preparation of credit application;
- due diligence and collateral evaluation;
- setting limits and approval;
- conclusion of the contract and payment;
- monitoring of exposure, classification of assets, provisions;
- collection of receivables, closing, write-off of receivables.

Credit risk grading system

The Bank manages the credit risk by establishing adequate processes for determining the borrower's creditworthiness when approving placement, regular monitoring of execution of contractual obligations, setting limits and defining the level of risk that the Bank is willing to accept.

The credit rating is determined when assessing the financial position and future solvency of the client, partner or guarantor. The result of the credit rating is the basis for the acceptance of clients or the termination of cooperation with the same, and it is one of the basic factors that are taken into account when deciding on the quality of the loan, approving, determining the loan price, classifying the risk of credit assets and managing the authorization in credit business process. Credit rating of clients is determined according to a single standard, with periodic assessments and dynamic adjustment. In the process of determining the credit rating, the Bank estimates the data that can be quantified, which are obtained from the client's financial statements; objective aspects, as well as data that cannot be quantified and considered as subjective, as well as other circumstances and factors determined by the internal documents of the bank.

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27. RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (continued)

27.4 Credit risk (continued)

Credit risk grading system (continued)

Corporate customer credit rating is categorized into four main types: A, B, C and D:

- *rating A* - the customers have a good credit status, low probability of default within the next year, strong repayment capability and limited credit risks;
- *rating B* - the customers have a good credit status, relatively low probability of default within the next year, guaranteed repayment capability and uncertainties in their risk profile;
- *rating C* - the customers have a poor credit status, high probability of default within the next year, poor operating condition and financial status and significant credit risks.
- *rating D* - the customers have defaulted by the time of rating. Customers that have defaulted are directly rated D

These main categories include further subcategories.

Upon approval, placements are regularly monitored and evaluated, as well as the creditworthiness of the borrower throughout the entire repayment period. The monitoring process is carried out on a quarterly basis, and in case of need and more often by the relevant departments of the Bank. In a timely manner, the Bank takes measures to reduce the credit risk in case of deterioration of the financial condition or creditworthiness of the borrower.

In order to strengthen credit asset management and objectively reflect credit asset quality, the Bank also adopted Rules of asset classification in line with the relating legal rules of Serbia and according to the requirements of the Serbian supervisory authorities and the BOC Head Office. The term "five-grade classification" mentioned in the Rules refers to the approach by which the Bank's credit assets are classified into five categories, i.e. performing, special mention, substandard, doubtful and loss, based on the risk levels. The last three categories are collectively referred to as non-performing credits.

Impairment assessment and measurement

Management Measure for Impairment of financial assets follows below principles:

- 1) Compliance: In accordance with the accounting standards and regulations, the bank should make sure the provision for impairment of financial assets can meet external compliance requirements.
- 2) Be objective and prudential: The bank should fully consider internal and external factors affecting the value of financial assets in order to avoid overestimation or underestimation, and accurately reflect the risk of financial assets.
- 3) Be practical: Based on the bank's business and management demand, the bank should determine alternative standards and measurement principles to make sure the impairment provision work is economically efficient and operable.
- 4) Strengthen internal control: By strengthening internal control, the bank should clarify work scope and obligation for all involved parties, and to ensure the objectivity and fairness of the provision for impairment.

ECL is a probability-weighted estimate of the present value of future cash shortfalls (i.e., the weighted average of credit losses, with the respective risks of default occurring in a given time period used as weights). An ECL measurement is unbiased and is determined by evaluating a range of possible outcomes. ECL measurement is based on four components used by the Bank: Probability of Default ("PD"), Exposure at Default ("EAD"), Loss Given Default ("LGD") and Discount Rate.

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27. RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (continued)

27.4 Credit risk (continued)

Impairment assessment and measurement (continued)

EAD is an estimate of exposure at a future default date, taking into account expected changes in the exposure after the reporting period, including repayments of principal and interest, and expected drawdowns on committed facilities. The EAD on credit related commitments is estimated using Credit Conversion Factor ("CCF"). CCF is a coefficient that shows the probability of conversion of the committed amounts to an on-balance sheet exposure within a defined period. PD is an estimate of the likelihood of default to occur over a given time period. LGD is an estimate of the loss arising on default. It is based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due and those that the lender would expect to receive, including from any collateral. It is usually expressed as a percentage of the EAD. The expected losses are discounted to present value at the end of the reporting period. The discount rate represents the effective interest rate ("EIR") for the financial instrument or an approximation thereof.

Expected credit losses are modelled over instrument's lifetime period. The lifetime period is equal to the remaining contractual period to maturity of debt instruments, adjusted for expected prepayments, if any. For loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts, it is the contractual period over which an entity has a present contractual obligation to extend credit.

Management models Lifetime ECL, that is, losses that result from all possible default events over the remaining lifetime period of the financial instrument. The 12-month ECL, represents a portion of lifetime ECLs that result from default events on a financial instrument that are possible within 12 months after the reporting period, or remaining lifetime period of the financial instrument if it is less than a year.

The level of ECL that is recognised in these financial statements depends on whether the credit risk of the borrower has increased significantly since initial recognition. This is a three-stage model for ECL measurement. A financial instrument that is not credit-impaired on initial recognition and its credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition has a credit loss allowance based on 12-month ECLs (Stage 1). If a SICR since initial recognition is identified, the financial instrument is moved to Stage 2 but is not yet deemed to be credit-impaired and the loss allowance is based on lifetime ECLs. If a financial instrument is credit-impaired, the financial instrument is moved to Stage 3 and loss allowance is based on lifetime ECLs. The consequence of an asset being in Stage 3 is that the entity ceases to recognise interest income based on gross carrying value and applies the asset's effective interest rate to the carrying amount, net of ECL, when calculating interest income. The Bank has two approaches for ECL measurement: (i) assessment on an individual basis; (ii) assessment on a portfolio basis. The Bank performs an assessment on an individual basis for corporate loans with loan balance above 2 million USD. There are no such loans in Bank's portfolio as at 31.12.2024. nor as at 31.12.2023.

The Bank performs an assessment on a portfolio basis for all other loans. When assessment is performed on a portfolio basis, the Bank determines the staging of the exposures and measures the loss allowance on a collective basis. The Bank analyses its exposures by segments determined on the basis of shared credit risk characteristics, such that exposures within a group have homogeneous or similar risks.

In general, ECL is the sum of the multiplications of the following credit risk parameters: EAD, PD and LGD and discounted to present value using the instrument's effective interest rate.

The key principles of calculating the credit risk parameters. The EADs are determined based on the expected payment profile, that varies by product type. EAD is based on the contractual repayments owed by the borrower over a 12-month or lifetime basis for amortising products and bullet repayment loans. This will also be adjusted for any expected overpayments made by a borrower.

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27. RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (continued)

27.4 Credit risk (continued)

Impairment assessment and measurement (continued)

Two types of PDs are used for calculating ECLs: 12-month and lifetime PD. An assessment of a 12-month PD is based on the developed statistical internal credit rating model and the latest available historic default data. Lifetime PDs represent the estimated probability of a default occurring over the remaining life of the financial instrument and it is a sum of the 12 months PDs over the life of the instrument.

LGD represents the Bank's expectation of the extent of loss on a defaulted exposure. Due to the limitation of data, LGD 45% is used for most loans. However, a lower LGD will be used for loans with credit risk mitigation (such as guaranteed loans or collateralized loans).

ECL measurement for financial guarantees and loan commitments. The ECL measurement for these instruments includes the same steps as described above for on-balance sheet exposures and differs with respect to EAD calculation. The EAD is a product of credit conversion factor ("CCF") and amount of the commitment. CCF for undrawn credit lines of corporate customers and for financial guarantees is defined based on expert judgement and regulatory guidelines. .

Forward-looking information incorporated in the ECL models. The Z-factor is determined based on a scorecard method, which considers GDP growth rate, unemployment rate, inflation – Consumer Price Index (CPI) and stability of monetary policy, as well as average NPL ratio of banking industry. Merton model is used to adjust the PD parameter (which captures the relationship between systematic risk factor and potential macro-economic variables).

There are four scenarios in the ECL model, including baseline, optimistic, pessimistic and severely pessimistic scenarios.

Baseline scenarios: forecasts of GDP growth rate, unemployment rate and CPI are from IMF. Volatility of monetary policy interest rate and NPL ratio of banking industry are calculated based on observable historical value.

Optimistic, pessimistic and severely pessimistic scenarios: GDP forecasts for optimistic scenario are calculated by + 0.5 historical standard deviation to baseline forecasts while GDP forecasts for pessimistic and severely pessimistic scenarios are calculated by - 0.5 and - 1 historical standard deviation to baseline forecasts, respectively. Unemployment rate and CPI forecasts moved in the opposite direction and same magnitude as GDP.

Weightings of each scenarios are calculated based on global GDP growth rate forecasts (from IMF) and then adjusted based on management's assessment of risk level of each category.

The Bank and the Group the Bank belongs to regularly review ECL methodology and assumptions to reduce any difference between the estimates and the actual loss of credit.

For purposes of measuring PD, the Bank defines default as a situation when the exposure meets one or more of the following criteria:

- Overdue 90 days or more;
- The debtor's credit rating is D on reporting date;
- Five-category Asset Classification is non-performing;
- Current debtors in blacklist

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27. RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (continued)

27.4 Credit risk (continued)

Impairment assessment and measurement (continued)

For purposes of disclosure, the Bank fully aligned the definition of default with the definition of credit-impaired assets. The default definition stated above is applied to all types of financial assets of the Bank.

The Bank considers a financial instrument to have experienced an SICR when one or more of the following quantitative, qualitative or backstop criteria have been met.

- Overdue 31 to 90 days;
- The debtor's credit rating is lower than BBB, and the PD value corresponding to the current debtor's credit rating is greater than or equals to 100% of the PD value corresponding to the debtor's initial credit rating, i.e. $\Delta PD = PD_{report} - PD_{initial} \geq 100\%$;
- Five-category Asset Classification is Special-mention;
- Current debtors in special mention list that the borrower's financial and management situation has changed greatly, but has not yet satisfied the definition of default criteria

The Bank decided not to use the low credit risk assessment exemption.

In accordance with above, during 2024, Bank categorize its exposure based on financial institution counter guarantees with first class rating, into Stage 1.

The following table shows the change in loans and receivables from customers by level of risk during 2024:

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	POCI	TOTAL
Gross balance as of 1st January 2023	10.799	-	-	-	10.799
New assets originated or purchased	741.943	-	-	-	741.943
Payments and assets derecognized (excluding write offs)	(1.295)	-	-	-	(1.295)
Transfer to Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Stage 3	-	-	-	-	-
Amounts written off	-	-	-	-	-
Other changes - accrued receivables	16.144	-	-	-	16.144
Gross balance as of 31st December 2023	770,181	-	-	-	770,181

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29. RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (continued)

29.4 Credit risk (continued)

Impairment assessment and measurement (continued)

As of 31st December 2023 the Bank balance sheet exposure to customers amounted to:

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	POCI	TOTAL
Gross balance as of 1st January 2023	605,355	-	-	-	605,355
New assets originated or purchased	-	-	-	-	-
Payments and assets derecognized (excluding write offs)	(605,355)	-	-	-	(605,355)
Transfer to Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Stage 3	-	-	-	-	-
Amounts written off	-	-	-	-	-
Other changes - accrued receivables	10,799	-	-	-	10,799
Gross balance as of 31st December 2023	10,799	-	-	-	10,799

The following table shows the changes in gross exposure during 2024 on the basis of off-balance sheet items, i.e. performance guarantees:

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	POCI	TOTAL
Gross balance as of 1st January 2024	9,491,916	-	-	-	9,491,916
New assets originated or purchased	7,510,169	-	-	-	7,510,169
Payments and assets derecognized (excluding write offs)	(2,682,628)	-	-	-	(2,682,628)
Transfer to Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Stage 3	-	-	-	-	-
Amounts written off	-	-	-	-	-
Other changes (Change of exposure, fx differences etc.)	-	-	-	-	-
Gross balance as of 31st December 2024	14,319,456	-	-	-	14,319,456

The following table shows the changes in gross exposure during 2023 on the basis of off-balance sheet items, i.e. performance guarantees:

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	POCI	TOTAL
Gross balance as of 1st January 2023	6,511,416	-	-	-	6,511,416
New assets originated or purchased	3,365,838	-	-	-	3,365,838
Payments and assets derecognized (excluding write offs)	(385,338)	-	-	-	(385,338)
Transfer to Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Stage 3	-	-	-	-	-
Amounts written off	-	-	-	-	-
Other changes (Change of exposure, fx differences etc.)	-	-	-	-	-
Gross balance as of 31st December 2023	9,491,916	-	-	-	9,491,916

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29. RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (continued)

29.4 Credit risk (continued)

Impairment assessment and measurement (continued)

The following table shows the changes in value adjustments of loans and receivables from customers by levels of impairment during 2024:

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	POCI	TOTAL
ECL allowance as of 1st January 2024	-	-	-	-	-
New assets originated or purchased	(2.146.480)	-	-	-	(2.146.480)
Payments and assets derecognized (excluding write offs)	1.957.189	-	-	-	1.957.189
Transfer to Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Stage 3	-	-	-	-	-
Amounts written off	-	-	-	-	-
Other changes (Change of exposure, fx differences, etc.)	-	-	-	-	-
ECL allowance as of 31st December 2024	189.291	-	-	-	189.291

As of 31st December 2023 The Bank had following allowances for customers:

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	POCI	TOTAL
ECL allowance as of 1st January 2023	(833)	-	-	-	(833)
New assets originated or purchased	-	-	-	-	-
Payments and assets derecognized (excluding write offs)	833	-	-	-	833
Transfer to Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Stage 3	-	-	-	-	-
Amounts written off	-	-	-	-	-
Other changes (Change of exposure, fx differences, etc.)	-	-	-	-	-
ECL allowance as of 31st December 2023	-	-	-	-	-

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27. RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (continued)

27.4 Credit risk (continued)

The following table shows the changes in the value adjustment of exposures based on off-balance sheet records, i.e. performance guarantees: by levels of impairment during 2024:

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	POCI	TOTAL
ECL allowance as of 1st January 2023	(51,950)	-	-	-	(51,950)
New assets originated or purchased	(42,180)	-	-	-	(42,180)
Payments and assets derecognized (excluding write offs)	58,363	-	-	-	58,363
Transfer to Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Stage 3	-	-	-	-	-
Amounts written off	-	-	-	-	-
Other changes (Change of exposure, fx differences etc,)	-	-	-	-	-
ECL allowance as of 31st December 2023	(35,767)	-	-	-	(35,767)

The following table shows the changes in the value adjustment of exposures based on off-balance sheet records, i.e. performance guarantees: by levels of impairment in 2023:

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	POCI	TOTAL
ECL allowance as of 1st January 2023	(31,837)	-	-	-	(31,837)
New assets originated or purchased	(62,079)	-	-	-	(62,079)
Payments and assets derecognized (excluding write offs)	41,966	-	-	-	41,966
Transfer to Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Stage 3	-	-	-	-	-
Amounts written off	-	-	-	-	-
Other changes (Change of exposure, fx differences etc,)	-	-	-	-	-
ECL allowance as of 31st December 2023	(51,950)	-	-	-	(51,950)

During 2023, the Bank had payable guarantees from the Bank of China Group for loans issued to customers, while it had deposits with 100% coverage for issued performance guarantees as collaterals.

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27. RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (continued)

27.4 Credit risk (continued)

Write-off policy

Financial assets are derecognised, in whole or in part, when the Bank has exhausted all practical recovery efforts.

and concluded that there were no reasonable expectations of recovery.

In addition, the Bank in accordance with the Decision of the National Bank of Serbia on the accounting write-off of balance sheet assets of the bank "Official Gazette of RS", no. 77/2017 of 10 August 2017, performs accounting write-off of problematic receivables in the case when the amount of impairment of that receivable is calculated, which the bank recorded in favour of the value allowance of 100% of its gross book value.

During 2024 and 2023, the Bank did not perform any write off financial assets.

Potential liabilities related credit risk

The Bank issues guarantees and letters of credit to its clients, on the basis of which the Bank has a potential obligation to make payments in favor of third parties. In this way, the Bank is exposed to risks related to credit risk, which can be overcome by the same control processes and procedures.

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MANAGEMENT POLICIES (continued)

Risk (continued)

Credit exposure

Credit exposure of the Bank is expressed through the gross value of financial assets in the balance sheet. For guarantees and loans, the maximum amount of exposure is the amount of the obligation.

Exposures	Maximum exposure to credit risk	Out of which: Stage 1	Exposure without stage	Impairment allowance	Out of which: Impairment allowance Stage 1	Out of which: Impairment allowance Exposure without stage	Net amount
Exposures with	16,113,408	-	16,113,408	-	-	-	16,113,408
Under derivatives	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receivables from other financial	40,972,256	40,972,256	-	(186,124)	(186,124)	-	40,786,132
Exposures to	756,792	756,792	-	(3,167)	(3,167)	-	753,625
Loans	33,640	-	33,640	-	-	-	33,640
31 st December	57,876,096	41,729,048	16,147,048	(189,291)	(189,291)	-	57,686,805
Performance	14,319,456	14,319,456	-	(35,767)	(35,767)	-	14,283,689
Net	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance sheet	25,409,389	-	25,409,389	-	-	-	25,409,389
Assets and liabilities	620,170	-	620,168	-	-	-	619,998
31 st	40,349,015	14,319,456	26,029,557	(35,767)	(35,767)	-	40,287,783
	98,225,111	56,048,504	42,176,605	(225,058)	(225,058)	-	98,099,092

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Exposures	Maximum exposure to credit risk	Out of which: Stage 1	Exposure without stage	Impairment allowance	Out of which: Impairment allowance Stage 1	Out of which: Impairment allowance Exposure without stage	Net amount
Exposures with	16,929,653	-	16,929,653	-	-	-	
Under derivatives	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Receivables from other financial	15,860,897	15,860,897	-	(4)	(4)	-	
Exposures to	10,779	10,779	-	-	-	-	
Loans	14,808	-	14,808	-	-	-	
31 st December	32,816,137	15,871,676	16,944,461	(4)	(4)	-	
Performance	9,491,916	9,491,916	-	(51,950)	(51,950)	-	
Profit	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Balance sheet asset- and sale	2,529,910	-	2,529,910	-	-	-	
Contingent liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	
31 st December	12,021,826	9,491,916	2,529,910	(51,950)	(51,950)	-	
	44,837,963	25,363,592	19,474,371	(51,954)	(51,954)	-	

Collateral value as of 31 December 2024									
	Deposits	Securities	Real estate	Other real estate	Pledges on commodity bills and animals	Other assets	Guarantees ** issued		
							State	Banks	Real estate
Receivables from customers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public sector	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Corporate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	737,480	-
Real estate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other clients	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Performance guarantees	1,029,581	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,254,108	-
Letters of credit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commitments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liabilities and commitments	1,029,581	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,254,108	-
December 31, 2024	1,029,581	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,991,588	-

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MANAGEMENT POLICIES (continued)

risk (continued)

other credit risk mitigation techniques (continued)

Table shows data on the type and value of collateral and guarantee providers by credit sector and categories of receivables as at

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MANAGEMENT POLICIES (continued)

Credit risk (continued)

The following table shows credit risk exposure analysis by individually and collectively impaired exposures as of 31 December, 2024:

31.12.2024						
Exposures	Total	Collective				Individual
		Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Subtotal collective	Stage 3
Exposures with Central Bank	16,113,408	-	-	-	-	-
Exposures under derivatives	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exposures from banks and other financial institutions	40,786,132	40,786,132	-	-	40,786,132	-
Exposures from customers	753,625	753,625	-	-	753,625	-
Exposures from public sector	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exposures from state	737,480	737,480	-	-	737,480	-
Exposures from other	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exposures from other	16,144	16,144	-	-	16,144	-
Exposures from other	33,640	-	-	-	-	-
FINANCIAL ASSETS	57,686,805	41,539,757	-	-	41,539,757	-
Performance guarantees	14,283,689	14,283,689	-	-	14,283,689	-
Letters of credit	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance sheet asset-spot purchase and sale	25,409,389	-	-	-	-	-
Balance sheet asset-spot purchase and sale	620,168	-	-	-	-	-
FINANCIAL ASSETS	40,313,246	14,283,689	-	-	14,283,689	-
FINANCIAL ASSETS	98,000,051	55,823,446	-	-	55,823,446	-

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MANAGEMENT POLICIES (continued)

risk (continued)

table shows credit risk exposure analysis by individually and collectively impaired exposures as of 31 December, 2023:

31.12.2023						
Exposures	Total	Collective				Individual
		Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Subtotal collective	Stage 3
Exposures with Central Bank	16,929,653	-	-	-	-	
Exposures under derivatives	-	-	-	-	-	
Receivables from banks and other financial institutions	15,860,893	15,860,893	-	-	15,860,893	
Receivables from customers	10,779	10,779	-	-	10,779	
Exposures in the financial sector	-	-	-	-	-	
Exposures in the non-financial sector	10,779	10,779	-	-	10,779	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	14,808	-	-	-	-	
FINANCIAL ASSETS	32,816,133	15,871,672	-	-	15,871,672	
Performance guarantees	9,439,966	9,439,966	-	-	9,439,966	
Letters of credit	-	-	-	-	-	
Balance sheet asset-spot purchase and sale	2,529,910	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
BALANCE SHEET FINANCIAL ITEMS	11,969,876	9,439,966	-	-	9,439,966	
Exposures as of 31st December	44,786,009	25,311,638	-	-	25,311,638	

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27. RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (continued)

27.5 Concentration risk

Concentration risk is a risk which arises, directly or indirectly, from the Bank's exposure to the same or similar source of risk or the same or similar type of risk. Concentration risk refers to large exposures, small exposures to the same or similar risk factors, such as economic sectors, geographic areas, types of products, etc. and credit hedging instruments, including maturity and currency mismatch between large exposures and instruments of credit hedging against these exposures. To keep and sustain credit portfolio, as well as minimize concentration risk, as a security measures Bank define level of exposure, set up credit limits, and perform regular monitoring of determined regulatory and internal limits, which are defined in Concentration risk policy.

In line with NBS Decision on risk management, large exposure toward single client or group of connected clients, is exposure which represent minimum 10% of capital.

The geographical concentration of the Bank's financial assets and liabilities at 31 December 2024 is set out below:

	Serbia	Europe	The rest of the world	Total
Financial assets				
Cash and assets held with the central bank	16,113,408	-	-	16,113,408
Receivables under derivatives	-	-	-	-
Loans and receivables from banks and other financial organisations	-	38,563,741	2,222,391	40,786,132
Loans and receivables from clients	753,625	-	-	753,625
Other financial assets	15,365	-	18,275	33,640
Total financial assets	16,882,398	38,563,741	2,240,666	57,686,805
Financial liabilities				
Liabilities under derivatives	-	-	-	-
Deposits and other liabilities to banks, other financial organisations and central bank	-	-	-	-
Deposits and other financial liabilities to clients	41,881,658	918	45,481	41,928,057
Current tax liabilities	205,082			205,082
Other financial liabilities	10,503,250	-	-	10,503,250
Total financial liabilities	52,589,990	918	45,481	52,636,389
Net position in on-balance sheet financial instruments	(35,707,592)	38,562,823	2,195,185	5,050,416

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27. RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (continued)

27.5 Concentration risk (continued)

The geographical concentration of the Bank's financial assets and liabilities at 31 December 2023 is set out below:

	Serbia	Europe	The rest of the world	Total
Financial assets				
Cash and assets held with the central bank	16,929,653	-	-	16,929,653
Receivables under derivatives	-	-	-	-
Loans and receivables from banks and other financial organisations	-	13,263,231	2,597,662	15,860,893
Loans and receivables from clients	10,779	-	-	10,779
Other financial assets	14,808			14,808
Total financial assets	16,955,240	13,263,231	2,597,662	32,816,133
Financial liabilities				
Liabilities under derivatives	-	-	-	-
Deposits and other liabilities to banks, other financial organisations and central bank	-	2	-	2
Deposits and other financial liabilities to clients	26,986,524	998	14,539	27,002,061
Other financial liabilities	2,019,886	-	-	2,019,886
Total financial liabilities	29,006,410	1,000	14,539	29,021,949
Net position in on-balance sheet financial instruments	(12,051,170)	13,262,231	2,583,123	3,794,184

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MANAGEMENT POLICIES (continued)

exchange risk

Exchange risk is the risk of potential adverse effects on the Bank's financial result and capital due to changes in foreign exchange rates.

As of 31, 2024, the Bank's net foreign exchange position is as follows:

	EUR	USD	Other currency	RSD
Assets with Central Bank	3,627,462	-	-	12,485,946
Other derivatives	-	-	-	-
Assets from banks and other financial institutions	8,158,465	30,402,208	2,225,459	-
Assets from customers	-	-	-	753,625
	9,072	-	-	24,568
FINANCIAL ASSETS	11,794,999	30,402,208	2,225,459	13,264,139
Other derivatives	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities due to banks, other financial institutions and the	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities due to customers	8,639,487	17,794,425	2,800,128	12,694,017
Liabilities	909,761	4,610,841	4,827,355	205,082
	909,761	4,610,841	4,827,355	155,293
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES	9,549,248	22,405,266	7,627,483	13,054,392
Financial instrument - long position	65,853	2,347,354	5,395,325	4,896,490
Financial instrument - short position	2,340,878	10,363,488	1	-
Net foreign position as of 31st Dec 2024	(29,274)	(19,192)	(6,700)	5,106,237

As of 31, 2024, foreign exchange risk amounts to 1.45% (regulatory prescribed maximum limit is 20% of regulatory capital, 2023). If the exchange rate by 10%, there will be a negative effect in the form of net loss from exchange rate differences in the amount of RSD 5,106,237.

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MANAGEMENT POLICIES (continued)

Foreign exchange risk (continued)

As at 31, 2023, the Bank's net foreign exchange position is as follows:

	EUR	USD	Other currency	RSD
Assets with Central Bank	3,105,103	-	-	13,824,550
Other derivatives	-	-	-	-
Receivables from banks and other financial institutions	2,604,725	10,048,804	3,207,364	-
Receivables from customers	-	-	-	10,779
	9,084	-	-	5,724
FINANCIAL ASSETS	5,718,912	10,048,804	3,207,364	13,841,053
Other derivatives	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities due to banks, other financial institutions and the	2	-	-	-
Other liabilities due to customers	4,677,256	10,843,691	1,414,534	10,066,580
	980,430	289,606	686,372	63,478
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES	5,657,688	11,133,297	2,100,906	10,130,058
Financial instrument - long position	14,473	1,174,052	74,590	-
Financial instrument - short position	1	89,059	1,177,736	-
Net foreign position as of 31st Dec 2023	75,696	500	3,312	3,710,995

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MANAGEMENT POLICIES (continued)

ure to other financial risks

risk

risk is the risk of negative effects on the Bank's financial result and capital due to changes in the level of interest rates. Changes in interest income due to the mismatch of total interest-bearing assets and liabilities or the period of fixing the price of interest-bearing assets and liabilities. The Bank monitors and controls the exposure to interest rate risk on interest rate sensitive instruments. The Bank's policy on interest rate risk management implies determining interest rate sensitive items classified according to the period of maturity or the period of determining the expected distribution of future cash flows.

nd	until 1 month	from 1 to months	from 3 to 6 months	from 6 months to 1 year	from 1 to 5 years	over 5 years	Not rate sensitive assets
ces with Central Bank	12,485,946	-	-	-	-	-	3,627,462
nder derivatives	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ivables from banks and other utions	40,972,257	-	-	-	-	-	-
ivables from customers	16,144	-	-	740,648	-	-	-
	33,639	-	-	-	-	-	-
CIAL ASSETS	53,507,986	-	-	740,648	-	-	3,627,462
er derivatives	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ther liabilities due to banks, institutions and the Central	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ther liabilities due to customers	39,535,289	1,838,116	554,652	-	-	-	-
ilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	205,082
s	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,503,250
CIAL LIABILITIES	39,535,289	1,838,116	554,652	-	-	-	10,708,332
to interest risk as of							
December 2024	<u>13,972,697</u>	<u>(1,838,116)</u>	<u>(554,652)</u>	<u>740,648</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,080,870)</u>

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MANAGEMENT POLICIES (continued)

ure to other financial risks

risk (continued)

nd	until 1 month	from 1 to months	from 3 to 6 months	from 6 months to 1 year	from 1 to 5 years	over 5 years	Not rate sensitive assets
ces with Central Bank	13,824,550	-	-	-	-	-	3,105,103
nder derivatives	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ivables from banks and other							
utions	15,860,897	-	-	-	-	-	-
ivables from customers	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,779
	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,808
FIANCIAL ASSETS	29,685,447	-	-	-	-	-	3,130,690
er derivatives	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ther liabilities due to banks, other							
utions and the Central Bank	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
ther liabilities due to customers	26,528,711	473,350	-	-	-	-	-
s	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,019,886
FIANCIAL LIABILITIES	26,528,713	473,350	-	-	-	-	2,019,886
to interest risk as of							
December 2023	3,156,734	(473,350)	-	-	-	-	1,110,804

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29. RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (continued)

29.7 Exposure to other financial risks

Interest rate risk (continued)

The risk of changes in interest rates is also monitored by sensitivity analysis - scenario analysis, i.e. by observing the impact of changes in interest rates on the Bank's income and expenses.

The following table shows the sensitivity of the Bank's income statement to reasonably possible changes in interest rates (1%) while constantly maintaining other variables. The sensitivity of the income statement represents the effect of assumed changes in interest rates on net interest income in one year on financial assets and liabilities based on interest rates as at 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023.

Currency	Change in percentage point	Sensitivity on the income statement for the period ended 31 December 2024.	Change in percentage point	Sensitivity on the income statement for the period ended 31 December 2023.
<i>Increase of percentage points:</i>				
RSD	1%	8,871,18	1%	233,18
EUR	1%	-2,367,35	1%	-1,346,11
USD	1%	5,076,32	1%	-455,27
Other	1%	269,37	1%	717,11
<i>Decrease of percentage points:</i>				
RSD	1%	-8,871,18	1%	-233,18
EUR	1%	2,367,35	1%	1,346,11
USD	1%	-5,076,32	1%	455,27
Other	1%	-269,37	1%	-717,11

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29. RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (continued)

29.8 Equity Management

The objectives of the Bank in terms of equity management, which is a wider concept than the amount of equity shown in the balance sheet, are:

- Ensuring compliance with the requirements of the National Bank of Serbia;
- Ensuring the possibility of long-term business continuity while providing returns to shareholders and benefiting other stakeholders; and
- Providing a strong equity base in support of the further development of the Bank's operations.

The Bank manages the equity structure and performs adjustments in accordance with changes in economic conditions and risk characteristic of the Bank's activities. The Bank's management regularly monitors the indicators of the Bank's adequacy and other performance indicators prescribed by the National Bank of Serbia and submits quarterly reports to the National Bank of Serbia on the realized values of the indicators.

The Law on Banks and the relevant decisions of the National Bank of Serbia stipulate that banks must maintain a minimum amount of equity of RSD 10 million in dinar equivalent according to the official middle exchange rate, an indicator of capital adequacy of at least 8%, the Tier 1 capital ratio at least 6%, the Common Equity Tier 1 capital ratio at least 4.5% and to adjust the volume and structure of their operations with the indicators of business prescribed by the Decision on risk management Official Gazette of RS, no. 45/2011, 94/2011, 119/2012, 123/2012, 23/2013 - other decision, 43/2013, 92/2013, 33/2015, 51/60, 103/2016, 119/2017, 76 / 2018, 57/2019, 88/2019, 27/2021 and 67/2021 - other decision) and the Decision on Capital Adequacy Official Gazette of RS, no. 103/2016, 103/2018, 88/2019, 67/2021, 98/2021, 137/2021 and 59/2022).

The above-mentioned Decision of the National Bank of Serbia on the adequacy of the bank's capital determines the method of calculating the capital of the Bank and the indicators of the adequacy of that capital. The Bank's total capital consists of share equity and supplementary capital and defined deductible items, while risky balance and off-balance sheet assets are determined in accordance with the prescribed risk weight for all types of assets.

The Bank's capital adequacy ratio is equal to the ratio of the bank's capital to the pool of credit risk weighted assets, the foreign exchange risk capital requirement multiplied by the reciprocal value of the capital adequacy ratio (prescribed 8%) and capital requirements in relation to other market risks multiplied by the reciprocal value indicators of capital adequacy.

The table below shows the state of equity and total risk assets as at December 31st 2023 and 2024:

In thousands RSD	2024	2023
Share equity	1.843.887	1,843,887
Share premium	-	-
Profit from previous years eligible for inclusion in share capital	-	-
Retained earnings from the previous period	1.966.754	660,246
Other intangible assets before related deduction of deferred tax liabilities	(11.279)	(13,692)
Tier 1 Capital	3.799.362	2,490,441
Tier 2 Capital	-	-
Regulatory capital (1)	3.799.362	2,490,441
Total risk weighted assets (2):	12.956.113	5,812,137
Capital adequacy (1/2 x 100)	29.32%	42.85%

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30. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

The fair value stated in the financial statements is the amount for which an asset could be exchanged, or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties in an independent transaction.

The Bank measures fair value using the following fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurement:

- Level 1: quoted market prices (unadjusted) in active markets for an identical instrument.
- Level 2: Valuation techniques based on observable inputs that do not represent quoted prices from level 1, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices). This category includes instruments that are valued using: quoted market prices in active markets for similar instruments; stated prices for the same or similar instruments on the market that are considered less active; or other valuation techniques in which all significant inputs are directly or indirectly apparent from market data.
- Level 3: Assessment techniques using significant inconspicuous inputs. This category includes all instruments, where the valuation technique includes inputs not based on observable data and non-observable inputs have a significant impact on the valuation of the instrument. This category includes instruments that are valued on the basis of quoted prices of similar instruments where significant inconspicuous adjustments or assumptions are required to reflect the difference between the instruments.

In the opinion of the Bank's management, the amounts of financial assets and liabilities disclosed in the accompanying financial statements reflect the value that is most reliable and useful in the circumstances.

As of 31st December 2024 and 31st December 2023 the Bank does not have in its portfolio financial instruments that are recognized at fair value in the financial statements.

The Bank's management believes that due to the nature of its operations and its general policies, the fair value of its financial instruments not measured at fair value, which is based on market interest rates from December 2023, does not deviate significantly from their carrying amount. Market volatility described in Note 31 may lead to deviations in subsequent accounting periods.

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28. BANK PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The Bank is obliged to harmonize the scope and structure of its operations and risky investments with the indicators of operations prescribed by the Law on Banks and the relevant decisions of the National Bank of Serbia adopted on the basis of the relevant Law.

As at 31 December 2024, the Bank has complied with all indicators of operations with the prescribed values.

The realized indicators of the Bank's operations as at 31 December 2024 were as follows:

Business indicators	Prescribed	Realized
1. Capital	EUR 10 million	RSD 5,340,448 thousand
2.1 Capital adequacy ratio	4.5%	29.32%
2.2 The Tier 1 capital ratio	6%	29.32%
2.3 The Common Equity Tier 1 capital ratio	8%	29.32%
3. Bank investments	Max 60%	4.44%
4. Exposure to one person or a group of related parties	25%	32.14%
5 Exposure to persons affiliated with the Bank	25%	32.14%
6. Sum of big exposures of the Bank	400%	32.14%
7. Foreign exchange risk indicator	20%	1.45%

32. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

In its regular business operations, the Bank realizes business transactions with its shareholders and other related parties. Adjustments of transfer prices with market prices in the items of the tax balance sheet were made for transactions with related parties.

The balances of receivables and liabilities as at 31 December 2024 and 2023 resulting from the transactions with shareholders and other persons affiliated with the Bank and with the management of the Bank, as well as all income and expenses on this basis are presented in the following table:

In thousand RSD	2024	2023
Income and expenses		
Interest income	767,824	451,330
Interest expenses	58,960	(12,242)
Income from fees from issued guarantees	78,152	71,112
Income from fees and commissions	314,517	220,313
Fees related to related parties - IT centre	(33,433)	(23,913)
Assets and Liabilities	(2,070)	
Nostro accounts	24,040,905	15,860,780
Deposits at other banks	19,114,562	-
Deposits received from other banks	-	-
Accrued interest receivables from group members	69,035	-
Accrued interest liabilities from group members	(18,326)	-

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**30 TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES (continued)**

This income represents the arranger fee that Bank of China Srbija a.d. earned from a member of BOC Group, for the business of connecting and arranging issuance of the loans to the local corporate clients. Other incomes in 2024 represent result of increased money market activities within the banking group.

Salaries and other proceeds to the members of the Board of Directors, Executive Board and other key management staff of the Bank during 2024 and 2023 are shown in the following table:

In thousand RSD	2024	2023
Gross salaries of key management	57,092	64,982
Fees to members of the Board of Directors and the Auditing Committee	<u>10,191</u>	<u>10,464</u>
Total	<u>67,283</u>	<u>75,446</u>

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33. EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE SHEET DATE

There were no significant events after the end of the reporting period that would require corrections or disclosures of the Bank's financial statements for 2024.

Chairman of the Executive Board

Keqin Chen



Member of the Executive Board

Slaviša Aleksić



Belgrade, 31 March 2025

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**ABBREVIATIONS**

The list of the abbreviations used in these financial statements is provided below:

Abbreviation	Full name
AC	Amortised Cost
CCF	Credit Conversion Factor
CRR	Capital Requirements Regulation
EAD	Exposure at Default
ECL	Expected Credit Loss
EIR	Effective interest rate
FVOCI	Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income
FVTPL	Fair Value Through Profit or Loss
FX, Forex	Foreign Currency Exchange
IFRS	International Financial Reporting Standard
LGD	Loss Given Default
NBS	National Bank of Serbia
PD	Probability of Default
POCI financial assets	Purchased or Originated Credit-Impaired financial assets
ROU asset	Right of use asset
SICR	Significant Increase in Credit Risk
SPPI	Solely Payments of Principal and Interest
SPPI test	Assessment whether the financial instruments' cash flows represent SPPI

**ANNUAL BUSINESS REPORT
BANK OF CHINA SRBIJA AD FOR 2024**

March 2025

DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE BANK

General information about Bank of China Srbija a.d. Beograd

Bank of China Serbia a.d. Belgrade (hereinafter: "the Bank") was established on December 22, 2016.

In accordance with the decision of the National Bank of Serbia from December 20, 2016 and Memorandum of association the Bank is registered to perform the following tasks:

- Deposit activities
- Credit activities
- Foreign exchange operations, foreign currency operations and exchange transactions
- Payment transactions
- Issuing payment card
- Activities regarding securities
- Issuing guaranties, sureties on promissory notes and other types of warranties
- Purchase, sale and collection of receivables (factoring, forfeiting and etc.)
- Activities for which it is authorized by law
- Providing other financial services.

Founder and owner of 100% shares is Bank of China (CEE) Ltd. (previous name: Bank of China (Hungary), Close Ltd.). As of 8th June 2022, the Bank changed the owner to Bank of China (EUROPE) S.A., Luxemburg.

Bank is located at Bulevar Zorana Đinđića 2a, 11070 Novi Beograd. ID number 21251640, and Tax ID number is 109837136.

Organizational structure

Managing bodies: General assembly, Board of directors and Executive board.

Bank formed following committee: Audit committee, Credit committee, Asset and liability management committee, Risk and control committee. Per need, Bank can form additional committees.

The Bank has the following organizational units, listed per hierarchical level: sectors, departments and sections. The Bank will maintain the organizational structure in a way to clearly and consistently separate the risk-taking activities, risk management activities and support activities.

Financial position and business results

Business policy of the Bank defines the indicative target values of the key positions of the balance sheet and the income statement for the period of the three full business years. For the period of operation in 2024 (from the moment of establishment until the end of the calendar year), the target values are not specially determined, except the acquisition of fixed assets and the establishment of the reporting process.

During the year, the Bank realized significant interest income in the amount of RSD 1,466,447 thousand (2023: RSD 933,281 thousand) deriving mainly from financial institutions and incomes based on charges for foreign exchange transactions and providing agent services and services in documentary business in the amount of RSD 1,174,509 thousand (2023: RSD 1,169,581 thousand) and.

Financial position and business results (continued)

The total balance sheet amount as at December 31, 2024 is RSD 58,012,591 thousand (2023: RSD 33,180,866 thousand). During the year, there was a significant increase in accounts held with financial institutions. Nostro accounts and deposits placed with foreign banks increased significantly during the year to the amount of RSD 40,786,132 (2023: RSD 15,860,893 thousand).

During the year, existing loans came to maturity and there were no new placements so currently the amount of funds placed through loans amounts to RSD 740.648 thousand (2023: RSD 0 thousand).

Total capital of the Bank as at December 31, 2024 is RSD 5,340,437 thousand (2023: RSD 3,810,641 thousand) and consists of the share capital in the amount paid by the shareholders on 28.12.2016, as well as the profit at the end of the current business year in the amount of RSD 1,529,796 and undistributed profit from previous years in the amount of RSD 1,966,753 thousand.

During the year 2024, the Bank issued performance guarantees in the amount of RSD 14,319,456 thousand (2023: RSD 9,491,916 thousand). The activity of issuing performance guarantees is increased. Collaterals for these guarantees are cash deposits of clients as well as counter-guarantees of members of the Bank of China Group.

The capital adequacy ratio as at December 31, 2024 was 29.32% (2023: 42.85%). The decrease in the indicator is conditioned by the larger funds that were in the bank's nostro accounts due to the increase in the deposit base of clients.

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Financial position and business results (continued)

in RSD thousand

Income statement	2024	2023
Net interest income	1,448,698	899,709
Net fee and commission income	1,157,975	1,157,349
Net operating income	2,391,931	2,028,381
Operating expenses	(572,515)	(488,549)
PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAX	1,819,416	1,539,832
PROFIT/(LOSS) AFTER TAXES	1,529,796	1,306,508
Balance sheet		
Cash and balances with Central Bank	16,113,408	16,929,653
Receivables under derivatives	-	-
Loans and receivables from banks and other financial institutions	40,786,132	15,860,893
Loans and receivables from clients	753,625	10,779
Intangible assets	11,279	13,692
Property, plant and equipment	168,762	203,066
Current tax assets	141,210	143,327
Deferred tax assets	4,535	4,648
Other assets	33,640	14,808
TOTAL ASSETS	58,012,591	33,180,866
Liabilities under derivatives	-	-
Deposits and other liabilities due to banks, other financial institutions and the Central Bank	2	2
Deposits and other liabilities due to customers	41,928,057	27,002,061
Provisions	35,765	51,949
Current tax liabilities	205,082	296,327
Deferred tax liabilities	-	-
Other liabilities	10,503,250	2,019,886
TOTAL LIABILITIES	52,672,154	29,370,225
TOTAL EQUITY	5,340,437	3,810,641
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	58,012,591	33,180,866
Capital adequacy ratio (%)	29.32	42.85
Average number of employees	31	28
Number of organizational units	1	1

Environmental protection investment

In the period from January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2024, the Bank did not have any investments in the field of environmental protection.

Significant event after the end of the business year

There were no significant events after the end of the reporting period that would require corrections or disclosures to the financial statements of the Bank for 2024.

Planned future development

The bank remains part of the "One Belt, One Road" initiative, which was launched in 2013, and seeks to help increase China's economic cooperation with Serbia and other European countries.

In order to achieve the stable and profitable portfolio of clients, the Bank will strive to diversify its client base (clients from different industries and geographical areas). The Bank's main focus will be on the following group of customers and projects:

1. Large Serbian companies
2. Chinese enterprises
3. Companies and projects from the following sectors:
 - a) Construction, transport and infrastructure
 - b) Telecommunications
 - c) Manufacturing
 - d) Renewable energy and mining
 - e) Metalworking, Power Industry, Metal Mines and Metallurgy
4. Ongoing projects in other Balkan countries

The main business goals for 2024 will be:

1. Achieving profitable operations,
2. Increasing market influence on the Serbian market,
3. Maintaining a stable, liquid and economical business operation,
4. Active management of non-performing loans,
5. Providing development opportunities for employment and new jobs.

In order to achieve the stable and profitable portfolio of clients, the Bank will strive to diversify its client base (clients from different industries and geographical areas).

Research and development activities

Bank conducts research and development activities of its financial products offer in order to respond to clients' needs. That is done by:

- analysis and monitoring of events in the macroeconomic environment and industrial factors that affect the demand for banking products,
- market research of financial services and offers of competitive banks in order to adjust and optimize the offer,
- analyzes of the most important economic entities operating in the target markets of the Bank.

Purchase of own shares information

In the period from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, the Bank did not buy out its own shares.

Branches

As of December 31, 2024, the Bank did not have branches.

Financial instruments applied during the period

In the period from January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2024, Bank did not use financial instruments.

Risk management

Competence

The Board of director is responsible for establishing internal controls system and monitoring their effectiveness. The Board of director adopts Strategies and Policies of Risk Management, as well as the Bank's Capital Management Strategy, proposed by the Executive Board.

The Executive Board implements the mentioned strategies and policies, by adopting procedures for risk management and ensuring their implementation. The Executive board analyzes the risk management system and at least on quarterly level reports to the Board of director about level of risk exposure and risk management.

It is also within the competence of the Board of Directors to determine the amounts to which the Bank's Executive Board may decide on the placements and borrowings of the Bank, as well as the decision on the placements and borrowing of the Bank over these amounts and gives prior consent for the Bank's exposure to each individual person or group of connected persons exceeding 10 % of the Bank's capital, or to increase this exposure over 20% of the Bank's capital.

The Board of directors ensures the implementation of the internal capital adequacy assessment process of the Bank.

Internal regulation

Highest level document for risk management is Risk management strategy. The Bank's primary risk management objective is to optimize its capital allocation and maximize the value for the founder within the acceptable risk profile and with satisfaction to the requirements of the regulatory authorities, its depositors and other interest groups for the Bank's prudent and stable development.

This process is implemented through developing and updating the procedures, making decisions, setting up limits and targeted values, control and reporting mechanism and constant monitoring.

Internal regulation (continued)

Basic set of principles are:

1. Compliance with regulatory requirement - fully compliant with all applicable local law regulations.
2. Appropriate balance between risk and return - the balance is achieved through active control. Every type of business shall at least gain benefits that match the risk it bears, and optimize capital allocation.
3. Independence and professionalism - risk management units and personnel is independent from business units, and should provide independent views and professional opinions for related risks arising from business development.
4. Clarify rights and responsibilities - accountability shall be carried out through a strict internal control mechanism, specific division of responsibilities and clearly defined rights and responsibilities.
5. Forward-looking and proactive approach - risk and business departments shall cooperate with each other, study and manage risks in a forward-looking manner, actively identify, improve management and control measures, and ensure risks are under control.
6. "Know your customers", "know your businesses"- emphasizing on new products and new businesses to ensure risk margin is measurable and risks are acceptable.
7. Consistence and coherence - Bank shall implement a coherent risk appetite and risk management strategy and carry out consolidated risk management of all members of the Group in order to ensure consistency between the objectives of risk management and business development.
8. Differentiated and controllable - the Bank shall manage risks on differentiated and controllable way, in line with the external market environment and its own risk management capability in order to make risk management more flexible and pragmatic.
9. Substance over the form should prevail - meaning all information should be considered as the final step.

Risk appetite refers to the risk level tolerable to the Bank in course of maximizing the interest on behalf of the founder according to the requirements and expectation of regulatory authorities, its depositors and other interested parties. The Bank seeks to maintain a moderate risk appetite and reach a balance between risk and return in the principle of "rational, stable and prudent".

Risk appetite indicators are measurable and verifiable, and the realization of risk appetite can be controlled or affected by management, and continuously optimized.

Risk appetite indicators are commonly known as Key Risk Indicators (KRI). The Bank's key risk indicators cover capital indicator, credit risk, market risk, operational risk, liquidity risk, strategic risk, country risk, AML risk and compliance risk

Financial risk exposure

Regarding credit risk, the Bank classified all credit placements and placements related to deposits placed with Bank of China Group members at level 1, judging by the level of credit quality of these banks and the classification of clients, as well as the fact that these deposits do not exceed maturity of 3 months. Exposure to credit risk, as one of the basic risks, is measured using a standardized approach, taking into account that all credit risk exposures have an adequate collateral measured as an applicable technique for credit risk mitigation.

Financial risk exposure (continued)

From off-balance sheet records, the bank issued performance guarantees based on counter-guarantees of members of the Bank of China Group or were covered by cash deposits of clients.

Regarding foreign exchange risk, the Bank maintained the level of risk within the legal framework during the year. As at December 31, 2024, the foreign exchange risk level was 1.45% (2023: 3.19%).

Interest rate risk is not significant, as the Bank received funds from clients in the form of transaction deposits, placed within the Bank of China Group, with short maturities. The shift of the IRRBB from 200bps to equity was 0.62% at the end of the year (2023: 0.017%), which represents a low exposure to this risk

Due to the aforementioned, the bank is exposed to financial risks as of December 31, 2024, but with the application of adequate control mechanisms and the use of risk mitigation techniques, the overall exposure is low.

Capital management

The capital management relies on the business strategy and plan, quality of the existing portfolio, available financial resources, business environment, regulation, risk appetite and internal capital adequacy assessment process (ICAAP).

Capital management process ensures the Bank manages capital in a manner to secure the ability to continue operating, to ensure that its capital supports current and planned business activities and at the same time to ensure safeness of creditors and depositors, both in normal and in difficult business periods.

In managing capital, the Bank strives to keep level and structure of capital proportionate to its current and prospective business model, expected growth and evolution of the structure and size of the balance sheet.

Capital management should ensure that the capital adequacy regulatory requirements and shareholders view of adequate ROE are simultaneously satisfied.

Capital management (continued)

Factors that influence the capital management of the Bank are:

- Business strategy and business plan,
- Estimated evolution of risk weighted assets,
- Projection of available capital,
- Targeted capital adequacy of the Bank,
- Expected regulatory changes,
- Internal capital adequacy assessment process (ICAAP),
- Risk appetite and results of stress test.

The adequacy of the Bank's capital is actively managed using the regulatory framework, as well as the internally established models and methodologies. Both capital adequacy and the utilization of the Bank's capital are quarterly monitored by the Risk Management Sector of the Bank.

Chairman of the Executive
Board



Keqin Chen

Member of the Executive
board



Slaviša Aleksić