

**WEMA BANK PLC**

**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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# Wema Bank Plc

## Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements For the period ended 31 December, 2024

### Statement of Profit or loss and other Comprehensive Income

<i>In thousands of Nigerian Naira</i>	Notes	Group			Bank		
		3 Months 31-Dec-24	12 Months 31-Dec-24	12 Months 31-Dec-23	3 Months 31-Dec-24	12 Months 31-Dec-24	12 Months 31-Dec-23
		<b>141,141,769</b>	<b>430,258,806</b>	<b>226,914,538</b>	<b>140,841,372</b>	<b>429,162,743</b>	<b>225,746,689</b>
Interest income	7	121,921,576	351,832,014	185,643,309	121,621,179	350,735,951	184,475,460
Interest expense		(57,549,473)	(181,640,403)	(93,922,252)	(57,275,235)	(180,567,760)	(92,852,911)
<b>Net interest income</b>	7	<b>64,372,103</b>	<b>170,191,611</b>	<b>91,721,057</b>	<b>64,345,944</b>	<b>170,168,191</b>	<b>91,622,549</b>
Net impairment loss on financial assets	11	(3,052,286)	(14,731,793)	(10,563,367)	(3,052,286)	(14,731,793)	(10,563,367)
<b>Net interest income after impairment charge for credit losses</b>		<b>61,319,817</b>	<b>155,459,818</b>	<b>81,157,690</b>	<b>61,293,658</b>	<b>155,436,398</b>	<b>81,059,182</b>
Net gain on FVTPL investment securities		978,446	2,497,076	229	978,446	2,497,076	229
Net fee and commission income	8	17,096,272	55,620,856	24,961,757	17,096,272	55,620,856	24,961,757
Net trading income	9	712,315	3,440,533	822,485	712,315	3,440,533	822,485
Other income	10	433,161	16,868,327	15,486,758	433,161	16,868,327	15,486,758
		19,220,193	78,426,792	41,271,229	19,220,193	78,426,792	41,271,229
<b>Operating income</b>		<b>80,540,010</b>	<b>233,886,610</b>	<b>122,428,919</b>	<b>80,513,851</b>	<b>233,863,190</b>	<b>122,330,411</b>
Personnel expenses	12	(12,838,700)	(45,307,909)	(26,755,149)	(12,838,700)	(45,307,909)	(26,755,149)
Depreciation and amortization	13b	(2,463,529)	(8,778,804)	(6,122,218)	(2,463,529)	(8,778,804)	(6,122,218)
Other operating expenses	13a	(23,748,710)	(77,695,108)	(45,887,623)	(23,748,709)	(77,695,109)	(45,861,717)
Profit before tax		<b>41,489,072</b>	<b>102,104,788</b>	<b>43,663,929</b>	<b>41,462,913</b>	<b>102,081,368</b>	<b>43,591,327</b>
Minimum Tax				(1,142,960)			(1,127,681)
Income tax expense	24	(5,389,823)	(13,270,578)	(6,532,002)	(5,390,179)	(13,270,578)	(6,531,274)
<b>Profit for the year</b>		<b>36,099,249</b>	<b>88,834,210</b>	<b>35,988,967</b>	<b>36,072,734</b>	<b>88,810,790</b>	<b>35,932,372</b>
<b><u>Other comprehensive income, net of income tax</u></b>							
<b><u>Items that will not be subsequently reclassified</u></b>							
<b><u>to profit or loss</u></b>							
Net change in fair value of investments FVTOCI		-	-	3,674,204	-	-	3,674,204
		-	-	3,674,204	-	-	3,674,204
<b><u>Items that will be subsequently reclassified to profit or loss</u></b>							
Net change in fair value of debt instruments							
FVOCI (net of tax) during the year		-	-	(1,424)	-	-	(1,424)
Accumulated fair value gain/(loss) on debt instrument disposed (net of tax) during the year		-	-	(48,532)	-	-	(48,532)
		-	-		-	-	
<b>Other comprehensive income for the year</b>		-	-	3,624,248	-	-	3,624,248
Total comprehensive income for the year		<b>36,099,249</b>	<b>88,834,210</b>	<b>39,613,215</b>	<b>36,072,734</b>	<b>88,810,790</b>	<b>39,556,620</b>
<b>Profit attributable to:</b>							
Equity holders of the Bank		36,099,249	88,834,210	35,988,967	36,072,734	88,810,790	35,932,372
Total comprehensive income for the year		36,099,249	88,834,210	39,613,215	36,072,734	88,810,790	39,556,620
<b>Earnings per share-basic</b>	14	673.8	414.5	279.9	673.3	414.4	279.5

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Statement of financial Position

<i>In thousands of Nigerian Naira</i>	Notes	Group		Bank	
		31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23
Cash and cash equivalents	15	284,458,115	220,233,575	284,427,402	220,206,835
Restricted Deposit with CBN	15b	847,881,847	503,320,833	847,881,847	503,320,833
Pledged assets	16	307,235,856	35,216,689	307,235,856	35,216,689
Investment securities:					
Fair value through other comprehensive income	17a	13,278,129	13,354,669	13,278,129	13,354,669
Fair Value through profit or loss	17b	12,645,018	4,669	12,645,018	4,669
Held at amortised cost	17c	876,608,387	614,892,883	868,437,593	606,743,512
Wema funding SPV Plc	17d	-	-	1,000	1,000
Loans and advances to customers	18	1,203,180,768	801,103,117	1,203,180,768	801,103,117
Right of Use Assets	27	1,264,903	1,254,787	1,264,903	1,254,787
Property and equipment	19	48,322,246	35,762,897	48,322,246	35,762,897
Intangible assets	20	4,098,343	2,988,602	4,098,343	2,988,602
Other assets	22	13,037,759	13,001,896	13,037,759	13,001,896
Deferred tax assets	21	7,105,000	7,105,000	7,105,000	7,105,000
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>3,619,116,372</b>	<b>2,248,239,617</b>	<b>3,610,915,866.00</b>	<b>2,240,064,506</b>
Deposits from banks	23	258,500,000	20,863,530	258,500,000	20,863,530
Deposits from customers	23	2,529,624,817	1,860,573,537	2,529,624,817	1,860,573,537
Lease Liabilities	27	48,531	45,952	48,531	45,952
Current tax liabilities	24	13,286,585	1,796,732	13,270,578	1,780,725
Other liabilities	25	435,675,628	142,585,099	435,665,631	142,575,102
Provisions	25	3,681,516	2,609,348	3,681,516	2,609,348
Other borrowed funds	26	117,435,046	80,466,750	109,260,785	72,294,463
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>3,358,252,123</b>	<b>2,108,940,948</b>	<b>3,350,051,858</b>	<b>2,100,742,657</b>
EQUITY					
Share capital	28	10,715,089	6,429,078	10,715,089	6,429,078
Share premium	28	56,430,821	8,698,230	56,430,821	8,698,230
Regulatory risk reserve	28	13,628,078	13,628,078	13,628,078	13,628,078
Retained earnings	28	118,990,661	36,585,528	118,990,419	36,608,707
Additional Tier 1 capital	28	21,000,000	21,000,000	21,000,000	21,000,000
Other reserves	28	40,099,600	52,957,755	40,099,601	52,957,756
<b>Equity attributable to equity holders of the bank</b>		<b>260,864,249</b>	<b>139,298,669</b>	<b>260,864,008</b>	<b>139,321,849</b>
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>		<b>3,619,116,372</b>	<b>2,248,239,617</b>	<b>3,610,915,866</b>	<b>2,240,064,506</b>
<b>CONTINGENTS</b>		<b>386,372,675</b>	<b>317,412,811</b>	<b>386,372,675</b>	<b>317,412,811</b>

The financial statements were authorized for issue by the directors on the 28th of January 2025 and signed on its behalf by: .....



**Dr. (Mrs) Oluwayemisi Olorunshola**  
*Chairman*  
FRC/2023/PRO/DIR/003/492710



**Moruf Oseni**  
*Managing Director/CEO*  
FRC/2013/NIM/00000002114



**Bunmi Oladosu**  
*Chief Financial Officer*  
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Statement of changes in equity

Group

In thousands of Nigerian naira (000s)

	Share Capital	Share reserve	Share premium	AT-1 Tier1 capital	Credit risk reserve	Regulatory risk reserve	Statutory reserve	SMEIES reserve	Fair value reserves	Retained earnings	Total equity
<b>2024</b>											
<b>Balance at 1 January 2024</b>	6,429,078		21,556,385	21,000,000	-	13,628,078	24,726,903	1,910,120	13,462,577	36,585,528	139,298,669
Profit or loss	-		-		-	-	-	-		88,834,210	88,834,210
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>											
Debt instrument at FVTOCI - Reclassified to profit or loss											-
Net changes in Fair value financial instrument	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Transfers within equity:</b>											
SMEIS Charge											
Regulatory risk reserve										-	
Credit risk reserve					-	-					
Transfer to Statutory reserve	-	-								-	
	<b>6,429,078</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,556,385</b>	<b>21,000,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,628,078</b>	<b>24,726,903</b>	<b>1,910,120</b>	<b>13,462,577</b>	<b>125,419,739</b>	<b>228,132,879</b>
<b>Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity</b>											
Dividend Payout										(6,429,078)	(6,429,078)
Right Issue	4,286,011		34,874,436								39,160,447
	4,286,011	-	34,874,436	-	-	-	-	-	-	(6,429,078)	32,731,369
<b>Balance at 31 December 2024</b>	<b>10,715,089</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,430,821</b>	<b>21,000,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,628,078</b>	<b>24,726,903</b>	<b>1,910,120</b>	<b>13,462,577</b>	<b>118,990,661</b>	<b>260,864,248</b>
<b>2023</b>											
<b>Balance at 1 January 2023</b>	6,429,078	12,858,155	8,698,230	-	781,612	11,801,426	19,337,047	1,349,419	9,838,329	11,449,604	82,542,901
Profit or loss	-		-		-	-	-	-		35,988,967	35,988,967
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>											
Debt instrument at FVTOCI - Reclassified to profit or loss									(48,532)		(48,532)
Net changes in Fair value financial instrument	-		-		-	-	-	-	3,672,780		3,672,780
<b>Transfers within equity:</b>											
SMEIS Charge								560,701		(560,701)	-
Regulatory risk reserve						1,045,040				(1,045,040)	
Credit risk reserve					(781,612)	781,612					
Transfer to Statutory reserve	-	-					5,389,856			(5,389,856)	
	6,429,078	12,858,155	8,698,230	-	-	13,628,078	24,726,903	1,910,120	13,462,577	40,442,975	122,156,117
<b>Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity</b>											
Dividend Payout										(3,857,447)	(3,857,447)
Additional Tier 1 Capital Issued				21,000,000							21,000,000
<b>Balance at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>6,429,078</b>	<b>12,858,155</b>	<b>8,698,230</b>	<b>21,000,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,628,078</b>	<b>24,726,903</b>	<b>1,910,120</b>	<b>13,462,577</b>	<b>36,585,528</b>	<b>139,298,669</b>

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2024	Share capital	Share capital reserve	Share premium	AT-1 Tier1 capital	Credit risk reserve	Regulatory risk reserve	Statutory reserve	AGSMEIS reserve	Fair value reserves	Retained earnings	Total equity
<b>Balance at 1 January 2024</b>	<b>6,429,078</b>		<b>21,556,385</b>	<b>21,000,000</b>	-	<b>13,628,078</b>	<b>24,726,903</b>	<b>1,910,121</b>	<b>13,462,577</b>	<b>36,608,707</b>	<b>139,321,849</b>
Profit or loss	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	88,810,790	88,810,790
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>											
Debt instrument at FVTOCI - Reclassified to profit or loss											-
Net changes in Fair value financial instrument FVTI	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Transfers within equity:</b>											
SMEIS Charge										-	-
Regulatory risk reserve										-	-
Credit risk reserve					-	-				-	-
Transfer to Statutory reserve										-	-
	<b>6,429,078</b>	-	<b>21,556,385</b>	<b>21,000,000.00</b>	-	<b>13,628,078</b>	<b>24,726,903</b>	<b>1,910,121</b>	<b>13,462,577</b>	<b>125,419,497</b>	<b>228,132,639</b>
<b>Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity</b>											
<b>Contributions by and distributions to owners</b>											
Dividend Payout										(6,429,078)	(6,429,078)
Right Issue	4,286,011		34,874,436	-							39,160,447
	<b>4,286,011</b>	-	<b>34,874,436</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>(6,429,078)</b>	<b>32,731,369</b>
<b>Balance at 31 December 2024</b>	<b>10,715,089</b>	-	<b>56,430,821</b>	<b>21,000,000</b>	-	<b>13,628,078</b>	<b>24,726,903</b>	<b>1,910,121</b>	<b>13,462,577</b>	<b>118,990,419</b>	<b>260,864,009</b>
<b>2023</b>											
<b>Balance at 1 January 2023</b>	<b>6,429,078</b>	<b>12,858,155</b>	<b>8,698,230</b>	-	<b>781,612</b>	<b>11,801,426</b>	<b>19,337,047</b>	<b>1,349,419</b>	<b>9,838,329</b>	<b>11,529,379</b>	<b>82,622,676</b>
Profit or loss	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	35,932,372	35,932,372
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>											
Debt instrument at FVTOCI - Reclassified to profit or loss									(48,532)		(48,532)
Net changes in Fair value financial instrument FVTI	-		-		-	-	-	-	3,672,780	-	3,672,780
<b>Transfers within equity:</b>											
SMEIS Charge								560,701		(560,701)	
Regulatory risk reserve						1,045,040				(1,045,040)	
Transfer to Share reserve (see note 28)		-									
Credit risk reserve					(781,612)	781,612					
Transfer to Statutory reserve							5,389,856			(5,389,856)	
	<b>6,429,078</b>	<b>12,858,155</b>	<b>8,698,230</b>	-	-	<b>13,628,078</b>	<b>24,726,903</b>	<b>1,910,121</b>	<b>13,462,577</b>	<b>40,466,154</b>	<b>122,179,296</b>
<b>Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity</b>											
<b>Contributions by and distributions to owners</b>											
Dividend Payout										(3,857,447)	(3,857,447)
Additional Tier 1 Capital Issued				21,000,000							21,000,000
<b>Balance at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>6,429,078</b>	<b>12,858,155</b>	<b>8,698,230</b>	<b>21,000,000</b>	-	<b>13,628,078</b>	<b>24,726,903</b>	<b>1,910,121</b>	<b>13,462,577</b>	<b>36,608,707</b>	<b>139,321,849</b>

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Statement of Cashflow

<i>In thousands of Nigerian Naira</i>	Notes	Group		Bank	
		31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23
Cash flows from operating activities					
Profit for the year		88,834,210	35,988,967	88,810,790	35,932,372
<b>Adjustments for:</b>					
Taxation expense					
Minimum Tax		-	1,142,960	-	1,127,681
Income tax expense		13,270,578	6,532,002	13,270,578	6,531,274
Depreciation and amortization	13b	8,778,804	6,122,218	8,778,804	6,122,218
(Gain)/Loss on disposal of property and equipment	32(xi)	(471,682)	(330,906)	(471,682)	(330,906)
Net interest income	32(xii)	(170,191,611)	(91,721,057)	(170,168,191)	(91,622,549)
Dividend received from equity investment	10	(245,680)	(210,262)	(245,680)	(210,262)
Impairment loss on financial assets	11	14,731,793	10,563,367	14,731,793	10,563,367
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Operating cashflow before movement in working capital		(45,293,589)	(31,912,711)	(45,293,589)	(31,886,805)
Change in pledged assets	32(i)	(272,019,167)	(4,600,371)	(272,019,167)	(4,600,371)
Change in loans and advances to customers	32(ii)	(416,809,444)	(290,235,788)	(416,809,444)	(290,235,788)
Change in other assets	32(iii)	(35,863)	(1,675,039)	(35,863)	(1,675,039)
Change in deposits from banks	32(iv)	237,636,470	1,710,030	237,636,470	1,710,030
Change in restricted deposit with CBN	32(v)	(344,561,014)	(151,193,653)	(344,561,014)	(151,193,653)
Change in deposits from customers	32(vi)	669,051,281	694,639,518	669,051,281	694,639,518
Change in other liabilities	32(vi)	294,165,276	41,523,350	294,165,277	41,585,092
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Cashflow generated by operations		122,133,950	258,255,336	122,133,950	258,342,985
Income tax paid	24.2	(1,780,725)	(1,061,974)	(1,780,725)	(1,061,974)
Interest received	32(xii)	351,832,014	185,643,309	350,735,951	184,475,460
Interest paid	32(vii)	(158,020,919)	(85,774,101)	(158,020,919)	(85,774,101)
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<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>		<b>314,164,320</b>	<b>357,062,570</b>	<b>313,068,257</b>	<b>355,982,370</b>
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Cash flows from investing activities					
Disposal/Acquisition of investment securities-At Amor	32(viii)	(261,715,504)	(293,969,948)	(261,694,081)	(293,950,949)
Disposal/Acquisition of investment securities-FVTOCI	32(ix)	76,541	1,325,810	76,541	1,325,810
Change in FVTPL investments	32(x)	(12,640,349)	20,929,072	(12,640,349)	20,929,072
Dividend received from equity investment	10	245,680	210,262	245,680	210,262
Acquisition of property and equipment	19	(20,294,311)	(15,632,126)	(20,294,311)	(15,632,126)
Proceeds from the sale of property and equipment	32(xi)	941,511	887,125	941,511	887,125
Right of Use	27	(343,676)	(529,965)	(343,676)	(529,965)
Acquisition of intangible assets	20	(2,289,853)	(1,215,910)	(2,289,853)	(1,215,910)
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<b>Net cash(used in)/generated by investing activities</b>		<b>(296,019,961)</b>	<b>(287,995,679)</b>	<b>(295,998,538)</b>	<b>(287,976,680)</b>
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Cash flows from financing activities					
Proceed from borrowings	26b	76,308,911	50,420,032	76,308,911	50,420,032
Repayment of borrowings	26b	(39,340,616)	(4,542,615)	(39,342,590)	(4,545,548)
Additional T-1 Capital		-	21,000,000	-	21,000,000
Right Issues		39,160,447	-	39,160,447	-
Interest paid on borrowings	32(vii)	(23,619,484)	(8,148,151)	(22,546,841)	(7,078,810)
Dividend paid to shareholders		(6,429,078)	(3,857,447)	(6,429,078)	(3,857,447)
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<b>Net cash from financing activities</b>		<b>46,080,181</b>	<b>54,871,820</b>	<b>47,150,850</b>	<b>55,938,228</b>
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Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		64,224,540	123,938,713	64,220,569	123,943,917
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		218,834,310	94,385,525	218,807,569	94,353,581
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash balances		1,399,265	1,909,337	1,399,265	1,909,337
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	15	<b>284,458,115</b>	<b>220,233,575</b>	<b>284,427,404</b>	<b>220,206,835</b>

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Statement of Prudential Adjustments**

	Group		Bank	
	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23
<b>Prudential Provisions:</b>				
Loans and advances	48,052,922	41,473,950	48,052,922	41,473,950
Other financial assets	8,244,397	2,798,534	8,244,397	2,798,534
	<b>56,297,319</b>	<b>44,272,484</b>	<b>56,297,319</b>	<b>44,272,484</b>
<b>Impairment assessment under IFRS:</b>				
<b>Loans and advances</b>				
12-months ECL credit	16,073,825	2,708,704	16,073,825	2,708,704
Life-time ECL Not impaired	974,323	392,875	974,323	392,875
Life-time ECL credit impaired	17,488,968	21,401,871	17,488,968	21,401,871
	<b>34,537,115</b>	<b>24,503,450</b>	<b>34,537,115</b>	<b>24,503,450</b>
<b>Investment securities</b>				
12-months ECL	3,912,309	3,156,168	3,912,309	3,156,168
	<b>3,912,309</b>	<b>3,156,168</b>	<b>3,912,309</b>	<b>3,156,168</b>
<b>Off balance sheet exposures</b>				
12-months ECL	2,668,802	1,918,802	2,668,802	1,918,802
	<b>2,668,802</b>	<b>1,918,802</b>	<b>2,668,802</b>	<b>1,918,802</b>
<b>Other financial assets</b>				
Other assets	355,706	263,008	355,706	263,008
Cash and cash equivalent	110,439	112,432	110,439	112,432
Other non-financial assets	1,084,870	690,546	1,084,870	690,546
	<b>1,551,015</b>	<b>1,065,986</b>	<b>1,551,015</b>	<b>1,065,986</b>
<b>Total IFRS Impairment</b>	<b>42,669,241</b>	<b>30,644,406</b>	<b>42,669,241</b>	<b>30,644,406</b>
<b>Excess of Prudential impairment over IFRS impairment transferred to regulatory reserve</b>	<b>13,628,078</b>	<b>13,628,078</b>	<b>13,628,078</b>	<b>13,628,078</b>



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<i>In thousands of Nigerian Naira</i>						
<b>7 Interest income</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents	2,463,615	7,623,446	5,960,806	2,463,615	7,623,446	5,960,806
Loans and advances to banks and customers	81,701,400	230,984,982	122,183,794	81,701,400	230,984,982	122,183,794
Investments securities	37,756,561	113,223,586	57,498,709	37,456,164	112,127,523	56,330,860
<b>Total interest income</b>	<b>121,921,576</b>	<b>351,832,014</b>	<b>185,643,309</b>	<b>121,621,179</b>	<b>350,735,951</b>	<b>184,475,460</b>
<b>Interest expense</b>						
Deposits from banks	16,517,291	54,605,947	4,890,355	16,517,291	54,605,947	6,557,002
Deposits from customers	33,791,506	103,414,972	80,883,746	33,791,506	103,414,972	80,594,943
Other borrowed funds	7,240,676	23,619,484	8,148,151	6,966,438	22,546,841	5,700,966
<b>Total interest expense</b>	<b>57,549,473</b>	<b>181,640,403</b>	<b>93,922,252</b>	<b>57,275,235</b>	<b>180,567,760</b>	<b>92,852,911</b>
<b>Net interest income</b>	<b>64,372,103</b>	<b>170,191,611</b>	<b>91,721,057</b>	<b>64,345,944</b>	<b>170,168,191</b>	<b>91,622,549</b>
<b>8 Fees and commission income</b>						
	<b>3 Months 31-Dec-24</b>	<b>12 Months 31-Dec-24</b>	<b>12 Months 31-Dec-23</b>	<b>3 Months 31-Dec-24</b>	<b>12 Months 31-Dec-24</b>	<b>12 Months 31-Dec-23</b>
Credit related fees	527,767	2,047,067	1,229,214	527,767	2,047,067	1,229,214
Account maintenance fees	2,505,131	7,364,299	3,953,307	2,505,131	7,364,299	3,953,307
Management fees	3,483,479	8,049,802	4,829,150	3,483,479	8,049,802	4,829,150
Fees on electronic products	4,727,628	14,109,095	7,346,492	4,727,628	14,109,095	7,346,492
Fees on financial guarantees	1,156,630	2,596,629	1,373,183	1,156,630	2,596,629	1,373,183
FX transactions	3,137,574	15,036,422	4,146,145	3,137,574	15,036,422	4,146,145
Other fees and charges	1,558,063	6,417,542	2,084,267	1,558,063	6,417,542	2,084,267
<b>Total fee and commission income</b>	<b>17,096,272</b>	<b>55,620,856</b>	<b>24,961,758</b>	<b>17,096,272</b>	<b>55,620,856</b>	<b>24,961,758</b>
Credit related fees and commissions are fees charged to customers other than fees included in determining the effective interest rates						
Fees on electronic products include income from electronic channels, card products and related services.						
<b>9 Net trading income</b>						
Fixed income securities	5,806	29,521	1,158,543	5,806	29,521	1,158,543
Treasury bills	685,705	1,776,419	(1,150,616)	685,705	1,776,419	(1,150,616)
Foreign exchange trading (note 9.1)	20,804	1,634,593	814,558	20,804	1,634,593	814,558
	<b>712,315</b>	<b>3,440,533</b>	<b>822,485</b>	<b>712,315</b>	<b>3,440,533</b>	<b>822,485</b>
Foreign exchange trading income is principally made up of trading income on foreign exchange transactions. The amount reported above are						
<b>9.1</b> totally from financial assets carried at fair value through profit or loss						
<b>10 Other income</b>						
	<b>3 Months 31-Dec-24</b>	<b>12 Months 31-Dec-24</b>	<b>12 Months 31-Dec-23</b>	<b>3 Months 31-Dec-24</b>	<b>12 Months 31-Dec-24</b>	<b>12 Months 31-Dec-23</b>
Dividends on equities at FVOCI	-	245,680	210,262	-	245,680	210,262
Gains on disposal of property and equipment	16,569	471,682	330,906	16,569	471,682	330,906
Rental income	18,528	60,481	57,108	18,528	60,481	57,108
Income on contingents	(24,362)	-	14,540	(24,362)	-	14,540
Income on deposit accounts	(78,068)	85,881	98,668	(78,068)	85,881	98,668
Digital Income	248,187	881,496	745,829	248,187	881,496	745,829
FX Revaluation	325,160	14,526,850	13,603,283	325,160	14,526,850	13,603,283
Swift transactions	84,168	379,067	212,435	84,168	379,067	212,435
Service charge	(10,221)	75,084	15,997	(10,221)	75,084	15,997
Others	(146,800)	142,105	197,729	(146,800)	142,105	197,729
	<b>433,161</b>	<b>16,868,327</b>	<b>15,486,758</b>	<b>433,161</b>	<b>16,868,327</b>	<b>15,486,758</b>

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<b>11 Impairment loss on financial/non-financial instruments</b>						
<b>Impairment charge on financial instruments</b>						
Total impairment charge on loans and advances	4,660,686	16,594,118	7,531,486	4,660,686	16,594,118	7,531,486
Investment securities/Treasury bills	-	756,141	1,771,593	-	756,141	1,771,593
Cash and cash equivalent	-	19,339	68,678	-	19,339	68,678
Other assets	-	79,331	83,002	-	79,331	83,002
<b>Impairment charge on non-financial instruments</b>						
Off balance sheet	(500,000)	750,000	1,204,926	(500,000)	750,000	1,204,926
Recoveries on loans	(1,108,400)	(3,467,136)	(96,318)	(1,108,400)	(3,467,136)	(96,318)
<b>Total impairment charge on financial/non-financial instruments</b>	<b>3,052,286</b>	<b>14,731,793</b>	<b>10,563,367</b>	<b>3,052,286</b>	<b>14,731,793</b>	<b>10,563,367</b>

**12 Personnel expenses**

Wages and salaries	3,143,828	33,674,243	19,069,375	3,143,828	33,674,243	19,069,375
Pension Contribution	670,116	2,608,910	1,277,208	670,116	2,608,910	1,277,208
Outsourced staff cost	9,024,756	9,024,756	6,408,566	9,024,756	9,024,756	6,408,566
	<b>12,838,700</b>	<b>45,307,909</b>	<b>26,755,149</b>	<b>12,838,700</b>	<b>45,307,909</b>	<b>26,755,149</b>

**13a Other operating expenses**

	3 Months 31-Dec-24	12 Months 31-Dec-24	12 Months 31-Dec-23	3 Months 31-Dec-24	12 Months 31-Dec-24	12 Months 31-Dec-23
<i>In thousands of Nigerian Naira</i>						
Advertising and marketing	2,110,470	6,843,499	4,313,293	2,110,470	6,843,499	4,313,293
AMCON Levy (i)	3,187,452	12,787,387	7,986,255	3,187,452	12,787,387	7,986,255
Auditors remuneration	55,000	190,000	160,000	55,000	190,000	150,000
Business Expenses	315,961	953,369	531,719	315,961	953,369	531,719
Cash movement expenses	224,734	840,681	699,198	224,734	840,681	699,198
Diesel Expenses	735,291	3,043,321	1,890,222	735,291	3,043,321	1,860,222
Directors Expenses	19,700	65,700	50,000	19,700	65,700	50,000
Directors fees	-	135,983	67,868	-	135,983	67,868
Donations	391,755	1,273,832	395,129	391,755	1,273,832	395,129
Electricity	617,591	1,744,764	872,441	617,591	1,744,764	872,441
General administrative expenses	1,199,109	5,910,540	6,488,617	1,199,109	5,910,540	6,472,711
Legal expenses	468,268	1,062,898	383,007	468,268	1,062,898	383,007
Insurance	35,919	695,069	529,059	35,919	695,069	529,059
NDIC Premium	2,328,774	9,157,814	5,145,831	2,328,774	9,157,814	5,145,831
Other premises and equipment costs	82,331	358,176	296,120	82,331	358,176	296,120
Printing and stationery	181,588	719,980	510,706	181,588	719,980	510,706
Other Professional fees	429,188	1,460,990	1,439,705	429,188	1,460,990	1,469,705
Digital Bank Professional fees (ii)	129,229	321,393	172,560	129,229	321,393	172,560
Repairs and maintenance	1,613,818	5,341,802	3,408,100	1,613,818	5,341,802	3,408,100
Security expenses	153,417	557,541	486,222	153,417	557,541	486,222
Service charge	5,376,559	16,461,041	6,608,165	5,376,559	16,461,041	6,608,165
SMS Expenses & Others	161,517	226,216	51,017	161,517	226,216	51,017
Statutory expenses	97,693	329,333	222,506	97,693	329,333	222,506
Technology and alternative channels	3,107,057	4,913,628	1,422,082	3,107,057	4,913,628	1,422,082
Transport & Communications	726,289	2,300,153	1,757,800	726,289	2,300,153	1,757,800
	<b>23,748,710</b>	<b>77,695,108</b>	<b>45,887,623</b>	<b>23,748,709</b>	<b>77,695,109</b>	<b>45,861,717</b>

	Group			Bank		
	3 Months 31-Dec-24	12 Months 31-Dec-24	12 Months 31-Dec-23	3 Months 31-Dec-24	12 Months 31-Dec-24	12 Months 31-Dec-23
<i>In thousands of Nigerian Naira</i>						
<b>13b Depreciation and amortization</b>						
Property, plants and equipment	2,026,696	7,265,133	4,762,674	2,026,696	7,265,133	4,762,674
Right of use of assets	81,016	333,559	272,643	81,016	333,559	272,643
Intangible assets	355,817	1,180,112	1,086,901	355,817	1,180,112	1,086,901
	<b>2,463,529</b>	<b>8,778,804</b>	<b>6,122,218</b>	<b>2,463,529</b>	<b>8,778,804</b>	<b>6,122,218</b>

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**14 Earnings per share**

**Basic and diluted earnings per share**

Basic earnings per share are calculated by dividing the profit for the year attributable to shareholders by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year.

The calculation of basic earnings per share as at 31st Dec 2024 was based on the profit attributable to ordinary shareholders and weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding:

	Group			
	12 Months 31-Dec-24	12 Months 31-Dec-23	12 Months 31-Dec-24	12 Months 31-Dec-23
<b>Pre-share reconstruction</b>				
Weighted average number of ordinary shares - of 50k each (2023 - 50k)	21,430,178	12,858,155	21,430,178	12,858,155
<b>Comparative figure post share reconstruction</b>	21,430,178	12,858,155	21,430,178	12,858,155
<b>Profit attributable to ordinary shareholders -basic</b>				
Profit for the year attributable to equity holders of the Bank '000	88,834,210	35,988,967	88,810,790	35,932,372
Earnings per share -basic (Kobo)	414.5	279.9	414.4	279.5

**15 Cash and cash equivalents**

*In thousands of Nigerian Naira*

	Group			
	12 Months 31-Dec-24	12 Months 31-Dec-23	12 Months 31-Dec-24	12 Months 31-Dec-23
Cash and balances with banks	173,970,043	99,378,007	173,939,331	99,351,267
Unrestricted balances with central bank	3,057,834	5,031,642	3,057,834	5,031,642
Money market placements	107,562,008	115,936,358	107,562,008	115,936,358
ECL Allowance	(131,771)	(112,432)	(131,771)	(112,432)
	<b>284,458,115</b>	<b>220,233,575</b>	<b>284,427,402</b>	<b>220,206,835</b>

**Classified as:**

Current	281,400,281	215,201,934	281,369,568	215,175,193
Non-current	3,057,834	5,031,642	3,057,834	5,031,642
	<b>284,458,115</b>	<b>220,233,575</b>	<b>284,427,402</b>	<b>220,206,835</b>

**Movement in ECL allowance**

Opening balance	112,432	112,432	112,432	112,432
Charge/Write back for the year	19,339	-	19,339	-
Closing balance	<b>131,771</b>	<b>112,432</b>	<b>131,771</b>	<b>112,432</b>

**15b Restricted Deposit with CBN**

Mandatory reserve deposit is reported net of N27.66 billion (December 31, 2023: N34.87 billion) which relates to Differentiated Cash Reserve Requirement (DCRR) Scheme. Under the DCRR scheme, Deposit Money Banks (DMBs) interested in providing credit financing to Greenfield (New) and Brownfield (expansion) projects in the Real Sector (Agriculture and Manufacturing) may request for the release of funds from their CRR to finance the projects.

Restricted deposits with Central Bank are not available for use in day to day operations.

**16 Pledged assets - Held at amortised cost**

*In thousands of Nigerian Naira*

	Group		Bank	
	12 Months 31-Dec-24	12 Months 31-Dec-23	12 Months 31-Dec-24	12 Months 31-Dec-23
Treasury bills	190,846,328	1,387,006	190,846,328	1,387,006
Bonds	116,389,527	33,829,683	116,389,527	33,829,683
	<b>307,235,856</b>	<b>35,216,689</b>	<b>307,235,856</b>	<b>35,216,689</b>

The assets pledged as collateral include assets pledged to third parties under secured borrowing with the related liability disclosed in Note 26 and other clearing activities with the clearing bank. The pledges have been made in the normal course of business. In the event of default, the pledgee has the right to realise the pledged assets

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	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23
<b>17 Investment securities</b>	<b>902,531,534</b>	<b>628,252,222</b>	<b>894,360,740</b>	<b>620,102,850</b>
Current	155,568,401	107,468,384	155,568,401	107,468,384
Non-current	746,963,133	520,783,837	738,792,339	512,634,466
<b>17a Investment securities measured at FVTOCI</b>				
FGN Bonds	0	76,541	0	76,541
Equity (see note (i) below)	13,278,129	13,278,129	13,278,129	13,278,129
	<b>13,278,129</b>	<b>13,354,669</b>	<b>13,278,129</b>	<b>13,354,669</b>
<b>17b Investment securities measured at FVTPL</b>				
Treasury Bills	12,645,018	4,669	12,645,018	4,669
	<b>12,645,018</b>	<b>4,669</b>	<b>12,645,018</b>	<b>4,669</b>
<b>17c Investment securities measured at amortised cost</b>				
Treasury Bills	142,923,382	107,463,715	142,923,382	107,463,715
FGN Bonds	731,217,857	501,807,928	723,047,063	493,658,557
Other Bonds (see (ii) below)	6,379,456	8,777,408	6,379,456	8,777,408
ECL Allowance - Investments at Amortised Cost	(3,912,309)	(3,156,168)	(3,912,309)	(3,156,168)
	<b>876,608,387</b>	<b>614,892,883</b>	<b>868,437,593</b>	<b>606,743,512</b>
<b>Movement in ECL allowance</b>				
Opening balance	3,156,168	3,156,168	3,156,168	1,384,575
Charge/write back for the year	756,141	1,771,593	756,141	1,771,593
Closing balance	3,912,309	4,927,761	3,912,309	3,156,168
<b>(i) Equity</b>				
<b>Unquoted Investments:</b>				
Unified Payment Services Limited	65,767	65,767	65,767	65,767
FMDQ	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Nigeria Inter-Bank Settlement System	47,482	47,482	47,482	47,482
Fair value gain on (FVTOCI) financial assets (a)	13,149,879	13,149,879	13,149,879	13,149,879
	13,278,129	13,278,129	13,278,129	13,278,129
	<b>13,278,129</b>	<b>13,278,129</b>	<b>13,278,129</b>	<b>13,278,129</b>
(a) The breakdown of fair value on FVTOCI financial assets is as follows:				
Unified Payment Services Limited	2,022,494	2,022,494	2,022,494	2,022,494
FMDQ	2,046,707	2,046,707	2,046,707	2,046,707
Nigeria Inter-Bank Settlement System	9,208,928	9,208,928	9,208,928	9,208,928
Closing balance	13,278,129	13,278,129	13,278,129	13,278,129

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**Other bonds** - these are held to maturity securities for state and corporate entities, stated at amortised cost as shown below:

(ii)

	Group		Bank	
	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23
I. 7YR: DANA Group Bond Series 1				
	929,145	929,145	929,145	929,145
Movement in the year	(37,453)	(37,453)	(37,453)	(37,453)
Closing balance	891,692	891,692	891,692	891,692
<b>STATE BONDS</b>				
I. EKITI State Govt Bond Tranche 11				
Opening balance	574,502	718,120	574,502	718,120
Movement in the year	(143,475)	(143,618)	(143,475)	(143,618)
Closing balance	431,027	574,502	431,027	574,502
II. OGUN State Govt Bond				
Opening balance	5,016,339	5,000,000	5,016,339	5,000,000
Movement in the year	(976,390)	16,339	(976,390)	16,339
Closing balance	4,039,948	5,016,339	4,039,948	5,016,339
III. ONDO State Govt Bond				
Opening balance	2,294,875	3,068,431	2,294,875	3,068,431
Movement in the year	(386,394)	(773,556)	(386,394)	(773,556)
Closing balance	1,908,481	2,294,875	1,908,481	2,294,875
Total Other Bonds	<b>7,271,148</b>	<b>8,777,408</b>	<b>7,271,148</b>	<b>8,777,408</b>
ECL	(891,692)	(891,692)	(891,692)	(891,692)
	<b>6,379,456</b>	<b>7,885,716</b>	<b>6,379,456</b>	<b>7,885,716</b>

**18 Loans and advances to customers at amortised cost**

	Group		Bank	
	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23
<i>In thousands of Nigeria Naira</i>				
Overdrafts	102,982,635	65,396,844	102,982,635	65,396,844
Term Loans	1,126,444,075	751,193,407	1,126,444,075	751,193,407
Advances under finance lease	8,291,173	9,016,316	8,291,173	9,016,316
Gross loans and receivables	<b>1,237,717,884</b>	<b>825,606,567</b>	<b>1,237,717,884</b>	<b>825,606,567</b>
Less ECL allowances				
Stage 1	(16,073,825)	(2,708,704)	(16,073,825)	(2,708,704)
Stage 2	(974,323)	(392,875)	(974,323)	(392,875)
Stage 3	(17,488,968)	(21,401,871)	(17,488,968)	(21,401,871)
	<b>(34,537,115)</b>	<b>(24,503,450)</b>	<b>(34,537,115)</b>	<b>(24,503,450)</b>
Net loans and advances to customers	<b>1,203,180,768</b>	<b>801,103,117</b>	<b>1,203,180,768</b>	<b>801,103,117</b>
<b>31-Dec-24</b>				
	<b>Term loan</b>	<b>Overdrafts</b>	<b>Finance lease</b>	<b>Total</b>
Gross loans	1,126,444,075	102,982,635	8,291,173	1,237,717,884
Stage 1	(14,530,842)	(1,214,982)	(328,000)	(16,073,825)
Stage 2	(731,121)	(243,201)	-	(974,323)
Stage 3	(7,413,082)	(10,003,004)	(72,882)	(17,488,968)
	<b>1,103,769,030</b>	<b>91,521,447</b>	<b>7,890,291</b>	<b>1,203,180,768</b>
<b>31-Dec-23</b>				
	<b>Term loan</b>	<b>Overdrafts</b>	<b>Finance lease</b>	<b>Total</b>
Gross loans	751,193,407	65,396,844	9,016,316	825,606,567
Stage 1	(1,376,888)	(1,129,900)	(201,916)	(2,708,704)
Stage 2	(381,602)	(9,198)	(2,075)	(392,875)
Stage 3	(13,397,782)	(7,958,063)	(46,026)	(21,401,871)
	<b>736,037,135</b>	<b>56,299,683</b>	<b>8,766,300</b>	<b>801,103,117</b>

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In thousands of Nigerian Naira	Overdraft	Term Loan	Advances under finance lease	Totals
<b>Balance at 1 January 2024</b>	<b>9,097,161</b>	<b>15,156,273</b>	<b>250,017</b>	<b>24,503,450</b>
Stage 1	1,129,900	1,376,888	201,916	2,708,704
Stage 2	9,198	381,602	2,075	392,875
Stage 3	7,958,063	13,397,782	46,026	21,401,871
Interest on impaired facilities	328,704	2,628,459	-	2,957,163
ECL allowance during the year	7,688,400	8,654,851	250,866	16,594,118
Written off in the year as uncollectible	(4,022,711)	(2,027,768)	-	(6,050,479)
Amounts recovered during the year	(1,630,367)	(1,736,769)	(100,000)	(3,467,136)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2024</b>	<b>11,461,188</b>	<b>22,675,045</b>	<b>400,883</b>	<b>34,537,115</b>
Stage 1	1,214,982	14,530,842	328,000	16,073,825
Stage 2	243,201	731,121	-	974,323
Stage 3	10,003,004	7,413,082	72,882	17,488,968

Contingent Liabilities & Commitments:

	Group		Bank	
	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23
Guarantees and Indemnities	273,184,509	195,893,115	273,184,509	195,893,115
Bonds	51,190,952	35,765,028	51,190,952	35,765,028
Clean-Line Facilities & Irrevocable LCs	64,666,017	87,673,471	64,666,017	87,673,471
ECL	(2,668,802)	(1,918,802)	(2,668,802)	(1,918,802)
	<b>386,372,675</b>	<b>317,412,811</b>	<b>386,372,675</b>	<b>317,412,811</b>

Movement in ECL allowance

Opening balance	1,918,802	713,876	1,918,802	713,876
Charge/write back for the year	750,000	1,204,926	750,000	1,204,926
Closing balance	<b>2,668,802</b>	<b>1,918,802</b>	<b>2,668,802</b>	<b>1,918,802</b>

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*In thousands of Nigerian Naira (000s)*

	Land	Buildings	Furniture & Office Equipment	Motor vehicles	Computer Equipment	Work in Progress	Total
<b>Cost</b>							
Balance at 1 January 2024	1,780,017	19,431,358	13,526,276	7,609,834	20,105,638	3,375,541	65,828,663
Additions	661,205	2,832,434	4,134,299	5,361,728	8,102,927	(798,283)	20,294,311
Adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	(170)	(12,960)	(210,255)	(724,603)	(350,353)	-	(1,298,342)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2024</b>	<b>2,441,052</b>	<b>22,250,832</b>	<b>17,450,320</b>	<b>12,246,958</b>	<b>27,858,212</b>	<b>2,577,259</b>	<b>84,824,632</b>
<b>Accumulated depreciation and impairment</b>							
Balance at 1 January 2024	(949.88)	6,145,124	9,260,392	2,791,037	11,870,162	-	30,065,765
Charge for the year	-	391,940	1,626,875	1,955,941	3,290,377	-	7,265,133
Disposals	(26)	(4,564)	(146,940)	(333,733)	(343,249)	-	(828,512)
Adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance at 31 December 2024</b>	<b>(975)</b>	<b>6,532,501</b>	<b>10,740,326</b>	<b>4,413,244</b>	<b>14,817,290</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,502,386</b>
<b>Carrying amounts</b>							
Balance at 1 January 2024	1,780,967	13,286,233	4,265,884	4,818,796	8,235,477	3,375,541	35,762,897
<b>Balance at 31 December 2024</b>	<b>2,442,027</b>	<b>15,718,331</b>	<b>6,709,993</b>	<b>7,833,714</b>	<b>13,040,922</b>	<b>2,577,259</b>	<b>48,322,246</b>

- The authorised and contracted capital commitments as at the balance sheet date was nil (31 December 2023 nil)
- There were no capitalised borrowing costs related to the acquisition of Property and equipment during the year (31 December 2023: nil)
- All Property and equipment are non-current

## Property and equipment

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*In thousands of Nigerian Naira (000s)*

	Land	Buildings	Furniture & Office Equipment	Motor vehicles	Computer Equipment	Work in Progress	Total
Cost							
Balance at 1 January 2023	1,590,773	18,579,635	11,509,776	3,905,355	13,693,612	2,157,864	51,437,016
Additions	194,750	1,098,845	2,033,133	4,662,757	6,424,964	1,217,677	15,632,126
Disposals	(5,506)	(247,122)	(16,633)	(958,278)	(12,939)	-	(1,240,478)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>1,780,017</b>	<b>19,431,358</b>	<b>13,526,276</b>	<b>7,609,834</b>	<b>20,105,638</b>	<b>3,375,541</b>	<b>65,828,663</b>
Accumulated depreciation and impairment							
Balance at 1 January 2023	-	5,818,792	7,959,302	2,516,226	9,693,028	-	25,987,348
Charge for the year	-	376,394	1,308,517	892,596	2,185,167	-	4,762,674
Disposals	(949.88)	(50,061)	(7,427)	(617,785)	(8,034)	-	(684,257)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>(950)</b>	<b>6,145,124</b>	<b>9,260,392</b>	<b>2,791,037</b>	<b>11,870,162</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,065,765</b>
Carrying amounts							
Balance at 1 January 2023	1,590,773	12,760,844	3,550,474	1,389,128	4,000,584	2,157,864	25,449,667
<b>Balance at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>1,780,967</b>	<b>13,286,233</b>	<b>4,265,884</b>	<b>4,818,796</b>	<b>8,235,477</b>	<b>3,375,541</b>	<b>35,762,897</b>

- The authorised and contracted capital commitments as at the balance sheet date was nil (31 December 2022 nil)
- There were no capitalised borrowing costs related to the acquisition of intangible assets during the year (31 December 2022: nil)
- All intangible assets are non-current



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- There were no impairment losses on any class of property and equipment during the year (December 31, 2023: Nil)
- There were no capitalised borrowing costs related to the acquisition of property and equipment during the year (December 31, 2023: Nil).
- All property and equipment are non-current. None of the Group's assets were financed from borrowings, consequently no borrowing cost has been capitalized as part of asset cost.
- There were no liens or encumbrances on assets as at the year end. No assets have been pledged as security for borrowing. (31 December 2023: Nil)
- There were no capital commitments as at year end. (31 December 2023: Nil)

<i>In thousands of Nigerian Naira</i>	Group		Bank	
	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23
<b>20 Intangible assets</b>				
<b>Cost</b>				
Cost 1 January	9,390,017	8,174,107	9,390,017	8,174,107
Additions	2,289,853	1,215,910	2,289,853	1,215,910
Disposal	-	-	-	-
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>11,679,870</b>	<b>9,390,017</b>	<b>11,679,870</b>	<b>9,390,017</b>
<b>Amortization and impairment losses</b>				
Cost 1 January	6,401,415	5,314,514	6,401,415	5,314,514
Amortization for the year	1,180,112	1,086,901	1,180,112	1,086,901
Disposal	-	-	-	-
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>7,581,527</b>	<b>6,401,415</b>	<b>7,581,527</b>	<b>6,401,415</b>
<b>Carrying amounts</b>	<b>4,098,343</b>	<b>1,901,700</b>	<b>4,098,343</b>	<b>1,901,700</b>

- The intangible assets have got finite lives and are amortised over the higher of 5 years or the contractual licensing period. No impairment losses were recognised against intangible assets.
- The authorised and contracted capital commitments as at the balance sheet date was nil (31 December 2023 nil)
- There were no capitalised borrowing costs related to the acquisition of intangible assets during the year (31 December 2023: nil)
- All intangible assets are non-current

## 21 Deferred tax assets and liabilities

- Recognised deferred tax assets and liabilities

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are attributable to the following:

<i>In thousands of Nigerian Naira</i>	Group		Bank	
	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23
At 1 January	7,105,000	12,983,230	7,105,000	12,983,230
Write down	-	(5,878,230)	-	(5,878,230)
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>7,105,000</b>	<b>7,105,000</b>	<b>7,105,000</b>	<b>7,105,000</b>

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	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23
<i>In thousands of Nigerian Naira</i>				
<b>22 Other assets</b>				
<b>Financial Assets</b>				
Accounts receivables	1,022,660	5,351,545	1,022,660	5,351,545
Collateralised Placement	53,354	53,213	53,354	53,213
Clearing Balance	346,968	368,234	346,968	368,234
Fraud & Burglary	261,037	256,387	261,037	256,387
AGSMEIS Investment with CBN	1,910,121	1,910,121	1,910,121	1,910,121
Receivable on E-business Channels	3,632,888	712,357	3,632,888	712,357
<b>Non-Financial Assets</b>				
Prepayments	762,907	889,926	762,907	889,926
Stock	4,780,380	3,252,127	4,780,380	3,252,127
Others	617,776	470,995	617,776	470,995
	<u>13,393,465</u>	<u>13,264,904</u>	<u>13,393,465</u>	<u>13,264,904</u>
Specific impairment on other assets	(355,706)	(263,008)	(355,706)	(263,008)
	<u><b>13,037,759</b></u>	<u><b>13,001,896</b></u>	<u><b>13,037,759</b></u>	<u><b>13,001,896</b></u>
At 1 January	263,008	897,836	263,008	897,836
Allowance made during the year	79,331	83,002	79,331	83,002
Write off made during the year	-	(717,830)	-	(717,830)
	<u><b>342,339</b></u>	<u><b>263,008</b></u>	<u><b>342,339</b></u>	<u><b>263,008</b></u>
<b>Classified as:</b>				
Current	13,079,075	12,955,305	8,298,695	9,703,178
Non-current	314,391	309,599	5,094,771	3,561,726
	<u><b>13,393,465</b></u>	<u><b>13,264,904</b></u>	<u><b>13,393,465</b></u>	<u><b>13,264,904</b></u>

**22.1 AGSMEIS Investment with CBN**

Deposit for investment in AGSMEIS represents the Wema Bank's deposit as equity investment in Agri-business/Small and Medium Enterprises Investment Scheme. As approved by the Bankers' Committee on 9th February 2017, all Deposit Money Banks are required to invest 5% of prior period Profit After Tax as equity investment in the scheme.

	Group		Bank	
	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23
<i>In thousands of Nigeria Naira</i>				
<b>23 Deposits from banks</b>				
Money market deposits	<u><b>258,500,000</b></u>	<u><b>20,863,530</b></u>	<u><b>258,500,000</b></u>	<u><b>20,863,530</b></u>
<b>Deposits from customers</b>				
<b>Retail customers:</b>				
Term deposits	318,260,712	195,965,985	318,260,712	195,965,985
Current deposits	42,881,476	39,517,572	42,881,476	39,517,572
Savings	425,687,040	269,215,862	425,687,040	269,215,862
<b>Corporate customers:</b>				
Term deposits	214,111,111	228,729,190	214,111,111	228,729,190
Current deposits	858,595,407	867,565,417	858,595,407	867,565,417
Others	670,089,072	259,579,511	670,089,072	259,579,511
	<u><b>2,529,624,817</b></u>	<u><b>1,860,573,537</b></u>	<u><b>2,529,624,817</b></u>	<u><b>1,860,573,537</b></u>

**23b** The maturity profile of customers' deposit is as follows:

Under 3 months	430,819,270	589,184,375	430,819,270	589,184,375
3 - 6months	417,876,717	62,420,615	417,876,717	62,420,615
6 - 12months	179,612,760	101,843,962	179,612,760	101,843,962
Over 12months	1,501,316,070	1,107,124,585	1,501,316,070	1,107,124,585
	<u><b>2,529,624,817</b></u>	<u><b>1,860,573,537</b></u>	<u><b>2,529,624,817</b></u>	<u><b>1,860,573,537</b></u>

As at 31st Dec 2024 N1,501 trillion (31 December 2023: N1,107 trillion) of deposits from customers are expected to be settled more than 12 months after the reporting date.

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		31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23
<b>24</b>	<b>Taxation</b>				
<b>24.1</b>	<b>Income tax expense</b>				
	Minimum Tax	13,270,578	1,142,960	13,270,578	1,127,681
	Company income tax:				
	Education Tax	-	105,396		105,396
	NITDA Levy		437,097		436,373
	Nigerian Police Trust Fund		2,185		2,182
	NASENI		109,093		109,093
	Current Income Tax expense	13,270,578	1,796,732	13,270,578	1,780,725
	Deferred tax expenses	-	5,584,318	-	5,584,318
		<b>13,270,578</b>	<b>7,381,051</b>	<b>13,270,578</b>	<b>7,365,044</b>
	<b>Current tax liabilities</b>				
		Group		Bank	
		31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23
<b>24.2</b>	At 1 January	1,796,732	1,061,974	1,780,725	1,061,974
	Payment during the year	(1,780,725)	(1,061,974)	(1,780,725)	(1,061,974)
	Charge for the year	13,270,578	1,796,732	13,270,578	1,780,725
	<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>13,286,585</b>	<b>1,796,732</b>	<b>13,270,578</b>	<b>1,780,725</b>

The charge for taxation is based on the provision of the Company Income Tax Act Cap C21 LFN 2020, as amended under the Finance Act 2023. Education Tax is based on 2.5% of the assessable profit for the year in accordance with the Education Tax Act CAP E4 LFN 2004. NITDA levy is based on 1% of profit before tax in accordance with NITDA levy Act 2007

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**Other liabilities and Provisions**

Other liabilities	435,675,628	142,585,099	435,665,631	142,575,102
Provisions	3,681,516	2,609,348	3,681,516	2,609,348
	<b>439,357,144</b>	<b>145,194,447</b>	<b>439,347,147</b>	<b>145,184,450</b>

25.1 Other liabilities

<i>In thousands of Nigerian Naira</i>	Group		Bank	
	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>				
Account Payables	5,333,593	4,534,596	5,333,593	4,534,596
Other current liabilities (i)	255,944,014	1,709,237	255,934,018	1,699,237
Insurance Claim	67,531	46,222	67,531	46,222
Swift Payables	863,122	27,794	863,122	27,794
Western Union	3,204	3,198	3,204	3,201
Salary Suspense	10,299	25,874	10,299	25,874
Other payable	3,848,241	1,614,849	3,848,241	1,614,849
Electronic products payable	2,148,430	941,117	2,148,430	941,117
Certified cheques	2,301,687	2,049,956	2,301,687	2,049,956
Customer deposits for letters of credit	67,752,609	37,553,635	67,752,609	37,553,635
Discounting Line	14,750,289	48,549,270	14,750,289	48,549,270
Collections and settlement (ii)	45,919,482	27,720,126	45,919,482	27,720,126
Remittances	36,733,127	17,809,223	36,733,127	17,809,223
	<b>435,675,628</b>	<b>142,585,099</b>	<b>435,665,631</b>	<b>142,575,102</b>

**Classified as:**

Current	363,454,804	58,070,079	363,444,807	58,060,082
Non-current	72,220,824	84,515,020	72,220,824	84,515,020
	<b>435,675,628</b>	<b>142,585,099</b>	<b>435,665,631</b>	<b>142,575,102</b>

25.2 Provisions

Provision for litigation and claims	1,012,714	690,546	1,012,714	690,546
Impairment on contingents	2,668,802	1,918,802	2,668,802	1,918,802
	<b>3,681,516</b>	<b>2,609,348</b>	<b>3,681,516</b>	<b>2,609,348</b>

**Classified as:**

Current	2,668,802	1,918,802	2,668,802	1,918,802
Non-current	1,012,714	690,546	1,012,714	690,546
	<b>3,681,516</b>	<b>2,609,348</b>	<b>3,681,516</b>	<b>2,609,348</b>

(i) Movement in provisions

Opening balance	2,609,348	2,609,348	2,609,348	1,254,489
Additions/(Write off)	1,072,168	1,354,859	1,072,168	1,354,859
Closing balance	<b>3,681,516</b>	<b>3,964,207</b>	<b>3,681,516</b>	<b>2,609,348</b>

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		<b>31-Dec-24</b>	<b>31-Dec-23</b>	<b>31-Dec-24</b>	<b>31-Dec-23</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>Other borrowed funds</b>				
	Due to BOI (see (i) below)	773,754	1,592,459	773,754	1,592,459
	Osun Bailout Fund (see xii below)	7,566,972	-	7,566,972	-
	CBN CACS (see ii below)	532,358	1,068,305	532,358	1,068,305
	CBN MSMEDF (see iv below)	272,421	343,849	272,421	343,849
	Wema SPV Bond (see v below)	18,323,310	18,318,382	10,149,049	10,146,095
	CBN AADS and ABP (see iii below)	-	416,667	-	416,667
	Other Borrowings (see x below)	1,371,229	1,432,763	1,371,229	1,432,763
	Shelter Afrique (see vi below)	3,983,143	4,665,137	3,983,143	4,665,137
	AFDB (see vii below)	-	1,360,665	-	1,360,665
	EBID (See xi below)	77,450,000	45,355,500	77,450,000	45,355,500
	DBN (see ix below)	7,161,861	5,913,023	7,161,861	5,913,023
		<b>117,435,046</b>	<b>80,466,750</b>	<b>109,260,785</b>	<b>72,294,463</b>

- (i) The amount represents an intervention credit granted to the Bank by the Bank of Industry (BOI), a company incorporated in Nigeria for the purpose of refinancing or restructuring existing loans to Small and Medium Scale Enterprises (SMEs) and manufacturing companies. The total facilities are secured by Nigerian Government Securities worth N2,634,492,000 and have a maximum tenor of 15 years.

A management fee of 1% deductible at source is paid by the Bank under the on-lending agreement and the Bank is under obligation to on-lend to customers at an all-in interest rate of 7% per annum. Though the facility is meant for on-lending to borrowers in specified sectors, the Bank remains the primary obligor to the BOI and therefore assumes the risk of default of customers.

- (ii) CBN Commercial Agriculture Credit Scheme (CACS) the amount represents CBN's intervention in commercial agricultural enterprises in Nigeria engaged in fishery, poultry, and vegetable farming to increase food supply and reduce price of agricultural produce under the Commercial Agriculture Credit Scheme (CACS) Fund. The fund is at a single digit interest rate of 9% Per Annum to reduce cost of credit and
- (iii) Accelerated Agriculture Development Scheme/Anchor Borrowers Programme; the amount (2022) represents the outstanding balance on both of CBN's Anchor Borrowers' Programme (ABP) and Accelerated Agriculture Development Scheme (AADS), while the amount (2023) represents the outstanding balance on CBN's Accelerated Agriculture Development Scheme (AADS), having paid down on the ABP. The AADS Fund was for intervention in farm infrastructure for production of cassava, maize, and rice, to address youth unemployment while the ABP was for working capital to produce cassava and cocoa and create economic linkages between smallholder farmers and reputable anchor companies involved in the processing and trade of the agricultural commodities, with a view to increasing agricultural output, reduce food import bills and create jobs.

- (iv) This represents CBN intervention funds to some bank's customers in Small & Medium Scale sector. The fund is administered at a maximum interest rate of 9% per annum and maximum tenor of 5 years. In response to COVID-19, CBN moderated the rate to 5%, however, the rate has been restored to 9% effective September 2022.
- (v) The Wema SPV of December 2024: N18,323,309,730.56 (2023: N18,318,381,672.78) represents amortized cost of the fixed rate unsecured bond issued by Wema Funding SPV Plc. The outstanding bond of N17,675,000,000 (principal) was issued on 12 October 2018 for a period of 7 years at 16.5% per annum with interest payable semi-annually and principal payable at maturity in October 2025 respectively.
- (vi) This amount represents the bank's foreign facility from Shelter Afrique, this was granted to the Bank for a period of 4 years. It is repayable bi-annually with interest rate of L+6.5% (Libor plus 5.03%)
- (vii) This amount represents the bank's foreign facility from AFDB, this was granted to the Bank for a period of 7 years. It is repayable bi-annually with interest rate of L+5.2% (Libor plus 5.2%)
- (ix) Due to DBN intervention fund is a scheme in which the Development Bank of Nigeria (DBN) availed the Company a facility to meet the financing need of entrepreneurs in the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises sector. The facility attracts an interest rate of 9.75 per annum for 1 year tenor.
- (x) Other borrowings include National housing fund and Nigerian Mortgage refinance company
- (xi) This amount represents the bank's foreign facility from EBID, this was granted to the Bank for a period of 3.5 years. It is repayable bi-annually with interest rate of 6months SOFR plus margin at 5.25%.
- (xii) Amount represents salary credit bail out facility from Central Bank of Nigeria. It has a moratorium of twenty years at bank's interest rate of 9%. The corresponding entry is in loans and advances and the bank is expected to provide Central Bank of Nigeria with periodic progress on the facility. The principal repayment is by bullet payment at the expiration of the moratorium granted. In response to COVID-19, CBN moderated the rate to 5%, however, the rate has been restored to 9% effective September 2022.

26b	Group		Bank	
	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23
At 1 January	80,466,750	69,455,532	72,294,463	61,286,178
Additions	76,308,911	50,420,032	76,308,911	50,420,032
Reclassification	-	(34,866,199)	-	(34,866,199)
Payments made	(39,340,616)	(4,542,615)	(39,342,590)	(4,545,548)
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>117,435,046</b>	<b>80,466,750</b>	<b>109,260,785</b>	<b>72,294,463</b>

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#### 27 Right of use

The Bank leases several assets which includes buildings for commercial and residential purposes. The average lease term is 5years.

	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23
<b>COST</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>
27a. Balance at 1 January	2,505,171	1,975,207
Additions	343,676	529,965
Terminated contracts		
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>2,848,847</b>	<b>2,505,171</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION CHARGE</b>		
Balance at 1 January	1,250,384	977,741
Charge for the period	333,559	272,643
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>1,583,944</b>	<b>1,250,384</b>
<b>CARRYING AMOUNT</b>		
Opening balance	1,254,787	997,465
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>1,264,903</b>	<b>1,254,787</b>
<b>27b. LEASE LIABILITY</b>	<b>31-Dec-24</b>	<b>31-Dec-23</b>
	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>
Balance at 1 January	45,952	31,583
Finance charge for the year	2,580	14,369
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>48,531</b>	<b>45,952</b>

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28 Share capital and Reserves

(a) The share capital comprises:

	Group		Bank	
	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23
(i) Authorised - 40,000,000 Ordinary shares (2023 - 40,000,000,000) Ordinary shares of 50k each (2023- 50k)	20,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000
(ii) Issued and fully paid - 21,430,178,125 Ordinary shares (2023- 12,858,155,360) shares of 50k each (2023 - 50k)	10,715,089	6,429,077	10,715,089	6,429,077

(iii) **FREE FLOAT COMPUTATION**

<b>Company Name:</b>	<b>WEMA BANK</b>
<b>Reporting Period</b>	<b>Dec 31, 2024</b>
<b>Share Price at end of Reporting Period</b>	
<b>Issued Share Capital</b>	<b>21,430,178,125</b>
<b>Share Capital (N)</b>	<b>10,715,089,063</b>
<b>Shareholding Structure/ Free Float Status</b>	

Description	31-Dec-24	
	Unit	Percentage
<b>Issued Share Capital</b>	<b>21,430,178,125</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Substantial Shareholding (5% and above)</b>		
NEEMTREE LIMITED	6,057,090,218	28.26
SW8 INVESTMENT LTD	3,659,582,311	17.08
PETROTRAB LIMITED	1,475,960,576	6.89
<b>Total Substantial Shareholding</b>	<b>11,192,633,105</b>	<b>52.23</b>
<b>Director's Shareholdings (Direct and indirect) excluding directors with substantial interests</b>		
Olorunshola Oluwayemisi Christianah	3,178	0.000
Oluwole Albert Ajimisinmi	2,788,858	0.013
Morufu Abiola Oseni	-	
Abolanle Matel-Okoh	972,669,052	4.539
Bakare Olukayode Moriwiyu	933,434	0.004
Ibiye Asime Ekong	-	
Adesegun Olusegun Oluremi		
Adefarakan Adeyemi Obalolu		
Tunde Mabawonku	1,805,166	0.008
Okunowo Zubiedat Bolarin Folashade.	-	
Segun Opeke	-	
Yusuf Kazaure	1,000,000	0.005
Yewande Zaccheaus	-	
<b>Total Directors' Shareholding</b>	<b>979,199,688</b>	<b>4.57</b>
<b>Other Influential Shareholding</b>		
OYO STATE	107,328,000	0.50
OGUN STATE	370,372,221	1.73
OSUN STATE	370,938,888	1.73
FOUNTAIN	324,227,015	1.51
ODUA INVEST COY	661,537,003	3.09
<b>Total Other Influential Shareholding</b>	<b>1,834,403,127</b>	<b>8.56</b>
<b>Free Float in Units and Percentage</b>	<b>7,423,942,205</b>	<b>34.64</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,430,178,125</b>	<b>100</b>

b Declaration:

Wema Bank Plc with a free float of 34.64% as at 31st December 2024, is compliant with The Nigerian Stock Exchange's free float requirements for companies listed on the Main Board.

Share Premium

	Group		Bank	
	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23
At 1 January	56,430,821	8,698,230	56,430,821	8,698,230
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>56,430,821</b>	<b>8,698,230</b>	<b>56,430,821</b>	<b>8,698,230</b>

Share premium is the excess paid by shareholders over the nominal value for their shares



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**(c) Statutory reserves**

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

**(d) Fair value reserve**

The fair value reserve includes the net cumulative change in the fair value of fair value through other comprehensive income investments until the investment is derecognised or impaired.

**(e) SMEIES Reserve**

This reserve represents the aggregate amount of appropriations from profit after tax to finance equity investments in compliance with the directives issued by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) through its circulars dated July 11, 2006 (amended) and April 7, 2017 respectively. The SMEIES reserve was maintained in compliance with the Central Bank of Nigeria's requirement that all licensed banks set aside a portion of the profit after tax in a fund to be used to finance equity investments in qualifying small and medium scale enterprises. Under the terms of the guideline issued in July 2006, the contributions were 10% of profit after tax and were expected to continue after the first 5 years after which banks' contributions were to reduce to 5% of profit after tax. In April 2017, the Central Bank of Nigeria issued guidelines to govern the operations of the Agriculture/Small and Medium Enterprises Scheme (AGSMIES), which was established to support the Federal Government's efforts at promoting agricultural businesses and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) as vehicles for achieving sustainable economic development and employment generation. The small and medium scale industries equity investment scheme reserves are non-distributable.

**(f) Retained earnings**

Retained earnings are the carried forward recognised income net of expenses plus current period profit attributable to shareholders.

<i>In thousands of Nigeria Naira</i>	<b>Group</b>		<b>Bank</b>	
	<b>31-Dec-24</b>	<b>31-Dec-23</b>	<b>31-Dec-24</b>	<b>31-Dec-23</b>
At 1 January	37,067,099	11,449,605	37,090,278	11,529,379
Profit or loss	88,834,210	36,555,521	88,810,790	36,498,926
Transfer to Regulatory risk reserve	-	(1,045,040)	-	(1,045,040)
Transfer to Statutory Reserve	-	(5,474,839)	-	(5,474,839)
Dividend Paid to Shareholders	(6,429,078)	(3,857,447)	(6,429,078)	(3,857,447)
Regulatory charge to SMEIS	-	(560,701)	-	(560,701)
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>119,472,231</b>	<b>37,067,099</b>	<b>119,471,990</b>	<b>37,090,278</b>

**(g) Regulatory risk reserve**

The regulatory risk reserve warehouses the excess of the impairment on loans and advances computed under the Nigerian GAAP based on the Central Bank of Nigeria prudential guidelines compared with the incurred loss model used in calculating the impairment under IFRSs.

**(j) Other Reserves**

<i>In thousands of Nigeria Naira</i>	<b>Group</b>		<b>Bank</b>	
	<b>31-Dec-24</b>	<b>31-Dec-23</b>	<b>31-Dec-24</b>	<b>31-Dec-23</b>
Share Reserve	-	12,858,155	-	12,858,155
Statutory Reserve	24,726,903	24,726,903	24,726,903	24,726,903
AGSMEIS Reserve	1,910,120	1,910,120	1,910,121	1,910,121
Fair Value Reserves	13,462,577	13,462,577	13,462,577	13,462,578
	<b>40,099,600</b>	<b>52,957,756</b>	<b>40,099,601</b>	<b>52,957,756</b>

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29 Contingencies

(i) Litigation and claims

The Bank is a party to numerous legal actions arising out of its normal business operations. The Directors believe that, based on currently available information and advice of counsel, none of the outcomes that result from such proceedings will have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the Bank, either individually or in the aggregate. N1.013 billion provision has been made as at 31st December 2024. The total amount claimed against the Bank is estimated at N9.012 billion (Dec 2023: N9.47 Billion) with a counter claim in the sum of N16.70 billion from the bank (Dec 2023: N16.37).

(ii) Contingent liabilities and commitments

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

(iii) Nature of instruments

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

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

Other contingent liabilities include performance bonds and are, generally, short-term commitments to third parties which are not directly dependent on the customers' credit worthiness.

Commitments to lend are agreements to lend to a customer in the future, subject to certain conditions. Such commitments are either made for a fixed period, or have no specific maturity but are cancellable by the lender subject to notice requirements.

Documentary credits commit the Bank to make payments to third parties, on production of documents, which are usually reimbursed immediately by customers.

(iv) The following tables summarise the nominal principal amount of contingent liabilities and commitments with off-balance sheet risk

In thousands of Nigerian naira	Group		Bank	
	Group 31-Dec-24	Group 31-Dec-23	Bank 31-Dec-24	Bank 31-Dec-23
Contingent liabilities:				
Guarantees and indemnities	273,184,509	195,893,115	273,184,509	195,893,115
Bonds	51,190,952	35,765,028	51,190,952	35,765,028
Clean-line facilities & irrevocable letters of credit	64,666,017	87,673,471	64,666,017	87,673,471
ECL	(2,668,802)	(1,918,802)	(2,668,802)	(1,918,802)
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>386,372,675</b>	<b>317,412,811</b>	<b>386,372,675</b>	<b>317,412,811</b>