

**Arab Banking Corporation (B.S.C.)**  
**CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**31 DECEMBER 2011**

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF ARAB BANKING CORPORATION (B.S.C.)

### **Report on the consolidated financial statements**

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Arab Banking Corporation (B.S.C.) [the Bank] and its subsidiaries [together 'the Group'] which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2011 and the consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, cash flows and changes in equity for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

### *Board of Directors' responsibility for the consolidated financial statements*

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

### *Auditors' responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements 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 entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Board of Directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

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

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF  
ARAB BANKING CORPORATION (B.S.C.) (continued)**

*Opinion*

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Group as of 31 December 2011, its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

**Report on other regulatory requirements**

As required by the Bahrain Commercial Companies Law and the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) Rule Book (Volume 1), we report that:

- a) the Bank has maintained proper accounting records and the consolidated financial statements are in agreement therewith; and
- b) the financial information contained in the Report of the Board of Directors is consistent with the consolidated financial statements.

We are not aware of any violations of the Bahrain Commercial Companies Law, the Central Bank of Bahrain and Financial Institutions Law, the CBB Rule Book (Volume 1 and applicable provisions of Volume 6) and CBB directives, regulations and associated resolutions, rules and procedures of the Bahrain Bourse or the terms of the Bank's memorandum and articles of association during the year ended 31 December 2011 that might have had a material adverse effect on the business of the Bank or on its financial position. Satisfactory explanations and information have been provided to us by management in response to all our requests.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ernst & Young' in a cursive, script font.

9 February 2012  
Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain

# Arab Banking Corporation (B.S.C.)

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

31 December 2011

*All figures in US\$ Million*

	Note	2011	2010
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Liquid funds		1,399	485
Trading securities	6	64	65
Placements with banks and other financial institutions		4,520	6,573
Non-trading securities	7	6,050	8,057
Loans and advances	9	11,985	12,186
Interest receivable		349	243
Other assets	11	527	374
Premises and equipment		121	122
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>25,015</b>	<b>28,105</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Deposits from customers		11,526	11,175
Deposits from banks and other financial institutions		4,273	6,283
Certificates of deposit		30	41
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	26	2,907	3,719
Interest payable		225	182
Taxation	12	126	87
Other liabilities	13	461	575
<b>TERM NOTES, BONDS AND OTHER TERM FINANCING</b>	14	<b>1,448</b>	<b>2,183</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>20,996</b>	<b>24,245</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Share capital	15	3,110	3,110
Reserves		488	318
<b>EQUITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE PARENT</b>		<b>3,598</b>	<b>3,428</b>
Non-controlling interests		421	432
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>4,019</b>	<b>3,860</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		<b>25,015</b>	<b>28,105</b>

The consolidated financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 9 February 2012 and signed on their behalf by the Chairman and the President & Chief Executive.



Saddek El Kaber  
Chairman



Hassan Ali Juma  
President & Chief Executive

# Arab Banking Corporation (B.S.C.)

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME

Year ended 31 December 2011

*All figures in US\$ Million*

	<i>Note</i>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>			
Interest and similar income	16	<b>1,118</b>	976
Interest and similar expense	17	<b>(610)</b>	(536)
<b>Net interest income</b>		<b>508</b>	440
Other operating income	18	<b>310</b>	279
<b>Total operating income</b>		<b>818</b>	719
Impairment provisions - net	10	<b>(28)</b>	(77)
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME AFTER PROVISIONS</b>		<b>790</b>	642
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Staff		<b>291</b>	248
Premises and equipment		<b>36</b>	32
Other		<b>87</b>	79
<b>Total operating expenses</b>		<b>414</b>	359
<b>PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION</b>		<b>376</b>	283
Taxation on foreign operations	12	<b>(106)</b>	(84)
<b>PROFIT FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>270</b>	199
Income attributable to non-controlling interests		<b>(66)</b>	(56)
<b>PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE PARENT</b>		<b>204</b>	143
<b>BASIC AND DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE (EXPRESSED IN US\$)</b>			
	31	<b>0.07</b>	0.05

The attached notes 1 to 32 form part of these consolidated financial statements

# Arab Banking Corporation (B.S.C.)

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Year ended 31 December 2011

*All figures in US\$ Million*

	<i>Note</i>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>PROFIT FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>270</b>	<b>199</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>			
Net fair value movements during the year after impairment effect	15	7	78
Amortisation of fair value shortfall on reclassified securities	15	22	20
Unrealised (loss) gain on exchange translation in foreign subsidiaries		(104)	8
<b>Total other comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>(75)</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>195</b>	<b>305</b>
Comprehensive income attributable to non-controlling interests		(19)	(68)
Comprehensive income attributable to shareholders of the parent		176	237



# Arab Banking Corporation (B.S.C.)

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Year ended 31 December 2011

*All figures in US\$ Million*

	<i>Note</i>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Profit for the year		<b>270</b>	199
Items not involving cash flow:			
Impairment provisions - net	10	<b>28</b>	77
Depreciation and amortisation		<b>14</b>	13
Amortisation of fair value shortfall on reclassified securities	15	<b>22</b>	20
Items considered separately:			
Gains on non-trading securities - net	18	<b>(11)</b>	(1)
Gain on repurchase of term notes, bonds and other term financing	15	<b>(15)</b>	(2)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Trading securities		<b>(6)</b>	72
Placements with banks and other financial institutions		<b>2,002</b>	(2,663)
Loans and advances		<b>(395)</b>	(1,192)
Interest receivable and other assets		<b>(317)</b>	(1)
Deposits from customers		<b>679</b>	1,225
Deposits from banks and other financial institutions		<b>(1,795)</b>	57
Securities sold under repurchase agreements		<b>(812)</b>	(360)
Interest payable and other liabilities		<b>12</b>	43
Other non-cash movements		<b>103</b>	40
Net cash used in operating activities		<b>(221)</b>	(2,473)
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Purchase of non-trading securities		<b>(650)</b>	(1,073)
Sales and redemptions of non-trading securities		<b>2,607</b>	2,587
Purchase of premises and equipment		<b>(14)</b>	(16)
Sale of premises and equipment		<b>2</b>	4
Additional investment in a subsidiary		<b>(16)</b>	-
Net cash from investing activities		<b>1,929</b>	1,502
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Increase in share capital - rights issue	15	-	1,110
Underwriting fees	15	-	(110)
(Purchase) sale of certificates of deposit - net		<b>(10)</b>	8
Issue of term notes, bonds and other term financing		-	284
Repurchase of term notes, bonds and other term financing	14	<b>(208)</b>	(45)
Dividend paid to non-controlling interests		<b>(19)</b>	(19)
Repayment of other term notes, bonds and other term financing		<b>(525)</b>	(400)
Net cash (used in) from financing activities		<b>(762)</b>	828
Net change in liquid funds		<b>946</b>	(143)
Effect of exchange rate changes on liquid funds		<b>(32)</b>	(18)
Liquid funds at beginning of the year		<b>485</b>	646
<b>LIQUID FUNDS AT THE END OF THE YEAR</b>		<b>1,399</b>	485

The attached notes 1 to 32 form part of these consolidated financial statements

Arab Banking Corporation (B.S.C.)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

Year ended 31 December 2011

All figures in US\$ Million

	<i>Equity attributable to the shareholders of the parent</i>							<i>Non-</i>	<i>Total</i>	
	<i>Share capital</i>	<i>Share premium</i>	<i>Statutory reserve</i>	<i>General reserve</i>	<i>Retained earnings*</i>	<i>Foreign exchange translation adjustments</i>	<i>Cumulative changes in fair values</i>	<i>interests</i>	<i>equity</i>	
At 31 December 2009	2,000	110	321	150	(151)	(16)	(223)	2,191	390	2,581
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	143	-	-	143	56	199
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	-	(4)	98	94	12	106
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	143	(4)	98	237	68	305
Transfers during the year	-	-	14	-	(14)	-	-	-	-	-
Issue of share capital - rights issue	1,110	(110)	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	-	1,000
Other equity movements in subsidiaries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(26)	(26)
At 31 December 2010	3,110	-	335	150	(22)	(20)	(125)	3,428	432	3,860
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	204	-	-	204	66	270
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	-	(57)	29	(28)	(47)	(75)
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	204	(57)	29	176	19	195
Transfers during the year	-	-	20	-	(20)	-	-	-	-	-
Other equity movements in subsidiaries	-	-	-	-	(6)	-	-	(6)	(30)	(36)
<b>At 31 December 2011</b>	<b>3,110</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>(77)</b>	<b>(96)</b>	<b>3,598</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>4,019</b>

\* Retained earnings include non-distributable reserves arising from consolidation of subsidiaries amounting to US\$ 402 million (2010: US\$ 373 million).



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## 1 INCORPORATION AND ACTIVITIES

Arab Banking Corporation (B.S.C.) [the Bank], is incorporated in the Kingdom of Bahrain by an Amiri decree and operates under a wholesale banking licence issued by the Central Bank of Bahrain. The Bank is a Bahraini Shareholding Company with limited liability and is listed on the Bahrain Bourse. The Central Bank of Libya is the ultimate parent of the Bank and its subsidiaries (together 'the Group').

The Bank's registered office is at ABC Tower, Diplomatic Area, P.O. Box 5698, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain. The Bank is registered under commercial registration number 10299 issued by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Kingdom of Bahrain.

The Bank together with its subsidiaries provides trade finance, treasury, project and structured finance, corporate banking and financial institutions, syndications and as well as Islamic banking products. Retail banking services are only provided in the MENA region.

### Recent developments in the MENA region

The Group operates or undertakes business in several countries in the MENA region which experienced serious social and political unrest during the year. Although the level of unrest and consequent political uncertainty has abated, the Group is closely monitoring developments in these countries and has taken steps to mitigate any adverse impact on its operations.

The Board of Directors considers that these events will continue to disrupt the flow of new business to the Group for a short period. However, the geographical diversification of the Group is serving it well in mitigating this situation, as a number of stable markets where the Group operates continue to perform up to expectations or better. In the longer term, as events stabilise, the Board of Directors is optimistic that the Group's long established relationships and contacts in these markets will mean that business levels will return to normal levels.

During 2011, as a result of events arising out of social and political unrest in Libya, the United Nations Security Council called upon member states to impose economic sanctions on a number of Libyan or Libyan related individuals and entities, including the Central Bank of Libya. The Central Bank of Libya owns 59.37% of the issued share capital of the Bank. Neither the United Nations Security Council nor any member state called for any economic sanctions to be imposed on any member of the Group. These economic sanctions have since been withdrawn by the United Nations.

## 2 BASIS OF PREPARATION

### 2.1 Statement of compliance

The consolidated financial statements of the Bank and its subsidiaries [together 'the Group'] have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards [IFRS] issued by the International Accounting Standards Board [IASB] and the relevant provisions of the Bahrain Commercial Companies Law and the Central Bank of Bahrain and Financial Institutions Law and the CBB Rule Book (Volume 1 and applicable provisions of Volume 6) and CBB directives.

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## **2 BASIS OF PREPARATION (continued)**

### **2.2 Accounting convention**

The consolidated financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the measurement at fair value of derivatives, trading and available-for-sale financial assets. In addition, as more fully discussed below, assets and liabilities that are hedged items in fair value hedges, and are otherwise carried at cost, are adjusted to record changes in fair values attributable to the risk being hedged.

The consolidated financial statements have been presented in United States Dollars, rounded to the nearest million unless otherwise stated, which is the functional currency of the Group.

### **2.3 Basis of consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of the Bank and its subsidiaries as at and for the year ended 31 December each year. The financial statements of the subsidiaries are prepared for the same reporting year as the Bank, using consistent accounting policies. All intra-group balances, transactions, income and expenses and profits and losses resulting from intra-group transactions are eliminated in full.

Subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group and cease to be consolidated from the date on which control is transferred out of the Group.

Losses within a subsidiary are attributed to the non-controlling interest even if that results in a deficit balance. A change in the ownership interest of a subsidiary, without a loss of control, is accounted for as an equity transaction.

Non-controlling interests represent the portion of profit or loss and net assets not owned, directly or indirectly, by the Group and are presented separately in the consolidated statement of income and within equity in the consolidated statement of financial position, separately from consolidated equity attributable to the shareholders of the Bank.

## **3 NEW AND AMENDED STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS**

### **3.1 Standards effective for the year**

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those used in the previous financial year, except for the following new and amended IFRS and International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee [IFRIC] interpretations relevant to the Group and adopted during the year applicable for financial years beginning on or after the following dates:

- IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures (amendment), 1 January 2011
- IAS 32 Financial Instruments: Presentation - Classification of Rights Issue (amendment), 1 February 2010
- IFRIC 14 Prepayments of a Minimum Funding Requirement (amendment), 1 January 2011
- IFRIC 19 Extinguishing Financial Liabilities with Equity Instruments (amendment), 1 July 2010
- Improvements to IFRSs (May 2010), 1 January 2011

The adoption of the above amendments did not have any material impact on the consolidated financial position or performance of the Group.

**3 NEW AND AMENDED STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS (continued)**

**3.2 Standards issued but not yet effective**

Following are the relevant IFRS and IFRIC interpretations that have already been issued, to be applied to the consolidated financial statements for financial years commencing on or after the following dates:

- IAS 1 Financial Statement Presentation – Presentation of Items of Other Comprehensive Income, 1 July 2012.
- IAS 12 Income Taxes – Recovery of Underlying Assets, 1 January 2012
- IAS 19 Employee Benefits (Amendment), 1 January 2013
- IAS 27 Separate Financial Statements (as revised in 2011), 1 January 2013
- IAS 28 Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures (as revised in 2011), 1 January 2013
- IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures — Enhanced Derecognition Disclosure Requirements, 1 July 2011
- IFRS 9 Financial Instruments: Classification and Measurement, 1 January 2015
- IFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements, 1 January 2013
- IFRS 11 Joint Arrangements, 1 January 2013
- IFRS 12 Disclosure of Involvement with Other Entities, 1 January 2013
- IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement, 1 January 2013

The management is considering the implications of these standards and amendments, their impact on the Group's financial position and results and the timing of their adoption by the Group.

**4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Liquid funds**

Liquid funds comprise of cash, nostro balances, balances with central banks and treasury bills and other eligible bills of the central bank. Liquid funds are initially measured at their fair value and subsequently remeasured at amortised cost.

**Trading securities**

Trading securities are initially recorded at fair value. Subsequent to initial measurement, gains and losses arising from changes in fair values are included in the consolidated statement of income in the period in which they arise. Interest earned and dividends received are included in 'interest and similar income' and 'other operating income' respectively, in the consolidated statement of income.

**Placements with banks and other financial institutions**

Placements with banks and other financial institutions are initially measured at fair value and subsequently remeasured at amortised cost, net of any amounts written off and provision for impairment. The carrying values of such assets which are being effectively hedged for changes in fair value are adjusted to the extent of the changes in fair value being hedged, with the resultant changes being recognised in the consolidated statement of income.

**Non-trading securities**

These are classified as follows:

- Held to maturity
- Available-for-sale
- Other non-trading securities

All non-trading securities are initially recognised at cost, being the fair value of the consideration given including incremental acquisition charges associated with the security.

**4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Non-trading securities (continued)**

*Held to maturity*

Securities which have fixed or determinable payments, fixed maturities and are intended to be held to maturity. After initial measurement, these are remeasured at amortised cost, less provision for impairment in value.

*Available-for-sale*

Available-for-sale investments include equity and debt securities. Equity investments classified as available-for-sale are those which are neither classified as held for trading nor designated at fair value through profit or loss. Debt securities in this category are those which are intended to be held for an indefinite period of time and which may be sold in response to needs for liquidity or in response to changes in the market conditions.

After initial recognition, these are remeasured at fair value, unless fair value cannot be reliably determined in which case they are measured at cost less impairment. That portion of any fair value changes relating to an effective hedging relationship is recognised directly in the consolidated statement of income. Fair value changes which are not part of an effective hedging relationship, are reported under fair value movements during the year in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income until the investment is derecognised or the investment is determined to be impaired. On derecognition or impairment the cumulative gain or loss previously reported as "cumulative changes in fair values" within equity, is included in consolidated statement of income for the year.

*Other non-trading securities*

Other non-trading securities are financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturities that are not quoted in an active market. These instruments are not being held with the intent of sale in the near term. These investments are valued at fair value as at 1 July 2008, in accordance with the amendments to IAS 39 'Reclassification of Financial Assets'. Through the effective interest method, the new cost is amortised to the security's expected recoverable amount over the expected remaining life.

**Derecognition of financial assets and financial liabilities**

A financial asset (or, where applicable a part of a financial asset or part of a group of similar financial assets) is derecognised where the rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired, or the Group has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset or has assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party under a 'pass-through' arrangement; and either (a) the Group has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or (b) the Group has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset.

When the Group has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from an asset or has entered into a pass-through arrangement, and has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset nor transferred control of the asset, the asset is recognised to the extent of the Group's continuing involvement in the asset. In that case, the Group also recognises an associated liability. The transferred asset and the associated liability are measured on a basis that reflects the rights and obligations that the Group has retained.

Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred asset is measured at the lower of the original carrying amount of the asset and the maximum amount of consideration that the Group could be required to repay.

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expires.

**4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Loans and advances**

Loans and advances are financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturities that are not quoted in an active market. After initial measurement, loans and advances are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, adjusted for effective fair value hedges less any amounts written off and provision for impairment. The losses arising from impairment of such loans and advances are recognised in the consolidated statement of income in 'impairment provisions - net' and in an impairment allowance account in the consolidated statement of financial position. Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees that are an integral part of the effective interest rate. The amortisation is recognised as 'interest and similar income' in the consolidated statement of income.

In relation to loans and advances which are part of an effective hedging relationship, any gain or loss arising from a change in fair value is recognised directly in the consolidated statement of income. The carrying values of loans and advances which are being effectively hedged for changes in fair value are adjusted to the extent of the changes in fair value being hedged.

**Investments in associates**

Investments in associates are accounted for under the equity method. Associates are enterprises in which the Group exercises significant influence but not control, normally where it holds 20% to 50% of the voting power.

**Premises and equipment**

Premises and equipment are stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation and provision for impairment in value, if any.

Freehold land is not depreciated. Depreciation on other premises and equipment is provided on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives.

**Impairment and uncollectability of financial assets**

An assessment is made at each statement of financial position date to determine whether there is objective evidence that a specific financial asset or group of financial assets may be impaired. If such evidence exists, an impairment loss is recognised in the consolidated statement of income.

Evidence of impairment may include indications that the borrower or a group of borrowers is experiencing significant financial difficulty, default or delinquency in interest or principal payments, the probability that they will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation and where observable data indicates that there is a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows, such as changes in arrears or economic conditions that correlate with defaults.

*Financial assets carried at amortised cost and loans and receivables*

For financial assets carried at amortised cost (such as amounts due from banks, loans and advances and held-to-maturity investments), the Group first assesses individually whether objective evidence of impairment exists individually for financial assets that are individually significant, or collectively for financial assets that are not individually significant. If the Group determines that no objective evidence of impairment exists for an individually assessed financial asset, it includes the asset in a group of financial assets with similar credit risk characteristics and collectively assesses them for impairment. Assets that are individually assessed for impairment and for which an impairment loss is, or continues to be, recognised are not included in a collective assessment of impairment.

**4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Impairment and uncollectability of financial assets (continued)**

*Financial assets carried at amortised cost and loans and receivables (continued)*

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss has been incurred, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future expected credit losses that have not yet been incurred). The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of an allowance account and the amount of the loss is recognised in the consolidated statement of income. Interest income continues to be accrued on the reduced carrying amount and is accrued using the rate of interest used to discount the future cash flows for the purpose of measuring the impairment loss. The interest income is recorded as part of 'interest and similar income'. Loans together with the associated allowance are written off when there is no realistic prospect of future recovery and all collateral has been realised or has been transferred to the Group.

If, in a subsequent year, the amount of the estimated impairment loss increases or decreases because of an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the previously recognised impairment loss is increased or reduced by adjusting the allowance account. If a future write-off is later recovered, the recovery is credited to 'impairment provisions - net'.

The present value of the estimated future cash flows is discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. If a loan has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate. If the Group has reclassified trading assets to loans and advances, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the new effective interest rate determined at the reclassification date. The calculation of the present value of the estimated future cash flows of a collateralised financial asset reflects the cash flows that may result from foreclosure less costs for obtaining and selling the collateral, whether or not foreclosure is probable.

For the purpose of a collective evaluation of impairment, financial assets are grouped on the basis of the Group's internal credit grading system, that considers credit risk characteristics such as asset type, industry, geographical location, collateral type, past-due status and other relevant factors.

Future cash flows on a group of financial assets that are collectively evaluated for impairment are estimated on the basis of historical loss experience for assets with credit risk characteristics similar to those in the group. Historical loss experience is adjusted on the basis of current observable data to reflect the effects of current conditions on which the historical loss experience is based and to remove the effects of conditions in the historical period that do not exist currently. Estimates of changes in future cash flows reflect, and are directionally consistent with, changes in related observable data from year to year (such as changes in unemployment rates, property prices, commodity prices, payment status, or other factors that are indicative of incurred losses in the group and their magnitude). The methodology and assumptions used for estimating future cash flows are reviewed regularly to reduce any differences between loss estimates and actual loss experience.

*Available-for-sale financial assets*

For available-for-sale financial assets, the Group assesses at each statement of financial position date whether there is an objective evidence that an investment is impaired.

In the case of debt instruments classified as available-for-sale, the Group assesses individually whether there is objective evidence of impairment based on the same criteria as financial assets carried at amortised cost. However, the amount recorded for impairment is the cumulative loss measured as the difference between the amortised cost and the current fair value, less any impairment loss on that asset previously recognised in the consolidated statement of income. Future interest income is based on the reduced carrying amount and is accrued using the rate of interest used to discount the future cash flows for the purpose of measuring the impairment loss. The interest income is recorded as part of 'interest and similar income'. If, in a subsequent period, the fair value of a debt instrument increases and the increase can be objectively related to a credit event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised in the consolidated statement of income, the impairment loss is reversed through the consolidated statement of income.

**4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Impairment and uncollectability of financial assets (continued)**

*Available-for-sale financial assets (continued)*

In the case of equity investments classified as available-for-sale, objective evidence would also include a 'significant' or 'prolonged' decline in the fair value of the investment below its cost. Where there is evidence of impairment, the cumulative loss measured as the difference between the acquisition cost and the current fair value, less any impairment loss on that investment previously recognised in the consolidated statement of income is removed from equity and recognised in the consolidated statement of income. Impairment losses on equity investments are not reversed through the consolidated statement of income. Increases in the fair value after impairment are recognised directly in equity.

**Deposits**

All money market and customer deposits are initially measured at fair value and subsequently remeasured at amortised cost. An adjustment is made to these, if part of an effective fair value hedging strategy, to adjust the value of the deposit for the fair value being hedged with the resultant changes being recognised in the consolidated statement of income.

**Repurchase and resale agreements**

Assets sold with a simultaneous commitment to repurchase at a specified future date (repos) are not derecognised. The counterparty liability for amounts received under these agreements are shown as sale of securities under repurchase agreement in the consolidated statement of financial position. The difference between sale and repurchase price is treated as interest expense using the effective yield method. Assets purchased with a corresponding commitment to resell at a specified future date (reverse repos) are not recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position, as the Group does not obtain control over the assets. Amounts paid under these agreements are included in placements with banks and other financial institutions or loans and advances, as appropriate. The difference between purchase and resale price is treated as interest income using the effective yield method.

**Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event and the costs to settle the obligation are both probable and able to be reliably measured.

**Financial guarantees**

In the ordinary course of business, the Group gives financial guarantees, consisting of letters of credit, guarantees and acceptances. Financial guarantees are initially recognised in the consolidated financial statements at fair value, in 'other liabilities', being the premium received. Subsequent to initial recognition, the Group's liability under each guarantee is measured at the higher of the amortised premium and the best estimate of expenditure required to settle any financial obligation arising as a result of the guarantee.

Any increase in the liability relating to financial guarantees is taken to the consolidated statement of income in 'impairment provisions - net'. The premium received is recognised in the consolidated statement of income in 'other income' on a straight line basis over the life of the guarantee.

**Employee pension and other end of service benefits**

Costs relating to employee pension and other end of service benefits are generally accrued in accordance with actuarial valuations based on prevailing regulations applicable in each location.



**4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Recognition of income and expenses**

For all financial instruments measured at amortised cost and interest bearing financial instruments classified as available-for-sale, interest income or expense is recorded at the effective interest rate, which is the rate that discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument or a shorter period, where appropriate, to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. The calculation takes into account all contractual terms of the financial instrument and includes any fees or incremental costs that are directly attributable to the instrument and are an integral part of the effective interest rate, but not future credit losses. The carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability is adjusted if the Group revises its estimates of payments or receipts. The adjusted carrying amount is calculated based on the original effective interest rate and the change in carrying amount is recorded as interest income or expense. Other fee income and expense are recognised when earned or incurred.

Once the recorded value of a financial asset or a group of similar financial assets has been reduced due to an impairment loss, interest income continues to be recognised using the original effective interest rate applied to the new carrying amount.

Where the Group enters into an interest rate swap to change interest from fixed to floating (or vice versa) the amount of interest income or expense is adjusted by the net interest on the swap.

Fees earned for the provision of services over a period of time are accrued over that period. These fees include commission income and asset management, custody and other management and advisory fees. Loan commitment fees for loans that are likely to be drawn down and other credit related fees are deferred (together with any incremental costs) and recognised as an adjustment to the effective interest rate on the loan. When it is unlikely that a loan will be drawn down, the loan commitment fees are recognised over the commitment period on a straight line basis.

Fees arising from negotiating or participating in the negotiation of a transaction for a third party, such as the arrangement of the acquisition of shares or other securities are recognised on completion of the underlying transaction. Fees or components of fees that are linked to a certain performance are recognised after fulfilling the corresponding criteria.

**Fair values**

The fair value for financial instruments traded in active markets at the statement of financial position date is based on their quoted market price or dealer price quotations (bid price for long positions and ask price for short positions), without any deduction for transaction costs.

For all other financial instruments not listed in an active market, the fair value is determined by using appropriate valuation techniques. Valuation techniques include net present value techniques, comparison to similar instruments for which market observable prices exist, options pricing models and other relevant valuation models.

For externally managed funds, the fair value is determined by reference to the net asset values provided by the fund administrators.

**Taxation on foreign operations**

There is no tax on corporate income in the Kingdom of Bahrain. Taxation on foreign operations is provided for in accordance with the fiscal regulations applicable in each location. No provision is made for any liability that may arise in the event of distribution of the reserves of subsidiaries. A substantial portion of such reserves is required to be retained to meet local regulatory requirements.

**4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Foreign currencies**

Monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into the Group's functional currency at the rates of exchange ruling at the date of the statement of financial position. Any gains or losses are taken to the consolidated statement of income.

Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates as at the dates of the initial transactions. Non-monetary items measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value was determined.

The assets and liabilities of foreign operations are translated into the Group's functional currency at rates of exchange ruling at the date of the statement of financial position. Income and expense items are translated at average exchange rates for the period. Foreign exchange translation gains and losses arising from translating the financial statements of the subsidiaries into functional currency, being US dollars, are recorded directly in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income under unrealised gain (loss) on exchange translation in foreign subsidiaries.

**Trade and settlement date accounting**

All "regular way" purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on the trade date, i.e. the date that the Group commits to purchase or sell the asset.

**Derivatives and hedge accounting**

The Group enters into derivative instruments including forwards, futures, forward rate agreements, swaps and options in the foreign exchange, interest rate and capital markets. These are stated at fair value. Derivatives with positive market values (unrealised gains) are included in other assets and derivatives with negative market values (unrealised losses) are included in other liabilities in the consolidated statement of financial position.

Changes in the fair values of derivatives held for trading activities or to offset other trading positions or which do not qualify for hedge accounting are included in other operating income in the consolidated statement of income.

For the purposes of hedge accounting, hedges are classified into three categories: (a) fair value hedges which hedge the exposure to changes in the fair value of a recognised asset or liability; (b) cash flow hedges which hedge the exposure to variability in cash flows that is attributable to a particular risk associated with a recognised asset or liability or a forecasted transaction; and (c) net investment hedges which hedge the exposure to a net investment in a foreign operation.

At the inception of a hedge relationship, the Group formally designates and documents the hedge relationship to which the Group wishes to apply hedge accounting and the risk management objectives and strategy for undertaking the hedge. The documentation includes identification of the hedging instrument, the hedged item or transaction, the nature of the risk being hedged and how the Group will assess the effectiveness of changes in the hedging instrument's fair value in offsetting the exposure to changes in the hedged item's fair value or cash flows attributable to the hedged risk. Such hedges are expected to be highly effective in achieving offsetting changes in fair value or cash flows and are assessed on an ongoing basis to determine that they actually have been highly effective throughout the financial reporting periods for which they were designated.

Changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated, and qualify as fair value hedges and that prove to be highly effective in relation to the hedged risk, are included in other operating income along with the corresponding changes in the fair value of the hedged assets or liabilities which are attributable to the risk being hedged.

#### 4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

##### **Derivatives and hedge accounting (continued)**

Changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated, and qualify, as cash flow hedges and that prove to be highly effective in relation to the hedged risk are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income and the ineffective portion recognised in the consolidated statement of income. The gains or losses on cash flow hedges recognised initially in equity are transferred to the consolidated statement of income in the period in which the hedged transaction impacts the income. Where the hedged transaction results in the recognition of an asset or a liability the associated gain or loss that had been initially recognised in equity is included in the initial measurement of the cost of the related asset or liability.

Changes in fair value of derivatives or non-derivatives that are designated and qualify as net investment hedges and that prove to be highly effective in relation to the hedged risk are accounted for in a way similar to cash flow hedges.

Hedge accounting is discontinued when the derivative hedging instrument either expires or is sold, terminated or exercised, no longer qualifies for hedge accounting or is revoked. Upon such discontinuance:

- in the case of fair value hedges of interest-bearing financial instruments any adjustment to the carrying amount relating to the hedged risk is amortised in the consolidated statement of income over the remaining term to maturity.
- in the case of cash flow hedges, any cumulative gain or loss on the hedging instrument recognised in equity is retained in equity until the forecasted transaction occurs. When such transaction occurs the gain or loss retained in equity is recognised in the consolidated statement of income or included in the initial measurement of the cost of the related asset or liability, as appropriate. Where the hedged transaction is no longer expected to occur, the net cumulative gain or loss recognised in equity is transferred to the consolidated statement of income.

Certain derivatives embedded in other financial instruments are treated as separate derivatives when their economic characteristics and risks are not closely related to those of the host contract and the host contract is not carried at fair value through the consolidated statement of income. These embedded derivatives are measured at fair value with the changes in fair value recognised in the consolidated statement of income.

##### **Fiduciary assets**

Assets held in trust or in a fiduciary capacity are not treated as assets of the Group and, accordingly, are not included in the consolidated statement of financial position.

##### **Offsetting**

Financial assets and financial liabilities are only offset and the net amount reported in the statement of financial position when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and the Group intends to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. This is not generally the case with master netting agreements, and the related assets and liabilities are presented gross in the statement of financial position.

##### **Term notes, bonds and other term financing**

Issued financial instruments (or their components) are classified as liabilities under 'Term notes, bonds and other term financing', where the substance of the contractual arrangement results in the Group having an obligation either to deliver cash or another financial asset to the holder.

Term notes, bonds and other term financing are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs. After initial measurement, the term notes, bonds and other term financing are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on the issue and costs that are an integral part of the effective interest rate.

**4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Significant accounting judgments and estimates**

In the process of applying the Group's accounting policies, management has exercised judgment and estimates in determining the amounts recognised in the financial statements. The most significant uses of judgment and estimates are as follows:

*Going concern*

The Bank's management has made an assessment of the Group's ability to continue as a going concern and is satisfied that the Group has the resources to continue in business for the foreseeable future. Furthermore, the management is not aware of any material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt upon the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. Therefore, the financial statements continue to be prepared on the going concern basis.

*Fair value of financial instruments*

Where the fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded in the statement of financial position cannot be derived from active markets, they are determined using a variety of valuation techniques that include the use of mathematical models. The inputs to these models are derived from observable market data.

*Impairment losses on loans and advances*

The Group reviews its individually significant loans and advances at each statement of financial position date to assess whether an impairment loss should be recorded in the consolidated statement of income. In particular, judgment by management is required in the estimation of the amount and timing of future cash flows when determining the impairment loss. These estimates are based on assumptions about a number of factors and actual results may differ, resulting in future changes to the allowance.

Loans and advances that have been assessed individually and found not to be impaired and all individually insignificant loans and advances are then assessed collectively, in groups of assets with similar risk characteristics, to determine whether provision should be made due to incurred loss events for which there is objective evidence but whose effects are not yet evident. The collective assessment takes account of data from the loan portfolio (such as credit quality, levels of arrears, credit utilisation, loan to collateral ratios etc.), concentrations of risks and economic data (including levels of unemployment, real estate prices indices, country risk and the performance of different individual groups).

The Group's internal grading process takes into consideration factors such as collateral held, deterioration in country risk, industry, technological obsolescence as well as identified structural weakness or deterioration in cash flows.

The impairment loss on loans and advances is disclosed in more detail in note 9.

*Impairment losses on available-for-sale investments*

The Group reviews its debt securities classified as available-for-sale investments at each statement of financial position date to assess whether they are impaired. This requires similar judgment as applied to the individual assessment of loans and advances.

The Group also records impairment charges on available-for-sale equity investments when there has been a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value below their cost. The determination of what is 'significant' or 'prolonged' requires judgment. In making this judgment, the Group evaluates, among other factors, historical share price movements and duration and extent to which the fair value of an investment is less than its cost.

**5 CLASSIFICATION OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

As at 31 December, financial instruments have been classified for the purpose of measurement under IAS 39 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement* as follows:

<b>At 31 December 2011</b>	<i>Held for trading</i>	<i>Available-for-sale</i>	<i>Amortised cost/ Loans and receivables</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Liquid funds	-	-	1,399	1,399
Trading securities	64	-	-	64
Placements with banks and other financial institutions	-	-	4,520	4,520
Non-trading securities *	-	4,049	2,001	6,050
Loans and advances	-	46	11,939	11,985
Interest receivable and other assets	-	-	855	855
	<u>64</u>	<u>4,095</u>	<u>20,714</u>	<u>24,873</u>
	<i>Held for trading</i>	<i>Available-for-sale</i>	<i>Amortised cost</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Deposits from customers	-	-	11,526	11,526
Deposits from banks and other financial institutions	-	-	4,273	4,273
Certificates of deposit	-	-	30	30
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	-	-	2,907	2,907
Interest payable, taxation and other liabilities	-	-	812	812
TERM NOTES, BONDS AND OTHER TERM FINANCING	-	-	1,448	1,448
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,996</u>	<u>20,996</u>

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**5 CLASSIFICATION OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)**

At 31 December 2010	<i>Held for trading</i>	<i>Available-for-sale</i>	<i>Amortised cost/ Loans and receivables</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Liquid funds	-	-	485	485
Trading securities	65	-	-	65
Placements with banks and other financial institutions	-	-	6,573	6,573
Non-trading securities*	-	4,957	3,100	8,057
Loans and advances	-	52	12,134	12,186
Interest receivable and other assets	-	-	597	597
	<u>65</u>	<u>5,009</u>	<u>22,889</u>	<u>27,963</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Deposits from customers	-	-	11,175	11,175
Deposits from banks and other financial institutions	-	-	6,283	6,283
Certificates of deposit	-	-	41	41
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	-	-	3,719	3,719
Interest payable, taxation and other liabilities	-	-	844	844
TERM NOTES, BONDS AND OTHER TERM FINANCING	-	-	2,183	2,183
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,245</u>	<u>24,245</u>

\* Included in the above are other non-trading securities amounting to US\$ 1,997 million (2010: US\$ 3,082 million) which were reclassified effective 1 July 2008. Refer note 8 for details.

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### 6 TRADING SECURITIES

	<i>2011</i>	<i>2010</i>
Debt securities	<b>61</b>	59
Externally managed funds	<b>3</b>	5
Equities	-	1
	<b>64</b>	65

### 7 NON-TRADING SECURITIES

	<i>2011</i>			<i>2010</i>		
	<i>Quoted</i>	<i>Unquoted*</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Quoted</i>	<i>Unquoted</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>Available-for-sale</b>						
Debt securities	<b>1,420</b>	<b>2,918</b>	<b>4,338</b>	1,425	3,947	5,372
Equity securities	<b>23</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>90</b>	32	68	100
<b>Held to maturity</b>						
Debt securities	-	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	-	18	18
<b>Other non-trading securities carried at amortised cost **</b>	<b>1,997</b>	-	<b>1,997</b>	3,082	-	3,082
	<b>3,440</b>	<b>2,989</b>	<b>6,429</b>	4,539	4,033	8,572
Provision against non-trading securities	<b>(40)</b>	<b>(339)</b>	<b>(379)</b>	(154)	(361)	(515)
	<b>3,400</b>	<b>2,650</b>	<b>6,050</b>	4,385	3,672	8,057

\* Includes unquoted equity securities net of provision of US\$ 39 million (2010: US\$ 41 million) carried at cost. This is due to the unpredictable nature of future cash flows and lack of suitable alternative methods to arrive at a reliable fair value. There is no market for these investments and the Group intends to hold them for the long term.

All other available-for-sale securities and other non-trading securities have been valued using observable market inputs.

\*\* As explained in note 8, the Group has identified assets, eligible under the 2008 amendment to IAS 39, for which it has a clear intent to hold for the foreseeable future and are no longer quoted in an active market. The assets were reclassified with retrospective effect as on 1 July 2008 in accordance with the amendment to IAS 39 and are reflected as other non-trading securities carried at amortised cost.

Provisions against non-trading securities are primarily on collateralized debt obligations and for failed banks on account of market dislocations mainly in North America and Europe.



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### 7 NON-TRADING SECURITIES (continued)

The ratings distribution of non-trading securities is given below:

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
AAA rated debt securities	<b>2,650</b>	3,682
AA to A rated debt securities	<b>884</b>	2,338
Other investment grade debt securities	<b>1,942</b>	1,404
Other non-investment grade debt securities	<b>579</b>	541
Unrated debt securities	<b>284</b>	507
Equity securities	<b>90</b>	100
	<b>6,429</b>	8,572
Provisions against non-trading securities	<b>(379)</b>	(515)
	<b>6,050</b>	8,057

The movement in provisions against non-trading securities during the year is as follows:

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
At 1 January	<b>515</b>	556
Charge for the year	<b>13</b>	31
Write backs / recoveries	<b>(30)</b>	(19)
Write-offs	<b>(130)</b>	(48)
Foreign exchange translation and other adjustments	<b>11</b>	(5)
At 31 December	<b>379</b>	515

The gross amount of non-trading securities individually determined to be impaired, before deducting any individually assessed impairment losses amounts to US\$ 427 million (2010: US\$ 567 million). Interest income received during the year on impaired securities amounts to US\$ 2 million (2010: US\$ 2 million).

### 8 RECLASSIFICATION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS

In October 2008, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 39 "Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement" and IFRS 7 "Financial Instruments: Disclosures" titled "Reclassification of Financial Assets". The amendments to IAS 39 permitted reclassification of financial assets from the available-for-sale category to the other non-trading securities category in certain circumstances.

The amendments to IFRS 7 introduced additional disclosure requirements if an entity had reclassified financial assets in accordance with the IAS 39 amendments. The amendments were effective retrospectively to 1 July 2008.

Per the amendments to IAS 39 and IFRS 7, "Reclassification of Financial Assets", the Group reclassified certain available-for-sale securities to other non-trading securities carried at amortised cost. The Group identified assets, eligible under the amendments, for which it had a clear intent to hold for the foreseeable future. The assets were reclassified with retrospective effect as on 1 July 2008. The significant market dislocations witnessed in the financial sector in 2008 is considered as a rare event.

The carrying values and fair values of the assets reclassified are as follows:

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
Carrying value	<b>1,997</b>	3,082
Fair value	<b>1,878</b>	3,009

Fair value losses that would have been recognised in other comprehensive income for the year ended 31 December 2011 had the other non-trading securities not been reclassified amounts to US\$ 46 million (2010: US\$ 79 million).

**8 RECLASSIFICATION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS (continued)**

The Group earns an effective interest rate of 1% to 9% (2010: 1% to 9%) on these investments and the carrying values reflect the cash flows expected to be recovered as of year end. Reclassified available-for-sale financial assets at cost include US\$ 176 million (2010: US\$ 222 million) which have been hedged for changes in fair value, on account of changes in interest rates.

**9 LOANS AND ADVANCES**

	<i>2011</i>	<i>2010</i>
<i>i) By industrial sector</i>		
Financial services	<b>3,010</b>	2,476
Other services	<b>2,813</b>	2,653
Manufacturing	<b>3,952</b>	4,494
Construction	<b>642</b>	583
Mining and quarrying	<b>676</b>	747
Personal	<b>200</b>	257
Trade	<b>338</b>	423
Agriculture, fishing and forestry	<b>475</b>	489
Consumer	<b>331</b>	341
Government	<b>135</b>	291
	<b>12,572</b>	12,754
Loan loss provisions	<b>(587)</b>	(568)
	<b>11,985</b>	12,186
	<i>2011</i>	<i>2010</i>
<i>ii) Loan loss provisions by industrial sector</i>		
Financial services	<b>184</b>	182
Other services	<b>19</b>	19
Manufacturing	<b>58</b>	64
Construction	<b>4</b>	4
Mining and quarrying	<b>2</b>	-
Personal	<b>2</b>	1
Trade	<b>46</b>	53
Agriculture, fishing and forestry	<b>2</b>	3
Consumer	<b>11</b>	8
Government	<b>64</b>	65
Collective impairment	<b>195</b>	169
	<b>587</b>	568

The movement in loan loss provisions during the year is as follows:

	<i>Specific impairment</i>		<i>Collective impairment</i>	
	<i>2011</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2010</i>
At 1 January	<b>399</b>	365	<b>169</b>	166
Charge for the year	<b>49</b>	67	<b>22</b>	6
Write backs / recoveries	<b>(26)</b>	(6)	-	(2)
Write-offs	<b>(35)</b>	(28)	-	-
Foreign exchange translation and other adjustments	<b>5</b>	1	<b>4</b>	(1)
At 31 December	<b>392</b>	399	<b>195</b>	169

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### 9 LOANS AND ADVANCES (continued)

The gross amount of loans, individually determined to be impaired before deducting any individually assessed impairment allowance amounts to US\$ 437 million (2010: US\$ 445 million).

The fair value of tangible collateral that the Group holds relating to loans individually determined to be impaired at 31 December 2011 amounts to US\$ 21 million (2010: US\$ 20 million).

At 31 December 2011, interest in suspense on past due loans amounts to US\$ 217 million (2010: US\$ 212 million).

### 10 IMPAIRMENT PROVISIONS - NET

During the year the Group has made the following provisions for impairment - net:

	<i>2011</i>	<i>2010</i>
Non-trading securities (note 7)	17	(12)
Loans and advances (note 9)	(45)	(65)
	<u>(28)</u>	<u>(77)</u>

### 11 OTHER ASSETS

	<i>2011</i>	<i>2010</i>
Positive fair value of derivatives (note 20)	186	134
Margin dealing accounts	14	9
Bank owned life insurance	32	31
Staff loans	22	17
Investments in associates	21	21
Assets acquired on debt settlement	12	6
Securities sold awaiting value	3	5
Others	237	151
	<u>527</u>	<u>374</u>

The negative fair value of derivatives amounting to US\$ 118 million (2010: US\$ 154 million) is included in other liabilities (note 13). Details of derivatives are given in note 20.

### 12 TAXATION ON FOREIGN OPERATIONS

	<i>2011</i>	<i>2010</i>
<b>Consolidated statement of financial position</b>		
Current tax liability	109	73
Deferred tax liability	17	14
	<u>126</u>	<u>87</u>
<b>Consolidated statement of income</b>		
Current tax on foreign operations	114	72
Deferred tax on foreign operations	(8)	12
	<u>106</u>	<u>84</u>
<b>Analysis of tax charge</b>		
At Bahrain (income tax rate of nil)	-	-
On profits of subsidiaries operating in other jurisdictions	106	84
	<u>106</u>	<u>84</u>
Income tax expense reported in the consolidated statement of income	<u>106</u>	<u>84</u>

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### 12 TAXATION ON FOREIGN OPERATIONS (continued)

In view of the operations of the Group being subject to various tax jurisdictions and regulations, it is not practical to provide a reconciliation between the accounting and taxable profits together with the details of the effective tax rates.

### 13 OTHER LIABILITIES

	2011	2010
Negative fair value of derivatives (note 20)	118	154
Margin deposits including cash collateral	28	86
Cash export and credit assignment payables	1	36
Employee related payables	76	53
Deferred income	21	22
Cheques for collection	37	24
Non-corporate tax payable	7	2
Accrued charges and other payables	173	198
	<b>461</b>	<b>575</b>

The positive fair value of derivatives amounting to US\$ 186 million (2010: US\$ 134 million) is included in other assets (note 11). Details of derivatives are given in note 20.

### 14 TERM NOTES, BONDS AND OTHER TERM FINANCING

In the ordinary course of business, the Bank and certain subsidiaries raise term financing through various capital markets at commercial rates.

#### Total obligations outstanding at 31 December 2011

	Currency	Rate of Interest	Parent bank	Subsidiaries	Total
<b>Aggregate maturities</b>					
2012	US\$	<i>Libor + 0.25</i>	786	-	786
2017 *	US\$	<i>Libor + 0.85</i>	373	-	373
2020 *	BRL	7.88	-	289	289
			<b>1,159</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>1,448</b>
Total obligations outstanding at 31 December 2010			1,699	484	2,183

\* Subordinated

Parent bank's obligations bear a floating rates of interest whereas the subsidiary's obligations bear a fixed rate of interest.

During the year ended 31 December 2011, the Bank repurchased a portion of its term loan borrowings with a nominal value of US\$ 169 million (2010: US\$ 45 million). The resultant net gain on the repurchase amounting to US\$ 7 million (2010 : US\$ 2 million) is included in "Other operating income".

In addition, during the year ended 31 December 2011, the Bank also repurchased a portion of its subordinated liabilities with a nominal value of US\$ 39 million (2010 : US\$ nil). The resultant net gain on the repurchase amounting to US\$ 8 million (2010: US\$ nil) is included in "Other operating income".

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### 14 TERM NOTES, BONDS AND OTHER TERM FINANCING (continued)

During the previous year, subordinated debt of a nominal amount of US\$300 million was raised by a subsidiary of the Bank.

The Group has not had any defaults of principal, interest or other breaches with regard to any of its liabilities during 2011 and 2010.

### 15 EQUITY

#### a) Share capital

	2011	2010
Authorised – 3,500 million shares of US\$ 1 each (2010: 3,500 million shares of US\$ 1 each)	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,500</u>
Issued, subscribed and fully paid – 3,110 million shares of US\$ 1 each (2010: 3,110 million shares of US\$ 1 each)	<u>3,110</u>	<u>3,110</u>

#### b) Statutory reserve

As required by the Articles of Association of the Bank and the Bahrain Commercial Companies Law, 10% of the profit for the year is transferred to the statutory reserve. Such annual transfers will cease when the reserve totals 50% of the paid up share capital. The reserve is not available except in such circumstances as stipulated in the Bahrain Commercial Companies Law and following the approval of the Central Bank of Bahrain.

#### c) General reserve

The general reserve underlines the shareholders' commitment to enhance the strong equity base of the Bank. There are no restrictions on the distribution of this reserve after obtaining approval of the Central Bank of Bahrain.

#### d) Cumulative changes in fair values

	2011	2010
At 1 January	(125)	(223)
Transferred to consolidated statement of comprehensive income on impairment	12	28
Transferred to consolidated statement of comprehensive income on disposal	(11)	1
Net movement in fair value during the year	6	49
Amortisation of fair value short-fall on reclassified securities	22	20
At 31 December	<u>(96)</u>	<u>(125)</u>

### 16 INTEREST AND SIMILAR INCOME

	2011	2010
Loans and advances	787	698
Securities	209	167
Placements with banks and other financial institutions	97	89
Others	25	22
	<u>1,118</u>	<u>976</u>

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### 17 INTEREST AND SIMILAR EXPENSE

	2011	2010
Deposits from banks and other financial institutions	359	303
Deposits from customers	202	184
Term notes, bonds and other term financing	38	36
Others	10	12
Certificates of deposit	1	1
	<u>610</u>	<u>536</u>

### 18 OTHER OPERATING INCOME

	2011	2010
Fee and commission income	199	193
Fee and commission expense	(20)	(19)
Gains on non-trading securities	11	1
Gains on dealing in foreign currencies - net	33	23
Gains on dealing in derivatives - net	29	32
Gains on trading securities - net	1	2
Gain on repurchase of subordinated debt (note 14)	8	-
Gain on repurchase of term loan (note 14)	7	2
Bureau processing income	31	23
Other – net	11	22
	<u>310</u>	<u>279</u>

Included in the fee and commission income is US\$ 11 million (2010: US\$ 13 million) of fee income relating to trust and other fiduciary activities.

### 19 SUBSIDIARIES

The principal subsidiaries, all of which have 31 December as their year end, are as follows:

	Country of incorporation	Interest of Arab Banking Corporation (B.S.C.)	
		2011	2010
		%	%
ABC International Bank plc	United Kingdom	100	100
ABC Islamic Bank (E.C.)	Bahrain	100	100
Arab Banking Corporation (ABC) - Jordan	Jordan	87	87
Banco ABC Brasil S.A. *	Brazil	58	56
ABC Algeria	Algeria	88	88
Arab Banking Corporation - Egypt [S.A.E.]	Egypt	98	98
ABC Tunisie	Tunisia	100	100
Arab Financial Services Company B.S.C. (c)	Bahrain	55	55

#### \* Acquisition of additional interest in Banco ABC Brasil S.A.

In January 2011, the Group acquired an additional 1.3% interest of the voting shares of Banco ABC Brasil S.A., increasing its ownership interest to 57.76%. A cash consideration was paid to non-controlling interest shareholders. The carrying value of the net assets of Banco ABC Brasil S.A. at the acquisition date was US\$ 828 million, and the carrying value of the additional interest acquired was US\$ 11 million. The difference of US\$ 6 million between the consideration and the carrying value of the interest has been recognised in the retained earnings within equity.

**20 DERIVATIVES AND HEDGING**

In the ordinary course of business the Group enters into various types of transactions that involve derivative financial instruments.

The table below shows the positive and negative fair values of derivative financial instruments. The notional amount is that of a derivative's underlying asset, reference rate or index and is the basis upon which changes in the value of derivatives are measured. The notional amounts indicate the volume of transactions outstanding at year end and are not indicative of either market or credit risk.

	2011			2010		
	Positive fair value	Negative fair value	Notional amount	Positive fair value	Negative fair value	Notional amount
<i>Derivatives held for trading</i>						
Interest rate swaps	70	52	2,086	71	63	2,263
Currency swaps	3	2	132	7	12	373
Forward foreign exchange contracts	54	50	3,804	29	17	3,005
Options	12	12	1,950	20	18	2,105
Futures	1	-	1,104	5	5	2,175
	<b>140</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>9,076</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>9,921</b>
<i>Derivatives held as hedges</i>						
Interest rate swaps	1	2	680	2	30	676
Forward foreign exchange contracts	45	-	549	-	9	239
	<b>46</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1,229</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>915</b>
	<b>186</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>10,305</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>10,836</b>
Risk weighted equivalents (credit and market risk)			<b>1,475</b>			<b>1,567</b>

Derivatives are carried at fair value using valuation techniques based on observable market inputs.

Derivatives held as hedges include:

- a) Fair value hedges which are predominantly used to hedge fair value changes arising from interest rate fluctuations in loans and advances, placements, deposits, available-for-sale debt securities and subordinated loan of a subsidiary.

For the year ended 31 December 2011, the Group recognised a net loss of US\$ 67 million (2010: gain of US\$ 8 million) on hedging instruments. The total gain on hedged items attributable to the hedged risk amounted to US\$ 67 million (2010: loss of US\$ 8 million).

- b) Net investment hedges comprise forward foreign exchange contracts of US\$ 181 million (2010: US\$ 23 million). As at 31 December 2011, the fair value of the forward foreign exchange contracts was immaterial.

In addition to the forward foreign exchange contracts, the Group uses deposits which are accounted for as hedges of net investment in foreign operations. As at 31 December 2011, the Group had deposits amounting to US\$ 382 million (2010: US\$ 417 million) which were designated as net investment hedges.

***Derivative product types***

Forwards and futures are contractual agreements to either buy or sell a specified currency, commodity or financial instrument at a specific price and date in the future. Forwards are customised contracts transacted in the over-the-counter market. Foreign currency and interest rate futures are transacted in standardised amounts on regulated exchanges and are subject to daily cash margin requirements. Forward rate agreements are effectively tailor-made interest rate futures which fix a forward rate of interest on a notional loan, for an agreed period of time starting on a specified future date.



**20 DERIVATIVES AND HEDGING (continued)**

***Derivative product types (continued)***

Swaps are contractual agreements between two parties to exchange interest or foreign currency amounts based on a specific notional amount. For interest rate swaps, counterparties generally exchange fixed and floating rate interest payments based on a notional value in a single currency. For cross-currency swaps, notional amounts are exchanged in different currencies. For cross-currency interest rate swaps, notional amounts and fixed and floating interest payments are exchanged in different currencies.

Options are contractual agreements that convey the right, but not the obligation, to either buy or sell a specific amount of a commodity or financial instrument at a fixed price, either at a fixed future date or at any time within a specified period.

***Derivative related credit risk***

Credit risk in respect of derivative financial instruments arises from the potential for a counterparty to default on its contractual obligations and is limited to the positive fair value of instruments that are favourable to the Group. The majority of the Group's derivative contracts are entered into with other financial institutions and there is no significant concentration of credit risk in respect of contracts with positive fair value with any individual counterparty at the date of the statement of financial position.

***Derivatives held or issued for trading purposes***

Most of the Group's derivative trading activities relate to sales, positioning and arbitrage. Sales activities involve offering products to customers. Positioning involves managing market risk positions with the expectation of profiting from favourable movements in prices, rates or indices. Arbitrage involves identifying and profiting from price differentials between markets or products. Also included under this heading are any derivatives which do not meet IAS 39 hedging requirements.

***Derivatives held or issued for hedging purposes***

The Group has adopted a comprehensive system for the measurement and management of risk. Part of the risk management process involves managing the Group's exposure to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates (currency risk) and interest rates through asset and liability management activities. It is the Group's policy to reduce its exposure to currency and interest rate risks to acceptable levels as determined by the Board of Directors. The Board has established levels of currency risk by setting limits on currency position exposures. Positions are monitored on an ongoing basis and hedging strategies used to ensure positions are maintained within established limits. The Board has established levels of interest rate risk by setting limits on Treasury assets and liabilities. Interest rate risk is reviewed on an ongoing basis and hedging strategies used to limit the risk to levels established by the Board.

As part of its asset and liability management the Group uses derivatives for hedging purposes in order to reduce its exposure to currency and interest rate risks. This is achieved by hedging specific financial instruments, forecasted transactions as well as strategic hedging against overall statement of financial position exposures. For interest rate risk this is carried out by monitoring the duration of assets and liabilities using simulations to estimate the level of interest rate risk and entering into interest rate swaps and futures to hedge a proportion of the interest rate exposure, where appropriate. Since strategic hedging does not qualify for special hedge accounting related derivatives are accounted for as trading instruments.

The Group uses forward foreign exchange contracts and currency swaps to hedge against specifically identified currency risks. In addition, the Group uses interest rate swaps and interest rate futures to hedge against the interest rate risk arising from specifically identified loans and securities bearing fixed interest rates. In all such cases the hedging relationship and objective, including details of the hedged item and hedging instrument, are formally documented and the transactions are accounted for as hedges.

**21 CREDIT COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT ITEMS**

Credit commitments and contingent items include commitments to extend credit, standby letters of credit, acceptances and guarantees, which are structured to meet the various requirements of customers.

At the statement of financial position date, the principal outstanding and the risk weighted equivalents were as follows:

	<i>2011</i>	<i>2010</i>
Short-term self-liquidating trade and transaction-related contingent items	<b>4,570</b>	6,037
Direct credit substitutes, guarantees and acceptances	<b>3,138</b>	2,762
Undrawn loans and other commitments	<b>1,086</b>	1,049
	<b>8,794</b>	9,848
	<b>3,291</b>	3,275

The table below shows the contractual expiry by maturity of the Group's credit commitments and contingent items:

	<i>2011</i>	<i>2010</i>
On demand	<b>1,025</b>	929
1 - 6 months	<b>2,726</b>	3,301
6 - 12 months	<b>2,564</b>	2,056
1 - 5 years	<b>2,312</b>	3,392
Over 5 years	<b>167</b>	170
	<b>8,794</b>	9,848

The Group expects that not all of the contingent liabilities or commitments will be drawn before expiry of the commitments.

The Group is engaged in litigation in various jurisdictions. The litigation involves claims by and against the Group which have arisen in the ordinary course of business. The Directors of the Bank, after reviewing the claims pending against Group companies and based on the advice of relevant professional legal advisors, are satisfied that the outcome of these claims will not have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the Group.

**22 SIGNIFICANT NET FOREIGN CURRENCY EXPOSURES**

Significant net foreign currency exposures, arising mainly from investments in subsidiaries, are as follows:

	<i>2011</i>		<i>2010</i>	
	<i>Currency</i>	<i>US\$ equivalent</i>	<i>Currency</i>	<i>US\$ equivalent</i>
<b>Long (short)</b>				
Brazilian Real	<b>543</b>	<b>291</b>	727	438
Jordanian Dinar	<b>111</b>	<b>157</b>	90	128
Algerian Dinar	<b>11,355</b>	<b>149</b>	10,462	141
Egyptian Pound	<b>849</b>	<b>141</b>	834	144
Pound Sterling	<b>85</b>	<b>131</b>	48	75
UAE Dirham	<b>281</b>	<b>77</b>	11	3
Saudi Riyal	<b>(346)</b>	<b>(92)</b>	(9)	(2)

**23 FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

Fair value is an amount for which an asset could be exchanged or a liability settled between knowledgeable and willing parties in an arm's length transaction. Consequently, differences can arise between carrying values and fair value estimates.

The fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities which are not carried at fair value are not materially different from their carrying value except for the following:

	2011		2010	
	Carrying value	Fair value	Carrying value	Fair value
Other non-trading securities	1,997	1,878	3,082	3,009
Term notes, bonds and other term financing	662	561	973	918

The Group uses the following hierarchy for determining and disclosing the fair value of financial instruments by valuation technique:

**Level 1 valuation:** Directly observable quotes for the same instrument (market prices).

**Level 2 valuation:** Directly observable proxies for the same instrument accessible at valuation date (mark-to-model with market data).

**Level 3 valuation:** Derived proxies (interpolation of proxies) for similar instruments that have not been observed (mark-to-model with deduced proxies).

As at 31 December, the Group has used the following hierarchy for determining and disclosing the fair value of financial instruments by valuation technique:

	2011			2010		
	Level 1	Level 2	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Total
<b>Financial assets</b>						
<b>Trading securities</b>						
Debt securities	55	6	61	53	6	59
Externally managed funds	-	3	3	-	5	5
Equities	-	-	-	1	-	1
	<b>55</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>Non-trading securities</b>						
Available-for-sale						
Debt securities	1,524	2,474	3,998	1,437	3,458	4,895
Equity securities at fair value	12	-	12	21	-	21
	<b>1,536</b>	<b>2,474</b>	<b>4,010</b>	<b>1,458</b>	<b>3,458</b>	<b>4,916</b>
<b>Loans and advances - available-for-sale</b>	-	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>	-	52	52
<b>Derivatives held for trading</b>	-	<b>140</b>	<b>140</b>	-	132	132
<b>Derivatives held as hedges</b>	-	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>	-	2	2
<b>Financial liabilities</b>						
<b>Derivatives held for trading</b>	-	<b>116</b>	<b>116</b>	-	115	115
<b>Derivatives held as hedges</b>	-	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	-	39	39

**Financial instruments recorded at fair value**

The description of the determination of fair value for financial instruments recorded at fair value using valuation techniques is discussed in note 4, which incorporate the Group's estimate of assumptions that a market participant would make when valuing the instruments.

**23 FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)**

**Transfers between level 1 and level 2**

None of the financial instruments were transferred from level 1 to level 2 during the year ended 31 December 2011 (2010: none).

**24 RISK MANAGEMENT**

**Introduction**

Risk is inherent in the Group's activities and is managed through a process of ongoing identification, measurement and monitoring, subject to risk limits and other controls. The Group is exposed to credit risk, liquidity risk, operational and market risk, legal risk and strategic risk as well as other forms of risk inherent in its financial operations.

Over the last few years the Group has invested heavily into developing a comprehensive and robust risk management infrastructure. This includes risk identification processes under credit, market and operational risk spectrums, risk measurement models and rating systems as well as a strong business process to monitor and control these risks.

**Risk management structure**

Executive Management is responsible for implementing the Group's Risk Strategy/Appetite and Policy Guidelines set by the Board Risk Committee (BRC), including the identification and evaluation on a continuous basis of all significant risks to the business and the design and implementation of appropriate internal controls to minimise them. This is done through the following board committees, senior management committees and the Credit & Risk Group in Head Office.

Within the broader governance infrastructure, the board committees carry the main responsibility of best practice management and risk oversight. At this level, the BRC oversees the definition of risk appetite, risk tolerance standards, and risk process standards to be kept in place. The BRC is also responsible to coordinate with other board committees for monitoring compliance with the requirements of the regulatory authorities in the various countries in which the Group operates.

The Group Audit Committee is responsible to the Board for ensuring that the Group maintains an effective system of financial, accounting and risk management controls and for monitoring compliance with the requirements of the regulatory authorities in the various countries in which the Group operates.

The Group's Head Office Credit Committee (HOCC) is responsible for credit decisions at the higher levels of the Group's lending portfolio, setting country and other high level Group limits, dealing with impaired assets and general credit policy matters.

Each subsidiary is responsible for managing its own risks and has its own Board Risk Committee, Credit Committee and (in the case of major subsidiaries) Asset and Liability Committee (ALCO), or equivalent, with responsibilities generally analogous to the Group committees.

The ALCO is chiefly responsible for defining long-term strategic plans and short-term tactical initiatives for directing asset and liability allocation prudently for the achievement of the Group's strategic goals. ALCO monitors the Group's liquidity and market risks and the Group's risk profile in the context of economic developments and market fluctuations, to ensure that the Group's ongoing activities are compatible with the risk/reward guidelines approved by the BRC. The above management structure, supported by teams of risk and credit analysts, as well as the IT systems provide a coherent infrastructure to carry credit and risk functions in a seamless manner.

The Operational Risk Management Committee (ORCO) is responsible for defining long-term strategic plans and short-term tactical initiatives for operational risk. It also has the overall responsibility to monitor and prudently manage exposure to operational risks including strategic and reputation risks.

**24 RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)**

**Risk measurement and reporting system**

**Risk mitigation**

As part of its overall risk management, the Group uses derivatives and other instruments to manage exposures resulting from changes in interest rates, foreign currencies, equity risks, credit risks, and exposures arising from forecast transactions.

The risk profile is assessed before entering into hedge transactions, which are authorised by the appropriate level of seniority within the Group. The effectiveness of hedges is monitored monthly by the Group. In situations of ineffectiveness, the Group will enter into a new hedge relationship to mitigate risk on a continuous basis.

The Group actively uses collateral to reduce its credit risk (see below for details).

**Excessive risk concentration**

Concentrations arise when a number of counterparties are engaged in similar business activities, or activities in the same geographic region, or have similar economic features that would cause their ability to meet contractual obligations to be similarly affected by changes in economic, political or other conditions. Concentrations indicate the relative sensitivity of the Group's performance to developments affecting a particular industry or geographical location.

In order to avoid excessive concentrations of risk, the Group policies and procedures include specific guidelines to focus on country and counterparty limits and maintaining a diversified portfolio. Identified concentrations of credit risks are controlled and managed accordingly.

**Credit risk**

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

The first level of protection against undue credit risk is through country, industry and other risk threshold limits, together with customer and customer group credit limits, set by the BRC and the HOCC and allocated between the Bank and its banking subsidiaries. Credit exposure to individual customers or customer groups is then controlled through a tiered hierarchy of delegated approval authorities based on the risk rating of the customer under the Group's internal credit rating system. Where unsecured facilities sought are considered to be beyond prudential limits, Group policies require collateral to mitigate the credit risk in the form of cash, securities, legal charges over the customer's assets or third-party guarantees. The Group also employs Risk Adjusted Return on Capital (RAROC) as a measure to evaluate the risk/reward relationship at the transaction approval stage. RAROC analysis is also conducted on a portfolio basis, aggregated for each business segment, business unit and for the whole Group.

**24 RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)**

**Maximum exposure to credit risk without taking account of any collateral and other credit enhancements**

The Group's concentration of risk is managed by geographical region and by industry sector. The table below shows the maximum exposure to credit risk for the components of the statement of financial position, including credit commitments and contingent items. The maximum exposure is shown gross, before the effect of mitigation through the use of master netting and collateral agreements.

	<i>Gross maximum exposure</i>	
	<i>2011</i>	<i>2010</i>
Liquid funds	1,362	431
Trading debt securities	61	59
Placements with banks and other financial institutions	4,520	6,573
Non-trading debt securities	5,998	7,995
Loans and advances	11,985	12,186
Other credit exposures	855	596
	<b>24,781</b>	<b>27,840</b>
Credit commitment and contingent items (note 21)	8,794	9,848
Total	<b>33,575</b>	<b>37,688</b>

Where financial instruments are recorded at fair value the amounts shown above represent the current credit risk exposure but not the maximum risk exposure that could arise in the future as a result of changes in values.

For more detail on the maximum exposure to credit risk for each class of financial instrument, references should be made to the specific notes. The effect of collateral and other risk mitigation techniques is shown below.

**Risk concentration of the maximum exposure to credit risk**

The Group's assets (before taking into account any collateral held or other credit enhancements), liabilities and equity and commitments and contingencies can be analysed by the following geographical regions:

	<i>Assets</i>		<i>Liabilities and equity</i>		<i>Credit commitments and contingent items</i>	
	<i>2011</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2010</i>
Western Europe	3,491	5,273	1,205	2,412	788	969
Arab World	9,262	9,869	16,344	17,467	4,316	4,748
Asia	875	940	228	296	345	385
North America	4,861	5,325	2,532	3,153	319	878
Latin America	5,503	5,719	4,387	4,411	2,726	2,398
Other	789	714	85	101	300	470
Total	<b>24,781</b>	<b>27,840</b>	<b>24,781</b>	<b>27,840</b>	<b>8,794</b>	<b>9,848</b>

**24 RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)**

**Risk concentration of the maximum exposure to credit risk (continued)**

An industry sector analysis of the Group's financial assets, before and after taking into account collateral held or other credit enhancements, is as follows:

	<i>Gross maximum exposure</i>		<i>Net maximum exposure</i>	
	<i>2011</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2010</i>
Financial services	<b>9,764</b>	11,748	<b>8,973</b>	10,480
Other services	<b>3,708</b>	3,568	<b>3,362</b>	3,088
Manufacturing	<b>4,038</b>	4,556	<b>3,643</b>	3,984
Construction	<b>722</b>	665	<b>668</b>	540
Mining and quarrying	<b>730</b>	762	<b>721</b>	754
Agriculture, fishing and forestry	<b>480</b>	491	<b>478</b>	489
Trade	<b>304</b>	314	<b>229</b>	249
Consumer	<b>320</b>	275	<b>320</b>	275
Government	<b>4,511</b>	5,170	<b>4,495</b>	5,154
Personal	<b>204</b>	291	<b>165</b>	172
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,781</b>	27,840	<b>23,054</b>	25,185

An industry sector analysis of the Group's credit commitments and contingent items, before and after taking into account collateral held or other credit enhancements, is as follows:

	<i>Gross maximum exposure</i>		<i>Net maximum exposure</i>	
	<i>2011</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2010</i>
Financial services	<b>4,306</b>	4,646	<b>2,795</b>	4,284
Other services	<b>1,301</b>	1,360	<b>1,294</b>	1,354
Manufacturing	<b>1,531</b>	2,048	<b>1,515</b>	2,020
Construction	<b>787</b>	777	<b>783</b>	772
Mining and quarrying	<b>389</b>	468	<b>389</b>	468
Agriculture, fishing and forestry	<b>10</b>	17	<b>10</b>	17
Trade	<b>397</b>	472	<b>395</b>	469
Government	<b>46</b>	32	<b>45</b>	31
Other	<b>27</b>	28	<b>26</b>	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,794</b>	9,848	<b>7,252</b>	9,441

**24 RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)**

**Credit quality per class of financial assets**

The credit quality of financial assets is managed by the Group using internal credit ratings. The table below shows the credit quality by class of financial asset, based on the Group's credit rating system.

**31 December 2011**

	<i>Neither past due nor impaired</i>			<i>Past due</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>High grade</i>	<i>Standard grade</i>	<i>Sub-standard grade</i>	<i>or individually impaired</i>	
Liquid funds	1,362	-	-	-	1,362
Trading debt securities	61	-	-	-	61
Placements with banks and other financial institutions	3,127	1,386	7	-	4,520
Non-trading debt securities	4,592	1,380	-	26	5,998
Loans and advances	4,297	7,576	-	112	11,985
Other credit exposures	703	152	-	-	855
	<b>14,142</b>	<b>10,494</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>24,781</b>

**31 December 2010**

	<i>Neither past due nor impaired</i>			<i>Past due</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>High grade</i>	<i>Standard grade</i>	<i>Sub-standard grade</i>	<i>or individually impaired</i>	
Liquid funds	431	-	-	-	431
Trading debt securities	59	-	-	-	59
Placements with banks and other financial institutions	5,474	1,092	7	-	6,573
Non-trading debt securities	7,124	843	-	28	7,995
Loans and advances	4,586	7,460	-	140	12,186
Other credit exposures	497	99	-	-	596
	<b>18,171</b>	<b>9,494</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>27,840</b>

As at 31 December 2011, the total amount of past due but not impaired assets was US\$ 21 million (2010: US\$ 17 million).

It is the Group's policy to maintain accurate and consistent risk ratings across the credit portfolio through a risk rating system. This facilitates focused management of the applicable risks and the comparison of credit exposures across all lines of business, geographic regions and products. The rating is supported by a variety of financial analytics, combined with processed market information to provide the main inputs for the measurement of counterparty credit risk. All internal ratings are tailored to the various categories and are derived in accordance with the Group's credit policy. The attributable risk ratings are assessed and updated regularly. Each risk rating class has grades equivalent to Moody's, S&P and Fitch rating agencies.

**Carrying amount per class of financial assets whose terms have been renegotiated as at year end**

	<i>2011</i>	<i>2010</i>
Loans and advances	<b>231</b>	<b>115</b>



**24 RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)**

**Collateral and other credit enhancements**

The amount and type of collateral depends on an assessment of the credit risk of the counterparty. The types of collateral mainly includes cash and guarantees from banks.

Management monitors the market value of collateral, requests additional collateral in accordance with the underlying agreement, and monitors the market value of collateral obtained during its review of the adequacy of the allowance for impairment losses. The Group also makes use of master netting agreements with counterparties.

**Settlement risk**

Settlement risk is the risk of loss due to the failure of a counterparty to honour its obligations to deliver cash, securities or other assets as contractually agreed. For certain types of transactions, the Group mitigates this risk through a settlement agent to ensure that a trade is settled only when both parties fulfil their settlement obligations. Settlement approvals form a part of credit approval and limit monitoring procedure.

**Market risk**

Market risk is the risk that the Group's earnings or capital, or its ability to support business strategy, will be impacted by the change in market rates or prices related to interest rates, equity prices, credit spreads, foreign exchange rates, and commodity prices.

The Group has established risk management policies and limits within which exposure to market risk is monitored, measured and controlled by the Risk Management Department (RMD) with strategic oversight exercised by ALCO. The RMD's Market Risk Management (MRM) unit is responsible for developing and implementing market risk policy and risk measuring/monitoring methodology and for reviewing all new trading products and product limits prior to ALCO approval. MRM's core responsibility is to measure and report market risk against limits throughout the Group.

**Interest rate risk**

Interest rate risk arises from the possibility that changes in interest rates will affect future profitability or the fair values of financial instruments. The Group is exposed to interest rate risk as a result of mismatches of interest rate re-pricing of assets and liabilities. The most prominent market risk factor for the Group is interest rates. This risk is minimized as the Group's rate sensitive assets and liabilities are mostly floating rate, where the duration risk is lower. In general, the Group uses matched currency funding and translates fixed rate instruments to floating rate to better manage the duration in the asset book.

The following table demonstrates the sensitivity to a reasonably possible change in interest rates, with all other variables held constant, of the Group's consolidated statement of income.

The sensitivity of the consolidated statement of income is the effect of the assumed changes in interest rates on the net interest income for one year, based on financial assets and financial liabilities held at 31 December, including the effect of hedging instruments. The sensitivity of equity is calculated by revaluing fixed rate available-for-sale financial assets, including the effect of any associated hedges and swaps. Substantially all the available-for-sale non-trading securities held by the Group are floating rate assets. Hence, the sensitivity to changes in equity due to interest rate changes is insignificant.

**24 RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)**

**Interest rate risk (continued)**

	<b>2011</b>			
	<i>Increase in basis points</i>	<i>Sensitivity statement of income</i>	<i>Decrease in basis points</i>	<i>Sensitivity statement of income</i>
US Dollar	25	5	25	(5)
Euro	25	-	25	-
Pound Sterling	25	-	25	-
Brazilian Real	25	2	25	(2)
Others	25	-	25	-

  

	<b>2010</b>			
	<i>Increase in basis points</i>	<i>Sensitivity statement of income</i>	<i>Decrease in basis points</i>	<i>Sensitivity statement of income</i>
US Dollar	25	12	25	(12)
Euro	25	1	25	(1)
Pound Sterling	25	1	25	(1)
Brazilian Real	25	4	25	(4)
Others	25	1	25	(1)

**Currency risk**

Currency risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates.

The table below indicates the currencies to which the Group had significant exposure at 31 December 2011 on its monetary assets and liabilities and its forecast cash flows. The analysis calculates the effect of a reasonably possible movement of the currency rate against the US\$, with all other variables held constant on the consolidated statement of income (due to the fair value of currency sensitive trading and non-trading monetary assets and liabilities) and equity (due to the change in fair value of currency swaps and forward foreign exchange contracts used as cash flow hedges) and the effect of the impact of foreign currency movements on the structural positions of the Bank in its subsidiaries. A negative amount in the table reflects a potential net reduction in the consolidated statement of income or equity, while a positive amount reflects a potential net increase.

Currency	<i>Change in currency rate in % 2011</i>	<i>Effect on profit before tax 2011</i>	<i>Effect on equity 2011</i>	<i>Change in currency rate in % 2010</i>	<i>Effect on profit before tax 2010</i>	<i>Effect on equity 2010</i>
Brazilian Real	+/- 5%	-	+/-14	+/- 5%	-	+/-21
Pound Sterling	+/- 5%	-	+/-7	+/- 5%	+/-1	+/-4
Egyptian Pound	+/- 5%	-	+/-7	+/- 5%	-	+/-7
Jordanian Dinar	+/- 5%	+/-1	+/-7	+/- 5%	-	+/-6
Algerian Dinar	+/- 5%	-	+/-8	+/- 5%	-	+/-6
Saudi Riyal	+/- 5%	+/-6	-	+/- 5%	-	-
UAE Dirham	+/- 5%	+/-4	-	+/- 5%	-	-

**Equity price risk**

Equity price risk is the risk that the fair values of equities decrease as the result of changes in the levels of equity indices and the value of individual stocks. The non-trading equity price risk exposure arises from the Group's securities portfolio.

**24 RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)**

**Currency risk (continued)**

The effect on equity (as a result of a change in the fair value of trading equity instruments and equity instruments held as available for sale) due to a reasonably possible change in equity indices or the net asset values, with all other variables held constant, is as follows:

	<i>% Change in equity price 2011</i>	<i>Effect on statement of income/ equity 2011</i>	<i>% Change in equity price 2010</i>	<i>Effect on statement of income/ equity 2010</i>
<b>Trading securities</b>				
Change in NAVs of fund of funds in North America and Europe	+/- 5%	-	+/- 5%	-
Other equities	+/- 5%	-	+/- 5%	-
<b>Available-for-sale equities</b>	<b>+/- 5%</b>	<b>+/-3</b>	<b>+/- 5%</b>	<b>+/-3</b>

**Operational risk**

Operational risk is defined as the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes or systems or from external events. Operational risk is inherent in all business activities and can never be eliminated entirely; however shareholder value can be preserved and enhanced by managing, mitigating and, in some cases, insuring against operational risk. To achieve this goal the Operational Risk Management Unit has developed an operational risk framework, which includes identification, measurement, management, and monitoring and risk control/mitigation elements. A variety of underlying processes are being deployed across the Group including risk and control self-assessments, Key Risk Indicators (KRI), event management, new product review and approval processes and business contingency plans.

The Group intends to make operational risk transparent throughout the enterprise, to which end processes are being developed to provide for regular reporting of relevant operational risk management information to business management, senior management, the ORCO, the BRC and the Board of Directors generally.

Group policy dictates that the operational functions of booking, recording and monitoring of transactions are carried out by staff that are independent of the individuals initiating the transactions. Each business line – including Operations, Information Technology, Human Resources, Legal & Compliance and Financial Control - is further responsible for employing the aforementioned framework processes and control programmes to manage its operational risk within the guidelines established by the Group's policy and procedures. To ensure that all operational risks to which the Group is exposed are adequately managed, support functions are also involved in the identification, measurement, management, monitoring and control/mitigation of operational risk, as appropriate.

**24 RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)****Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will be unable to meet its payment obligations when they fall due under normal and stress circumstances. To limit this risk, management has arranged diversified funding sources in addition to its core deposit base, manages assets with liquidity in mind, and monitors future cash flows and liquidity on a daily basis. This incorporates an assessment of expected cash flows and the availability of high grade collateral which could be used to secure additional funding if required.

The Group maintains liquid assets at prudential levels to ensure that cash can quickly be made available to honour all its obligations, even under adverse conditions. The Group is generally in a position of excess liquidity, its principal sources of liquidity being its deposit base, liquidity derived from its operations and inter-bank borrowings. The Minimum Liquidity Guideline (MLG) is used to manage and monitor daily liquidity. The MLG represents the minimum number of days the Group can survive the combined outflow of all deposits and contractual drawdowns, under market value driven encashability scenarios.

In addition, the internal liquidity/maturity profile is generated to summarize the actual liquidity gaps versus the revised gaps based on internal assumptions.

The table below summarises the maturity profile of the Group's financial liabilities at 31 December 2011 based on contractual undiscounted repayment obligations. See the previous table for the expected maturities of these liabilities. Repayments which are subjected to notice are treated as if notice were to be given immediately. However, the Group expects that many customers will not request repayment on the earliest date the Group could be required to pay and the table does not reflect the expected cash flows indicated by the Group's deposit retention history.

<b>At 31 December 2011</b>	<i>Within 1 month</i>	<i>1 - 3 months</i>	<i>3 - 6 months</i>	<i>6 - 12 months</i>	<i>1 - 5 years</i>	<i>5-10 years</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>							
Deposits from customers	5,783	2,669	1,338	680	1,208	172	11,850
Deposits from banks and other financial institutions	1,981	876	665	618	209	5	4,354
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	245	1,996	114	362	205	-	2,922
Certificates of deposits	4	2	10	5	9	-	30
Term notes, bonds and other term financing	-	-	789	-	-	709	1,498
<b>Total non-derivative undiscounted financial liabilities on statement of financial position</b>	<b>8,013</b>	<b>5,543</b>	<b>2,916</b>	<b>1,665</b>	<b>1,631</b>	<b>886</b>	<b>20,654</b>
<b>ITEMS OFF STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</b>							
Gross settled foreign currency derivatives	1,767	1,356	802	133	83	345	4,486
Guarantees	2,996	-	-	-	-	-	2,996

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At 31 December 2010	<i>Within 1 month</i>	<i>1 - 3 months</i>	<i>3 - 6 months</i>	<i>6 - 12 months</i>	<i>1 - 5 years</i>	<i>5-10 years</i>	<i>Total</i>
Financial liabilities							
Deposits from customers	7,032	1,705	459	361	1,474	180	11,211
Deposits from banks and other financial institutions	3,405	1,547	517	513	332	-	6,314
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	192	2,151	68	1,123	200	-	3,734
Certificates of deposits	7	10	1	1	20	5	44
Term notes, bonds and other term financing	-	201	-	286	1,040	714	2,241
Total non-derivative undiscounted on balance sheet financial liabilities	<u>10,636</u>	<u>5,614</u>	<u>1,045</u>	<u>2,284</u>	<u>3,066</u>	<u>899</u>	<u>23,544</u>
<b>ITEMS OFF STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</b>							
Gross settled foreign currency derivatives	2,684	263	167	204	98	200	3,616
Guarantees	<u>2,639</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,639</u>

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The maturity analysis of assets and liabilities analysed according to when they are expected to be recovered or settled or when they could be realised.

At 31 December 2011	<i>Within 1 month</i>	<i>1 - 3 months</i>	<i>3 - 6 months</i>	<i>6 - 12 months</i>	<i>Total within 12 months</i>	<i>1 - 5 years</i>	<i>5-10 years</i>	<i>10 - 20 years</i>	<i>Over 20 years</i>	<i>Undated</i>	<i>Total over 12 months</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>ASSETS</b>												
Liquid funds	1,399	-	-	-	1,399	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,399
Trading securities	3	61	-	-	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	64
Placements with banks and other financial institutions	3,593	512	415	-	4,520	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,520
Non-trading securities	4,054	108	478	257	4,897	1,090	61	2	-	-	1,153	6,050
Loans and advances	1,114	1,584	1,612	1,907	6,217	4,452	1,265	48	3	-	5,768	11,985
Others	10	17	12	29	68	159	9	-	-	761	929	997
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>10,173</b>	<b>2,282</b>	<b>2,517</b>	<b>2,193</b>	<b>17,165</b>	<b>5,701</b>	<b>1,335</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>7,850</b>	<b>25,015</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS</b>												
Deposits from customers	4,492	1,374	609	651	7,126	4,279	121	-	-	-	4,400	11,526
Deposits from banks and other financial institutions	1,979	870	654	602	4,105	163	3	-	-	2	168	4,273
Certificates of deposit	5	2	10	5	22	8	-	-	-	-	8	30
Securities sold under repurchase agreement	245	1,992	111	359	2,707	200	-	-	-	-	200	2,907
Term notes, bonds and other term financing	-	-	786	-	786	-	662	-	-	-	662	1,448
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	812	812	812
Shareholders' equity and non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,019	4,019	4,019
<b>Total liabilities, shareholders' equity and non-controlling interests</b>	<b>6,721</b>	<b>4,238</b>	<b>2,170</b>	<b>1,617</b>	<b>14,746</b>	<b>4,650</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,833</b>	<b>10,269</b>	<b>25,015</b>
Net liquidity gap	3,452	(1,956)	347	576	2,419	1,051	549	50	3	(4,072)	-	-
Cumulative net liquidity gap	3,452	1,496	1,843	2,419	-	3,470	4,019	4,069	4,072	-	-	-

Within 1 month are primarily liquid securities that can be sold under repurchase agreements. Deposits are continuously replaced with other new deposits or rollover from the same or different counterparties, based on available lines of credit.

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At 31 December 2010	<i>Within 1 month</i>	<i>1 -3 months</i>	<i>3 - 6 months</i>	<i>6 - 12 months</i>	<i>Total within 12 months</i>	<i>1 - 5 years</i>	<i>5-10 years</i>	<i>10 - 20 years</i>	<i>Over 20 years</i>	<i>Undated</i>	<i>Total over 12 months</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>ASSETS</b>												
Liquid funds	485	-	-	-	485	-	-	-	-	-	-	485
Trading securities	-	-	6	59	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	65
Placements with banks and other financial institutions	5,862	347	199	165	6,573	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,573
Non-trading securities	5,796	37	643	201	6,677	1,192	118	6	3	61	1,380	8,057
Loans and advances	1,669	1,348	1,331	1,401	5,749	4,631	1,577	226	3	-	6,437	12,186
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	739	739	739
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>13,812</b>	<b>1,732</b>	<b>2,179</b>	<b>1,826</b>	<b>19,549</b>	<b>5,823</b>	<b>1,695</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>8,556</b>	<b>28,105</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS</b>												
Deposits from customers	4,977	1,201	399	357	6,934	4,063	178	-	-	-	4,241	11,175
Deposits from banks and other financial institutions	3,403	1,543	515	512	5,973	310	-	-	-	-	310	6,283
Certificates of deposit	7	10	2	-	19	18	4	-	-	-	22	41
Securities sold under repurchase agreement	191	2,147	66	1,115	3,519	200	-	-	-	-	200	3,719
Term notes, bonds and other term financing	-	200	-	277	477	1,010	696	-	-	-	1,706	2,183
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	844	844	844
Shareholders' equity and non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,860	3,860	3,860
<b>Total liabilities, shareholders' equity and non-controlling interests</b>	<b>8,578</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>2,261</b>	<b>16,922</b>	<b>5,601</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,704</b>	<b>11,183</b>	<b>28,105</b>
<b>Net liquidity gap</b>	<b>5,234</b>	<b>(3,369)</b>	<b>1,197</b>	<b>(435)</b>	<b>2,627</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>(3,904)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cumulative net liquidity gap</b>	<b>5,234</b>	<b>1,865</b>	<b>3,062</b>	<b>2,627</b>		<b>2,849</b>	<b>3,666</b>	<b>3,898</b>	<b>3,904</b>	<b>-</b>		

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### 25 OPERATING SEGMENTS

For management purposes, the Group is organised into five operating segments which are based on business units and their activities. The Group has accordingly been structured to place its activities under the distinct divisions which are as follows:

- **MENA subsidiaries** cover retail, corporate and treasury activities of subsidiaries in North Africa and Levant;
- **International wholesale banking** encompasses corporate and structured finance, trade finance, Islamic banking services and syndications;
- **Group treasury** comprises treasury activities of Bahrain Head Office, New York and London;
- **ABC Brasil** primarily reflects the commercial banking and treasury activities of the Brazilian subsidiary Banco ABC Brasil S.A., focusing on the corporate and middle market segments in Brazil; and
- **Other** includes activities of Arab Financial Services B.S.C. (c).

	<i>2011</i>					<i>Total</i>
	<i>MENA subsidiaries</i>	<i>wholesale banking</i>	<i>Group treasury</i>	<i>ABC Brasil</i>	<i>Other</i>	
Net interest income	92	71	57	282	6	508
Other operating income	50	88	41	108	23	310
<b>Total operating income</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>818</b>
Profit before impairment provisions	63	107	80	247	3	500
Impairment (provisions) write-back - net	(5)	(9)	14	(30)	2	(28)
Profit before taxation and unallocated operating expenses	58	98	94	217	5	472
Taxation on foreign operations	(21)	(5)	(1)	(79)	-	(106)
Unallocated operating expenses	-	-	-	-	-	(96)
<b>Profit for the year</b>						<b>270</b>
Segment assets employed	2,653	7,488	9,279	5,540	55	25,015

  

	<i>2010</i>					<i>Total</i>
	<i>MENA subsidiaries</i>	<i>wholesale banking</i>	<i>Group treasury</i>	<i>ABC Brasil</i>	<i>Other</i>	
Net interest income	83	58	59	231	9	440
Other operating income	43	98	35	83	20	279
<b>Total operating income</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>719</b>
Profit before impairment provisions	54	109	79	196	5	443
Impairment provisions - net	(9)	(41)	(8)	(22)	3	(77)
Profit (loss) before taxation and unallocated operating expenses	45	68	71	174	8	366
Taxation on foreign operations	(12)	(6)	(2)	(63)	(1)	(84)
Unallocated operating expenses	-	-	-	-	-	(83)
<b>Profit for the year</b>						<b>199</b>
Segment assets employed	2,420	7,256	12,494	5,817	118	28,105



**25 OPERATING SEGMENTS (continued)**

**Geographical information**

The Group operates in six geographic markets: Middle East and North Africa, Western Europe, Asia, North America, Latin America and others. The following table show the external total operating income of the major units within the Group, based on the country of domicile of the entity for the years ended 31 December 2011 and 2010:

<i>2011</i>	<i>Bahrain</i>	<i>ABCIB</i>	<i>ABC Brasil</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Total operating income</i>	<b>122</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>818</b>
<i>2010</i>					
<i>Total operating income</i>	133	90	314	182	719

There were no revenues derived from transactions with a single external customer that amounted to 10% or more of the Group's revenue.

Non-current assets consist of premises and equipment and are not material to the Group.

**26 REPURCHASE AND RESALE AGREEMENTS**

Proceeds from assets sold under repurchase agreements at the year end amounted to US\$ 2,907 million (2010: US\$ 3,719 million). The carrying value of securities sold under repurchase agreements at the year end amounted to US\$ 3,261 million (2010: US\$ 4,134 million).

Amounts paid for assets purchased under resale agreements at the year end amounted to US\$ 215 million (2010: US\$ 273 million) and relate to customer product and treasury activities. The market value of the securities purchased under resale agreements at the year end amounted to US\$ 215 million (2010: US\$ 276 million).

**27 TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES**

Related parties represent the ultimate parent, major shareholders, associates, directors and key management personnel of the Group and entities controlled, jointly controlled or significantly influenced by such parties. Pricing policies and terms of these transactions are approved by the Group's management.

The year end balances in respect of related parties included in the consolidated financial statements are as follows:

	<i>Ultimate parent</i>	<i>Major shareholder</i>	<i>Directors</i>	<i>Associate</i>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
Deposits from customers	<b>3,056</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3,770</b>	2,708
Short-term self-liquidating trade and transaction-related contingent	<b>906</b>	-	-	-	<b>906</b>	1,089

The income and expenses in respect of related parties included in the consolidated financial statements are as follows:

Commission income	<b>5</b>	7
Interest expense	<b>17</b>	10

Compensation of the key management personnel is as follows:

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
Short term employee benefits	<b>24</b>	20
Post employment benefits	<b>4</b>	4
	<b>28</b>	24

**28 FIDUCIARY ASSETS**

Funds under management at the year end amounted to US\$ 12,384 million (2010: US\$ 13,782 million). These assets are held in a fiduciary capacity and are not included in the consolidated statement of financial position.

**29 ISLAMIC DEPOSITS AND ASSETS**

Deposits from customers and banks and financial institutions include Islamic deposits of US\$ 291 million (2010: US\$ 619 million). Loans and advances and non-trading securities include Islamic assets of US\$ 764 million (2010: US\$ 835 million) and US\$ 265 million (2010: US\$ 391 million).

**30 ASSETS PLEDGED AS SECURITY**

At the statement of financial position date, in addition to the items mentioned in note 26, assets amounting to US\$ 142 million (2010: US\$ 151 million) have been pledged as security for borrowings and other banking operations.

**31 BASIC AND DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE**

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit for the year by the weighted average number of shares during the year. No figures for diluted earnings per share have been presented, as the Bank has not issued any capital based instruments which would have any impact on earnings per share, when exercised.

The Group's earnings for the year are as follows:

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
Profit attributable to the shareholders of the parent	<b>204</b>	143
Weighted average number of shares outstanding during the year (millions)	<b>3,110</b>	2,862
Basic and diluted earnings per share (US\$)	<b>0.07</b>	0.05

**32 CAPITAL ADEQUACY**

The primary objectives of the Group's capital management policies are to ensure that the Group complies with externally imposed capital requirements and that the Group maintains strong credit ratings and healthy capital ratios in order to support its business and to maximise shareholders' value.

The Group manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it in the light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of its activities. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Group may adjust the amount of dividend payment to shareholders, return capital to shareholders or issue capital securities. No changes were made in the objectives, policies and processes from the previous years.

The risk asset ratio calculations as at 31 December are based on standardised measurement methodology and in accordance with the CBB Basel II guidelines.

<b>CAPITAL BASE</b>		<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
Tier 1 capital		<b>3,898</b>	3,828
Tier 2 capital		<b>1,049</b>	990
Total capital base	[a]	<b>4,947</b>	4,818
<b>RISK WEIGHTED EXPOSURES</b>			
Credit risk weighted assets and off balance sheet items		<b>17,667</b>	18,055
Market risk weighted assets and off balance sheet items		<b>1,350</b>	1,457
Operational risk weighted assets		<b>1,313</b>	1,311
Total risk weighted assets	[b]	<b>20,330</b>	20,823
Risk asset ratio	[a/b*100]	<b>24.3%</b>	23.1%
Minimum requirement		<b>12.0%</b>	12.0%

Regulatory capital consists of Tier 1 capital, which comprises share capital, retained earnings, statutory reserve, general reserve, non-controlling interests, foreign currency translation adjustments in equity and Tier 2 capital, which includes subordinated long term debt and collective impairment provisions.

The Group has complied with all the capital adequacy requirements as set by the Central Bank of Bahrain.