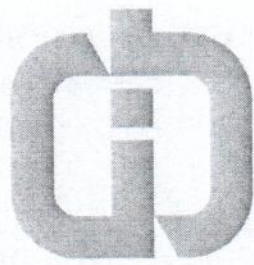


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1. Introduction

Central Bank of Bahrain ("CBB"), the regulating body for Banks and Financial Institutions in the Kingdom of Bahrain, provides a common framework for the implementation of Basel II accord.

The Basel II framework is based on three pillars:

- Pillar I defines the regulatory minimum capital requirements by providing rules and regulations for measurement of credit risk, market risk and operational risk. The requirement of capital has to be covered by own regulatory funds.
- Pillar II addresses the Bank's internal processes for assessing overall capital adequacy in relation to risks (ICAAP). Pillar II also introduces the Supervisory review and Evaluation Process (SREP), which assesses the internal capital adequacy.
- Pillar III complements the other two pillars and focuses on enhanced transparency in information disclosure, covering risk and capital management, including capital adequacy.

This document gathers together all the elements of the disclosure required under Pillar III and complies with the public disclosure module of CBB, in order to enhance corporate governance and financial transparency. This disclosure report is in addition to the financial statements presented in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

2. Corporate Structure

ALUBAF Arab International Bank B.S.C. (c) ("the Bank") is a closed Bahraini joint stock company incorporated in the Kingdom of Bahrain and registered with the Ministry of Industry and Commerce under Commercial Registration (CR) number 12819. The Bank operates under a wholesale banking license issued by the Central Bank of Bahrain under the new integrated licensing framework. The Bank's registered office is at Alubaf Tower, Al Seef District, P O Box 11529, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain.

The Bank is majority owned by Libyan Foreign Bank (Shareholding 99.50%), a bank registered in Libya.

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3. Capital Structure

The Bank's Capital base comprise of Tier I capital, which includes share capital, statutory reserve and retained earnings and Tier II capital, which includes collective impairment loss provision.

The Bank's issued and paid up capital was US\$ 250 million as at 31 December 2014, comprising of 5 million equity shares of US\$ 50 each.

Pursuant to increase in Share capital approved at the Extraordinary General meeting held on 28 April 2014, to US\$ 300 million, one of the minority shareholders subscribed US\$ 140 thousand. On receipt of the remaining amounts from major shareholder, the capital increase will be registered with Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

Break down of Capital Base

	Tier I US\$'000	Tier II US\$'000	Total US\$'000
Share capital	250,140	-	250,140
Statutory reserve	17,667	-	17,667
Retained earnings	64,105	-	64,105
Collective impairment loss provision	-	9,134	9,134
Total available capital base	331,912	9,134	341,046
Net available capital base	331,912	9,134	341,046

ALUBAF recorded a net profit of US\$ 40,700 thousand for the year ended 31 December 2014 and transferred 10% of profits (US\$ 4,070 thousand) towards Statutory reserve.

4. Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR)

The purpose of capital management at the Bank is to ensure the efficient utilization of capital in relation to business requirements and growth, risk profile and shareholders' returns and expectations.

The Bank manages its capital structure and makes adjustments in the light of changes in economic conditions and risk characteristics of its activities.

Capital adequacy ratio calculation:

The Bank's capital adequacy ratio of 42.19% is well above the minimum regulatory requirement of 12%.

	US\$ '000
Total Eligible Capital Base	341,046
Risk weighted assets (RWA)	
Credit risk	730,730
Market risk	750
Operational risk	76,892
	808,372
Capital adequacy ratio	42.19%

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5. Profile of risk-weighted assets and capital charge

The Bank has adopted the standardized approach for credit risk, market risk and the Basic indicator approach for operational risk for regulatory reporting purposes. The Bank's risk weighted capital requirement for credit, market and operational risks are given below:

5.1 Credit risk

Definition of exposure classes per Standard Portfolio

The Bank has funded and unfunded credit portfolio. The exposures are classified as per the Standard portfolio approach mentioned under the CBB's Basel II capital adequacy framework covering the standardized approach for credit risk.

The descriptions of the counterparty classes along with the risk weights used to derive the risk weighted assets are as follows:

(a) Claims on sovereigns

These pertain to exposures to governments and their central banks. Claims on Bahrain are risk weighted at 0%, while claims on other sovereigns, denominated in a non-relevant currency and unrated are assigned a risk weight of 100%.

(b) Claims on banks

Claims on Banks are risk weighted based on the ratings assigned to them by external rating agencies. However, short term claims on locally incorporated banks and claims maturing within three months and denominated in Bahrain Dinars or US Dollars are risk weighted at 20%. Other claims on banks, which are in foreign currency, are risk weighted using standard risk weights ranging from 20% to 100%. Unrated claims on banks are assigned a risk weight of 20% & 50% respectively.

(c) Claims on corporate portfolio

Claims on corporate portfolio are risk weighted based on external credit ratings and are assigned a risk weight of 100% for unrated corporate portfolio.

(d) Past due exposure

Past due exposures include Loans and advances of which interest or repayment of principal are due for more than 90 days; Past due exposures, net of specific provisions are risk weighted as follows:

(a) 150% risk weight, when specific provisions are less than 20% of the outstanding amount of loan.

(b) 100% risk weight, when specific provisions are greater than 20% of the outstanding amount of the loan.

(e) Equity portfolios

Investments in listed equities are risk weighted at 100%.

(f) Other exposures

These are risk weighted at 100%.

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5. Profile of risk-weighted assets and capital charge (continued)

5.1 Credit risk (continued)

Credit exposure and risk weighted assets US\$ '000

	Funded exposures	Unfunded exposures	Gross credit exposures	Eligible collateral	Risk weighted assets	Capital charge
Claims on sovereigns	113,645	-	113,645	-	76,785	9,214
Claims on banks	958,566	258,309	1,216,875	93,036	519,298	62,316
Claims on corporate	130,504	10,147	140,651	6,164	120,777	14,493
Past due exposures	236	-	236	-	236	28
Equity portfolio	37	-	37	-	37	5
Other exposures	13,597	-	13,597	-	13,597	1,632
Total	1,216,585	268,456	1,485,041	99,200	730,730	87,688

Gross credit exposure before credit risk mitigation

US\$ '000

	Gross credit exposure	Average monthly gross exposure
Claims from Sovereigns	113,645	113,265
Claims from Banks	958,566	890,175
Claims on Corporate	130,504	102,899
Past due exposures	236	651
Equity Portfolio	37	1,446
Other exposures	13,597	14,184
Total funded exposure	1,216,585	1,122,620
Unfunded exposures	268,456	278,492
Gross credit exposures	1,485,041	1,401,112

Average monthly balance represents the average of the sum of twelve month end balance for the year ended 31 December 2014.

5.2 Market risk

The Bank's capital requirement for market risk in accordance with the standardised methodology is as follows:

US\$ '000

	Risk weighted exposures	Capital charge	Maximum value	Minimum value
Foreign exchange risk	750	90	1,838	750

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5. Profile of risk-weighted assets and capital charge (continued)

5.3 Operational risk

In accordance with the Basic indicator approach, the total capital charge in respect of operational risk was US\$ 6,151 thousand on operational risk weighted exposure of US\$ 76,892 thousand. This operational risk weighted exposure is computed using the Basic indicator approach, where a fixed percentage (Alpha), which is 15% of the average previous of three years' annual gross income, is multiplied by 12.5 operational capital charge; years with positive gross income are counted for computation of capital charge. This computation is as per CBB rulebook.

6. Risk Management

Risk is inherent in the Bank's business activities and is managed through a process of on going identification, measurement, controlling and monitoring. The Bank is exposed to credit risk, market and operational risk. Risk strategies of the Bank to mitigate the various risks were effective throughout the year.

Following is the Risk and Capital Management Structure :

Board of Directors

Board Audit, Risk & Compliance Committee
Management Risk Committee
Asset Liability Management Committee

The Board of Directors is responsible for the best practice management and risk oversight. Board of Directors defines the risk appetite and risk tolerance standards and oversees that risk process standards are in place. At the second level, Executive management is responsible for the identification and evaluation on a continuous basis of all significant risks to the business and implementation of appropriate internal controls to minimize them. Senior management is responsible for monitoring credit lending portfolio, country limits and interbank limits and general credit policy matters, which are reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors.

Independent internal audit of risk management process is conducted and its findings are to the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee, which is appointed by the Board of Directors.

6.1 Credit risk concentrations and thresholds

The first level of protection against undue credit risk is through country and industry threshold limits, together with individual borrower threshold limits. Single name concentrations are monitored on an individual basis. Under the CBB's single obligor regulations, banks incorporated in Bahrain are required to obtain the CBB's approval for any planned exposure to a single counterparty or group of connected counterparties exceeding 15% of the regulatory capital base.

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6. Risk Management (continued)

6.1 Credit risk concentrations and thresholds (continued)

As at 31 December 2014, the Bank's exposure in excess of 15% of the obligor limits to individual counterparties is shown below:

US \$ '000	Funded exposure	Unfunded exposure	Total
Counterparty A *	60,500	Nil	60,500
Counterparty B **	4,530	49,801	54,331

* These are interbank deposits maturing within 6 months from 31 December 2014 with guarantee and deposit from Major shareholder.

**Comprise of "Off Balance sheet" and overdrawn balances with a guarantee and deposits from Major shareholder.

Risk mitigation –collateral

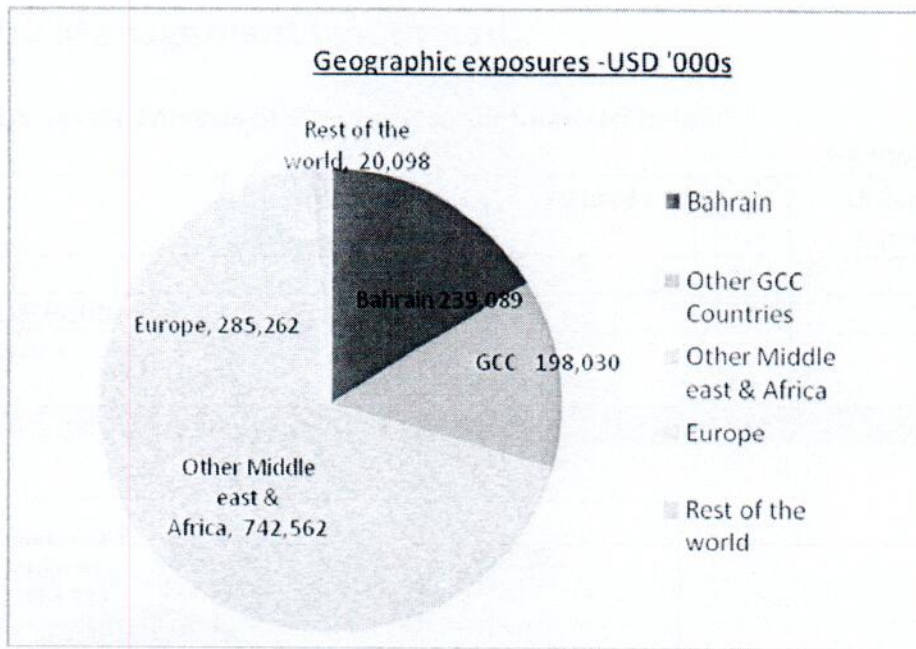
The amount and type of collateral depends on an assignment of the credit risk, credit rating and market conditions of the counterparty. The types of collateral mainly include cash collaterals for both funded and unfunded credit exposures, which is liquidated on maturity/expiry date. However, the impact on cash collateral will be nil with credit downgrade.

Majority of the collateral taken by the Bank is in cash; therefore, concentration risk is not significant. For further details on refer note 21.2 of the annual audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014.

6.2 Geographical distribution of exposures based on residence is summarized below:

	US\$'000		
	Gross credit exposure	Funded exposure	Unfunded exposure
Bahrain	239,089	239,089	-
Other GCC Countries	198,030	197,520	510
Other Middle east & Africa	742,562	477,805	264,757
Europe	285,262	283,005	2,257
Rest of the world	20,098	19,166	932
Total	1,485,041	1,216,585	268,456

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6.2 Geographical distribution of exposures

The geographical distribution of gross credit exposures by major type of credit exposures can be analyzed as follows:

US\$ '000

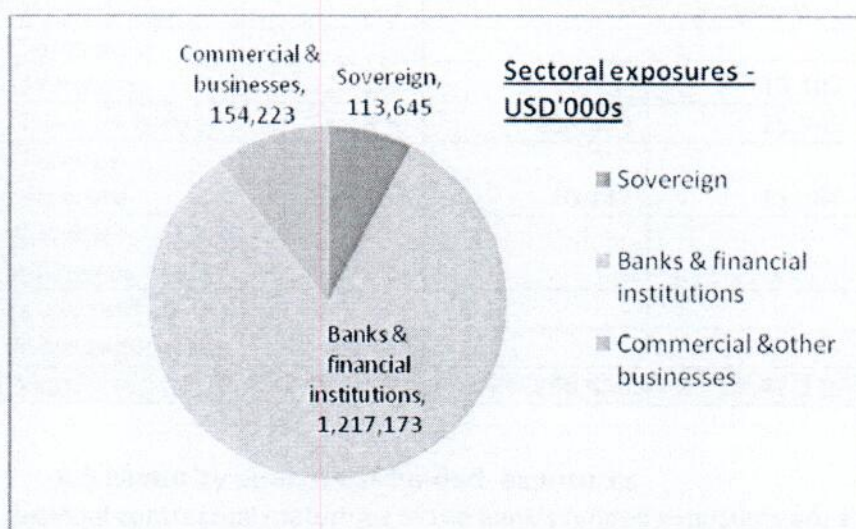
	Bahrain	Other GCC Countries	Other Middle East and Africa	Europe	Rest Of the world	Total
Claims from Sovereigns	22,168	24,060	56,821	-	10,596	113,645
Claims from Banks	198,262	157,041	383,692	219,469	102	958,566
Claims on Corporate	5,064	16,419	37,017	63,536	8,468	130,504
Past due exposures	-	-	236	-	-	236
Equity Portfolio	37	-	-	-	-	37
Other exposures	13,558	-	39	-	-	13,597
Total funded exposure	239,089	197,520	477,805	283,005	19,166	1,216,585
Unfunded exposures	-	510	264,757	2,257	932	268,456
Gross credit exposures	239,089	198,030	742,562	285,262	20,098	1,485,041

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6. Risk Management (continued)

6.3 Industry sector analysis of exposures is summarized below:

	US\$ '000		
	Gross credit exposure	Funded exposure	Unfunded exposure
Sovereign	113,645	113,645	
Banks & financial institutions	1,217,173	958,878	258,295
Commercial & other businesses	154,223	144,062	10,161
Total	1,485,041	1,216,585	268,456



The industry sector analysis of gross credit exposures by major types of credit exposures can be analyzed as follows:

	USD '000s			
	Banks & financial institutions	Sovereign	Commercial & other businesses	Total
Claims from Sovereigns	-	113,645	-	113,645
Claims from Banks	958,566	-	-	958,566
Claims on Corporate	-	-	130,504	130,504
Past due exposures	236			236
Equity Portfolio	37	-		37
Other exposures	39	-	13,558	13,597
Total funded exposure	958,878	113,645	144,062	1,216,585
Unfunded exposures	258,295	-	10,161	268,456
Gross credit exposures	1,217,173	113,645	154,223	1,485,041

Risk Management (continued)

6.4 Exposure by external credit rating

The Bank uses external credit ratings from Standard & Poors, Moodys and Fitch, which are accredited External Credit Assessment Institutions (ECAI). The Bank assigns risk weights through the mapping process provided by CBB to the rating grades. The Bank uses the highest risk weight associated, in case of two or more eligible ECAI are chosen. The breakdown of the Bank's exposure into rated and unrated categories is as follows:

US\$ '000

	Funded exposure	Unfunded exposure	Rated-High standard grade exposure	Rated-Standard grade exposure	Unrated exposure
Claims on sovereigns	113,645		10,187	43,349	60,109
Claims on banks	958,566	258,309	25,945	447,942	742,988
Claims on corporate	130,504	10,147	11,184	30,033	99,434
Past due exposures	236	-	-	-	236
Equity portfolio	37	-		37	
Other exposures	13,597	-	-	-	13,597
Total	1,216,585	268,456	47,316	521,361	916,364

6.5 Maturity analysis of funded exposures

Residual contractual maturities of the Bank's funded exposures are as follows:

US\$ '000

	Within 1 month	1-3 months	3-12 months	Total within 1 year	1-10 years	Over 10 Years	Undated	Total
Claims on Sovereigns	1,676	2,078	5,405	9,159	61,244	43,242	-	113,645
Claims on Banks	464,411	251,409	195,041	910,861	42,673	5,032	-	958,566
Claims on Corporate	20,659	27,282	14,398	62,339	53,270	14,895	-	130,504
Past due exposures	-	-	-	-	236	-	-	236
Equity Portfolio	37	-	-	37	-	-	-	37
Other exposures	48	288	69	405	872	-	12,320	13,597
Total	486,831	281,057	214,913	982,801	158,295	63,169	12,320	1,261,585

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6. Risk Management (continued)

6.6 Maturity analysis of unfunded exposures

US\$ '000

	<i>Notional principal</i>	<i>Within 1 month</i>	<i>1-3 months</i>	<i>3-12 months</i>	<i>Total within 1 year</i>	<i>Over one year</i>	<i>Total</i>
Claims from Banks	258,295	34,335	70,729	140,801	245,865	12,430	258,295
Claims from Corporate	10,161	3	3,465	3,533	7,001	3,160	10,161
Total	268,456	34,338	74,194	144,334	252,866	15,590	268,456

Credit-related contingent items:

Credit related contingent items comprise letters of credit confirmations, acceptance and guarantees. For credit-related contingent items, the nominal value is converted to an exposure through the application of a credit conversion factor (CCF). The CCF applied is at 20% to convert off balance sheet notional amounts into an equivalent on balance sheet exposure.

6.7 Impairment of assets

The Bank makes an assessment at each balance sheet date to determine whether there is objective evidence that a specific financial asset may be impaired. If such evidence exists, an impairment loss is recognized in the statement of comprehensive income.

Evidence of impairment may include indications that a borrower is experiencing significant financial difficulty, default or delinquency in interest or principal payments, the probability that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial re-organisation 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.

The Bank provides sufficiently by specific provision for any impairment and additionally, makes a collective provision of the net loans portfolio higher than 1% as required by the regulator.

Refer Disclosures made under 7.2 for details of impaired loans and relative specific provision made during 2014.

6.8 Market Risk

Market risk is the risk of potential financial loss that may arise from adverse changes in the value of a financial instrument or portfolio of financial instruments due to movements in interest rates, foreign exchange rates and equity prices. This risk arises from asset - liability mismatches, changes that occur in the yield curve and foreign exchange rates. Given the Bank's low risk strategy, aggregate market risk levels are considered very low.

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6. Risk Management (continued)

Interest rate risk on the Banking book arises from the possibility that changes in interest rates will affect the value of financial instruments. The Bank is exposed to interest rate risk as a result of mismatches or gaps in the amounts of assets and liabilities and off-balance sheet instruments that mature or reprice in a given period. The Bank manages this risk by matching the repricing of assets and liabilities through basis point value approach, which measures changes in economic value resulting from changes in interest rates. The Bank's interest rate sensitivity position as of 31 December 2014 for a change in 200 basis points will result in an increase or decrease on statement of income by +/- US\$ 4,194 thousand for US\$ denominated and US\$ 12 on Euro denominated financial instruments.

Currency risk arises from the movement of the rate of exchange over a period of time. The Banks currency risk is limited to Euro denominated assets and liabilities, as Bahrain Dinars and GCC Currencies (except Kuwaiti Dinars) are pegged to US Dollars. The Bank limits this risk by monitoring positions on a regular basis. Thus, the Banks' exposure to currency risk is minimal and insignificant.

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Bank will be unable to meet its funding requirements. Liquidity risk can be caused by market disruptions or a credit downgrade which may cause certain sources of funding to dry up immediately. During 2014, the Bank depended mainly on its own capital and assets weremanaged with liquidity in mind, maintaining a healthy balance of cash, cash equivalents and deposits with banks.

6.9 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 Bank 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 senior management and the Board of Directors.

Operational functions of booking, recording and monitoring of transactions are performed by staff that are independent of the individuals initiating the transactions. Each business line including Operations, Information Technology, Human Resources, 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 Bank policy, and to develop internal procedures that comply with these policies.

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6. Risk Management (continued)

6.10 Capital management :

Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (ICAAP)

The Bank's capital management aims to maintain an optimum level of capital to enable it to pursue the Bank's corporate strategies whilst meeting regulatory ratio requirements.

Comprehensive assessment of economic capital, i.e., credit, market and operational risks and processes relating to other risks such as liquidity, is made, reviewed and monitored regularly. The Bank's capital adequacy ratio of 42.19% is well above the regulatory requirement and provides a healthy cushion against any stress conditions.

Supervisory Review and Evaluation Process (SREP):

Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) is the regulator for the Bank and sets the minimum capital requirement. CBB requires the Bank to maintain a 12% minimum ratio of total capital to risk weighted assets, taking into account both on balance sheet and off balance sheet exposures. The Bank maintains a strong and healthy capital adequacy ratio.

7 Other Disclosures

7.1 Related Party transactions

Related party represents major shareholders, directors, key management personnel and entities significantly influenced by such parties. Pricing policies are at arm's length and approved by executive management and Board of Directors.

31 December 2014

US\$ '000

Exposures to related parties:	97,647
Liabilities to related parties:	
Connected deposits	416,625

For further detail refer note 23 and 24 of the annual audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014.

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7 Other Disclosures (continued)

7.2 Impaired loans and related provision:

31 December 2014

US\$ '000

Gross impaired loans	7,472
Less: Specific provision	(7,236)
Net impaired loans	236

Movement in impairment provision:

US\$ '000	Specific Provision	Collective Provision	Total
Opening balance -1 January 2014	5,384	5,700	11,084
Charge /movement during the year-net	1,852	5,946	7,798
Closing balance -31 December 2014	7,236	11,646	18,882

The impaired loans and provisions against these loans (both collective and specific) relate to commercial and business loans in Middle east and Other GCC Countries. The collaterals consist of securities and properties which are managed by the syndicated agent and valued on an annual basis.

For policies and processes for collateral valuation refer note 21.2 of the annual audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014.

Ageing analysis of past due and impaired loans by sector and geographical area:

US\$'000s	Other GCC Countries	Middle East & North Africa	Total
	<= 3 years	More than 90 days	
Claims on corporate	2,250	26	2,276
Claims on Banks	-	5,196	5,196
Total	2,250	5,222	7,472
Less: Specific Provision	(2,250)	(4,986)	(7,236)
Net Impaired loans	-	236	236

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7 Other Disclosures (continued)

7.3 Restructured facilities:

	<i>31 December 2014</i> <i>US\$ '000</i>
Balance of any restructured credit facilities as at year end	8,412
Loans restructured during the year	-
Impact of restructured credit facilities on present and future earning	-
Interest concession was made on restructured loan.	

7.4 Assets sold under recourse agreements: The Bank did not enter into any recourse agreements during the year ended 31 December 2014.

7.5 Equity positions in the banking book :

	<i>31 December 2014</i> <i>US\$ '000</i>
Equity	37

The Bank's exposure to equity price risk is not significant. Please refer note 21.3.3 of the annual audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014.

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