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Key Figures

EUR 1,000	2019	2018	2017	2016 ¹	2015 ¹
Total assets	3,615,038	4,288,512	4,274,149	4,835,519	5,021,465
Cash and Balances with central banks	721,128	836,208	339,431	441,985	521,524
Loans and advances to banks	325,733	324,599	383,104	538,436	651,717
Loans and advances to customers	2,433,408	2,847,874	3,048,906	2,889,555	2,720,638
Securities	75,114	206,040	438,500	809,648	968,655
Deposits from banks	194,917	803,199	663,792	768,859	989,260
Deposits from customers	2,731,363	2,801,236	2,903,080	3,348,663	3,247,699
Equity	591,995	582,562	594,699	564,397	546,965
Total income	64,141	79,004	91,466	94,014	103,338
Profit for the year	6,612	12,020	26,234	16,412	11,341

RATIOS

Common Equity Tier 1 ratio %	23.89	21.27	20.44	16.70	16.26
Total capital ratio %	26.42	23.58	22.74	18.47	19.04
LCR - Liquidity coverage ratio %	769.9	583.3	359.9	340.6	341.3
Cost to income ratio % ²	67	60	49	47	41
Return on average equity % ³	1.13	2.10	4.53	3.00	2.12
Non-performing loans % ⁴	2.78	3.14	1.93	2.13	4.87
Return on average assets %	0.18	0.29	0.58	0.33	0.23

STAFF & NETWORK

Total average number of employees	244	251	242	236	236
Foreign branches & representative offices	3	3	3	4	4

¹ Financial years 2015 and 2016 are based on Dutch GAAP. From 2017 onwards, the figures are based on IFRS as endorsed by the EU.

² Cost-to-income ratio is calculated using total expenses and total income. Changes to fair value of tangible fixed assets and value adjustments to receivables are excluded.

³ Return on average equity is calculated using average shareholders' equity, excluding result after tax.

⁴ Credit impaired loans to customers / Gross loans to customers

About Us

GBI is a mid-sized European bank established in Amsterdam, the Netherlands in 1990. It serves retail, corporate and institutional clientele. We offer financial solutions to our customers and counterparties in the areas of trade and commodity finance, corporate banking and global markets. GBI also provides targeted retail banking services in the Netherlands and Germany.

We embrace a personal approach towards our clients and counterparties and claim ownership of their challenges. We provide simple yet customized solutions in a complex macroeconomic space. Through our digital solutions and aspirations, we aim to sustain and improve a unique customer experience.

GBI is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Türkiye Garanti Bankası A.S. (Garanti BBVA). Our ultimate parent is Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria S.A. (BBVA) as GBI is fully consolidated by Garanti BBVA and Garanti BBVA is fully consolidated by BBVA. GBI operates in accordance with the Dutch and European Union laws and regulations, and is under the supervision of the European Central Bank (ECB), De Nederlandsche Bank (DNB) and De Autoriteit Financiële Markten (AFM). Since GBI is ultimately consolidated by BBVA, it was added to ECB's list of "Significant Supervised Entities" as of September 2015, alongside the other BBVA entities in the Eurozone.

OUR PURPOSE

**TO BRING THE AGE
OF OPPORTUNITY
TO EVERYONE**

OUR VALUES

**CUSTOMER
COMES FIRST**

**WE ARE EMPATHETIC
WE HAVE INTEGRITY
WE MEET THEIR NEEDS**

WE THINK BIG

**WE ARE AMBITIOUS
WE BREAK THE MOLD
WE AMAZE OUR CUSTOMERS**

WE ARE ONE TEAM

**I AM COMMITTED
WE COLLABORATE
THIS IS OUR BANK**

Supervisory Board

Mr. Recep Baştuğ

Chairman (as of 11 February 2020)

Member of the Remuneration Committee

Mr. Baştuğ graduated from Çukurova University's Faculty of Economics. He started his career in Garanti BBVA's Internal Audit Department in 1989. Mr. Baştuğ worked as a Corporate Branch Manager from 1995 to 1999, a Commercial Regional Manager from 1999 to 2004, a Commercial Banking Coordinator from 2004 to 2012, and served as an Executive Vice President of Commercial Banking and Consumer Finance from 2013 to 2018. Following a brief period as a Vice Chairman at a private company he was appointed as the Board Member, President & CEO at Garanti BBVA on September 1st, 2019. Mr. Baştuğ has 30 years of experience in banking and business administration.

Mr. Aydın Düren

Chairman of Audit and Compliance Committee

Member of Risk Committee

After serving as an associate, partner and managing partner for over 18 years at international private law firms in New York, London and Istanbul, Mr. Düren joined Garanti in 2009 as the Executive Vice President in charge of Legal Services. With 23 years of experience in banking and business administration, his current responsibility areas at Garanti include Legal Advisory Services, Legal Collections, Litigation, Garanti Payment Systems, Legal Services, Legal Operations, Wholesale Recovery and Retail Collections. Furthermore, Mr. Düren is the Vice Chairman of Garanti Bank Pension and Provident Fund Foundation, Garanti Bank International N.V. and Board Member of Garanti Payment Systems, Teachers Academy Foundation and Garanti Mortgage. Since June 2015, Mr. Düren has also served as the Corporate Secretary of Garanti.

Mr. René van der Linden

Chairman of Remuneration Committee

Member of the Supervisory Board of Eureko/ Achmea; Member of the Supervisory Board of Ballast Nedam; Advisory role for the International Affairs Province of Limburg; Advisor of Otto Workforce; Member of the Dutch

Parliament between 1977 and 1998 and Secretary of State of Foreign Affairs between 1986 and 1988; Member of the Benelux Parliament and of the Assembly of the Western European Union; Vice President WEU 1999-2004; Chairman of the European Peoples Party (EPP) in the Council of Europe 1999-2004; President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe 2005-2008; Member of the Senate of the Netherlands 1999-2015; President of the Dutch Senate 2009-2011.

Mr. Harry de Roo

Chairman of Risk Committee (as of January 2020)

Non-executive member of the board and various committees of Rabobank Pensioenfonds since 2017; Treasurer board Stichting Nationaal Energiebespaarfonds since 2013; Board Member of the Trustees and Chairman Audit and Risk Committee at the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) since 2016; Advisor to CBA Europe NV in 2019; Non-executive member of the board and various committees at Banco Terra SA between 2013 and 2017; Advisor to Executive Board Rabobank between 2013 and 2014; CFRO/ managing board member at Rabobank International and board member of several nationally supervised retail bank subsidiaries in, amongst others, the USA, Ireland and Poland of Rabobank International between 2006 and 2013; managing board member at Rabobank International between 2004 and 2006; CFO of domestic banking activities at Rabobank Group between 2000 and 2004.

Mr. Bart Meesters

Member of Audit and Compliance Committee

Dutch qualified lawyer and partner at Loeff Claeys Verbeke/ Allen & Overy 1988-2010; Off-Counsel of Allen & Overy and independent lawyer 2010-2015, Member of the Supervisory Board at Stichting Orkater.

Managing Board



Mr. Erhan Zeyneloğlu

Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Zeyneloğlu began his career at Türkiye Garanti Bankası A.Ş. (Garanti) in Turkey. He joined GBI in 1995. Before his appointment as CEO, Mr. Zeyneloğlu held several managerial positions in various departments. In his most recent role, he served as the Executive Director responsible for Structured Finance and Retail Banking. Mr. Zeyneloğlu holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Boğaziçi University.



Mr. Marco Witteveen

Chief Operating Officer

Mr. Witteveen's professional life began in 1985. He has since enjoyed a 35-year banking career. Twelve of these years involved expatriate assignments in Jakarta, London, New York and Geneva. During this time, he has held various managerial positions in several Dutch banks. Mr. Witteveen joined GBI in 2016 as the Chief Operating Officer responsible for technology and operations. He is a Business Economics graduate of Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.



Dr. Övünç Şişman

Chief Financial Officer

Dr. Şişman began his career in 1999. Before joining GBI in 2003, he held risk management positions at Garanti BBVA. Before joining GBI's Managing Board, he was the Executive Director of Risk Management, Control and Reporting. Dr. Şişman holds a Management Engineering degree from Istanbul Technical University, a Master of Arts degree in Money & Capital Markets and Financial Institutions and a PhD degree in Economics from Istanbul University.



Mr. Cem Bahadır Mutlu

Chief Risk Officer

Mr. Mutlu joined GBI in June 2017 as the Executive Director of Credits. Following all necessary approvals, Mr. Mutlu was formally appointed as a member of the Managing Board and Chief Credit Officer as of 11 January 2018. During his 25-year banking career, Mr. Mutlu has held various positions in several Turkish banks. Between 2007 and 2008, Mr. Mutlu headed Garanti's Luxembourg Branch. Before joining GBI, Mr. Mutlu served as the Corporate Branch Manager of Garanti BBVA's Istanbul Corporate Branch. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Ankara University's Faculty of Political Sciences.

Senior Management Team

TRADE & COMMODITY FINANCE

Mr. Ali Arolat

Executive Director

HUMAN RESOURCES

Ms. Mijke van Tilburg-van Alfen

Director

CORPORATE BANKING

Mr. Osman Barutçu

Executive Director

COMPLIANCE

Ms. Nienke Pepers-Hohmann

Chief Compliance Officer

DIGITAL INNOVATION

Mr. Alex Hurkmans

Chief Digital Officer

INTERNAL AUDIT

Mr. Cenk Taşpınar

Chief Audit Executive

PROCESS & ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Mrs. Ecem Demirel

Process Development Executive

DUSSELDORF BRANCH

Mr. Fahri Birincioğlu

Executive Director

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Economic Developments

THE DOMINANT EVENTS OF 2018 SUCH AS TRADE WARS AND BREXIT MANIFESTED IN 2019, AND WERE ACCOMPANIED BY HEIGHTENED GEOPOLITICAL RISKS.

In 2019, annual global growth has slowed down to an expected 3 percent compared to 2018's 3.6 percent, according to International Monetary Fund's (IMF) October 2019 World Economic Outlook. Compared to the previous report from July 2019, global growth estimate is lowered by 0.2 percent while the 2020 estimate is lowered by 0.1 percent to 3.4 percent.

The dominant events of 2018 such as trade wars and Brexit manifested in 2019, and were accompanied by heightened geopolitical risks. Increased uncertainty showed its effects on numerous economies and in financial markets; prompting large central banks, particularly the Federal Reserve and the European Central Bank to reverse their tightening bias.

US economic activity has shown signs of weakness, with the 2019 annual GDP growth rate expected to drop to 2.4 percent, following 2018's rate of 2.9 percent. After raising the Fed Funds Target rate ceiling to 2.5 percent in December 2018, the Federal Reserve has since cut its policy rate by 75 basis points to 1.75 percent by October to abate the recession fears expressed by the inverted yield curve.

The Eurozone economy lost further momentum in 2019. It is expected to see just 1.2 percent growth, after growing 1.9 percent in 2018. Although the slowdown in the Eurozone is relatively broad-based, underperformance of Germany, the area's largest economy, has had a profound effect. Germany is expected to have grown 0.5 percent, compared to 1.5 percent in 2018. The European Central Bank (ECB), which had unwound its quantitative easing (QE) program at the end of 2018, reversed course after it was expected to hike its policy rate towards the end of 2019. In its September meeting, the ECB took three-pronged action. It lowered its deposit rate to an all-time low of minus 0.5 percent, launched the third incarnation of its Targeted Long-Term Refinancing Operations (TLTRO) with more attractive conditions than announced earlier, and restarted its Asset Purchase Program with no committed end date to conduct quantitative easing, with the aim of lending support to the Eurozone economy. Netherlands has so far navigated the slowdown reasonably well, with an estimated 2019 GDP growth rate of 1.8 percent, compared to 2018's 2.6 percent.

Muted oil prices, coupled with overall low inflationary pressures and a dovish stance of developed markets' central banks, pave the way for lower interest rates in the emerging markets (EM). This window of opportunity comes none too soon, as the 2019 annual GDP growth of EM slowed down to an expected 3.9 percent, compared to 4.5 percent in 2018. Although the slowdown is widespread, IMF projections suggest a quick recovery in 2020.

Financial Analysis

THE GEOGRAPHICAL COMPOSITION OF GBI'S ASSETS CONTINUED TO CHANGE IN LINE WITH THE BANK'S ADOPTED RISK APPETITE.

As of 2018, GBI has adopted the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The Bank's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IFRS-EU as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and adopted by the European Union.

In 2019, GBI's asset generation slowed down mostly due to the weak world trade growth and GBI's conservative credit risk appetite under global uncertainties. The size of the balance sheet has shrunk to the level of EUR 3.6 billion from the level of EUR 4.3 billion at the end of 2018. This decrease is attributed to the decline in interest bearing securities by EUR 121 million due to the further sell-off in an effort to align the security portfolio with the risk appetite and Group policies and decline in loans by EUR 414 million.

The reduction in assets is in line with the Bank's risk transitioning as per the risk policies in place. As a result of this process, the geographical composition of GBI's assets continued to change in line with the risk policies adopted by the Bank. As a result of a 20 percent decrease (or EUR 246 million) in exposure Turkey, the share of the carrying value of the assets and the commitments and contingencies to Turkey has decreased to 25.4 percent (2018: 27.3 percent), whereas the Bank has increased its share of exposures to Europe to 63.5 percent (2018: 62.6 percent). Loans and advances to non-bank financial institutions has seen the largest decrease in 2018 by EUR 283 million.

GBI has improved its asset quality in 2019. No new loans have become credit impaired and the Stage 3 loan ratio has decreased to 2.8 percent in 2019 (2018: 3.1 percent). Despite the repayments in Stage 2 loans, GBI's Stage 2 loan ratio has slightly decreased to 4.0 percent (2018: 4.2 percent). This is primarily due to entries to Stage 2 for quantitative reasons resulting from downgrades in the credit ratings of exposures to Turkey, and a reduction in the overall loan size, which makes the overall relative portion of stage 2 loans bigger.

The Bank continued to pursue a diversified funding strategy based on customer funds. However the Bank has decreased its funding from wholesale markets, as "deposits from banks" have decreased by EUR 608 million because of reduced funding needs. The decrease in the deposits from customers has been limited to EUR 70 million.

Contingent liabilities has moderately increased by 5.9 percent to EUR 367 million in 2019 (2018: EUR 347 million).

The "profit for the year" stands at EUR 6.6 million in 2019, which is a decrease of 45 percent compared to 2018 (EUR 12.0 million). "Total income" amounted to EUR 64.1 million, which is 19 percent lower than in 2018 (EUR 79.0 million). The decrease in total income is mainly explained by the drop in "net interest income" due to the decrease in loans and the reduction in the securities portfolio. Although the total asset size has decreased by 16 percent, the Bank maintained high cash at central banks for prudent liquidity management. This has led to an increased pressure on "Net Interest Income (NII)". As a result, the NII has decreased to EUR 55.7 million in 2019 (2018: EUR 68.1 million), and the "Net Interest Margin (NIM)" has decreased to 1.41 percent (2018: 1.59 percent).

The "net commission income" has decreased from EUR 11.3 million in 2018 to EUR 8.1 million in 2019. Commissions earned on brokerage, advisory and custody services decreased to EUR 1.9 million (2018: 3.2 million) due to less transaction volume generated from our investment services customers. The commission income on

trade finance services fell to EUR 5.8 million in 2019 (2018: EUR 6.9 million) as a result of the decreasing documentary credits volume in parallel to the reduction in global trade.

In 2019, the net trading gain was EUR 0.3 million while in 2018, there was a net trading loss of EUR 0.5 million. Total operating expenses amounted to EUR 46.5 (2018: EUR 50.4 million), which signifies a 7 percent drop in comparison to 2018. This was primarily caused by the reduction in "personnel expenses" (EUR 2.2 million less) and a lowered "other operating expenses" (EUR 2.3 million) compared to 2018.

The "impairment losses on financial assets" decreased by 35 percent to EUR 8.4 million in 2019 (2018: EUR 13.0 million). No new customers moved to Stage 3 in 2019. However the Bank increased the provisioning on existing credit impaired exposures, which led to EUR 11.9 million of impairment losses on Stage 3 loans. This is EUR 1.7 million less compared to 2018. The impairment losses on assets that are not credit impaired (Stage 1 and Stage 2) also decreased by EUR 3.5 million. This is primarily due to the repayments of Stage 2 loans and the reduction in the overall loan size.

Total tax expenses amounted to EUR 2.6 million, which represents an effective tax rate of 28 percent (2018: 23 percent).

Business Strategy and Developments

WE IMPROVED CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE WITH PAPERLESS PROCESSES AND MOBILE COMPATIBLE INTERNET BANKING, LEADING TO SHORTER PROCESSING TIMES.

GBI is a mid-sized European bank. We offer selected transactional banking products to retail and corporate clients since 1990. Our personal approach, reliability, stability and sound balance sheet provide comfort and value to our stakeholders.

GBI primarily serves retail, corporate, institutional and high net-worth clientele. We strive to create an appealing and unique client experience to achieve mutual benefit and client loyalty.

We embrace a personal approach towards our clients and counterparties and claim ownership of their challenges. We provide simple yet customized solutions in a complex regulatory and macroeconomic space. Our digital solutions and aspirations which are firmly supported by our parent Garanti BBVA, and by our ultimate parent BBVA, aim to enhance the value that our clients and counterparties enjoy while teaming up with GBI.

BUSINESS LINES

RETAIL BANKING

GBI has been positioned as an online savings bank both in the Netherlands and Germany for more than two decades. We serve over 75,000 clients in these markets. Approximately half of GBI's balance sheet is funded

through Euro-denominated savings deposits by our retail clients.

We offer simple savings products through digital channels, which include display and search-engine networks, affiliate marketing, and local comparison websites. Our dedicated retail banking teams deliver a unique customer experience with native-speaking and personable call centers in the Netherlands and Germany, which differentiates GBI and bolsters client loyalty.

In April 2019 we conducted annual customer satisfaction survey and the results were as impressive as in previous years. The overall customer satisfaction score is 8.2 on a 10-point scale. We have observed that the improvements to our digital channels have further increased the satisfaction levels of our online customers in both countries.

In this year's customer satisfaction survey, we also introduced a donation program in collaboration with the Make-A-Wish Foundation. This initiative gave us the opportunity to contribute to a social responsibility project.

In June 2019, we implemented a video-identification service, which enabled our customers in Germany to open an account from anywhere using any capable device. We will be launching this facility in the Netherlands in 2020.

Internet banking services renewal process has already started in Germany in 2019 and the new portal will be launched in Q2-2020 with many additional functionalities. In the Dutch market, we have diversified our funding base by offering small business segment-specific savings products. We appreciate the strong interest in these products since launch and are planning to enhance our service level to the Dutch SME clients by debuting our new digital portal to this segment when it becomes available in 2020.

Additionally, both our retail websites in the Netherlands and Germany will be redesigned with a new look and feel, which is estimated to be available by Q1-2020.

TRADE & COMMODITY FINANCE

International trade and financing of commodities and merchandise can be challenging and complex. Geopolitical events, global supply and demand imbalances, regulatory and jurisdictional variations, commodity and currency price fluctuations, natural disasters and weather conditions constantly test the sustainability and resilience of global trade and its actors.

Since GBI's inception in 1990, we have served corporations functioning as international merchants and supply-chain managers, that physically trade various commodities and corporations that produce, store, import, export and distribute commodities and other merchandise as part of the global supply chain. Our clients take an active role in the international physical trade of metals, agricultural products and energy commodities with trade flows spanning across Europe, the Middle-East, Africa, the Americas and Asia.

"Trade & Commodity Finance" delivers traditional products such as transactional trade finance facilities with or without self-liquidating structures, hedging and margin-call financing, syndicated facilities, Schuldschein lending, documentary credits and collections. In the context of cross-selling and holistic client coverage, we also offer correspondent banking solutions, trade-receivables factoring, hedging and cash management services. With such a vast array of banking and trade finance products, we continuously strive to deliver the best value and risk coverage to our clientele with fast and seamless execution. Consequently, our clients enjoy simple solutions and smooth handling while we deal with any challenges and complexities in the background.

2019 has been a year that was a combination of instability in the macroeconomic and geopolitical landscape coupled with uncertainties on Brexit and the trade dispute between the US and China. These developments had a negative impact on global trade throughout 2019, generating a level of uncertainty in the marketplace, which impacts both trade flows and financing provided by the financial

institutions. In line with the global trends in the market, GBI's trade finance volume has decreased in 2019. The Bank has continued its focus on superior client experience and targeted geographical and product coverage.

Going forward, we aim at expansion of potential cooperation synergies with other BBVA entities.

CORPORATE BANKING

Under our Corporate Banking coverage, we serve a select set of corporate clientele with international operations, which are predominantly based in the Netherlands, the rest of the European Union and Turkey.

As with our trade and commodity finance solutions, our offerings through this window can be categorized under transaction banking products. These include, but are not limited to, working capital loans, trade-loans, local currency lending, and customized structured products such as limited or without recourse receivables finance, Islamic finance and cash management products. To promote cross-selling, any of the aforementioned can be combined or used alongside documentary credits, collections, correspondent banking arrangements or hedging products, to best serve the interest of our clients.

In addition to delivering various services and lending products, we also attract deposits from our corporate clients. These are roughly equivalent to a quarter of our retail banking funding, a substantial amount of which is denominated in U.S. dollars.

Key success factors of our Corporate Banking offerings are clear communication and coordination, a personal approach, swift execution and embracing ownership of our clients' challenges.

With the support of ongoing digitalization of processes and products, GBI will continue to provide good service to its clients throughout 2020.

IN 2020 GMS AIMS TO DELIVER REVENUE AND ASSET GROWTH IN A PRUDENT AND SUSTAINABLE MANNER, FOCUSING ON PROVIDING VALUE TO OUR CLIENTS AND ALL STAKEHOLDERS.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

GBI has had successful relationships with other global or regional financial institutions and investors since its inception in 1990.

The "Financial Institutions and Investor Relations (FI&IR)" unit covers GBI's relationships with other financial institutions (FIs) around the globe. The unit has also been active in originating bilateral and structured wholesale funding from other FIs globally, facilitating the origination and distribution of trade-related assets in the primary and secondary markets, and maintaining correspondent banking relations. These efforts support our corporate clients in their need for documentary credits, collections and cross-border payment products. FI&IR is also responsible for maintaining relations with rating agencies and coordinating GBI's rating process.

GLOBAL MARKETS

Our "Global Markets" activity incorporates trading functions related to fixed income, rates, derivatives and currencies.

The Global Markets team provides market access for GBI's Global Markets Sales activity, which in turn support corporate and individual investor clientele and manages very limited positions in the cited financial markets. We are able to reach sizeable transaction volumes through our broad network of market counterparties. This ensures fast, accurate and competitive pricings for our customers in compliance with Mifid-II regulations.

GLOBAL MARKETS SALES

Global Markets Sales Department provides financial intermediary services to high net worth individual and corporate clients. Our services are delivered to our clients in advisory and execution-only forms. We provide our clients access to global financial markets. Our advisory services are designed for clients who would like to receive guidance in their financial investments. We provide risk-based portfolio advice, and investment and risk management ideas to help our clients achieve capital preservation and steady portfolio growth. Our brokerage services are for the clients who seek market access through direct, fast and accurate order execution.

GBI aims to position itself as the home-bank of core clients by providing a complete set of financial services through its Global Markets Sales activity. Owing to its enhanced returns, coherent advisory and transparency in relationships the Bank enjoys high customer loyalty.

In 2020 GMS aims to deliver revenue and asset growth in a prudent and sustainable manner, focusing on providing value to our clients and all stakeholders.

ASSET, LIABILITY & CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

GBI focuses on prudent balance sheet management with the aim to sustain adequate risk-adjusted return on capital, a sound funding structure and strong level of solvency and liquidity. The Bank has an "Asset and Liability Management (ALM)" function that acts as the central point and applies a funds transfer pricing mechanism, isolating front offices from market risks. These risks are translated into an institutional level to be strategically navigated by the Assets and Liabilities Committee (ALCO). GBI oversees the efficient capital allocation and the management of liquidity, interest rate and exchange rate risks through its Finance function, which analyses and reports on these risks and proposes alternative strategies to ALCO.

GBI's overall approach to capital management is intended to maintain sufficient capital to cover the (economic) risks at all levels and to ensure compliance with regulations. GBI's Capital Management strategy is driven by its strategic aims and risk appetite. Our policy is to retain sufficient financial flexibility to implement GBI's strategy in all market conditions. GBI's Risk Appetite Statement forms the basis of the capital plan. The capital plan sets targets well above the minimum regulatory requirements. The Risk Appetite Statement and targets are developed and communicated to all affiliated businesses. Policies for recovery planning are a natural extension of GBI's capital management policies. Within this context and as a BBVA Group entity, GBI is subject to the Internal Liquidity Adequacy Assessment Process (ILAAP) and Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (ICAAP) as stipulated by the European Central Bank to BBVA Group.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk management at GBI is directed and overseen by the independent Risk Management function. The function primarily serves to correctly identify, measure and propose management actions for risks to ALCO, Risk Management Committees and the Supervisory Board in normal and stressed economic conditions and to oversee our business activities to ensure that they are consistent with GBI's risk appetite.

In its day-to-day business, GBI is exposed to multiple financial risks. These include liquidity and funding risks, credit risk in our lending and banking transactions and market risk in its trading positions.

In addition to these financial risks, GBI is subject to non-financial risks in its daily operations. These pertain to IT and cybersecurity, operational processes, integrity risks, compliance to rules (particularly in relation to "Know Your Customer" and "Anti Money Laundering" and "Sanctions"), regulations, laws as well as the ethical norms that generally apply to our people and activities by society at large.

The overall amount of risk that GBI is willing to take is established in the Risk Appetite Framework. We monitor a range of risk metrics to ensure our risk profile is in line with our risk appetite. The Risk Appetite Statement, the Principles of Risk Appetite and the Limit Framework, all of which are approved by the Supervisory Board, are designed to withstand market volatility and stress, while meeting strategic goals and regulatory requirements. They combine various financial and non-financial risk disciplines into a single converged approach and provide businesses with a clear and fair view of their risks and the way these risks are managed.

In 2019, we continued taking actions to increase risk management skills and awareness across the Bank and focused on further alignment of our business model with our strategy and risk appetite. As part of our continuous improvement process, we further improved our internal control system, ensuring compliance with applicable laws and regulations and observed market practices, especially in relation to the management of Anti Money Laundering risks. Further disclosures on risk management are provided in the 'Risk Management' section of the financial statements in this Annual Report.

Digital Transformation

OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS, MUCH EFFORT WENT INTO EMBEDDING THE FOUNDATION WITH RESPECT TO AGILITY AND SPEED, CONNECTION TO EXISTING ECOSYSTEMS AND MARKET PRACTICES

Our digital transformation program continues with speed and agility. The four fundamental aspects (namely Engaging Customers, Empowering Employees, Optimizing Operations and Transforming Products) that have dominated the Single Development Agenda (“SDA”) of GBI since 2017 will remain driving forces in the coming years.

Over the last three years, much effort went into embedding the foundation with respect to agility and speed, connection to existing ecosystems and market practices, blurring the boundaries between Business and IT, engaging and empowering the workforce, the introduction of process driven epics and stories based on lean methodologies, rapid developments to simplify and automate workflows with regulatory requirements and security aspects that are integrated by design. Based on these embedded fundamentals GBI can now shift focus and show its clients the big changes that are being implemented.

TANGIBLE END PRODUCTS

- Fully integrated 360 Client view and Client Life Cycle functionality ready for Do-it-Yourself (“DiY”)
- Corporate Internet Banking functionality ready for mass roll-out
- Integrated Digital Enablement and Agreement of Loans (“DEAL”)
- PSD2 compliancy
- Organizational transformation and facilitating Anywhere, Anytime principles to further engage our workforce

Our ultimate end-game is to grant our clients integral access to desired banking services by aligning the omnichannel, introduce DiY principles for onboarding and placing transactions, and use transactional feedback as input for our value chains led by process owners to continuously increase their engagement. Furthermore, the forthcoming change to our digital presence is expected to make it easier to reach us. Our maturing adaptive organization can create continuous value for clients and ensure compliant processing. Last but not least, the foundation for a data-driven culture has been laid following the introduction of a solid data governance model in 2019.

Outlook 2020

OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES IN 2020 INCLUDE GROWTH AND DIVERSIFICATION IN TRADE FINANCE, PENETRATION INTO LOCAL LENDING, EFFECTIVE COST MANAGEMENT AND FURTHER DIGITALIZATION OF OPERATIONAL FLOWS AND CUSTOMER SERVICES.

GBI’s 2020 operational plan is based on the global economic environment. The world economy continues to weaken. Growing trade protectionism and increased uncertainty are negatively affecting economic activity, particularly investments and exports. This, in turn, adds to the effects of the Chinese structural slowdown and the cyclical moderation of the US economy. Inflation pressures remain muted overall. The slowdown of global growth and the expected reduction of oil prices should help to keep inflation at relatively low levels, both in developed and emerging economies. It is also likely that the fiscal policy will continue to have little effect on counteracting economic moderation.

Our risk management approach will continue to sustain strong solvency, sufficient liquidity and low leverage to maintain our asset quality while targeting a cost-effective structure.

Our strategic priorities in 2020 include growth in Trade Finance bilateral loan, diversification in Trade Finance Syndications, and the continued digitalization of operational flows and customer services. Our ambition to work with the best and most engaged team will be the main focus of our talent and culture strategy.

We will continue to focus on international trade flows to further grow the loan book, which is currently composed of select simple transactional banking products. We will continue with our stable funding strategy, which is aimed at preserving the retail franchise and diversifying our wholesale funding base. In 2020, we aim to improve our return on equity through prudent asset generation to optimize the net interest margin and effective cost management through increased digitalisation. Our main aim in 2020 is to maintain strong customer satisfaction and create value for our stakeholders in a responsible manner.

**GBI'S
INTERNAL CONTROL
OVER FINANCIAL
REPORTING
IS A PROCESS
DESIGNED
UNDER THE
SUPERVISION
OF MANAGEMENT.**

Corporate Governance

FINANCIAL REPORTING PROCESS

As GBI is a wholly owned subsidiary of Türkiye Garanti Bankası A.S. (Garanti BBVA), which is in turn a consolidated subsidiary of Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria S.A. (BBVA), GBI's policies and procedures for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting are similar to those applied by Garanti BBVA, the parent and BBVA, the ultimate parent.

GBI's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed under the supervision of management to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our internal control over financial reporting includes policies and procedures that:

- pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of GBI;
- provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that our receipts and expenditures are made only in accordance with the authorizations of our management and directors; and
- provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, and any use or disposition of our assets that could have a material effect on our financial statements.

MANAGING BOARD COMPOSITION

GBI aims to have an adequate and balanced composition of its Managing Board. Thereto, annually, the Supervisory Board assesses the composition of the Managing Board. In the context of such assessment, GBI aims to achieve a gender balance in its Managing Board aiming that at least 30 percent of the members would be men and at least 30 percent of the members would be women. However, since GBI needs to balance several other relevant selection criteria when composing its Managing Board, the composition of the Managing Board did not match the above-mentioned gender balance in 2019. GBI will continue to strive for an adequate and balanced composition of its Managing Board in future appointments, by taking into account all relevant selection criteria including but not limited to gender balance, executive experience, experience in corporate governance of large stock-listed companies and experience in the political and social environment.

INFORMATION ON MEMBERS OF THE MANAGING BOARD

The Managing Board comprises the following members:

Name	Year of Birth	Position	Member since
Mr. S. E. Zeyneloğlu	1967	Chief Executive Officer	2015
Mr. Ö. Şişman	1977	Chief Financial Officer	2015
Mr. M. Witteveen	1960	Chief Operations Officer	2016
Mr. C.B. Mutlu	1968	Chief Risk Officer	2018

In 2019, the composition of the Managing Board changed as it was decided upon mutual agreement, that Ms. Etker-Simons would resign from her role on 30 June 2019. The shareholder, as per the recommendation of the Supervisory Board, has decided not to appoint a new Managing Board member to replace Ms. Etker-Simons and to re-allocate the responsibilities among the existing four members of the Managing Board. As a result of this decision the Managing Board of GBI includes four positions.

The full profile of the Managing Board can be found in the "Charter Governing the Managing Board", which is published on GBI's websites www.garantibank.eu, www.garantibank.nl and www.garantibank.de.

SUPERVISORY BOARD

GBI needs to balance several relevant selection criteria when composing its Supervisory Board but strives for an adequate and balanced composition thereof, by taking into account all relevant selection criteria including, but not limited to experience in banking, gender balance, executive experience, experience in corporate governance, and experience in the political and social environment.

The Supervisory Board assesses its composition annually (2019: Zero percent women). In the context of such assessment, GBI aims to have a gender balance in its Supervisory Board aiming that at least 30 percent of the members would be men and at least 30 percent of the members would be women.

INFORMATION ON MEMBERS OF THE SUPERVISORY BOARD

The Supervisory Board currently consists of four members whose combined experience and technical knowledge are suitable for the international and specialized nature of GBI's businesses from commercial, economic, financial and risk management points of view. The full profile of the Supervisory Board as of December 2019 can be found in the 'Charter Governing the Supervisory Board', which is published on GBI's websites www.garantibank.eu, www.garantibank.nl and www.garantibank.de.

The Members of the Supervisory Board are elected for a term of four years.

The Supervisory Board comprises the following members:

Name	Year of Birth	Position	Member since	End of Term
Mr. R. Baştuğ	1967	Chairman	2020	2024
Mr. A. Düren	1968	Vice Chairman	2017	2021
Mr. R. van der Linden	1943	Member	2012	2020
Mr. B. Meesters	1954	Member	2012	2020
Mr. J.H. de Roo	1956	Member	2020	2024

In 2019, the following changes were made to the composition of the Supervisory Board:

- Mr. Erbil resigned on 15 October 2019 from his roles as a member and Chairman of the Supervisory Board and member of the Remuneration Committee of the Supervisory Board.
- Mr. Cramer resigned on 30 June 2019 from his roles as a member of the Supervisory Board and Chairman of the Risk Committee of the Supervisory Board.
- Following the resignation of Mr. Erbil, and subsequent to the regulatory approval, the shareholder appointed Mr. E Baştuğ as a new member of the Supervisory Board on 11 February 2020 for a term of four years and as the Chairman of the Supervisory Board and a member of the Remuneration Committee of the Supervisory Board.
- Following the Extraordinary Meeting of the Shareholders and the regulatory approvals, Mr. de Roo was appointed as a new member of the Supervisory Board for a term of four years and as the Chairman of the Risk Committee of the Supervisory Board, effective as of January 2020.

FUTURE-ORIENTED BANKING

As a successor of the Dutch Banking Code (Code Banken) the Dutch Banking Association (NVB) introduced in a package called "Future-Oriented Banking" that consists of the Social Charter, an updated Banking Code and the rules of conduct associated with the Banker's Oath. The updated Banking Code, which came into effect on 1 January 2015, applies to all activities performed in or directed towards the Netherlands by banks established in the Netherlands and licensed by DNB. The reporting by banks on their compliance with the new Code will be based on self-regulation.

The principles in the 'old' Code which have now been incorporated into the current legislation and regulation, are not repeated in the updated Banking Code. In the event of overlap or contradiction with applicable legislation or regulatory requirements, the former shall prevail over the updated Banking Code. GBI applies the principles of "Future-Oriented Banking" by embedding the assumptions of the Social Charter of the NVB in its Code of Conduct and by embedding the principles of the updated Banking Code in the governance structure.

All employees must comply with the self-regulations that apply within GBI. The Managing Board and Supervisory Board are responsible for ensuring as such with due regard for each other's duties and powers.

Amsterdam, 14 February 2020

THE MANAGING BOARD

- Mr. S.E. Zeyneloğlu, Chief Executive Officer
- Mr. M.Ö. Şişman
- Mr. M.J. Witteveen
- Mr. C.B. Mutlu

THE SUPERVISORY BOARD HAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE MANAGING BOARD'S PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER THE NET PROFIT OF 2019, WHICH TOTALS EUR 6.6 MILLION, TO THE OTHER RESERVES RATHER THAN PAYING A DIVIDEND.

Financial Statements

The financial statements were drawn up by the Managing Board and were audited in accordance with Article 27, paragraph 1 of the Articles of Association by KPMG Accountants N.V. (KPMG). In compliance with the provisions of the Articles of Association of GarantiBank International N.V. (GBI, the Bank), the Supervisory Board has reviewed the Annual Report and approved the financial statements of the year 2019. In accordance with Article 29 of the Articles of Association, the Supervisory Board advises and proposes that the Shareholder adopt the 2019 financial statements at the next Annual General Meeting of Shareholders to be held in 2020. The Supervisory Board also recommends that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders discharge the members of the Managing Board and the Supervisory Board from their respective management and supervisory duties related to the financial year of 2019.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND PROPOSED DIVIDEND

The Supervisory Board has voted to adopt the Managing Board's proposal to transfer the net profit of 2019, which totals EUR 6.6 million, to the other reserves rather than paying a dividend.

SUPERVISORY BOARD MEETINGS

The Supervisory Board met on six occasions during the reporting period, and a quorum of members of the Supervisory Board was present at all meetings. In the meetings, the current business developments and performance of the Bank were discussed thoroughly and considerable time was devoted to reviewing the Bank's strategy, current and future economic challenges, intensified supervision, compliance with compounded international and national regulations, actions to address the requirements of De Nederlandsche Bank (DNB); correspondence with regulators, including the DNB, the Autoriteit Financiële Markten (AFM) and the European Central Bank (ECB); continuous focus on a prudent and proactive credit risk management, the Risk Appetite, and the review and approval of various policies related to the

group alignment process with BBVA and the preservation of good relations with our stakeholders. The 2018 annual figures and all related reports were assessed in the presence of the Bank's external auditor during the Supervisory Board meetings held on 29 January 2018 and 26 February 2019. The budget for 2020 was discussed and approved during the Supervisory Board meeting held on 19 December 2019. The external audit plan has been approved and the independence of the external auditor has been confirmed. The CFO attended all meetings and presented financial and risk management issues. The CRO presented risk-related topics at every meeting he attended. The COO presented the implementation of the IT strategy and the Supervisory Board discussed the steps required to realize the Bank's digital vision. Compliance related updates were discussed at all meetings. During the year, the Chairman of the Supervisory Board maintained close contact with the CEO, in addition to attending regular meetings of the Supervisory Board.

SUPERVISORY BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

While retaining overall responsibility, the Supervisory Board assigns certain tasks to three permanent committees as listed below and further outlined in the Supervisory Board Charter:

- [Audit and Compliance Committee](#)
- [Risk Committee](#)
- [Remuneration Committee](#)

AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

Members: Mr. A. Düren (*Chairman*) and Mr. B. Meesters

In 2019, the Audit and Compliance Committee of the Supervisory Board (ACSB) met five times. The Audit and Compliance Committee assists the Supervisory Board in supervising the activities of the Managing Board with respect to: (a) the quality and effectiveness of the internal risk management and controls systems of the Bank, including supervision of the enforcement of relevant laws and regulations and operation of the Codes of Conduct, Whistleblower regulations and corporate governance framework; (b) overseeing the quality and efficiency of the financial reporting processes; (c) submitting proposals for the selection, appointment, reelection and replacement of the external auditor; (d) ensuring that the internal audit and compliance functions can complete their responsibilities in an independent manner; (e) internal audit and compliance activities, findings, reports; and acting as the ultimate reporting authority for the internal audit and compliance departments; (f) ensuring that follow-up is given to the recommendations of the internal and external auditors, and that deficiencies identified are remedied within the appropriate time frames; (g) overseeing external auditor independence and fees.

During 2019, the Audit and Compliance Committee has paid and will continue to pay special attention to the follow-up of the DNB examinations, compliance with regulations on Customer Due Diligence and Anti Money Laundering, ongoing training and strengthening of three lines of defence controls, including related processes and procedures, and culture and awareness of nonfinancial and integrity risks. Further attention has also been paid to the implementation of laws and regulations, such as DGS (3.0), AnaCredit, AMLD4, MiFID II, PSD2 and GDPR. The Supervisory Board is regularly provided with follow-up reports and closely monitors progress made regarding GBI's ongoing commitment to meet regulatory recommendations. The Committee has discussed the external audit plan for 2019 and assessed the independence of the external auditor through the Group. The Committee discussed the report

of the external auditor regarding the audit of the 2018 financial statements, including the management letter observations and monitored GBI's transition from the Dutch Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (D-GAAP) to IFRS in its statutory financial statements in 2018. The first-time implementation of IFRS9 has also been followed-up by the Committee.

RISK COMMITTEE

Members: Mr. W. Cramer (*Chairman, till June 2019*), Mr. H. de Roo (*Chairman, as of January 2020*), Mr. A. Düren (*Acting Chairman, June 2019 – January 2020*)

The Risk Committee of the Supervisory Board met five times in 2019. The Risk Committee assists the Supervisory Board with its responsibilities related to the supervision of the Managing Board's activities with respect to the review and assessment, as appropriate, of risk management policies, practices and processes through the establishment and maintenance of an effective risk management framework, including the corporate risk policies for each risk type. It also advises the Supervisory Board in regards to the adoption of said policies, and analyzes and assesses the control and management policies of the Bank's different risks and information and internal control systems, including the Risk Appetite Statement together with other risk appetite framework metrics of the Bank, ICAAP and ILAAP. The Committee manages an agenda on all material risk areas requiring Supervisory Board approval concerning proposals and recommendations, as per an initiative led by the Managing Board or the Supervisory Board.

The Risk Committee monitors and periodically assesses the effectiveness of GBI's risk governance. In this capacity, the Risk Committee reviewed the Risk Appetite Statement and various Management Policies, such as the Credit Policies, Market Risk Policy, Liquidity Risk Policies, Interest Rate Risk Policy, Operational Risk Policies, Concentration Policies and Investment Policy, and submitted its recommendations to the Supervisory Board for approval.

The Risk Committee also discusses DNB and ECB reports, such as the SREP letter, and ensures that the findings are addressed adequately. It also reviews and approves the Bank's Pillar III Disclosures before publication.

REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

Members: Mr. R. van der Linden (*Chairman*), Mr. F. Erbil (*till October 2019*) and Mr. R. Baştuğ (*as of February 2020*)

The Remuneration Committee of the Supervisory Board met five times in 2019. The role of the Remuneration Committee is to assist the Supervisory Board in supervising the activities of the Managing Board with respect to: (a) the design, implementation and approval of a long-term remuneration policy that is in line with the Bank's strategy, risk appetite, objectives and values, taking into account the long-term interests of the Bank, the relevant international context and wider social acceptance; (b) the terms and conditions of employment and remuneration of the Managing Board members, overseeing performance targets to be set by the Managing Board members and the Managing Board as a whole; (c) the design, approval and evaluation of the remuneration policy for Identified Staff and senior management. During its meetings, the Remuneration Committee considered various personnel issues such as turnover, new recruits and promotions, personnel budget and remuneration packages of the Managing Board, the variable remuneration for Identified Staff, the total amount of fixed salaries for 2019 and the total amount of variable remuneration to be distributed within the Bank. Proposed remuneration packages including fixed and variable components, training budget, pension plans and promotions were reviewed and approved. Additionally, the Remuneration Policy was reviewed and proposed to the Supervisory Board for various updates.

GOVERNANCE

Effective corporate governance in accordance with high international standards is fundamental for GBI. The Supervisory Board will ensure responsible, value-driven management and control of the Bank through strong corporate governance. This has five key elements:

- good relations with all stakeholders
- effective cooperation between the Managing Board and the Supervisory Board
- a sound remuneration policy for all staff
- a transparent reporting system
- sound and ethical operations in accordance with the Bank's mission, strategy and objectives.

The Charter Governing the Supervisory Board contains the "Supervisory Board principles" of the Dutch Banking Code. The content of this charter is taken from the Articles of Association, the Dutch Civil Code, Capital Requirements Directive and the respective EU regulations and the Dutch Banking Code. The charter concerns the roles and responsibilities of the Supervisory Board, the supervision of the activities of the Managing Board, and the composition and structure of the Supervisory Board. This includes (re)appointment, rotation plans, retirement, meeting schedules, adoption of resolutions, conflicts of interest, and permanent education. The charter describes the different committees of the board, the co-operation with the Managing Board and also includes a Supervisory Board profile. Additionally, the individual personal details of each board member are described. GBI meets the requirements that the Supervisory Board is composed in such a way that it is able to perform its tasks properly, ensuring that the competence, experience and independence requirements of the members are met. The governance of the Managing Board is in compliance with the "Executive Board principles" of the Dutch Banking Code.

MORAL AND ETHICAL CONDUCT DECLARATION

The members of the Managing Board have signed the moral and ethical conduct declaration. By this declaration, the members declare to perform their duties as bankers with integrity and care, and that they will prioritize the customers' interests. The moral and ethical conduct declaration is published on GBI's website www.garantibank.eu. Furthermore, as per the decision of the Ministry of Finance, all GBI personnel, the Supervisory Board members and the Managing Board members have taken the Banker's Oath.

PERMANENT EDUCATION

GBI annually organizes a permanent education program for the members of the Managing Board and the Supervisory Board, as required by the Banking Code. Each year, a subject is touched upon in the form of a workshop. In April 2019, a workshop was held on General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The workshop included a detailed overview of the regulation and its impact on the dynamics of the financial industry.

RISK MANAGEMENT

As a financial institution, GBI is exposed to a variety of risks. To ensure measured risk-taking, GBI has integrated risk management into its daily activities and strategic planning. The Risk Management Department assists the Bank with the formulation of its risk appetite, risk strategy and policies, and provides an overview, supervision and support function with regards to risk-related issues.

Risk management is frequently addressed in Supervisory Board meetings and in the meetings of the Supervisory Board's Risk Committee. The Bank's risk appetite is discussed yearly and approved by the Supervisory Board. The Supervisory Board supervises the risk policy applied by the Managing Board, and as part of its supervision, discusses the Bank's risk profile and assesses at a strategic

level whether the capital allocation and liquidity position of the Bank and its operations are in line with the Bank's approved risk appetite. In the performance of this supervisory role, the Supervisory Board is advised by its Risk Committee. GBI's Managing Board has also established a Risk Management Committee, which supervises all risk management activities at the Bank. The Committee includes several members of the Managing Board.

The 'Risk Management principles' of the Dutch Banking Code are adequately met. The Bank's risk policy is characterized by its comprehensive approach, it is transparent and has both a short-term and long-term focus, taking into account reputational and non-financial risks. Detailed disclosures on the risk management practices of the Bank can be found in the Report on Capital Adequacy and Risk Management, which is published on GBI's website www.garantibank.eu.

NEW BUSINESS AND PRODUCT GOVERNANCE PROCESS

The governance around the new business and product development is explained in the Operational Risk Admission and Product Governance (ORA & PG) Policy, which is approved by the Supervisory Board. The ORA & PG Policy covers the entire process, starting from the initial proposal until the business or product is approved according to the assessment and approval processes.

New products that will go through the ORA & PG shall not be introduced to the market or distributed to various channels without prior careful examination of the risks for the Bank as well as the client, and without the approval of the ORA & PG Committee and the final approval of the Management Team. ORA & PG Committee and the Management Team, which consists of the Managing Board members and Executive Directors, is the ultimate body to approve or disapprove the introduction of a new product. New business that will go through the ORA & PG process will be further escalated to the Supervisory Board for final approval.

INTERNAL AUDIT

The Bank assumes all related Dutch and EU regulations, the guidelines of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision and the Institute of Internal Auditors regarding the Internal Audit function, which is formed as an independent, objective assurance and consulting activity designed to add value and improve the operations of the organization. An independent Audit function directly reports to the Audit & Compliance Committee of the Supervisory Board. The Executive Director of Internal Audit is always present in meetings held by the Audit and Compliance Committee of the Supervisory Board. Furthermore, the external auditor sometimes takes part in the Audit and Compliance Committee meetings. A tri-partite meeting with DNB and the external auditor was held on 8 October 2019.

REMUNERATION

GBI has implemented a meticulous, restrained and long-term remuneration policy in line with its strategy and risk appetite. The policy focuses on ensuring sound and effective risk management through:

- a stringent governance structure for setting goals and communicating these goals to the employees
- including both financial and non-financial goals in performance and result assessments
- making fixed salaries the main remuneration component

The policy reflects GBI's objectives for good corporate governance and meets the requirements established in DNB's Guidelines on Controlled Remuneration Policy and the Dutch Banking Code, except for one item which has been neutralized by applying the proportionality principle. GBI will not meet the bonus share part of the guidelines as employees of GBI are not rewarded with shares of GBI. Furthermore, the additional administration requirements are not comparable to the aggregate amount and level of variable remuneration distributed by the Bank.

GBI is following the Group policy on Annual Variable Compensation for certain identified staff members. This policy stipulates how the variable remuneration granted under the GBI remuneration policy to those identified staff members should be treated. 50 percent of the 2019 annual variable compensation will be paid in BBVA shares, and the remaining amount will be paid in cash. For 2019, 60 percent of the annual variable compensation, as shares or as cash, will be paid in 2019 and the remaining 40 percent will be payable, if applicable, in 2023. Amounts deferred from the 2019 annual variable remuneration, both in cash and in shares, will be subject to multi-year performance indicators during the deferral period.

Once a year, the Remuneration Committee monitors compliance with the remuneration policy. The Remuneration Committee submits any policy adjustments for review to the Supervisory Board and for adoption to the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders. A description of the composition, duties and authority of the Remuneration Committee is defined in the remuneration policy and the Charter of the Supervisory Board. In 2019, none of the Managing Board members received an annual remuneration of more than EUR 1 million. The annual paid out amount of variable remuneration to natural persons amounts to EUR 1.2 million in 2019, which includes the deferred payments of the previous performance years amounting to EUR 0.3 million. As of 2019, two GBI employees were identified who met the quantitative criteria of the Group policy on annual variable compensation. The Supervisory Board would like to thank the members of the Managing Board and all staff for their hard work and commitment to the Bank.

Amsterdam, 14 February 2020

THE SUPERVISORY BOARD

- Mr. R. Baştuğ, (Chairman)
- Mr. A. Düren, (Vice Chairman)
- Mr. P.R.H.M. van der Linden
- Mr. B.J.M.A. Meesters
- Mr. J.H. de Roo

**GBI PREPARES
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Financial
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Statement of Financial Position AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Notes	31-Dec-19	31-Dec-18
Assets			
Cash and balances with central banks	3	721,128	836,208
Loans and advances to banks	4	325,733	324,599
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss			
- Mandatorily at fair value through profit or loss	6	1,463	11,399
- Trading derivatives	40	1,910	13,562
- Non-trading derivatives	40	5,606	8,411
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	7	73,651	194,641
Loans and advances to customers	5	2,433,408	2,847,874
Property and equipment	8	32,343	29,545
Intangible assets	9	5,274	4,796
Current tax asset	14	8,557	10,640
Other assets	10	5,965	6,837
Total Assets		3,615,038	4,288,512
Liabilities			
Deposits from banks	11	194,917	803,198
Deposits from customers	12	2,731,363	2,801,236
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss			
- Trading derivatives	40	1,687	13,483
- Non-trading derivatives	40	13,132	14,706
Subordinated liabilities	13	50,398	50,398
Deferred tax liability	14	2,690	3,006
Other liabilities	15	28,856	19,923
Total Liabilities		3,023,043	3,705,950
Equity			
Share capital	16	136,836	136,836
Retained earnings		447,523	440,911
Other reserves	16	7,636	4,815
Total Equity attributable to owners of the Bank		591,995	582,562
Total Liabilities and Equity		3,615,038	4,288,512
Commitments and Contingencies		367,848	346,903

Statement of Comprehensive Income FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Notes	1 January 2019 – 31 December 2019	1 January 2018 – 31 December 2018
Statement of Income:			
Interest income using effective interest method	19	135,813	171,090
Interest expense using effective interest method	19	(80,087)	(102,932)
Net interest income		55,726	68,158
Fee and commission income	20	10,526	13,967
Fee and commission expense	20	(2,436)	(2,641)
Net fee and commission income		8,090	11,326
Valuation results and net trading income	21	(222)	(33)
Investment income	22	362	(447)
Other income	23	185	-
Total income		64,141	79,004
Impairment losses on financial instruments	31	(8,446)	(13,028)
Personnel expenses	25	(29,055)	(31,217)
Depreciation and amortisation	8	(3,566)	(2,979)
Other operating expenses	24	(13,922)	(16,220)
Total expenses		(54,989)	(63,444)
Profit before tax		9,152	15,560
Income tax expense	14	(2,540)	(3,540)
Profit for the year		6,612	12,020
Other Comprehensive Income			
<u>Items that will not to be reclassified to profit or loss:</u>			
<i>Property and equipment</i>			
Revaluation	8	3,290	3,079
Tax effect (deferred)		(499)	(770)
Net gain on revaluation of property and equipment		2,791	2,309
<u>Items that may subsequently be reclassified to profit or loss:</u>			
<i>Cash flow hedges</i>			
Effective portion of changes in fair value	40	(2,518)	508
Reclassified to profit or loss	40	(647)	
Tax effect (deferred)		791	(127)
Net gain on cash flow hedges		(2,374)	381

Statement of Comprehensive Income FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Notes	1 January 2019 – 31 December 2019	1 January 2018 – 31 December 2018
<u>Debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income</u>			
Valuation results	7	3,666	(12,594)
Reclassification to profit or loss	7	(460)	4,073
Tax effect (current)		(802)	2,130
Net gain on debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income		2,404	(6,391)
Total other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax attributable to the shareholder		2,821	(3,701)
Total comprehensive income for the year, net of tax attributable to the shareholder		9,433	8,319

Statement of Changes in Equity

	Share Capital and Share Premium	Fair value reserve investments	Hedging Reserve	Fair value reserve property and equipment	Retained Earnings	Total Equity
Balance as at 1 January 2019	136,836	(3,539)	481	7,873	440,911	582,562
Profit for the year					6,612	6,612
<i>Other comprehensive income</i>						
Net unrealised gains/(losses) on fair value assets portfolio		2,503				2,503
Net gains/(losses) on fair value assets and cash flow hedges transferred to profit or loss		(345)	(485)			(830)
Foreign currency translation differences on fair value portfolio		105				105
Net fair value gains/(losses) from cash flow hedges			(1,889)			(1,889)
Impairment on FVOCI portfolio		141				141
Revaluation surplus on building				2,791		2,791
Total other comprehensive income		2,404	(2,374)	2,791		2,821
Translation differences						
Other movements						
Balances as at 31 December 2019	136,836	(1,135)	(1,893)	10,664	447,523	591,995

Statement of Changes in Equity

	Share Capital and Share Premium	Fair value reserve investments	Hedging Reserve	Fair value reserve property and equipment	Retained Earnings	Total Equity
Balance as at 1 January 2018	136,836	2,852	100	5,564	428,891	574,243
Profit for the year					12,020	12,020
<i>Other comprehensive income</i>						
Net unrealised gains/(losses) on fair value assets portfolio		(9,509)				(9,509)
Net gains/(losses) on fair value assets and cash flow hedges transferred to profit or loss		3,055				3,055
Foreign currency translation differences on fair value portfolio		291				291
Net fair value gains/(losses) from cash flow hedges			381			381
Impairment on FVOCI portfolio		(228)				(228)
Revaluation surplus on building				2,309		2,309
Total other comprehensive income		(6,391)	381	2,309		(3,701)
Translation differences						
Other movements						
Balances as at 31 December 2018	136,836	(3,539)	481	7,873	440,911	582,562

In accordance with the Dutch Civil Code legal reserves have to be established in relation to the revaluation surplus on the building, cash flow hedging reserve and fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) reserve. Legal reserves are not available for distribution to the Company's shareholders.

Statement of Cash Flows

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

Notes	1 January 2019 - 31 December 2019	1 January 2018 - 31 December 2018	
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Profit for the period	6,612	12,020	
<i>Adjustments for:</i>			
Depreciation and amortisation	8, 9	3,566	2,979
Impairment losses on financial instruments	31	8,446	13,028
Other	(902)	(7,869)	
Tax expense	14	2,540	3,540
	20,262	23,698	
<i>Changes in:</i>			
Loans and advances to banks	4	(17,330)	90,726
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	6, 31	24,393	2,630
Loans and advances to customers	5	406,020	163,182
Other assets	10	872	801
Deposits from banks	11	(602,999)	137,093
Deposits from customers	12	(69,873)	(101,844)
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	31	(13,370)	(6,161)
Other liabilities, accrued expenses and provisions	15	8,933	(17,202)
	(243,092)	305,245	
Income taxes paid	(1,387)	(7,844)	
Net cash used in operating activities	(244,476)	283,366	
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Proceeds in investment portfolio	7	120,990	233,337
Purchase of tangible and intangible assets	8	(2,515)	(3,151)
Net cash used in investing activities	118,475	230,186	

Statement of Cash Flows (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

Notes	1 January 2019 - 31 December 2019	1 January 2018 - 31 December 2018	
Cash flows from financing activities:			
(Decrease)/increase in subordinated liabilities, net	-	(19)	
Net cash from financing activities	-	(19)	
Effect of exchange rate changes			
	-	3,112	
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	(126,004)	527,568	
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	1	878,915	351,347
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	1	752,911	878,915
Additional information on operational cash flows from interest Interest paid			
Interest paid	159,331	179,685	
Interest received	(83,234)	(94,676)	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Notes to the Accounting Policies

REPORTING ENTITY

GarantiBank International N.V. (hereafter: 'GBI' or 'the Bank') has its statutory seat in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Its head office is located at Keizersgracht 569-575, 1017 DR Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Its Chamber of Commerce number is 33225009. The Bank also operates a branch in Germany.

The financial information of GBI is included in the financial statements of its parent Türkiye Garanti Bankasi A.Ş. (TGB), incorporated in Turkey, and in those of the ultimate parent of the group, Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria S.A., incorporated in Spain. GBI works in close cooperation with its parent, which owns 100% of the shares of GBI, and with the ultimate parent of the group, which owns 49.85% of the shares of Türkiye Garanti Bankasi A.Ş.

GBI is mainly active in international trade finance and corporate lending, as well as in retail banking.

AUTHORISATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

On 14 February 2020, the Managing Board prepared the annual accounts of GBI as at and for the year ended 31 December 2019 and the Supervisory Board adopted a resolution, to propose that the Shareholder adopt the 2019 financial statements at the next Annual General Meeting of Shareholders to be held in 2020.

BASIS OF PREPARATION

The GBI annual accounts have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union (EU) and the relevant articles of Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code.

IFRS as adopted by the EU are IFRS Standards and IFRS Interpretations as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and the IFRS Interpretations Committee (IFRIC).

GBI's annual accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

USE OF ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

Notable areas that involved judgements, estimates and assumptions are:

- Credit risk of financial instruments as disclosed in notes 29 to 32:
Judgement is exercised in determining the extent of the loan loss provision (impairment) for financial assets assessed

for impairment both individually and collectively. The loan loss provision for financial assets is based on assumptions about risk of default and expected loss rates. GBI uses judgement in making these assumptions and selecting the inputs to the impairment calculation, based on the historical observations, existing market conditions as well as forward-looking estimates at the end of each reporting period. Changes in such judgements and analyses may lead to changes in the loan loss provisions over time. The key judgement areas are:

- The criteria for identifying a significant increase in credit risk:

When determining whether the credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly, the Bank considers reasonable and supportable information available to compare the risk of default occurring at the reporting date with the risk of default occurring at the initial recognition of the financial asset. Whilst internal credit rating models are used for determining the probability of default (PD) of each financial asset, judgement is used in determining the stage allocation PD banding thresholds. The process of comparing a financial asset's PD with the PD banding thresholds determines its expected credit loss (ECL) stage. Assets in Stage 1 are allocated a 12 month ECL, and those in Stage 2 are allocated a lifetime ECL, and the difference is often significant. As such, the assumptions made both in assigning financial asset PDs and in setting PD banding thresholds constitute a key source of estimation uncertainty. Analysis of the sensitivity associated with the assessment of significant increase in credit risk is presented in the Risk Management section of this report.

- Assumptions used to measure ECL, including the use of forward-looking and macro-economic information for individual and collective impairment assessment:

Individually assessed loans (Stage 2 and 3): Individual provisions are calculated using the discounted expected future cash flow method. To determine expected future cash flows, two or more scenarios are used. Each scenario is analysed based on the probability of occurrence and includes forward looking information. In determining the scenarios, all relevant factors impacting the future cash flows are taken into account. These include expected developments in credit quality, business and economic forecasts, and estimates about recoveries, including the recoveries from the collaterals where applicable, will occur, taking into account the structure of the financial asset and GBI's restructuring/recovery strategy. The macroeconomic forecast is captured in the estimation, as the expected future macroeconomic situation serves as basis for the cash flows in the scenarios. For the individual assessment, with granular (company- or deal-specific) scenarios, specific factors can have a larger impact on the future cash flows than macroeconomic factors (i.e. for the country as a whole).

Collectively assessed loans (Stages 1 and 2): For the purposes of a collective evaluation of impairment, financial assets are grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics. Those characteristics are relevant to the estimation of future cash flows for groups of such assets by being indicative of the debtors' ability to pay all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the assets being evaluated. Expected future cash flows in a portfolio of financial assets that are collectively evaluated for impairment, are estimated on the basis of the contractual cash flows of the assets in the portfolio, GBI's expectations on future economic developments and historical loss experience for assets with credit risk characteristics similar to those in the portfolio. The methodology and assumptions used for estimating future cash flows are reviewed regularly to reduce any differences between loss estimates and actual loss experience. The outcome of the models reflects forward looking macro-economic information.

- The definition of default: in certain cases, judgement is exercised in GBI's evaluation of whether there is objective evidence that an impairment loss on an asset has been incurred (e.g. in relation to assessing 'financial difficulties' of a borrower).

- Fair value measurement of financial instruments:

Even if quoted market prices and observable inputs are available, when markets are less liquid there may be a range of prices and inputs for the same asset from different sources. Selecting the most appropriate price or input requires judgement and could result in different estimates of fair value. Valuation techniques are subjective in nature and, depending on the liquidity of the market and the extent parameters are unobservable, the valuation uncertainty increases and hence significant judgement is involved in establishing fair values for certain assets and liabilities. Valuation techniques involve various assumptions regarding pricing factors. The use of different valuation techniques and assumptions could produce significantly different estimates of fair value.

CHANGE IN PRESENTATION

In 2019 the Bank changed the presentation of the Statement of Financial Position to better align with regulatory guidance. The following changes have been made:

- Derivative Financial instruments recorded under assets and liabilities have been split in trading derivatives and non-trading derivatives and these are now presented as a sub-line item within Financial Assets at fair value through profit or loss and Financial Liabilities at fair value through profit or loss respectively.
- Within Financial Assets at fair value through profit or loss a sub-line item Mandatorily at fair value through profit or loss is created.
- Other borrowed funds has been renamed to subordinated liabilities.
- Due to Banks has been renamed to Deposits from banks
- Due to customers has been renamed to Deposits from customers.
- Obligations under repurchase agreements, Loans and advances from banks have been merged with the line item Deposits from Banks.

The changes in presentation did not have a financial impact. The comparative figures have been adjusted accordingly as well as the accompanying notes.

CHANGE IN PRESENTATION (CONTINUED)

The table below provides an overview of the changes:

	31 December 2018 Previous presentation	Changes in presentation	1 January 2019 New presentation
Assets			
Derivative financial instruments	21,973	(21,973)	
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	11,399	(11,399)	
- Mandatorily at fair value through profit or loss (new)		11,399	11,399
- Trading derivatives		8,411	8,411
- Non-trading derivatives		13,562	13,562
Liabilities			
Deposits from banks (renamed)	114,253	688,945	803,198
Deposits from customers (renamed)	2,801,236		2,801,236
Derivative financial instruments	28,189	(28,189)	
Obligations under repurchase agreements	190,724	(190,724)	
Loans and advances from banks and other institutions	498,221	(498,221)	
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss			
- Trading derivatives		14,706	14,706
- Non-trading derivatives		13,483	13,483
Subordinated liabilities (renamed)	50,398		50,398

CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A number of new or amended standards became applicable for the current reporting period. The Bank changed its accounting policies as a result of adopting IFRS 16 'Leases'.

The impact of the adoption of IFRS 16 is disclosed in the subsequent subsection 'IFRS 16 Leases'. The other standards and amendments did not have a significant impact on the Bank's accounting policies.

IFRS 16 Leases

GBI applied IFRS 16 using the modified retrospective approach, under which the cumulative effect of initial application is recognised in retained earnings at 1 January 2019. Accordingly, the comparative information presented for 2018 is not restated – i.e. it is presented, as previously reported, under IAS 17 and related interpretations. The details of the changes in accounting policies are disclosed below. Additionally, the disclosure requirements in IFRS 16 have not generally been applied to comparative information.

Definition of a lease

Previously, the Bank determined at contract inception whether an arrangement was or contained a lease under IFRIC 4 Determining whether an Arrangement contains a Lease. The Bank now assesses whether a contract is or contains a lease based on the definition of a lease, as explained in the accounting policies.

On transition to IFRS 16, the Bank elected to apply the practical expedient to grandfather the assessment of which transactions are leases. The Bank applied IFRS 16 only to contracts that were previously identified as leases. Contracts that

CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

were not identified as leases under IAS 17 and IFRIC 4 were not reassessed for whether there is a lease under IFRS 16. Therefore, the definition of a lease under IFRS 16 was applied only to contracts entered into or changed on or after 1 January 2019.

The Bank as a lessee

The Bank only acts as a lessee and leases assets including property, cars and IT equipment. The Bank previously classified those leases as operating leases based on its assessment of whether the lease transferred significantly all of the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the underlying asset to the Bank. Under IFRS 16, the Bank recognises right-of-use assets and lease liabilities (i.e. these leases are on-balance sheet) for most leases.

For all leases not being a car lease, the Bank has elected not to separate non-lease components and account for the lease and associated non-lease components as a single lease component.

On transition, for these leases, the lease liabilities were measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments, discounted at the Bank's incremental borrowing rate as at 1 January 2019. The associated right-of-use assets are measured at an amount equal to the lease liability, adjusted by the amount of any prepaid or accrued lease payments.

The Bank has tested its right-of-use assets for impairment on the date of transition and has concluded that there is no indication that the right-of-use assets are impaired.

The Bank used a number of practical expedients when applying IFRS 16:

- Lease of low value assets (e.g. furniture, laptops, mobile phones) will not be recognized as right-of-use asset. These items will be recognized as an expense over the lease term on straight-line basis. A threshold of EUR 6,000 per individual item is applied to identify low value assets.
- Short term leases, leases that at the commencement date have a lease term of 12 months or less and do not contain a purchase option will not be recognized as ROU asset. It will be recognized as an expense over the lease term on straight-line basis.

Impact on transition

On transition to IFRS 16, the Bank recognised additional right-of-use assets, including investment property, and additional lease liabilities. The impact on transition is summarised below.

	1 January 2019
Right-of-use presented in property and equipment	305
Lease liabilities presented in other liabilities	305

When measuring lease liabilities for leases that were classified as operating leases, the Bank discounted lease payments using an incremental borrowing rate at 1 January 2019 of 10%.

The difference between the future commitments to be paid under non-cancellable operating leases and the lease liabilities result from the discounting of the lease payments.

NEW AND REVISED IFRS'S IN ISSUE BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE

Standards endorsed by the EU

The following published standards and amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2020 and have been endorsed by the EU and have not been early adopted by GBI.

- Interest Rate Benchmark Reform (Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39 and IFRS 7),
- Amendments to References to the Conceptual Framework in IFRS Standards
- Amendments to IAS 1 and IAS 8: Definition of Material

The Interest Rate Benchmark Reform will have a profound impact on the Bank, its customers and other counterparties as contracts need to be amended and IT systems need be upgraded to accommodate new benchmarks. In relation to the amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39 and IFRS 7, the Bank is monitoring the impact of the reforms on its hedge accounting relations. Depending on the timing of the transitions, it needs to apply the exceptions set out in IAS 39 in relation to hedge accounting and fulfil the disclosure requirements of IFRS 7. These amendments do not have an impact as per year end 2019 as the relevant benchmarks for GBI's hedge instruments where we apply hedge accounting for, are still in place. The amendments are not expected to have a significant impact on the Bank's financial statements after 2019.

Standards not yet endorsed by the EU

For the following published amendments that have not been endorsed by the EU yet, GBI is in the process of assessing the detailed impact thereof:

- Amendment to IFRS 3 Business Combinations (issued on 22 October 2018),
- IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts (issued on 18 May 2017).

In general, the Interest Rate Benchmark Reform will have a profound impact on the Bank, its customers and other counterparties as contracts need to be amended and IT systems need be upgraded to accommodate new benchmarks. In relation to above mentioned amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39 and IFRS 7, the Bank is actively monitoring the impact of the reforms on its hedge accounting relations. Depending on the timing of the transitions, it needs to apply the exceptions set out in IAS 39 in relation to hedge accounting and fulfil the disclosure requirements of IFRS 7.

The other amendments do not have no significant impact on the Bank's financial statements.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Foreign currency

Transactions in the financial statements of the Bank are recorded in EUR, which is the Bank's functional currency and the presentation currency for the accompanying financial statements. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into the functional currency of the Bank at exchange rates applicable at the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into EUR at the exchange rates applicable at date of the statement of financial position with the resulting exchange differences recognized in income as foreign exchange gain or loss. Gains and losses arising from foreign currency transactions are reflected in income as realized during the period.

Non-monetary items that are measured at historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Exchange rate differences on non-monetary items, measured at fair value through profit or loss, are reported as part of the fair value gain or loss. Non-monetary items are translated at the date fair value is determined.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Property and equipment and related depreciation and amortisation

At initial recognition, property and equipment (PPE assets) are measured at cost. After initial recognition, the Bank applies the revaluation model for properties and the cost model for all other PPE assets. Accordingly, properties are carried at a revalued amount, being their fair value at the date of the revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses. For all significant properties, a valuation study is performed by independent expertise firms in accordance with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) on an annual basis as part of the year-end closing routine to assess the fair value, which is defined as the price received to sell an asset in an orderly transaction in the principal (or most advantageous) market at the measurement date under current market conditions.

Subsequent expenditure

Other subsequent expenditures are capitalized only when it increases the future economic benefits embodied in the item of such assets. All other expenditures are reflected as expense in the statement of income as incurred.

Expenditures for major renewals and improvement of PPE assets are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related assets.

Depreciation

The estimated useful lives and depreciation rates of PPE assets are as follows. Depreciation and amortisation method in use is the straight-line method and was not changed in the current period.

	Estimated useful lives (years)	Depreciation Rates (%)
PPE Assets		
Properties	50	2
Improvement of properties	50	2
Renovation of properties	10-15	6.67-10
Furniture and equipment	5-7	14.29-20

The estimated useful lives, residual values and depreciation methods are reviewed at least once a year, with the effect of any changes in estimate accounted for on a prospective basis.

Intangible assets

As per IAS 38, internally generated software should be recognised as intangible assets, if they meet all the below listed criteria:

- The technical feasibility of completing the asset so that it will be available for use,
- Availability of the intention to complete and use the asset,
- The ability to use the asset,
- Clarity in probable future economic benefits to be generated from the asset,
- The availability of adequate technical, financial and other resources to complete the development phase and to start using the asset, and
- The availability to measure reliably the expenditure attributable to the asset during the development phase.

The directly attributable development costs of intangible assets are included in the cost of such assets, however the research costs are recognised as expense as incurred.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Subsequent expenditure

Other subsequent expenditures are capitalized only when it increases the future economic benefits embodied in the item of such assets. All other expenditures are reflected as expense in the statement of income as incurred.

Expenditures for major renewals and improvement of intangible assets are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related assets.

Depreciation

The estimated useful lives is between 2 and 10 years and the depreciation rates are between 10% and 50% for intangible assets. Depreciation and amortisation method in use is the straight-line method and was not changed in the current period.

The estimated useful lives, residual values and depreciation methods are reviewed at least once a year, with the effect of any changes in estimate accounted for on a prospective basis.

Leases

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

Policy applicable from 1 January 2019

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

This policy is applied to contracts entered into, on or after 1 January 2019.

For all leases not being a car lease, the Bank has elected not to separate non-lease components and account for the lease and associated non-lease components as a single lease component. The Bank recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the lease commencement date. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, plus any initial direct costs incurred and an estimate of costs to dismantle and remove the underlying asset or to restore the underlying asset or the site on which it is located, less any lease incentives received.

The right-of-use asset is subsequently depreciated using the straight-line method from the commencement date to the end of the lease term, unless the lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset to the Bank by the end of the lease term or the cost of the right-of-use asset reflects that the Bank will exercise a purchase option. In that case the right-of-use asset will be depreciated over the useful life of the underlying asset, which is determined on the same basis as those of property and equipment. In addition, the right-of-use asset is periodically reduced by impairment losses, if any, and adjusted for certain remeasurements of the lease liability.

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

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

The Bank determines its incremental borrowing rate by obtaining interest rates from various external financing sources and makes certain adjustments to reflect the terms of the lease and type of the asset leased.

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

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

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

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

The Bank presents right-of-use assets in 'tangible and intangible assets' and borrowings' in the statement of financial position.

Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

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

Policy applicable before 1 January 2019

For contracts entered into before 1 January 2019, the Bank determined whether the arrangement was or contained a lease based on the assessment of whether:

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

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

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Financial instruments

Recognition and derecognition of Financial instruments

Recognition of financial assets

Financial assets are initially recognised in the balance sheet at fair value when the Bank becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instruments. Debt securities and derivatives are recognised using trade date accounting. Trade date is the date on which the Bank commits to purchase or sell the asset. Loans and advances and repurchase agreements are recognised using settlement date accounting.

Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or where the Bank has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership. If the Bank neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of a financial asset, it derecognises the financial asset if it no longer has control over the asset. The difference between the carrying amount of a financial asset that has been extinguished and the consideration received is recognised in profit or loss.

Recognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are initially recognised in the balance sheet at fair value when the Bank becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are removed from the balance sheet when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expired. The difference between the carrying amount of a financial liability that has been extinguished and the consideration paid is recognised in profit or loss.

Modifications

If the terms of a financial asset are renegotiated or otherwise modified (for example in forbearance measures), the Bank evaluates whether the cash flows of the modified asset are substantially different (in both qualitative and quantitative terms).

If the cash flows are substantially different, then the contractual rights to cash flows from the original financial asset are deemed to have expired. In this case, the original financial asset is derecognised and a new financial asset is recognised at fair value plus any eligible transaction costs.

Any fees received as part of the modification are accounted for as follows:

- fees that are considered in determining the fair value of the new asset and fees that represent reimbursement of eligible transaction costs are included in the initial measurement of the asset; and
- other fees are included in profit or loss as part of the gain or loss on derecognition.

If cash flows are modified when the borrower is in financial difficulties, then the objective of the modification is usually to maximise recovery of the original contractual terms rather than to originate a new asset with substantially different terms. If the Bank plans to modify a financial asset in a way that would result in forgiveness of cash flows, then it first considers whether a portion of the asset should be written off before the modification takes place (see write-off policy). This approach impacts the result of the quantitative evaluation and means that the derecognition criteria are not usually met in such cases.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

If the modification of a financial asset measured at amortised cost or FVOCI does not result in derecognition of the financial asset, then the Bank first recalculates the gross carrying amount of the financial asset using the original effective interest rate of the asset and recognises the resulting adjustment as a modification gain or loss in profit or loss. Any costs or fees incurred and fees received as part of the modification adjust the gross carrying amount of the modified financial asset and are amortised over the remaining term of the modified financial asset.

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the liability has been settled, has expired or has been extinguished. An exchange of an existing financial liability for a new liability with the same lender on substantially different terms, qualitatively and quantitatively (a 10% difference in the present value of the cash flows) is accounted for as an extinguishment of the original financial liability and recognition of a new financial liability. The difference between the former amortised cost and the consideration paid is recognised in the income statement. Any subsequent resale is treated as a new issuance.

Classification and measurement

The Bank classifies its financial assets in the following measurement categories:

- fair value (either through other comprehensive income, or through profit or loss), and
- amortised cost.

At initial recognition, the Bank measures a financial asset at its fair value plus, in the case of a financial asset measured at amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income, transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the financial asset. Transaction costs of financial assets carried at fair value through profit or loss are expensed in profit or loss.

Debt instruments

The classification depends on the entity's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual terms of the cash flows at initial recognition.

a) Business models

Business models are classified as either Hold to Collect (HtC), Hold to Collect and Sell (HtC&S) or Other depending on how a portfolio of financial instruments as a whole is managed. GBI's business models are based on the existing management structure of the bank, and refined based on an analysis of how businesses are evaluated and reported, how their specific business risks are managed and on historic and expected future sales.

Sales are permissible in a HtC business model when these are due to an increase in credit risk, take place close to the maturity date, are insignificant in value (both individually and in aggregate) or are infrequent.

The Bank reclassifies debt investments when and only when its business model for managing those assets changes.

b) Assessing whether contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest (SPPI test)

The contractual cash flows of a financial asset are assessed to determine whether they represent SPPI. Interest includes consideration for the time value of money, credit risk and also consideration for liquidity risk and costs associated with holding the financial asset for a particular period of time. In addition, interest can include a profit margin that is consistent with a basic lending arrangement.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

In assessing whether the contractual cash flows are SPPI, GBI considers all contractual terms of the instrument.

Depending on the Bank's business model for managing the asset and the cash flow characteristics of the asset (SPPI test), there are three measurement categories into which the Bank classifies its debt instruments:

- *Amortised Cost*: Debt instruments that are held for collection of contractual cash flows under a HtC business model where those cash flows represent SPPI are measured at amortised cost. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition is recognised directly in profit or loss. Interest income from these financial assets is included in interest income using the effective interest rate method to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset (before any loss allowance) except for credit impaired debt instruments, in which case the effective interest rate method is applied to the amortised cost. Impairment losses are presented as a separate line item in the statement of profit or loss.

- *Fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI)*: Debt instruments that are held for collection of contractual cash flows and for selling the financial assets under a HtC&S business model, where the assets' cash flows represent SPPI, are measured at FVOCI. Movements in the carrying amount are taken through OCI, except for the recognition of impairment gains or losses, interest revenue and foreign exchange gains and losses which are recognised in profit and loss. When the financial asset is derecognised, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in OCI is reclassified from equity to profit or loss and recognised in other operating income. Interest income from these financial assets is included in interest income using the effective interest rate method to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset (before any loss allowance) except for credit impaired debt instruments, in which case the amortised cost. Impairment losses are presented as a separate line item in the statement of profit or loss.

- *Fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)*: Debt instruments that do not meet the criteria for amortised cost or FVOCI are measured at FVTPL. A gain or loss on a debt instrument is recognised in profit or loss and presented on a net basis within investment income in the period in which it arises. Interest income from these financial assets is included in interest income using the effective interest rate method.

Equity instruments

The Bank measures all equity investments at fair value with changes recognised in investment income in the statement of profit or loss as applicable.

Derivatives

Derivative contracts are measured at fair value through profit or loss, except for derivatives that are designated in a cash flow hedge. For those, the effective portion of changes in the fair value is recognized in equity. All trading derivatives in a net receivable position (positive fair value) are reported as trading assets. All trading derivatives in a net payable position (negative fair value) are reported as trading liabilities.

Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities, not being derivatives, are classified and subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Impairment of financial assets

Expected Credit Loss (ECL) models are applied to on-balance sheet financial assets accounted for at amortised cost and FVOCI such as loans and debt securities as well as off balance instruments including financial guarantees and loan commitments. Under the ECL model GBI calculates the allowance for credit losses (loan loss provision, LLP) by considering the cash shortfalls it would incur in various default scenarios for prescribed future periods and multiplying the shortfalls by the probability of each scenario occurring. The LLP is the sum of these probability-weighted outcomes and the ECL estimates are unbiased and include supportable information about past events, current conditions, and forecasts of future

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economic conditions. GBI's approach leverages on the existing credit risk models that are used within the scope of Foundation Internal Ratings Based (F-IRB) models used for the calculation of the regulatory capital requirement. Those credit rating models are modified to meet the requirements of IFRS 9.

Three stage approach

Financial assets are classified in any of the below 3 Stages at each reporting date. A financial asset can move between Stages during its lifetime. The Stages are based on changes in credit quality since initial recognition and defined as follows:

- Stage 1: 12 month ECL: Financial assets that have not had a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition (i.e. no Stage 2 or 3 triggers apply). Assets are classified as Stage 1 upon initial recognition (with the exception of purchased or originated credit impaired (POCI) assets) and a provision for ECL is made associated with the probability of default (PD) events occurring during the next 12 months (12 months ECL);
- Stage 2: Lifetime ECL not credit impaired: Financial assets showing a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition. A provision is made for the life time ECL representing losses over the life of the financial instrument (lifetime ECL) associated with the probability of default (PD) events occurring during the lifetime; or
- Stage 3: Loans considered as credit impaired, require a provision that is based on lifetime expected credit losses.

Significant increase in credit risk

A financial asset moves from Stage 1 to Stage 2 when there is a significant increase in credit risk (SICR) since initial recognition. GBI established a framework which incorporates quantitative and qualitative information to identify this on an asset level applying a relative assessment. Each financial asset is assessed at the reporting date on the triggers for significant deterioration. GBI assesses significant increase in credit risk using:

- Quantitative indicators: change in the lifetime probability of default (both absolute and relative);
- (Re)payment performance: loans with more than 30 days past due at the reporting date
- Forbearance measures taken and the status thereof;
- Qualitative assessment of the performance of the obligor.

The change in lifetime probability of default is one of triggers for movement between Stage 1 and Stage 2. For exposures originated after 1 January 2018, the trigger compares lifetime probability of default at origination versus lifetime point in time probability of default at reporting date, considering the remaining maturity. For exposures originated before 2018 a comparison is made based on the 'Through The Cycle' PD's (both current and origination) used for regulatory purposes.

Assets can also return to Stage 1 if there is sufficient evidence that there has been a significant reduction in credit risk.

Exposures with forbearance measures can be either performing (Stage 2) or non-performing (Stage 3). The Bank uses specific criteria to move forborne exposures from non-performing to performing and to remove the forbearance statuses that are consistent with the corresponding EBA Guidelines on the management of non-performing and forborne exposures. An exposure is reported as forborne for a minimum of two years. An additional one year probation period is observed for forborne exposures that move from non-performing back to performing.

Credit impaired financial assets (Stage 3)

Financial assets are assessed for credit-impairment at each reporting date and more frequently when circumstances warrant further assessment. Evidence of credit-impairment includes arrears of over 90 days on any material credit obligation,

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indications that the borrower is experiencing significant financial difficulty, a breach of contract, bankruptcy or distressed restructuring.

An asset that is in stage 3 will move back to stage 2 when, as at the reporting date, it is no longer considered to be credit-impaired. The asset will migrate back to stage 1 when its credit risk at the reporting date is no longer considered to have increased significantly since initial recognition.

Definition of default

GBI has aligned the definition of credit impaired under IFRS 9 (Stage 3) with the definition of default for prudential purposes that stems from CRR article 178 on default of an obligor and the related EBA Guidelines thereon (Regulation (EU) No 575/2013). This is also the definition used for internal risk management purposes.

Macroeconomic scenarios

GBI has established a quarterly process whereby forward-looking macroeconomics scenarios and probability weightings are developed for ECL calculation purposes. GBI applies data from its parent company enriched with the internal views. A baseline, up-scenario and a down-scenario are determined to reflect an unbiased and probability-weighted ECL amount. As a baseline scenario, GBI applies the market-neutral view combining consensus forecasts for economic variables (e.g. GDP growth). Applying market consensus in the baseline scenario ensures unbiased estimates of the expected credit losses.

The alternative scenarios are based on observed events in the past. The probabilities assigned are based on the likelihoods of observing the three scenarios and are derived from confidence intervals on a probability distribution. The scenarios are reviewed on a quarterly basis.

Measurement of ECL

The Bank applies a collective assessment method to measure ECL for performing (Stage 1) and under-performing (Stage 2) assets, except for assets that are in Stage 2 due to qualitative factors. For those assets and all assets in Stage 3 an individual assessment method to calculate the ECL.

a) Collectively assessed assets (Stage 1 and 2)

For financial assets that are collectively assessed, GBI applies a model-based approach that calculates ECL in a formula that is expressed simplistically as $PD \times EAD \times LGD$, adjusted for the time value of money

Probability of Default (PD): PD's are assessed on the borrower level and refer to the likelihood that a borrower will default. The internal credit risk rating methodology is the basis on which the PD is calculated. The underlying internal rating models used for the corporate portfolio consider, amongst others, customer financial information and qualitative survey factors. PD's calculated as the outcome of the rating models are then adjusted by the PD term structure models to estimate the point in time PD's for the respective time period, i.e. 12 months or lifetime.

Loss Given Default (LGD): If a loan default occurs, it represents the expected economic loss on the loan. It is expressed as a percentage. LGD calculations are performed using professional judgement, regulatory benchmarks used in capital requirement calculations and other external benchmarks due to the low number of internal historical observations.

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Exposure at Default (EAD): For cash loans, the expected outstanding balance at default corresponds to the amount of loan granted as of the reporting date plus expectations about future draw-downs. For non-cash loans and commitments, it is the value calculated through using credit conversion factors. Credit conversion factor corresponds to the factor, which adjusts the potential increase of the exposure between the current date and the default date.

With the exception of revolving facilities, the maximum period for which the credit losses are determined is the contractual life of a financial instrument unless there is the legal right to call it earlier.

The expected credit losses are discounted using:

- the original effective interest rate for cash loans,
- a discount rate that reflects the current market assessment of the time value of money and the risks that are specific to financial guarantee contracts or on loan commitments.

b) Individually assessed assets (Stage 2)

For individually significant financial assets that are in Stage 2 based on qualitative criteria, GBI estimates the expected credit loss on an individual level at each reporting date and more frequently when circumstances warrant further assessment. Individual provisions are calculated using the discounted expected future cash flow method. To determine expected future cash flows, three or more scenarios are used. Each scenario is analysed based on the probability of occurrence and including forward looking information.

The expected credit loss is calculated as the probability weighted average of the shortfall (gross carrying amount minus discounted expected future cash flow using the original effective interest rate) per scenario. The scenarios are based on the Bank's judgement regarding the magnitude and timing of recoveries. Recoveries can be from different sources including repayment of the loan, additional drawing, collateral recovery, asset sale etc. Cash flows from collateral and other credit enhancements are included in the measurement of the expected credit losses of the related financial asset when it is part of or integral to the contractual terms of the financial asset and the credit enhancement is not recognised separately. The estimation of future cash flows are subject to significant estimation uncertainty and assumptions.

c) Credit impaired financial assets (Stage 3)

GBI estimates individual impairment provisions for credit impaired financial assets within Stage 3. Financial assets are assessed for credit-impairment at each reporting date and more frequently when circumstances warrant further assessment. Evidence of credit-impairment may include indications that the borrower is experiencing significant financial difficulty, a breach of contract, probability of bankruptcy or other financial reorganization, as well as a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows evidenced by the adverse changes in the payment status of the borrower or economic conditions that correlate with defaults.

For Financial assets that are credit-impaired, the expected credit loss calculation method is identical to the approach for individually assessed assets in Stage 2.

When a financial asset is credit-impaired, interest ceases to be recognised on the regular accrual basis, which accrues income based on the gross carrying amount of the asset. Rather, interest income is calculated by applying the original effective interest rate to the amortised cost of the asset, which is the gross carrying amount less the related loan loss provision.

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d) Non-integral financial guarantee contracts

The Bank assesses whether a financial guarantee contract held is an integral element of a financial asset that is accounted for as a component of that instrument or is a contract that is accounted for separately. The factors that the Bank considers when making this assessment include whether:

- the guarantee is implicitly part of the contractual terms of the debt instrument;
- the guarantee is required by laws and regulations that govern the contract of the debt instrument;
- the guarantee is entered into at the same time as and in contemplation of the debt instrument; and
- the guarantee is given by the parent of the borrower or another company within the borrower's group.

If the Bank determines that the guarantee is an integral element of the financial asset, then any premium payable in connection with the initial recognition of the financial asset is treated as a transaction cost of acquiring it. The Bank considers the effect of the protection when measuring the fair value of the debt instrument and when measuring ECL.

If the Bank determines that the guarantee is not an integral element of the debt instrument, then it recognises an asset representing any prepayment of guarantee premium and a right to compensation for credit losses. A prepaid premium asset is recognised only if the guaranteed exposure neither is credit-impaired nor has undergone a significant increase in credit risk when the guarantee is acquired.

These assets are recognised in 'other assets'. The Bank presents a gains or losses on a compensation right in profit or loss in the line item 'impairment losses on financial instruments'.

Purchase or Originated Credit Impaired (POCI) assets

POCI assets are financial assets that are credit-impaired on initial recognition. Impairment on a POCI asset is determined based on lifetime ECL from initial recognition. POCI assets are recognised initially at an amount net of impairments and are measured at amortised cost using a credit-adjusted effective interest rate. In subsequent periods any changes to the estimated lifetime ECL are recognised in the income statement. Favourable changes are recognised as an impairment gain, regardless whether the lifetime ECL at the reporting date is lower than the estimated lifetime ECL at origination.

Write-off and debt forgiveness

Loans and the related ECL are written off, either partially or in full, when there is no reasonable expectation of recovering a financial asset in its entirety or a portion thereof. This is generally the case when the Bank determines that the borrower does not have assets or sources of income that could generate sufficient cash flows to repay the amounts subject to the write-off. This assessment is carried out at the individual asset level. When a loan is uncollectable, it is written off against the related loan loss provision. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are included in 'impairment losses on financial instruments' in the statement of profit or loss.

Financial assets that are written off could still be subject to enforcement activities in order to comply with the Bank's procedures for recovery of amounts due.

Impairment gains and losses

Impairment gains and losses are recorded in the statement of profit or loss on the line item impairment losses on financial instruments.

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Presentation of impairment allowance

Loss allowances for financial assets measured at amortised cost are deducted from the gross carrying amount of the assets. For debt securities at FVOCI, the loss allowance is recognised in OCI, instead of deducting the carrying amount of the asset. The loss allowances related to off-balance sheet items are recorded under provisions.

Financial guarantees

A financial guarantee contract is a contract that requires the Bank to make specified payments to reimburse the holder for a loss it incurs because a specified debtor fails to make payment when due in accordance with the original or modified terms of a debt instrument. A financial guarantee contract is recognised at the date that the Bank becomes a party to the irrevocable commitment. Income from issued financial guarantees, and expenses for bought financial guarantees, are amortised over the duration of the instruments and classified as "Fee and commission income" and "Fee and commission expense" respectively. The IFRS 9 impairment requirements apply to issued financial guarantee contracts that are not measured at fair value through profit or loss under IFRS 9 (see impairment section in this chapter).

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include notes and coins on hand, unrestricted balances held with central banks and highly liquid financial assets that are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in their fair value, and are readily available for use by GBI in the management of its short-term commitments.

Cash and cash equivalents are carried at amortised cost in the statement of financial position.

Fair values of financial assets and liabilities

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. It uses the assumptions that market participants would use and takes into account the characteristics of the asset or liability that market participants would take into account when pricing the asset or liability. Fair values of financial assets and liabilities are based on unadjusted quoted market prices where available. Such quoted market prices are primarily obtained from exchange prices for listed financial instruments. Where an exchange price is not available, quoted prices in an active market may be obtained from independent market vendors, brokers, or market makers.

For certain financial assets and liabilities quoted market prices are not available. For these financial assets and liabilities, fair value is determined using valuation techniques. These valuation techniques range from discounting of cash flows to various valuation models, where relevant pricing factors including the market price of underlying reference instruments, market parameters (volatilities, correlations and credit ratings), and customer behaviour are taken into account. GBI maximises the use of market observable inputs and minimises the use of unobservable inputs in determining the fair value.

Derivatives held for risk management purposes

Derivatives held for risk management purposes are measured at fair value in the statement of financial position. The treatment for the changes in their fair value depends on their classification into the following categories:

Cash flow hedge

When a derivative is designated as a hedge of the variability in cash flows attributable to a particular risk associated with a recognized asset or liability or a highly probable forecast transaction that could affect the income, the effective portion of changes in the fair value of the derivative are recognized directly in other comprehensive income and presented in hedging reserve in equity. Any ineffective portion of changes in the fair value of the derivative is recognized immediately in income.

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If the derivative expires or is sold, terminated, or exercised, or no longer meets the criteria for cash flow hedge accounting, or the designation is revoked, then hedge accounting is discontinued and the amount recognized in other comprehensive income and presented in the hedging reserve in equity remains there until the forecast transaction affects the income. If the forecast transaction is no longer expected to occur, then hedge accounting is discontinued and the balance in other comprehensive income is recognized immediately in income.

Fair value hedge

Changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as fair value hedges are recognized in income immediately, together with any changes in the fair value of the hedged asset or liability that are attributable to the hedged risk.

Hedge accounting is discontinued when the Bank revokes the hedging relationship, the hedging instrument expires or is sold, terminated, or exercised, or no longer qualifies for hedge accounting. The fair value adjustment to the carrying amount of the hedged item arising from the hedged risk is amortised to income from that date.

Repurchase and resale agreements over investments

The Bank enters into purchases of investments under agreements to resell (reverse repo) substantially identical investments at a certain date in the future at a fixed price. Investments purchased subject to commitments to resell them at future dates are not recognized. The amounts paid are recognized in loans to either banks or customers. The receivables are shown as collateralized by the underlying security. Investments sold under repurchase agreements (repo) continue to be recognized in the statement of financial position and are measured in accordance with the accounting policy for the related assets as appropriate. The proceeds from the sale of the investments are reported as "deposits from banks", a liability account.

Income and expenses arising from the repurchase and resale agreements over investments are recognized on an accrual basis over the period of the transactions and are included in interest income or expense.

Items held in trust

Assets other than cash deposits, held by the Bank in fiduciary or agency capacities for its customers and government entities are not included in the accompanying statement of financial position, since such items are not under the ownership of the Bank.

Taxes on income

Taxes on income for the period comprise current taxes and deferred taxes. Current taxes on income comprises tax payable on the taxable income for the period, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date, and; any adjustment in taxes payable for previous years.

Deferred income tax is provided, using the statement of financial position method, on all taxable temporary differences arising between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. Deferred tax liabilities and assets are recognized when it is probable that the future economic benefits resulting from the reversal of temporary differences will flow to or from the Bank. A deferred tax asset is recognized to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the deferred tax asset can be utilized. Currently, enacted tax rates are used to determine deferred taxes on income.

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The Bank offsets deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities if the Bank has a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and if the deferred tax assets and the deferred tax liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority.

Deferred taxes related to fair value remeasurement of financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income and cash flow hedges, are charged or credited directly to OCI and subsequently recognized in income together with the deferred gains or losses that are realized.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable income will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

Offsetting

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statement of financial position if, and only if there is a legally enforceable right to set off the amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. Income and expenses are presented on a net basis only when permitted by the accounting standards, or for gains and losses from a group of similar transactions.

Impairment of non-financial assets

Non-financial assets are reviewed at each date of the statement of financial position to determine whether there is objective evidence of impairment. If any such indication exists, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss, if any.

Income and expense recognition

Interest income and expense

Interest income and expense is recognized on an accrual basis by taking into account the effective interest of the asset or an applicable floating rate. Interest income and expense includes the amortization of any discount or premium or other differences between the initial carrying amount of an interest bearing instrument and its amount at maturity calculated on an effective interest rate basis.

Fees received from the syndication loans purchased in the secondary markets or entered into in the primary markets are recorded as interest income as these are an integral part of the effective interest.

Fees for the loans that are received by GBI is recorded as interest expense as these are an integral part of the effective interest.

Fee and commission

Fee and commission income and expenses that are integral to the effective interest rate on a financial asset or liability are included in the measurement of the effective interest rate.

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

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A contract with a customer that results in a recognised financial instrument in the Bank's Financial statements may be partially in the scope of IFRS 9 and partially in the scope of IFRS 15. If this is the case, then the Bank first applies IFRS 9 to separate and measure the part of the contract that is in the scope of IFRS 9 and then applies IFRS 15 to the residual.

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

Valuation results and net trading income

Valuation results and net trading income includes gains and losses arising from derivatives and investments that are recorded at fair value through profit or loss.

Investment income

Investment income includes gains and losses arising from sales of investments that are recorded at fair value through other comprehensive income.

Employee benefits

Below we provide a description of the most significant accounting policies relating to post-employment and other employee benefit commitments assumed by the employees in the Netherlands and the majority of staff employed outside the Netherlands.

Short-term employee benefits

Benefits for current active employees which are accrued and settled during the year and for which a provision is not required in the entity's accounts. These include wages and salaries, social security charges and other personnel expenses.

Costs are charged and recognized under the heading "Personnel expenses of the income statement.

Post-employment benefits – Defined-contribution plans

Pension plans have been established for the employees in the Netherlands and the majority of staff employed outside the Netherlands in accordance with the regulations and practices of the relevant countries. Third parties, mostly insurance companies, administer and execute these plans. GBI has no further payment obligations once the contributions have been paid.

The contributions made to these plans are charged and recognized under the heading "Personnel expenses of the income statement.

Share-based payment transactions

BBVA shares granted by GBI to selected employees are treated as cash-settled share-based payment from GBI's perspective.

GBI recognises and measures the services received from Identified Staff that are subject to share-based payment and the liability to pay for these services at the fair value of the liability. The fair value constitutes an estimate of the variable remuneration, taking into account market conditions. Once the BBVA shares are granted by the ultimate parent company to Identified Staff of GBI, the monetary equivalent thereof (based on fair value at the time of granting the shares) is charged by BBVA to GBI. The fair value of the share-based payment is determined at the grant date.

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Any difference between this charge and estimated liability is recognized as a personell expense in the income statement. The fair value of cash-settled share-based payment transactions are measured at each balance sheet date. Vesting conditions, other than market conditions, are not taken into account when estimating the fair value of the cash-settled share-based payment at the measurement date. Rights granted will remain valid until the expiry date, even if the share based payment scheme is discontinued.

Cash flow statement

The statement of cash flows is prepared in accordance with the indirect method, classifying cash flows as cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities. In the net cash flow from operating activities, the result before tax is adjusted for those items in the statement of profit or loss and changes in items per the statement of financial position, which do not result in actual cash flows during the year. For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise balances with less than three months' maturity from the date of acquisition, including cash and balances with central banks, treasury bills and other eligible bills, amounts due from other banks, and deposits from banks. Investments qualify as a cash equivalent if they are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

Cash flows arising from foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates at the date of the cash flows.

The difference between the net cash flow in accordance with the statement of cash flows and the change in Cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position is due to exchange rate differences and is accounted for separately as part of the reconciliation of the net cash flow and the change in Cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position.

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1. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash balances on hand, loans and advances to banks with original maturity periods of less than three months and other cash items. Cash and cash equivalents as of 31 December 2019 and 2018, included in the accompanying statements of cash flows are as follows:

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Unrestricted balances with central banks	721,160	836,250
Loans and advances to banks on demand	45,783	61,979
Deposits from banks on demand	(14,032)	(19,314)
	752,911	878,915

2. Related party disclosures

For the purpose of this report, the 100 percent shareholder Türkiye Garanti Bankasi A.Ş. (GBI's parent company), its controlling shareholder Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria S.A and all their subsidiaries and key management personell (beging the members of the Supervisory Board and Managing Board of GBI) are referred to as related parties. During the course of the business, the Bank has made placements with and granted loans to related parties and also received deposits from them at various terms. The Bank had the following balances outstanding from and transactions with related parties.

2. Related party disclosures (Continued)

Transactions with the parent

The outstanding balances and income and expense with the immediate parent and ultimate parent are as follows:

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Loans and advances to banks	15,842	14,058
Derivative financial instruments	1,077	459
Total assets	16,919	14,517
Deposits from banks	3,949	13,366
Derivative financial instruments	48	169
Subordinated liabilities	50,398	50,398
Total liabilities	54,395	63,933
Off Balance Sheet liabilities	-	340
Loan commitments, financial guarantees and other commitments received	76,607	89,444
Notional amount of derivatives	99,251	52,239
	2019	2018
Interest and similar income	594	1,966
Interest and similar expense	(4,228)	(8,959)
Fee and commission income	192	196
Fee and commission expense	(1,756)	(1,638)
Net income/expense	(5,198)	(8,435)

EUR 44 of expected credit losses have been recorded against balances outstanding during the period with the parent company (2018: 45) and none of the exposures are credit impaired.

Transactions with other related parties

The outstanding balances and income and expense is as follows:

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Loans and advances to banks	-	423
Derivative financial instruments	-	8,760
Loans and advances to customers	53,890	111,250
Total assets	53,890	120,433
Deposits from banks	-	9,733
Deposits from customers	487	5,094
Total liabilities	487	14,826
Notional amount of derivatives	-	26,238
	2019	2018
Interest and similar income	3,737	2,735
Interest and similar expense	(2,198)	(3,400)
Fee and commission income	41	90
Other operating expenses	-	(32)
Net income/expense	1,580	(608)

2. Related party disclosures (Continued)

Various commission rates are applied to transactions involving guarantees and commitments. The pricing in transactions with the related parties is set on an arms-length basis.

EUR 178 of expected credit losses have been recorded against balances outstanding during the period with other related parties (2018: 454) and none of the exposures are credit impaired.

Transactions with key management personnel

Key management personnel compensation

Key management personnel compensation comprises the remuneration of the Supervisory Board and Managing Board, which is disclosed in note 25.

Key management personnel transactions

The aggregate values of transactions and outstanding balances related to key management personnel were as follows.

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Loans and advances to customers	4,244	-
Total assets	4,244	-
Deposits from customers	3,504	3,153
Total liabilities	3,504	3,153
Off Balance Sheet liabilities	-	20
Notional amount of derivatives	-	788
	2019	2018
Interest and similar income	43	15
Interest and similar expense	(97)	20
Fee and commission income	119	-
Fee and commission expense	-	14
Net income/expense	65	49

Interest rates charged on balance outstanding from related parties are a quarter of the rates that are charged in an arm's length transaction.

3. Cash and balances with central banks

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Cash at branches	-	-
Balances with central banks	721,160	836,250
	721,160	836,250
ECL allowance	(32)	(42)
	721,128	836,208

3. Cash and balances with central banks (Continued)

Cash and balances with central banks includes cash on hand and all legal tenders, as well as demand deposits held at the central banks in countries in which GBI's Head Office and its branch are located. Information about the impairment of cash and balances with central banks, their credit quality and the company's exposure to credit risk can be found in the Risk Management section under Credit Risk.

From the cash and balances with central banks, EUR 696,179 is freely available while the remainder is required to cover the cash reserve requirements.

4. Loans and advances to banks

Classification of financial assets as loans and advances to banks

Loans and advances to banks are recorded at amortised cost and include the following financial instruments:

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Placements in demand deposits	45,783	62,036
Placements in time deposits	241,148	241,012
Reverse sale-and-repurchase agreements	40,705	22,929
ECL allowance	(1,903)	(1,378)
Net loans and advances to banks	325,733	324,599

Impairment and risk exposure

Information about the impairment of loans and advances to banks, their credit quality and the company's exposure to credit risk can be found in the Risk Management section under Credit Risk.

Total loans and advances to banks includes non-cash loans amounting to EUR 10,146 (31 December 2018: EUR 2,064) for letter of credits that the Bank has provided (note 15).

5. Loans and advances to customers

Classification of financial assets as loans and advances to customers

Outstanding loans and advances to customers are recorded at amortised cost and are categorised as follows:

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Non-financial corporations	2,344,208	2,478,321
Non-bank financial corporations	120,719	410,020
Households	22,311	21,027
ECL allowance	(53,830)	(61,495)
	2,433,408	2,847,874
Non-impaired loans	2,418,120	2,816,772
Impaired loans	69,118	92,597
ECL allowance	(53,830)	(61,495)
	2,433,408	2,847,874

5. Loans and advances to customers (Continued)

Impairment and risk exposure

Information about the impairment of loans and advances to customers, their credit quality and the company's exposure to credit risk can be found in the Risk Management section under Credit Risk.

Total loans and advances to customers includes non-cash loans amounting to EUR 6,902 (31 December 2018: EUR 2,929) for letter of credits that the Bank has provided (note 15), for which the payment obligation is certain.

Write-offs

The Bank may write-off financial assets that are still subject to enforcement activity. The outstanding contractual amounts of such assets written-off during the year ended 31 December 2019 was EUR 14,580 (2018: EUR 22,423). The Bank still seeks to recover these amounts it is legally owed in full, but which have been (partially) written-off due to no reasonable expectation of full recovery.

6. Financial assets mandatorily at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets mandatorily measured at fair value through profit or loss include:

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Corporate bonds issued by financial institutions	-	8,628
Equity shares	1,463	2,771
	1,463	11,399

The Corporate bonds issued by financial institutions concern contractually linked instruments. The Bank's investment in these instruments does not meet the criteria for classification at fair value through other comprehensive income as the contractual cash flows are not solely payments of principal and interest. Accordingly, these investments are carried at fair value through profit or loss.

The equity shares concern one equity participation that results from the partial transition of debt into equity in relation to a debt restructuring.

There are no financial assets designated as fair value through profit or loss by option.

7. Financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income

Financial instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) comprise the following investments in listed bonds having solely payments of principal and interest:

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Bonds issued by financial corporations	10,472	10,180
Bonds issued by non-financial corporations	20,991	20,525
Bonds issued by central governments	42,188	163,936
	73,651	194,641

7. Financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income (Continued)

Upon disposal of these debt investments, any balance within the OCI reserve for these debt investments is reclassified to profit or loss.

Debt securities include securities pledged in relation to the targeted longer term refinancing operation. Further information is disclosed in note 11 on deposits from banks and note 42 on asset encumbrance.

8. Property and equipment

Movement in tangible and intangible assets from 1 January to 31 December 2019 is as follows:

	01-Jan	Additions	Revaluation	Disposals and transfers	31-Dec
Cost					
Land and building	27,702	20	3,290	(390)	30,622
Right of use building ¹	955	39	-	(83)	911
Furniture and equipment	4,565	119	-	(983)	3,701
Right of use equipment ¹	153	-	-	(39)	114
	33,375	178	3,290	(1,770)	35,348
<i>Less: Accumulated depreciation</i>					
Land and building	-	(543)	-	543	-
Right of use building	-	(270)	-	20	(250)
Furniture and equipment	(2,722)	(802)	-	858	(2,666)
Right of use equipment	-	(89)	-	-	(89)
	(2,722)	(1,704)	-	1,421	(3,005)
	30,653	(1,526)	3,290	(349)	32,343

Movement in tangible and intangible assets from 1 January to 31 December 2018 is as follows:

	01-Jan	Additions	Revaluation	Disposals and transfers	31-Dec
Cost					
Land and building	27,238	210	4,532	(4,278)	27,702
Furniture and equipment	5,036	402	-	(873)	4,565
	32,274	612	4,532	(5,151)	32,267
<i>Less: Accumulated depreciation</i>					
Land and building	(2,329)	(496)	(1,453)	4,278	-
Furniture and equipment	(2,947)	(648)	-	873	(2,722)
	(5,276)	(1,144)	(1,453)	5,151	(2,722)
	26,998	172	3,079	-	29,545

Depreciation expense of tangible assets for the year ended 31 December 2019 amounted to EUR 3,566 (2018: EUR 2,979).

An independent valuator was involved to assess the valuation of the land and buildings. As per 30 November 2019 (the effective date of revaluation), the revaluation of land and buildings, net of deferred tax, amounting to EUR 2,791 was accounted under shareholders' equity (2018: EUR 2,309).

¹ Due to the adoption of IFRS 16, the opening balance for 2019 was restated and now includes two new captions. For further details please refer to the section "Change in accounting policies".

8. Property and equipment (Continued)

As of 31 December 2019, the net book value of property under cost model instead of revaluation model is EUR 15,699 (2018: EUR 16,088).

The reconciliation of the revaluation surplus on the building is as follows:

	2019	2018
Opening balance as at January 1 st	7,873	5,564
Current year charge in OCI	2,791	2,309
Closing balance as at December 31st	10,664	7,873

The revaluation surplus in OCI is part of a legal reserve as, under Dutch law, the balance cannot be distributed to the shareholder.

9. Intangible assets

Movement in intangible assets from 1 January to 31 December 2019 is as follows:

	01-Jan	Additions	Revaluation	Disposals and transfers	31-Dec
Cost					
Software	11,666	2,337	-	(3,797)	10,206
	11,666	2,337	-	(3,797)	10,206
Less: Accumulated depreciation					
Software	(6,870)	(1,859)	-	3,797	(4,932)
	(6,870)	(1,859)	-	3,797	(4,932)
	4,796	478	-	-	5,274

Movement in intangible assets from 1 January to 31 December 2018 is as follows:

	01-Jan	Additions	Revaluation	Disposals and transfers	31-Dec
Cost					
Software	10,371	2,539	-	(1,244)	11,666
	10,371	2,539	-	(1,244)	11,666
Less: Accumulated depreciation					
Software	(6,279)	(1,835)	-	1,244	(6,870)
	(6,279)	(1,835)	-	1,244	(6,870)
	4,092	704	-	-	4,796

10. Other assets

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Prepaid expenses, insurance claims and similar items	1,700	1,430
Miscellaneous receivables	3,969	5,152
Other	296	255
	5,965	6,837

As at 31 December 2019 miscellaneous receivables consists of a receivable of EUR 3.9 million (31 December 2018: EUR 4.5 million) with regards to the Deposit Guarantee Scheme for the bankrupted DSB Bank. This receivable is recorded at its estimated fair value.

11. Deposits from banks

GBI's deposits from banks comprise the following element:

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
On demand deposits	6,460	19,314
Term deposits	24,316	94,939
Obligations under repurchase agreements	-	61,768
Targeted longer term refinancing operations	128,429	128,956
Other deposits from banks	35,712	498,221
	194,917	803,198

Obligations under repurchase agreements

The Bank raises funds by selling financial instruments under agreements to repurchasing these instruments at the same price plus interest at a predetermined date. In note 42 further detail is provided in relation to the collateral provided.

Targeted longer term refinancing operations

The Bank raises funds participating in ECB's targeted longer term refinancing operations. In note 42 further detail is provided in relation to the collateral provided.

Other deposits from banks

Loans and advances from banks and other institutions are recorded at amortised cost and comprise the following:

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
<i>Short-term loans</i>	35,712	384,349
Syndicated spot		
USD	-	161,699
<i>Non-syndicated</i>		
USD	35,712	222,650
<i>Short-term portion of long-term loans</i>	-	92,005
USD	-	92,005
<i>Long-term loans</i>	-	21,867
USD	-	21,867
	35,712	498,221

12. Deposits from customers

Deposits from customers comprise the following:

	31 December 2019		
	Demand	Time	Total
Households	1,207,699	1,019,861	2,227,560
Non-financial corporations	168,515	314,189	482,704
Non-bank financial corporations	16,850	4,249	21,099
	1,393,064	1,338,299	2,731,363
	31 December 2018		
	Demand	Time	Total
Households	1,152,573	1,161,174	2,313,747
Non-financial corporations	189,115	267,959	457,074
Non-bank financial corporations	20,348	10,067	30,415
	1,362,036	1,439,200	2,801,236

From the deposits from customers EUR 1,932 million is guaranteed under the Deposit Guarantee Scheme.

13. Subordinated liabilities

Subordinated liabilities concern a subordinated loan received from GBI's shareholder Türkiye Garanti Bankası A.Ş. with a total amount of EUR 50 million (2018: EUR 50 million). The loan was granted in 2015 with an original maturity of 10 years and has a yearly interest rate of 4.55% (31 December 2018: 4.55%). The subordinated loan is subordinate to the other current and future liabilities of GBI.

In 2019, the interest expense in respect of the subordinated loans amounts to EUR 2,305 million (2018: EUR 2,305).

14. Taxation

In the Netherlands, corporate income tax is levied at the rate of 19% (2018: 20%) for tax profits up to EUR 200 and 25% for the excess part over this amount on the worldwide income of resident companies, which is determined by modifying accounting income for certain exclusions and allowances for tax purposes for the related year. Under the Dutch taxation system, tax losses can be carried forward for six years to offset against future taxable income. Tax losses can be carried back to one prior year. Companies must file their tax returns within five months following the end of the financial year to which they relate, unless additional extension is applied (normally an additional eleven months). The corporate income tax rate for the Germany branch is 30%.

On 17 December 2019, the proposed reduction of the Dutch corporate income tax rates was enacted. This implies that the corporate income tax rate in 2020 will remain 25%, but that the tax rate for 2021 and the subsequent years will become 21.7%. For the deferred tax assets and liabilities a tax rate of 25% is applied due to the short term nature while for the deferred tax liability related to the revaluation of property 21.7% is applied.

14. Taxation (Continued)

Tax assets and liabilities are as follows:

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Current tax asset	8,557	10,640
Deferred tax asset	-	-
Tax assets	8,557	10,640
Current tax liability	-	-
Deferred tax liability	(2,690)	(3,006)
Tax liabilities	(2,690)	(3,006)
Net tax assets/(liabilities)	5,867	7,634

The tax income and expense are as follows:

	2019	2018
Current tax income/(expense)	(2,594)	(3,540)
Deferred tax income/(expense)	54	-
Tax income/(expense)	(2,540)	(3,540)

The movement of current tax asset/liability is as follows:

	2019	2018
Opening balance as at January 1st	10,640	5,087
Current period taxation charge in the statement of profit or loss	(2,352)	(3,540)
Current period taxation charge in the statement of other comprehensive income	(802)	2,130
Movement from deferred to current tax	29	(881)
Advance taxed paid during the period	1,387	7,844
Corrections related to previous years	(345)	-
Closing balance as at December 31 st	8,557	10,640

In accordance with the related regulation for prepaid taxes on income, such advance payments during the year are being deducted from the final tax liability for the period. Accordingly, the taxation charge on income is not equal to the final tax liability appearing on the statement of financial position.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are as follows:

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Valuation of hedges	631	-
Valuation of (in)tangible fixed assets	54	-
Total deferred tax assets	685	-
Valuation of hedges	-	(160)
Revaluation of building	(3,236)	(2,737)
Other	(139)	(109)
Total deferred tax liabilities	(3,375)	(3,006)
Net deferred tax assets/(liabilities)	(2,690)	(3,006)

14. Taxation (Continued)

Movements in deferred tax assets and liabilities are detailed in the table below:

	2019	2018
Opening balance as at January 1st	(3,006)	(2,721)
Adjustment on adoption of IFRS 9	-	(236)
Movement from deferred to current tax	(29)	881
Deferred tax benefit recognized in the statement of profit or loss	54	-
Deferred tax charge recognized in the statement of other comprehensive income	(499)	(930)
Deferred tax benefit recognized in the statement of other comprehensive income	791	-
Closing balance as at December 31st	(2,690)	(3,006)

The total provision for taxes on income is different than the amount computed by applying the Dutch statutory tax rate to income before provision for taxes as shown in the following reconciliation:

	2019	2018
Profit before tax	9,152	15,560
Tax using the GBI's domestic tax rate	(2,288)	(3,880)
Effect of different tax rates in other countries	(22)	(33)
Disallowable expenses	(42)	-
Changes related to previous years taxation	(242)	373
Tax income/(expense)	(2,594)	(3,540)
Effective tax rate	28.3%	22.8%

15. Other liabilities

The principal components of other liabilities are as follows:

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Non-cash loans for letter of credits (*)	17,048	4,993
Unearned income	1,637	2,134
Short-term employee benefits	1,667	1,784
Withholding taxes	927	1,129
Vacation pay liability	184	128
Miscellaneous payables	6,742	8,918
Expected credit loss for non-cash loans (note 31)	651	837
	28,856	19,923

* The Bank gives non-cash loans for letter of credits it provides. As of 31 December 2019, non-cash loans provided to banks and customers are EUR 10,146 (note 4) and EUR 14,580 (note 5), respectively (31 December 2018: EUR 2,064 and EUR 22,423).

15. Other liabilities (Continued)

Management has set aside a provision in relation other long term employee benefits (variable remuneration). Part thereof is to be paid within 12 months after the reporting date and the remainder is deferred and to be paid more than 12 months after the reporting date. The amount of provision that is set aside in relation to variable remuneration is based on the actual performance versus the budgets and is approved by the Supervisory Board. The amount set aside for termination benefits is based on management judgement (or Supervisory Board judgement in case of termination of member of the Managing Board) in relation to negotiations between parties involved.

16. Equity

Share capital

As of 31 December 2019, the authorized nominal share capital of the Bank amounts to EUR 500 million and is subdivided into 500,000 shares with a nominal value of EUR 1,000 each, of which 136,836 shares have been issued and fully paid-in.

Other comprehensive income/loss not to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:

- Revaluation of building:
The Bank has elected to revalue the building reported under buildings in tangible assets (note 8). Under revaluation model instead of cost model, revaluation surplus is recognized in the other comprehensive income and shall not be recycled to the statement of profit or loss in the subsequent periods.

The reconciliation of revaluation reserve in other comprehensive income (net of tax) are as follows:

	2019	2018
Opening balance as at January 1st	7,873	5,564
Gains/(losses) during the year	3,721	3,079
Deferred tax effect	(930)	(770)
Closing balance as at December 31st	10,664	7,873

Other comprehensive income/(loss) to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:

- Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income reserve (FVOCI) is detailed as follows:

In 2019, the Bank recognises changes between the amortised cost and market value of the securities measured at fair value through other comprehensive income in the other comprehensive income.

These changes are accumulated within the FVOCI reserve under equity. The Bank transfers amounts from this reserve to retained earnings when the relevant equity securities are derecognised.

	2019	2018
Opening balance as at January 1st	(3,539)	2,852
Gains/(losses) during the year	3,477	(12,290)
Change in expected credit loss	188	(304)
Reclassified to profit or loss	(460)	4,073
Income tax effect	(801)	2,130
Closing balance as at December 31st	(1,135)	(3,539)

16. Equity (Continued)

- Cashflow hedge reserve

The hedging reserve comprises the effective portions of the cumulative net change in the fair value of cash flow hedging instruments related to hedged transactions that have not yet occurred (refer to note 'Derivatives and Hedge Accounting' for the details).

	2019	2018
Opening balance as at January 1st	481	100
Effective portion of changes in fair value	(2,519)	526
Reclassified to profit or loss	(647)	(18)
Deferred tax effect	792	(127)
Closing balance as at December 31st	(1,893)	481

Capital management

GBI is part of the BBVA Group. Therefore the European Central Bank (ECB) sets and monitors capital requirements for the Group as a whole and for GBI individually. The banking operations are directly supervised by De Nederlandsche Bank (DNB).

The standards applied for the capital requirements are based on the Capital Requirements Directive (CRD IV) and Capital Requirements Regulation (CRR) of the European Union. In accordance with the CRR, the Bank is using the Foundation Internal Rating Based (F-IRB) approach to calculate the regulatory capital ratios.

These ratios compare GBI's total capital and Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) with the required pillar I capital for credit risk (based on the total of risk-weighted assets and off-balance sheet items), the market risk associated with the trading portfolios and the operational risk.

GBI's regulatory capital consists of the sum of the following elements.

- Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital, which includes ordinary share capital, related share premiums, retained earnings and reserves after adjustment for dividends proposed after the year end and deductions for goodwill, intangible assets and other regulatory adjustments relating to items that are included in equity but are treated differently for capital adequacy purposes.
- Tier 2 capital, which includes qualifying subordinated liabilities.

16. Equity (Continued)

EUR 1,000	31 December, 2019	31 December, 2018
Total Equity	574,713	562,633
Prudential filters	1,810	(759)
Prudent valuation	1,810	(759)
Intangible asset ²	(3,950)	(3,577)
Core Tier 1	572,573	558,297
Perpetual Tier 1 capital	-	-
Transitional adjustments to AT1 Capital	-	-
Additional Tier 1	-	-
Total Tier I capital	572,573	558,297
Tier II Capital	10,562	10,671
Subordinated capital	50,000	50,000
Total Tier II capital	60,562	60,671
Total own funds	633,135	618,968
CET 1 ratio	23.89%	21.27%
Total capital ratio (TCR)	26.42%	23.58%

The CET1 ratio and Total Capital Ratio (TCR) does not include the 2019 net result, in line with the reports submitted to the regulatory authorities. When including the audited full year net result of 2019 the CET1 ratio is 24.17 percent and the TCR is 26.70 percent.

GBI has preserved its prudent approach to capital and liquidity management in 2019. Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) has increased to 23.89 percent from 21.27 percent in 2018, whereas the total capital ratio has increased to 26.42 percent from 23.58 percent in 2018. This ratio is comfortably above the minimum required regulatory level and provides a strong cushion for the Bank.

GBI's policy is to maintain a strong capital base to maintain investor, creditor and market confidence and to sustain the future development of the business. The impact of the level of capital on shareholders' returns is also recognised and the Group recognises the need to maintain a balance between the higher returns that might be possible with greater earning and the advantages and security afforded by a stronger capital position.

GBI has complied with all externally imposed capital requirements.

As part of the annual Supervisory Review and Evaluation Process (SREP), the regulatory authority sets individual capital guidance for GBI in excess of the minimum capital resources requirement. A key input to the SREP is GBI's internal capital adequacy assessment process (ICAAP).

The policies in respect of capital management and allocation are reviewed regularly by the Supervisory Board. Management uses regulatory capital ratios to monitor its capital base. Return on risk-adjusted capital is monitored to assess whether the allocation of the capital is in line with the risk appetite and the long term objectives of the Bank.

² Under CRD IV regulation, additional items listed below shall be deducted fully by 31 December 2019 to enhance own funds quality: Non-eligible minority interest, Other intangible asset (Non-solvency deductible under Basel II framework) and Deferred tax assets that rely on future profitability and do not arise from temporary differences

17. Fair value information

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

The estimated fair values of financial instruments have been determined using available market information by the Bank, and where it exists, appropriate valuation methodologies. However, judgment is necessarily required to interpret market data to determine the estimated fair value. While management uses available market information in estimating the fair values of financial instruments, the market information may not be fully reflective of the value that could be realized in the current circumstances.

The Bank analyses financial instruments held at fair value in the three categories described below. Fair values are categorised into different levels in a fair value hierarchy based on the inputs used in the valuation techniques as follows.

The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to (unadjusted) quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities and the lowest priority to valuation techniques supported by unobservable inputs.

Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities,

Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices),

Level 3: inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

If the inputs used to measure the fair value of an asset or a liability fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy, then the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety in the same level of the fair value hierarchy as the lowest level input that is significant to the entire measurement. The Bank recognises transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy at the end of the reporting period during which the change has occurred.

17. Fair value information (Continued)

Financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value

The table below analyses financial instruments carried at fair value, by valuation method:

31 December 2019	Level 1 Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets	Level 2 Valuation techniques - observable inputs	Level 3 Valuation techniques - significant unobservable inputs	Total
<i>Financial assets measured at fair value</i>				
Derivative financial assets				
Trading derivatives	-	1,164	-	1,164
Non-trading derivatives	-	6,352	-	6,352
Financial investments at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	1,463	1,463
Financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	73,651	-	-	73,651
Total	73,651	7,516	1,463	82,630
<i>Financial liabilities measured at fair value</i>				
Derivative financial assets				
Trading derivatives	-	10,728	-	10,728
Non-trading derivatives	-	4,091	-	4,091
Total	-	14,819	-	14,819
31 December 2018				
	Level 1 Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets	Level 2 Valuation techniques - observable inputs	Level 3 Valuation techniques - significant unobservable inputs	Total
<i>Financial assets measured at fair value</i>				
Derivative financial assets				
Trading derivatives		18,578		18,578
Non-trading derivatives		3,395		3,395
Financial investments at fair value through profit or loss		8,628	2,771	11,399
Financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	194,641			194,641
Total	194,641	30,601	2,771	228,013
<i>Financial liabilities measured at fair value</i>				
Derivative financial assets				
Trading derivatives		25,362		25,362
Non-trading derivatives		2,827		2,827
Total	-	28,189	-	28,189

17. Fair value information (Continued)

There were no significant transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 in 2019 and 2018. There were no significant changes in the valuation techniques during the 2019 and 2018.

Level 3 fair value measurements

The following table shows a reconciliation from the beginning balances to the ending balances for fair value measurements in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

	2019	2018
Balance as at January 1st	2,771	10,522
Transfer in/(out of) level 3	-	(8,291)
Gains/(losses) in the statement of profit or loss	(1,308)	540
Closing as at December 31st	1,463	2,771

The financial instrument categorised as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy concerns an equity security that is valued using van EBITDA multiplier approach.

Fair value at 31 December 2019	Valuation technique	Significant unobservable input	Fair value measurement sensitivity to unobservable inputs
1,462 (2018: 2,771)	EBITDA multiplier	Actual EBITDA derived from the entity	A significant increase in EBITDA would result in a higher fair value

Significant unobservable inputs are developed as follows:

- Expected cash flows are derived from the customer's business plan whereby quality of the business plan is judged based on historical comparison between plans and actual results.
- Actual financial statements (EBITDA, balance sheet and net operating profits) are derived from periodic financial information prepared by management to inform its shareholders. The information obtained is analysed and to the extent necessary changes are made (e.g. corrections are made for incidental items).

Although GBI believes that its estimates of fair value are appropriate, the use of different methodologies or assumptions could lead to different measurements of fair value of the equity security. For fair value measurements in Level 3, changing the unobservable inputs by 10% upward (favourable) and 10% downward (unfavourable) would have the following effects:

Valuation method	Effect on profit or loss	
	Favourable	(Unfavourable)
EBITDA multiplier	146	(146)

Financial assets and liabilities not measured at fair value

The bank assessed that cash and short-term deposits, trade receivables, trade payables, bank overdrafts and other current liabilities approximate their carrying amounts largely due to the short-term maturities of these instruments.

The fair value of the financial assets and liabilities is included at the amount at which the instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties, other than in a forced or liquidation sale.

17. Fair value information (Continued)

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair values:

31 December 2019	Level 1 Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets	Level 2 Valuation techniques - observable inputs	Level 3 Valuation techniques - significant observable inputs	Total
<i>Assets for which fair values are disclosed but not recognised at fair value:</i>				
Loans and advances to banks	-	-	326,876	326,876
Loans and advances to customers	-	-	2,479,014	2,479,014
Total	-	-	2,805,890	2,805,890

Liabilities for which fair values are disclosed but not recognised at fair value:

Deposits from banks	-	-	196,825	196,825
Deposits from customers	-	-	2,739,907	2,739,907
Subordinated liabilities	-	-	64,113	64,113
Total	-	-	3,000,846	3,000,846

31 December 2018	Level 1 Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets	Level 2 Valuation techniques - observable inputs	Level 3 Valuation techniques - significant observable inputs	Total
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Assets for which fair values are disclosed but not recognised at fair value:

Loans and advances to banks	-	-	266,503	266,503
Loans and advances to customers	-	-	2,950,049	2,950,049
Total	-	-	3,216,552	3,216,552

Liabilities for which fair values are disclosed but not recognised at fair value:

Deposits from banks	-	-	787,632	787,632
Deposits from customers	-	-	1,441,886	1,441,886
Subordinated liabilities	-	-	64,478	64,478
Total	-	-	2,293,996	2,293,996

On-demand deposits and cash are excluded from the table. Deposits and loans with maturity, the fair values are estimated using discounted cash flows, applying current rates offered for deposits of similar remaining maturities.

18. Commitments and contingencies

In the ordinary course of business, the Bank undertakes various commitments and incurs certain contingent liabilities that are not presented in the accompanying financial statements, including letters of guarantee and letters of credit. Commitments and contingent liabilities comprise the following:

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Letters of credit	209,237	151,661
Commitments for loan granting	145,784	157,181
Letters of guarantee	12,807	28,469
Other irrevocable commitments	-	8,746
Other guarantees	20	846
	367,848	346,903

Most of the contingencies have a short term nature and any outflow is normally reimbursed by the clients of the bank.

Letters of credit mainly secure payments to third parties for a customer's foreign and domestic trade transactions in order to finance a shipment of goods. GBI's credit risk in these transactions is limited since these transactions involve with the shipment of physical commodities shipped and are of a short duration.

Commitments for loan granting mainly relate to the regular lending activities of the bank.

Guarantees relate both to credit (other guarantees) and non-credit substitute guarantees (letters of guarantee). Many of them are expected to expire without being drawn on and therefore do not necessarily represent future cash outflows.

19. Net interest income

Interest income and expense from various products of the Bank and the transactions engaged are as follows:

	2019	2018
Interest loans to customers	118,827	152,285
Interest on securities	3,881	6,775
Interest on loans to banks	12,437	10,986
Negative interest on liabilities	668	1,044
Total interest income using effective interest method	135,813	171,090
Interest on deposits from banks	(14,421)	(16,381)
Interest on deposits from customers	(25,385)	(25,566)
Interest on subordinated liabilities	(2,305)	(2,305)
Negative interest on assets	(3,839)	(2,370)
Total interest expense using effective interest method	(45,950)	(46,620)
Other interest expense (swap funding costs)	(34,137)	(56,312)
Total interest expense	(80,087)	(102,932)
Net interest income	55,726	68,158

20. Net fee and commission income

Disaggregation of fee and commission income

Fees and commissions the Bank charges and incurs due to the transaction engaged are as follows:

	2019	2018
Commissions on documentary credits and non-cash loans	5,671	6,980
Brokerage and advisory fees	1,045	2,142
Custody fees	865	1,029
Commissions on account maintenance	1,459	1,152
Commissions on funds transfers	1,390	2,555
Other fees and commissions	96	109
Total fee and commission income	10,526	13,967
Brokerage and custody fees	(314)	(359)
Commissions and fees paid on foreign correspondents	(324)	(520)
Corporate banking fees	(1,698)	(1,673)
Other fees and commissions	(100)	(89)
Total fee and commission expense	(2,436)	(2,641)
Net fee and commission income	8,090	11,326

Contract balances

The following table provides information about receivables and contract liabilities from contracts with customers.

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Receivables included in miscellaneous receivables in note 10	296	255
Contract liabilities, which are included in other liabilities in note 15	1,562	2,048
	1,858	2,303

The contract liabilities mainly relate to the fees received from customers in relation to retail and corporate banking services. This is recognised as revenue over the period for which the services are provided.

The amount of EUR 1,715 recognised in contract liabilities at the beginning of the period has been recognised as revenue for the period ended 31 December 2019.

Performance obligations and revenue recognition policies

Fee and commission income from contracts with customers is measured based on the consideration specified in a contract with a customer. GBI recognises revenue when it transfers control over a service to a customer.

The following table provides information about the nature and timing of the satisfaction of performance obligations in contracts with customers, including significant payment terms, and the related revenue recognition policies.

20. Net fee and commission income (Continued)

Type of service	Nature and timing of satisfaction of performance obligations, including significant payment terms	Revenue recognition under IFRS 15
Retail and corporate banking service	<p>GBI provides banking services to retail and corporate customers, including account management, provision of overdraft facilities, brokerage of securities, brokerage of spot foreign exchange, brokerage of derivatives, custody of services, security transfers, third party funds, and servicing fees.</p> <p>Fees for ongoing account management are charged to the customer's account on a monthly basis. GBI sets the rates separately for retail and corporate banking customers at least on an annual basis.</p> <p>Transaction-based fees for interchange, foreign currency transactions and overdrafts are charged to the customer's account when the transaction takes place.</p> <p>Servicing fees are charged on a monthly basis and are based on fixed rates reviewed at least annually by the Bank.</p>	<p>Revenue from account service and servicing fees is recognised over time as the services are provided.</p> <p>Revenue related to transactions is recognised at the point in time when the transaction takes place.</p>
Trade Finance	<p>GBI provides trade finance services to its corporate customers which include letters of credit, standby letters of credit, collection, letters of guarantee</p> <p>The type of services is transaction based and are charged when the transaction takes place.</p>	<p>Revenue from account service and servicing fees is recognised over time as the services are provided.</p>

21. Valuation results and net trading income

Gains and losses from derivative financial instruments and changes in fair value of other trading instruments are reflected in net trading income including the fair value hedges, whereas gains and losses arising from changes in the effective portion of the fair value of cash flow hedges are reflected as a separate component of equity. Net trading income from trading of financial assets is detailed in the table below:

	2018	2017
Derivatives trading results	(492)	(2,721)
Securities trading results	(1,124)	342
Change in fair value of derivatives relating to fair value hedges	1,390	864
Change in fair value of derivatives relating to cashflow hedges (ineffective portion)	(13)	194
Change in the fair value of hedged items	(1,125)	(790)
Foreign exchange transaction results	1,142	2,077
Valuation results and net trading income	(222)	(33)

22. Investment income

GBI realised a net loss on the disposal of debt instruments measured at FVOCI of EUR 362 (2018: a loss of EUR 447).

23. Other income

The other income includes gains or losses arising from the derecognition of Financial assets measured at amortised cost.

During the year ended 31 December 2019, the Bank sold certain assets. These sales were made because the financial assets no longer met the Bank's investment policy due to a deterioration in their credit risk.

24. Other operating expenses

Operating expenses of the Bank is as follows:

	2019	2018
Saving deposits insurance fund	3,126	3,565
Electronic data processing	5,037	4,928
Consulting fees	1,988	2,930
Communication	1,561	1,643
Supervisory fees	1,259	1,035
Insurance	319	465
Rent ³	-	334
Repair and maintenance	270	263
Advertising	235	210
Utility	130	123
Stationary	67	70
Others	(70) ⁴	654
	13,922	16,220

³ Due to the adoption of IFRS 16, lease liabilities and associated right of use are recognised in the statement of financial position and depreciated over the time and no longer recognised as rent expense.

⁴ The amount is negative due to releases of cost reservations and VAT refunds.

Other operating expenses include expenses related to services provided by KPMG Accountants N.V. (external auditor of GBI) and other members of the international KPMG network.

The breakdown, in which these expenses have been allocated to the relevant period, is as follows:

	2019			2018		
	KPMG Accountants N.V.	Other KPMG network	Total KPMG network	KPMG Accountants N.V.	Other KPMG network	Total KPMG network
Statutory audit of financial statements	249	16	265	214	16	230
Other assurance services	248	-	248	312	-	312
Tax advisory services	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other non-audit services	-	-	-	-	-	-
	497	16	513	526	16	542

For the period to which our statutory audit relates, in addition to this audit, KPMG has provided the following services to the GarantiBank International N.V.:

- audit and review of financial information for consolidation purposes of the parent company;
- audit and audit-related services on prudential returns and other regulatory reporting to Supervisory Authorities.

25. Personnel expenses

	2019	2018
Short-term benefits - salaries	20,858	22,568
Short-term benefits - social security and insurance	2,605	2,714
Short-term benefits - other	1,296	1,224
Other benefits	1,201	1,638
Post employment benefits (pension insurance premium)	2,498	2,678
Termination benefits	597	395
	<u>29,055</u>	<u>31,217</u>

26. Board remuneration

In accordance with the Articles of Association, the remuneration of the members of the Managing Board is subject for approval by the shareholder at the Annual General Shareholders' Meeting.

The remuneration proposal for the members of the Managing Board will be submitted to the next Annual General Shareholders' Meeting in 2020 for adoption. The objective of the remuneration policy is to attract, motivate and retain a qualified Managing Board with an international mind-set and background.

The remuneration of current and former members of the Managing Board amounted to EUR 3,198 in 2019 (2018: EUR 2,549). The total remuneration consists of:

	2019	2018
short-term benefits	2,429*	2,365
post-employment benefits	172	184
other long-term employee benefits	-	-
termination benefits	597	-
	<u>3,198</u>	<u>2,549</u>

* Short-term benefits includes a bonus reservation of EUR 99 thousand. Pay out of this amount is subject to the remuneration policy as explained in note 27.

The remuneration of current and former independent members of the Supervisory Board amounted to EUR 171 in 2019 (2018: EUR 197). The non-independent (current and former) members of the Supervisory Board did not receive remuneration.

For further details regarding the remuneration, policy reference is made to the Report of the Supervisory Board. In Note 2 Related party disclosures, contracts transacted with key management personell including the managing board is disclosed and is extension of this note. See also Note 27 Share-based payments.

27. Share-based payments

Selected employees of GBI are marked as Identified Staff by the ultimate parent company (BBVA) under its remuneration policy for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019 as approved by the Board of Directors on 9 February 2017. Consequently, the variable compensation generated by the Identified Staff of GBI is subject to the settlement and payment scheme as laid down in the remuneration policy. The main features of this scheme are:

- A significant percentage of variable remuneration – 60% in the case of Identified Staff members with particularly high variable remuneration (> EUR 500), and 40% for the rest of the Identified Staff– shall be deferred over a three-year period.

27. Share-based payments (Continued)

- 50% of the variable remuneration of each year (including both upfront and deferred portions), shall be established in BBVA shares.
- The variable remuneration will be subject to ex ante adjustments, so that it will not be accrued, or will be accrued in a reduced amount, should a certain level of profit or capital ratio not be obtained. Likewise, the Annual Variable Remuneration will be reduced upon performance assessment in the event of negative evolution of the Bank's results or other parameters such as the level of achievement of budgeted targets.
- The deferred component of the variable remuneration (in shares and in cash) may be reduced in its entirety, yet not increased, based on the result of multi-year performance indicators aligned with the Bank's fundamental risk management and control metrics, related to the solvency, capital, liquidity, funding or profitability, or to the share performance and recurring results of the Group.
- During the entire deferral period and retention period, variable remuneration shall be subject to malus and clawback arrangements, both linked to a downturn in financial performance of the Bank, specific unit or area, or individual, under certain circumstances.
- All shares shall be withheld for a period of one year after delivery, except for those shares required to honor the payment of taxes.
- No personal hedging strategies or insurance may be used in connection with remuneration and responsibility that may undermine the effects of alignment with sound risk management.
- The deferred amounts in cash subject to multi-year performance indicators that are finally paid shall be subject to updating, in the terms determined by the Bank's Board of Directors, upon proposal of the Remunerations Committee, whereas deferred amounts in shares shall not be updated.
- Finally, the variable component of the remuneration of the Identified Staff members shall be limited to a maximum amount of 100% of the fixed component of total remuneration, unless the General Meeting resolves to increase this percentage up to 200% (due to local regulation in The Netherlands, the maximum amount is capped at 20% of the fixed component of total remuneration).

As part of the variable remuneration granted for 2017 to Identified Staff, a number of 1,612 shares corresponding to the initial payment were delivered to the beneficiaries in 2018. The deferred portion of the variable remuneration granted for 2017 constitutes 1,074 shares.

For 2019 no variable remuneration was granted to the managing board, hence no amount (2018: E nil) was recognised in the income statement for 2019 in relation to share based payments under personnel expenses. In 2018 the liability related to 2017 was settled with the ultimate parent company.

28. Leases

The Bank leases certain properties in The Netherlands (meeting rooms and parking), Germany (Branch office) and Turkey (Representative Office) as well as cars and other office equipment.

Lease payments are renegotiated upon renewal of the lease contracts. Some leases provide for additional rent payments that are based on changes in certain price indices.

Previously these leases were all classified as operating leases under IAS 17.

28. Leases (Continued)

Information about leases for which the Bank is a lessee is presented below.

Right-of-use assets

Right-of-use assets are presented within tangible and intangible assets.

	<i>Property</i>	<i>Equipment</i>	<i>Total</i>
Opening balance as at January 1st	955	153	1,108
Depreciation charge for the year	(250)	(89)	(339)
Additions to the right-of-use assets	39	-	39
Derecognition of right-of-use assets	(83)	(39)	(122)
Closing balance as at December 31st	661	25	686

Amounts recognized in the statement of comprehensive income

	2019
Leases under IFRS 16	
Interest on lease liabilities	7
Expenses relating to short-term leases	-
Expenses relating to leases of low-value assets, excluding short-term leases	-
Total	7

	2018
Operating leases under IAS 17	
Lease expenses	334

Amounts recognized in the statement of cash flows

	2019
Total cash outflow for leases	359

RISK MANAGEMENT

INTRODUCTION

GBI has an overall risk management model tailored to its business and its organization. This model allows GBI to develop its activity in accordance with the risk strategy, risk controls and management policies defined by the governing bodies of the Bank and to adapt to a changing economic and regulatory environment.

GBI follows a clear and proactive risk management strategy and adjusts its risk management structure continuously in an effort to further align with BBVA.

Following the increase of BBVA's stake in Türkiye Garanti Bankasi A.Ş., GBI's shareholder, GBI is also qualified as a significant supervised entity under the Single Supervisory Mechanism (SSM). Since then, the alignment of risk management policies and practices with those of BBVA has been the highest priority for GBI, where a significant progress has been achieved so far.

GBI has preserved its prudent approach to capital and liquidity management in 2019 Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) has increased to 23.89 percent from 21.27 percent in 2018, whereas the total capital ratio has increased to 26.42 percent from 23.58 percent in 2018. Both ratios are comfortably above the minimum required regulatory levels and provide a strong cushion for the Bank.

The Bank has continued to operate with a significant liquidity buffer, evidenced by a high LCR of 769.91 percent. The liquidity buffer is composed of placements to European Central Bank and investments in high quality liquid assets. The well-balanced maturity profile and high level of stable funding marked by an NSFR of 303 percent, together with a diversified funding base, allow GBI to ensure safe banking operations.

29. Overview on Governance Around Risk

GBI has established a governance structure based on the segregation of duties to facilitate sound and controlled business operations. Risk management is structured at various levels within the organization in the form of various committees at the Supervisory Board and at the Managing Board levels and dedicated departments with specific mandates for risk management and control.

The Supervisory Board (SB) bears the overall responsibility for approving the risk appetite of GBI and monitoring of the adherence thereto. The Risk Committee of the Supervisory Board (RCSB) advises and assists the Supervisory Board in monitoring the Bank's risk profile, risk appetite and effective risk management. The Audit and Compliance Committee of the Supervisory Board (ACSB) is the ultimate authority on independent audit functions, compliance-related risks, and advises the SB in monitoring the integrity of the financial statements and compliance with legal and regulatory requirements.

The Managing Board (MB) of GBI functions as a collegial body, as referred to in Section 2:129 of the Dutch Civil Code that reports to the SB. The MB is responsible for the management, general affairs, and business connected with GBI. The MB develops strategies, policies, and procedures to establish effective risk management and ensure that the Bank is in line with the approved risk appetite. CRO, as a member of the MB, is responsible for developing, implementing, and monitoring the effectiveness of risk policies and practices that strategically support the Bank's risk objectives.

The Risk Management Committee (RMC) is responsible for coordinating and monitoring risk management activities at the Bank level. Other committees at the Bank level manage specific key banking risks: the Credit Committee for credit risk; the Asset and Liability Committee (ALCO) for market, interest rate, and liquidity risks; and the Compliance Committee for compliance risks.

The Operational Risk Admission and Product Governance Committee is responsible for the assessment and introduction of new products and services.

The Credit Division is a separate risk control function, independent of commercial activities, ensuring the proper functioning of the Bank's credit processes.

The Risk Management Department (RMD) of GBI is an independent risk monitoring function, also independent of commercial activities. The RMD develops and implements risk policies, procedures, methodologies, and risk management infrastructures. Risks in relation to the limits established by the Bank are continuously measured and comprehensively reported to the appropriate committees.

The Internal Control Unit (ICU) is involved in monitoring and reporting of operational risks and establishing preventive control processes.

The Compliance Department is also an independent body, reporting directly to the ACSB as well as to the Managing Board. The main purpose of the Compliance Department is to support GBI in complying with applicable laws and regulations, GBI policies and standards, and to follow the relevant group entities' policies and principles. Compliance Department is responsible for AML-CTF Compliance, Corporate Compliance, Customer Compliance, Securities Compliance, and conducts its activities in scope of those areas.

The Corporate Information Security Department (CISD) is responsible for identifying risks in the information technology systems and processes at GBI, as well as ensuring that technology-related threats to business continuity are identified and mitigated.

The Internal Audit Department (IAD) monitors the governance frameworks around all risks through regular audits, and provides reports to the Managing Board and the ACSB.

30. Risk Appetite

GBI's Risk Appetite Framework, in line with that of the Group, determines the risks and risk levels that GBI is prepared to assume in order to achieve its business objectives. The establishment of the risk appetite has the following purposes:

- To set the maximum risk levels that the Bank is willing to assume.
- To establish guidelines and the management framework to avoid actions that could threaten the future viability of the Bank.
- To establish a common terminology in the organization and to develop a compliance-driven risk culture.
- To ensure compliance with the regulatory requirements
- To facilitate communication with the regulators, investors and other stakeholders

The Risk Appetite Framework is expressed through the following elements;

Risk Appetite Statement: It sets out the general principles of the risk strategy of the Bank and the target risk profile.

GBI's Risk Policy is aimed to promote a responsible banking model, through prudent management and integrity, while targeting sustainable growth, risk adjusted profitability and recurrent value creation. To achieve these objectives, the risk management model is oriented to maintain a moderate risk profile that allows to keep strong financial fundamentals in adverse environments preserving our strategic goals, an integral view of risks, and a portfolio diversification by asset class and client segment, focusing on keeping a long term relationship with our customers.

Core Metrics: They define, in quantitative terms, the target risk profile set out in the risk appetite statement in line with the strategy of the Bank. The core metrics used internally are expressed in terms of solvency (i.e. CET1 ratio), liquidity (i.e. LCR, loan to stable customer deposits ratio) and recurrent income (i.e. return on equity, net margin, cost of risk). Each core metric has three thresholds (the traffic-light approach), ranging from usual management of the business to higher levels of risk: management reference, maximum appetite and maximum capacity. In determining risk appetite, the Supervisory Board seeks a balanced combination of risk and return while paying close attention to the interests of all stakeholders. As such, the Supervisory Board reviews it on an annual basis at minimum.

- GBI's solvency has always remained at an above-adequate level owing to its committed shareholders and risk-averse strategies. The Bank aims to hold a strong capital base with a high Tier 1 component.
- The Bank focuses in particular on ensuring sufficient liquidity and thus safe banking operations and sound financial conditions in both normal and stressed financial environments, while retaining a stable and diversified liquidity profile.
- In terms of financial performance, the Bank targets a return on equity level that is stable in the long-term and satisfies the stakeholders, including the shareholders, while maintaining core competencies and a strategic position in key markets.
- GBI is strongly committed to act with integrity and adhere to the highest ethical principles in its business conduct.

By Type of Risk Metrics: These are defined in conjunction with the risk appetite core metrics. Compliance with the levels of by type of risk metrics ensures the compliance with the core metrics.

Core Limits: The core metrics and metrics by type of risk are supported by an additional layer through the introduction of limits on specific risk types i.e. credit, market, structural interest rate, structural FX, liquidity and operational risk.

The RAF was created to support the Bank's core values and strategic objectives. Accordingly, GBI dedicates sufficient resources to ensure full compliance with all requirements as well as to establish and maintain a strong risk culture throughout the organization. Evaluation, monitoring and reporting is an important element of GBI's RAF, which allows the Bank to ensure the compliance with the Risk Appetite set by the Supervisory Board. The Bank's risk limits are continuously monitored through control functions.

CREDIT RISK

Credit risk is the current or prospective risk to earnings and capital arising from an obligor's failure to meet the terms of any contract with the bank or otherwise fail to perform as agreed. The Bank is exposed to credit risk on various financial assets, including derivative instruments used for hedging and debt investments and on off balance sheet instruments (loan commitments and guarantees issued). GBI is predominantly involved in portfolios such as sovereigns, banks, large corporates and trade finance activities, where limited number of defaults are observed. GBI's objective is to preserve a moderate risk profile by proactively managing an adequate return on available capital.

GBI applies the Foundation Internal Ratings Based (F-IRB) Approach for the calculation of regulatory capital related to credit risk of Corporate, Institutional and Sovereign credit exposures since 2008 based on the permission obtained from DNB. GBI has dedicated internal rating models to assess the credit worthiness of counterparties, which are integrated in the credit decision making and monitoring processes. These models serve as a basis for the calculation of regulatory capital and economic capital that GBI has to maintain to cover expected and unexpected losses from its lending activities. Ratings are also integral parts of pricing and risk based performance measurement processes. Independent third party experts validate all rating models on an annual basis.

For the IFRS-based reporting, the Bank has adopted an ECL methodology that makes use of the credit rating models that also serve as a basis of regulatory requirement under Internal Rating Based (IRB) approach. However, the regulatory rating models produce Through the Cycle (TTC) probability of defaults (PD), therefore certain layers have been introduced to produce point in time estimates of PDs to be able to leverage these models in line with the IFRS 9 requirements.

31. Approach impairment of financial assets

GBI recognizes an allowance for expected credit losses (ECL) on financial assets and loans measured at amortized cost and financial assets measured at FVOCI, loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts not measured at FVTPL based on IFRS 9. In chapter Significant accounting policies, ECL approach is further elaborated.

The breakdown of individually and collectively assessed expected credit losses for loans, cash and non-cash loans is as follows:

Summary of financial instruments to which the IFRS9 impairment requirements apply

31 December 2019	Stage 1		Stage 2				Stage 3		Total carrying amount	Total allowance for ECL
	Collective		Individual		Collective		Individual			
	Carrying amount	Allowance for ECL	Carrying amount	Allowance for ECL	Carrying amount	Allowance for ECL	Carrying amount	Allowance for ECL		
Cash and balance with Central Banks	721,128	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	721,128	32
Loans and Advances to Banks	220,295	897	0	0	105,438	1,006	-	-	325,733	1,903
Loans and Advances to Customer	2,309,976	8,763	-	-	97,500	1,881	25,932	43,186	2,433,408	53,830
Interest-bearing securities (FVOCI)	73,651	188	-	-	-	-	-	-	73,651	188
Total On-balance sheet assets	3,325,050	9,880	0	0	202,938	2,887	25,932	43,186	3,553,920	55,953
Off-balance sheet assets	360,627	563	-	-	7,221	88	-	-	367,848	651
Total	3,685,677	10,442	0	0	210,159	2,975	25,932	43,186	3,921,768	56,604

31 December 2018	Stage 1		Stage 2				Stage 3		Total carrying amount	Total allowance for ECL
	Collective		Individual		Collective		Individual			
	Carrying amount	Allowance for ECL	Carrying amount	Allowance for ECL	Carrying amount	Allowance for ECL	Carrying amount	Allowance for ECL		
Cash and balance with Central Banks	836,208	42	-	-	-	-	-	-	836,208	42
Loans and Advances to Banks	323,121	1,359	-	-	1,478	19	-	-	324,599	1,378
Loans and Advances to Customer	2,674,736	10,128	92,156	4,201	36,487	341	44,495	46,826	2,847,874	61,495
Interest-bearing securities (FVOCI)	194,641	543	-	-	-	-	-	-	194,641	543
Total On-balance sheet assets	4,028,706	12,072	92,156	4,201	37,965	359	44,495	46,826	4,203,322	63,459
Off-balance sheet assets	342,581	467	101	2	-	-	4,221	368	346,903	837
Total	4,371,287	12,540	92,258	4,203	37,965	359	48,716	47,194	4,550,224	64,295

The table below summarizes the loss allowance by carrying amount, ECL per stage and balance sheet line item. Finally, the table shows the changes in ECL calculation during 2019 and if the credit risk has increased significantly (e.g. write-offs or transfer to lifetime ECL not impaired or transfer to ECL credit impaired).

Expected Credit Loss movements

Financial Asset - 31 December 2019

	12-month ECL Stage 1	Lifetime ECL not credit-impaired	Lifetime ECL credit-impaired Stage 3	Total
Cash and balance with Central Banks				
Balance at 1 January	(42)	-	-	(42)
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	10	-	-	10
Balance at period end	(32)	-	-	(32)
Loans and advances to banks				
Balance at 1 January	(1,359)	(19)	-	(1,378)
Transfer to Stage 1	(19)	19	-	-
Transfer to Stage 2	616	(616)	-	-
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	(135)	(390)	-	(525)
Balance at period end	(897)	(1,006)	-	(1,903)
Loans and advances to customers				
Balance at 1 January	(10,128)	(4,542)	(46,825)	(61,495)
Transfer to Stage 1	(12)	12	-	-
Transfer to Stage 2	309	(309)	-	-
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	1,048	2,974	(11,432)	(7,410)
Financial assets that have been derecognised	-	-	1,577	1,577
Write-offs	-	-	14,580	14,580
Foreign exchange and other movements	20	(17)	(1,085)	(1,082)
Balance at period end	(8,763)	(1,882)	(43,185)	(53,830)
Financial assets at FVOCI				
Balance at 1 January	(543)	-	-	(543)
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	355	-	-	355
Balance at period end	(188)	-	-	(188)
Off balance Assets				
Balance at 1 January	(467)	(2)	(368)	(837)
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	(96)	(86)	368	186
Balance at period end	(563)	(88)	-	(651)

Sensitivity analysis

GBI's allowance for ECL per 31 December 2019 is EUR 56,602 (2018: EUR 64,295), out of which EUR 13,416 (2018: EUR 12,899) is calculated by use of collective assessment. Said collective allowance for ECL is sensitive to the forward-looking macroeconomic forecasts used as model inputs, the probability-weights applied to each of the scenarios, and the criteria for identifying a significant increase in credit risk. These elements require management judgement, and are subject to the Bank's internal processes and controls.

Macro-economic models

GBI has internal credit risk rating models in place for regulatory capital purposes where the PD's are assessed on a borrower level and refer to the likelihood that a borrower will default. These models consider quantitative and qualitative scoring elements, and the produced PD's are through the cycle (TTC). For IFRS9 purposes, the Bank has adopted an ECL methodology that makes use of the said credit rating models and converts the TTC PD's to lifetime Point in Time (PIT) PD's. IFRS 9 requires preparers to use multiple macro economic scenarios to produce probability-weighted lifetime expected credit losses on ECL's.. GBI has three different macroeconomic models that are used according to the relevant geography of the borrower; Turkey, Europe and Global. These are regression models with one or more independent variables that aim to provide the best fit to the dependent variable, which is the observed default rates. GBI has considered various variables during the model development process and observed that real GDP change is observed to be the most relevant factor that impacts GBI's credit Forecast and actual credit losses.

Each macro model consists of three macro-economic scenarios, namely baseline, upside and downside scenarios, which are determined to reflect an unbiased and probability-weighted ECL amount. These forward-looking macroeconomic scenarios are subjective and incorporate uncertainty by nature. GBI makes use of IMF World Economic Outlook GDP estimates for its Baseline Scenario, which is considered a market-neutral view or market consensus for forecasts. A percentile framework has been applied for the selection of upside and downside scenarios. For the downside scenario, GBI has chosen for the 90th percentile of the distribution whereas the upside scenario is represented by the 10th percentile. GBI considers that the baseline macroeconomic scenario presents the current economic cycle the most and therefore assigns the largest probability weight to this scenario. Other two scenarios, Upside and Downside, are equally weighted.

The GDP estimates and the probability weights applied to each of the three scenarios require management judgement. GBI has internal processes and controls in place where the range of possibilities and expectations referring to said judgements, are assessed, discussed, approved and monitored under the four eyes principle concept (three lines of defence). The ECL could change as per the changes in GDP growths. For example, management assessed that case of a decrease in GDP estimates by 25 basis points, the impairment amount for collectively assessed loans would increase by EUR 267 thousand (2018: EUR 844 thousand), whereas the increase of 25 basis points would result a decrease by EUR 253 thousand (2018: EUR 459 thousand).

Significant increase in credit risk

All assets that are subject to collective ECL assessment are allocated a 12 month ECL if it belongs in Stage 1, or a lifetime ECL in Stages 2 and 3. An asset belongs to Stage 2 if it is considered to have experienced a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition. The staging process involves an assessment against both quantitative and qualitative criteria to determine the relative significance of credit risk deterioration. While qualitative criteria are based on forbearance indicators, the quantitative criterion is based on the assessment of the probability of default (PD) of the borrower since initial recognition.

The Bank compares the current (PD) over the life of the transaction with the original adjusted expected PD, so that both values are comparable in terms of expected default probability for their residual life. While comparing these PDs, GBI tests whether both the absolute and relative difference in these two PDs are above certain thresholds. The thresholds used for considering a significant increase in risk might differ as per the asset classes (i.e. sovereign, financial institutions,

corporates) in line with the differences in the observed default rates. The setting of thresholds requires management judgement, and is a key source of estimation uncertainty. Nevertheless, considering the short term nature of GBI's lending model, and the majority of the credit exposures are up to one year (73% of total assets, 2018:72%), the impact of said management judgements is considered limited by GBI.

32. Concentration Risk

The Bank's Wholesale Credit Risk Policy establishes the Bank's decision-making process in granting credit limits, setting rules and guidelines for exposures that give rise to credit risk. In view of the internal ratings and credit assessment analyses of the obligors, the Credit Committee assigns the credit exposure limit. All obligors have individual credit limits based on their creditworthiness. Groups of connected obligors are subject to regulatory 'group exposure' limits, as well as internal Group Concentration Policy, to manage the concentration risk of the Bank effectively. Furthermore, as per the Country Concentration Policy, limits are in place that cap the maximum exposure to specific countries, to ensure that related risks do not threaten the asset quality or solvency of the Bank. Finally, the Sector Limit Policy is designed to minimize contagion risks. The effectiveness of risk monitoring is supported by internal systems ensuring proper compliance with the principle of segregation of duties and authorization levels. Regular monitoring by the Credit Risk Department of GBI's exposure and compliance with the established credit limits ensures timely management of credit risk. The exposures to various customers, business lines and geographical locations are monitored on a regular basis by the Credit Division to ensure compliance with the established limits.

Breakdown by geographical regions

The geographical breakdown of carrying amounts assets and off-balance sheet assets is based on customer domicile as follows.

The geographical breakdown of financial assets based on domicile

As at 31 December 2019	Cash and Central Banks			Banks			Loans and advances			Interest-bearing securities			Off-balance assets			Total		
	Carrying amount	ECL		Carrying amount	ECL		Carrying amount	ECL		Carrying amount	ECL		Carrying amount	ECL		Carrying amount	ECL	
— the Netherlands	636,558	28	1,582	1,582	1	250,645	2,365	10,472	2	56,814	211	956,071	2,607	949,023	1,064	7,046	213	1,330
— Turkey	-	-	192,200	1,801	738,122	7,607	42,188	170	23,247	26	995,757	9,604	814,024	3,995	170,627	1,679	11,106	3,930
— Great Britain	-	-	11,106	45	114,073	8,428	10,662	8	13,491	17	149,332	8,497	144,911	583	2,765	20	1,656	7,894
— Switzerland	-	-	1,931	1	373,190	3,693	-	-	88,784	148	463,905	3,842	453,619	1,124	5,943	80	4,343	2,638
— Germany	84,570	4	60,836	9	217,576	910	-	-	3,563	4	366,545	927	366,545	799	-	-	-	128
— USA	-	-	12,563	3	135,554	570	-	-	44,861	44	192,978	617	192,978	617	-	-	-	-
— France	-	-	-	-	89,681	398	10,329	8	8,713	29	108,723	435	108,723	435	-	-	-	-
— Rest of Europe	-	-	5,749	8	383,554	21,251	-	-	59,011	97	448,314	21,356	421,014	1,292	18,894	750	8,406	19,314
— Rest of the world	-	-	39,766	35	131,013	8,607	-	-	69,364	75	240,143	8,719	234,839	533	4,886	233	418	7,953
Total:	721,128	32	325,733	1,903	2,433,408	53,830	73,651	188	367,848	651	3,921,768	56,604	3,921,768	56,604	418	7,953	418	7,953

The geographical breakdown of financial assets based on domicile

As at 31 December 2018	Cash and Central Banks		Banks		Loans and advances		Interest-bearing securities		Off-balance assets		Total	
	Carrying amount	ECL	Carrying amount	ECL	Carrying amount	ECL	Carrying amount	ECL	Carrying amount	ECL	Carrying amount	ECL
— the Netherlands	823,712	41	34,081	46	342,396	1,097	10,180	-	39,231	48	1,249,600	1,232
Stage 1	823,712	41	34,081	46	333,614	972	10,180	-	39,231	48	1,240,818	1,107
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	7,493	29	-	-	-	-	7,493	29
Stage 3	-	-	-	-	1,289	96	-	-	-	-	1,289	96
— Turkey	-	-	159,411	1,199	990,704	8,548	71,638	447	12,235	59	1,233,988	10,253
Stage 1	-	-	157,934	1,180	936,322	3,781	71,638	447	12,235	59	1,178,015	5,467
Stage 2	-	-	1,477	19	41,102	433	-	-	-	-	42,693	343
Stage 3	-	-	-	-	13,280	4,333	-	-	-	-	13,280	4,333
— Great Britain	-	-	12,367	39	121,005	22,471	10,411	16	12,513	42	156,296	22,568
Stage 1	-	-	12,367	39	112,045	581	10,411	16	12,412	40	147,235	676
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	7,204	96	-	-	101	2	7,305	98
Stage 3	-	-	-	-	1,756	21,794	-	-	-	-	1,756	21,794
— Switzerland	-	-	5,711	1	272,297	3,442	-	-	145,643	106	423,651	3,549
Stage 1	-	-	5,711	1	264,754	887	-	-	145,643	106	416,108	994
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	3,298	12	-	-	-	-	3,298	12
Stage 3	-	-	-	-	4,245	2,543	-	-	-	-	4,245	2,543
— Germany	12,496	1	20,442	4	236,578	1,093	-	-	3,134	2	272,650	1,100
Stage 1	12,496	1	20,442	4	236,578	956	-	-	3,134	2	272,650	963
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stage 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
— Rest of Europe	-	-	33,953	39	560,087	18,869	102,412	80	53,484	102	749,936	19,090
Stage 1	-	-	33,953	39	493,765	1,942	102,412	80	53,484	102	683,614	2,163
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	52,299	3,401	-	-	-	-	52,299	3,401
Stage 3	-	-	-	-	14,023	13,526	-	-	-	-	14,023	13,526
— Rest of the world	-	-	58,634	50	324,807	5,975	-	-	80,663	478	464,104	6,503
Stage 1	-	-	58,634	50	297,773	1,008	-	-	76,441	110	432,848	1,168
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	17,131	571	-	-	-	-	17,131	571
Stage 3	-	-	-	-	9,903	4,396	-	-	4,222	368	14,125	4,764
Total:	836,208	42	324,599	1,378	2,847,874	61,495	194,641	543	346,903	837	4,550,225	64,295

Concentration risk by sector and industry

The Bank uses a common industry classification methodology based on the NACE system (European Statistical Classification of Economic Activities). This methodology has over 600 detailed industry descriptions, which are aggregated into 16 industry classes at the highest level.

31 December 2019

	Carrying amount				ECL
	Carrying amount	ECL	Carrying amount	Reserve	
Administrative and support service activities	66,315	-	-	66,315	339
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	240,294	86	4,343	244,723	3,670
Construction	90,338	5,405	-	95,743	659
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	64,418	-	-	64,418	203
Human health services and social work activities	62,823	-	-	62,823	53
Information and communication	44,345	-	-	44,345	70
Manufacturing	447,752	1,106	-	448,858	1,672
Mining and quarrying	1,427	2,852	360	4,639	7,450
Other services	1,542	7,681	-	9,223	106
Real estate activities	153,801	-	-	153,801	571
Transport and storage	202,596	28,175	10,771	241,542	29,507
Wholesale and retail trade	785,633	36,292	10,457	832,382	8,711
Financial and insurance activities	106,525	15,905	-	122,430	580
Private Individuals	22,117	-	-	22,117	196
Professional, scientific and technical activities	20,049	-	-	20,049	43
Total Loans and Advances to Customers	2,309,975	97,502	25,931	2,433,408	53,830

31 December 2018

	Carrying amount				ECL
	Carrying amount	ECL	Carrying amount	Reserve	
Administrative and support service activities	63,888	-	-	63,888	291
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	221,138	942	4,245	226,325	3,464
Construction	120,398	-	-	120,398	837
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	87,569	-	4,499	92,068	756
Human health services and social work activities	13,048	-	-	13,048	32
Information and communication	33,264	-	-	33,264	26
Manufacturing	580,820	43,784	1,055	625,659	4,883
Mining and quarrying	6,956	-	361	7,318	10,605
Other services	12,381	1,063	-	13,444	69
Real estate activities	130,532	7,493	-	138,025	449
Transport and storage	267,296	33,165	20,630	321,091	21,766
Wholesale and retail trade	752,090	2,862	13,673	768,626	16,172
Financial and insurance activities	347,741	28,051	-	375,792	1,836
Private Individuals	28,841	-	31	28,872	271
Professional, scientific and technical activities	20,057	-	-	20,057	40
Total Loans and Advances to Customers	2,686,020	117,359	44,495	2,847,874	61,496

Below is an overview of the portfolios split in Investment Grade (rating BBB- to AAA) and Non-Investment Grade (below BBB-) as of 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018. All exposures that are covered under the F-IRB approach have a credit rating. Exposures subject to the Standardised Approach (SA) are classified based on the external credit ratings of Moody's, S&P and Fitch, with the 'average' formula prescribed by Article 138 of the CRR are used. Exposures that are subject to SA, but do not have an eligible external credit rating are classified as not rated. Table also shows whether assets measured at Amortised Cost or FVOCI were subject to a 12-month ECL or lifetime ECL allowance and, in the latter case, whether they were credit-impaired.

Specialized Lending are distinguished and separately rated according the CRR based on Risk Weights Category.

31 December 2019						
	FVTPL	FVOCI	Amortised cost			Total
			Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	
On-balance assets						
Cash at Central Banks	-	-	721,128	-	-	721,128
Investment Grade	-	-	721,128	-	-	721,128
Loans and advances to banks	-	-	220,295	105,438	-	325,733
Investment Grade	-	-	120,179	-	-	120,179
Sub-Investment grade	-	-	92,495	105,438	-	197,933
Not Rated	-	-	7,621	-	-	7,621
Loans and advances to customers	-	-	2,309,976	97,500	25,932	2,433,408
Investment Grade	-	-	604,478	-	-	604,478
Sub-Investment grade	-	-	1,413,134	97,500	-	1,510,635
Specialized Lending (RW 50%-90%)	-	-	242,151	-	-	242,151
Specialized Lending (RW 115%-250%)	-	-	14,021	-	-	14,021
Not Rated	-	-	36,191	-	-	36,191
Credit Impaired	-	-	-	-	25,932	25,932
Investments	1,463	73,651	-	-	-	75,114
Investment Grade	-	31,463	-	-	-	31,463
Sub-Investment grade	-	42,188	-	-	-	42,188
Not Rated	1,463	-	-	-	-	1,463
Carrying amount on-balance assets	1,463	73,651	3,251,399	202,938	25,932	3,555,383
Off balance assets	-	-	360,627	7,221	-	367,848
Investment Grade	-	-	164,222	-	-	164,222
Sub-Investment grade	-	-	88,727	7,221	-	95,948
Specialized Lending (RW 50%-90%)	-	-	105,648	-	-	105,648
Specialized Lending (RW 115%-250%)	-	-	1,970	-	-	1,970
Not Rated	-	-	60	-	-	60
Carrying amount of total financial assets	1,463	73,651	3,612,026	210,160	25,932	3,923,231

31 December 2018						
	FVTPL	FVOCI	Amortised cost			Total
			Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	
On-balance assets						
Cash at Central Banks	-	-	836,208	-	-	836,208
Investment Grade	-	-	836,208	-	-	836,208
Loans and advances to banks	-	-	323,121	1,478	-	324,599
Investment Grade	-	-	144,598	-	-	144,598
Sub-Investment grade	-	-	171,063	1,478	-	172,541
Not Rated	-	-	7,460	-	-	7,460
Loans and advances to customers	-	-	2,674,851	128,528	44,495	2,847,874
Investment Grade	-	-	751,985	-	-	751,985
Sub-Investment grade	-	-	1,606,154	113,586	-	1,719,740
Specialized Lending (RW 50%-90%)	-	-	254,760	7,449	-	262,209
Specialized Lending (RW 115%-250%)	-	-	16,286	-	-	16,286
Not Rated	-	-	45,666	7,493	-	53,159
Credit Impaired	-	-	-	-	44,495	44,495
Investments	11,399	194,641	-	-	-	206,040
Investment Grade	8,628	123,003	-	-	-	131,631
Sub-Investment grade	-	71,638	-	-	-	71,638
Not Rated	2,771	-	-	-	-	2,771
Carrying amount on-balance assets	11,399	194,641	3,834,180	130,006	44,495	4,214,720
Off balance assets	-	-	342,581	101	4,221	346,903
Investment Grade	-	-	188,343	-	-	188,343
Sub-Investment grade	-	-	75,634	101	-	75,735
Specialized Lending (RW 50%-90%)	-	-	73,246	-	-	73,246
Specialized Lending (RW 115%-250%)	-	-	26	-	-	26
Not Rated	-	-	5,332	-	-	5,332
Credit impaired	-	-	-	-	4,221	4,221
Carrying amount of total financial assets	11,399	194,641	4,176,760	130,107	48,715	4,561,623

33. Past-due analysis

Loans that are past due are monitored closely, with impairment allowances raised as appropriate and in line with the internal impairment policies. A financial asset is, among others, considered to be defaulted if 90 days have past since its repayment date (i.e. default starts on the 91st day).

The following table sets out information about the past due status of loans and advances to customers in Stages 1, 2 and 3.

Portfolio Breakdown based on number of days past due

31 December 2019	Stage 1		Stage 2		Stage 3				Total Stage 3	Total
	Not past due	Not past due	<=30 days past due	Total Stage 2	Not past due	<=30 days past due	>30 till 90 days past due	>= 90 days		
Cash and balances with Central Bank	721,128	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	721,128
Loans and Advances to Banks	220,295	105,438	-	105,438	-	-	-	-	-	325,733
Loans and Advances to Customer	2,309,974	97,500	-	97,500	5,922	-	-	20,012	25,934	2,433,408
Financial assets at FVOCI	73,651	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	73,651
Total carrying amount	3,325,048	202,938	-	202,938	5,922	-	-	20,012	25,934	3,553,920
<i>Off-balance assets</i>	<i>360,627</i>	<i>7,221</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>7,221</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	367,848

31 December 2018	Stage 1		Stage 2		Stage 3				Total Stage 3	Total
	Not past due	Not past due	<=30 days past due	Total Stage 2	Not past due	<=30 days past due	>30 till 90 days past due	>= 90 days		
Cash and balances with Central Bank	836,208	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	836,208
Loans and Advances to Banks	323,122	1,477	-	1,477	-	-	-	-	-	324,599
Loans and Advances to Customer	2,674,851	119,018	9,511	128,528	11,145	1,056	2,269	30,025	44,495	2,847,874
Financial assets at FVOCI	194,641	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	194,641
Total carrying amount	4,028,822	120,495	9,511	130,005	11,145	1,056	2,269	30,025	44,495	4,203,322
<i>Off-balance assets</i>	<i>342,581</i>	<i>101</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>101</i>	<i>4,221</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>4,221</i>	346,903

34. Modified loans

The contractual terms of a loan may be modified for a number of reasons, including changing market conditions, customer retention and other factors not related to a current or potential credit deterioration of the customer. An existing loan whose terms have been modified may be derecognised and the renegotiated loan recognised as a new loan at fair value in accordance with the accounting policy as detailed in the Significant Accounting Policies.

When the terms of a financial asset are modified and the modification does not result in derecognition, the determination of whether the asset's credit risk has increased significantly reflects comparison of:

- its remaining lifetime PD at the reporting date based on the modified terms;
- with the remaining lifetime PD estimated based on data on initial recognition and the original contractual terms.

The Bank renegotiates loans to customers in financial difficulties (referred to as 'forbearance activities) to maximise collection opportunities and minimise the risk of default. Under the Bank's policy, loan forbearance is granted on a selective basis if the debtor is currently in default on its debt or if there is a significant increase in credit risk (i.e. Stage 2), there is evidence that the debtor made all reasonable efforts to pay under the original contractual terms and the debtor is expected to be able to meet the revised terms.

The revised terms usually include extending the maturity, changing the timing of interest payments and amending the terms of loan covenants. For financial assets that are modified, the estimate of PD reflects whether the modification has improved or restored the Bank's ability to collect interest and principal. As part of this process, the Bank regularly evaluates the borrower's payment performance against the modified contractual terms and considers various behavioural indicators.

Generally, forbearance is a qualitative indicator of a significant increase in credit risk and an expectation of forbearance may constitute evidence that an exposure is credit-impaired. A customer needs to demonstrate consistently good payment behaviour over a period of time before the exposure is no longer considered to be credit-impaired/in default or the PD is considered to have decreased such that the loss allowance reverts to being measured at an amount equal to Stage 1. Section 'Significant accounting policies' paragraph 'Significant increase in credit risk' explains when there is significant increase or decrease in credit risk.

The following table provides information on financial assets that were modified while they had a loss allowance measured at an amount equal to lifetime ECL (i.e. stage 2 and stage 3).

Financial Assets modified during the period

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Amortised costs of financial assets before modification	17,682	23,613
Net Modification Loss	-	-

No financial assets have been modified for which the loss allowance has changed to a 12-month measurement during the period.

35. Collateral held and other credit enhancements

The bank holds collateral and other credit enhancements against certain of its credit exposures.

Loans and Advances to banks and customers

The general creditworthiness of a counterparty tends to be the most relevant indicator of credit quality of a loan extended to it. However, collateral provides additional security. The Bank may establish collateral in the form of a first charge over real estate, pledged goods, receivables, investments, deposit, and/or any other liens and guarantees.

At 31 December 2019, the net carrying amount of credit-impaired loans and advances to corporate customers amounted to €25.9 million (2018: € 44.5 million) and the value of identifiable collateral (mainly commercial properties) held against those loans and advances amounted to €18 million (2018: €67 million). For each loan, and where appropriate, the value of disclosed collateral is capped at the nominal amount of the loan that it is held against.

In addition to the collateral included in the tables above, the Bank holds other types of collateral and credit enhancements, such as second charges and floating charges for which specific values are not generally available.

The Bank's reverse sale-and-repurchase transactions are covered by master agreements with netting terms similar to those of International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA) master netting agreements.

Investments

At 31 December 2019, the maximum exposure to credit risk of the investments as at FVTPL or FVOCI is their carrying amount of €75 million. The Bank has not mitigated the credit risk exposure on these investments.

Derivatives

The Bank mitigates the credit risk of derivatives by entering into master netting agreements and holding collateral in the form of cash. Derivative transactions are entered into under ISDA master netting agreements. In general, under these agreements, in certain circumstances – e.g. when a credit event such as a default occurs – all outstanding transactions under the agreement with the counterparty are terminated, the termination value is assessed and only a single net amount is due or payable in settlement of all transactions with the counterparty. The Bank executes a credit support annex in conjunction with the ISDA agreement, which requires the Bank and its counterparties to post collateral to mitigate counterparty credit risk. Collateral is also posted daily in respect of derivatives transacted on exchanges and with CCPs.

The following table sets out the principal types of collateral held against different types of financial assets. Quantification of the collateral arrangements relating to derivatives, reverse repurchase agreements and repurchase agreements is set out in the next section on offsetting financial assets and liabilities.

As at 31 December 2019	Carrying amount	Cash Collaterals Received	Off Balance sheet financial instruments ⁵	Other collateral ⁶
Assets				
Loans and advances to banks	325,733	-	42,058	-
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss				
- Mandatorily at fair value through profit or loss	1,463	-	-	-
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	73,651	-	-	-
Loans and advances to customers	2,433,408	53,945	88,355	632,263
Total	2,834,255	53,945	130,413	632,263

As at 31 December 2018	Carrying amount	Cash Collaterals Received	Off Balance sheet financial instruments ⁵	Other collateral ⁶
Assets				
Loans and advances to banks	324,599	-	2,082	-
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss				
- Mandatorily at fair value through profit or loss	11,399	-	-	-
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	194,641	-	-	-
Loans and advances to customers	2,847,874	15,163	139,109	732,953
Total	3,400,486	15,163	141,191	732,953

⁵ Off balance sheet financial instruments includes securities, guarantees and letters of credit.

⁶ Other collateral consists of pledged stocks, receivables and commodities as well as mortgages on real estate and vessels.

36. Offsetting financial assets and liabilities

The disclosures set out in the following tables include financial assets and financial liabilities that:

- are offset in the Bank's statement of financial position; or
- are subject to an enforceable master netting arrangement or similar agreement that covers similar financial instruments, irrespective of whether they are offset in the statement of financial position.

The 'similar agreements' include derivative clearing agreements and global master repurchase agreements. 'Similar financial instruments' include derivatives, sale-and-repurchase agreements and reverse sale-and-repurchase agreements. Financial instruments such as loans and deposits (excluding lending related to reverse sale-and-repurchase agreements) are not disclosed in the following tables unless they are offset in the statement of financial position. The ISDA and similar master netting arrangements do not meet the criteria for offsetting in the statement of financial position. This is because they create for the parties to the agreement a right of set-off of recognised amounts that is enforceable only following an event of default, insolvency or bankruptcy of the Bank or the counterparties or following other predetermined events. In addition, the Bank and its counterparties do not intend to settle on a net basis or to realise the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously. The Bank receives and gives collateral in the form of deposits and marketable securities in respect of the following transactions:

- derivatives; and
- sale-and-repurchase, and reverse sale-and-repurchase, agreements.

This collateral is subject to standard industry terms including, when appropriate, an ISDA credit support annex. This means that securities received/given as collateral can be pledged or sold during the term of the transaction but have to be returned on maturity of the transaction. The terms also give each party the right to terminate the related transactions on the counterparty's failure to post collateral.

Financial assets and liabilities subject to offsetting, enforceable master netting arrangements and similar agreements

As at 31 December 2019	Gross amounts of recognised financial assets	Gross amounts of recognised financial liabilities offset in the statement of financial position	Net amounts of financial assets presented in the statement of financial position	Related amounts not offset in the statement of financial position		Net amounts
				Financial instruments (including non-cash collateral)	Cash collateral received	
Types of financial assets						
Trading & Non-trading derivatives	7,516	-	7,516	-	2,774	4,742
Reverse sale-and repurchase agreements	40,705	-	40,705	39,475	-	1,230
Total	48,221	-	48,221	39,475	2,774	5,972

As at 31 December 2019	Gross amounts of recognised financial liabilities	Gross amounts of recognised financial assets offset in the statement of financial position	Net amounts of financial liabilities presented in the statement of financial position	Amounts subject to enforceable master netting agreement ISDA (not offset)		Net amounts
				Financial instruments (including non-cash collateral)	Cash collateral pledged	
Types of financial liabilities						
Trading & Non-trading derivatives	14,819	-	14,819	-	12,233	2,586
Reverse sale-and repurchase agreements	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	14,819	-	14,819	-	12,233	2,586

As at 31 December 2018	Gross amounts of recognised financial assets	Gross amounts of recognised financial liabilities offset in the statement of financial position	Net amounts of financial assets presented in the statement of financial position	Related amounts not offset in the statement of financial position		Net amounts
				Financial instruments (including non-cash collateral)	Cash collateral received	
Types of financial assets						
Trading & Non-trading derivatives	21,973	-	21,973	-	6,028	15,945
Reverse sale-and repurchase	22,929	-	22,929	22,164	-	765
Total	44,902	-	44,902	22,164	6,028	16,710

As at 31 December 2018	Gross amounts of recognised financial assets	Gross amounts of recognised financial assets offset in the statement of financial position	Net amounts of financial liabilities presented in the statement of financial position	Amounts subject to enforceable master netting agreement ISDA (not offset)		Net amounts
				Financial instruments (including non-cash collateral)	Cash collateral received	
Types of financial liabilities						
Trading derivatives & Non-trading derivatives	28,189	-	28,189	-	21,035	7,154
Sale-and repurchase agreements	61,768	-	61,768	55,830	-	5,938
Total	89,957	-	89,957	55,830	21,035	13,092

The gross amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities and their net amounts disclosed in the above tables have been measured in the statement of financial position on the following bases:

- Trading derivatives: fair value;
- Non-trading derivatives: fair value; and
- assets and liabilities resulting from sale-and-repurchase agreements, reverse sale-and repurchase agreements: amortised cost.

Reconciliation to the net amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities presented in the statement of financial position

The following tables reconcile the 'net amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities presented in the statement of financial position', as set out above, to the line items presented in the statement of financial position.

As at 31 December 2019	Net amount	Line item in statement of financial position	Carrying amount in statement of financial position	Financial assets not in scope of off-setting disclosures	Note
Types of financial assets					
Trading derivatives	1,910	Trading derivatives	1,910	-	40
Non-trading derivatives	5,606	Non-trading derivatives	5,606	-	40
Reverse sale-and repurchase agreements	40,705	Loans and advances to banks	325,733	285,028	4
Types of financial liabilities					
Trading derivatives	1,687	Trading derivatives	1,687	-	40
Non-trading derivatives	13,132	Non-trading derivatives	13,132	-	40
Sale-and repurchase agreements	-	Deposits from banks	194,917	194,917	11

As at 31 December 2018	Net amount	Line item in statement of financial position	Carrying amount in statement of financial position	Financial assets not in scope of off-setting disclosures	Note
Types of financial assets					
Trading derivatives	13,562	Trading derivatives	13,562	-	40
Non-trading derivatives	8,411	Non-trading derivatives	8,411	-	40
Reverse sale-and repurchase agreements	22,929	Loans and advances to banks	324,599	301,670	4
Types of financial liabilities					
Trading derivatives	13,483	Trading derivatives	13,483	-	40
Non-trading derivatives	14,706	Non-trading derivatives	14,706	-	40
Sale-and repurchase agreements	61,768	Deposits from banks	803,198	741,430	11

MARKET RISK

Market risk arises from fluctuations in interest rates, foreign currency exchange rates and security prices. It is GBI's policy to avoid exposure to significant open positions in interest rate and foreign currency risk, while optimising the return.

The main market risks to which GBI is exposed to are interest rate risk and foreign currency risk which would arise through positions in banking book or trading book. GBI uses derivatives to mitigate market risks for trading and banking books. The banking book positions are intended to be held for the long-term (or until maturity) or for hedging other banking book positions. The trading book positions are typically held with a short-term trading intent or in order to hedge other positions in the trading book. GBI assumes limited market risks in trading activities by taking positions in debt securities, foreign exchange, and derivatives. The Bank has historically been conservative in running its trading book. The main strategy is to keep end-of-day trading positions at low levels within the predefine limits.

37. Governance

The Managing Board has the overall responsibility for market risks and implements policies for effective market risk management. The Managing Board delegates its responsibilities to Risk Management Committee (RMC) for the purpose of monitoring market risks. It reviews and sets limits on products and desk levels based on the Bank's risk appetite. GBI's Global Markets unit actively manages market risk arising from the trading book within these limits. The Middle Office (first line) and the ICU (second line) are established as independent control bodies. They monitor and follow up all trading transactions and positions on an ongoing basis. Trading activities are followed-up as per the position, stop-loss, sensitivity and VaR limits. RMD is responsible for the maintenance of internal models, monitoring of risk-based limits and performing stress tests and presenting the results to the related committees. VaR is supplemented by stress tests and scenario analyses in order to determine the effects of potential extreme market developments on the value of market risk sensitive exposures. Stress tests have the advantage of out-of-model analyses of the trading book. These scenarios are reviewed periodically and updated when necessary. The foreign currency risk and the interest rate risk arising from the banking book is managed by the Asset and Liability Department (ALM) based on the Structural FX Rate and Structural Interest Rate Risk policies set by the Managing Board and monitored by ALCO and RMD.

Due to the fact that the bank hedges the market risk for the banking book and the trading book, concentration risk is insignificant.

The following table sets out the allocation of assets and liabilities subject to market risk between trading and non-trading portfolios.

Market risk – trading and non-trading portfolios

31 December 2019	Carrying amount	Trading portfolio	Non-trading portfolio
Assets			
Cash and balances with central banks	721,128	-	721,128
Loans and advances to banks	325,733	-	325,733
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss			
- Mandatorily at fair value through profit or loss	1,463	-	1,463
- Trading derivatives	1,910	1,910	-
- Non-trading derivatives	5,606	-	5,606
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	73,651	-	73,651
Loans and advances to customers	2,433,408	-	2,433,408
Other assets	5,965	-	5,965
Liabilities			
Deposits from banks	194,917	-	194,917
Deposits from customers	2,731,363	-	2,731,363
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss			
- Trading derivatives	1,687	1,687	1,687
- Non-trading derivatives	13,132	-	13,132
Subordinated liabilities	50,398	-	50,398
Other liabilities, accrued expenses and provisions	28,856	-	28,856

31 December 2018	Carrying amount	Trading portfolio	Non-trading portfolio
Assets			
Cash and balances with central banks	836,208	-	836,208
Loans and advances to banks	324,599	-	324,599
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss			
- Mandatorily at fair value through profit or loss	11,399	-	11,399
- Trading derivatives	13,562	13,562	-
- Non-trading derivatives	8,411	-	8,411
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	194,641	-	194,641
Loans and advances to customers	2,847,874	-	2,847,874
Other assets	6,837	-	6,837
Liabilities			
Deposits from banks	803,198	-	803,198
Deposits from customers	2,801,236	-	2,801,236
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss			
- Trading derivatives	13,484	13,484	-
- Non-trading derivatives	14,706	-	14,706
Subordinated liabilities	50,398	-	50,398
Other liabilities, accrued expenses and provisions	19,923	-	19,923

Note 16 Fair Value Hierarchy elaborates on used fair value data by GBI.

38. Interest Rate Risk on the Banking Book (IRRBB)

Interest rate risk is defined as the risk of loss in interest earnings or in the economic value of banking book items as a consequence of fluctuation in interest rates. GBI perceives interest rate risk as a combination of repricing risk, yield curve risk, basis risk and option risk. The asset and liability structure of the Bank creates a certain exposure to IRRBB. Repricing risk is the most relevant one for GBI and the others are at immaterial levels as a result of the business model of the Bank. However, all interest rate risk types are monitored and their impact is assessed regularly. Business units are not allowed to run structural interest mismatch positions. As a result of this policy, day-to-day interest rate risk management is carried out by the ALM Department in line with the policies and limits set by ALCO, with the help of a well-defined internal transfer pricing process.

IRRBB is measured and monitored at each meeting of ALCO by using Duration, Repricing Gap and Sensitivity analyses. Sensitivity analyses are based on both economic value and earnings perspectives. Interest sensitivity is measured by applying standard parallel yield curve shifts, historical simulation and other yield curve twist scenarios. All analyses are based on the interest rate repricing maturities. Behavioral analyses are used for the products that do not have contractual maturities; for GBI the only product that falls under this condition is retail demand deposits. To assess the interest rate related behavior of these liabilities, GBI conducts a demand deposit modelling analysis to predict deposit outflow patterns over time, taking into account historical deposit trends and various factors such as deposit age and market rates. The Repricing Gap analysis shows interest bearing assets and liabilities broken down by when they are next due for repricing. This analysis is used as a supplementary measure to duration in order to point out interest bearing inflows/outflows and their maturities.

The following table provides a maturity calendar of all interest-bearing financial instruments, including derivatives as of 31 December 2019, which is based on remaining days to maturity for fixed rate instruments and next repricing date for floating rate instruments:

IRRBB	Demand	<= 3 months	> 3 months <= 1 year	> 1 year <= 5 years	> 5 years	Total
Assets	53,660	2,354,796	775,253	370,708	32,372	3,586,789
Liabilities	65,533	647,826	1,663,424	359,361	77,856	2,814,000
Derivatives	-	21,398	48,011	(46,800)	(35,209)	(12,600)
Net interest position 31 December 2019	(11,873)	1,728,368	(840,160)	(35,453)	(80,693)	760,189
Net interest position 31 December 2018	58,133	1,426,597	(685,580)	31,360	(2,661)	711,583

The calculation of the Economic Value of Equity (EVE) analysis as at 31 December 2019 shows that, assuming an unchanged structure of assets, liabilities and off-balance sheet items, an interest increase of one percent, taking into account a parallel movement of the risk-free yield curves, would result in an increase in the economic value of the Bank's equity amounting to approximately EUR 9,709 (31 December 2018: EUR 5,672 increase).

GBI also measures interest rate sensitivity of the equity by using historical volatility approach. Historical scenarios are applied to the whole banking book in a systematic manner in order to find the day in history, which would have the maximum negative impact on the economic value of equity. Scenarios are determined based on the interest rates collected at different currencies and maturities for a 5-year historical period.

The Earnings at Risk (EaR) analysis focuses on the effects of interest rate changes on the Bank's reported earnings over one year and two years. The standard gradual shift in the yield curve is applied for the calculation of the regulatory stress test; the interest rates are assumed to increase (or decrease) within one year and to remain at that level in the second year.

The Bank has a moderate duration structure. The duration mismatch is stable as a natural consequence of the clear business model of the Bank.

All interest rate sensitivity analyses are also used for evaluating hedging strategies, internal limit setting and portfolio monitoring purposes, enabling GBI to manage interest rate risk in a proactive manner. GBI uses interest rate swaps and forward rate agreements to hedge interest rate risk in major currencies in its banking book, depending on the composition of the balance sheet.

39. Currency risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of an exposure will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rate compared to the functional currency (Euro). GBI manages structural currency risk in line with the policies and the risk appetite set by the Supervisory Board. The Bank uses FX hedging derivatives such as currency swaps and currency forward contracts in convertible currencies to manage the currency risk inherent to the balance sheet. For the derivative contracts concluded to mitigate currency risk, GBI applies cashflow hedge accounting as defined under IAS 39.

The total equivalent of net balance in foreign currencies is EUR (1,536) (2018: EUR 1,920). The currency position is mitigated through derivative instruments.

Table below shows GBI's exposures for different currencies.

Concentration risk by currency exposure

31 December 2019	USD	TL	Other	Total
Assets				
Cash and balances with central banks	-	-	-	-
Loans and advances to banks	158,734	183	1,460	160,377
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss				
- Mandatorily at fair value through profit or loss	1,463	-	-	1,463
- Trading derivatives	-	-	-	-
- Non-trading derivatives	-	-	-	-
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	42,188	-	-	42,188
Loans and advances to customers	931,746	137,264	114,136	1,183,146
Property and equipment	-	-	-	-
Intangible assets	-	-	-	-
Current tax asset	-	-	-	-
Other assets	216	27	-	243
Total Assets	1,134,347	137,474	115,596	1,387,417
Liabilities				
Deposits from banks	43,589	145	3,059	46,793
Deposits from customers	641,741	23,840	32,854	698,435
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss				
- Trading derivatives	-	-	-	-
- Non-trading derivatives	-	-	-	-
Subordinated liabilities	-	-	-	-
Deferred tax liability	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities, accrued expenses and provisions	18,219	9	1	18,229
Shareholder's equity				
Total Liabilities	703,549	23,994	35,914	763,457
Net On Balance Sheet Position	430,798	113,480	79,682	623,960
Off Balance Sheet Position	(431,929)	(114,077)	(79,490)	(625,496)
Net Position	(1,131)	(597)	192	(1,536)

31 December 2018	USD	TL	Other	Total
Assets				
Cash and balances with central banks	-	-	-	-
Loans and advances to banks	186,518	133	2,050	188,701
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss				
- Mandatorily at fair value through profit or loss	11,399	-	-	11,399
- Trading derivatives	-	-	-	-
- Non-trading derivatives	-	-	-	-
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	71,638	-	-	71,638
Loans and advances to customers	916,721	278,192	154,304	1,349,217
Property and equipment	-	-	-	-
Intangible assets	-	-	-	-
Current tax asset	200	29	58	287
Other assets	1,186,476	278,354	156,412	1,621,242
Total Assets				
Liabilities	607,026	986	23,698	631,710
Deposits from banks	491,084	33,443	52,492	577,019
Deposits from customers				
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss				
- Trading derivatives	-	-	-	-
- Non-trading derivatives	-	-	-	-
Subordinated liabilities	-	-	-	-
Deferred tax liability	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities, accrued expenses and provisions	3,089	-	-	3,089
Shareholder's equity	(5,759)			(5,759)
Total Liabilities	1,095,440	34,429	76,190	1,206,059
Net On Balance Sheet Position	91,036	243,925	80,222	415,183
Off Balance Sheet Position	(89,466)	(243,316)	(80,481)	(413,263)
Net Position	1,570	609	(259)	1,920

Sensitivity analysis FX positions

Sensitivity analysis specifically on FX positions are not presented as result of effective risk mitigation whereby the net positions reported in the preceding table are immaterial.

40. Derivatives and Hedge Accounting

Derivatives

The breakdown of the fair value of GBI's derivative portfolio to product type is as follows:

	31 December 2019		31 December 2018	
	Carrying value assets	Carrying value liabilities	Carrying value assets	Carrying value liabilities
Derivatives held for trading				
Foreign currency swaps	191	41	9,206	8,869
Foreign currency forwards	288	208	118	356
Foreign currency options (purchased)	1,424	-	2,781	-
Foreign currency options (sold)	-	1,424	-	2,781
Other derivatives	7	14	1,457	1,477
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>1,910</i>	<i>1,687</i>	<i>13,562</i>	<i>13,483</i>
Derivatives in economic hedge relationship				
Interest rate swaps	-	-	-	914
Foreign currency swaps	4,441	2,404	1,099	767
Other derivatives	1	1	4	-
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>4,442</i>	<i>2,405</i>	<i>1,103</i>	<i>1,681</i>
Derivatives in fair value hedge accounting relationship				
Interest rate swaps	-	1,163	447	3,272
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1,163</i>	<i>447</i>	<i>3,272</i>
Derivatives in cash flow hedge accounting relationship				
Interest rate swaps	-	2,289	-	-
Foreign currency swaps	1,164	7,275	6,861	9,753
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>1,164</i>	<i>9,564</i>	<i>6,861</i>	<i>9,753</i>
Total	7,516	14,819	21,973	28,189

Derivatives for our clients

A considerable portion of our derivative transactions relate to client-driven sales and trading activities, and associated market risk hedging. Typical derivative transactions with clients mostly encompass standardised derivative products (so called "plain vanilla"). Any derivative transaction that is conducted with clients, is offset by GBI with a similar derivative transaction with a professional counterparty in order mitigate risks. Any realized and unrealized gains or losses on derivatives used for client driven trading business are recognized immediately in Valuation results and net trading income (see Note 21).

Derivatives held for risk management

GBI also uses derivatives for purposes other than trading, primarily for hedging, in conjunction with the management of interest rate and foreign exchange risk related to the funding, lending, and asset/liability management. This involves interest rate swaps to manage our exposures to interest rate risk and currency swaps to manager our foreign currency risk.

Certain derivatives are specifically designated and qualify for hedge accounting (see 'Hedge Accounting' section below). From time to time, we also enter into derivative transactions to economically hedge certain exposures that do not otherwise qualify for hedge accounting, or where hedge accounting is not considered economically feasible to implement. In such circumstances, changes in fair value are presented in Valuation results and net trading income (see Note 21).

HEDGE ACCOUNTING

Fair value hedges of interest rate risk

GBI uses interest rate swaps to hedge its exposure to changes in the fair values of fixed rate bonds in our FVOCI portfolio. Pay-fixed/receive-floating interest rate swaps are matched to specific issuances of fixed-rate notes. GBI's approach to managing market risk, including interest rate risk, is discussed in market risk section of these disclosures. Interest rate risk to which GBI applies hedge accounting arises from fixed-rate bonds whose fair value fluctuates when benchmark interest rates change.

Hedge accounting is applied where economic hedge relationships meet the hedge accounting criteria.

Before fair value hedge accounting is applied by GBI, it first determines whether an economic relationship between the hedged item and the hedging instrument exists based on an evaluation of the qualitative characteristics of these items and the hedged risk. Occasionally, where deemed necessary, this is supported by quantitative analysis. GBI considers whether the critical terms of the hedged item and hedging instrument closely align when assessing the presence of an economic relationship. In addition to this qualitative assessment, the prospective hedge effectiveness is assessed with a sensitivity analysis approach. This method consists of measuring the effect of a parallel shift in the underlying hedged risks (a flat shift of 200 base points) on both the hedging instrument and the hedged item.

The Bank establishes a hedge ratio by aligning the par amount of the fixed-rate bonds and the notional amount of the interest rate swap designated as a hedging instrument. At each reporting date (i.e. monthly) the effectiveness of the hedge relationship is assessed with a dollar off-set method on a cumulative basis. The hedge is demonstrated to be effective by dividing the cumulative change on the clean fair value (i.e. excluding accrued interest) of the hedging instrument with the cumulative change in clean fair value of the hedged items attributable to the hedged risk. If the ratio is within the range of 80%-125%, the hedge relationship is considered to be effective.

In these hedge relationships, the main sources of ineffectiveness are:

- the effect of the counterparty and GBI's own credit risk on the fair value of the interest rate swap, which is not reflected in the fair value of the hedged item attributable to the change in interest rate; and
- differences in maturities of the interest rate swap and the loans or the notes.

There were no other sources of ineffectiveness in these hedge relationships.

As at 31 December 2019, GBI held interest rate swaps as hedging instruments in fair value hedges of interest risk with the following maturity profile:

Risk category	Maturity 2019			Maturity 2018		
	Less than 1 year	1-5 years	More than 5 years	Less than 1 year	1-5 years	More than 5 years
Interest rate risk						
Hedge of bonds in FVOCI						
Nominal amount	-	42,274	-	-	67,492	15,000
Average fixed interest rate	-	1.52%	-	-	1.32%	1.16%

The amounts relating to items designated as hedging instrument and hedge ineffectiveness are as follows:

Line item in the statement of financial position where the hedging instrument is included	Carrying amount		Line item in profit or loss that includes hedge ineffectiveness	Changes in fair value used for calculating hedge ineffectiveness	Hedge ineffectiveness recognised in profit or loss
	Nominal amount	Assets / Liabilities			
Interest rate risk					
2019					
Interest Rate Swaps – bonds in FVOCI	42,274	1,163	Financial liabilities at FVTPL – non trading derivatives	(1,178)	2 Valuation results and net trading income
2018					
Interest Rate Swaps – bonds in FVOCI	82,492	357 / 2,918	Financial assets / liabilities at FVTPL – non trading derivatives	2,305	173 Valuation results and net trading income

The amounts relating to items designated as hedged item are as follows:

		Carrying amount		Accumulated amount of fair value hedge adjustments on the hedged item included in the carrying amount of the hedge item		Line item in the statement of financial position where the hedged item is included	Changes in fair value used for calculating hedge ineffectiveness	Accumulated amount of fair value hedge adjustments remaining in the statement of financial position for any hedged items that have ceased to be adjusted for hedging gains and losses
		Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities			
2019	Bonds in FVOCI	42,274	42,658	-	1,180	Financial Assets at Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive income	1,180	-
2018	Bonds in FVOCI	82,492	84,757	-	2,265	Financial Assets at Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive income	(2,305)	-

Cash flow hedges of interest rate risk and foreign currency

GBI uses pay-fixed/receive-floating interest rate swaps to hedge the interest rate risks in respect of the benchmark interest rate (mainly Euribor or Libor) from the received floating-rate EURO deposits. The Bank hedges interest rate risk to the extent of benchmark interest rate exposure on its floating-rate EURO deposits to mitigate variability in its cash flows. The Bank also use currency swaps to hedge against the foreign currency exposure. These swaps enable GBI to fix exchange rate and eliminate variability in cash flows the external parties (both borrowers and lenders) as a result of currency fluctuations. Hedge accounting is applied where economic hedge relationships meet the hedge accounting criteria.

GBI's approach to managing market risk, including foreign currency risk, is discussed in note 37. GBI's exposure to market risk is disclosed in notes 38 and 39. GBI determines the amount of the exposure to which it applies hedge accounting by assessing the potential impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates on the future cash flows from its issuance of floating-rate notes denominated in foreign currencies. This assessment is performed using analytical techniques, such as cash flow sensitivity analysis.

As noted above for fair value hedges, by using derivative financial instruments to hedge exposures to changes in foreign currency exchange rates, GBI exposes itself to credit risk of the counterparties to the derivatives, which is not offset by the hedged items. This exposure is managed similarly to that for fair value hedges.

GBI determines whether an economic relationship exists between the cash flows of the hedged item and hedging instrument based on an evaluation of the qualitative characteristics of these items and the hedged risk. Occasionally, where deemed necessary, this is supported by quantitative analysis. GBI considers whether the critical terms (being: notional amount, contract currency, maturity date) of the hedged item and hedging instrument closely align when assessing the presence of an economic relationship.

At each reporting date (i.e. monthly) the effectiveness of the hedge relationship is assessed using the same approach as used for prospective testing.

In these hedge relationships, the main sources of ineffectiveness are:

- the effect of the counterparty and GBI's own credit risk on the fair value of the swap, which is not reflected in the fair value of the hedged item attributable to the change in interest rate and foreign currency; and
- differences in maturities or timing of cash flows of the swap and the hedged item.

There were no other sources of ineffectiveness in these hedge relationships.

As at 31 December 2019, GBI held the following instruments to hedge exposures to changes in interest rates and foreign currency.

	Maturity 31 December 2019			Maturity 31 December 2018		
	Less than 1 year	1-5 years	More than 5 years	Less than 1 year	1-5 years	More than 5 years
Interest Rate Risk						
Interest rate swaps						
2019						
Nominal amount	-	-	35,000	-	-	-
Average fixed rate	-	-	1.17	-	-	-
Foreign Currency Risk						
Currency swaps (EUR:TRY)						
Nominal amount	86,953	5,011	-	186,348	8,968	-
Average EUR-TRY exchange rate	6.37	8.81	-	7.00	7.86	-
Currency swaps (EUR:USD)						
Nominal amount	69,355	-	-	-	-	-
Average EUR-USD exchange rate	1.12	-	-	-	-	-
Currency swaps (EUR:RON)						
Nominal amount (in millions of euro)	-	-	-	56,913	-	-
Average EUR-RON exchange rate	-	-	-	4.73	-	-
Currency swaps (EUR against other currencies)						
Nominal amount	8,416	-	-	-	-	-

The amounts relating to items designated as hedging instruments and hedge ineffectiveness were as follows.

Carrying amount		Line item in the statement of financial position where the hedging instrument is included	Cumulative changes in fair value used for calculating hedge ineffectiveness	Change in the value of the hedging instrument recognised in OCI in the period	Hedge ineffectiveness recognised in profit or loss	Line item in profit or loss that includes hedge ineffectiveness	Amount reclassified from the hedge reserve to profit or loss	Line item in profit or loss affected by the reclassification	
Nominal amount	Assets								Liabilities
Interest rate risk									
2019									
Interest rate swaps	35,000	-	2,289	Financial liabilities at FVTPL Non-trading derivatives	(1,031)	(1,019)	(13)	Valuation results and net trading income	Valuation results and net trading income
Foreign currency risk									
2019									
(EUR:TRY)	91,965	306	6,907	(1,431)	(1,427)	-	-	(660)	-
(EUR:USD)	69,355	855	358	(73)	(73)	-	-	18	Valuation results and net trading income
(EUR:RON)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(EUR:Other)	8,416	3	9	-	-	-	-	-	Valuation results and net trading income
2018									
(EUR:TRY)	195,316	6,861	9,287	655	544	-	-	324	Valuation results and net trading income
(EUR:ZAR)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	Valuation results and net trading income
(EUR:RON)	56,913	1	467	(18)	(18)	-	-	(175)	Valuation results and net trading income

The amounts relating to items designated as hedged items were as follows.

	Line item in the statement of financial position in which the hedged item is included	Change in value used for calculating hedge ineffectiveness	Cash flow hedge reserve	Balances remaining in the cash flow hedge reserve from hedging relationships for which hedge accounting is no longer applied
Interest rate risk				
2019				
EUR deposits	Deposits from customers	(1,018)	-	-
Currency risk				
2019				
TRY Loans	Loans and advances to customers	1,431	-	-
USD Loans	Loans and advances to customers	73	-	-
Other loans	Loans and advances to customers	-	-	-
2018				
TRY Loans	Loans and advances to customers	(655)	-	-
RON Loans	Loans and advances to customers	18	-	-

Reconciliation of components of equity

The following table provides a reconciliation by risk category of components of equity and analysis of OCI items resulting from hedge accounting.

	Cash flow hedge reserve
Balance at 1 January 2019	481
Effective portion of changes in fair value:	
- Interest rate risk	(1,019)
- Currency risk	(1,500)
Net amount reclassified to statement of profit or loss:	
- Interest rate risk	-
- Currency risk	(642)
Related tax	787
Balance at 31 December 2019	(1,893)

LIQUIDITY AND FUNDING RISK

Liquidity risk is defined as the risk that the Bank may not be able to fulfil its payment obligations in a timely manner due to the lack of available cash or cash inflows in quality and in quantity to cover the cash outflows in a complete and timely manner due to imbalances in the cash flows of the Bank. Thus liquidity risk management focuses primarily on short-term scenarios and solutions. Funding risk arises when illiquid asset positions cannot be funded at the expected terms and when required or at extensive cost. Thus funding risk management focuses primarily on long term scenarios and solutions.

The main objective of GBI's liquidity and funding risk policy is to maintain sufficient liquidity to ensure safe banking operations, a stable long-term liquidity profile, and a sound financial condition, both in normal and stressed financial environments. The liquidity and funding risk policy is approved by the Supervisory Board, and aims to mitigate GBI's on and off-balance sheet risks that are associated with liquidity mismatches, while complying with the related regulatory framework. The policy describes the governance of liquidity risk at GBI, and provides high level principles for day-to-day and long-term liquidity management.

GBI carries out an extensive Internal Liquidity Adequacy Assessment Process (ILAAP), where all qualitative and quantitative aspects of liquidity risk management at the Bank are monitored using established limits and early warning indicators. The ILAAP framework details the liquidity risk appetite and funding strategy and is continuously reviewed. The funding strategy is also reviewed annually through the budget process with the establishment of the funding plan. The Supervisory Board monitors whether the Bank remains in line with the strategy and plan.

At the bank level, ALCO monitors liquidity risk, implements the appropriate policies as defined by the Supervisory Board, makes pricing decisions through the Internal Transfer Pricing (ITP) process, and directs the Bank's overall liquidity strategy. In case of a liquidity squeeze or an emergency situation, GBI has a detailed contingency funding plan, enabling the Bank to govern crisis management.

ALCO has delegated day-to-day liquidity management to the ALM, the department responsible for managing the overall liquidity risk position of the Bank. It also manages intraday liquidity as per the principles of intraday liquidity management established in the ILAAP Framework. The ALM manages all cash flows along with expected changes in business-related funding requirements. A related operations unit, independent from the front office, performs the role of collateral management and executes the settlements of all transactions.

The RMD performs liquidity risk assessment and analyses, develops required methodologies, and conducts regular stress tests to ensure the Bank is operating with sufficient liquidity. The RMD also reports comprehensively on liquidity risk directly to ALCO and to the Supervisory Board.

41. Funding concentration

GBI aims for a well-diversified funding mix in terms of instrument types, fund providers, geographic markets, and currencies. In general, retail funding is the primary funding source, owing to the Bank's well-established position in Dutch and German retail markets. This funding structure enables the Bank to have a positive liquidity gap even when the wholesale funding market dries up. Non-financial corporations, with which the Bank has established long-lasting relationships through its various financial services offerings, constitute the major part of the non-retail deposits. Behavioral analyses of retail deposits held at the Bank show high stickiness ratios, even during times of stress in local and global markets, indicating the resilience of this funding base. Similarly, deposits by non-financial counterparties exhibit a high proportion of non-retail deposits which are held at the Bank over long periods of time, contributing to the stability of the Bank's unsecured funding.

The Bank's funding from other financial institutions includes money market borrowings and transactional and structured instruments on bilateral or syndicated bases. These funding sources leverage the Bank's trade finance franchise and transaction flow reciprocity. The Bank also makes use of secured funding from time to time in order to increase the diversity of resources.

GBI aims primarily for a stable funding profile and conducts business activities that are characterized by short-term lending. This strategy enables the quick accumulation of a liquidity buffer in stressed financial environments, and the equally efficient build-up of short-term assets once the stress has passed.

42. Asset encumbrance

The following table sets out the total financial assets recognised in the statement of financial position that had been pledged as collateral for liabilities as at 31 December 2019 and 2018 as well as the availability of the Bank's financial assets to support future funding.

As at 31 December 2019	Carrying amount of encumbered assets		Carrying amount of non-encumbered assets		Total	
		Of which: ECB eligible		Of which: ECB eligible		Of which: ECB eligible
Loans and advances to banks	-	-	325,733	-	323,733	-
Loans and advances to customers	82,164	82,164	2,351,244	-	2,433,408	82,164
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	22,216	22,216	51,435	9,247	73,651	31,463
Total	104,380	104,380	2,728,412	9,247	2,830,792	113,627

As at 31 December 2018	Carrying amount of encumbered assets		Carrying amount of non-encumbered assets		Total	
		Of which: ECB eligible		Of which: ECB eligible		Of which: ECB eligible
Loans and advances to banks	23,038	-	301,560	-	324,588	-
Loans and advances to customers	221,426	-	2,626,448	-	2,847,874	-
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	123,003	123,003	71,638	-	194,641	-
Total	371,042	123,003	2,996,072	-	3,367,103	-

Financial assets are pledged as collateral as part of sales and repurchases, secured funding transactions and derivative transactions under terms that are usual and customary for such activities. In addition, as part of these transactions, the Bank has received collateral that it is also permitted to sell or repledge in the absence of default.

At 31 December 2019, the fair value of financial assets accepted as collateral that the Bank is permitted to sell or repledge in the absence of default was €39.5 million (2018: €22.2 million).

At 31 December 2019, the fair value of financial assets accepted as collateral that had been sold or repledged was €39.5 million (2018: €18.7 million). The Bank is obliged to return equivalent securities.

At 31 December 2019, for derivative liabilities that are classified as trading liabilities and derivatives liabilities held for risk management, the Bank had posted cash collateral with its counterparties for which it had recognised receivables of €12.2 million (2018: €21 million). These receivables are regarded as encumbered and included in loans and advances to banks.

The encumbered assets have been pledged as collateral for the following financial liabilities:

Liabilities for which assets have been pledged

Carrying amounts of financial liabilities	As at 31 December 2019	As at 31 December 2018
Loans and advances from banks and other institutions	128,429	244,003
Derivatives	14,819	24,070
Total	143,248	268,072

43. Regulations

Compliance with regulatory requirements related to liquidity risk is an integral part of liquidity risk management at GBI. As such, the Bank ensures that it is in line with all regulations in place in its jurisdiction.

In this context, the Bank monitors and reports the Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) and the Net Stable Funding Ratio (NSFR) as per the Capital Requirement Regulation (CRR). Hence, GBI actively manages the level and composition of its High Quality Liquid Asset (HQLA) buffer, which is composed of various types of assets including cash held at central banks as well as freely available central bank-eligible or investment grade-marketable securities.

Furthermore, GBI frequently monitors liquidity risk through various analyses including loan-to-deposit ratios, contractual maturity gap analyses, and stress tests that are designed according to a variety of scenarios. These allow the Bank to assess the impacts of diverse shocks on its liquidity position. Shock factors are based on bank- or market-specific liquidity squeezes. Shocks are applied to all on- and off-balance sheet items, including derivatives, to estimate cash flows under different stress scenarios. By using regulatory and internally developed stress tests, the Bank aims to hold a sufficient liquidity buffer in order to meet any sudden liquidity needs in times of stress.

44. Exposure to liquidity risk

The following table provides a maturity analysis of assets and liabilities according to their contractual remaining maturity at the reporting date. The amounts are gross and undiscounted and exclude the impact of netting agreements.

The inflows/(outflows) disclosed in this table represent the contractual undiscounted cash flows relating to derivative financial liabilities held for risk management purposes and which are not usually closed out before contractual maturity. The disclosure shows net cash flow amounts for derivatives that are net cash-settled and gross cash inflow and outflow amounts for derivatives that have simultaneous gross cash settlement.

Maturity analysis (contractual) assets and liabilities

31 December 2019	On Demand	< = 3 months	> 3 months <= 1 year	> 1 year <= 5 years	> 5 years	Undistributed	Total
Cash and balances with central banks	721,128	-	-	-	-	-	721,128
Loans and advances to banks	45,726	94,541	176,400	9,066	-	-	325,733
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss							
- Mandatorily at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	-	-	-	1,463	1,463
- Trading derivatives	-	211	262	1,437	-	-	1,910
- Non-trading derivatives-	-	4,669	937	-	-	-	5,606
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	-	63,179	10,472	-	73,651
Loans and advances to customers	11,392	1,130,699	442,625	708,659	140,033	-	2,433,408
Total Assets	778,246	1,230,120	620,224	782,341	150,505	1,463	3,562,899
Deposits from banks	6,460	51,061	78,069	59,327	-	-	194,917
Deposits from customers	1,393,236	602,927	411,199	300,774	23,227	-	2,731,363
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss							
- Trading derivatives	-	186	77	1,424	-	-	1,687
- Non-trading derivatives	-	5,023	3,834	1,985	2,289	-	13,132
Subordinated liabilities	-	-	-	-	50,398	-	50,398
Total Liabilities	1,399,696	659,198	493,179	363,510	75,914	-	2,991,497

31 December 2018	On Demand	< = 3 months	> 3 months <= 1 year	> 1 year <= 5 years	> 5 years	Undistributed	Total
Cash and balances with central banks	836,208	-	-	-	-	-	836,208
Loans and advances to banks	61,979	140,410	82,774	39,436	-	-	324,599
Loans and advances to customers	13,262	1,298,003	606,673	808,582	121,354	-	2,847,874
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss							
- Mandatorily at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	8,628	-	-	2,771	11,399
- Trading derivatives	-	2,087	10,426	1,049	-	-	13,562
- Non-trading derivatives-	-	1,970	5,990	451	-	-	8,411
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	700	929	124,422	68,590	-	194,641
Total Assets	911,449	1,431,243	728,627	983,272	196,809	37,112	4,288,512
Deposits from banks	19,314	266,312	366,749	150,823	-	-	803,198
Deposits from customers	1,365,285	611,425	472,394	351,292	840	-	2,801,236
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss							
- Trading derivatives	-	2,047	10,388	1,049	-	-	13,484
- Non-trading derivatives	-	7,236	1,846	3,825	1,799	-	14,706
Deferred tax liability	-	-	-	-	-	3,006	3,006
Other liabilities	-	19,027	896	-	-	-	19,923
Other borrowed funds	-	-	398	-	50,000	-	50,398
Shareholders' equity	-	-	-	-	-	-	582,562
Total Liabilities	1,384,599	906,047	852,671	506,988	52,639	585,568	4,288,512

COUNTRY BY COUNTRY REPORTING

In line with Article 89 of the Capital Requirements Directives (CRD IV), the information on country-by-country reporting is as follows:

Table 1 - Country by country reporting

As at 31 December 2019	Country	Location	Turnover	Average number of FTE	Result before Tax	Tax on result	Public subsidies received
Name							
GarantiBank International N.V., Head Office	The Netherlands	Amsterdam	55,688	227 ⁷	8,713	2,403	-
GarantiBank International Dusseldorf Branch	Germany	Dusseldorf	3,656	17	438	137	-
As of 31 December 2018							
Name							
GarantiBank International N.V., Head Office	The Netherlands	Amsterdam	75,246	220	14,912	3,535	-
GarantiBank International Dusseldorf Branch	Germany	Dusseldorf	3,758	18	648	5	-

Next to the abovementioned countries GBI also has representative offices in Turkey and Switzerland. These offices do not perform any activities themselves. All transactions are recorded by GBI's Head Office or GBI's branch in Germany.

⁷ Average number of FTE is excluding interns. Including interns, the average number of FTE would be 239.

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

From January 1st 2020 to the date this report was drafted, no other events have occurred that significantly affect GBI's earnings or its equity position, and that are not mentioned in the notes to the financial statements.

Amsterdam, 14 February 2020

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Mr. M.Ö. Şişman
Mr. M. Witteveen
Mr. C.B. Mutlu

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Mr A. Düren (Vice Chairman)
Mr P.R.H.M. van der Linden
Mr B.J.M.A. Meesters
Mr. J.H. de Roo

OTHER INFORMATION

Provisions in the Articles of Association governing the appropriation of profit

The profit appropriation has been proposed in conformity with article 31 of the Articles of Association, which states:

45. Article 31

1. The profits shall be at the disposal of the general meeting.
2. Dividends may be paid only up to an amount which does not exceed the amount of the distributable part of the net assets.
3. Dividends shall be paid after adoption of the financial statements from which it appears that payment of dividends is permissible.
4. The general meeting may resolve to pay an interim dividend provided the requirement of the second paragraph has been complied with as shown by interim accounts drawn up in accordance with the provision of the law.
5. The general meeting may, subject to due observance of the provision of paragraph 2, resolve to make distributions to the charge of any reserve which need not be maintained by virtue of the law.

Independent auditor's report

The independent auditor's report is set forth on the following pages.



Independent auditor's report

To: the General Meeting of Shareholders and the Supervisory Board of GarantiBank International N.V.

Report on the audit of the financial statements 2019 included in the annual report

Our opinion

In our opinion the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of GarantiBank International N.V. as at 31 December 2019 and of its result and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union (EU-IFRS) and with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code.

What we have audited

We have audited the financial statements 2019 of GarantiBank International N.V. ('the Company' or 'the Bank') based in Amsterdam.

The financial statements comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2019;
- the following statements for 2019: the statements of comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows; and
- the notes comprising a summary of the significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Basis for our opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Dutch law, including the Dutch Standards on Auditing. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 'Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements' section of our report.

We are independent of GarantiBank International N.V. in accordance with the 'Verordening inzake de onafhankelijkheid van accountants bij assurance-opdrachten' (ViO, Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, a regulation with respect to independence) and other relevant independence regulations in the Netherlands. Furthermore, we have complied with the 'Verordening gedrags- en beroepsregels accountants' (VGBA, Dutch Code of Ethics).

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



Audit approach

Summary

Materiality

- Materiality of EUR 3.5 million
- 0.6% of equity as at 31 December 2019
- We report misstatements in excess of EUR 175 thousand to the Supervisory Board

Key audit matters

- Estimation uncertainty with respect to the expected credit loss allowance on loans and advances
- Reliability and continuity of electronic data processing

Opinion

Unqualified

Materiality

Based on our professional judgement we determined the materiality for the financial statements as a whole at EUR 3.5 million (2018: EUR 1.6 million). The materiality is determined with reference to equity as at 31 December 2019 (0.6%). Given the low level of profitability we believe that equity is the most appropriate benchmark as it better reflects the size of the bank's operations and the bank's solvency is a key metric for regulators and shareholders. We have also taken into account misstatements and/or possible misstatements that in our opinion are material for the users of the financial statements for qualitative reasons.

We agreed with the Supervisory Board that misstatements in excess of EUR 175 thousand which are identified during the audit, would be reported to them, as well as smaller misstatements that in our view must be reported on qualitative grounds.

Audit scope in relation to fraud

In accordance with the Dutch standards on auditing we are responsible for obtaining a high (but not absolute) level of assurance that the financial statements taken as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error.

As part of our risk assessment process we have evaluated events or conditions that indicate an incentive or pressure to commit fraud or provide an opportunity to commit fraud ('fraud risk factors') to determine whether fraud risks are relevant to our audit. We communicated identified fraud risks throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of fraud throughout the audit.



In accordance with the auditing standard we addressed the presumed fraud risks in relation to management override of controls and in relation to management bias in the assessment of the expected credit loss allowances on loans and advances.

Our audit procedures included an evaluation of the design, implementation and operating effectiveness of internal controls in place to mitigate these risks and substantive audit procedures, including detailed testing of high risk journal entries and evaluation of management bias. In determining the audit procedures we made use of the Company's evaluation in relation to fraud risk management (prevention, detections and response), including the ethical standards to create a culture of honesty. As part of our evaluation of any instances of fraud, we inspected the complaints register and the follow up of incidents, if any, by management.

With respect to the presumed risk in relation to management bias, we refer to the procedures described in the key audit matter related to the 'Estimation uncertainty with respect to the expected credit allowances on loans and advances'.

We communicated our risk assessment and audit response to management and the Audit & Compliance Committee of the Supervisory Board. Our audit procedures differ from a specific forensic fraud investigation, which investigation often has a more in-depth character.

Our audit is based on the procedures described in line with applicable auditing standards and are not primarily designed to detect fraud.

Audit scope in relation to non-compliance with laws and regulations

We have evaluated facts and circumstances in order to assess laws and regulation relevant to the company.

We identified laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements based on our general understanding and sector experience, through discussion with relevant management and evaluating the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations.

We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit. The potential effect of these laws and regulations on the financial statements varies considerably:

- Firstly, the company is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including taxation and financial reporting (including related company legislation). We assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.
- Secondly, the company is subject to many other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have an indirect material effect on amounts recognised or disclosures provided in the financial statements, or both, for instance – if and when such non-compliance occurs – through the imposition of fines or litigation.



As the Company is active in the banking sector, we identified the following areas as the most relevant laws and regulations that could potentially have an indirect effect on the financial statements:

- Anti-money laundering laws and regulations
- Trade sanctions laws and regulations

Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations that have an indirect effect to inquiring of relevant management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. We considered the effect of actual or suspected non-compliance as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items. Our procedures to address compliance with laws and regulations did not result in the identification of a key audit matter.

Our audit is not primarily designed to detect non-compliance with laws and regulations. Management is responsible for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to errors or fraud, including compliance with laws and regulations.

The more non-compliance with indirect laws and regulations (irregularities) is distant from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify such instances.

Our key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements. We have communicated the key audit matters to the Supervisory Board. The key audit matters are not a comprehensive reflection of all matters discussed.

These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Estimation uncertainty with respect to the expected credit loss allowance on loans and advances

Description

As disclosed on page 39 of the financial statements, the Bank's portfolio of loans and advances to customers and banks amounts to EUR 2.8 billion, as at 31 December 2019. These loans and advances to customers and banks are measured at amortised cost, less an allowance for expected credit losses (EUR 55.7 million).

The Bank uses Expected Credit Loss ('ECL') models for the ECL calculation for the portfolio of loans and advances as a whole. Except for credit-impaired exposures and loans with a significant increase in credit risk and an exposure greater than EUR 10 million, for which the Bank determines the ECL allowance individually on an exposure by exposure basis.



The ECL model is a forward-looking model that takes into consideration expected future developments with respect to the Probability of Default, Loss Given Default and Exposures at Default.

As several aspects of the accounting for loan losses require significant judgment of management we consider this a key audit matter. Key judgmental areas include the identification of a significant increase in credit risk, the identification of credit-impaired loans, the modelling of assumptions and parameters, and the development of scenarios of expected future cash flows for the ECL of individually assessed loans.

Our response

Our audit approach comprises of testing of controls and substantive audit procedures. Among others, the procedures included a comprehensive testing of the Bank's credit risk management and credit risk monitoring procedures, including the internal controls related to the recognition and measurement of loans that have a significant increase in credit risk or that are credit-impaired.

For the loans and advances where the Bank applies a collective (portfolio) evaluation approach, we assessed the collective expected credit loss allowance methodology. With the assistance of KPMG credit risk modelling specialists, we have evaluated the models and key assumptions. We have tested the accuracy and completeness of the data used by the Bank for determining the collective allowance. We applied a risk based approach in selecting loan exposures for detailed testing on which we evaluated and challenged management's judgement on the assumed credit quality of the exposure. Furthermore, we have assessed the methodology implemented by the Bank to evaluate the reasonableness of the ECL model outcomes and reconciled the outcomes to the general ledger.

For loans and advances where the Bank determines the expected credit loss allowance on an individual loan basis, we examined the entire population in detail. As part of our procedures, we challenged management's expected future cash flows scenarios, the probability applied to those scenarios, we inspected supporting documentation, such as the legal documentation and appraisal reports for collateral, we reconciled underlying loan data used in the expected credit loss allowance calculation and we verified its mathematical accuracy.

Our observation

We consider management's key assumptions and estimates relating to the expected credit loss allowance on loans and advances within the acceptable range and we assessed the disclosure in the financial statements to be sufficient.



Reliability and continuity of information technology

Description

The Bank is dependent on its Information Technology (IT) infrastructure for the continuity of its operations. The Bank is currently in the process of making important investments in its IT systems as part of a bank-wide digital transformation process. Considering the importance of IT to the continuity of the Bank's operations and the increased inherent risk of unreliable data processing during the implementation of IT changes, we consider the reliability and continuity of IT a key audit matter.

Our response

As part of the audit of the financial statements, we obtained an understanding of the Bank's IT environment and how the Bank has mitigated the risks arising from changing IT systems, by testing internal controls, that maintain the integrity of information and the security of the data.

Our procedures included, among others, an assessment of change management and user access management in the IT domain and testing of the relevant internal controls with respect to relevant IT systems and processes. We have also assessed the initiatives and processes of the Bank to address the risk of cybercrime. To perform these procedures we included specialised IT auditors in our audit team.

Our observation

Our procedures relating to the IT domain and testing of the relevant internal controls with respect to relevant IT systems and processes were satisfactory for our audit purposes.

We furthermore reported our recommendations for further improvement with respect to the IT control environment to management and the Supervisory Board. In the context of this report we have no material findings in respect of the reliability and continuity of the electronic data processing of the Bank.

Report on the other information included in the annual report

In addition to the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon, the annual report contains other information that consists of the sections:

- Who we are;
- Report of the Managing Board;
- Corporate Governance;
- Report of the Supervisory Board;
- Other information (pursuant to Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code);
- Contact information.



Based on the following procedures performed, we conclude that the other information:

- is consistent with the financial statements and does not contain material misstatements; and
- contains the information as required by Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code.

We have read the other information. Based on our knowledge and understanding obtained through our audit of the financial statements or otherwise, we have considered whether the other information contains material misstatements.

By performing these procedures, we comply with the requirements of Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code and the Dutch Standard 720. The scope of the procedures performed is less than the scope of those performed in our audit of the financial statements.

Management is responsible for the preparation of the other information, including the information as required by Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

Engagement

We were engaged by the General Meeting of Shareholders as auditor of GarantiBank International N.V. in 1991 and have operated as statutory auditor ever since that financial year.

No prohibited non-audit services

We have not provided prohibited non-audit services as referred to in Article 5(1) of the EU Regulation on specific requirements regarding statutory audits of public-interest entities.

Description of responsibilities regarding the financial statements

Responsibilities of the Managing Board of GarantiBank International N.V. and the Supervisory Board for the financial statements

The Managing Board is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with EU-IFRS and Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code. Furthermore, the Managing Board is responsible for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

As part of the preparation of the financial statements, the Managing Board is responsible for assessing the GarantiBank International N.V.'s ability to continue as a going concern. Based on the financial reporting frameworks mentioned, the Managing Board should prepare the financial statements using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Managing Board either intends to liquidate the GarantiBank International N.V. or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. The Managing Board should disclose events and circumstances that



may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern in the financial statements.

The Supervisory Board is responsible for overseeing the GarantiBank International N.V.'s financial reporting process.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objective is to plan and perform the audit engagement in a manner that allows us to obtain sufficient and appropriate audit evidence for our opinion.

Our audit has been performed with a high, but not absolute, level of assurance, which means we may not detect all material errors and fraud during our audit.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. The materiality affects the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures and the evaluation of the effect of identified misstatements on our opinion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements can be found at the website of 'Koninklijke Nederlandse Beroepsorganisatie van Accountants' (NBA, Royal Netherlands Institute of Chartered Accountants) at: http://www.nba.nl/ENG_oob_01. This description forms part of our independent auditor's report.

Amstelveen 14 February 2020

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