



# FULL-YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF BANK OCHRONY ŚRODOWISKA S.A.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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# Full-year profit or loss of the Bank

		for the year ended			
Continuing operations	Note	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022		
Interest and similar income, including:		1,582,903	1,198,582		
financial assets measured at amortised cost		1,113,780	873,776		
assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income		444,307	307,489		
financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss		24,816	17,317		
Interest expense and similar charges, including:		- 886,556	- 527,642		
financial liabilities measured at amortised cost		- 886,556	- 527,642		
Net interest income	8	696,347	670,940		
Fee and commission income		83,753	82,766		
Fee and commission expense		- 9,256	- 10,061		
Net fee and commission income	9	74,497	72,705		
Dividend income	10	8,118	6,924		
Gain (loss) on financial instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss (including amounts due from clients)	11	10,294	- 2,658		
Gain (loss) on hedge accounting	12	- 2,028	119		
Gain (loss) on foreign exchange transactions	13	10,483	36,706		
Gain (loss) on derecognition of financial instruments		1,038	2,070		
Other income	14	18,721	16,608		
Other expenses	15	- 35,311	- 24,946		
Effect of legal risk of mortgage loans denominated in foreign currencies	16/41	- 284,411	- 144,306		
Net impairment losses	17	- 61,498	- 100,634		
Administrative expenses	18	- 384,178	- 384,403		
Share of profit (loss) of equity-accounted entities		70,034	36,787		
Profit before tax		122,106	185,912		
Income tax expense	19	- 60,405	- 58,304		
Net profit		61,701	127,608		
Earnings per share attributable to owners of the parent during period (PLN)	20				
basic		0.66	1.37		
diluted		0.66	1.37		

There were no discontinued operations in 2023 and 2022.

The notes presented on the following pages are an integral part of these financial statements.



# Full-year statement of comprehensive income of the Bank

Continuing operations	for the ye	for the year ended			
Continuing operations	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022			
Net profit	61,701	127,608			
Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss:	89,641	- 29,414			
Fair value of financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income, gross	110,668	- 36,314			
Deferred tax	- 21,027	6,900			
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:	16,467	- 487			
Fair value of equity instruments carried at fair value through other comprehensive income, gross	21,205	- 23			
Deferred tax	- 4,029	4			
Remeasurement of employee benefit obligations	- 875	- 578			
Deferred tax	166	110			
Other comprehensive income	106,108	- 29,901			
Total comprehensive income	167,809	97,707			

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# Full-year statement of financial position of the Bank

Assets	Note	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Cash and balances with central bank	21	584,082	575,865
Amounts due from banks	22	162,681	240,885
Financial assets held for trading, including:	23	113,345	222,944
debt securities		-	20,225
derivative instruments		113,345	202,719
Derivative hedging instruments	45	15,556	30,562
Investment securities:	24	9,484,770	9,008,118
equity securities measured at fair value through other comprehensive income		106,656	85,465
debt securities measured at fair value through other comprehensive income		6,885,521	6,915,813
debt securities measured at amortised cost		2,366,265	1,900,215
debt securities measured at fair value through profit or loss		126,328	106,625
Amounts due from clients, including:	25	10,819,261	11,173,579
measured at amortised cost		10,819,122	11,170,529
measured at fair value through profit or loss		139	3,050
Investments in subsidiaries	27	276,191	226,158
Intangible assets	28	115,815	118,251
Property, plant and equipment	29	48,477	45,987
Right of use – leases	30	47,211	61,199
Tax assets:		143,464	161,532
current		-	2,445
deferred	36	143,464	159,087
Other assets	31	58,599	50,158
Total assets		21,869,452	21,915,238



Liabilities	Note	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Amounts due to central bank and other banks	32	75,146	141,143
Derivative financial instruments held for trading	23	76,653	147,922
Amounts due to clients	33	18,641,304	18,879,924
Subordinated liabilities	34	447,032	345,035
Provisions	35	228,388	159,357
Tax liabilities:		2,312	-
current		2,312	-
Lease liabilities	37	46,378	63,475
Other liabilities	38	222,434	216,386
Total liabilities		19,739,647	19,953,242

Equity	Note	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
EQUITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO OWNERS OF PARENT			
Common equity:	42	1,460,364	1,460,364
Share capital		929,477	929,477
Treasury shares		- 1,294	- 1,294
Share premium		532,181	532,181
Revaluation reserve	43	49,245	- 56,863
Retained earnings	44	620,196	558,495
Total equity		2,129,805	1,961,996
Total equity and liabilities		21,869,452	21,915,238

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# Full-year statement of changes in equity of the Bank

	Common equity		,	Retained earnings				
Item	Share capital	Treasury shares	Share premium	Revaluation reserve	Other statutory reserve funds	General risk fund	Undistributed profit (loss)	Total equity
As at 1 Jan 2023	929,477	- 1,294	532,181	- 56,863	382,585	48,302	127,608	1,961,996
Net profit	-	-	-	-	-	-	61,701	61,701
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	106,108	-	-	-	106,108
Total comprehensive income	-	-	-	106,108	-	-	61,701	167,809
Profit distribution, including:	-	-	-	-	127,608	-	- 127,608	-
Transfer of net profit to reserves	-	-	-	-	127,608	-	- 127,608	-
As at 31 Dec 2023	929,477	- 1,294	532,181	49,245	510,193	48,302	61,701	2,129,805
As at 1 Jan 2022	929,477	- 1,294	532,181	- 26,962	333,871	48,302	48,714	1,864,289
Net profit	-	-	-	-	-	-	127,608	127,608
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	- 29,901	-	-	-	- 29,901
Total comprehensive income	-	-	-	- 29,901	-	-	127,608	97,707
Profit distribution, including:	-	-	-	-	48,714	-	- 48,714	-
Transfer of net profit to reserves	-	-	-	-	48,714	-	- 48,714	-
As at 31 Dec 2022	929,477	- 1,294	532,181	- 56,863	382,585	48,302	127,608	1,961,996

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# Full-year statement of cash flows of the Bank

Indirect method		for the year ended		
		31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022	
CASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Profit before tax		122,106	185,912	
Total adjustments:		-1,100,397	1,794,254	
Share in (profit) loss of equity-accounted subordinated entities		-70,034	-36,787	
Amortisation and depreciation	18	59,828	50,589	
Interest income on investing activities		-193,556	-109,969	
Loss on investing activities		-	-29	
Interest income on financing activities		38,920	27,022	
Dividends received:	10	-8,118	-6,924	
on investment securities		8,118	6,924	
Change in:				
amounts due from banks		7,945	24,234	
securities held for trading		20,225	-16,025	
assets and liabilities from measurement of derivative and hedging financial instruments		33,111	-55,007	
investment securities		-1,047,398	-51,562	
amounts due from clients		354,318	342,478	
other assets and income tax		-5,984	-20,294	
amounts due to central bank and other banks		-65,997	-279,246	
amounts due to clients		-238,620	1,867,778	
provisions		68,156	70,366	
other liabilities and income tax		6,048	56,273	
Income tax paid		-67,359	-75,567	
Net cash flows from (used in) operating activities		-978,291	1,980,166	



CASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Inflows		241,185	278,098
Cash receipts from sale of property, plant and equipment		-	40
Interest income on securities measured at amortised cost		157,787	63,833
Cash receipts from redemption of securities measured at amortised cost		63,398	204,225
Dividends received		20,000	10,000
Outflows		-539,302	-537,161
Payments for acquisition of securities measured at amortised cost		-493,679	-475,938
Payments for acquisition of intangible assets	28	-30,028	-44,888
Payments for acquisition of property, plant and equipment	29	-15,595	-16,335
Net cash flows from (used in) investing activities		-298,117	-259,063
CASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Inflows		100,000	-
Interest received on bonds issued by the Bank, including:	34	100,000	-
subordinated bonds		100,000	-
Outflows		-54,303	-66,022
Redemption of bonds issued by the Bank			-32,500
Interest paid on bonds issued by the Bank, including:		-33,907	-14,901
subordinated bonds		-33,907	-14,901
Lease payments		-15,644	-17,120
Lease interest paid		-4,752	-1,501
Net cash flows from (used in) financing activities		45,697	-66,022
TOTAL NET CASH FLOWS		-1,230,711	1,655,081
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD		5,254,664	3,599,583
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD		4,023,953	5,254,664
Restricted cash and cash equivalents		611,254	618,966

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# Notes to the full-year financial statements

# 1. General information on Bank Ochrony Środowiska S.A.

# 1.1. Bank Ochrony Środowiska S.A.

Bank Ochrony Środowiska S.A. (the 'Bank', 'BOŚ S.A.', the 'Company'), with its registered office at ul. Żelazna 32 in Warsaw, was established by Decision No. 42 of the Governor of the National Bank of Poland 15 September 1990, and a notarial deed of incorporation of 28 September 1990.

The Bank is entered in the National Court Register of the District Court for the Capital City of Warsaw, 13th Commercial Division, under No. KRS 0000015525, and has Industry Identification Number (REGON) 006239498.

According to the Polish Classification of Business Activities (PKD), the Bank's activities are classified as PKD 6419Z.

The Bank was established for an indefinite period.

The Bank's primary objective is to effectively manage the shareholders' equity and funds entrusted by its clients, ensuring the profitability of its business and the security of the funds entrusted.

The Bank's business consists in banking activities, including accumulating funds, granting credits, effecting cash settlements, performing other banking services as well as providing financial consulting and advisory services.

The Bank's mission: We provide comprehensive finance and support for initiatives driving the transition towards a greener future.

The Bank pursues its mission mainly by:

- providing banking services to retail and institutional clients, in particular those implementing environmentally-friendly projects or operating in the environmental protection and water management sectors, and to people who value eco-friendly lifestyles,
- participating in distribution of funds for environmental protection projects and sustainable development in Poland.

Since 24 January 1997, the Bank shares have been traded on the Warsaw Stock Exchange and listed in the finance/banking segment of the market.

On 7 March 2024, these full-year financial statements of BOŚ S.A. were authorised by the Management Board for issue on the Warsaw Stock Exchange on 8 March 2024.

# 1.2. Composition of the Management Board and Supervisory Board of BOŚ S.A.

#### **Management Board**

As at 31 December 2023, the composition of the Management Board was as follows:

- Paweł Trętowski member of the Supervisory Board delegated to temporarily act as Vice President of the Management Board responsible for managing the activities of the Management Board,
- Arkadiusz Garbarczyk Vice President of the Management Board, First Deputy President of the Management Board,
- Sebastian Bodzenta Vice President of the Management Board,
- Iwona Marciniak Vice President of the Management Board.



As at 31 December 2022, the composition of the Management Board was as follows:

- Emil Ślązak member of the Supervisory Board delegated to temporarily perform the duties of President of the Management Board,
- Arkadiusz Garbarczyk Vice President of the Management Board, First Deputy President of the Management Board,
- Robert Kasprzak Vice President of the Management Board,
- Jerzy Zań Vice President of the Management Board.

In 2023, the following changes took place in the composition of the Management Board:

- 1. Effective 8 February 2023, Emil Ślązak was appointed by the Supervisory Board as Vice President of the Bank's Management Board responsible for managing the work of the Management Board. At the same time, the Supervisory Board passed a resolution to seek approval from the PFSA for the appointment of Emil Ślązak as the President of the Management Board of Bank Ochrony Środowiska S.A.;
- 2. On 18 April 2023, Robert Kasprzak tendered his resignation as Vice President of the Management Board of Bank Ochrony Środowiska S.A., with effect from 30 April 2023;
- **3.** On 24 May 2023, the Supervisory Board passed a resolution to terminate the management contract with the Bank's Vice President Jerzy Zań by mutual agreement; An agreement was reached resulting in Jerzy Zań ceasing to serve as Vice President of the Bank's Management Board on the date of the General Meeting that approved the Report of the Bank and the Group for 2022, namely, on 23 June 2023;
- **4.** On 23 June 2023, Emil Ślązak submitted a statement of resignation from the position of Management Board Vice President responsible for managing the work of the Management Board;
- 5. On 23 June 2023, the Supervisory Board:
  - delegated Iwona Marciniak, effective 24 June 2023, to temporarily serve as Management Board Vice President (until the date of completion of the qualification procedure for the position of Member of the Management Board of Bank Ochrony Środowiska S.A., but no longer than until 24 September 2023);
  - delegated Paweł Trętowski, effective 23 June 2023, to temporarily serve as Management Board Vice President responsible for managing the work of the Management Board (until the date of completion of the qualification procedure for the position of President of the Management Board of Bank Ochrony Środowiska S.A., but no longer than until 23 September 2023);
- 6. On 29 June 2023, the Supervisory Board appointed:
  - Iwona Marciniak as Vice President of the Bank's Management Board, effective 29 June 2023,
  - Sebastian Bodzenta as Vice President of the Bank's Management Board, effective 10 July 2023;
- 7. On 25 September 2023, delegated Paweł Trętowski, Member the Supervisory Board, to temporarily act as Vice President of the Management Board, and entrusted him with the management of the Management Board's activities until the date of completion of the recruitment procedure for the position of President of the Management Board of Bank Ochrony Środowiska S.A., but no longer than until 25 December 2023;
- **8.** On 28 December 2023, delegated Paweł Trętowski, Member the Supervisory Board, to temporarily act as Vice President of the Management Board, and entrusted him with the management of the Management Board's activities until the date of completion of the recruitment procedure for the position of President of the Management Board of Bank Ochrony Środowiska S.A., but no longer than until 28 March 2024.

As at the date of these financial statements, the composition of the Management Board was as follows:

- Paweł Trętowski member of the Supervisory Board delegated to temporarily act as Vice President of the Management Board responsible for managing the activities of the Management Board,
- Arkadiusz Garbarczyk Vice President of the Management Board, First Deputy President of the Management Board,
- Sebastian Bodzenta Vice President of the Management Board,
- Iwona Marciniak Vice President of the Management Board.



#### **Supervisory Board**

As at 31 December 2023, the composition of the Supervisory Board was as follows:

- Piotr Sadownik Chairman of the Supervisory Board,
- Andrzej Matysiak Secretary of the Supervisory Board,
- Piotr Bielarczyk Member of the Supervisory Board,
- Wojciech Krawczyk Member of the Supervisory Board,
- Marian Niemirski Member of the Supervisory Board,
- Aleksandra Świderska Member of the Supervisory Board,
- Waldemar Trelka Member of the Supervisory Board,
- Pawel Trętowski Member of the Supervisory Board (as of 28 December 2022 delegated to temporarily perform the duties of Vice President of the Management Board responsible for managing the work of the Management Board, for a period not longer than until 28 March 2024).

As at 31 December 2022, the composition of the Supervisory Board was as follows:

- Piotr Sadownik Chairman of the Supervisory Board,
- Iwona Marciniak Deputy Chairwoman of the Supervisory Board,
- Andrzej Matysiak Secretary of the Supervisory Board,
- Piotr Bielarczyk Member of the Supervisory Board,
- Paweł Sałek Member of the Supervisory Board.
- Emil Ślązak delegated to temporarily perform the duties of President of the Management Board,
- Aleksandra Świderska Member of the Supervisory Board,
- Tadeusz Wyrzykowski Member of the Supervisory Board.

In 2023, the following changes took place in the composition of the Supervisory Board:

- 1. On 8 February 2023, Emil Ślązak, then member of the Supervisory Board, submitted his resignation from the Board. This decision was made in connection with his appointment as Vice President of the Bank's Management Board, which took effect on the same date;
- 2. On 23 June 2023, the Annual General Meeting of BOŚ S.A. appointed the following persons to the Supervisory
  - Wojciech Krawczyk,
  - Marian Niemirski,
  - Waldemar Trelka,
  - Paweł Trętowski;
- **3.** On 23 June 2023, the Supervisory Board passed resolutions to:
  - delegate Iwona Marciniak, effective 24 June 2023, to temporarily serve as Management Board Vice President (until the date of completion of the qualification procedure for the position of Member of the Management Board of Bank Ochrony Środowiska S.A., but no longer than until 24 September 2023);
  - delegate Paweł Trętowski, effective 23 June 2023, to temporarily serve as Management Board Vice President responsible for managing the work of the Management Board (until the date of completion of the qualification procedure for the position of President of the Management Board of Bank Ochrony Środowiska S.A., but no longer than until 23 September 2023);
- **4.** On 29 June 2023, the Supervisory Board of the Bank passed a resolution to appoint Iwona Marciniak as Vice President of the Management Board, with effect from 29 June 2023. As a result, Iwona Marciniak resigned from the Supervisory Board of BOŚ S.A. with effect from the same day;
- **5.** On 6 September 2023, the Supervisory Board appointed Tadeusz Wyrzykowski as Deputy Chairman of the Supervisory Board;
- **6.** On 21 September 2023, the Supervisory Board resolved to delegate Paweł Trętowski, with effect from 25 September 2023, to temporarily act as Vice President of the Management Board responsible for managing the Management Board's activities (until the date of completion of the recruitment procedure for the position of President of the Management Board of Bank Ochrony Środowiska S.A., but no longer than until 25 December 2023);
- 7. On 15 December 2023, the Supervisory Board resolved to delegate Paweł Trętowski, with effect from 28 December 2023, to temporarily act as Vice President of the Management Board, and entrusted him with the management of the Management Board's activities until the date of completion of the recruitment procedure



- for the position of President of the Management Board of Bank Ochrony Środowiska S.A., but no longer than until 28 March 2024;
- **8.** On 25 October 2023, Paweł Sałek resigned as a member of the Bank's Supervisory Board with effect as of that date.

Until the date of preparation of these financial statements, the composition of the Supervisory Board has not changed.

#### 2. Identification of the consolidated financial statements

The Bank Ochrony Środowiska Group prepared consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023. These statements were authorised by the Management Board on 7 March 2024 and issued on 8 March 2024.

# 3. Climate change

The mission of BOŚ as stated in the Bank's Strategy is to comprehensively finance and support the green transition. The Bank provides financing for pro-environmental projects that generate both business results and environmental benefits. The Bank undertakes to co-finance various projects that improve the environment, in particular environmental projects supported by the policies of the state authorities and the European Union, including measures to develop a low-carbon economy.

The Bank's business model is based on the pursuit of maximising green assets through such environmental objectives climate change mitigation, climate change adaptation, sustainable use and conservation of water and marine resources, transition to a closed loop economy, pollution prevention and control, protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems. The Bank has long established and consistently updated internal guidelines for classifying transactions within its green portfolio. The Bank concurrently adapts its procedures to align with regulations governing the reporting and classification of green assets, as outlined in the EU taxonomy.

It actively collaborates on financing eco-friendly initiatives with public and state institutions dedicated to environmental projects. Key partners include the National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management, various Regional Environmental Protection and Water Management Funds, Bank Gospodarstwa Krajowego, and European banks engaged in funding sustainable development. The Bank has extensive structures and specialised expert resources committed to environmental protection.

ESG risk management at the Bank, including climate-related risks, is conducted across all levels of the organisational structure, adhering to the established ESG Risk Management Policy and Principles. The process of identifying ESG risks for all institutional clients involves evaluating environmental initiatives, focusing on investments in environmental protection, pollution reduction, carbon dioxide emission levels, energy consumption, and the adoption of energy-efficient technologies. Any such risks identified are measured. Depending on the level of ESG risk posed by a client seeking financing, financing may be granted subject to the client taking actions to mitigate those risks, or financing may be declined based on an unacceptable level of ESG risk – regardless of the client's creditworthiness or the level of collateral provided to support the debt.

In line with the ESG Strategy adopted in December 2023, which builds on the 2021-2023 ESG Strategy, the Bank is implementing the Climate Policy. The Climate Policy outlines strategic actions for Bank Ochrony Środowiska S.A. aimed at combating and adapting to climate change, as well as achieving the Bank's emission reduction targets in line with the ESG Strategy. The policy's objectives are pursued through initiatives focused on reducing the bank's carbon footprint, supporting clients' climate transformations, curtailing financing for high-emission sectors and projects, managing climate change-related risks, and capitalising on potential opportunities and beneficial impacts of climate changes.

In accordance with its commitments, the Bank calculates annual greenhouse gas emissions related to its operations (carbon footprint). The Bank aspires to achieve climate neutrality, defined as net-zero emissions across Scopes 1 and 2 by 2030. For emissions that cannot be avoided, the Bank will undertake compensatory measures.



As a participant in the Science Based Targets initiative, the Bank commits to validating, announcing, and implementing decarbonisation targets that are scientifically grounded, including portfolio emissions in 2024. Emission calculations are independently verified annually. The results of these calculations are published, among other places, in non-financial reporting.

# 4. Statement of accounting policies

# 4.1. Basis of preparation and statement of compliance

The full-year financial statements of the Bank include:

- Statement of profit or loss for the 12 months ended 31 December 2023 and comparative data for the 12 months ended 31 December 2022,
- Statement of comprehensive income for the 12 months ended 31 December 2023 and comparative data for the 12 months ended 31 December 2022,
- Statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023 and comparative data as at 31 December 2022,
- Statement of changes in equity for the 12 months ended 31 December 2023 and comparative data for the 12 months ended 31 December 2022,
- Statement of cash flows for the 12 months ended 31 December 2023 and comparative figures for the 12 months ended 31 December 2022,
- Notes to the financial statements.

These full-year financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as endorsed by the European Union (EU), effective as at the reporting date, i.e. 31 December 2023, using the same accounting policies for each period, and on a historical cost basis, except for the following items measured at fair value:

Recognition of changes in fair value through:	
Financial instruments held for trading	profit or loss
Fair value hedging derivatives	profit or loss
Amounts due from clients whose cash flows fail to meet the SPPI (solely payment of principal and interest) test	profit or loss
Investment debt securities held within a business model whose objective is achieved by collecting contractual cash flows or selling financial assets	other comprehensive income
Investment equity securities	other comprehensive income

IFRSs comprise the standards and interpretations adopted by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC).

These full-year financial statements have been prepared in the Polish złoty (PLN), rounded to PLN thousand (PLN '000).



# 4.2. Standards, interpretations and amendments to standards first applied in 2023

The following amendments to existing standards issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and endorsed for use in the European Union (EU) have been applied for the first time in the 2023 financial statements:

IFRS	Amendment	Date of entry into force in the EU / approval by the EU	Effect on the Bank
IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts, with subsequent amendments to IFRS 17	IFRS 17 defines a new approach to the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of insurance contracts. The main objective of IFRS 17 is to ensure guarantee transparency and comparability of insurers' financial statements. To this end, the entity will disclose a range of quantitative and qualitative information to enable users of the financial statements to assess the impact of insurance contracts on the entity's financial position, financial performance and cash flows. IFRS 17 introduces a number of significant changes to the existing requirements of IFRS 4, including with respect to: the levels of aggregation on which calculations are made, the method of valuation of insurance liabilities, recognition of profit or loss over time, recognition of reinsurance, separation of the investment component, the presentation of individual items of the statement of financial position and the statement of profit or loss of reporting entities, including separate presentation of insurance income, costs of insurance services and finance income or costs.	1 January 2016 / 19 November 2021	The amendment had no material effect on the financial statements.
Amendments to IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts – Application of IFRS 17 and IFRS 9	The amendments apply to comparative data when applying IFRS 17 and IFRS 9 for the first time.	1 January 2023 / 8 September 2022	The amendment had no material effect on the financial statements.
Amendments to IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements – Disclosures of Material Accounting Policies	The amendments clarify the scope of disclosure of material accounting policies. According to the amendments, only accounting policies that have a material impact on the information in the financial statements should be disclosed.	1 January 2023 / 2 March 2022	The amendment had no material effect on the financial statements.
Amendments to IAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors	The amendments clarified the definition of accounting estimates as monetary amounts recognised in the financial statements that are subject to measurement uncertainty.	_	The amendment had no material effect on the financial statements.



Amendments to IAS 12 Income Taxes – Deferred Tax on Assets and Liabilities from a Single Transaction	The amendments clarify the accounting for deferred taxes on transactions in which companies recognise both an asset and a liability, possibly resulting in taxable and deductible temporary differences simultaneously. This includes transactions such as leases or decommissioning liabilities.  Entities are required to recognise deferred tax related to such transactions (the exclusion from recognising deferred tax is not applicable).	1 January 2023 / 11 August 2022	The amendment had no material effect on the financial statements.
Amendments to IAS 12 Income Taxes: International Tax Reform – Pillar Two Model Rules	Disclosures related to the application of the OECD Pillar II model rules, and the disclosure of the use of an exception from the standard when an entity does not recognise deferred tax assets and liabilities related to Pillar II income taxes, nor discloses information about these assets and liabilities.	· .	The amendment had no material effect on the financial statements.

# 4.3. Going concern

As a result of an accounting loss incurred in 2015, the Bank implemented a Recovery Programme pursuant to Article 142(1) of the Banking Law in the wording effective until 8 October 2016, in accordance with Article 381(4) of the Act of 10 June 2016 on the Bank Guarantee Fund, deposit guarantee scheme and forced restructuring.

On 17 July 2020, the Bank received a decision of the Polish Financial Supervision Authority in connection with the administrative proceedings initiated ex officio by the Polish Financial Supervision Authority (the 'PFSA') on 12 May 2020, whereby the Bank was ordered to prepare a group recovery plan for Bank Ochrony Środowiska S.A. pursuant to Article 141n.1 of the Banking Law of 29 August 1997. On 20 July 2020, the Bank received the second decision of the PFSA in connection with the administrative proceedings initiated ex officio by the PFSA on 12 May 2020 to limit the scope of the group recovery plan to entities of the BOŚ Group (i.e. Bank Ochrony Środowiska S.A., Dom Maklerski BOŚ S.A., BOŚ Leasing EKO-Profit S.A. and MS Wind sp. z o.o.).

The Bank prepared the Group Recovery Plan and submitted it to the PFSA in October 2020. In a letter dated 21 January 2021, in connection with the administrative proceedings to approve the Group Recovery Plan, the Polish Financial Supervision Authority instructed the Bank to supplement and amend the Group Recovery Plan, with the audited financial data as at 31 December 2020 to be used as the point of reference. In accordance with the PFSA's request, BOŚ corrected the Group Recovery Plan and submitted it to the authority. On 17 December 2021, the PFSA approved the Group Recovery Plan.

The approval of the plan by the PFSA marks the discharge of the reorganisation obligations under the Recovery Programme.

In 2021, the Bank prepared a Framework Strategy for BOŚ S.A. for 2021–2023 (the 'Strategy'), whose assumptions, directions and objectives are consistent with those of the Group Recovery Plan.

On 31 December 2021, the Bank decided to launch the Group Recovery Plan approved by the PFSA. The corrective actions taken under the Group Recovery Plan are designed to enable the Bank to achieve sustainable profitability. Notwithstanding the fact that the Group Recovery Plan is being implemented, the Bank is obliged to update it on a regular basis.

In April 2023, the Bank submitted an updated Group Recovery Plan to the Polish Financial Supervision Authority. This update was made in response to changes in the banking operational environment, most notably the increased costs associated with legal risks linked to foreign-currency mortgage loans. This increase followed the publication of an opinion on 16 February 2023, by the Advocate General of the Court of Justice of the European Union, which was unfavourable for the banking sector. According to this opinion, the provisions of Directive 93/13 do not prevent a court from interpreting national law in such a way that, if a consumer credit agreement is declared void from the outset due to unfair terms, the consumer may not only reclaim the payments made under the agreement along



with statutory interest for late payment from the time payment was demanded but may also claim additional compensation from the bank subsequent to such a declaration. In October 2023, following a directive from the Polish Financial Supervision Authority, the Bank submitted a further update to its Group Recovery Plan. This revision included updates to the macroeconomic assumptions and an assessment of the threshold values for the Non-Performing Loan (NPL) ratio within the loan portfolio quality sector. The Bank also outlined actions taken to improve the quality of its loan portfolio.

On 26 January 2024, the Polish Financial Supervision Authority approved the updated Group Recovery Plan of BOŚ S.A.

Throughout 2023, the Bank continued to implement the plan. As at 31 December 2023, all primary indicators of the Group Recovery Plan, both on a standalone and consolidated basis, remained at safe levels. The Bank exceeded two recovery plan profitability indices – 'monthly result for the current period' and 'quarterly result for the current period', both being supplementary indicators. These breaches were not significant in terms of the going concern assumption, as they were temporary and primarily driven by a high level of legal risk costs associated with disputes over foreign currency mortgage loans and credit impairments on amounts due from institutional clients in the fourth quarter of 2023. In the entire 2023, the Bank generated a positive financial result.

The Bank maintains its capital adequacy ratios above the levels recommended by the Polish Financial Supervision Authority (see Note 7.3 for details). The Bank's liquidity is adequate and exceeds the regulatory requirements (see Note 7.2.1 for details).

The armed conflict in Ukraine did not have a significant impact on the liquidity position and capital adequacy of the Bank. The Bank maintained its full operational capacity throughout 2023.

Taking into consideration the factors described above, there are no circumstances that would indicate a threat to the Bank's ability to continue as a going concern for at least 12 months after the reporting date as a result of deliberate or compulsory discontinuation or limitation of its current operations.

# 4.4. Segment reporting

An operating segment is a component of the Bank:

- 1. that engages in business activities from which it may earn revenues and incur expenses,
- 2. whose operating results are regularly reviewed by the entity's chief operating decision maker,
- 3. for which discrete financial information is available.

Segment reporting is prepared on the same basis as internal reporting.

In accordance with IFRS 8, the Bank identified the following operating segments:

- 1. institutional clients,
- 2. retail clients,
- 3. treasury and investments,
- 4. other (not allocated to the segments).

The Bank's activities are not geographically diversified. For a detailed description of the segment reporting policies, see Note 51.

# 4.5. Measurement of items denominated in foreign currencies

#### **Functional currency**

Items of the financial statements are measured in the functional currency, which is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Bank operates.

The functional currency of the Bank is the Polish złoty.

#### **Transactions and balances**

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(amounts in PLN thousand)



Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into the functional currency at the exchange rate effective on the transaction date, and the result of such translation is recognised in profit or loss.

On-balance sheet assets and liabilities and off-balance-sheet liabilities in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate effective at the end of the reporting period.

Non-monetary assets and liabilities measured at fair value are translated at the exchange rate effective as at the measurement date.

Non-monetary assets and liabilities measured at cost are translated at the exchange rate effective on the date these items arise.

# 4.6. Interest income and expense

All interest income on financial instruments measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method and interest income on interest-bearing financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income or through profit or loss is recognised in the statement of profit or loss.

The effective interest rate method is a method of calculating the amortised initial amount of financial assets or liabilities and of allocating interest income or interest expense over the relevant period. An effective interest rate is the rate at which the discounted future payments or cash inflows are equal to the current net carrying amount of the asset or financial liability. When calculating the effective interest rate, the Bank estimates cash flows taking into account all contractual terms of a given financial instrument (e.g. early repayment options that are not separated from the host contract), without taking into account possible future losses on outstanding facilities. This calculation includes all fees paid or received between the parties to the contract that are an integral part of the effective interest rate, as well as transaction costs and all other premiums or discounts.

Once a financial asset or a group of similar financial assets has been written down as a result of an impairment loss, interest income on the net carrying amount of those assets is recognised at the interest rate used to discount the future cash flows for the purpose of measuring the impairment loss.

# 4.7. Fee and commission income and expense

Fee and commission income and expenses on amounts due from clients are recognised as interest income using the effective interest rate method. Fees and commissions for the grant of a credit product, collected prior to its disbursement, are deferred until funds are disbursed to the client. Fees for the provision of syndicated loans are recognised as revenue once the syndicate is formed, if the Bank has retained no part of the credit risk for itself or has retained a part at the same effective interest rate as other members of the syndicate.

Other fee and commission income is recognised in principle when the promised goods or services are transferred to the client. In the case of fees and commissions for credit limits, income is recognised at the end of the availability period.

Fee and commission expenses are recognised on an accrual basis, i.e. when the services are received from the service provider, with costs of mandatory legal fees being recognised at the moment the obligation to pay arises.

# 4.8. Recognition of bancassurance income and expense

The Bank recognises and accounts for income and expenses from insurance products in accordance with economic substance of the products. In terms of economic content, the Bank classifies fees from the insurance products it offers into the following groups:

- 1. fees which are an integral part of the consideration for the financial instrument additionally offered,
- 2. fees received for the provision of insurance intermediation services.
- 3. fees which are consideration for performing additional activities after the sale of the insurance product.



The fees received or due to the Bank from the sale of an insurance product that is directly linked to a financial instrument constitute an integral part of the consideration for the financial instrument. These are accounted for over time as an integral part of the interest rate and are recognised as interest income in the statement of profit or loss.

A direct link exists in particular when at least one of the following two conditions is met:

- 1. a financial instrument is always offered by the Bank with an insurance product, i.e. both transactions are concluded at the same time or are concluded in a sequence in which each subsequent transaction follows from the previous one,
- 2. an insurance product is offered by the Bank exclusively with a financial instrument, i.e. the client cannot purchase from the Bank an insurance product identical in terms of its legal form, terms and economic content without buying a combined financial product.

If one of the conditions is not met, a detailed analysis of the economic content of the insurance product is carried out in order to determine whether the criteria for independence of insurance contracts from the financial instruments offered are met. The analysis of the direct link between an insurance product and a financial instrument may result in the fee being divided into components: part that constitutes an element of the amortised cost of the financial instrument, consideration due to the Bank for insurance intermediary services in the sale of the insurance product, and part that constitutes consideration for performing additional post-sale activities related to the insurance product.

The allocation of the fee received or receivable is made proportional to the involvement of the Bank's employees in activities related to the sale of the financial instrument, the provision of insurance intermediary services and additional post-sale insurance contract servicing.

The Bank recognises the consideration as fee and commission income at the time of sale or renewal of the insurance product.

The revenue from sale of insurance products is reduced by a provision for the Bank-estimated percentage of refunds made in periods after the sale of the insurance product (e.g. due to cancellation of the insurance by the client).

The amount of anticipated returns and the proportion of revenue distribution based on the economic content of the revenue are reviewed each time relevant information on significant changes in this respect becomes available, but not less frequently than at the reporting date.

Costs directly related to the sale of an insurance product with a financial instrument are accounted for in accordance with the principle of matching revenues with costs:

- 1. as a component of the amortised cost of a financial instrument if all revenue from the sale of the insurance product is accounted for using the effective interest rate method,
- 2. if the consideration has been split in the proportion applied to split the revenue into revenue recognised under the amortised cost calculation and revenue recognised on a one-off basis or settled over time.

Fixed costs or costs not related directly to the sale of insurance products or financial instruments are recognised in profit or loss when incurred.

# 4.9. Hedge accounting

Hedge accounting is used to offset changes in the fair value of hedged items and hedging items.

Under the transitional provisions of IFRS 9, the Bank decided to continue to apply IAS 39 to hedge accounting.

The Bank may decide to apply the hedge-accounting requirements of IFRS 9 at a later date. In accordance with the hedge accounting principles contained in IFRS 9, it is necessary to apply the requirements of IFRS 9 in the event of implementation of subsequent fair value or cash flow hedge accounting at the Bank.



The Bank applies hedge accounting provided that all of the following criteria specified in IAS 39 are met:

- 1. at the inception of the hedge there is formal designation and documentation of the hedging relationship and the Bank's risk management objective and strategy for undertaking the hedge; the documentation identifies the hedging instrument, the hedged item, the nature of the hedged risk and the manner in which the Bank will assess the effectiveness of the hedging instrument in offsetting the threat of changes in the fair value of the hedged item;
- **2.** the hedge is expected to be highly effective in offsetting changes in fair value, consistent with the risk management strategy originally documented for that particular hedging relationship;
- **3.** the effectiveness of the hedge can be reliably measured, i.e. the fair value of the hedged item and the fair value of the hedging instrument can be reliably measured;
- **4.** the hedge is continuously assessed and has been found to be highly effective in all reporting periods for which it has been established.

Hedge accounting is an integral part of the financial risk management process at BOŚ S.A.

Financial risk is managed as part of the risk management process in place at the Bank.

The Bank uses hedge accounting to hedge the fair value of financial instruments. Fair value hedge is a hedge against changes in the fair value of a recognised asset, liability or probable future liability or an identified portion of this recognised asset, liability or probable future liability, which can be attributed to a particular risk and can affect the profit or loss.

A fair value hedge that meets the conditions for hedge accounting in a given period is recognised by the Bank as follows:

- 1. changes in fair value of a hedging instrument (i.e. derivative instrument designed and qualified as fair value hedge) is recognised in profit or loss,
- 2. the gain or loss on the hedged item attributable to the hedged risk adjusts the carrying amount of the hedged item and is recognised in profit or loss,
- **3.** interest on hedging derivatives is presented in the same line of the statement of profit or loss in which interest on the hedged instruments is presented, i.e. as interest income,
- **4.** measurement of a hedged financial asset classified as measured at fair value through other comprehensive income arising from factors other than the hedged risks is recognised in revaluation reserve until the asset is disposed of or has matured.

The Bank discontinues to apply hedge accounting in the event of expiry, sale, termination or execution of the hedging instrument/hedged item, or when the hedging relationship no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting. When hedge accounting ceases to be applied, the measurement of hedged items that are measured at amortised cost (without applying hedge accounting policies) attributable to the hedged risk recognised in the periods when the hedge was effective is taken to profit or loss.

The Bank does not apply cash flow hedge accounting.

### 4.10. Investments in subsidiaries

Investments in subsidiaries are recognised and measured using the equity method as specified in IAS 28, taking into account impairment losses. At the acquisition date, investments in subsidiaries are recognised at acquisition cost. After the acquisition date, the carrying amount of the investment is measured by recognising changes in the equity of subsidiaries. The Bank's financial result includes its share of the net financial results of its subsidiaries, with unrealised gains and losses from intercompany transactions being eliminated. The carrying amount of investments in subsidiaries is assessed for impairment.

As at 31 December 2023, the Bank Ochrony Środowiska Group included two direct subsidiaries, i.e., Dom Maklerski S.A. and BOŚ Leasing EKO-Profit S.A., and one indirect subsidiary, MS WIND sp. z o.o. (a direct subsidiary of BOŚ Leasing EKO-Profit S.A.).

All subsidiaries are wholly-owned by the Bank.



### 4.11. Financial assets and liabilities

#### Initial recognition

The Bank recognises a financial asset and a financial liability in its statement of financial position when it becomes party to the contractual provisions for that financial instrument. Financial assets are recognised when the Bank acquires the right to receive cash flows, and financial liabilities – when it is required to pay cash. At initial recognition, financial assets and liabilities are classified in the appropriate measurement category.

At initial recognition, financial assets and liabilities are measured at fair value, which, in the case of items not measured at fair value in subsequent periods, is increased or reduced by direct transaction costs.

#### **Derecognition of financial assets**

The Bank ceases to recognise a financial asset in the statement of financial position when:

- 1. The contractual rights to receive the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or
- 2. The financial asset is transferred, and the transfer meets the conditions for derecognition. In particular, the conditions of the transfer result in the transfer of almost all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset to a third party. If the Bank retains the right to cash flows, the conditions of the transfer require that all cash flows received from the debtor are immediately passed on to the third party without any obligation for the Bank to cover unrepaid amounts.

Derecognition of a financial asset most commonly occurs in cases of repayment of a loan or advance, sale without a repurchase agreement, significant modification, or cancellation of the loan agreement.

#### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

The Bank derecognises a financial liability from the statement of financial position when the liability is extinguished, either due to the performance of the obligation or through its redemption.

#### Measurement of financial assets after initial recognition

After initial recognition, the Bank measures financial assets in accordance with the classification rules, at amortised cost or at fair value.

Amortised cost is the amount at which a financial asset or a financial liability is measured on initial recognition, minus principal repayments, plus or minus the cumulative amortisation of any difference between the initial amount and the amount at maturity, calculated using the effective interest rate method, and minus any impairment losses. Penalty interest is recognised at amortised cost.

Fair value measurement involves determining the value that would be received to dispose of an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an arm's length transaction in the principal (or most advantageous) market at the measurement date in current market conditions (i.e. the exit price) regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique.

#### Classification and measurement of financial assets

Under IFRS 9, financial assets are classified to the appropriate measurement model at initial recognition. Financial assets of the Bank are classified into the following measurement categories:

- 1. Financial assets measured at amortised cost,
- 2. Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income,
- 3. Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss,
- 4. Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Classification into the measurement categories is based on:

- 1. the business model within which the financial assets are managed, and
- 2. The test of characteristics of contractual cash flows (the SPPI test solely payments of principal and interest).



#### **Business models**

The business models are defined by the Bank's key management. The business models identified by the Bank reflect its operating activity, i.e. the method of managing a specific group of assets and the purpose for which these assets were recognised or acquired. Individual identified business models are groups of assets that are jointly managed, assessed and reported.

When identifying business models for each group of financial assets, the Bank considers their qualitative aspects and quantitative criteria.

#### **Qualitative aspects**

The qualitative aspects include analysis and assessment of:

- 1. the business objective for which the assets were recognised or acquired,
- 2. how performance of assets within a particular business model is evaluated and reported to the Bank's key management and presented in external reporting,
- 3. the reasons for decisions to sell financial assets,
- 4. solutions and organisational structures within which specific groups of assets are recognised or acquired,
- 5. the type of risk affecting performance of individual asset groups,
- **6.** the manner in which the managers of particular groups of assets are remunerated, in particular whether the remuneration is based in part or in whole on the fair value of the managed assets.

#### Quantitative criteria

The quantitative criteria used in the identification and periodic review of business models relate to the assessment of materiality and frequency of sale of assets held within particular models. It is assumed that in the HtC business model, the sale of financial assets is allowed in particular in the following cases:

- 1. if the assessment of the recoverability of cash flows deteriorates, in order to mitigate the effects of credit risk,
- 2. close to the contractual maturity,
- **3.** occasional sale (even if the amount of assets sold is significant),
- **4.** insignificant value of the assets sold.

If the quantitative criteria, such as significant and frequent sale of financial assets with no deteriorated credit risk assessment, are not met, it is necessary to reassign the entire portfolio of financial assets, from which the sale was effected, and thus to change the classification of this portfolio to the value category.

Following analyses, the Bank's financial assets were allocated to the following business models:

- the Held to Collect (HtC) model
   a model whose objective is achieved by collecting contractual cash flows. Assets held within the HtC model are
   credit facilities and loans, receivables purchased as part of the factoring business, and debt securities acquired
   for investment purposes.,
- 2. the HtCS (Held to Collect or Sell) model a model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets. Assets held within the HtCS model are debt securities acquired to secure current liquidity needs and the yield profile.
- **3.** Other business models

  Assets acquired within other business models are assets acquired trading purposes to generated profit from changes in their market value or to earn remuneration in the form of trading spread. These business models apply mainly to derivative financial instruments and securities.

#### **Cash flow characteristics**

The Bank classifies financial asset components based on the cash flow characteristics inherent to that component as stipulated in contractual provisions. The assessment of cash flow characteristics aims to confirm whether the contractual cash flows represent solely the repayment of the principal amount and interest, where the principal amount is the fair value of the financial assets on the initial recognition date. Interest represents compensation for the time value of money, the credit risk associated with the unpaid principal amount, other risks, and costs (including liquidity risk, administrative expenses), as well as a fair profit margin.



As required by IFRS 9, financial assets held within the HtC and HtCS models are subject to the SPPI test. The SPPI test should be performed for each financial asset in the HtC and HtCS models at initial recognition and when the asset is materially modified.

The SPPI test includes, in particular, an analysis of the cash flow characteristics in relation to early repayment and rollover terms, changes in the currency of the financial asset, terms that increase the volatility of cash flows beyond the volatility resulting from changes in market interest rates (e.g. leverage), terms that limit the possibility of financial redress against specific assets of the debtor.

The table below presents the principles for classifying financial assets into the appropriate measurement category based on the business model and assessment of contractual cash flows:

# Classification of financial assets to measurement categories based on business models and the SPPI test

Business models	SPPI test Cash flows are solely payments of the principal and interest	SPPI test Cash flows are not solely payments of the principal and interest
HtC Model	measured at amortised cost	measurement at fair value through profit or loss
HtCS Model	measurement at fair value through other comprehensive income	measurement at fair value through profit or loss
Other business models	The SPPI test is not performed; obligatory or loss	/ measurement at fair value through profit

At Bank Ochrony Środowiska S.A., certain loan agreements have been identified where the interest rate is based on a multiplier formula (financial leverage). These are some of the preferential loans provided with support from the National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management. Accordingly, the loans were classified as measured at fair value through profit or loss. This is a legacy portfolio whose value is gradually diminishing over time. The Bank does not enter into new agreements with interest rates based on a multiplier formula.

#### Financial assets by measurement category

- 1. financial assets measured at amortised cost
  - This measurement category primarily includes amounts due from retail and institutional clients. It also includes receivables purchased as part of the factoring business, debt securities in the investment portfolio held to collect contractual cash flows and amounts due from banks, including buy-sell back transactions.
- 2. Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income

  This measurement category includes debt securities acquired to secure current liquidity needs and the yield profile, held to collect contractual cash flows and for sale, as well as investment equity securities.
- 3. Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss
  - This measurement category includes derivative financial instruments and debt securities purchased for trading purposes.
  - Credit facilities with interest rates structured as a multiplier of a benchmark rate, disclosed as amounts due from clients, constitute a separate item in this measurement category This item includes preferential loans granted with support from the public sector.
- **4.** Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss.
  - This measurement category includes corporate debt securities guaranteed by the State Treasury, bearing interest at a fixed rate, and secured by IRS (Interest Rate Swap) transactions.



#### Change of measurement category of a financial instrument

A change of the financial assets measurement category can occur only as a result of a change of the business model. A change of business objectives related to a financial assets or a change in assignment of the asset to a given business line are not considered a change of the business model.

Change of a measurement category due to the business model change is recognised prospectively, i.e. as of its date.

Financial liabilities are not reclassified.

#### **Modification of financial assets**

The Bank identifies a modification of a financial asset when there is a change in the contract under which the financial asset arose, affecting the amount and timing of cash flows. Cash flow changes resulting from the initial contract with the client are not recognised as modifications. A change in the contractual terms of repayment may be made for both credit risk management and commercial reasons.

The Bank distinguishes between substantial and non-substantial modifications of financial assets.

#### Quantitative criterion

A substantial modification of financial assets based on quantitative criteria involves changes to the contractual repayment terms of a financial asset that result in:

- an increase in the exposure amount by 10% on the date of signing an amendment with the client,
- an extension of the tenor by:
  - 8 years for mortgage and investment loans,
  - 3 years for other loans and advances.

#### **Qualitative criterion**

A substantial modification of financial assets based on qualitative criteria involves changes to the contract terms consisting in:

- addition of a feature that affects results of the SPPI test,
- a change in the currency of a facility not provided for in the initial contract terms,
- change of the debtor,
- change of the legal form or type of the financial instrument.

#### **Substantial modification**

A substantial modification results in derecognition of the original asset from the statement of financial position, recognition in the statement of profit or loss of unsettled costs and commissions, and initial recognition of a financial asset resulting from the modification. A new effective interest rate is established for the modified asset.

#### Non-substantial modification

A non-substantial modification does not result in derecognition of the existing financial assets in the statement of financial condition. Gain (loss) on a non-substantial modification is recognised in profit or loss.

#### Impairment of financial assets

IFRS 9 introduced a new approach to estimating losses on financial assets measured at amortised cost and at fair value through other comprehensive income. This approach is based on the determination of expected credit losses.

Recognition of expected losses depends on the change in the level of risk since the initial recognition of a financial asset. The Bank identifies three key buckets of financial assets in the context of changes in the level of risk:

- Bucket 1 includes exposures for which there has been no significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition. For such exposures, expected credit losses are recognised for the next 12 months or until the maturity date of the exposure if it falls in less than 12 months.
- Bucket 2 includes exposures for which there has been a significant increase in the level of credit risk since initial recognition, but the event of default has not yet become probable. For such exposures, expected credit losses are recognised over the remaining life of the exposure.

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• Bucket 3 – includes clients who have been identified as having an event of default (an impairment trigger has occurred). For such clients, expected credit losses are recognised over the remaining life of the exposure.

The Bank also identifies POCI (Purchased or Originated Credit Impaired) assets, i.e. financial assets that were credit-impaired at the date of initial recognition. For POCI exposures, expected credit losses are recognised over the remaining life of the exposure.

The Bank applies the definition of default at the client level. The definition of default is consistent with the requirements of the CRR, IFRS 9 and Recommendation R, and is applied consistently for the purposes of estimating expected credit losses and calculating capital requirements.

For the purposes of estimating loss allowances, the Bank uses its own estimates of risk parameters based on internal models consistent with IFRS 9. Expected credit losses are the product of individual estimated values of PD, LGD and EAD parameters for each exposure, and the final amount of expected losses is the sum of expected losses in individual periods (depending on the bucket – over the next 12 months or over the remaining life of the exposure), discounted using the effective interest rate. The parameters estimated in compliance with IFRS 9 are adjusted based on macroeconomic scenarios.

Measurement of allowances for expected credit losses, provisions for financial guarantees and financial commitments in the Polish and in foreign currencies (including currency exchange differences) is recognised as the Bank's expense or income arising from the allowances and provisions.

#### Offsetting of financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount is disclosed in the statement of financial position only when the Bank has a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and intends to settle on a net basis, or the realise the asset and the settle the liability simultaneously.

#### **Financial liabilities**

#### Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost include agreements under which the Bank is obligated to disburse cash or other financial assets within a specified period. This group of financial liabilities primarily includes deposits from customers, borrowings, and issues of own debt securities.

#### Financial liabilities measured at fair value

Liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss include derivative financial instruments.

#### Financial guarantees

A financial guarantee is a contract which obligates the Bank to make specified payments to compensate the beneficiary of the guarantee for losses incurred due to the debtor's failure to meet payment obligations by the date stipulated in the terms of the debt instrument.

Financial guarantees are valued at the higher of the expected credit loss allowance and the amount of consideration received including recognised amortisation.

#### Commitment to disburse credit

The Bank derecognises a financial liability when it is extinguished, that is when the obligation specified in the contract is either discharged or cancelled or expires.

#### **Equity investments**

Equity investments are classified as measured at fair value through other comprehensive income. Classification of equity investments into this measurement category is irrevocable. Gains or losses resulting from the difference between the selling price and the purchase price or from a change in the fair value of these investments are not recognised in the statement of profit or loss even if an investment is sold. Only dividend income is recognised in the statement of profit or loss.



Equity investments were classified as measured at fair value through other comprehensive income because of their investment nature and the way economic benefits are achieved through dividends received.

Equity instruments classified as measured at fair value through other comprehensive income are measured using the capital asset pricing model. The model uses financial forecasts of individual companies and market parameters such as cost of capital and beta coefficient calculated based on data from comparable companies as well as discount, liquidity premium and control premium.

#### Sell and buy-back transactions

Securities sold under repurchase agreements (repo transactions, sell-buy-back transactions) are disclosed in the financial statements as securities if the entity retains substantially all risk and rewards incidental to ownership of such securities. A liability to a counterparty is recognised in amounts due to other banks or amounts due to clients, as appropriate.

Securities purchased under agreements to resell (reverse repo transactions, buy-sell-back transactions) are recognised as amounts due from banks or amounts due from clients, as appropriate. The difference between the selling price and the repurchase price is treated as interest and accounted for on a straight-line basis over the term of the agreement.

Securities lent to counterparties are not derecognised from the Bank's balance sheet.

Securities borrowed by the Bank are not recognised in the financial statements unless they are sold to third parties. In such a case, the purchase and sale transactions are recognised in the financial statements and the relevant gains and losses are taken to profit or loss on trading activities.

The obligation to return borrowed securities is recorded at fair value as amounts due to clients. The risk and rewards incidental to ownership of the securities are retained by the counterparty.

#### Trade payables and receivables and contract assets

Trade receivables and contract assets are measured at the transaction price adjusted for expected credit losses over the entire lifetime of these assets.

Trade payables are measured at the amount required to be paid.

#### 4.12. Non-current assets held for sale

Non-current assets are classified as 'held for sale' and carried at the lower of carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell if their carrying amount is recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use. The Bank does not carry assets held for sale.

# 4.13. Intangible assets

#### Licenses and software

Purchased licenses and internally developed computer software are capitalised at the amount of the costs incurred to purchase and prepare the software for use. Capitalised costs are amortised over the estimated useful life of the software on a straight-line basis.

Expenses related to maintenance of computer programs are recognised as costs when incurred or as deferred costs.

Useful lives of intangible assets range from 1 to 15 years.

#### **Expenditure on intangible assets**

The Bank recognises expenditure on intangible assets incurred in the development phase of projects carried out internally only if the Bank has the appropriate technical and financial means to complete the development and use of the asset, and has the possibility to reliably determine the expenditure incurred that can be directly attributed to the creation, production and adaptation of the asset for use in the manner intended by the management.

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Capitalised costs are amortised on a straight-line basis upon completion of development work. Estimated useful lives of such assets are determined on a case-by-case basis.

#### Impairment testing

Intangible assets are tested for impairment whenever there are events or circumstances indicating that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. The carrying amount is immediately reduced to the recoverable amount if the carrying amount exceeds the estimated recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and its value in use.

# 4.14. Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are carried at historical cost less accumulated depreciation. Historical cost includes expenditure directly related to the acquisition of the assets.

Subsequent expenditure is included in the carrying amount of an item of property, plant and equipment or recognised as a separate item of property, plant and equipment (where appropriate) only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Bank and its cost can be measured reliably. All other repair and maintenance expenses are charged to profit or loss in the accounting period in which they are incurred. Land is not depreciated.

Property, plant and equipment are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their useful lives, which for each class of property, plant and equipment are:

- **1.** Buildings -40 years,
- 2. Leasehold improvements 2-12 years or less if the contract so requires,
- 3. Equipment and vehicles 3-20 years.

The residual value and useful lives of property, plant and equipment are also reviewed as at each reporting date.

Depreciable items of property. plant and equipment are tested for impairment whenever there are events or circumstances indicating that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. The carrying amount is immediately reduced to the recoverable amount if the carrying amount exceeds the estimated recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of the fair value of an item of property, plant and equipment less costs to sell and value in use.

Gains and losses on disposal of property, plant and equipment are determined by comparing proceeds from sale with the respective carrying amounts and recognised in profit or loss.

Property, plant and equipment under construction include assets in the course of construction or assembly, and are measured at cost less any impairment losses. An item of property, plant and equipment under construction is not depreciated until the construction or assembly work is completed and the item is placed in use.

#### 415 Leases

The Bank classifies as leases all contracts under which it uses or leases out non-current assets for a specified period in exchange for consideration.

#### The Bank as the lessor

As the lessor, the Bank classifies lease contracts as finance leases or operating leases.

The Bank classifies contracts that transfer substantially all risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the leased assets as finance leases. Other lease contracts are classified as operating leases.

#### The Bank as the lessee

At the inception of the lease, the Bank, as the lessee, recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability.

The liability arises from the present value of future cash flows (lease payments under the lease contract) discounted using the interest rate of the lease.

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The Bank applies exemptions from the requirements of IFRS 16 concerning:

- 1. use of low-value assets the value of the asset does not exceed PLN 20 thousand,
- 2. short-term leases of up to 12 months.

For exempt contracts, the Bank does not recognise right-of-use assets asset and lease liabilities. Lease payments related to such contracts are recognised as expenses in the statement of profit or loss on a straight-line basis during the lease term.

When determining the lease term, the Bank determines the non-cancellable lease term, taking into account the period covered by the extension option, if the Bank assumes the option will be exercised, and by the termination option if the Bank assumes that it will not be exercised.

The Bank revises the lease term if there is a change in the non-cancellable period of the lease.

After the commencement date of the lease, the Bank measures the right-of-use asset at cost:

- 1. less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses; and
- 2. adjusted for remeasurement of the lease liability.

After the commencement date, the Bank measures the lease liability by:

- 1. increasing the carrying amount to reflect interest expense on the lease liability;
- 2. reducing the carrying amount to reflect the lease payments made;
- **3.** remeasuring the carrying amount to reflect any reassessment or lease modifications, or to reflect revised fixed lease payments.

The Bank accounts for a lease modification as a separate lease if both:

- 1. the modification increases the scope of the lease by adding the right to use one or more underlying assets; and
- **2.** the consideration for the lease increases by an amount commensurate with the stand-alone price for the increase in scope.

For a lease modification that is not accounted for as a separate lease, the Bank remeasures the liability by discounting the updated lease payments using an updated discount rate and recognises the remeasurement by:

- 1. reducing the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset to reflect the partial or full termination of the lease for modifications that decrease the scope of the lease;
- 2. making a corresponding adjustment to the right-of-use asset for other lease modifications.

#### 4.16. Income tax

Income tax is recognised as current tax and deferred tax. Current income tax is recognised in the statement of profit or loss. Deferred income taxes, depending on the origin of the temporary differences, are recognised in the statement of profit or loss or in other comprehensive income.

#### **Current tax**

Current income tax is calculated based on accounting gross profit adjusted for income that is not taxable income under tax regulations, taxable income that is not considered accounting income, expenses that do not qualify as tax deductible, and tax-deductible expenses that are not accounted for as costs, all in accordance with applicable tax laws. These items mainly include accrued interest income and expenses to be received and paid, expected credit loss allowance and provisions for financial obligations.

#### **Deferred tax**

Deferred income tax is recognised in the amount of the difference between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes. The Bank recognises deferred tax liabilities and assets in the statement of financial position. Changes in deferred tax liabilities and assets are recognised in the profit or loss as part of mandatory charges, except for the effects of revaluation of financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income.



The Bank recognises deferred tax liabilities and assets for temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and their tax bases, as well as for deductible tax losses that can be carried forward to offset future taxable income.

The tax base of assets is the amount that reduces the taxable income base when economic benefits are derived, either directly or indirectly, from them. If the economic benefits derived from recognising assets do not result in reducing the taxable income base, then the tax base of the assets equals their carrying amount. The tax base of a liability is its carrying amount reduced by amounts attributable to that liability which will reduce the taxable income base for corporate income tax purposes in the future. Deferred tax assets are recognised up to the amount of taxable profit anticipated from deductible temporary differences, which will reduce the future tax base for corporate income tax calculations, along with deductible tax losses.

Conversely, a deferred tax liability is recognised to cover future taxable profit arising from taxable temporary differences, leading to an increased tax base for future tax deductions.

In determining the deferred tax liability or asset, the tax rates expected to be in effect when the Bank realises (settles) the carrying amounts of the assets or liabilities are applied.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities relating to assets and liabilities whose income is accounted for in the Bank's equity are also recognised in the Bank's equity.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are reported in the statement of financial position on a net basis, under the assumption that they will be settled with the same tax authorities.

#### 4.17. Foreclosed assets

Foreclosed assets are initially recognised at their fair value. If the fair value of a foreclosed asset is higher than the amount of the debt, the difference constitutes an amount due to the borrower and is reimbursed to the account of the owner of the foreclosed asset, after deducting costs of the foreclosure, storage and valuation of the asset.

If the fair value of a foreclosed asset is lower than the amount of the debt, the difference constitutes an amount due from the borrower which may be subject to restructuring or collection.

There are no foreclosed assets in the Bank.

# 4.18. Prepayments, accruals and deferred income

Prepayments are costs incurred in the current financial year and relating to future periods. They are disclosed in the statement of financial position as other assets.

Accrued expenses are costs pertaining to the current period that will be incurred by the Bank in future periods. Accrued expenses and deferred income are disclosed in the statement of financial position as other liabilities.

# 4.19. Provisions for employee benefits

The Bank recognises provisions for retirement benefit obligations based on estimates of such obligations calculated using an actuarial model. The actuarial model applied by the entity to determine the present value of its defined benefit obligations and the related current service cost and, where applicable, past service cost, uses the projected unit credit method.

The projected unit credit method (sometimes known as the accrued benefit method pro-rated on service or as the benefit/years of service method) sees each period of service as giving rise to an additional unit of benefit entitlement and measures each unit separately to build up the final obligation.

The entire amount of actuarial gains and losses is recognised in other comprehensive income.



#### 4.20. Provisions

Provisions are recognised when all of the following conditions are met:

- 1. as at the reporting date, the Bank has a present, legal or constructive obligation to spend funds resulting from past events, and legal opinions are used to determine the existence of this obligation,
- 2. when the probability of there being an expense to settle the claim is greater than the probability of there not being such an expense, and
- 3. when the amount of that expenditure can be reliably estimated.

Provisions are measured at the present value of the expenditure expected to be required to settle the obligation, taking into account the time value of money (if material) and the risks associated with the liability. When the amount of the expected expenditure is discounted, the increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as interest expense.

# 4.21. Contingent liabilities and contingent assets

The Bank has contingent liabilities of a financial nature, which include revocable and irrevocable loan commitments and open import letters of credit.

Contingent liabilities of a guarantee nature include sureties, loan repayment guarantees, performance bonds, and letters of credit, which serve as security for the Bank's clients fulfilling their obligations to third parties.

Contingent assets comprise credit lines that have been approved but remain undrawn, and collateral received for the repayment of loans.

Contingent liabilities and assets are not presented in the Bank's statement of financial position.

The principles for recognising impairment allowances for contingent liabilities align with those for financial assets, as detailed in Note 4.11.

# 4.22. Equity

Equity is composed of capital and reserves created in accordance with the legal regulations, i.e. the respective acts and the Bank's Articles of Association.

#### **Common equity**

Common equity comprises registered share capital and share premium.

The share capital is stated at par, in accordance with the Articles of Association and the entry in the National Court Register.

The share premium account is created from the excess proceeds from the issue of shares above par value remaining after covering the issue costs.

#### **Treasury shares**

Amounts paid for repurchases of treasury shares are charged to equity and disclosed in the separate line item 'Treasury shares' in the statement of financial position.

#### **Revaluation reserve**

The revaluation reserve includes changes in the value of financial assets classified for measurement at fair value through other comprehensive income, arising from their revaluation, and deferred tax on items included in the revaluation reserve. It also encompasses gains or losses associated with a hedging instrument (cash flow hedge accounting) attributable to the effective part of the hedge, as well as gains and losses related to the hedged item measured at fair value through other comprehensive income (fair value hedge accounting), arising from factors other than the hedged risk. Additionally, the reserve includes actuarial gains and losses on a defined benefit plan.



#### **Retained earnings**

Retained earnings include undistributed profit or loss and other components of equity, i.e. other statutory reserve funds, other capital reserves and general risk fund.

Other components of equity are recognised in profit or loss and are used for the purposes specified in the Articles of Association or the applicable laws.

# 4.23. Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise items maturing within three months of the acquisition date, including: cash in hand, unrestricted balances with central banks, Treasury bills and other eligible bills, amounts due from banks and short-term Treasury securities.

# 4.24. New standards, interpretations and amendments thereto published and approved by the European Union but not yet effective and not yet applied by the Bank.

Standards and interpretations, as well as amendments to standards and interpretations, issued by the IASB that have been approved for use in the EU but have not yet come into effect and have not been adopted for early application:

IFRS	Amendment	Date of entry into force in the EU / approval by the EU	Effect on the Bank
Amendments to IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current	The amendments relate to classification of liabilities in the statement of financial position as current or non-current. They specify that when classifying liabilities as current or non-current, the existence of a rollover of the liability should be considered as of the date of classification, regardless of the entity's intention to utilise it for more than 12 months. Additionally, they state that the classification should also consider the fulfilment, as of the date of assessment, of the conditions for such rollover if it is contingent.	1 January 2024 / 19 December 2023	The amendment will have no material effect on the financial statements.
Amendments to IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements – Non-current Liabilities with Covenants	Change in the presentation of non-current liabilities with covenants.	1 January 2024 / 19 December 2023	The amendment will have no material effect on the financial statements.
Amendments to IFRS 16 Leases – Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback	Change in the calculation of the lease liability in sale and leaseback transactions.	1 January 2024 / 20 November 2023	The amendment will have no material effect on the financial statements.



# 4.25. New standards, interpretations and amendments thereto, which have been published and are not endorsed by the European Union

The IFRS as endorsed by the EU currently do not significantly differ from the standards issued by the IASB, with the exception of the following new standards and amendments to standards, which have not yet been approved for use in the EU and have not been adopted for early application:

IFRS	Amendment	Date of entry into force in the EU / approval by the EU	Effect on the Bank
Amendments to IAS 21 The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates: Lack of Exchangeability	Assessment whether a currency is exchangeable into another currency and, when it is not, determination of the exchange rate to use and the disclosures to provide.	1 January 2025 / Not specified	The amendment will have no material effect on the financial statements.
Amendments to IAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows and Financial Instruments: Disclosures, Supplier Finance Arrangements	Additional disclosures on supplier finance agreements	1 January 2024 / Not specified	The amendment will have no material effect on the financial statements.

# 5. Corrections of prior period errors

In the twelve months ended 31 December 2023, there were no corrections to prior period errors.

# 6. Significant estimates and judgments

The preparation of the Bank's financial statements requires judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported income, expenses, assets, and liabilities and related notes, as well as disclosure of contingent liabilities. Uncertainties related to these assumptions and estimates may result in changes to carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the future. They also require exercising professional judgment in the process of applying the adopted accounting policies.

The Bank made the assumptions and estimates concerning the future based on historical data and its knowledge as at the time of preparation of these financial statements. The estimates and assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. The assumptions and estimates may change in the future due to market developments or other events beyond the Bank's control. Changes in assumptions and estimates are recognised in the period of the change or in the period of the change and future periods if the change in estimates and assumptions relate to the current period and future periods.

#### 6.1. Financial assets

#### Impairment of amounts due from clients

The Bank reviews all credit exposures on a monthly basis to identify credit exposures threatened with impairment and measures the impairment of credit exposures. The measurement of impairment primarily relies on estimating the probability of default through historical analysis, assessing potential losses, and evaluating the macroeconomic environment in which the Bank operates.

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The models used to estimate allowances for expected credit losses constructed in accordance with IFRS 9 consist of elements for which the Bank uses all available historical information and forecasts. When using these models, the Bank estimates the level of credit risk with the highest possible accuracy.

Expected credit losses are calculated using monthly granularity, as well as the PG, LGD and EAD parameters determined individually for each exposure, taking into account the exposure's expected duration.

The resulting amount of expected credit losses is the sum total of expected losses in each period (over the 12-month horizon for Bucket 1 or the remaining lifetime for Buckets 2 and 3 and the POCI assets) discounted using the effective interest rate.

The structure of the models used to estimate expected credit losses includes modelling for the following parameters:

- PD (probability of default) estimated probability of default over a given time horizon (12-month or lifetime),
- LGD (loss given default) part of the exposure that would not be recovered in case of default,
- EAD (exposure at default) expected amount of exposure at the time of default.

In Q2 2023, the Bank changed its approach to incorporating macroeconomic forecasts into the model for estimating expected credit losses. A statistical methods-based approach was introduced, and the macroeconomic scenarios systemically employed in the PD (Probability of Default) model for the retail portfolio were updated. The impact of macroeconomic forecasts on the level of expected credit losses as of 31 December 2023 was an increase in the loss by PLN 3.5 million.

In Q3 2023, the Bank discontinued the model previously used for valuing wind farms. As of 31 August 2023, the valuation principles used for the corporate portfolio were applied to clients in the wind farm sector.

Furthermore, in Q4 2023, the Bank recalibrated the PD parameter for the retail portfolio and the LGD parameter for the corporate portfolio. The updated parameters were applied to estimate of expected credit losses from 31 December 2023. The impact of the recalibration of the PD parameter was immaterial, while the recalibration of LGD resulted in an increase in the Bank's expected credit loss by PLN 36.2 million as of 31 December 2023.

In December 2023, a sensitivity analysis was conducted on the non-performing loan portfolio to assess the impact of changes in portfolio parameters (LGD and PD) using the group approach. If recovery rates changed by +/- 10 percentage points, the estimated amount of loss allowances for the portfolio would decrease by PLN 22.8 million or increase by PLN 22.8 million, respectively. A simultaneous +/-10 percentage point change in the PD parameter would result in a decrease of PLN 20.6 million or an increase of PLN 25.1 million in the expected credit loss allowances, respectively.

In Q4, the Bank also carried out a sensitivity analysis for the individually measured loan portfolio, assessing all key parameters and probabilities utilised in the calculation of expected credit losses. The most substantial increase in impairment provisions, of PLN 41.9 million, was driven by a 10% reduction in the present value of cash flows in the recovery scenario. Increasing the probability of the recovery scenario by 10% will lead to an increase in impairment allowances for individually assessed exposures with value impairment, totalling PLN 32.9 million. Furthermore, extending the recovery period for collaterals considered in the recovery scenario by 12 months will result in a PLN 32.2 million increase in the amount of allowances.

#### **SPPI** test

The SPPI test is an assessment of whether the cash flows arising from financial assets held in the HtC and HtCS models constitute only payments of principal and interest on the principal. This assessment (in addition to the business model) determines the classification of financial assets into the category of measurement at amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income. Therefore, this assessment is crucial for the adoption of a correct measurement principle for loan agreements and other financial contracts that are the core business of the Bank.

Under IFRS 9, the amount of principal amount is the fair value the financial assets at initial recognition. Interest represents consideration for the time value of money, a margin for the credit risk and other risks incurred in holding the principal, and a profit margin.



The SPPI test includes an analysis of concluded contracts/agreements to determine cash flow characteristics resulting from these contracts/agreements. The SPPI test is considered to permit classification into the amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income measurement categories if there are no identified characteristics of cash flows whose timing or formula for determining their value depends on factors other than those that meet the definition of principal and interest on principal. The characteristics that do not meet this definition include:

- · leverage,
- making the consideration contingent on conditions unrelated to the time value of money or the risk incurred,
- early repayment options, but early repayment in an amount equal to the unpaid portion of principal and interest including reasonable early repayment consideration is deemed to satisfy the SPPI test.

The Bank conducts the SPPI test for all financial assets subject to this assessment, with the SPPI test being conducted at the product group level for assets originated under standard documentation, while for negotiated assets it is conducted on a contract-by-contract basis. The SPPI test resulted in the identification of a portion of loan agreements where the interest rate is based on a multiplier formula (leverage). These are some of the preferential loans provided with support from the National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management. Accordingly, the loans were classified as measured at fair value through profit or loss.

#### **Business model**

Assessment of the business model is an important estimation due to the fact that, under IFRS 9, it is one of the elements determining the classification of financial assets to an appropriate measurement category. The Bank establishes business models within which financial assets are managed, based primarily on their business objectives and the manner in which financial results are achieved. Changes in the business model may occur only in case of material internal or external changes in the activities of the Bank, and will be determined by the management. Business models are expected to be changed rarely. Specifically, a change in business objective for a particular financial asset does not constitute a change in the business model.

# 6.2. Fair value of financial instruments

The value of financial instruments not listed in active markets is determined using valuation models accepted by the market. They take into account, among other things, the present value of future cash flows (discounted using a zero coupon curve with a margin), comparable transaction prices (if any), as well as reference to similar instruments quoted in active markets. In the rare cases where it is not possible to use such models and fair value cannot be determined reliably, financial instruments are carried at cost. For information on the sensitivity of financial instruments, see Note 49.

# 6.3. Provision for retirement benefits

Any employee who reaches retirement age is entitled to a retirement benefit.

Retirement benefits related to pre-retirement benefits or allowances and retirements as part of collective redundancies are not included in the calculation and if they occur in the future, the provision should be separately recalculated.

An employee who has acquired disability pension entitlements under social security due to permanent incapacity to work has a right to a disability benefit.

Both the retirement benefit and the disability benefit are calculated on the basis of the employee's remuneration, calculated as holiday pay, at the time when the benefit entitlement has been accrued.

Depending on the length of service at Bank Ochrony Środowiska S.A., the amount of retirement benefit is as follows:

- up to 10 years of service 100%,
- more than 10 years of service 200%,
- more than 15 years of service 250%.

The calculation was based on employees' salaries and wages as at 31 December 2023.



## 6.4. Taxation

The Polish law on corporate income tax, personal income tax, value added tax or social security contributions is subject to frequent changes, resulting in the lack of well-established practice, ambiguity and inconsistency. This situation gives rise to differences in the interpretation of tax legislation by public authorities and taxpayers. Tax settlements and other settlements (e.g. settlement of customs duties) may be subject to inspection by competent authorities for up to six years. The competent authorities have the power to impose significant penalties with interest. There is a risk that the authorities bodies will take a different stance from that of the Company with respect to the interpretation of the regulations, which could affect the amount of public charges disclosed in the financial statements.

The Bank recognises a deferred tax asset based on the assumption that taxable profit will be earned in the future to allow the asset to be utilised. If taxable profit deteriorates in the future, this assumption may prove unwarranted.

# 6.5. Estimates of the impact of legal risk associated with foreign currency-linked mortgages

Estimating the impact of legal risk of foreign currency-linked mortgages is uncertain due to the continuously evolving case law and the level of acceptance of the dedicated settlement programme by clients. Therefore, this estimate is uncertain and the amount may change in the future. The estimate is subject to periodic monitoring and updating.

The Bank accounts for the impact of legal risks associated with litigation concerning indexation clauses in CHF mortgage and housing loans, as well as the voluntary settlement programme offered to CHF borrowers, in accordance with:

- IFRS 9 Financial Instruments for active loans, including active loans covered by class action lawsuits and the voluntary settlement programme, and
- IAS 37 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets for repaid loans.

Mortgage and housing loans that are subject to litigation fall within the scope of IFRS 9. Under IFRS 9, these loans are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate.

Legal claims raised by borrowers, including claims of contract invalidity, impact the Bank's estimation of the expected loan term and the anticipated cash flows. In particular, the Bank considers the risk that, in the event of a court ruling declaring the contract invalid, it may be obligated to reimburse borrowers for any undue benefits received. Furthermore, potential settlements offered by the Bank to borrowers (including those who have not previously filed legal claims) may also impact the amount and timing of expected cash flows arising from these loans.

Therefore, according to the Bank's viewpoint, the appropriate approach to reflect the impact of legal risk on active loans and the expected impact of the voluntary settlement programme offered to borrowers is to update the cash flow estimates associated with the loans and reduce the gross carrying amount of these loans in accordance with IFRS 9 paragraph B5.4.6.

For repaid loans and loans for which the calculated cash flow adjustment is higher than the carrying amount, the Bank recognises provisions for litigation in accordance with IAS 37 *Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets*.

The Bank conducted a sensitivity analysis of the estimated impact of legal risk, considering changes in key parameters associated with the number of lawsuits and signed settlements with clients.



#### PLN million

MODEL CENCITIVITY	PARAMETER CHANGE			
MODEL SENSITIVITY	-25pp	BASE-CASE SCENARIO	+25pp	
INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF LAWSUITS	-49	690	41	
PROBABILITY OF SETTLEMENT*	15	690	-66	

<sup>\*</sup> In the -25% scenario, the minimum possible value of the parameter, that is 0%, was assumed.

Note 41, titled 'Legal risk of residential mortgage-backed loans linked to foreign exchange rates', provides an overview of the factors and circumstances that could significantly affect the provision for legal risk associated with the portfolio of mortgages tied to foreign currency exchange rates.

# 6.6. Provision for refund of loan costs in case of early repayment

The provision for reimbursement of loans in case of early repayment was recognised in accordance with IAS 37, taking into account assumptions regarding early repayment of consumer loans based on the loan portfolio as at 31 December 2023.

As of 31 December 2023, there were seven court proceedings pending against the Bank regarding the reimbursement of consumer credit costs due to early repayment. The provisions for refunds of commissions on early repayment of consumer loans made until 2019 amount to PLN 0.2 million.

In addition, the Bank recognises a provision for active loans. The provision relates to the difference between the estimated amount of commission reimbursement and the value of commissions received and accounted for using the effective interest rate method. The estimated amount of commission reimbursement is determined using the straight-line amortisation method, starting from the date of the loan and to the reporting date. As at 31 December 2023, the amount of the provision was PLN 2.3 million.

# 7. Risk management

# 7.1. Credit risk

#### **Definition of credit risk**

Credit risk is defined as the risk of potential loss due to default by a client or counterparty at a contractual date.

#### Credit risk management methods

The Bank pursued its credit risk management policy on an individual basis (credit transaction) and on a portfolio basis taking into account the level of risk appetite.

The risk appetite was determined within the limits set by prudent and stable risk management practices and was assumed to be moderate.

The credit risk management process at the Bank included in particular:

- 1. procedures for assessing the risk of a single transaction, establishing collateral and making credit decisions,
- 2. monitoring the level of risk, setting exposure limits, and stress-testing,
- 3. rating and scoring models applied to assess the risk of retail and institutional clients,
- 4. principles of responsibility in the credit risk assessment process,
- 5. portfolio-based assessment of credit risk,
- 6. rules for management of retail and mortgage-backed exposures,
- 7. rules for identifying impaired exposures and determining impairment losses,
- 8. rules of reporting to the Bank's management staff,
- 9. IT systems supporting the implementation of these tasks.

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Credit risk at the transaction level was managed in accordance with the following rules:

- 1. each credit transaction required a comprehensive assessment of credit risk, reflected in an internal rating or scoring,
- 2. credit decisions were based on client's creditworthiness,
- **3.** credit risk of potential and concluded credit transactions was measured at origination and was subsequently monitored,
- 4. the credit process ensured independence of the credit risk assessment functions from the sales function,
- 5. credit decisions were made by bodies authorised to do so,
- **6.** terms of credit transactions offered to clients depended on the level of credit risk associated with a given client and/or transaction.

The financing of a single transaction was conditional on:

- 1. the borrower's ability to repay the requested facility in accordance with the schedule agreed upon with the Bank,
- 2. provision of collateral in the form and in the amount acceptable to the Bank in so far as internal regulations required,
- **3.** fulfilment by the borrower of other criteria, such as, in particular, results of the client's relationship with the Bank to date and assessment of the client's credit history in the banking sector.

The Bank is scaling down financing for entities whose activities do not align with sustainable business practices that benefit the environment, local communities, consumers, and employees. This is achieved through the introduction of a catalogue specifying transactions BOŚ will not engage in, adhering to ESG principles.

The portfolio credit risk was managed using various methods of credit risk measurement and assessment, including:

- 1. credit risk appetite and portfolio limits on credit risk parameters,
- 2. cost of credit risk, expected credit loss, probability of default,
- 3. analysis of the population of loans granted over a given period of time (vintage analysis),
- 4. monitoring of limits based on parameters other than credit risk, affecting the level of credit risk of the portfolio.

The Bank had a Credit Risk Management Committee tasked with shaping the principles of credit risk management and monitoring within the framework established by the strategies, policies, or rules adopted by the Management Board or the Supervisory Board of the Bank.

The Committee operated in the following core areas:

- 1. credit risk management and credit process,
- 2. valuation of assets,
- 3. credit risk assessment models and methodologies.

In addition, the Supervisory Board was supported in its risk oversight functions by the Risk Committee. The Committee consisted of members of the Supervisory Board. The Committee's responsibilities included giving opinion on the Bank's comprehensive current and future risk appetite, reviewing the risk management strategy in the Bank's operations, supporting the Supervisory Board in implementing this strategy, and verifying the pricing of assets and liabilities offered to clients in line with the Bank's business model and risk strategy.

#### Processes established for risk management

In 2023, the Bank continued efforts to improve the efficiency of its risk assessment processes, including optimisation of the credit monitoring, credit decision and credit application processes, and took steps to reduce the credit portfolio concentration level.

As part of its risk monitoring process, the Bank performed risk assessments prior to the origination and throughout the life of loan transactions.



The frequency and scope of risk monitoring depended on the level of the identified risk. The monitoring was carried out by a separate organisational unit within the credit risk assessment and management functions; the units responsibilities include monitoring of the loan portfolio and valuation of individually significant exposures.

The risk of untimely debt service or default as well as the risk of loss or decrease in the value of collateral were mitigated using an early warning system, managed by the risk monitoring unit.

If the Bank identified a situation that could jeopardise timely debt repayment, the Bank used reminders and carried out restructuring procedures using appropriate IT tools.

The Bank had in place a Policy for Management of Non-Performing Exposures, which defines steps to be taken to achieve reduction, within a prescribed time limit, of non-performing exposures and an action plan that supports the implementation of this policy.

In the process of risk assessment and monitoring, the Bank used information from internal databases and external sources, including from Biuro Informacji Kredytowej S.A. (credit bureau), Krajowy Rejestr Długów (debt register) and Centralna Bazy Danych – Bankowy Rejestr (bank register).

The Bank assessed credit risk using rating and scoring models. The models were built, developed, monitored and supervised by the Risk Area, taking into account internal and external requirements. Significant models were subject to periodic validation at least annually, performed by an independent validation unit.

The Bank operated a multi-level credit decision-making system based on the principle that the higher the risk of a transaction resulting due to its complexity, the amount of exposure or the client's economic and financial standing, the higher the decision-making level at which the credit decision must be made. The decision-making levels with the highest authority were the Head Office Credit Committee and the Management Board of the Bank. Credit decisions were made upon prior verification of risk made by a risk assessment and management specialist, i.e. a risk expert from a separate organisational unit in the Bank's Head Office, independent from the sales functions.

In credit decisions on transactions concluded with members of the Bank's bodies or persons holding managerial positions at the Bank, or entities affiliated with them through equity or organisational links, the Bank was guided by the requirements of the Banking Law.

The Bank preferred collateralised transactions, with the proviso that in the retail segment the maximum amount of unsecured transactions was determined taking into account features of credit products, the impact of such transactions on the Bank's performance and the amount of potential losses.

The level of collateral depended on the level of risk generated by the transaction particular the type of transaction and its duration.

In determining the amount of the required collateral, the Bank was guided by the principle of prudent valuation.

When selecting the form of security, the Bank took into account:

- 1. adequate protection of the Bank's interests,
- 2. the amount of costs related to establishing the security,
- **3.** the ability to quickly liquidate collateral.

In assessing, monitoring, verifying and updating the value of collateral, the Bank used external databases, including AMRON and Cenatorium Sp. z o.o.



#### Risk assessment techniques

Clients and transactions were subject to a comprehensive credit risk assessment process incorporating the relevant supervisory requirements.

The Bank applied various risk assessment models, depending on the type of client and credit transaction.

The credit risk assessment model for retail clients (natural persons) seeking financing for non-business purposes included quantitative analysis (determination of the amount and stability of sources of funds for debt repayment) and qualitative analysis (assessment of characteristics of the client that had a material bearing on the client's willingness to repay the credit obligation in accordance with the agreed schedule, including scoring and assessment of the client's behaviour based on information from Biuro Informacji Kredytowej S.A.).

The credit risk assessment model for retail clients seeking financing for business purposes or for statutory activity (municipal borrowers) focused on two areas: assessment of the client and assessment of the transaction.

Client assessment involved quantitative and qualitative elements. The quantitative assessment focused on the key areas of the client's business activity with a bearing on profit generation capacity and financial liquidity. Depending on the type of client, the qualitative assessment included analysis of development plans, experience and skills of the managing personnel, and quality of relations with external stakeholders, including the Bank.

To the extent specified in the Bank's internal regulations, client assessment was made against the background of the economic situation in the client's industry, on the local market and in the country. In addition, for selected transactions, the assessment took into account the scale of the client's exposure to negative effects of movements in interest rates and foreign exchange rates as well as the client's policy of hedging against foreign exchange and interest rate risks.

The model for assessing the risk of local government units included analysis of the client based on assessment of key budget indicators, debt ratios as well as analysis of the credit transaction, including assessment of the projected debt ratios, the quality of collateral and the duration of the transaction.

Where financing was sought by an entity operating within a group of related parties, the Bank assessed the credit risk taking into account the economic and financial standing of the group.

Assessment of credit risk related to financing sought by institutional clients included an ESG risk analysis.

The transaction was assessed in particular on the basis of an assessment of the purpose of the financing, the length of the facility term and the value of the collateral. The Bank proposed financing structures that ensured risk sharing between borrowers and the Bank, mainly through involvement of the borrowers' own funds adequate to the scale of the risk.

#### Credit risk assessment tools

In order to measure credit risk, the Bank uses various tools/applications in which the applicable rating/scoring models and creditworthiness assessment methodology have been implemented.

The diversity of applications used is related to client segmentation and/or types of credit transactions.

#### Description of individual concentration risks, methods of their assessment and monitoring

The Bank managed concentration risk in accordance with the rules set out in the Concentration Risk Management Policy.

The Bank identified, measured, monitored and reported the concentration risk on the following levels:

- 1. an individual client/transaction, and
- 2. the loan portfolio.

At the client and transaction level, the concentration risk was managed in compliance with the supervisory exposure limits, in particular those under Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 or the Banking Law, as well as by applying the principle that the risk assessment and monitoring process depends on the amount of credit exposure.



At the loan portfolio level, the concentration of exposures was managed by adhering to external limits, internal limits, or warning thresholds, as well as an acceptable level of credit risk appetite determined by a set of indicators that also considered ESG risk. The levels of internal limits were approved by the Bank's Management Board, and the risk appetite – also by the Supervisory Board.

In particular, the Bank applied the following limits:

- geographical limits limit of exposure to other countries;
- product-specific limits e.g. maximum LTV;
- limits for the portfolio of mortgage loans and loans financing real property in compliance with the PFSA Recommendations,
- sector-specific limits,
- limits concerning the share of foreign currency loans in the Bank's portfolio,
- limits for the aggregate exposure to related entities/groups of related entities with respect to which the Bank's exposure exceeds 10% of Tier 1,
- limits for the aggregate exposure to related entities/groups of related entities, depending on the rating of the related entity/group of related entities,
- limits for credit exposures towards the Bank's subsidiaries,
- limit for transactions with derogation from the credit rules set out in internal procedures that result in increased credit risk.

In the concentration risk management process, the Bank used an early warning system for internal limits. The system was based on distinguishing three levels of limit utilisation and gradual implementation of measures mitigating the risk of exceeding the limit.

The utilisation of the limits was monitored and reported to the Bank's governing bodies on a regular basis, in accordance with the Bank's internal regulations.

# 7.1.1. Methodology for recognising impairment of credit exposures

At each reporting date, the Bank reviews credit exposures, which consists in identification of credit exposures threatened with impairment and exposures with regard to which a significant increase in credit risk has been reported since their initial recognition – taking into account reasonable and supportable information, including forward-looking information. Subsequently, it designates an allowance for expected credit losses based on the allocation of the exposure to Buckets depending on changes in credit quality.

Based on the amount and the risk profile, the Bank classifies credit exposures into exposures measured individually and exposures measured using the group method, and assesses them for any indications of impairment.

The Bank recognises credit exposures that have incurred impairment as those for which there are indicators of impairment resulting from one or more events affecting the expected cash flows from these exposures, provided that a reliable estimate is feasible.

The Bank considers a past due credit receivable to be material when both materiality thresholds are exceeded:

- 1. the total of all past due liabilities of a debtor exceeds the amount of PLN 400 for retail exposures or PLN 2,000 for non-retail exposures (absolute threshold), and
- 2. the share of the past due liability in the debtor's on-balance sheet exposure is greater than 1% (relative threshold).

The calculation of the number of days past due is performed at the obligor level and begins when a material past due situation occurs, i.e. when both the absolute and relative materiality thresholds are exceeded.

In particular, the Bank considers the following as evidence of impairment:

- 1. material delay in principal or interest payments exceeding 90 days,
- 2. deterioration of the economic and financial standing of the debtor during the facility term which causes reclassification of the debtor to rating grade 14 or worse, reflecting a threat to the repayment of the debt,
- **3.** granting by the Bank to the client, for economic or legal reasons arising from the client's economic and financial distress, of a concession in the terms of financing (conclusion of a restructuring agreement),



- 4. deterioration of financial metrics, including liquidity and debt service capacity of the client,
- 5. granting credit holidays under public moratoria (on the basis of the Tarcza 4.0 government aid scheme),
- **6.** disputing the receivables by the debtor through legal proceedings, except exposures to loans denominated in or indexed to foreign currencies for which the Bank has recognised a legal-risk provision,
- **7.** declaration of bankruptcy, high probability of bankruptcy or other reorganisation affecting the debtor's financial condition and solvency,
- **8.** delay of more than 30 days on a transaction restructured during the contingency period previously classified as impaired,
- 9. observed financial distress of the client,
- 10. other indicators defined in the EBA Guidelines on the application of the default definition set out in Article 178 of Regulation (EU) No. 575/2013, Recommendation R, as well as the occurrence of other events equivalent to the client entering insolvency, resulting in the inability to repay the debt on time.

Measurement of impairment of credit exposures using the case-by-case approach is based on the calculation of the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the original effective interest rate. For loans with collateral, the present value of expected future cash flows includes the cash flows that may be obtained from enforcement of the collateral, less the costs of enforcement and sale of the collateral. If the present value of realisable cash flows declines, an allowance is recognised in the amount corresponding to the expected credit loss due to the debtor's failure to meet its obligations to the Bank.

The individual (case-by-case) approach to impairment assessment is applied to:

- 1. individually significant credit exposures:
  - a. which meet the criteria for recognition of individual impairment or which are quarantined; or
  - b. which are an exposure to a client to which the Bank has other credit exposures for which an indication of impairment has been identified (propagation of impairment); or
- 2. individually non-significant credit exposures for which an indication of impairment has been identified or exposures are quarantined, provided that at the time of recognition of impairment they were individually significant and met additional conditions specified by the Bank;
- 3. individual non-significant credit exposures with unique credit risk characteristics.

Impairment losses on amounts due from clients which are considered individually non-significant and for which evidence of impairment has been identified are calculated based on impairment measurement parameters estimated using statistical methods based on historical data for separate portfolios grouped for combined measurement of impairment according to similar credit risk characteristics. Historical loss trends are adjusted for non-recurring events.

As art of the collective measurement approach, the Bank applies a breakdown into the following seven homogeneous risk portfolios within the two client segments (retail and institutional):

- 1. retail mortgage loans (the portfolio is further segmented by level of LTV and loan currency),
- 2. retail cash loans,
- 3. retail mortgage-backed cash loans,
- 4. retail credit exposures to micro retail businesses (excluding mortgage loans),
- 5. other retail clients,
- 6. corporate clients, including financial institutions,
- 7. public finance clients.

Reversal of a loss, i.e. reclassification of a loan to unimpaired exposures, is possible after the evidence of impairment ceases to exist and after the lapse of a quarantine period in which no impairment evidence is identified.

For the exposures for which no evidence of impairment has been identified, the Bank recognises loss allowance using the collective measurement approach.

For the purposes of assessing whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, the Bank compares the risk of default over the expected period of funding as at the reporting date and as at the date of initial recognition. The Bank considers that a significant increase in credit risk has been identified for a given



asset if either the quantitative criterion or the qualitative criteria are met. The occurrence of a specific criterion is verified at the exposure level.

#### Quantitative criteria

The Bank uses relative and absolute measures to identify significant deterioration in credit quality. The reclassification of exposures to basket 2 for retail exposures is determined as the difference (absolute threshold) and the ratio (relative threshold):

- 1. of the current credit risk assessment defined as a lifetime PD in the time horizon from the reporting date to the maturity date, determined on the basis of risk characteristics applicable at the reporting date,
- 2. of the initial credit risk assessment defined as a lifetime PD in the time horizon from the reporting date to the maturity date, determined on the basis of risk characteristics applicable at the date of initial recognition.

The Bank determines a significant deterioration in credit risk by comparing the observed value of a relative change in risk assessment with its theoretical value, which is the threshold above which the Bank considers a significant deterioration in credit risk to have occurred.

The allocation threshold at the level of a single exposure is determined using a statistical model based, among other things, on information about credit risk assessment as at the date of initial recognition and the time since the date of initial recognition.

For corporate exposures, allocation to Bucket 2 is based on the assumption that the rating of the exposure remains stable over time (the Bank did not expect the rating to improve over time) and occurs as a result of a deterioration in the debtor's economic and financial standing during the facility term, which is reflected in rating grades 12 or 13, or allocation to rating grades 9-11 if the rating assigned at initial recognition was lower than 6.

#### Qualitative criteria

The Bank classifies exposures to basket 2 if:

- 1. the past due period (above specified material thresholds) is more than 30 days as at the reporting date or such delay has been reported at least once on the last three reporting dates,
- 2. the exposure is in restructuring, the evidence of impairment has ceased to exist and the quarantine period, during which the evidence was not identified, has expired,
- 3. the exposure has the forborne status,
- 4. the past due period (without regard to materiality thresholds) is more than 90 days as of the reporting date,
- 5. there was no credit risk assessment of the exposure at initial recognition.

In addition to the above criteria, the Bank defined other specific qualitative criteria, such as criteria specific to clients in a given sector, criteria identified in the course of monitoring of institutional clients (exposures with higher risk, exposures on watch list), or exposures identified through multi-factor and holistic credit risk analysis.

In assessing whether an exposure qualifies as low credit risk, the Bank adheres to IFRS 9 paragraph 5.5.10. A credit exposure has a low risk of default if the borrower has a strong short-term capacity to meet its contractual obligations and adverse changes in economic and business conditions over the longer term may – but not necessarily will – reduce the borrower's ability to meet its contractual cash flow obligations.

The Bank applies the Low Credit Risk criterion for exposures to the State Treasury, National Bank of Poland, Bank Gospodarstwa Krajowego, central government institutions, clearing houses, the European Investment Bank and local government units that do not meet the qualitative criteria for classification to Bucket 2 and for which no evidence of impairment has been identified.

For the purposes of estimating impairment losses (expected credit losses), the Bank continues to use its own estimates of risk parameters based on internal models consistent with the requirements of IFRS 9 requirements (such as exposure lifetime estimates or forecasts of future macroeconomic conditions). The Bank has developed a parametrisation methodology and built models consistent with IFRS 9. Expected credit losses are calculated by multiplying individual estimates of PD, LGD, EAD, and CCF for each exposure. The final amount of expected losses is the aggregate of expected losses for individual periods – either over the next 12 months or over the remaining lifetime of the exposure, depending on the classification bucket – discounted using the effective interest rate. The parameters estimated in accordance with IFRS 9 are subsequently adjusted to reflect expectations regarding the macroeconomic situation. The Bank adjusts risk parameters to incorporate future macroeconomic information



(such as GDP, unemployment rate, WIBOR, exchange rates, and inflation) for portfolios where a dependency has been identified. Internally developed scenarios are used. Forecasts prepared by the Bank's economic analysts are the source of macroeconomic inputs.

The methodology and assumptions adopted by the Bank to estimate impairment are reviewed on a regular basis in order to reduce the difference between estimated and actual losses. Back-testing is performed to assess the adequacy of impairment losses determined using the collective assessment method and the case-by-case approach; results of back-testing are used to determine process improvement measures.

# 7.1.2. Amounts due from banks

Below are presented gross amounts due from banks by rating groups:

Item	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
AA+	58	-
AA	78,994	171,056
AA-	39,349	2,430
A+	22,457	9,353
A	1,971	29,776
A-	1,609	3,427
BBB+	3,559	9,382
	14,684	15,461
Total	162,681	240,885

Internal rating	Corresponding unified class according to external rating agencies	31 Dec 2023	Corresponding unified class according to external rating agencies	31 Dec 2022
А	AAA, AA+, AA, AA-		AAA, AA+, AA, AA-	
В	A+, A, A-		A+, A, A-	
С	BBB+, BBB, BBB-		BBB+, BBB, BBB-	
D	BB+, BB, BB-, B+, B, B-		BB+, BB, BB-, B+, B, B-	
Е		14,682		14,667
F		2		794
Total		14,684		15,461



# 7.1.3. Amounts due from clients

Item	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
AMOUNTS DUE FROM CLIENTS MEASURED AT AMORTISED COST		
Amounts due from clients without indications of impairment, including:	10,176,579	10,452,180
exposures without significant credit risk increase since initial recognition (Bucket 1)	8,915,035	9,385,350
exposures with significant increase in risk since initial recognition (Bucket 2)	1,261,544	1,066,830
Amounts due from clients with indication of impairment, impaired (Bucket 3)	1,421,288	1,684,487
Amounts due from clients that were credit-impaired at the date of initial recognition (POCI)	100,869	83,493
Total amounts due from clients measured at amortised cost (gross)	11,698,736	12,220,160
Impairment losses on:		
amounts due from clients – (Bucket 1)	- 117,170	- 94,294
amounts due from clients – (Bucket 2)	- 78,490	- 56,399
amounts due from clients - (Bucket 3) with indication of impairment	- 740,917	-945,289
amounts due from clients that were credit-impaired at the date of initial recognition (POCI)	18,452	6,440
Total impairment losses	- 918,125	- 1,089,542
Total amounts due from clients measured at amortised cost (net)	10,780,611	11,130,618
AMOUNTS DUE FROM CLIENTS MEASURED AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS		
Fair value	139	3,050
Total amounts due from clients measured at fair value through profit or loss	139	3,050
Margin deposits	34,296	36,251
Other amounts due from clients	4,215	3,660
Total amounts due from clients	10,819,261	11,173,579



### Classification of amounts due from clients by measurement category, by segment:

31 Dec 2023	Institutional clients	Retail clients	Retail clients – housing loans	Retail clients – other loans	Total
AMOUNTS DUE FROM CLIENTS MEASURED AT AMORTISED COST					
Amounts due from clients without indications of impairment, including:	8,108,137	2,068,442	1,635,343	433,099	10,176,579
exposures without significant credit risk increase since initial recognition (Bucket 1)	6,933,330	1,981,705	1,572,908	408,797	8,915,035
exposures with significant increase in risk since initial recognition (Bucket 2)	1,174,807	86737	62435	24302	1,261,544
Amounts due from clients with indications of impairment and impaired (Bucket 3), including:	1,110,324	310,964	168,129	142,835	1,421,288
individually assessed	1,090,433	65,413	50,144	15,269	1,155,846
Amounts due from clients that were credit-impaired at the date of initial recognition (POCI)	100,145	724	700	24	100,869
individually assessed	40,706	500	500	-	41,206
Total amounts due from clients measured at amortised cost (gross)	9,318,606	2,380,130	1,804,172	575,958	11,698,736



31 Dec 2023	Institutional clients	Retail clients	Retail clients – housing loans	Retail clients – other loans	Total
Impairment losses on:					
amounts due from clients – (Bucket 1)	-102,897	-14,273	-5,371	-8,902	-117,170
amounts due from clients – (Bucket 2)	-73,651	-4,839	-2,383	-2,456	-78,490
amounts due from clients – (Bucket 3) with indication of impairment, including:	-521,033	-219,884	-101,249	-118,635	-740,917
individually assessed	-504,412	-34,491	-26,385	-8,106	-538,903
amounts due from clients that were credit-impaired at the date of initial recognition (POCI)	18,643	-191	-167	-24	18,452
individually assessed	-2,962	6	6	-	-2,956
Total impairment losses	-678,938	-239,187	-109,170	-130,017	-918,125
Total amounts due from clients measured at amortised cost (net)	8,639,668	2,140,943	1,695,002	445,941	10,780,611
AMOUNTS DUE FROM CLIENTS MEASURED AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS					
Fair value	30	109	43	66	139
Total amounts due from clients measured at fair value through profit or loss	30	109	43	66	139
Margin deposits	34,296	-	-	-	34,296
Other amounts due from clients	4,215	-	-	-	4,215
Total amounts due from clients	8,678,209	2,141,052	1,695,045	446,007	10,819,261



31 Dec 2022	Institutional clients	Retail clients	Retail clients – housing loans	Retail clients – other loans	Total
AMOUNTS DUE FROM CLIENTS MEASURED AT AMORTISED COST					
Amounts due from clients without indications of impairment, including:	7,966,127	2,486,053	2,051,794	434,259	10,452,180
exposures without significant credit risk increase since initial recognition (Bucket 1)	7,026,352	2,358,998	1,948,733	410,265	9,385,350
exposures with significant increase in risk since initial recognition (Bucket 2)	939,775	127,055	103,061	23,994	1,066,830
Amounts due from clients with indications of impairment and impaired (Bucket 3), including:	1,307,780	376,707	213,832	162,875	1,684,487
individually assessed	1,283,963	96,194	78,298	17,896	1,380,157
Amounts due from clients that were credit-impaired at the date of initial recognition (POCI)	82,745	748	718	30	83,493
individually assessed	82,619	497	497	-	83,116
Total amounts due from clients measured at amortised cost (gross)	9,356,652	2,863,508	2,266,344	597,164	12,220,160



31 Dec 2022	Institutional clients	Retail clients	Retail clients – housing loans	Retail clients – other loans	Total
Impairment losses on:					
amounts due from clients – (Bucket 1)	-83,927	-10,367	-4,516	-5,851	-94,294
amounts due from clients – (Bucket 2)	-50,048	-6,351	-3,609	-2,742	-56,399
amounts due from clients – (Bucket 3) with indication of impairment, including:	-687,938	-257,351	-125,741	-131,610	-945,289
individually assessed	-672,152	-52,025	-43,192	-8,833	-724,177
Amounts due from clients that were credit-impaired at the date of initial recognition (POCI)	6,843	-403	-373	-30	6,440
individually assessed	6873	-152	-152	-	6,721
Total impairment losses	-815,070	-274,472	-134,239	-140,233	-1,089,542
Total amounts due from clients measured at amortised cost (net)	8,541,582	2,589,036	2,132,105	456,931	11,130,618
AMOUNTS DUE FROM CLIENTS MEASURED AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS					
Fair value	2,780	270	99	171	3,050
Total amounts due from clients measured at fair value through profit or loss	2,780	270	99	171	3,050
Margin deposits	36,251	-	-	-	36,251
Other amounts due from clients	3,660	-	-	-	3,660
Total amounts due from clients	8,584,273	2,589,306	2,132,204	457,102	11,173,579



# Amounts due from clients measured at amortised cost (gross) that are not past due and are not impaired

Amounts due from clients measured at amortised cost that are not past due (even by one day) are considered not impaired, provided there is no other evidence of impairment. These are amounts due from clients with good economic and financial standing, with regular repayments for which there has been no indication of impairment, and impairment has been recognised for incurred but unidentified losses.

General characteristics of the rating classes are presented below:

Rating 1 Highest credit quality
Rating 2 Very high credit quality
Rating 3 High credit quality
Ratings 4-5 Very good credit quality
Ratings 6-7 Good credit quality
Ratings 8-9 Satisfactory credit quality
Ratings 10-11 Average and poor credit quality

Ratings 12-13 Very poor credit quality

Ratings 14-16 No creditworthiness (credit quality does not exist).

Below are presented gross amounts due from clients measured at amortised cost that were not past due and for which no impairment was recognised, by client classes:

Item	Rating*	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Amounts due from institutional clients	(1-3)	30,388	8,187
	(4-5)	257,525	210,397
	(6-7)	1,398,678	1,267,781
	(8-9)	2,619,766	2,873,039
	(10-11)	2,788,884	3,228,528
	(12-13)	616,120	373,631
	unrated	360,543	-
Total amounts due from institutional clients		8,071,904	7,961,563
Amounts due from retail clients	unrated	1,993,336	2,385,037
Total amounts due from retail clients		1,993,336	2,385,037
Total		10,065,240	10,346,600

The ratings are presented as at the reporting date.

<sup>\*\</sup> The ratings are consistent with the Bank's internal classification, where '1' is the best rating and '16' is the worst rating.



# Amounts due from clients measured at amortised cost (gross) that are past due at the reporting date but not impaired, by client categories and days past due, with general description

Past-due exposures are considered to be the sum of amounts due from clients that are past due by one or more days, as applied in accordance with the definition in Note 7.1.1.

Gross amounts due from clients measured at amortised cost, excluding any material amounts past due by more than 90 days, and for which no impairment was recognised, are presented below by class of clients and the number of days past due:

31 Dec 2023 Days past due	Institutional clients	Retail clients	Total
from 1 to 30 days	95,564	56,459	152,023
from 31 to 60 days	-	11,703	11,703
from 61 to 90 days	-	4,877	4,877
over 90 days	-	2,067	2,067
Total	95,564	75,106	170,670

31 Dec 2022 Days past due	Institutional clients	Retail clients	Total
from 1 to 30 days	4,564	74,842	79,406
from 31 to 60 days	-	15,701	15,701
from 61 to 90 days	-	8,782	8,782
over 90 days	-	1,691	1,691
Total	4,564	101,016	105,580

# Amounts due from clients measured at amortised cost (gross) with recognised impairment, by client categories, with general description

Below are presented impaired amounts due from clients measured at amortised cost, by segment:

Item	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Amounts due from institutional clients	1,151,137	1,390,525
Amounts due from retail clients	311,688	377,455
Total	1,462,825	1,767,980

#### IFRS 9 model parameters

The following tables show the values of the input parameters of the IFRS 9 models used by the Bank in the process of calculating expected credit losses, for homogeneous portfolios, as required by Recommendation R of the Polish Financial Supervision Authority.



### Homogeneous portfolio of exposures – retail clients – MORTGAGES in 2023

	PD scale	Gross initial on-balance sheet exposures	Off-balance sheet exposures	EAD after credit risk mitigation and application of credit conversion factor	Average PD as % – acceptable range (0% to 100%)	Number of exposures	Average LGD as %	Average maturity	Expected credit loss (ECL)
	0.00 to <0.15%	65	-	64	0.12%	239	21.07%	112	-
	0.15% to <0.25%	34	-	34	0.19%	11	20.03%	4	-
	0.25% to <0.50%	142	-	141	0.35%	28	20.03%	6	-
Bucket 1	0.5% to <0.75%	191	-	190	0.64%	24	20.03%	8	-
Ducket	0.75% to <2.50%	1,325,437	1,673	1,322,694	1.03%	9,547	20.67%	165	2,711
	2.50% to <10.00%	207,931	6,024	208,505	4.02%	1,091	21.01%	198	1,673
	10.00% to <45.00%	22,202	-	21,788	14.47%	179	20.96%	165	614
	45.00% to <100.00%	-	-	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	-
	0.00 to <0.15%	130	-	128	0.00%	40	26.14%	120	8
	0.15% to <0.25%	-	-	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	-
	0.25% to <0.50%	-	-	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	-
Bucket 2	0.5% to <0.75%	7	-	7	0.65%	1	20.03%	10	-
Bucket 2	0.75% to <2.50%	35	-	32	1.49%	3	20.03%	17	-
	2.50% to <10.00%	1,854	-	1,799	8.21%	34	20.16%	68	16
	10.00% to <45.00%	51,431	2,140	49,451	21.54%	330	21.28%	192	1,315
	45.00% to <100.00%	8,859	-	8,267	68.35%	70	20.80%	173	1,047



	Time in default	EAD after credit risk mitigation and application of credit conversion factor	Number of exposures	Average LGD as %	Expected credit loss (ECL)
	up to 12 months	19,462	187	29.50%	5,822
	13 to 24 months	36,576	221	36.09%	13,565
	25 to 36 months	16,402	97	43.28%	7,349
Bucket 3	37 to 48 months	6,920	31	67.15%	4,724
	49 to 60 months	7,982	39	67.04%	5,695
	61 to 84 months	18,655	71	54.88%	13,910
	over 84 months	65,698	295	47.12%	53,618
	up to 12 months	-	-	0.00%	-
	13 to 24 months	45	1	38.79%	17
	25 to 36 months	-	-	0.00%	-
POCI	37 to 48 months	-	-	0.00%	-
	49 to 60 months	-	-	0.00%	-
	61 to 84 months	-	-	0.00%	
	over 84 months	966	2	11.34%	461



# Homogeneous portfolio of exposures – retail clients – OTHER (net of MORTGAGES) in 2023

	PD scale	Gross initial on-balance sheet exposures	Off-balance sheet exposures	EAD after credit risk mitigation and application of credit conversion factor	Average PD as % – acceptable range (from 0% to 100%)	Number of exposures	Average LGD as %	Average maturity	Expected credit loss (ECL)
	0.00 to <0.15%	15,607	15,246	21,697	0.05%	2,963	47.29%	10	4
	0.15% to <0.25%	1,244	1,936	1,984	0.18%	371	47.70%	3	1
	0.25% to <0.50%	2,672	3,352	4,253	0.34%	1,053	47.31%	5	4
Bucket 1	0.5% to <0.75%	2,962	6,486	5,104	0.64%	832	47.49%	7	9
Ducket	0.75% to <2.50%	170,543	26,101	181,069	1.44%	12,150	41.52%	48	972
	2.50% to <10.00%	194,848	29,524	206,269	4.81%	7,292	51.32%	53	4,553
	10.00% to <45.00%	35,397	282	34,138	22.36%	820	53.14%	72	3,653
	45.00% to <100.00%	86	21	75	52.17%	6	47.29%	100	16
	0.00 to <0.15%	209	684	471	0.06%	52	47.29%	52	-
	0.15% to <0.25%	9	39	26	0.21%	10	47.29%	3	-
	0.25% to <0.50%	48	43	51	0.30%	23	47.29%	5	-
Pucket 2	0.5% to <0.75%	350	855	535	0.54%	31	47.01%	7	1
Bucket 2	0.75% to <2.50%	225	1,318	668	1.83%	142	46.21%	10	1
	2.50% to <10.00%	7,947	1,620	8,626	6.96%	481	45.50%	64	178
	10.00% to <45.00%	7,863	82	6,865	23.04%	470	40.38%	80	513
	45.00% to <100.00%	7,777	46	7,205	67.43%	149	48.73%	62	1,761



	Time in default	EAD after credit risk mitigation and application of credit conversion factor	Number of exposures	Average LGD as %	Expected credit loss (ECL)
	up to 12 months	15,302	662	63.42%	9,809
	13 to 24 months	23,140	1,012	70.21%	18,098
	25 to 36 months	26,931	1,274	81.06%	23,187
Bucket 3	37 to 48 months	29,784	683	59.53%	26,355
	49 to 60 months	9,093	334	88.14%	8,117
	61 to 84 months	11,160	287	74.36%	10,348
	over 84 months	32,816	563	63.87%	28,245
	up to 12 months	-	-	0.00%	-
	13 to 24 months	-	-	0.00%	-
	25 to 36 months	-	-	0.00%	-
POCI	37 to 48 months	-	-	0.00%	-
	49 to 60 months	-	-	0.00%	-
	61 to 84 months	-	-	0.00%	-
	Over 84 months	67	1	100.00%	67



# Homogeneous portfolio of exposures – institutional clients in 2023

	PD scale	Gross initial on-balance sheet exposures	Off-balance sheet exposures	EAD after credit risk mitigation and application of credit conversion factor	Average PD as % – acceptable range (from 0% to 100%)	Number of exposures	Average LGD as %	Average maturity	Expected credit loss (ECL)
	0.00 to <0.15%	1,034	-	1,032	0.07%	32	24.35%	1	-
	0.15% to <0.25%	2	40	22	0.22%	3	24.35%	1	-
	0.25% to <0.50%	9,010	21,998	16,716	0.40%	33	24.35%	3	8
Bucket 1	0.5% to <0.75%	616,265	154,107	659,107	0.73%	279	24.35%	38	420
Ducket	0.75% to <2.50%	378,754	321,559	538,847	1.43%	188	24.35%	6	1,243
	2.50% to <10.00%	4,075,713	2,367,308	5,218,240	6.23%	1,250	24.35%	41	59,089
	10.00% to <45.00%	1,317,644	479,412	1,544,878	12.03%	183	24.35%	88	34,991
	45.00% to <100.00%	201,248	8,000	205,248	85.29%	16	24.35%	106	1,024
	0.00 to <0.15%	-	-	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	-
	0.15% to <0.25%	-	-	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	-
	0.25% to <0.50%	709	1,297	930	0.42%	2	24.35%	1	1
Bucket 2	0.5% to <0.75%	2,088	7,170	3,493	0.72%	6	24.35%	3	4
Bucket 2	0.75% to <2.50%	53,173	35,982	74,634	1.75%	16	24.35%	2	232
	2.50% to <10.00%	157,840	171,301	269,872	6.50%	55	24.35%	10	1,711
	10.00% to <45.00%	519,062	124,662	566,196	24.68%	78	24.35%	30	14,934
	45.00% to <100.00%	784,274	24,144	780,586	74.50%	112	24.35%	83	56,770



	Time in default	EAD after credit risk mitigation and application of credit conversion factor	Number of exposures	Average LGD as %	Expected credit loss (ECL)
	up to 12 months	245,790	132	38.60%	96,954
	13 to 24 months	398,827	83	23.79%	142,413
	25 to 36 months	116,451	53	33.68%	53,554
Bucket 3	37 to 48 months	26,679	45	33.25%	13,667
	49 to 60 months	27,197	57	36.91%	13,542
	61 to 84 months	179,628	102	60.95%	135,113
	over 84 months	115,757	87	27.64%	65,790
	up to 12 months	21,240	4	49.83%	10,583
	13 to 24 months	20,944	1	48.99%	10,261
	25 to 36 months	-	-	0.00%	-
POCI	37 to 48 months	1,246	4	98.34%	1,236
	49 to 60 months	-	-	0.00%	-
	61 to 84 months	45,046	3	52.74%	28,573
	over 84 months	-	-	0.00%	-



### Homogeneous portfolio of exposures – retail clients – MORTGAGES in 2022

	PD scale	Gross initial on-balance sheet exposures	Off-balance sheet exposures	EAD after credit risk mitigation and application of credit conversion factor	Average PD as % – acceptable range (0% to 100%)	Number of exposures	Average LGD as %	Average maturity	Expected credit loss (ECL)
	0.00 to <0.15%	194	267	323	0.04%	83	20.18%	20	-
	0.15% to <0.25%	104	-	103	0.19%	28	20.03%	9	-
	0.25% to <0.50%	714,319	-	702,098	0.25%	5,356	21.23%	152	369
Bucket 1	0.5% to <0.75%	281	-	280	0.66%	22	20.03%	10	-
Bucketi	0.75% to <2.50%	1,030,690	4,891	1,025,705	0.86%	5,851	21.29%	191	1,837
	2.50% to <10.00%	203,103	2,031	200,813	5.30%	851	21.74%	223	2,235
	10.00% to <45.00%	945	-	935	26.52%	11	21.74%	123	50
	45.00% to <100.00%	-	-	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	-
	0.00 to <0.15%	179	809	573	0.00%	31	26.12%	159	-
	0.15% to <0.25%	4	-	4	0.19%	1	20.03%	5	-
	0.25% to <0.50%	-	-	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	-
Duralizat 2	0.5% to <0.75%	-	-	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	-
Bucket 2	0.75% to <2.50%	243	-	238	2.00%	8	20.03%	40	-
	2.50% to <10.00%	7,291	-	6,337	8.02%	72	21.75%	120	61
	10.00% to <45.00%	86,224	-	83,068	21.90%	495	21.30%	187	2,447
	45.00% to <100.00%	9,294	-	9,058	65.16%	53	21.82%	195	1,099



	Time in default	EAD after credit risk mitigation and application of credit conversion factor	Number of exposures	Average LGD as %	Expected credit loss (ECL)
	up to 12 months	52,149	289	75.04%	17,115
	13 to 24 months	24,583	170	61.53%	9,117
	25 to 36 months	8,845	43	54.02%	4,927
Bucket 3	37 to 48 months	10,435	47	40.57%	5,967
	49 to 60 months	14,017	49	23.49%	9,999
	61 to 84 months	27,559	92	2.42%	19,765
	over 84 months	79,657	288	0.00%	62,170
	up to 12 months	-	-	0.00%	-
	13 to 24 months	-	-	0.00%	-
	25 to 36 months	-	-	0.00%	-
POCI	37 to 48 months	-	-	0.00%	-
	49 to 60 months	-	-	0.00%	-
	61 to 84 months	-	-	0.00%	-
	over 84 months	1,025	2	0.00%	681



# Homogeneous portfolio of exposures – retail clients – OTHER (net of MORTGAGES) in 2022

	PD scale	Gross initial on-balance sheet exposures	Off-balance sheet exposures	EAD after credit risk mitigation and application of credit conversion factor	Average PD as % – acceptable range (from 0% to 100%)	Number of exposures	Average LGD as %	Average maturity	Expected credit loss (ECL)
	0.00 to <0.15%	10,283	54,367	33,228	0.03%	8,262	47.33%	28	4
	0.15% to <0.25%	1,817	3,117	2,858	0.19%	492	47.64%	4	2
	0.25% to <0.50%	12,003	3,958	13,370	0.30%	1,082	41.09%	25	14
Bucket 1	0.5% to <0.75%	5,927	1,828	6,693	0.66%	765	47.49%	7	18
Ducket	0.75% to <2.50%	310,920	11,008	311,436	1.91%	14,683	45.93%	48	2,647
	2.50% to <10.00%	50,330	548	49,422	5.86%	1,922	43.73%	63	1,215
	10.00% to <45.00%	21,132	100	20,303	20.20%	737	53.26%	63	1,977
	45.00% to <100.00%	9	-	8	52.19%	1	47.29%	142	2
	0.00 to <0.15%	208	1,298	677	0.01%	163	45.96%	62	-
	0.15% to <0.25%	29	8	31	0.19%	13	32.04%	3	-
	0.25% to <0.50%	50	14	32	0.38%	23	48.05%	7	-
Dual(at 2	0.5% to <0.75%	24	1	13	0.66%	16	50.18%	4	-
Bucket 2	0.75% to <2.50%	200	7	170	1.46%	44	42.80%	12	1
	2.50% to <10.00%	1,432	101	1,371	7.19%	265	43.74%	65	28
	10.00% to <45.00%	10,668	72	10,256	27.17%	641	38.07%	76	740
	45.00% to <100.00%	6,006	4	5,644	74.62%	160	49.11%	71	1,772



	Time in default	EAD after credit risk mitigation and application of credit conversion factor	Number of exposures	Average LGD as %	Expected credit loss (ECL)
	up to 12 months	26,952	1,160	45.28%	17,316
	13 to 24 months	36,425	1,869	27.74%	29,860
	25 to 36 months	36,148	1,290	23.35%	31,045
Bucket 3	37 to 48 months	13,743	655	21.17%	11,778
	49 to 60 months	6,111	201	15.60%	4,814
	61 to 84 months	17,410	539	4.37%	16,795
	over 84 months	31,130	469	0.00%	25,131
	up to 12 months	-	-	0.00%	-
	13 to 24 months	-	-	0.00%	-
	25 to 36 months	-	-	0.00%	-
POCI	37 to 48 months	-	-	0.00%	-
	49 to 60 months	-	-	0.00%	-
	61 to 84 months	-	-	0.00%	-
	Over 84 months	73	1	0.00%	73



# Homogeneous portfolio of exposures – institutional clients in 2022

	PD scale	Gross initial on-balance sheet exposures	Off-balance sheet exposures	EAD after credit risk mitigation and application of credit conversion factor	Average PD as % – acceptable range (from 0% to 100%)	Number of exposures	Average LGD as %	Average maturity	Expected credit loss (ECL)
	0.00 to <0.15%	1,665	3,500	2,513	0.07%	25	19.12%	1	-
	0.15% to <0.25%	2,890	88	2,921	0.20%	5	19.12%	2	-
	0.25% to <0.50%	6,089	2,791	6,886	0.36%	37	19.12%	4	4
Bucket 1	0.5% to <0.75%	371,468	36,889	401,031	0.72%	323	19.12%	35	462
Ducket	0.75% to <2.50%	204,672	236,706	276,129	1.76%	173	19.12%	11	694
	2.50% to <10.00%	5,181,462	2,192,347	6,168,043	6.29%	1,290	19.12%	40	58,118
	10.00% to <45.00%	1,057,209	422,215	1,243,326	12.11%	179	19.12%	90	22,229
	45.00% to <100.00%	-	435	90	74.34%	4	19.12%	11	-
	0.00 to <0.15%	-	-	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	-
	0.15% to <0.25%	-	-	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	-
	0.25% to <0.50%	1,996	721	2,341	0.43%	2	19.12%	2	2
Bucket 2	0.5% to <0.75%	-	-	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	-
Bucket 2	0.75% to <2.50%	11,709	30,902	22,302	1.89%	14	19.12%	4	46
	2.50% to <10.00%	122,047	80,107	177,092	5.89%	33	19.12%	11	1,314
	10.00% to <45.00%	556,806	126,957	594,284	23.34%	78	19.12%	28	8,931
	45.00% to <100.00%	458,892	17,217	447,201	63.05%	51	19.12%	97	29,922



	Time in default	EAD after credit risk mitigation and application of credit conversion factor	Number of exposures	Average LGD as %	Expected credit loss (ECL)
	up to 12 months	472,162	133	70.78%	162,359
	13 to 24 months	157,474	63	51.33%	52,491
	25 to 36 months	59,135	53	46.05%	35,232
Bucket 3	37 to 48 months	78,489	55	43.77%	62,578
	49 to 60 months	113,834	69	41.56%	84,440
	61 to 84 months	217,833	68	20.40%	171,321
	over 84 months	208,859	63	0.00%	119,517
	up to 12 months	116,592	7	70.06%	34,323
	13 to 24 months	175	1	54.27%	79
	25 to 36 months	1,246	4	44.68%	1,238
POCI	37 to 48 months	-	-	0.00%	-
	49 to 60 months	-	-	0.00%	-
	61 to 84 months	21,547	2	28.99%	14,333
	over 84 months	-	-	0.00%	-



### Rating/scoring groups of amounts due from Bank clients (gross), by client segment

Item	Rating	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Amounts due from institutional clients	(1-3)	30,388	8,187
	(4-5)	257,614	213,400
	(6-7)	1,400,719	1,270,345
	(8-9)	2,721,624	2,896,856
	(10-11)	2,888,564	3,347,705
	(12-13)	1,157,896	785,465
	(14-16)	500,667	830,562
	unrated	361,164	6,912
Total amounts due from institutional clients		9,318,636	9,359,432
Amounts due from retail clients	unrated	2,380,239	2,863,778
Total amounts due from retail clients		2,380,239	2,863,778
Total		11,698,875	12,223,210

The ratings are presented as at the reporting date.

### Description of collateral established for loans

The Bank accepted both physical assets as well as personal guarantees as collateral. The rules for setting collateral requirements stipulate that the collateral must be commensurate with the level of risk generated by a transaction.

The Bank preferred loan collateral:

- 1. that would enable the Bank to reduce the amount of allowances,
- **2.** that would be readily marketable, with proceeds from sale potentially enabling the Bank to recover the entire amount of the claim.

When selecting the form of security, the Bank reviews the key criteria determining its effectiveness, including:

- 1. marketability of the collateral, i.e. the ability to sell the collateral without a significant decrease in its price and with reasonable promptness, i.e. in the period of time which does not expose the Bank to a change in the value of the collateral due to price movements typical for a given assets,
- 2. amount that reasonably recoverable in debt collection proceedings, taking into account legal, economic and other constraints which may affect the actual ability of the Bank to satisfy its claims,
- **3.** access and ability to control the collateral during the term of the exposure.

The principle applied in the Bank was to establish a legal collateral, if required, before facility disbursement.

The Bank adjusted the value of the collateral using adjustment rates determined on a case-by-case basis for each type of collateral. As a general rule, the value of the collateral was monitored over the entire lending period.

In the case of mortgage-backed exposures, the Bank followed Recommendation S regarding the maximum LTV and required that borrowers provide equity contribution.

In the process of monitoring the value of real property, the Bank would carry out portfolio revaluation on a regular basis, using statistical methods.

<sup>\*\</sup>The ratings are consistent with the Bank's internal classification, where '1' is the best rating and '16' is the worst rating.



In the case of real estate collateral, the valuation of collateral was prepared by an expert with the necessary qualifications and experience in property appraisal. The Bank verified valuations using data from such sources as the AMRON System (system of analysis and monitoring of real estate transactions) and the Cenatorium Database.

#### Foreclosed assets

The Bank classifies repossessed collateral as 'foreclosed assets' and measures them according to the accounting policies detailed in Note 4.17 of the consolidated financial statements.

Prior to foreclosure, it is mandatory that the Bank has a plan how to use/dispose of the collateral assets once repossessed. A document specifying how the foreclosed asset is to be used/disposed of contains all the information that is relevant to make the foreclosure decision, and in particular:

- 1. information on costs expected to be incurred for possible caretaking, storage, insurance, taxes, etc.
- 2. information on the potential buyer, the negotiated price and the terms of payment if the foreclosed asset is planned to be sold,
- **3.** profitability of the transaction.

In most cases, buyers for such assets were already identified at the time of foreclosure and the transactions were profitable for the Bank. Upon sale, the amount of the debt was reduced by the amount of proceeds rather than by the amount estimated by the appraiser (usually prices obtained in transactions to sell foreclosed assets are lower than the assets' value determined by the appraiser).

One of the forms of recovering debts is their sale. Selling price of debt claims depend, among other things, on property collateral. Where sale of loans (with debt collateralised by property assets) is more profitable than foreclosure and subsequent sale, the Bank sells the debt claims together with the underlying collateral.

As at 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022, the Bank did not hold any foreclosed assets.

# 7.1.4. Debt securities

#### Securities by rating assigned to issuers

31 Dec 2023	State Treasury	NBP	Banks	Public finance	Other financial institutions	Total
1	-	-	-	-	50,069	50,069
6	4,349,151	-	-	-	-	4,349,151
7	-	-	866,705	-	-	866,705
none	-	3,296,458	-	32,690	783,041	4,112,189
Total	4,349,151	3,296,458	866,705	32,690	833,110	9,378,114



31 Dec 2022	State Treasury	NBP	Banks	Public finance	Other financial institutions	Total
1	-	-	-	-	49,927	49,927
6	3,538,951	-	-	-	-	3,538,951
7	-	-	488,940	-	-	488,940
none	-	4,465,127	-	65,878	334,055	4,865,060
Total	3,538,951	4,465,127	488,940	65,878	383,982	8,942,878

The tables present a unified rating scale, as specified below. If an issuer is rated by more than one agency, the highest rating is presented.

For municipal bonds for which there is no active market, internal ratings are assigned, in one of the following categories:

5 Very good credit quality
6-7 Good credit quality
8-9 Satisfactory credit quality
10 Average and poor credit quality

Risk classes for issuers of municipal bonds serviced by the Bank are assigned in accordance with the credit rating methodology for local government units applied by the Bank.

Public finance		
Internal rating	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
6	1,911	3,397
7	19,076	56,173
8	6,205	6,308
10	5,498	-
Total	32,690	65,878



# 7.1.5. Concentration of exposures to industries and geographical markets, with assessment of the concentration risk

An analysis of the sectoral allocation within the Bank's credit portfolio as at 31 December 2023 indicates substantial exposures: 'Real estate activities' accounted for 10.5%, 'Generation and supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air for air conditioning systems' represented 10.2% and 'Wholesale trade, except trade in motor vehicles' held 9.7%.

#### **Exposure by industry**

Industry	Credit risk exposure	31 Dec 2023 % share in total
Real estate activities	1,222,766	10.5%
Generation and supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air for air conditioning systems	1,198,756	10.2%
Wholesale trade, except trade in motor vehicles	1,132,149	9.7%
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	775,566	6.6%
Construction of buildings	731,306	6.3%
Hospitality	390,303	3.3%
Activities of head offices; management consultancy	272,297	2.3%
Financial services, except insurance and pension funds	240,206	2.1%
Manufacture of food products	232,370	2.0%
Telecommunications	181,660	1.6%
Sports, entertainment and recreational activities	166,543	1.4%
Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	151,527	1.3%
Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	146,637	1.3%
Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products	145,944	1.2%
Other personal service activities	142,812	1.2%
Manufacture and processing of coke and refined petroleum products	121,653	1.0%
Crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities	121,579	1.0%
Warehousing and support activities for transportation	118,723	1.0%
Other sectors, including:	4,206,078	36.0%
retail clients	2,380,239	20.3%
Total gross amounts due from clients	11,698,875	100.0%
Impairment losses	- 918,125	
Margin deposits	34,296	
Other amounts due from clients	4,215	
Total net amounts due from clients	10,819,261	



Industry	Credit risk exposure	31 Dec 2022 % share in total
Generation and supply of electricity, gas, steam, hot water and air for air conditioning systems	1,551,592	12.7%
Real estate activities	1,340,371	11.0%
Wholesale trade, except trade in motor vehicles	1,079,932	8.8%
Construction of buildings	517,815	4.2%
Hospitality	503,201	4.1%
Activities of head offices; management consultancy	354,726	2.9%
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	343,794	2.8%
Manufacture of food products	321,210	2.6%
Sports, entertainment and recreational activities	307,245	2.5%
Financial services, except insurance and pension funds	219,899	1.8%
Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	198,277	1.6%
Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	164,428	1.3%
Manufacture of wood products and cork, excluding furniture; manufacture of products from straw and plaiting materials	149,743	1.2%
Crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities	136,730	1.1%
Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products	131,589	1.1%
Other sectors, including:	4,902,658	40.1%
retail clients	2,863,778	23.4%
Total gross amounts due from clients	12,223,210	100.0%
Impairment losses	- 1,089,542	
Margin deposits	36,251	
Other amounts due from clients	3,660	
Total net amounts due from clients	11,173,579	



# 7.1.6. Concentration of exposure to particular entities and groups

As of 31 December 2023, there were three instances where the exposure to a single entity or a group of entities linked through equity or otherwise equalled or exceeded 10% of the Bank's Tier I capital. The total exposure amounted to PLN 616,043 thousand, representing 33.5% of the Bank's Tier I capital.

The largest exposures to a single entity or a group of entities linked through equity or otherwise are presented below.

No.	Exposure*\ 31 Dec 2023
1	227,513
2	195,607
3	192,922
4	-
Total	616,043

No.	Exposure*\ 31 Dec 2022
1	245,786
2	224,651
3	224,235
4	214,809
Total	909,481

<sup>\*\</sup> Exposure to an entity includes: gross credit exposures, contingent liabilities (i.e. open credit lines and guarantees), debt securities issued by the entity and FX Spot, FX Forward and FX Swap transactions.



## Ten largest client exposures, with risks assessment

			31 Dec 20	023		
No.	Exposure	On-balance- sheet exposures*\	Credit facilities – principal	Securities	Off-balance sheet exposures**\	Balance-sheet equivalent of derivative transactions
1	225,917	-	-	225,917	-	-
2	195,597	121,653	129,850	-	70,116	3,829
3	178,886	123,337	123,079	-	55,549	-
4	160,757	-	-	160,757	-	-
5	141,252	141,252	140,574	-	-	-
6	140,134	- 24	-	-	140,158	-
7	137,137	136,782	121,439	-	355	-
8	132,248	132,248	132,453	-	-	-
9	125,363	123,878	123,734	-	1,486	-
10	123,606	64,025	64,283	-	59,582	-
			31 Dec 20	022		
		On-halance-			Off-halance	Balance-sheet

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No.	Exposure	On-balance- sheet exposures*\	Credit facilities – principal	Securities	Off-balance sheet exposures**\	Balance-sheet equivalent of derivative transactions					
1	224,651	80,289	88,805	-	137,595	6,767					
2	220,293	220,293	227,471	-	-	-					
3	203,098	161,378	160,888	-	41,720	-					
4	169,427	53,121	52,695	-	116,305	-					
5	166,381	166,381	164,708	-	-	-					
6	138,964	138,964	139,010	-	-	-					
7	137,865	134,801	134,703	-	-	3,064					
8	134,030	134,030	135,071	-	-	-					
9	132,066	66,240	66,404	-	65,826	-					
10	130,479	128,060	127,930	-	2,419	-					

<sup>\*\</sup> On-balance-sheet credit exposures include principal, interest, outstanding fees, discount and other amounts due.

<sup>\*\*\</sup> Off-balance-sheet exposures include credit lines, guarantees, open import letters of credit, accepted bills of exchange, confirmed letters of credit and other commitments.



## 7.1.7. Maximum exposure to credit risk

The credit risk exposure under particular categories of financial assets is presented below.

		31 Dec 2023	
Item	Gross carrying amount	Impairment Iosses	Maximum credit risk exposure
Amounts due from banks	163,134	- 453	162,681
Financial assets held for trading	113,345	-	113,345
derivative financial instruments	113,345	-	113,345
debt securities	-	-	-
Investment securities	9,485,058	- 288	9,484,770
equity securities measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	106,656	-	106,656
debt securities measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	6,885,521	-	6,885,521
debt securities measured at amortised cost	2,366,553	- 288	2,366,265
debt securities measured at fair value through profit or loss	126,328	-	126,328
Amounts due from clients	11,737,425	- 918,164	10,819,261
Measured at amortised cost	11,698,736	- 918,125	10,780,611
from institutional clients	9,318,606	- 678,938	8,639,668
from retail clients	2,380,130	- 239,187	2,140,943
Measured at fair value through profit or loss	139	-	139
from institutional clients	30	-	30
from retail clients	109	-	109
Margin deposits	34,335	- 39	34,296
Other amounts due from clients	4,215	-	4,215
Other financial assets*\	51,121	- 4,577	46,544

<sup>\*\</sup> Includes mainly sweeping of excess cash and amounts due from transactions in financial instruments.



		31 Dec 2022	
Item	Gross carrying amount	Impairment Iosses	Maximum credit risk exposure
Amounts due from banks	241,380	- 495	240,885
Financial assets held for trading	222,944	-	222,944
derivative financial instruments	202,719	-	202,719
debt securities	20,225	-	20,225
Investment securities	9,008,300	- 182	9,008,118
equity securities measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	85,465	-	85,465
debt securities measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	6,915,813	-	6,915,813
debt securities measured at amortised cost	1,900,397	- 182	1,900,215
debt securities measured at fair value through profit or loss	106,625	-	106,625
Amounts due from clients	12,263,166	- 1,089,587	11,173,579
Measured at amortised cost	12,220,160	- 1,089,542	11,130,618
from institutional clients	9,356,652	- 815,070	8,541,582
from retail clients	2,863,508	- 274,472	2,589,036
Measured at fair value through profit or loss	3,050	-	3,050
from institutional clients	2,780	-	2,780
from retail clients	270	-	270
Margin deposits	36,296	- 45	36,251
Other amounts due from clients	3,660	-	3,660
Other financial assets*\	45,439	- 4,614	40,825

<sup>\*\</sup>Includes mainly sweeping of excess cash and amounts due from transactions in financial instruments.



## Credit risk exposures by category of contingent liabilities

Item	Maximum credit risk exposure			
	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022		
Contingent financial liabilities, including:	3,838,609	2,796,667		
open lines of credit, including:	3,300,288	2,781,823		
revocable	2,814,308	2,319,626		
irrevocable	485,980	462,197		
open import letters of credit	3,378	14,844		
loan commitments, including:	534,943	-		
renewable	12,739	-		
irrevocable	522,204	-		
Guarantees and sureties	534,943	466,518		
Underwriting	9,800			
Foreign exchange and interest rate transactions*\	3,772,442	4,359,701		

#### \*\ In 2023, the items included:

- foreign exchange and currency derivative transactions of PLN 879,325 thousand
- interest rate derivative transactions of PLN 2,635,117 thousand
- interest rate swap transactions of PLN 258,000 thousand

## \*\ In 2022, the items included:

- foreign exchange and currency derivative transactions of PLN 1,122,098 thousand
- interest rate derivative transactions of PLN 2,979,603 thousand
- interest rate swap transactions of PLN 258,000 thousand

In accordance with the procedures in place at the Bank, contingent liabilities are subject to the same collateral and monitoring requirements as on-balance-sheet transactions.

The frequency of monitoring institutional clients (corporates) depends mainly on the size of credit exposure and the economic and financial standing of the client (rating).

Monitoring of institutional clients includes verification of:

- 1. rating of the client (including verification against selected external databases),
- 2. rating of the client's group,
- **3.** assessment of the transaction (monitoring of collateral, contract terms (covenants) and project financed/cofinanced by the Bank).

The frequency and scope of monitoring of institutional clients (micro-enterprises, housing communities) are dependent on the amount of exposure to the particular client.

Monitoring of micro-enterprises, housing communities includes:

- 1. monitoring of events subject to monitoring,
- 2. monitoring the economic and financial standing.

In the case of micro-enterprises, client verification against selected external databases is also performed.



## 7.1.8. Forbearance practices

The forbearance status is assigned to exposures where there has been a change in the contractual terms of the loan agreement, amounts due or investment measured at amortised cost if:

- 1. it results from the debtor's or the issuer's financial distress, or
- 2. where failure to amend the contractual terms would result in the exposure becoming non-performing, which would not have occurred had the debtor or the issuer not been in financial distress.

In particular, the following are considered forbearance facilities provided to clients:

- 1. payment holidays,
- 2. partial reduction of principal and / or partial waiver of incidental dues,
- 3. extension of the facility term,
- 4. reduced interest rate,
- **5.** acceptance of non-performance of the contractual terms by the borrower the while the borrower fails to deliver financial projections,
- 6. the Bank's consent to sale or repossession of the collateral to repay the liability,
- 7. capitalisation of interest,
- 8. change of the debtor or the debt being taken over or acceded to by third parties.

If a forbearance agreement is property performed, the debt becomes a performing exposure.

Restructuring is an indication of impairment.

For individually significant exposures the conclusion of a forbearance agreement due the debtor being in financial distress, the exposure must be tested for impairment to determine whether an impairment loss should be recognised.

For individually non-significant exposures the conclusion of a forbearance agreement due the debtor being in financial distress, an impairment loss must be recognised for the exposure.

Reversal of an impairment loss (i.e. reclassification to the portfolio of performing assets) is possible after the indicator of impairment ceased to exist and a 12-month quarantine period has elapsed. Restructured transactions for which the evidence of impairment ceased to exist, the quarantine period in which the evidence of impairment was not identified has passed, and in relation to which no impairment is recognised are allocated to Bucket 2. For such exposures, expected losses are recognised for the remaining life of the exposure.

Restructuring agreements are monitored on an ongoing basis for compliance with the contractual terms.

An exposure ceases to be classified as forborne (the forbearance status is removed) when all of the following conditions are met:

- 1. a loan agreement is considered a non-risk where the exposure was reclassified from the at-risk category, after assessment of the debtor's financial standing, which has confirmed sustainable improvement of the debtor's financial condition,
- 2. at least 24 months (trial period) have elapsed from the date when the exposure was considered as not being at risk, and during at least half of the trial period the debtor made regular payments of principal and interest, with delays not exceeding 30 days,
- **3.** at the end of the trial period, none of the exposures to the debtor is past due for more than 30 days. The accounting principles relating to financial assets subject to forbearance practices are no different from those applied to other assets of the BOŚ Group. The BOŚ Group measures loans and amounts due from clients at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. Where the terms of a loan, an amount due or investment measured at amortised cost are renegotiated due to financial distress of the debtor or the issuer, such exposure is

Below is presented the credit risk exposure to of individual forborne transactions (with respect to which forbearance facilities have been provided):

measured using the original effective interest rate determined prior to the provision of any forbearance facilities.



	lm	paired receiva	ables	Unimpaired receivables			
31 Dec 2023	Gross carrying amounts	Allowances for expected credit losses	Maximum credit risk exposure	Gross carrying amounts	Allowances for expected credit losses	Maximum credit risk exposure	
Total amounts due from clients	974,324	- 445,484	528,840	66,923	21,382	88,305	
Amounts due from retail clients, including:	94,341	- 70,774	23,567	1,177	- 65	1,112	
individually measured*\	38,022	- 21,639	16,383	-	-	-	
Amounts due from institutional clients, including:	879,983	- 374,710	505,273	65,746	21,447	87,193	
individually measured*\	871,183	- 366,745	504,438	-	-	-	

	lm	paired receiva	bles	Unimpaired receivables			
31 Dec 2022	Gross carrying amounts	Allowances for expected credit losses	Maximum credit risk exposure	Gross carrying amounts	Allowances for expected credit losses	Maximum credit risk exposure	
Total amounts due from clients	927,849	- 437,375	490,474	15,639	- 462	15,177	
Amounts due from retail clients, including:	122,609	- 87,386	35,223	2,073	- 106	1,967	
individually measured*\	56,149	- 32,064	24,085	-	-	-	
Amounts due from institutional clients, including:	805,240	- 349,989	455,251	13,566	- 356	13,210	
individually measured*\	797,967	- 344,400	453,567	-	-	-	

<sup>\*\</sup> Amounts due from clients that show indications of impairment, yet for which no impairment has been identified due to the estimated cash flows, are measured using the collective measurement method.



## 7.2. Financial risk in the bank book and the trading book, and risk limits

The Bank's financial risk includes:

- 1. liquidity risk,
- 2. market risk, including:
  - a. interest rate risk (in the banking book and the trading book),
  - **b.** currency risk (mainly in the trading book; currency risk from the banking book is transferred to the trading book).

The key principles of financial risk management at Bank Ochrony Środowiska S.A. are set out in the Banking Risk Management Strategy. The strategy is an integral part of the Bank's development Strategy.

Risk management in the Bank is carried out based on the level of risk appetite and tolerance set by the Supervisory Board, along with a set of internal limits and warning thresholds. At BOŚ S.A., policies are in place for managing liquidity risk, interest rate risk in the banking book, and market risk in the trading book, which define the appetite and tolerance for each type of risk. Based on these, an early warning system has been established which focuses on identifying, measuring, monitoring, controlling and reporting the risks.

Transactions in the banking book represent the core business of the Bank, which means that they result from commercial operations, including raising financing and efficient management of financial liquidity. The banking book includes positions which are not included in the trading book, in particular:

- granted credit facilities and guarantees, as well as accepted deposits, including term deposits,
- liquidity- and interest-rate hedges of transactions carried in the banking book,
- purchase of securities for non-trading purposes.

In line with the Bank's strategy, the trading book business is complementary to the banking book business. The trading book contains transactions that were entered into by the Bank on its own account for trading purposes, i.e. to gain financial profits in short-term periods due to actual or expected differences between bid and offer prices in the market, as well as other movements of prices or price parities, including in particular interest rates and foreign exchange rates. Transactions held in the trading book are not sold for liquidity purposes. The purpose of the trading book is to ensure the highest quality of services for clients. To achieve these objectives, BOŚ S.A. maintains open positions within the established risk limits.

The objective of risk management in BOŚ S.A.'s operations is to maintain risk at an acceptable level of tolerance and appetite, thereby protecting shareholder value, ensuring the safety of clients' deposits, and achieving adequate operational efficiency. This includes maintaining the Bank's ability to adapt to changing market conditions, the competencies and commitment of the management and staff, and the quality of management information systems.

In 2023, the Bank monitored the economic and market situation associated with the geopolitical crisis and analysed its impact on financial risks, including the market and liquidity risks. Although the levels of individual risks have increased compared to the pre-crisis period, they have generally remained within the limits adopted by the Bank. In 2023, the main objectives, principles and organisation of the financial risk management process at the Bank did not change. In 2023, the high level of market interest rates did not significantly affect liquidity risk.

The level and profile of financial risk is monitored on a regular basis by the Financial Risk Department (2nd line of defence) and reported to: the Supervisory Board, the Risk Committee (at the Supervisory Board), the Management Board, the Assets and Liabilities Committee (the ALCO Committee) and the Liquidity and Market Risk ALCO Committee.



## Impact of the war in Ukraine on financial risk, including liquidity risk

The Bank closely monitored economic and market conditions, particularly the potential for sudden, large-scale external events that could indirectly have a significant impact on the Bank, especially in relation to financial risk. The monitored developments included the political and economic environment in Ukraine, terrorist incidents, and other abrupt changes such as macroeconomic fluctuations (e.g. depreciation of the Polish currency and rising interest rates). The Bank evaluates the impact of these developments on financial risks, including market risk and liquidity risk. This evaluation involves continuous monitoring of immediate effects, as well as assessing the potential consequences of these events for the Bank through stress testing procedures.

During 2023, the impact of Russia's aggression on Ukraine on the financial markets significantly weakened after a temporary strong increase in risk aversion in 2022. Concurrently, the recent rise in geopolitical risk in the Middle East resulted in a periodic increase in risk aversion towards the end of October 2023; however, so far, its impact on the financial markets has remained limited.

## 7.2.1. Liquidity risk

The purpose of liquidity management by the Bank is to maintain the ability to finance assets and pay liabilities in a timely manner and to maintain a sustainable structure of assets and liabilities, which ensures a safe liquidity profile in specific time bands, split into liquidity in PLN and the main foreign currencies, but mostly – for the total liquidity position.

The liquidity risk management strategy and processes are tailored to the Bank's business profile and scale. The liquidity risk management strategy is set out in the Liquidity Strategy of BOŚ S.A. approved by the Supervisory Board. The strategy defines the Bank's risk appetite, designates key directions and quantitative targets for selected volumes, and is an integral part of the Bank's Strategy. The liquidity risk tolerance, adjusted to the Bank's risk appetite through a system of internal limits and warning values, is set out in the Liquidity Management Policy approved by the Supervisory Board.

The structure and organisation of the liquidity risk management function includes all levels of the Bank's organisational structure and operates within the three lines of defence. A particular role in the liquidity risk management process is played by the Management Board of the Bank and the Committee of Assets and Liabilities Management.

The Bank's liquidity is analysed over the following time horizons:

- 1. intra-day liquidity during the day;
- 2. current liquidity in the period up to 7 days;
- **3.** short-term liquidity in the period up to 1 month;
- 4. medium-term liquidity in the period of above 1 month to 12 months;
- **5.** long-term-term liquidity in the period of more than 12 months.

To measure the liquidity and intra-day, current and short-term liquidity risk, the Bank uses the following measures and tools:

- 1. the level of intraday liquidity reflects the level of funds required to be maintained in the Bank's account with the National Bank of Poland to enable the Bank to pay its liabilities during the day, in both normal and stress situations,
- 2. liquid assets (excess liquidity) a buffer for expected and unexpected outflows over a period of 30 days,
- **3.** liquidity reserve which measures the level of liquid assets less expected and unexpected outflows, determined for a period of 30 days,
- 4. net liquidity coverage ratio (%),
- **5.** assessment of the stability of the deposit base,
- **6.** short-term liquidity gap (for PLN, EUR, CHF and USD) showing the level of mismatch in foreign currency funding structures; the gap consists primarily of flows from wholesale and derivatives transactions,



7. stress tests, including scenarios that account for ESG risks (allowing, among other things, verification of the ability to maintain liquidity over the time horizon defined by the Bank in various scenarios).

For the purpose of measuring liquidity as well as the medium- and long-term liquidity risk, the Bank sets and monitors:

- 1. the contractual and actual liquidity gap (which is supplemented by regular analyses of the stability of the deposit base, the concentration of the deposit base, the amount of loan prepayments and the level of deposit breakage),
- 2. the non-current assets to non-current liabilities ratio,
- 3. the coverage of loans used by clients to finance long-term needs with the most stable sources of funding (LKD),
- 4. the net stable funding ratio (NSFR),
- 5. stress test taking into account ESG risks (for a 12-month horizon),
- 6. the forecast of LCR, NSFR and liquid assets.

To evaluate the effectiveness of the liquidity risk management process, for most of the mentioned measures, limits or warning thresholds are established within a hierarchical framework of internal liquidity risk limits. These thresholds are set at various levels including the Supervisory Board, the Management Board, and the ALCO Committee. The limits and warning thresholds undergo regular reviews (at least annually) to ensure effective liquidity monitoring. The limits and warning values define the framework for the Bank's liquidity tolerance and are consistent with the Bank's risk appetite. The shaping of an appropriate liquidity risk profile is supported by taking into account the cost of liquidity under the Bank's transfer pricing system.

The measures and tools used by the Bank are reviewed on a regular basis and are regularly updated to better map the liquidity profile. The process of monitoring liquidity and liquidity risk in the Bank is supported by a dedicated IT system (used in particular to generate reports on contractual and actual liquidity gaps, on regulatory liquidity measures and on internal limits, and to prepare mandatory reports). At least once a year, the Bank prepares a review of the Internal Liquidity Adequacy Assessment Process (ILAAP), in compliance with the EBA/GL/2016/10 Guidelines on ICAAP and ILAAP information collected for SREP (Supervisory Review and Evaluation Process) purposes. The ALCO Committee gives its opinion on the review, and the document requires approval by the Management Board and the Supervisory Board of the Bank.

Liquidity risk reports are presented to all the Bank's units involved in the liquidity risk management process. The outcomes of the risk analysis, the degree of utilisation of regulatory standards, internal limits, and warning thresholds, as well as the results of stress tests, are presented in reports prepared for the ALCO Committee (weekly), for the Management Board and the ALCO Committee (monthly), and for the Supervisory Board and its Risk Committee (quarterly). The reports are part of the Management Information System, the purpose of which is to support the Bank's management, streamline the performance of its tasks and ensure the safety and stability of its operations.

#### Overall liquidity risk profile

The Bank's primary source of funding continues to be the systematically built and diversified deposit base, consisting of stable deposits from retail customers, as well as corporate and public sector deposits. These are supplemented by loans received from international financial institutions, which also provide foreign currency liquidity financing through long-term bilateral interest rate swap agreements secured by debt securities and FX Swap transactions. The Bank monitors the risk of concentration of the deposit base on an ongoing basis.

The Bank retains its liquid assets predominantly in the form of highly liquid National Bank of Poland (NBP) bills, which comprised 40% of the liquid securities portfolio as at 31 December 2023. Furthermore, Treasury bonds constituted 57% of the liquid portfolio on the same date, further enhancing the low specific risk associated with these assets. The portfolio of these securities is supplemented with cash and funds held with the National Bank of Poland (above the declared obligatory reserves) and in nostro accounts with other banks. As of 31 December 2023, liquid assets amounted to PLN 8,177 million. Liquid assets constitute a buffer to secure liquidity in potential crisis situations, i.e. they can be pledged, liquidated under repo transactions or sold at any time without significant loss of



value. The Bank's ability to sell liquid assets (product liquidity risk) is monitored on a regular basis. The primary considerations in these analyses are issue size, market turnover, and bid/ask price volatility.

The Bank may access additional funding sources through a technical loan and a lombard loan from the NBP and, under exceptional circumstances, may apply for a refinancing facility from the NBP.

The Bank determines internal capital for liquidity risk, which is considered a significant constant risk, in accordance with the applicable internal capital estimation process. This capital is estimated on the basis of the cost of restoring regulatory and internal measures and liquidity limits under the conditions of stress test scenarios.

#### Measures of liquidity risk

The Bank determines regulatory measures of liquidity in accordance with the following regulations: The CRR Regulation and Regulation 2019/876 on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment undertakings (amending Regulation 575/2013 Regulation) and related delegated and implementing regulations as regards liquidity.

The currently applicable norms regarding short-term liquidity include the liquidity coverage requirement – LCR (the ratio of liquid assets to net outflows (i.e. the difference between net outflows and net inflows) for a 30-day period of extreme conditions). The LCR is calculated on an aggregated basis for all currencies (translated into PLN) and separately for significant currencies, i.e. for PLN and EUR. For the ratio in EUR, the Bank identifies a currency mismatch related to the method of financing long-term loans granted in this currency.

The Bank is also required to satisfy a stable funding requirement, which as of June 2021 is referred to as the net stable funding ratio (NSFR) requirement. It is calculated as the ratio of the institution's available stable funding to the amount of the stable funding required. In accordance with external norms, the NSFR ratio, as the LCR ratio, should be maintained at a minimum of 100%.

The Bank, in accordance with Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/451 of 17 December 2020 regarding the reporting of additional liquidity monitoring metrics, prepares and submits ALMM reports to the NBP.

In accordance with EBA/GL/2017/01 Guidelines on LCR disclosure to complement the disclosure of liquidity risk management under Article 435 of Regulation (EU) No 575/2013, the Bank presents quantitative and qualitative data on the net liquidity coverage ratio, the net stable funding ratio and the liquidity risk in the Information on BOŚ Group. Such disclosures comply with the instructions given by the European Banking Authority.

The Bank also performs an in-depth analysis of its long-term liquidity. Results of these analyses are used to manage the Bank's liquidity. At the same time, the process of preparing short- and long-term financial plans of the Bank includes assessment of liquidity, to ensure an adequate financing structure and compliance with the supervisory liquidity measures.

In 2023, the supervisory liquidity measures, i.e. LCR and NSFR, were calculated daily (i.e. every working day), and remained at a safe level, significantly above the regulatory requirements. As at 31 December 2023, these measures were as follows:

Metric	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022	Supervisory limit
LCR	199%	177%	100%
NSFR	155%	149%	100%

The Bank has an Emergency Liquidity Action Plan in place, ensuring the uninterrupted continuation of operations and preservation of liquidity in the event of crisis situations.

As part of its risk management system, the Bank has in place an Emergency Liquidity Action Plan approved by the Management Board, which sets out potential sources of deterioration/loss of liquidity, rules of conduct and contingency powers. It is intended to estimate the survival horizon as well as the ability and costs of restoring stable



liquidity. This plan, apart from conducting scenario analysis of liquidity under contingency conditions (aligned with conducted stress tests), also encompasses measurable and non-measurable early warning indicators. These indicators facilitate systematic monitoring of the origins of potential liquidity crises. These indicators are monitored by the Bank on an ongoing basis. The contingency liquidity plan shall be regularly reviewed and updated so as to ensure that the Bank is operationally prepared to activate potential measures that can be taken in the event of a liquidity risk.

In addition to the Emergency Liquidity Action Plan, the Bank also conducts liquidity stress tests. The tests are conducted in accordance with the Liquidity Risk Stress Testing Programme, which comprises:

- 1. Sensitivity analyses (conducted no less frequently than once a year);
- 2. Scenario-based analyses/tests (conducted on a monthly basis);
- **3.** Reverse stress tests (conducted no less frequently than once a year).

The objective of these tests is to assess the Bank's position in the event that highly unfavourable risk factors materialise. The specific type and extent of these risk factors are dynamically established, taking into account the current situation of the Bank and its clients and the prevailing market conditions. The tests cover both internal factors (client behavioural patterns) and external factors (market conditions). These factors are analysed within certain defined liquidity scenarios, which include at a minimum the occurrence of an internal crisis, an external crisis and a mixed crisis.

Stress tests encompass three fundamental types of scenarios:

- 1. internal crisis its source is the loss of confidence in the Bank by market participants ('bank run'), reduced availability of financing, materialisation of concentration risk and downgrading of the Bank's rating,
- **2.** external crisis assumes materialisation of currency risk, rising interest rates, crisis in financial markets and possible second round effects,
- 3. mixed crisis a combination of elements of both internal and external crises.

The Bank also prepares (once every quarter) intraday liquidity stress tests. The outcomes of the stress tests are presented to the Bank's management in quarterly reports related to liquidity risk. As part of the analysis, three intraday liquidity stress testing scenarios (internal, external, mixed) are prepared, along with a reverse stress test.

Additionally, for the purposes of monitoring liquidity indicators, further stress-testing scenarios are developed:

- 1. Addressing the Bank's sensitivity to long-term liquidity risk factors (such as market liquidity withdrawal, strategic changes in funding structure) as well as short-term internal or external shocks (effect of geopolitical risk);
- 2. Considering the ESG risk in terms of any negative financial impact on the Bank caused by current or future effects of ESG factors (environmental, social and governance issues) prepared in scenarios spanning up to 1 month and up to 12 months.

The stress tests carried out facilitate the identification of factors whose manifestation could lead to liquidity risk within the Bank and the formulation of requisite contingency measures in the event of crises.

Moreover, within the scope of the annual review of the Liquidity Risk Stress Testing Programme, the Bank undertakes analyses of sensitivity to individual liquidity risk drivers and conducts reverse stress tests. A comprehensive review of the Liquidity Risk Stress Testing Programme is performed annually. Conclusions from the tests are used in managing liquidity and liquidity risk and are the basis for building the structure of assets and liabilities.

In its analyses, the Bank also takes into account the possibility of unfavourable changes in foreign exchange rates, in particular CHF and EUR, potentially triggering increased liquidity needs.

Furthermore, the Bank undertakes testing of the Emergency Liquidity Action Plan and modifications to this Plan are implemented based on the outcomes of those tests. The outcomes of the Emergency Liquidity Action Plan tests are reported to and reviewed by both the Asset and Liability Management Committee and the Bank's Management Board.



The stress tests performed in 2023, as in 2022, demonstrated that the Bank had a stable liquidity position, with its liquid assets proving sufficient to withstand the stipulated scenarios over the tested periods. The tables below present the adjusted liquidity gap (carrying amounts) and contractual cash flows from financial liabilities (carrying amounts):

## Adjusted liquidity gap

31 Dec 2023*	1М	1-3M	3-6M	6-12M	1-5Y	Over 5Y	Total
Liquidity gap ratio	3.61	2.04	1.45	1.07	1.07	1.00	
Total assets	7,364,343	439,772	542,550	892,296	7,295,605	5,334,886	21,869,452
of which amounts due from clients	113,786	294,102	395,471	841,660	5,224,134	3,950,108	10,819,261
Total equity and liabilities	2,039,005	1,795,468	1,925,998	2,902,461	6,735,561	6,470,959	21,869,452
of which amounts due to clients	1,743,100	1,789,535	1,925,998	2,507,351	6,472,772	4,202,548	18,641,304
Gap	5,325,338	-1,355,696	-1,383,448	-2,010,165	560,044	-1,136,073	-
Accumulated gap	5,325,338	3,969,642	2,586,194	576,029	1,136,073	-	-

31 Dec 2022	1М	1-3M	3-6M	6-12M	1-5Y	Over 5Y	Total
Liquidity gap ratio	2.59	1.46	1.12	0.94	1.05	1.00	
Total assets	7,033,703	484,377	532,416	980,217	7,876,711	5,007,814	21,915,238
of which amounts due from clients	124,888	322,798	434,057	923,782	5,733,857	3,634,197	11,173,579
Total equity and liabilities	2,717,463	2,434,531	2,027,765	2,387,585	6,468,564	5,879,330	21,915,238
of which amounts due to clients	2,390,766	2,433,144	2,025,406	2,288,228	5,907,102	3,835,278	18,879,924
Gap	4,316,240	-1,950,154	-1,495,349	-1,407,368	1,408,147	-871,516	-
Accumulated gap	4,316,240	2,366,086	870,737	-536,632	871,516	-	-

<sup>\*/</sup> In 2023, a new model for deposit base stability was implemented.



## **Contractual cash flows from financial liabilities**

31 Dec 2023	1М	1-3M	3-6M	6-12M	1-5Y	Over 5Y	Total
Amounts due to other banks	24,380	4,117	-	46,648	-	1	75,146
Amounts due to clients	11,768,089	3,433,335	1,473,256	1,124,094	684,172	158,358	18,641,304
Derivative financial instruments	2,713	1,816	-	4,426	34,401	33,297	76,653
Subordinated liabilities	-	-	-	344,036	-	102,996	447,032
Other financial liabilities	268,812	-	-	-	228,388	2,132,117	2,629,317
Total	12,063,994	3,439,268	1,473,256	1,519,204	946,961	2,426,769	21,869,452

31 Dec 2022	1M	1-3M	3-6M	6-12M	1-5Y	Over 5Y	Total
Amounts due to other banks	44,506	-	-	96,637	-	-	141,143
Amounts due to clients	12,319,411	3,764,787	1,166,365	864,739	535,093	229,529	18,879,924
Derivative financial instruments	2,330	1,387	2,359	2,720	57,070	82,056	147,922
Subordinated liabilities	-	-	-	-	345,035	-	345,035
Other financial liabilities	279,861	-	-	-	159,357	1,961,996	2,401,214
Total	12,646,108	3,766,174	1,168,724	964,096	1,096,555	2,273,581	21,915,238



## Cash flows from derivative instruments (gross settlements)

The table below presents the maturities of derivative instruments based on contractual terms as of 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022 (undiscounted amounts):

31 Dec 2023	1М	1–3M	3–6M	6-12M	Over 1Y	Total
Inflows, including:	714,536	161,621	32,353	38,299	176,893	1,123,702
FX forward	25,654	59,865	10,156	8,696	-	104,371
FX Spot	238,409	-	-	-	-	238,409
FX Swap	443,649	92,896	-	-	-	536,545
IRS	6,824	8,860	22,197	29,603	176,893	244,377
Outflows, including:	715,929	159,661	30,002	33,906	147,963	1,087,461
FX forward	25,204	61,154	9,901	8,848	-	105,107
FX Spot	238,536	-	-	-	-	238,536
FX Swap	442,946	91,308	-	-	-	534254
IRS	9,243	7,199	20,101	25,058	147,963	209,564

31 Dec 2022	1М	1–3M	3–6M	6-12M	Over 1Y	Total
Inflows, including:	1,023,115	84,544	49,407	61,422	283,373	1,501,861
FX forward	96,245	65,761	23,550	10,035	-	195,591
FX Spot	457,660	-	-	-	-	457,660
FX Swap	459,253	7,185	-	-	-	466,438
IRS	9,957	11,598	25,857	51,387	283,373	382,172
Outflows, including:	1,024,936	81,291	45,485	48,199	233,319	1,433,230
FX forward	95,013	64,628	22,115	8,663	-	190,419
FX Spot	458,072	-	-	-	-	458,072
FX Swap	460,006	7,323	-	-	-	467,329
IRS	11,845	9,340	23,370	39,536	233,319	317,410



## 7.2.2. Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk refers to the present or potential risk of a decrease in both Bank's income and economic value due to unfavourable fluctuations in interest rates, impacting interest rate-sensitive instruments. This risk is associated with factors such as mismatch risk, basis risk and option risk. The interest rate risk is primarily generated in the Bank, both in the banking book and the trading book.

## Interest rate risk in the banking book

The main purpose of interest rate risk management in the banking book is to seek stabilisation and optimisation of net interest income ('NII') while limiting the negative effect of market interest rate movements on economic value of equity ('EVE').

To achieve this, the Bank uses two tools: the investment portfolio held and derivative transactions entered into as part of hedge accounting. The investment portfolio, built in the banking book, should help to, among others, secure net interest income generated by the Bank's equity and to secure core deposits in current accounts insensitive to interest rate movements. On the other hand, this portfolio is a source of volatility of the revaluation reserve.

The Bank applies fair value hedge accounting. Its purpose is to secure the fair value of the fixed-rate Treasury bonds, which are part of the HtC&S bond portfolio and also serve as the Bank's liquidity buffer. IRS hedging transactions reduce the extent of capital fluctuations caused by movements in interest rates.

Monitoring of interest rate risk in the banking book is supported by a dedicated IT system which the Bank uses in particular to determine/perform:

- 1. repricing gap, presenting the values of assets, liabilities and on-balance-sheet items sensitive to interest rate movements at maturity or repricing,
- 2. simulation of net interest income a dynamic analysis reflecting the projection of net interest income over a given period of time, based on the Bank's growth scenarios, as well as assumptions regarding market factors,
- **3.** net present value (NPV) simulation, presenting values of all cash flows discounted at given market parameters; results of the NPV analysis are used to calculate EVE,
- 4. sensitivity analysis of EVE and NII to a 100 basis points change in credit spread,
- **5.** price shocks for basis risk analysis, the purpose of which is to estimate the impact on the net interest income of varying changes in interest rates of products whose interest rates are based on different base rates,
- **6.** unparallel mismatch risk analysis, which aims to estimate the impact on the economic value of equity of unparallel movements in the shape of the yield curve,
- 7. client option risk analysis, whose objective is to assess the impact of client options embedded in interest bearing products on the Bank's financial result,
- **8.** stress tests, including reverse tests and the Supervisory Outlier Test the objective is to determine how extreme changes in market factors affect the net interest income and the economic value of equity,
- 9. the level of internal capital for interest rate risk in the banking book.

#### Measures of interest rate risk in the banking book

To manage interest rate risk in the banking book, the Bank employs two measures: the sensitivity of the net interest income (NII), both with and without consideration of changes in market value, to a +/- 200 basis points change in interest rates, and the sensitivity of the economic value of equity (EVE) to a +/- 200 basis points change in interest rates. Interest rate risk in the banking book is measured based on product characteristics, including capital flow schedules, interest rate reassessments, and embedded options, as stipulated in contracts with counterparties. For current products where the client may flexibly determine, among other things, the repayment schedule or use of funds, the Bank builds replicating portfolios that reflect the economic timing of capital flows.

In the replicating portfolios, the average maturity of deposits with undetermined maturity is 6 months, and the maximum maturity is 12 months. The Bank also takes into consideration client behaviour patterns, such as: early credit repayment levels or deposit breakage levels, which are estimated in accordance with internal regulations of the Bank. The assumptions are consistent with the EBA/GL/2022/14 Guidelines on the management of interest rate risk arising from non-trading book activities.



The table below provides a comparison of the NII and EVE measures as at 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022:

	ΔΙ	NII	ΔΕVΕ			
	-200 bps	+200 bps	-200 bps	+200 bps		
31 Dec 2023	-46,290	45,835	159,359	-145,744		
31 Dec 2022	-78,285	64,606	118,472	-112,632		
Change	31,995	-18,771	40,887	-33,112		

In 2023, both NII and EVE were within limit/at warning thresholds consistent with the risk appetite and risk tolerance approved by the Supervisory Board. Changes in the values of these measures have a certain cyclical nature, which is due to the regular approximation of the timing of the repricing of floating rate positions and the maturity of fixed rate positions. In 2023, the sensitivity of net interest income to a decrease in market interest rates significantly fell. The change was driven by several factors, including a rise in the balance of retail deposits by PLN 0.275 billion and a decrease in the balance of NBP monetary bills by PLN 1.17 billion. Additionally, the easing of monetary policy by the Monetary Policy Council, along with the Bank's decisions to lower interest rates on term deposits and savings accounts, contributed to the change. The increase in the sensitivity of the economic value of equity (EVE) to rising interest rates was, among other factors, due to the purchase of Treasury bonds with a 4-year duration for a total amount of PLN 0.495 billion.

In accordance with the EBA/GL/2022/14 Guidelines on the management of interest rate risk arising from non-trading book activities the Bank is obliged to carry out a Supervisory Outlier Test (SOT).

Results of (SOT) for the six standard shock scenarios specified in the Guidelines are presented in the table below.

	ΔEVE in a given SOT scenario								
	parallel shock up <sup>1</sup>	parallel shock down <sup>1</sup>	steepener shock²	flattener shock²	short rates shock up³	short rates shock down³			
31 Dec 2023	-146,017	84,320	31,049	-89,171	-133,973	73,442			
31 Dec 2022	-98,900	51,697	21,499	-64,830	-94,513	37,161			
Change	-47,117	32,623	9,550	-24,341	-39,460	36,281			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>sharper shock (decrease in short-term rates and increase in long-term rates),

The results of the conducted SOT (stress testing) analysis indicate that, as at the end of 2023, similar to the situation at the end of 2022, the Bank was most vulnerable to a decline in the economic value of equity (EVE) in the scenario of a parallel upward shift in the interest rate curve (Parallel Up). The sensitivity of the economic value of the Bank's equity in the two most severe scenarios (i.e. Short Up and Parallel Up) increased relative to 2022. Across all scenarios, the sensitivity of the economic value of equity remains significantly below the supervisory warning levels and limits. This indicates a low level of exposure to interest rate risk.

Once a month, the Bank conducts stress testing analysis, examining the development of the interest rate risk in the banking and trading book in case of materialisation of extreme changes in risk factors. In the bank book, the Bank examines the impact of these scenarios on the following elements:

- 1. sensitivity of the net interest income (NII):
  - scenarios of parallel shifts of interest rate curves within the range of [-500 bps, +500 bps],
  - scenarios of exchange rate movements by ±5%, ±10% and ±25%,
  - scenarios of cumulative changes in the parallel shifts of interest rate curves by ±100/200 bps and ±500 bps, and foreign exchange rates by ±5%, ±10% and ±25%,
- 2. sensitivity of the economic value of equity (EVE):
  - scenarios of parallel shifts of interest rate curves within the range of [-500 bps, +500 bps],
  - scenarios of exchange rate movements by ±5%, ±10% and ±25%,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>more moderate shock (increase in short-term rates and decrease in long-term rates),

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> interest rate shocks in the short run are extinguished in longer tenors.



- scenarios of cumulative changes in the parallel shifts of interest rate curves by ±200 bps and ±500 bps, and foreign exchange rates by ±5%, ±10% and ±25%,
- 3. sensitivity of revaluation reserve in scenarios of interest rates movements within the range [-500 bps, +500 bps],
- **4.** sensitivity of the present value of the bond portfolio in scenarios of interest rate movements within the range of [-500 bps, +500 bps] by issuer (SP&NBP (excluding FVH), corporations, local governments) and by portfolio (H2C&S (excluding FVH), H2C).

The Bank also conducts reverse tests:

- 1. for the EVE tests of the impact of changes in market factors, the purpose of which is to show when the sensitivity of the EVE falls below 20% of equity,
- 2. for the NII:
  - tests to show when the NII sensitivity falls below the appetite level,
  - tests designed to identify areas of vulnerability to risks arising from collateral and risk management strategies and behavioural responses of clients.

The stress test results as at 31 December 2023 indicate that, even under extremely adverse market conditions and with the Bank's heightened exposure to interest rate-sensitive instruments, the risk associated with the banking book remained within safe limits.

Given the nature of the Bank's business and the structure of its securities portfolio, the interest rate risk in the banking book is consistently significant. The Bank, as part of the ICAAP process, estimates internal capital for this risk. In compliance with supervisory and internal regulations, internal capital for interest rate risk in the banking book covers potential changes in both the economic value of equity and net interest income, which may result from adverse movements in interest rates and credit spreads. The level of internal capital is tailored to the structure and nature of the Bank's operations.

In order to hedge the interest rate risk of 10-year fixed-rate PLN 150 million BGK bonds (issued to the COVID-19 Fund and guaranteed by the State Treasury) held within the HtC&S business model, as of July 2020 the Bank applies the option of measurement at fair value through profit or loss (the FVPL option). The related IRS hedging transactions enable the Bank to change interest on the bonds accrued at a fixed interest rate into interest accrued at WIBOR 6M plus margin, which hedges the Bank's position against adverse effects of potential increase in market interest rates. Results of monitoring the banking book interest rate risk are presented in weekly reports prepared for the Liquidity and Market Risk ALCO Committee, in monthly reports prepared for the Assets and Liabilities Committee and the Management Board, and in quarterly reports prepared for the Risk Committee and the Supervisory Board (quarterly).

The Bank has implemented the new 2022 EBA guidelines concerning IRRBB (Interest Rate Risk in the Banking Book) and CSRBB (Credit Spread Risk in the Banking Book).

From 30 June 2023, the following are monitored:

- Expanded NII metric, that is, the sensitivity of net interest income accounting for changes in market value in response to a decrease/increase in interest rates by 200 bps, which, as at the end of December 2023, stood at PLN 8.7 million / PLN -3.7 million;
- SOT for NII, calculated in line with the most recent draft of the RTS, indicating -3.81% of RWA/Tier 1, thus falling below the EBA's latest maximum value recommendation of -5%;
- Sensitivity of EVE and NII to a 100 bps shift in credit spread, which, as at the end of December 2023, registered at PLN -122.2 million and PLN -44.6 million, respectively.

Additionally, the Bank factored credit spread risk into its assessment of interest rate risk appetite and tolerance within the banking book. This consideration extends to the calculation of internal capital as well.



## Interest rate risk in the trading book

The objective of interest rate risk management in the trading book is to achieve a financial result in this line of business in keeping with the financial plan, at an acceptable level of exposure of the Bank to the risk, and to minimise the adverse effects of holding interest rate-sensitive instruments in the trading book.

#### Measures of interest rate risk in the trading book

In order to monitor the interest rate risk, the Bank uses:

- 1. the value at risk (VaR) model determined for the 99% confidence level based on daily volatility of interest rates for 250 business days preceding the date of analysis,
- 2. the basis point value (BPV), i.e. sensitivity of securities and derivative instruments generating the interest rate risk to a 1 basis point movement of interest rates,
- 3. system of limits/warning thresholds,
- 4. stress tests.

In 2023, there were no significant changes to the interest rate risk measurement techniques within the trading book. Only the approach to conducting stress test analyses was modified.

The Value at Risk (VaR) for interest rate in the trading book and the impact of the stress test scenario - parallel shifts in the IRS and BOND yield curves upwards/downwards by 500/300 bps on the Bank's annual result were as follows (maximum, minimum, average values, and as at the reporting date are provided):

Date		1-day VaR					
	mean	max	min	as at*	as at		
31 Dec 2023	147	261	40	44	-65		
31 Dec 2022	551	1,093	128	181	-329		

<sup>\*</sup> On 30 December 2022, a limit was set on the 1-day Value at Risk (VaR). To facilitate comparison, the 1-day VaR has been adjusted to the 10-day VaR scale.

In order to verify the value-at-risk model, the Bank performs a back-testing analysis on a monthly basis, calculated by comparing the maximum losses from the VaR model with actual gains and losses and theoretical changes in profit or loss resulting from revaluation of positions. Results of monthly back-testing are presented in management reports.

The system of interest rate risk limits/warning thresholds in the trading book includes:

- 1. the limit/warning threshold for 1-day VaR,
- 2. the BPV warning threshold for instruments generating interest rate risk in the trading book, both intra-day and end-of-day,
- **3.** maximum 1-day and 30-day (stop loss) limits, as well as annual loss (end loss) limits on assets within the trading portfolio.

The continuous monitoring and calculation of the utilisation levels of individual limits and warning thresholds are performed daily and throughout the day by the Asset and Liability Management Department as a critical element of the first line of defence. The monitoring of the limits and warning thresholds is carried out at the end of each business day by the Financial Risk Department, in line with the protocols of the second line of defence.

Once a month, the Bank conducts a stress testing analysis examining the development of the interest rate risk in the banking and trading book in case of materialisation of extreme changes in risk factors.

In the trading book, the Bank examines the impact of extreme adverse movements of market interest rates on the Bank's profit or loss using both the historical and parametric methods. The historical method considered the volatility of interest rates, taking into account various factors such as geopolitical crises that contribute to fluctuations in interest rates.

<sup>\*\*</sup> In 2022, stress tests were conducted based on the scenario of parallel shifts in the Bond and IRS curves by ±200 bps.



Stress testing analyses in the trading book are conducted both with and without the assumption of correlation between curve changes and market illiquidity (the inability to close an open position during the day). In parametric stress tests, it is assumed that interest rate curves will undergo a parallel shift, either upwards by 500 basis points or downwards by 300 basis points. Risk factor levels within historical scenarios are determined by analysing the time series of bond and IRS interest rate curve movements over a three-year period. This analysis takes into account statistically significant trends, volatility, and the Hurst exponent, which characterises the propagation of change variance.

Results of the analysis show that in the event of extremely adverse market conditions and the Bank's increased exposure to instruments sensitive to the interest rate risk both the Bank's banking and trading positions are maintained at a safe level.

The Bank also examines potential impact of a large-area flooding on the financial result of the trading book attributable to interest rate risk, as well as on the sensitivity of net interest income (NII) and the economic value of equity (EVE) (ESG stress tests). The findings from the climate risk stress tests reveal a negligible impact on the financial result of the trading book. In the case of the banking book, the realisation of this scenario would not lead to a breach of the established limits for net interest income (NII) and economic value of equity (EVE).

Results of monitoring the interest rate risk in the banking book and the trading book are reported: weekly to the Liquidity and Market Risk ALCO Committee, monthly to the ALCO Committee and the Management Board, and quarterly to the Risk Committee and the Supervisory Board (with the results of the stress tests). Additionally, results of the analysis of interest rate risk in the trading book are communicated to members of the Management Board and the ALCO Committee as part of daily reports.

The interest rate risk metrics in the trading book was monitored on an ongoing basis.

#### **Derivative financial instruments**

The following tables set out the decomposition of derivatives into underlying instruments in order to present their sensitivity to movements of rate movements (notional amounts).

31 Dec 2023	1М	1–3M	3–6M	6-12M	Over 1Y	Total
Assets						
FX forward	25,654	59,865	10,156	8,696	-	104,371
FX Spot	238,409	-	-	-	-	238,409
FX Swap	443,649	92,896	-	-	-	536,545
IRS	634,940	616,880	476,049	100,601	1,064,647	2,893,117
Total assets	1,342,652	769,641	486,205	109,297	1,064,647	3,772,442
Equity and liabilities	·					
FX forward	25,204	61,154	9,901	8,848	-	105,107
FX Spot	238,536	-	-	-	-	238,536
FX Swap	442,946	91,308	-	-	-	534,254
IRS	566,676	476,139	305,608	85,000	1,459,694	2,893,117
Total equity and liabilities	1,273,362	628,601	315,509	93,848	1,459,694	3,771,014
Total	69,290	141,040	170,696	15,449	-395,047	



31 Dec 2022	1М	1–3M	3–6M	6-12M	Over 1Y	Total
Assets						
FX forward	96,245	65,761	23,550	10,035	-	195,591
FX Spot	457,660	-	-	-	-	457,660
FX Swap	459,253	7,185	-	-	-	466,438
IRS	655,348	618,430	556,774	188,467	1,218,585	3,237,604
Total assets	1,668,506	691,376	580,324	198,502	1,218,585	4,357,293
Equity and liabilities						·
FX forward	95,013	64,628	22,115	8,663	-	190,419
FX Spot	458,072	-	-	-	-	458,072
FX Swap	460,006	7,323	-	-	-	467,329
IRS	499,055	576,396	313,157	219,301	1,629,695	3,237,604
Total equity and liabilities	1,512,146	648,347	335,272	227,964	1,629,695	4,353,424
Total	156,360	43,029	245,052	-29,462	-411,110	

## 7.2.3. Currency risks

Currency risk is understood as the risk of loss to the Bank due to changes in exchange rates. The risk is generated primarily in the trading book of the Bank.

The objective of the Bank's currency risk management policy for the banking book is to not maintain open individual positions. Foreign currency exposures arising in the banking book are transferred systematically to the trading book on the same day or on the following business day at the latest. A currency position resulting from transactions in the banking book which has not been transferred on a given day to the trading book is controlled with end-of-day limits of open currency positions in the banking book.

The Bank's main currency positions are denominated in PLN, USD, EUR and CHF.

#### Measures of currency risk

In order to monitor the currency risk of open foreign exchange positions (on- and off-balance-sheet) in the trading book of the Bank, the following measures are used:

- 1. the value at risk (VaR) model determined for the 99% confidence level based on daily volatility of foreign exchange rates for 250 business days preceding the date of analysis,
- 2. system of limits/warning thresholds,
- **3.** stress testing.

The value of foreign exchange VaR in the trading book of the Bank and the impact of the stress test scenario – a 50%/30% increase/decrease in the exchange rates of all currencies in relation to PLN – on the Bank's profit or loss in annual periods are presented below (maximum, minimum, mean and as at the reporting date).



Date		1-day	/ VaR		Stress tests – increase/decrease of foreign exchange rates by
	mean	max	min	as at*	50%/30% as at the date
31 Dec 2023	108	317	8	199	-8,562
31 Dec 2022	341	1,357	12	207	-5,359

<sup>\*</sup> On 30 December 2022, a limit was set on the 1-day Value at Risk (VaR). To facilitate comparison, the 1-day VaR has been adjusted to the 10-day VaR scale.

In order to verify the value-at-risk model, the Bank performs a back-testing analysis on a monthly basis, calculated by comparing the maximum losses from the VaR model with actual gains and losses and theoretical changes in profit or loss resulting from revaluation of positions. Results of monthly back-testing are presented in management reports.

The system of limits/warning thresholds for foreign exchange risk in the trading book includes:

- 1. the limit/warning threshold for 1-day VaR,
- 2. the warning threshold for the total position separately for the trading book and the banking book,
- 3. 1-day and 30-day loss limits (stop loss) and annual loss limits (end loss) arising from foreign exchange transactions.

The monitoring of the limits/warning thresholds in the trading book is carried out every business day and intraday by the Asset and Liability Management Department as part of the first line of defence. The monitoring of the limits and warning thresholds is carried out at the end of each business day by the Financial Risk Department, in line with the protocols of the second line of defence. Analyses show that the Group's foreign exchange risk during the reporting period remained low. The Bank conducts a monthly stress-test analysis, examining the evolution of currency risk levels in the event of the materialisation of extreme changes in risk factors using both historical and parametric methods. The historical method took into account the volatility of foreign exchange rates caused by such factors as the geopolitical crisis.

The Bank performs parametric stress tests on the financial result of the trading portfolio from foreign exchange transactions, assuming a 30%/50% appreciation/depreciation of the zloty relative to all foreign currencies held by the Bank. Risk factor levels within historical scenarios are set determined based on an examination of the time series for exchange rate, taking into account statistically significant trends, volatility, and the Hurst exponent, which characterises the propagation of change variance. Stress testing analyses are conducted both with and without the assumption of correlation between interest changes and market illiquidity (the inability to close an open position during the day).

Results of the stress test analysis show that under extremely unfavourable market conditions and increased exposures, the Bank's foreign exchange risk remains at a safe level.

The Bank also examines potential impact of a large-area flooding on the financial result of the trading book attributable to interest rate risk (ESG stress tests). The results of climate risk stress tests indicate a minor impact of this risk on the performance of the trading book.

Results of monitoring the currency risk in the trading book are reported daily to members of the Management Board and the Alco Committee, weekly to the Liquidity and Market Risk ALCO Committee, monthly to the ALCO Committee and the Management Board, and quarterly to the Risk Committee and the Supervisory Board.

Despite the presence of geopolitical crises and other factors that contribute to exchange rate volatility, the level of currency risk did not experience a significant increase. The measures of currency risk were monitored on an ongoing basis and remained within the limits applied by the Bank.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The stress-testing scenario used in 2022 involved a 30% increase/decrease in foreign exchange rates.



Open foreign exchange positions as at 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022 are presented below.

**Currency risk (net carrying amounts)** 

31 Dec 2023	PLN	EUR	USD	CHF	Other currencies	Total
Assets						
Cash and balances with central bank	481,206	102,206	360	122	188	584,082
Amounts due from banks	14,709	3,408	82,782	1,578	60,204	162,681
Financial assets held for trading, including:	112,725	620	-	-	-	113,345
debt securities	-	-	-	-	-	-
derivative instruments	112,725	620	-	-	-	113,345
Derivative hedging instruments	15,556	-	-	-	-	15,556
Investment securities, including:	9,484,605	138	27	-	-	9,484,770
equity securities measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	106,491	138	27	-	-	106,656
debt securities measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	6,885,521	-	-	-	-	6,885,521
debt securities measured at amortised cost	2,366,265	-	-	-	-	2,366,265
debt securities measured at fair value through profit or loss	126,328	-	-	-	-	126,328
Amounts due from clients	8,646,481	1,873,224	158,122	141,434	-	10,819,261
Investments in subsidiaries	276,191	-	-	-	-	276,191
Other assets*\	411,204	781	318	994	269	413,566
Total assets	19,442,677	1,980,377	241,609	144,128	60,661	21,869,452
Off-balance sheet items constituting foreign of	currency item	198,854	95,274	116,204	19,999	

<sup>\*\</sup>The item includes: intangible assets, property, plant and equipment, income tax assets, right-of-use assets - leases and other assets

Liabilities						
Amounts due to central bank and other banks	26,275	2,087	-	46,784	-	75,146
Derivative financial instruments held for trading	76,126	527	-	-	-	76,653
Amounts due to clients	16,721,109	1,549,776	264,328	46,070	60,021	18,641,304
Subordinated liabilities	447,032	-	-	-	-	447,032
Provisions	100	68,456	9,990	149,842	-	228,388
Other liabilities	255,796	9,058	5,890	193	187	271,124
Total liabilities	17,526,438	1,629,904	280,208	242,889	60,208	19,739,647
Off-balance sheet items constituting foreign currency item		599,432	76,161	19,592	10,304	
On-balance sheet item		350,473	-38,599	-98,761	453	



Off-balance sheet item		-400,578	19,113	96,612	9,695	
Bank's open currency position		-50,105	- 19,486	-2,149	10,148	
31 Dec 2022	PLN	EUR	USD	CHF	Other currencies	Total
Assets						
Cash and balances with central bank	483,783	91,241	519	218	104	575,865
Amounts due from banks	14,667	11,617	208,337	1,296	4,968	240,885
Financial assets held for trading, including:	222,636	308	-	-	-	222,944
debt securities	20,225	-	-	-	-	20,225
derivative instruments	202,411	308	-	-	-	202,719
Derivative hedging instruments	30,562	-	-	-	-	30,562
Investment securities, including:	9,007,943	148	27	-	-	9,008,118
equity securities measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	85,290	148	27	-	-	85,465
debt securities measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	6,915,813	-	-	-	-	6,915,813
debt securities measured at amortised cost	1,900,215	-	-	-	-	1,900,215
debt securities measured at fair value through profit or loss	106,625	-	-	-	-	106,625
Amounts due from clients	8,731,755	1,874,356	195,264	372,203	1	11,173,579
Investments in subsidiaries	226,158	-	-	-	-	226,158
Other assets*\	433,416	1,462	198	1,812	239	437,127
Total assets	19,150,920	1,979,132	404,345	375,529	5,312	21,915,238
Off-balance sheet items constituting foreign	currency item	215,719	395,854	24,573	80,552	-

<sup>\*\</sup>The item includes: intangible assets, property, plant and equipment, income tax assets, right-of-use assets – leases and other assets.

Liabilities						
Amounts due to central bank and other banks	42,646	1,902	-	96,595	-	141,143
Derivative financial instruments held for trading	147,552	370	-	-	-	147,922
Amounts due to clients	16,372,237	1,841,532	568,980	51,681	45,494	18,879,924
Subordinated liabilities	345,035	-	-	-	-	345,035
Provisions	40,893	2,151	7,632	108,681	-	159,357
Other liabilities	270,122	7,758	1,825	5	151	279,861
Total liabilities	17,218,485	1,853,713	578,437	256,962	45,645	19,953,242
Off-balance sheet items constituting foreign	currency item	329,412	237,824	177,346	39,936	
On-balance sheet item		125,419	-174,092	118,567	-40,333	
Off-balance sheet item		-113,694	158,030	-152,773	40,616	
Bank's open currency position		11,725	-16,062	-34,206	283	



The off-balance-sheet foreign exchange position primarily arises from FX swap transactions that the Bank utilises to address liquidity mismatches in foreign currencies.

## 7.3. Capital management

#### Capital adequacy

The objective of capital adequacy management is to:

- 1. maintain an optimal level and structure of own funds so that capital adequacy measures remain above the minimum level required by banking supervision and above the level accepted by the Bank, which enables safe operation while ensuring the achievement of its business objectives.
- 2. ensure that risks inherent in the Bank's operations are covered by equity;
- 3. provide an appropriate return on capital through efficient use of equity.

The principal measures of capital adequacy include:

- 1. Total capital ratio (TCR),
- 2. Tier 1 capital ratio,
- 3. Common equity Tier 1 capital ratio,
- 4. Leverage ratio,
- 5. Internal capital to equity ratio,
- 6. Minimum requirement for own funds and eligible liabilities (MREL) to the total risk exposure amount,
- 7. Minimum requirement for own funds and eligible liabilities (MREL) to the total exposure amount.

The capital adequacy management process consists in:

- 1. creating short-term and long-term capital plans, specifically:
  - · defining capital objectives,
  - identifying sources of equity funding and their structure,
  - determining the preferred structure of the balance sheet and the factors influencing regulatory requirements and internal capital,
  - conducting stress tests to determine their impact on capital adequacy measures,
- 2. implementing the objectives of capital plans,
- 3. identifying and measuring significant types of risk in the Bank's operations,
- 4. setting internal limits for capital adequacy measures,
- **5.** reporting (both internal and external) on the variables that affect the level of capital adequacy measures, enabling an assessment of their adequacy,
- **6.** monitoring and forecasting capital adequacy metrics to determine the utilisation levels of supervisory and internal limits, as well as assessing the risk of needing to implement measures outlined in the emergency capital plan, capital conservation plan, or group recovery plan,
- **7.** creating short-term and long-term capital plans, particularly focusing on contingency capital planning and a group recovery plan.

#### **Own funds**

The amount of own funds was determined in accordance with Regulation (EU) 575/2013 of 26 June 2013 on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms, as amended (the 'CRR').

The transitional period for mitigating the impact of implementing IFRS 9 on own funds, as referred to in Article 1(1)(9) of Regulation (EU) 2017/2395 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2017 amending the CRR, ended on 31 December 2022. The Bank does not apply the transitional arrangements concerning the reversal of the effects of implementing IFRS 9 on own funds, as referred to in Regulation (EU) 2020/873 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2020, which amends the CRR and Regulation (EU) 2019/876 with regard to certain adjustments in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, as of 1 January 2023, the Bank does not apply transitional arrangements.



## Regulatory requirements

The value of regulatory requirements for own funds has been determined in accordance with the CRR. The Bank calculates the regulatory requirement for own funds using standard methods (with a simplified standard method for counterparty credit risk) with respect to:

- 1. credit risk: the product of the fully-adjusted exposure value (covering both on-balance sheet items and off-balance liabilities), the credit conversion factor (for off-balance liabilities), the appropriate risk weight applied for the Basel class of the exposure, and other adjustments, in accordance with the CRR, and a value of 8%,
- 2. counterparty credit risk: the product of the balance-sheet equivalent and the appropriate risk weight applied for the Basel class of the exposure, and other adjustments, in accordance with the CRR, and a value of 8%,
- 3. operational risk,
- 4. market risk,
- 5. credit valuation adjustment (CVA) risk.

In 2023, the regulatory requirements constituted the internal capital as determined under Pillar I. The surcharge for non-performing exposures (NPE) / non-performing loans (NPL) in 2023 amounted to PLN 0.

## Total capital ratio, Tier 1 capital ratio and common equity Tier 1 capital ratio

In accordance with Article 92 of the CRR, the Bank is required to maintain the total capital ratio at a minimum of 8%. The Tier 1 capital ratio and Common equity Tier 1 capital ratio should amount at least to 6% and 4.5%, respectively.

Pursuant to the decision of the Polish Financial Supervision Authority dated 5 December 2022, the requirement to maintain an additional capital buffer to cover the risk associated with mortgage-secured foreign currency loans for households has been abolished for Bank Ochrony Środowiska S.A., both on a standalone and consolidated basis. Following the regulator's decision, the Bank has discontinued the additional capital requirement previously established to mitigate the risk associated with mortgage-secured foreign currency loans for households.

According to the CRR and the Act of 5 August 2015 on macro-prudential oversight of the financial system and crisis management in the financial system, financial institutions are required to maintain additional capital buffers for capital ratios. As of 1 January 2019, the capital conservation buffer is 2.5 percentage points and the countercyclical buffer is 0 percentage points. The Bank is not required to maintain the buffer defined for other systemically important institution. The systemic risk buffer was released by decision of the Minister of Finance dated 18 March 2020.

On 13 December 2023, the Polish Financial Supervision Authority recommended that own funds should be maintained, on a standalone basis, to cover the additional capital add-on to absorb potential losses resulting from the occurrence of stress conditions, at the level of 1.43 percentage point above the total capital ratio referred to in Article 92(1)(a-c) of Regulation no. 575/2013, increased by the additional own funds requirement referred to in Article 138.2.2 of the Banking Law and by the combined buffer requirement referred to in Article 55.4 of the Macroprudential Supervision Act. The additional add-on should consist entirely of Common Equity Tier 1 capital.

As a result, as of 31 December 2023, the minimum capital ratios recommended by the PFSA for the Bank were:

- 1. common equity Tier 1 capital ratio 8.43%,
- 2. Tier 1 capital ratio 9.93%,
- **3.** for the total capital ratio TCR 11.93%.

#### Leverage

The risk of excessive leverage refers to the risk of disproportionate growth in on-balance sheet (asset side) and off-balance sheet exposures relative to Tier 1 capital. Managing the risk of excessive leverage involves identifying risk factors that expose the Bank to excessive asset exposure relative to its capital and determining their impact on the Bank's operations. To assess the risk of excessive leverage, the leverage ratio is calculated, defined as the relationship between Tier 1 capital and the total exposure measure.

In accordance with Article 92(1)(d) of the CRR, the leverage ratio limit is set at 3%.



## Internal capital – Pillar II

Internal capital is defined by the Bank as the estimated amount of capital required to cover all identified significant types of risk within the Bank's operations. This estimation takes into account changes in the economic environment and the expected level of risk. Internal capital is intended to cover the expected level of unexpected losses to which the Bank might be exposed in the future.

A significant risk refers to any risk that can substantially, negatively impact the Bank's capital and/or own funds. These include risks that are consistently significant and those deemed significant during periodic assessments for a specific timeframe.

The estimation of internal capital, along with periodic assessments of risk significance, is carried out quarterly, using methodologies outlined in the Bank's internal regulations.

#### The Bank's capital adequacy levels were as follows:

Item	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
AVAILABLE CAPITAL		
Common equity Tier 1 capital	1,839,154	1,730,105
Tier 1 capital	1,839,154	1,730,105
Own funds	1,982,180	1,839,659
RISK-WEIGHTED ASSETS		
Total amount of risk-weighted assets	11,865,406	12,221,934
Credit risk and counterparty credit risk	10,400,318	11,042,179
Operational risk	1,364,505	1,077,010
Market risk	84,796	65,554
CVA risk	15,787	37,191
CAPITAL RATIOS		
Common equity Tier 1 capital ratio	15.50	14.16
Tier 1 capital ratio	15.50	14.16
Total capital ratio	16.71	15.05
LEVERAGE RATIO		
Exposure value	23,811,085	23,658,834
Leverage ratio	7.7	7.3
INTERNAL CAPITAL		
Internal capital	1,478,513	1,428,982
Internal capital to equity ratio	74.6	77.7

The capital adequacy ratio of the Bank as at 31 December 2023 was above the supervisory and internal limits.



## 7.4. Operational risk

Operational risk is defined as the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems or from external events, including legal risk, taking into account operational risk events characterised by low frequency of occurrence but high losses; reputational and strategic risks are not part of operational risk.

The objective of operational risk management is to ensure safe and sustainable operations and development of the Bank by, among other things, mitigating and maintaining operational risk at an acceptable level within the operational risk limits adopted by the Bank, and by undertaking adequate actions in response to operational risk events.

The Bank operates an operational risk management system in which the responsibility for day-to-day operational risk management rests with all employees. This responsibility is especially pronounced for the directors of the Head Office organisational units, business centres, and Bank branches, in line with their respective responsibilities and tasks.

The Bank has a dedicated Head Office unit for operational risk management, which serves as the second level of operational risk management. This unit is responsible, among other things, for organising the operational risk management system within the Bank.

The Bank collects information on significant operational risk events in an operational risk event database, maintained in a dedicated IT application. This information is used to:

- 1. monitor the level of operational risk on an ongoing basis,
- 2. monitor activities of organisational units related to the operational risk events,
- 3. measure or estimate losses arising from operational risk,
- 4. generate reports on operational risk events, including reports for external institutions.

The Bank sets basic limits for operational risk, including in particular tolerance and appetite limits across the Bank, as well as a target operational risk profile. The degree of utilisation of the tolerance limits and appetite for operational risk is controlled by periodic monitoring of the amount of losses incurred due to operational risk events.

Operational risk is measured using quantitative, qualitative and mixed methods, including, but not limited to:

- 1. calculation of the capital requirement for operational risk in accordance with the standardised approach,
- 2. estimation and determination of internal capital for operational risk, as at 31 December 2023, the amount of internal capital was equal to the amount of capital requirements for operational risk,
- 3. calculation and monitoring of key risk indicators (KRI),
- **4.** reviews of operational risk (self-assessment of potential operational risk),
- 5. stress tests.

At the Bank, stress tests for operational risk are carried out using three methods: sensitivity analysis, reverse analysis and scenario analysis. Stress tests are conducted once a year. As a result of the stress tests carried out so far, the amount of losses assumed in the scenarios, compared with the amount of available capital in the form of a tolerance limit and capital requirement for operational risk, confirmed – under most of the scenarios – the ability of the Bank to absorb operational risk losses through its operational risk capital requirement and through the operational risk tolerance limit. For scenarios where the hypothetical level of losses exceeds the level of capital maintained for operational risk, the Bank takes steps to mitigate the risks of such losses materialising.

As part of the systematic management of operational risk, the Bank designs internal regulations that incorporate a division of competencies. This division prevents the assignment of responsibilities that could lead to conflicts of interest and includes mechanisms to mitigate operational risk. In order to reduce its exposure to operational risk, the Bank uses the following instruments (methods, techniques and tools):

- 1. organisation of work to mitigate the occurrence of operational risk by, among other things, separating executive and control functions, setting decision and transaction limits, and managing access rights to premises and systems to reduce the possibility of unauthorised actions,
- 2. the HR policy,
- 3. internal control functions,
- 4. strategic internal limits for operational risk, i.e., tolerance and appetite limits,



- 5. periodic reviews of operational risk based on the self-assessment process,
- 6. risk maps built to identify the sources of potential threats and assessment of related risk levels,
- 7. operational risk stress testing,
- 8. threshold values of key risk indicators (KRI),
- 9. clauses in contracts with third parties that mitigate operational risk,
- 10. insurance of bank property with specialised firms,
- 11. documenting the methodological, process, organisational and IT solutions applied by the Bank,
- **12.** automation of activities with the use of IT solutions and increasing the quality of operations through the use of specialised software,
- 13. continuity and contingency plans developed for the critical business processes of the Bank,
- **14.** analysis of the adequacy of the calculated capital requirements for operational risk to the actual operational risk incurred by the Bank,
- **15.** internal training for the Bank's employees aimed at raising their awareness and understanding of the role, impact and ways of conduct with respect to operational risk.

The level and profile of operational risk, the utilisation of operational risk limits, and the amount of losses from actual operational risk events are regularly monitored by the Head Office's operational risk management unit and reported to: the Supervisory Board, the Risk Committee of the Supervisory Board, the Management Board and the Operational Risk Committee.

In 2023, the Bank did not identify any significant operational risk events caused by external factors that would impact the stability and security of its operations.

## 7.5. Compliance risk

Compliance risk is defined as a risk of effects of failure to comply with laws, internal regulations and market standards.

The Bank maintains compliance with legal regulations, internal policies, and market standards through a comprehensive compliance risk management process. This process encompasses the identification, evaluation, control and monitoring of compliance risks, with regular reporting to the Bank's Management Board and Supervisory Board. It also includes the implementation of control mechanisms, their independent oversight, and the dissemination of the results from this independent monitoring.

The basic rules for ensuring compliance as part of the compliance risk management function and process are defined in the Compliance Policy of Bank Ochrony Środowiska S.A., prepared by the Management Board and approved by the Supervisory Board and the Compliance Risk Management Rules of Bank Ochrony Środowiska S.A.

The Bank has a separate, independent compliance function reporting directly to the President of the Management Board and responsible for performing its duties within the control function and tasks related to compliance risk management.

The compliance risk management process, carried out by the compliance function assisted by other organisational units of the first and second line of defence, includes:

- 1. identification of compliance risks, particularly at the stage of developing new products and internal regulations,
- 2. assessment of compliance risk,
- 3. control and monitoring of compliance risk,
- **4.** reporting risk of non-compliance of the Bank's operations with applicable laws, internal regulations and market standards.

The Bank identifies the following key compliance areas:

- 1. implementing and monitoring compliance with laws and market standards,
- 2. implementing and monitoring compliance with ethical standards,
- 3. accepting/giving benefits or gifts,
- 4. advertising and marketing activities,



- 5. offering products, including in particular implementation of new products,
- 6. handling client complaints,
- 7. preventing and managing conflicts of interest,
- 8. preventing money laundering and terrorist financing (AML),
- 9. trading in financial instruments.

The compliance unit is responsible for overseeing the anonymous reporting system for violations of laws, ethical procedures and standards adhered to by Bank Ochrony Środowiska S.A.

The compliance risk management process, conducted by the compliance unit, also includes managing compliance risks related to the activities referred to in Article 70.2 of the Act on Trading in Financial Instruments.

The Bank oversees and manages the compliance risk related to its subsidiaries' activities, considering both the structure of the Group and the supervisory requirements for risk management. This oversight is executed through ownership supervision exercised by individuals who serve on the supervisory boards of these subsidiaries.

The approach to managing the compliance risk within the Group is defined by relevant internal regulations implemented by the subsidiaries.

## 7.6. Model risk

Model risk is defined by the Bank in accordance with regulatory requirements as the potential loss an institution may incur, as a consequence of decisions that could be principally based on the output of internal models, due to errors in the development, implementation or use of such models (Article 3.1, Section 11, CRD IV).

The process of identifying, assessing and monitoring model risk includes areas related to:

- 1. the risk of using incorrect and incomplete data,
- 2. the risk of erroneous assumptions of models, which are inadequate to the estimated process,
- **3.** the methodological risks resulting from the use of inappropriate estimation methodologies and techniques in the model construction process,
- **4.** the risk of insufficient monitoring, validation and update of models, also the risk of applying an incorrectly implemented but correct model.

Given the extensive use of models supporting core processes at BOŚ S.A., such as the credit process, capital management processes, and the management of credit, market, and financial risks, model risk is considered a consistently material risk within the Bank. Internal capital is estimated and established for model risk.

The Bank manages model risk in accordance with internal regulations, including the internal capital estimation and allocation rules, the model risk management policy, the model risk management methodology and the material model validation methodologies. The policy outlines the principles governing the processes related to the estimation, verification, and management of model risk levels. It also regulates aspects concerning the development, verification, implementation, validation, and monitoring of models used in the Bank. The model risk management is coordinated by the operational risk management unit and an independent model validation unit, both at the Head Office of the Bank, which report directly to Vice President of the Management Board in charge of risk management functions.

In order to quickly and accurately identify model risk, the Bank has in place a standardised, comprehensive model risk management process, which includes:

- 1. identification of new models,
- 2. model life cycle,
- 3. the principles of assessing the materiality of the Bank's models,
- **4.** the principles of operation of model logs, which contain information regarding the models, sets of their parameters, changes to the models, their updates and reviews. The logs provide a baseline of information on model materiality, model monitoring and model validation and risk levels for material models,



- 5. the standards and principles of monitoring and reporting of model risk material models are monitored on a quarterly basis, and non-material models annually. In exceptional cases, due in particular to limited availability of the data or significant operational intensity of monitoring, models may be monitored less frequently (but not less frequently than once year for material models and not less frequently than once every three for non-material models). Model risk is reported on a quarterly basis. Implementation of the Policy is assessed on an annual basis and the assessment results are approved by the Supervisory Board,
- 6. the principles of model validation models are validated by an independent Model Validation Office, at least once a year for material models. Certain types of material models may be validated less frequently than once year (but not less frequently than once every three years), if such frequency results directly from the nature of the model operation. Other models are validated on an ad-hoc basis when ordered by the Management Board or a relevant Committee, based on external or internal recommendations, or at the request of the model owner.

As at 31 December 2023, the Bank operated a total of 22 models, including eight material models and 14 non-material models.

Risks of the Bank's material models are assessed on a regular basis, in accordance with the standards adopted in internal regulations, taking into account the calculation of internal capital related to hedging the Bank against the model risk. Reporting on the status of model management and validation includes model risk assessment, risk tolerance level and the associated level of capital allocated to the model risk. Reports on validation for material models are presented and approved during meetings of the relevant Committees appointed by the Management Board.



## 8. Net interest income

		1 Jan-31	Dec 2023		1 Jan-31 Dec 2022			
	Interest	income	Income similar to interest income		Interest	income	Income similar to interest income	
Item	Financial assets measured at amortised cost	Assets measured at fair value through other comprehensiv e income	Financial assets mandatorily measured at fair value through profit or loss	Total	Financial assets measured at amortised cost	Assets measured at fair value through other comprehensiv e income	Financial assets mandatorily measured at fair value through profit or loss	Total
Amounts due from banks and the central bank	66,717	-	-	66,717	58,483	-	-	58,483
Amounts due from institutional clients	706,957	-	48	707,005	617,603	-	573	618,176
Amounts due from retail clients	213,767	-	331	214,098	124,357	-	70	124,427
Non-trading investment debt securities	126,339	444,307	-	570,646	73,333	307,489	-	380,822
Financial instruments held for trading	-	-	3,773	3,773	-	-	4,376	4,376
Hedging transactions	-	-	20,664	20,664	-	-	12,298	12,298
Total	1,113,780	444,307	24,816	1,582,903	873,776	307,489	17,317	1,198,582



Item	1 Jan–31 Dec 2023			1	Jan-31 Dec 2022	
Interest expense and similar charges on:	Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	Financial liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss	Total	Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	Financial liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss	Total
Bank accounts and deposits from banks	2,881	-	2,881	3,538	-	3,538
Bank accounts and deposits from institutional clients	370,628	-	370,628	255,293	-	255,293
Bank accounts and deposits from retail clients	454,147	-	454,147	233,216	-	233,216
Borrowings from clients	18,512	-	18,512	2,360	-	2,360
JESSICA lending support funds	1,304	-	1,304	885	-	885
Financial instruments – own debt securities	36,069	-	36,069	28,657	-	28,657
Hedging transactions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lease liabilities	3,015	-	3,015	3,693	-	3,693
Total	886,556	-	886,556	527,642	-	527,642

The Business Crowdfunding and Borrowers Assistance Act of 7 July 2022 granted borrowers the right, in 2022 and 2023, to temporarily suspend repayment of up to eight instalments of a mortgage loan granted in Polish currency for their own housing needs. This temporary suspension is commonly referred to as loan repayment holidays. Given the high likelihood of borrowers exercising this right, the Bank adjusted the gross carrying amount of the loans for the instalments eligible for suspension during this period, in line with provision B5.4.6 of IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments*. As of 31 December 2022, the adjustment to the gross carrying amount of loans amounted to PLN 20,437 thousand and was recognised as a reduction in interest income. The right expired in 2023 and, consequently, the adjustment was reversed, resulting in an increase in interest income.

The interest income earned in 2023 includes interest accrued on impaired loans totalling PLN 98,226 thousand. In comparison, for 2022, the interest accrued on impaired loans was PLN 87,243 thousand.

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## 9. Net fee and commission income

Item	1 Jan–31 Dec 2023	1 Jan–31 Dec 2022
Fee and commission income		
Fees for maintaining client accounts, other domestic and international settlement transactions*	36,294	37,379
Commission fees on credit facilities	40,735	38,516
Commission fees on guarantees and letters of credit	6,717	6,865
Other fees*	7	6
Total	83,753	82,766
Fee and commission expense		
Payment card fees	6,849	7,790
Current account fees	589	1,014
ATM service charges	434	513
Fees on amounts due from clients	429	96
Other fees	955	648
Total	9,256	10,061

<sup>\*</sup> In 2023, fee and commission income from contracts with customers under IFRS 15 was PLN 36,301 thousand (2022: PLN 37,385 thousand).

## 10. Dividend income

Item	1 Jan-31 Dec 2023	1 Jan–31 Dec 2022
Securities measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	8,118	6,924
Total	8,118	6,924

Dividends received in 2023 from Kemipol Sp. z o.o., and in 2022, from Kemipol Sp. z o.o. in the amount of PLN 6,743 thousand, and from WODKAN Przedsiębiorstwo Wodociągów i Kanalizacji S.A. in the amount of PLN 181 thousand.



# 11. Gain (loss) on financial instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss (including amounts due from clients)

Item	1 Jan-31 Dec 2023	1 Jan-31 Dec 2022
Securities held for trading	1,284	- 593
Derivative financial instruments	6,271	3,557
Amounts due from clients	- 332	- 63
Securities measured at fair value through profit or loss and related derivative financial instruments	3,071	- 5,559
Total	10,294	- 2,658

## 12. Gain (loss) on hedge accounting

Item	1 Jan-31 Dec 2023	1 Jan–31 Dec 2022
Gain (loss) on fair value measurement of fair value hedging transactions	- 14,320	13,495
Gain (loss) on measurement of hedged part of Treasury bonds covered by fair value hedge accounting	12,292	- 13,376
Total	- 2,028	119

## 13. Gain (loss) on foreign exchange transactions

Item	1 Jan-31 Dec 2023	1 Jan–31 Dec 2022
Realised gain (loss) on valuation transactions	14,341	63,518
Unrealised gain (loss) on valuation transactions	- 3,858	- 26,812
Total	10,483	36,706



## 14. Other income

Item	1 Jan-31 Dec 2023	1 Jan-31 Dec 2022
Reversal of provisions for liabilities, including:	2,558	6,238
provisions for liabilities and claims	1,194	2,724
provision for refunds of commission fees due to early loan repayment	38	617
Provision for refunds of increased interest charged until court entry of mortgage security	870	-
other provisions	456	2,897
Reversal of impairment losses on receivables	22	14
Recoveries of prescribed, cancelled or uncollectible receivables	7,858	4,404
Proceeds from sale or retirement of property, plant and equipment	17	39
Reimbursement of debt collection costs	919	1,222
Revenue from sale of goods and provision of services	1,001	1,031
Adjustment of interest on cancelled deposits from previous years	671	1,118
Income from damages, penalties and fines	14	53
Income from grant refinancing	1,213	324
Revenue from contracts/products earned by the Bank, subject to VAT	3,052	631
Income from adjustment of input VAT	-	239
Other	1,396	1,295
Total	18,721	16,608



## 15. Other expenses

Item	1 Jan–31 Dec 2023	1 Jan–31 Dec 2022
Retirement of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	95	206
Donations	1,583	1,725
Recognised provisions for liabilities and claims, including:	10,541	4,379
provision for refund of commission fees due to early loan repayment	18	10
provision for other liabilities and claims	10,170	1,639
Provision for refunds of increased interest charged until court entry of mortgage security	353	2,710
other provisions	-	20
Costs of debt collection	2,588	2,923
Adjustment to interest and commission fees on loans earned in previous years	5,878	4,985
Costs of maintenance and administration of own leased premises	309	497
Costs of compensation	909	2,112
Fees for handling payment of benefits on securities	958	620
Costs of property appraisal reports	126	342
Costs of handling claims and disputes with clients	9,896	3,610
Costs of grant refinancing	767	-
Other	1,661	3,547
Total	35,311	24,946

The provision for refunds of increased interest charged until court entry of mortgage security was established due to an amendment to the Law on Mortgage Credit and Supervision of Mortgage Brokers and Agents. This amendment pertains to the reimbursement of mortgage loan costs paid to the Bank for the period before the mortgage is officially recorded in the mortgage register.



# 16. Effect of legal risk of mortgage loans denominated in foreign currencies

Item	1 Jan-31 Dec 2023	1 Jan-31 Dec 2022
Change in legal-risk adjustment to gross carrying amount of loans	-198,585	-44,075
Change in legal-risk provision	1,437	-95,855
Costs of voluntary settlements with clients or of contract cancellation in excess of the provision or adjustment to the gross carrying amount of loans	-87,263	-4,376
Total	-284,411	- 144,306

# 17. Net impairment losses

Item	1 Jan–31 Dec 2023	1 Jan–31 Dec 2022
Securities measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	- 13,513	2,091
Securities measured at amortised cost	- 106	- 18
Amounts due from banks	41	75
Amounts due from clients and off-balance-sheet liabilities, including:	- 47,920	- 102,782
on-balance-sheet receivables	- 35,560	- 97,658
from retail clients	10,098	65,760
from institutional clients	- 45,658	- 163,418
off-balance-sheet liabilities	- 12,360	- 5,124
from retail clients	- 553	402
from institutional clients	- 11,807	- 5,526
Total	- 61,498	- 100,634

#### Net impairment losses on amounts due from clients:

Item	1 Jan–31 Dec 2023	1 Jan–31 Dec 2022
Individual assessment	- 6,361	- 183,260
Collective assessment	- 29,199	85,602
Total	- 35,560	- 97,658



# 18. Administrative expenses

Item	1 Jan–31 Dec 2023	1 Jan–31 Dec 2022
Employee benefits	193,276	168,990
Administrative expenses, including:	131,074	164,824
material costs	97,430	90,470
taxes and charges	8,817	5,725
contribution and payments to BGF	21,987	27,597
contribution and payments to PFSA	2,569	2,498
contribution to Borrowers Support Fund*	-	38,358
contribution to cover operating expenses of Financial Ombudsman	271	176
Amortisation and depreciation, including:	59,828	50,589
depreciation of property, plant and equipment	13,093	9,598
amortisation of intangible assets	32,464	26,430
depreciation of rights-of-use assets	14,271	14,561
Total	384,178	384,403

<sup>\*</sup> The Bank made an additional payment of PLN 38,358 thousand to the Borrower Support Fund, as mandated by the decision of the Borrower Support Fund Board issued under the Business Crowdfunding and Borrowers Assistance Act.

#### **Employee benefits**

Item	1 Jan-31 Dec 2023	1 Jan-31 Dec 2022
Salaries and wages, including:	161,475	141,507
retirement benefits	537	379
Social security contributions	31,801	27,483
Total	193,276	168,990

The Bank does not fund pension benefits based on defined benefit plans, except for retirement severance payments made in accordance with the Employee Remuneration Rules of Bank Ochrony Środowiska S.A.

#### Depreciation of right-of-use assets

Item	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Properties	13,479	14,227
Vehicles	792	334
Total	14,271	14,561



# 19. Income tax expense

Item	1 Jan–31 Dec 2023	1 Jan–31 Dec 2022
Current tax	- 69,671	- 65,430
Deferred tax	9,266	7,126
Total	- 60,405	- 58,304
Profit before tax	122,106	185,912
Income tax at 19% tax rate	- 23,200	- 35,323
Permanent differences between profit before tax and tax base	- 37,205	- 22,975
decreasing:	45,898	172,219
reversed impairment losses	-	461
dividends received	1,542	1,316
valuation of equity-accounted subsidiaries	14,011	7,824
release of provisions, including provisions for court proceedings and claims for legal risk related to foreign currency mortgage loans	30,302	162,184
other	43	434
increasing:	- 86,889	- 200,794
recognised impairment losses	- 6,551	- 3,548
provisions recognised for other liabilities, including provisions for legal proceedings and claims related to foreign currency mortgage loans	- 56,079	- 39,394
valuation of equity-accounted subsidiaries	- 704	- 749
contributions to BGF	- 4,178	- 5,243
other	- 19,377	- 151,860
deductions from taxable income:	3,786	5,600
donations, R&D tax relief	301	374
waiver of tax collection on cancelled amounts of loans indexed to foreign currencies	3,485	5,226
Tax expense on profit or loss for current year	- 60,405	- 58,298
Current and deferred tax for previous years	-	- 6
Total tax expense	- 60,405	- 58,304
Effective tax rate	49%	31%

For detailed information on deferred tax, see Note 36.



# 20. Earnings per share

Basic earnings/loss per share is calculated as the quotient of profit attributable to shareholders of the Bank and the weighted average number of ordinary shares during the year.

Item	1 Jan-31 Dec 2023	1 Jan-31 Dec 2022
Net profit	61,701	127,608
Weighted average number of ordinary shares (thousand)	92,910	92,910
Basic earnings per share (PLN)	0.66	1.37

Diluted earnings per share is equal to basic earnings (loss) per share in the periods presented.

### 21. Cash and balances at central bank

Item	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Cash in hand	18,092	18,091
Cash and balances at central bank	565,990	557,774
Total	584,082	575,865

### 22. Amounts due from banks

Item	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Deposits with other banks, recognised as cash equivalents	143,414	213,672
Amounts due from banks under derivative hedging transactions	4,559	12,546
Debt securities classified as amounts due from banks	15,135	15,162
Other amounts due from banks	26	-
Total gross	163,134	241,380
Impairment losses on debt securities classified as amounts due from banks	- 453	- 495
Total net	162,681	240,885

For information on amounts due from banks by maturity, see Note 26.



#### Change in gross carrying amount of amounts due from banks:

Item	Gross carrying amount of amounts due from banks					Total
	Bucket 1	Bucket 2	Bucket 3	POCI		
At beginning of period 1 Jan 2023	226,218	15,162	-	-	241,380	
Increase due to origination and purchase	29,595	-		-	29,595	
Change in gross carrying amount of existing portfolio	- 82,167	- 27	-	-	- 82,194	
Decrease due to derecognition	- 25,647	-	-		- 25,647	
At end of period 31 Dec 2023	147,999	15,135	-	-	163,134	

Item	Gross carrying amount of amounts due from banks			Total	
	Bucket 1	Bucket 2	Bucket 3	POCI	
At beginning of period 1 Jan 2022	375,943	15,078	-	-	391,021
Increase due to origination and purchase	111,719	-	-	-	111,719
Change in gross carrying amount of existing portfolio	- 147,351	84	-	-	- 147,267
Decrease due to derecognition	- 114,093	-	-	-	- 114,093
At end of period 31 Dec 2022	226,218	15,162	-	-	241,380

### Change in impairment losses on amounts due from banks:

Item	Impairmen	Total			
	Bucket 1	Bucket 2	Bucket 3	POCI	
At beginning of period 1 Jan 2023	-	495	-	-	495
Changes due to change in credit risk	-	- 42	-	-	- 42
At end of period 31 Dec 2023	-	453	-	-	453

ltem	Impairmen	Total			
	Bucket 1	Bucket 2	Bucket 3	POCI	
At beginning of period 1 Jan 2022	-	569	-	-	569
Changes due to change in credit risk	-	-74	-	-	-74
At end of period 31 Dec 2022	-	495	-	-	495



# 23. Financial assets and liabilities held for trading

Assets	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Derivative financial instruments, including:	113,345	202,719
foreign exchange and currency derivative transactions	4,526	6,638
interest rate derivative transactions	108,819	196,081
Securities held for trading	-	20,225
Total financial assets held for trading	113,345	222,944

Liabilities	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Derivative financial instruments, including:	76,653	147,922
foreign exchange and currency derivative transactions	3,041	3,213
interest rate derivative transactions	73,612	144,709
Total financial liabilities held for trading	76,653	147,922



# 24. Investment securities

	31 Dec 2023				31 Dec 2022			
Item	measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	measured at amortised cost	measured at fair value through profit or loss	Total	measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	measured at amortised cost	measured at fair value through profit or loss	Total
Debt securities:	6,885,521	2,366,265	126,328	9,378,114	6,915,813	1,900,215	106,625	8,922,653
Treasury bonds	2,470,032	1,879,119		4,349,151	1,827,141	1,691,585		3,518,726
NBP money market bills – recognised as cash equivalents	3,296,458	-	-	3,296,458	4,465,127	-	-	4,465,127
municipal bonds	32,690	-	-	32,690	65,878	-	-	65,878
bonds of other banks	518,656	221,721	126,328	866,705	294,800	87,515	106,625	488,940
bonds of other financial institutions	567,685	265,425		833,110	262,867	121,115	-	383,982
Equity securities:	106,656	-	-	106,656	85,465	-	-	85,465
Listed	39,780	-	-	39,780	18,543	-	-	18,543
unlisted	66,876	-	-	66,876	66,922	-	-	66,922
Total	6,992,177	2,366,265	126,328	9,484,770	7,001,278	1,900,215	106,625	9,008,118

For information on investment securities by maturity, see Note 26.



### Change in gross carrying amount of investment securities:

Item	Debt securities measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	Debt securities measured at amortised cost	Debt securities measured at fair value through profit or loss	Equity securities measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	Total
At beginning of period 1 Jan 2023	6,915,813	1,900,397	106,625	85,465	9,008,300
Increase due to origination and purchase	216,468,122	493,678	-	-	216,961,800
Change in gross carrying amount of existing portfolio	134,117	35,876	19,703	21,191	210,887
Decrease due to derecognition	- 216,632,531	- 63,398	-	-	- 216,695,929
At end of period 31 Dec 2023	6,885,521	2,366,553	126,328	106,656	9,485,058

Item	Debt securities measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	Debt securities measured at amortised cost	Debt securities measured at fair value through profit or loss	Equity securities measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	Total
At beginning of period 1 Jan 2022	5,311,853	1,582,530	129,229	85,483	7,109,095
Increase due to origination and purchase	198,072,199	475,938	-	-	198,548,137
Change in gross carrying amount of existing portfolio	- 35,338	46,154	- 22,604	- 18	- 11,806
Decrease due to derecognition	- 196,432,901	- 204,225	-	-	- 196,637,126
At end of period 31 Dec 2022	6,915,813	1,900,397	106,625	85,465	9,008,300



### Change in impairment losses on investment securities:

	Change in impairment losses on debt securities					
Item	Debt securities measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	Debt securities measured at amortised cost	Total			
At beginning of period 1 Jan 2023	635	182	817			
Increase due to origination and purchase	14,917	48	14,965			
Changes due to change in credit risk	8,147	- 5	8,142			
Decrease due to derecognition	- 9,523	63	- 9,460			
At end of period 31 Dec 2023	14,176	288	14,464			

	Change in impairment losses on debt securities					
Item	Debt securities measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	Debt securities measured at amortised cost	Total			
At beginning of period 1 Jan 2022	2,754	164	2,918			
Increase due to origination and purchase	4,398	49	4,447			
Changes due to change in credit risk	- 31	- 18	- 49			
Decrease due to derecognition	- 6,486	- 13	- 6,499			
At end of period 31 Dec 2022	635	182	817			



### Investment securities pledged as security (at gross carrying amount):

	31 D	ec 2023	31 Dec 2022		
Item	measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	measured at amortised cost	measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	measured at amortised cost	
Security for loans received from banks and International Financial Organisations	110,138	615,681	118,820	755,217	
over 1 year	110,138	615,681	118,820	755,217	
Security for Guaranteed Funds Protection Fund	-	47,018	-	46,843	
over 1 year	-	47,018	-	46,843	
Security for liabilities in the form of contributions to Guarantee Fund	6,906	22,968	6,517	22,990	
over 1 year	6,906	22,968	6,517	22,990	
Security for liabilities in the form of contributions to Forced Restructuring Fund	9,866	32,093	9,309	32,086	
over 1 year	9,866	32,093	9,309	32,086	
Collateral in repo transactions	55,350	-	93,648	15,974	
up to 1 year	-	-	93,648	15,974	
over 1 year	55,350	-	-	-	
Total	182,260	717,760	228,294	873,110	



## 25. Amounts due from clients

		31 Dec 2023		31 Dec 2022			
Item	Gross amounts due from clients	Impairment losses	Net amounts due from clients	Gross amounts due from clients	Impairment losses	Net amounts due from clients	
Measured at amortised cost	11,698,736	918,125	10,780,611	12,220,160	1,089,542	11,130,618	
Amounts due from retail clients	2,380,130	239,187	2,140,943	2,863,508	274,472	2,589,036	
overdraft facilities	4,465	2,743	1,722	4,342	3,597	745	
cash loans	337,391	93,731	243,660	330,189	98,897	231,292	
housing loans	1,804,172	109,170	1,695,002	2,266,344	134,239	2,132,105	
other credit facilities	234,102	33,543	200,559	262,633	37,739	224,894	
Amounts due from institutional clients	9,318,606	678,938	8,639,668	9,356,652	815,070	8,541,582	
working capital facilities	953,311	51,649	901,662	859,701	63,439	796,262	
term facilities	6,897,915	579,707	6,318,208	7,570,246	731,916	6,838,330	
factoring receivables	502,412	38,008	464,404	558,555	6,356	552,199	
purchased receivables	76,253	3,389	72,864	92,826	903	91,923	
commercial paper	888,715	6,185	882,530	275,324	12,456	262,868	
Measurement at fair value through profit or loss		-	139	-		3,050	
Amounts due from retail clients	-	-	109	-	-	270	
overdraft facilities	-	-	-	-	-	9	
housing loans	-	-	43	-	-	99	
other credit facilities	-	-	66	-	-	162	
Amounts due from institutional clients	-	-	30	-	-	2,780	
term facilities	-	-	30	-	-	2,780	
Total	-	-	10,780,750			11,133,668	



Margin deposits	34,335	39	34,296	36,296	45	36,251
Other amounts due from clients	4,215	-	4,215	3,660	-	3,660
Total amounts due from clients	-	-	10,819,261	-	-	11,173,579

Amounts due from clients included preferential loans with subsidised interest from NFOŚiFW and WFOŚiGW; in the reporting period, the amounts were as follows (nominal values):

Item	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Preferential loans with subsidies, including:	24,715	35,928
measured at amortised cost	24,614	33,126
measured at fair value through profit or loss	101	2,802

### Effect of legal risk of foreign currency mortgage loans

Item	Gross carrying amount of amounts due from foreign currency real estate loans before legal-risk costs	Effect of legal risk of foreign currency mortgage loans	Gross carrying amount of amounts due from foreign currency real estate loans after legal-risk costs*					
	31 Dec 2023							
Amounts due from foreign currency real estate loans – adjustment reducing the carrying amount	1,082,585	528,689	553,896					
Provision for legal risk of foreign currency mortgage loans		164,000						
Total		692,689						



Item	Gross carrying amount of amounts due from foreign currency real estate loans before legal-risk costs	Effect of legal risk of foreign currency mortgage loans	Gross carrying amount of amounts due from foreign currency real estate loans after legal-risk costs*	
		31 Dec 2022		
Amounts due from foreign currency real estate loans – adjustment reducing the carrying amount	1,332,819	398,308	934,512	
Provision for legal risk of foreign currency mortgage loans		116,456		
Total		514,764		

<sup>\*</sup> Includes changes in the gross carrying amount disclosed in Note 16 'Effect of legal risk of mortgage loans denominated in foreign currencies'



### Change in gross carrying amount of and impairment losses on amounts due from clients

ltem	Gross carı	rying amount o	f amounts due	from retail	clients	Gross carrying amount of amounts due from institutional clients				
item —	Bucket 1	Bucket 2	Bucket 3	POCI	Total	Bucket 1	Bucket 2	Bucket 3	POCI	Total
At beginning of period 1 Jan 2023	2,358,998	127,055	376,707	748	2,863,508	7,026,352	939,775	1,307,780	82,745	9,356,652
Increase due to origination and purchase	184,512	18,966	-	53	203,531	2,544,136	84,372	-	34,621	2,663,129
Change in gross carrying amount of existing portfolio	- 415,245	- 14,196	- 19,190	- 77	- 448,708	- 321,703	- 78,326	- 55,890	- 4,759	- 460,678
Change in gross carrying amount due to derecognition	- 165,552	- 5,711	- 72,269	-	- 243,532	- 1,591,229	- 264,648	- 366,827	- 12,462	- 2,235,166
including: change in gross carrying amount due to financial instruments that were written off in the statement of financial position	-1	- 4	- 43,310	-	- 43,315	-	-	- 209,565	- 12,462	- 222,027
Change in gross carrying amount due to reallocation of financial asset between buckets	13,600	- 39,274	25,674	-	-	- 717,115	491,854	225,261	-	-
Reallocation to Bucket 1	63,397	- 59,032	- 4,365	-	-	220,596	- 213,781	- 6,815	-	-
Reallocation to Bucket 2	- 27,732	36,509	- 8,777	-	-	- 754,031	762,742	- 8,711	-	-
Reallocation to Bucket 3	- 22,065	- 16,751	38,816	-	-	- 183,680	- 57,107	240,787	-	-
Other changes	5,392	- 103	42	-	5,331	- 7,111	1,780	-	-	- 5,331
At end of period 31 Dec 2023	1,981,705	86,737	310,964	724	2,380,130	6,933,330	1,174,807	1,110,324	100,145	9,318,606



Item	А	llowances for a	mounts due fr	om retail clien	ts	Allowances for amounts due from institutional clients				
item	Bucket 1	Bucket 2	Bucket 3	POCI	Total	Bucket 1	Bucket 2	Bucket 3	POCI	Total
At beginning of period 1 Jan 2023	10,367	6,351	257,351	403	274,472	83,927	50,048	687,938	- 6,843	815,070
Increase due to origination and purchase	6,819	745	-	-	7,564	32,462	4,044	-	19,251	55,757
Changes due to change in credit risk	- 5,103	- 1,550	26,764	- 212	19,899	2,448	34,357	151,510	- 18,589	169,726
Decrease due to derecognition	- 1,211	- 340	- 61,233	-	- 62,784	- 15,466	- 18,891	- 314,760	- 12,462	- 361,579
including: change in impairment losses on financial instruments written-off in the statement of financial position	-1	- 4	- 43,310	-	- 43,315	-	-	- 209,565	- 12,462	- 222,027
Change in impairment losses due to reallocations of financial assets between Buckets	3,368	- 355	- 3,013	-	-	- 333	3,988	- 3,655	-	-
Reallocation to Bucket 1	4,415	- 2,380	- 2,035	-	-	14,520	- 12,438	- 2,082	-	-
Reallocation to Bucket 2	- 485	4,261	- 3,776	-	-	- 12,473	18,312	- 5,839	-	-
Reallocation to Bucket 3	- 562	- 2,236	2,798	-	-	- 2,380	- 1,886	4,266	-	-
Other changes	33	- 12	15	-	36	- 141	105	-	-	- 36
At end of period 31 Dec 2023	14,273	4,839	219,884	191	239,187	102,897	73,651	521,033	- 18,643	678,938



ltem	Gross car	rying amount o	f amounts due	from retail	clients	Gross carrying amount of amounts due from institutional clients				
item	Bucket 1	Bucket 2	Bucket 3	POCI	Total	Bucket 1	Bucket 2	Bucket 3	POCI	Total
At beginning of period 1 Jan 2022	2,673,144	158,503	401,253	1,660	3,234,560	6,950,879	1,138,263	1,241,772	9,583	9,340,497
Increase due to origination and purchase	112,349	11	-	262	112,622	1,682,406	34,600	-	73,504	1,790,510
Change in gross carrying amount of existing portfolio	- 232,364	- 5,166	12,748	- 99	- 224,881	- 43,820	- 18,376	- 104,937	- 339	- 167,472
Change in gross carrying amount due to derecognition	- 209,529	- 8,902	- 39,287	- 1,075	- 258,793	- 1,096,291	- 229,890	- 280,699	- 3	- 1,606,883
including: change in gross carrying amount due to financial instruments that were written off in the statement of financial position	-	- 5	- 4,767	-	- 4,772	-	-	- 154,270	-	- 154,270
Change in gross carrying amount due to reallocation of financial asset between buckets	17,002	- 17,586	584	-	-	- 466,822	15,178	451,644	-	-
Reallocation to Bucket 1	129,739	- 57,105	- 72,634	-	-	258,238	- 258,238	-	-	-
Reallocation to Bucket 2	- 81,172	88,229	- 7,057	-	-	- 505,330	511,236	- 5,906	-	-
Reallocation to Bucket 3	- 31,565	- 48,710	80,275	-	-	- 219,730	- 237,820	457,550	-	-
Other changes	- 1,604	195	1,409	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
At end of period 31 Dec 2022	2,358,998	127,055	376,707	748	2,863,508	7,026,352	939,775	1,307,780	82,745	9,356,652



Item	А	llowances for a	mounts due fr	om retail client	ts	Allowances for amounts due from institutional clients				
item	Bucket 1	Bucket 2	Bucket 3	POCI	Total	Bucket 1	Bucket 2	Bucket 3	POCI	Total
At beginning of period 1 Jan 2022	18,403	15,674	281,990	32	316,099	70,058	65,405	655,956	999	792,418
Increase due to origination and purchase	1,629	1	-	262	1,892	20,463	395	-	- 9,071	11,787
Changes due to change in credit risk	- 55,312	- 1,603	41,671	107	- 15,137	- 4,894	20,780	169,707	1,207	186,800
Decrease due to derecognition	- 1,554	- 610	- 26,220	2	- 28,382	- 6,806	- 13,699	- 155,452	22	- 175,935
including: change in impairment losses on financial instruments written-off in the statement of financial position	-	- 5	- 4,767	-	- 4,772	-	-	- 154,270	-	- 154,270
Change in impairment losses due to reallocations of financial assets between Buckets	47,204	- 7,101	- 40,103	-	-	5,112	- 22,837	17,725	-	-
Reallocation to Bucket 1	48,713	- 6,067	- 42,646	-	-	14,371	- 14,371	-	-	-
Reallocation to Bucket 2	- 720	5,039	- 4,319	-	-	- 6,862	6,883	- 21	-	-
Reallocation to Bucket 3	- 789	- 6,073	6,862	-	-	- 2,397	- 15,349	17,746	-	-
Other changes	- 3	- 10	13	-	-	- 6	4	2	-	-
At end of period 31 Dec 2022	10,367	6,351	257,351	403	274,472	83,927	50,048	687,938	- 6,843	815,070



# 26. Financial assets by maturity

31 Dec 2023	up to 1 month	over 1 month to 3 months	over 3 months up to 6 months	over 6 months to 12 months	over 1 year to 5 years	over 5 years	undefined maturity date	Total
Amounts due from banks (Note 22)	147,544	-	137	-	15,000	-	-	162,681
Securities held for trading (Note 23)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Securities measured at fair value through other comprehensive income (Note 24)	3,327,377	424,829	530,799	77,831	2,504,864	19,821	106,656	6,992,177
Securities measured at amortised cost (Note 24)	452,659	-	50,100	48,004	1,733,330	82,172	-	2,366,265
Securities measured at fair value through profit or loss (Note 24)	-	-	-	-	-	126,328	-	126,328
Amounts due from clients (Note 25)	509,707	299,679	535,105	1,437,724	4,281,531	3,755,515	-	10,819,261
Total	4,437,287	724,508	1,116,141	1,563,559	8,534,725	3,983,836	106,656	20,466,712



31 Dec 2022	up to 1 month	over 1 month to 3 months	over 3 months up to 6 months	over 6 months to 12 months	over 1 year to 5 years	over 5 years	undefined maturity date	Total
Amounts due from banks (Note 22)	225,720	-	165	-	15,000	-	-	240,885
Securities held for trading (Note 23)	-	-	-	-	20,225	-	-	20,225
Securities measured at fair value through other comprehensive income (Note 24)	4,507,029	513	1,118	263,778	2,143,375	-	85,465	7,001,278
Securities measured at amortised cost (Note 24)	-	-	-	50,873	1,766,992	82,350	-	1,900,215
Securities measured at fair value through profit or loss (Note 24)	-	-	-	-	-	106,625	-	106,625
Amounts due from clients (Note 25)	409,456	399,270	876,571	1,366,408	4,497,794	3,624,080	-	11,173,579
Total	5,142,205	399,783	877,854	1,681,059	8,443,386	3,813,055	85,465	20,442,807



### 27. Investments in subsidiaries

Investments in subsidiaries are measured using the equity method.

Item	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Dom Maklerski BOŚ S.A.	212,295	161,712
BOŚ Leasing - EKO Profit S.A.*\	63,896	64,446
Total	276,191	226,158

<sup>\*\</sup> Valuation of BOŚ Leasing – EKO Profit includes valuation of an indirect subsidiary MS WIND sp. z o.o. (a direct subsidiary of BOŚ Leasing – Eko Profit S.A.).

#### Change in carrying amount of investments in subsidiaries

Item	Dom Maklerski BOŚ S.A.	BOŚ Leasing – EKO Profit S.A.	Total
Carrying amount as at 1 January 2023 measured using equity method	161,712	64,446	226,158
Changes due to measurement of equity-accounted investments	70,583	- 549	70,034
Other		-1	-1
Decrease due to dividend payment	-20,000		-20,000
Carrying amount as at 31 December 2023 measured using equity method	212,295	63,896	276,191

Item	Dom Maklerski BOŚ S.A.	BOŚ Leasing – EKO Profit S.A.	Total
Carrying amount as at 1 January 2022 measured using equity method	138,461	60,910	199,371
Changes due to measurement of equity-accounted investments	33,251	3,536	36,787
Decrease due to dividend payment	-10,000	-	-10,000
Carrying amount as at 31 December 2022 measured using equity method	161,712	64,446	226,158



### 28. Intangible assets

Item	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Licenses and software, including:	85,473	81,159
internally produced software	3,811	1,336
Intangible assets under development	30,342	37,092
Total	115,815	118,251

Intangible assets fully amortised, in continuous use:

31 December 2023 167,618 31 December 2022 144,464

With respect to intangible assets that are not yet available for use, i.e. their development has not been completed, the Bank monitors the assets for potential indications of impairment on an ongoing basis. Following the review of expenditure on intangible assets under development, no indicators of impairment were identified as at 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022.

#### Change in intangible assets

Item	Licences and software	Intangible assets under development	Total
As at 1 January 2023			
Gross carrying amount	383,229	37,092	420,321
Amortisation	-302,070	-	-302,070
Net carrying amount	81,159	37,092	118,251
Period ended 31 December 2023			
Net carrying amount at beginning of year	81,159	37,092	118,251
Increase	36,778	30,028	66,806
purchase	-	30,028	30,028
transfer from intangible assets under development	36,778		36,778
Decrease	-	-36,778	-36,778
transfer to licences and software	-	-36,778	-36,778
Amortisation charge	-32,464		-32,464
Net carrying amount as at 31 December 2023	85,473	30,342	115,815
As at 31 December 2023			
Gross carrying amount	420,007	30,342	450,349
Amortisation	-334,534	-	-334,534
Net carrying amount as at 31 Dec 2023	85,473	30,342	115,815



Item	Licences and software	Intangible assets under development	Total
As at 1 January 2022	'		
Gross carrying amount	357,516	17,917	375,433
Amortisation	-275,640	-	-275,640
Net carrying amount	81,876	17,917	99,793
Period ended 31 December 2022			
Net carrying amount at beginning of year	81,876	17,917	99,793
Increase	25,713	32,147	57,860
purchase	12,741	32,147	44,888
transfer from intangible assets under development	12,972	-	12,972
Decrease	-	-12,972	-12,972
transfer to licences and software	-	-12,972	-12,972
Amortisation charge	-26,430	-	-26,430
Net carrying amount as at 31 December 2022	81,159	37,092	118,251
As at 31 December 2022	81,159	37,092	118,251
Gross carrying amount	383,229	37,092	420,321
Amortisation	-302,070	37,032	-302,070
Net carrying amount as at 31 Dec 2022	81,159	37,092	118,251
Het carrying amount as at 31 Dec 2022	61,159	37,092	110,231

# 29. Property, plant and equipment

Item	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Property, plant and equipment, including:	44,514	44,500
land	182	182
buildings and premises	4,117	4,328
leasehold improvements	3,875	3,867
computer hardware and technical equipment	34,008	34,043
other property, plant and equipment	2,332	2,080
Property, plant and equipment under construction	3,963	1,487
Total	48,477	45,987



As at 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022, no assets were withdrawn from active use and classified as held for sale.

#### Change in property, plant and equipment

ltem	Land and buildings	Leasehold improveme nts	Technical equipment, vehicles and other equipment	Property, plant and equipme nt under construct ion	Advance paymen ts	Total
As at 1 January 2023						
Gross carrying amount	8,624	27,819	89,532	1,487	-	127,462
Depreciation	- 4,114	- 23,952	- 53,409	-	-	- 81,475
Net carrying amount	4,510	3,867	36,123	1,487	-	45,987
Period ended 31 December 2023						
Net carrying amount at beginning of year	4,510	3,867	36,123	1,487	-	45,987
Increase:	-	1,532	11,587	4,905	-	18,024
Purchases	-	-	10,690	4,905	-	15,595
reclassification from investments	-	1,532	897	-	-	2,429
Decrease:	-	- 1,931	- 8,783	- 2,429	-	- 13,143
retirement/sale	-	- 1,931	- 8,783	-	-	- 10,714
reclassification from investments	-	-	-	- 2,429	-	- 2,429
Depreciation charge	- 211	- 1,524	- 11,358	-	-	- 13,093
Reversal of depreciation charge due to retirement/sale	-	1,931	8,771	-	-	10,702
Net carrying amount as at 31 December 2023	4,299	3,875	36,340	3,963	-	48,477
As at 31 December 2023						
Gross carrying amount	8,624	27,420	92,336	3,963		132,343
Depreciation	- 4,325	- 23,545	- 55,996	3,303	_	- 83,866
Net carrying amount	- 4,325 <b>4,299</b>	3,875	- 55,996 <b>36,340</b>	3,963		48,477

In the presented periods there were no temporarily unused assets with significant carrying amount.



ltem	Land and buildings	Leasehold improveme nts	Technical equipment, vehicles and other equipment	Property, plant and equipme nt under construct ion	Advance paymen ts	Total
As at 1 January 2022						
Gross carrying amount	8,624	26,433	81,362	1,194	-	117,613
Depreciation	- 3,903	- 23,486	- 50,902	-	-	- 78,291
Net carrying amount	4,721	2,947	30,460	1,194	-	39,322
Period ended 31 December 2022						
Net carrying amount at beginning of year	4,721	2,947	30,460	1,194	-	39,322
Increase:	-	2,231	13,811	8,364	-	24,406
purchases	-	2,231	5,740	8,364	-	16,335
reclassification from investments	-	-	8,071	-	-	8,071
Decrease:	-	- 845	- 5,641	- 8,071	-	- 14,557
retirement/sale	-	- 845	- 5,641	-	-	- 6,486
reclassification from investments	-	-	-	- 8,071	-	- 8,071
Depreciation charge	- 211	- 1,302	- 8,086	-	-	- 9,599
Reversal of depreciation charge due to retirement/sale	-	836	5,579	-	-	6,415
Net carrying amount as at 31 December 2022	4,510	3,867	36,123	1,487	-	45,987
As at 31 December 2022						
Gross carrying amount	8,624	27,819	89,532	1,487	-	127,462
Depreciation	- 4,114	- 23,952	- 53,409	-	-	- 81,475
Net carrying amount	4,510	3,867	36,123	1,487	-	45,987



# **30.** Right of use – leases

Item	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Properties	45,587	58,071
Vehicles	1,624	3,128
Total	47,211	61,199

### Change in right-of-use assets – leases

Change in right-of-use asset	Real property and land	Vehicles	Total
As at 1 January 2023			
Gross carrying amount	108,935	3,688	112,623
Depreciation	- 50,864	- 560	- 51,424
Net carrying amount	58,071	3,128	61,199
Net carrying amount at beginning of year	58,071	3,128	61,199
Increase	995	453	1,448
Decrease	-	- 1,165	- 1,165
Depreciation charge	- 13,479	- 792	- 14,271
Gross carrying amount as at 31 December 2023	45,587	1,624	47,211
As at 31 December 2023			
Gross carrying amount	109,930	2,976	112,906
Depreciation	- 64,343	- 1,352	- 65,695
Net carrying amount	45,587	1,624	47,211

Change in right-of-use asset	Real property and land	Vehicles	Total
As at 1 January 2022			
Gross carrying amount	109,160	374	109,534
Depreciation	- 36,637	- 226	- 36,863
Net carrying amount	72,523	148	72,671
Net carrying amount at beginning of year	72,523	148	72,671
Increase	318	3,314	3,632
Decrease	- 543		- 543
Depreciation charge	- 14,227	- 334	- 14,561
Gross carrying amount as at 31 December 2022	58,071	3,128	61,199
As at 31 December 2022			
Gross carrying amount	108,935	3,688	112,623
Depreciation	- 50,864	- 560	- 51,424
Net carrying amount	58,071	3,128	61,199



### 31. Other assets

ltem	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Financial assets, including:	29,828	30,784
Sweeping of excess cash	2,924	4,981
Payment card settlements	7,010	7,642
Assorted debtors	11,885	3,448
Accrued income	8,009	14,713
Prepaid expenses	8,236	5,662
Public charges	339	164
Receivables under cancelled foreign currency loan agreements	20,190	13,543
Other assets	6	5
Total	58,599	50,158

# 32. Amounts due to central bank and other banks

ltem	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Deposits from other banks	28,362	44,548
Repurchase transactions	46,784	96,595
Total	75,146	141,143

### Amounts due to central bank and other banks, by maturity:

Item	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
up to 1 month	24,380	44,506
over 1 month to 3 months	4,117	-
over 6 months to 12 months	46,648	96,637
over 5 years	1	-
Total	75,146	141,143



## 33. Amounts due to clients

Item	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Retail clients	9,485,310	9,138,745
current/checking accounts	3,441,081	3,288,571
term deposits	6,044,229	5,850,174
Institutional clients	8,457,566	8,978,603
current/checking accounts	5,878,400	6,678,344
term deposits	2,579,166	2,300,259
Other clients	215,099	124,710
Borrowings from international financial institutions	439,283	589,675
Lending support funds	44,046	48,191
Total	18,641,304	18,879,924

### Amounts due to clients, by maturity:

Item	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
up to 1 month	11,768,089	12,319,411
over 1 month to 3 months	3,433,335	3,764,787
over 3 months to 6 months	1,473,256	1,166,365
over 6 months to 12 months	1,124,094	864,739
from 1 to 5 years	684,172	535,093
over 5 years	158,358	229,529
Total	18,641,304	18,879,924



### 34. Subordinated liabilities

Series	Currency	Interest rate	Maturity	Nominal value	Amount outstanding	Nominal value	Amount outstanding
				31 Dec	2023	31 Dec	: 2022
AA1	PLN	6M WIBOR + margin (six- month coupons)	7 years (with early repayment option after 5 years)	34,214	35,843	34,214	35,927
AA2	PLN	6M WIBOR + margin (six- month coupons)	7 years (with early repayment option after 5 years)	65,786	66,876	65,786	67,077
Р	PLN	6M WIBOR + margin (six- month coupons)	10 years (with early repayment option after 5 years)	150,000	156,584	150,000	156,945
Rì	PLN	6M WIBOR + margin (six- month coupons)	10 years (with early repayment option after 5 years)	83,000	84,733	83,000	85,086
AB	PLN	6M WIBOR + margin (six- month coupons)	7 years (with early repayment option after 5 years)	100,000	102,996	-	-
Total				433,000	447,032	333,000	345,035

In 2023 and 2022, the Bank made all principal and interest payments on time and did not breach any other contractual provisions regarding its payment obligations.

### **35. Provisions**

ltem	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Provisions for contingent liabilities, including:	47,529	35,168
open lines of credit	33,404	21,734
guarantees	14,125	13,434
Provision for employee benefits – retirement and disability benefits	4,553	3,483
Provision for legal risk related to foreign currency mortgage loans	164,000	116,457
Provision for refund of commission fees due to early loan repayment	171	260
Provision for refunds of increased interest charged until court entry of mortgage security	1,880	2,710
Provision for other liabilities and claims	10,255	1,279
Total	228,388	159,357



### Change in provisions

At beginning of period 35,168 30,04 recognition of provisions for impairment of off-balance-sheet liabilities 94,375 83,70 reversal of provisions for impairment of off-balance-sheet liabilities 94,375 83,70 cother	tem	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
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reversal of provisions for impoirment of off-balance-sheet liabilities         82,012         -78,58           other         -         -         -           At end of period         47,529         35,16           Provisions for employee benefits         -         -           At beginning of period         3,483         3,08           recognition of provisions         1412         95           At end of period         4,553         3,88           Provision for legal risk related to foreign currency mortgage loans         -         -           At beginning of period         116,457         51,96           recognition of provisions         95,676         95,85           exchange differences on measurement of provisions         20,49         26,52           use of provisions         51,029         -57,88           reversal         -97,113         -57           At end of period         164,000         116,45           Provision for refund of commission fees due to early loan repayment         -6         95           At beginning of period         260         95           reversal of provisions         -69         -8           reversal of provisions         -38         -61           At end of period	At beginning of period	35,168	30,046
other         - <td>recognition of provisions for impairment of off-balance-sheet liabilities</td> <td>94,373</td> <td>83,709</td>	recognition of provisions for impairment of off-balance-sheet liabilities	94,373	83,709
At end of period 47,529 35,16  Provisions for employee benefits  At beginning of period 3,483 3,08  recognition of provisions 1,412 95  use of provisions -342 -55  At end of period 4,553 3,48  Provision for legal risk related to foreign currency mortgage loans  At beginning of period 116,457 51,96  recognition of provisions 95,676 95,85  exchange differences on measurement of provisions -2,049 26,52  use of provisions 51,029 -57,88  exchange differences on measurement of provisions 95,076 97,113  At end of period 164,000 116,45  Provision for refund of commission fees due to early loan repayment  At beginning of period 260 95  recognition of provisions 18 16  recognition of provisions -69 -8  reversal of provisions -38 -61  At end of period 1771 266  Provision for refunds of increased interest charged until court entry of mortgage security  At beginning of period 2,770  recognition of provisions 354 2,770  recognition of provisions -354 2,770  recognition of provisions -354 2,770  reversal of provisions -354 2,770	reversal of provisions for impairment of off-balance-sheet liabilities	- 82,012	- 78,585
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	At end of period	1,880	2,710



Provision for other liabilities and claims		
At beginning of period	1,279	2,364
recognition of provisions	10,170	29,998
use of provisions	-	- 28,359
reversal of provisions	- 1,194	- 2,724
At end of period	10,255	1,279
Total provisions at end of period	228,388	159,357

Present value of future retirement and disability benefit obligations to employees in employment as at 31 December 2023:

ltem	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Wage growth rate	4.5% (4.5% in 2023)	4.5% (4.5% in 2022)
Interest rate for future obligations due to:		
retirement and disability benefits	5.0%	6.8%
Cost of benefits:		
Current service cost	347	282
Net interest expense	190	96
Components of defined benefit plan costs recognised in profit or loss	537	378
Increase (decrease) in net defined benefit obligation:		
Actuarial gains and losses due to changes in financial assumptions	875	578
Components of defined benefit plan costs recognised in other comprehensive income	875	578
Total	1,412	956



#### **Defined benefit obligations**

Item	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
AMOUNTS RECOGNISED IN COMPREHENSIVE INCOME WITH RESPECT TO THE DEFINED BENEFIT PLANS:		
At beginning of period	3,483	3,086
Current service cost	347	282
Interest expense	190	96
(Gains) losses on revaluation:		
Actuarial gains and losses due to changes in financial assumptions	875	578
Benefits paid	- 342	- 559
At end of period	4,553	3,483

The calculation of the present value of future retirement and disability benefit obligations relates to the current population of Bank employees and does not take account of any future employees of the Bank. It consists in determining the employees' entitlement to a specified part of the severance benefit in the year following the calculation date using the projected unit credit method of calculating the actuarial present value of future obligations. The present value of an employee's entitlement to a certain part of the future severance benefit was calculated on the assumption that the employee would continue to be employed by the Bank until the benefit is paid, and was discounted at the moment of calculation.

The vested portion of the benefit entitlement is the quotient of the current length of service of the employee and the length of service required to receive the retirement or disability benefit.

Disability benefits are calculated as the sum of the products of the probabilities of becoming disabled in future years for a person of a certain age and the vested portion of the benefit in each year, over the entire projected period, and are discounted at the time of valuation. The vested portion of the disability benefit in each year is calculated by dividing the current length of service by the length of service in that future year.

The present value of the vested entitlements is calculated assuming an increase in the base amount of severance benefit until payment at the rate of salary increase.

As at 31 December 2023, the discount rate of 5.0% was used to estimate employee benefit obligations. Using the discount rate of 4.5%, employee benefit obligations would amount to PLN 4,697 thousand as at 31 December 2023, and at the discount rate of 5.5% the obligations would amount to PLN 4,416 thousand.



The Bank estimates that the outflow of economic benefits resulting from the provision will occur in the presented periods:

Item	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
up to 1 year	601	873
from 1 to 5 years	1,432	961
from 5 to 10 years	1,403	971
from 10 to 20 years	1,065	650
over 20 years	52	28
Total	4,553	3,483

Provisions for court proceedings, legal risk related to foreign currency mortgage loans, claims and reimbursement of commission fees are recognised at the amount of expected outflows of economic benefits in the presented periods:

	1 Jar	n-31 Dec 2023	023 1 Jan-31 Dec 20	
Item	Amount	Expected outflow of benefits	Amount	Expected outflow of benefits
Provision for other liabilities and claims	10,255		1,279	
	138	up to 1 year	494	up to 1 year
	10,117	over 1 year	785	over 1 year
Provision for legal risk related to foreign currency mortgage loans	164,000		116,457	
	61,078	up to 1 year	14,023	up to 1 year
	102,922	over 1 year	102,434	over 1 year
Provision for refund of commission fees due to early loan repayment	171		260	
	57	up to 1 year	87	up to 1 year
	114	over 1 year	173	over 1 year
Provision for refunds of increased interest charged until court entry of mortgage security	1,880		2,710	
	627	up to 1 year	903	up to 1 year
	1,253	over 1 year	1,807	over 1 year
Total	176,306		120,706	



Total amount of claims under pending proceedings in the periods presented:

Item	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
The Bank as respondent	661,430	358,979
The Bank as claimant	173,180	98,984

In the opinion of the Management Board, materialisation of the risks arising from the proceedings, except for those provisioned for, is probable but not likely. All risks arising from proceedings pending before a court or public administration authority are adequately provisioned for.

As at 31 December 2023, the Bank was not involved in any material proceedings pending before any court, arbitration body or public administration authority where the amount of the Bank's liabilities or claims would represent at least 10% of the Bank's equity.

#### Litigation against the Bank concerning loans denominated in or tied to foreign currencies

For information on litigation related to loans denominated in or tied to foreign currencies, see Note 41 'Legal risk of residential mortgage-backed loans linked to foreign exchange rates'.

### 36. Deferred income tax

Deferred income tax is calculated on all temporary differences using an income tax rate of 19%.

#### Balance of deferred income tax

Item	1 Jan-31 Dec 2023	1 Jan-31 Dec 2022
At beginning of period	159,087	144,947
Change, including:	- 15,623	14,140
impairment losses on receivables	- 16,613	11,538
provisions for the Compromise and Settlement Programme	13,386	-
valuation of assets	- 22,541	10,742
deferred expenses	9,815	16,413
interest received on securities previously purchased by the Bank	2	16,575
other differences	40	- 3,926
commission fees accounted for using effective tax rate	5,258	- 12,490
non-depreciated property, plant and equipment covered by investment tax relief	740	- 1,030
provisions for material, labour and other costs	26	1,960
accrued income	- 5,985	- 25,891
IBNR recognised as tax-deductible	249	249
At end of period	143,464	159,087



#### Deferred tax recognised in revaluation reserve:

Item	1 Jan-31 Dec 2023	1 Jan-31 Dec 2022
At beginning of period	13,338	6,325
Change due to measurement of assets	- 24,889	7,013
At end of period	- 11,551	13,338

#### Deferred tax liabilities and assets are allocated to the following items:

ltem	1 Jan–31 Dec 2023	1 Jan–31 Dec 2022
Deferred tax liabilities arising from:		
accrued income	58,944	52,959
increase on valuation of assets	44,729	49,603
non-depreciated property, plant and equipment covered by investment tax relief	12,561	13,301
paid commission fees to be accounted for using effective tax rate	3,322	2,864
IBNR recognised as tax-deductible in previous years	249	497
Total	119,805	119,224

Item	1 Jan–31 Dec 2023	1 Jan–31 Dec 2022
Deferred tax assets due to:		
impairment losses	123,454	140,067
provisions for the Compromise and Settlement Programme	13,386	-
received commission fees to be accounted for using effective tax rate	14,026	8,310
provisions for material, labour and other costs	8,528	8,502
deferred expenses	42,520	32,705
interest received on securities previously purchased by the Bank	22,976	22,973
decrease on valuation of assets	35,258	62,673
other temporary differences	3,121	3,081
Total	263,269	278,311

The Bank performed a sensitivity analysis of recoverability of deferred tax assets. As at 31 December 2023, deferred tax assets amounted to PLN 263,269 thousand. The most significant components included provisions for impairment of credit exposures totalling PLN 123,454 thousand and accrued expenses of PLN 42,520 thousand, primarily consisting of accrued interest payable on deposits held at the Bank and on securities.



#### Change in deferred tax in the period

Item	1 Jan-31 Dec 2023	1 Jan–31 Dec 2022
At beginning of period	159,087	144,947
change in deductible temporary differences	- 581	- 39,973
change in taxable temporary differences	- 15,042	54,113
Total change, including:	- 15,623	14,140
change in revaluation reserve	- 24,890	7,014
change recognised in profit or loss	9,266	3,815
At end of period	143,464	159,087

### 37. Lease liabilities

As a lessee, the Bank recognises a lease in the statement of financial position as a right-of-use asset and a corresponding liability on the date on which the leased asset is available for use. Each lease payment is allocated between the reduction of the liability and the finance cost. The finance cost is recognised in the statement of profit or loss over the lease term. The right-of-use asset is depreciated using the straight-line method. Lease liabilities were measured at the present value of future lease payments, discounted using the Company's incremental borrowing rate as at 1 January 2019 of 5.00%. For contracts concluded in September 2020 and later for up to five years, the rate is 5.25%, and for contracts concluded for terms of over five to nine years the rate is 5.75%.

As a lessee, the Bank leases vehicles and real property.

Leases are typically for terms ranging from 1 to 10 years. Lease terms are negotiated individually.

The lease contracts do not impose any obligations, but the leased assets cannot be used as collateral for borrowings.

#### Maturity of lease liabilities

	31 Dec 2023		
Item	Properties and land	Vehicles	Total
up to 1 year	436	60	496
from 1 to 5 years	6,438	1,836	8,274
over 5 years	37,608	-	37,608
Total	44,482	1,896	46,378

	31 Dec 2022		
Item	Properties and land	Vehicles	Total
up to 1 year	813	54	867
from 1 to 5 years	11,535	3,267	14,802
over 5 years	47,806	-	47,806
Total	60,154	3,321	63,475



Liabilities arising from property lease contracts relate to commercial properties used by the Bank as part of its business activities.

For contracts denominated in the euro, the amount of monthly consideration is the PLN equivalent (calculated at the mid-rate quoted by the National Bank of Poland) of total fees and charges for the leased space, determined as the product of the net price, expressed in EUR per square metre, and the area actually leased, plus VAT.

For contracts denominated in the Polish zloty, the amount of monthly consideration is the total of fees and charges for the leased space, determined as the product of the net price per square metre, and the area actually leased, plus VAT.

Monthly consideration is value-adjusted by the rates and on the dates specified in the lease contracts. The contracts denominated in EUR are value-adjusted using the indices applicable in the European Union. The contracts denominated in PLN are value-adjusted using the consumer price index for the previous period announced by the President of Statistics Poland.

The contracts do not contain options to purchase the property.

Contracts are concluded for a definite period; some of the contracts are not terminable, but some stipulate early termination or expiry if a party to the contract is dissolved, in which case a period of notice of 6 or 12 months applies. Some of the contracts may be extended on their current terms and conditions based on a declaration of will of the lessor made in writing six months before the expiry of the contract.

The Bank applied the exemptions allowed under IFRS 16 for:

- 1. leases of low-value assets,
- 2. short-term leases of up to 12 months.

Low-value lease contracts are contracts where the value of the underlying asset is low, i.e. does not exceed PLN 20 thousand.

Payments under the exempt contracts are recognised as an expense in the statement of profit or loss on a straight-line basis.

#### Future minimum lease payments under IFRS 16-exempt contracts:

As at 31 December 2023:

Item	Properties	Vehicles	Total
low-value leases	95	-	95
Short-term leases	718	-	718
Total	813	-	813

#### As at 31 December 2022:

Item	Properties	Vehicles	Total
low-value leases	436	10	446
short-term leases	1,085	-	1,085
Total	1,521	10	1,531



## 38. Other liabilities

Item	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Interbank settlements	84,140	73,651
Accrued expenses and deferred income	36,082	38,380
Public charges	13,384	11,395
Trade liabilities	74,250	80,301
Deferred commissions	8,561	7,567
Payment card settlements	1,293	829
Provision for refund of commission fees due to early loan repayment	2,286	2,648
Other	2,438	1,615
Total	222,434	216,386

## 39. Contingent assets and liabilities

The same	71 D 2027	71 5 2022
Item	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Contingent liabilities:	3,848,409	3,263,185
Financial assets, including:	3,303,666	2,796,667
open lines of credit, including:	3,300,288	2,781,823
revocable	2,814,308	2,319,626
irrevocable	485,980	462,197
open import letters of credit	3,378	14,844
guarantees, including:	534,943	466,518
credit repayment sureties and guarantees	12,739	12,739
performance bonds	522,204	453,779
underwriting	9,800	-
Contingent assets:	2,374,886	2,164,961
Financial assets, including:	143,484	154,767
open lines of credit	143,484	154,767
Guarantees	2,231,402	2,010,194
Total contingent assets and contingent liabilities	6,223,295	5,428,146



## 40. Legal and administrative proceedings

#### 'Free credit' sanction - consumer loans

Over the last two years, the Bank has noted an increase in complaints and legal actions regarding consumer loans, where borrowers claim infringements of the Consumer Credit Act of 12 May 2011, leading to the imposition of 'free credit' sanctions.

Consumers argue that the Bank has not adequately fulfilled its obligations to provide information about variable loan interest rates, misstated credit costs, and challenged the validity of interest charged on financed preparation fees and other loan-related charges.

Successfully asserting violations of the Consumer Credit Act and accessing 'free credit' sanctions do not render the consumer credit agreement void, but they do result in a loss of interest income for the Bank.

As at 31 December 2023, there are 19 ongoing court cases concerning 'free credit' sanctions, with the disputed amounts totalling PLN 442.07 thousand. Four non-final court decisions were issued, including one unfavourable to the Bank and three favourable to the Bank.

#### **Investment certificates**

Between 2015 and 2017, the Bank acted as a broker for the distribution of investment certificates from several investment funds. These funds were subject to regulation and oversight by the relevant authorities, in accordance with applicable laws. Due to the financial circumstances and legal status of certain investment funds, some purchasers of investment certificates have lodged compensation claims against the Bank. As at 31 December 2023, the Bank was named as a defendant in 41 cases by purchasers of investment certificates. The total of the disputed amounts was PLN 18.01 million. The Bank continuously monitors the funds' capacity to redeem certificates and updates its assessment of legal risks associated with adverse court rulings and the obligation to enforce judgments. Based on this assessment, a provision of PLN 9.5 million was recognised.

#### **Proceedings by UOKiK**

On 13 February 2024, the Bank received a notification from the President of the Office of Competition and Consumer Protection (UOKiK) dated 8 February 2024, initiating proceedings regarding practices that infringe upon the collective interests of consumers. The President of UOKiK has levelled the following accusations against the Bank:

- 1. The Bank allegedly failed to reimburse the amount of an unauthorised payment transaction or to restore the affected account to its pre-transaction state by no later than D+1 (i.e. by the end of the next business day following the consumer's report of the unauthorised transaction). This was despite there being no valid reasons to withhold such actions, such as when the Bank has reasonable and properly documented grounds to suspect fraud by the consumer and has reported this suspicion to law enforcement, or when the notification of the unauthorised transaction was received from the consumer more than 13 months after the account was debited.
- 2. The Bank is also accused of misleading consumers in its responses to reports of unauthorised payment transactions by suggesting that the mere authentication of a transaction by the Bank is equivalent to its authorisation, thus absolving the Bank of liability. This involves the use of individual authentication data in a way that might misleadingly indicate that authentication alone constitutes authorisation. In other words, the President of UOKiK accuses the Bank of misleading consumers by implying in its responses that authenticating a transaction is the same as authorising it.

According to the President of UOKiK, the Bank's practice described in point 1 above may violate Article 46(1) of the Payment Services Act of 19 August 2011 and infringe upon the collective interests of consumers. Consequently, this could constitute a practice that breaches the collective interests of consumers as specified in Articles 24(1) and 24(2) of the Act on Competition and Consumer Protection.

In the view of the President of UOKiK, the practice described in point 2 may mislead consumers about the Bank's obligations under Article 46(1) of the Payment Services Act. It may also misrepresent the distribution of the burden of proof in demonstrating that a payment transaction was authorised (i.e. shifting the burden of proof onto the consumer). This could constitute an unfair market practice as outlined in Article 5(1), 5(2)(1) and 5(3)(3) in conjunction



with Article 4(2) of the Act of 23 August 2007 on Counteracting Unfair Market Practices, infringing upon the collective interests of consumers. Consequently, this could represent a practice that breaches the collective interests of consumers as specified in Articles 24(1) and 24(2)(3) of the Act on Competition and Consumer Protection.

The Bank does not know the timeline for the conclusion of the proceedings, nor can it predict the outcome or decision that will result from these proceedings.

This issue impacts a substantial segment of the banking sector and has been addressed in submissions by the Polish Bank Association to UOKiK.

#### **Proceedings by PFSA**

On 27 April 2023, the Polish Financial Supervision Authority initiated administrative proceedings to impose an administrative penalty on Bank Ochrony Środowiska S.A. under Articles 147(4)(a), 147(5), 147(11) and 147(13) of the Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Act as a result of an audit. At this stage, it is not possible to determine the possible financial impact of the proceedings.

# 41. Legal risk associated with residential mortgage-backed loans tied to foreign currency exchange rates

Since the ruling issued by the Court of Justice of the European Union ('CJEU') on 3 October 2019 in Case C-260/18 Kamil Dziubak, Justyna Dziubak v Raiffeisen Bank International AG, Vienna, conducting business in Poland in the form of a branch under the name Raiffeisen Bank International AG Branch in Poland, there has been a growing number of lawsuits concerning loan agreements indexed to foreign exchange rates. This surge can be attributed to the CJEU's recent rulings, which generally favour consumers, and a shift in judgments by Polish courts that now lean to the disadvantage of banks.

Most of the court judgments issued following the CJEU ruling of 3 October 2019 are not in favour of banks. The jurisprudence of national courts concerning claims derived from credit agreements deemed void due to links with foreign exchange rates remains inconsistent. The complexity of the legal issues involved has led national courts to refer additional preliminary questions to the CJEU. In December 2023, the CJEU delivered several key decisions that will influence the jurisprudence of national courts in this domain.

The Bank monitors both domestic case law and the CJEU's rulings on an ongoing basis when assessing the legal risks of foreign currency-indexed loans and takes into account in its analyses that the CJEU judgments and rulings by Polish courts to the disadvantage of banks result in a growing number of court proceedings and increase in the value of claims sought.

On 7 May 2021, the Supreme Court, sitting in a panel of seven judges, adopted a resolution having the effect of a legal rule in response to questions posed by the Financial Ombudsman, stating that if a credit agreement is found invalid, each party is entitled to a separate claim for reimbursement of the performance obligation rendered. The Supreme Court also indicated that the agreement may be deemed definitively ineffective only if the consumer is duly informed of the effects of the agreement's invalidity and does not agree to be bound by the provision deemed abusive. The stance of the Supreme Court concurs with the CJEU's decision in case C-140/22 from 7 December 2023.

Importantly for the banking sector, the CJEU's ruling in case C-756/22 on 11 December 2023 is critical. The CJEU ruled that Articles 6(1) and 7(1) of Directive 93/13 should be interpreted to preclude national court interpretations that allow a banking institution to demand repayment from a consumer of amounts other than the principal paid, in scenarios where a mortgage contract is deemed entirely void due to unfair terms that invalidate the contract's continuation.

Additionally, in relation to the statute of limitations for claims arising from credit agreements declared invalid due to foreign exchange rate links, the CJEU's verdict in case C-28/22 on 14 December 2023 is pivotal. It stipulates that the limitation periods must be symmetrical for both parties. Based on this ruling, claims from banks and customers should be reconciled and are not considered expired. In 2021, BOŚ SA, together with a group of other banks, initiated a project to create a voluntary settlement offer for clients. This agreement stipulates that loans originally denominated in foreign currencies be recalculated as if they had been issued in Polish złoty from the outset, applying an interest rate based on the WIBOR plus an appropriate margin.



Having obtained the approval of the Extraordinary General Meeting (Resolution No. 4/2021 of 8 December 2021), on 31 January 2022 the Bank implemented the BOŚ S.A. Compromise and Settlement Programme based on a framework communicated by the President of the PFSA. In light of the adverse rulings by the CJEU, several changes were made in 2023 to the settlement offers extended to clients, including a reduction in the fixed interest rate and an increase in the proportion of loan principal that the Bank agrees to cancel beyond standard forgiveness terms. These changes were designed to enhance the Bank's offer and increase clients' willingness to enter into settlements. This initiative succeeded in maintaining the pace at which new settlements were executed. By 31 December 2023, a total of 645 settlements had been concluded under the Programme, with an additional 89 client applications currently being processed.

As at 31 December 2023, there were a total of 1,630 ongoing court cases against the Bank concerning foreign currency-denominated credits and loans (primarily in CHF, as well as USD and EUR), with the disputed amount totalling PLN 615.58 million. The claims filed in lawsuits related to credit agreements and loans associated with foreign currency exchange rates typically seek to have the loan agreement declared null and void and to secure a refund of paid credit instalments and other related charges.

## Recognition of legal risk of residential mortgage-backed loans tied to foreign currency exchange rates

The annulment of a foreign currency loan agreement results in the mutual restitution of benefits provided by the parties to the contract. Reaching a settlement with a customer on terms proposed by the Bank leads to a reduction in the amount of the loan remaining to be repaid. Regarding the loans on the Bank's balance sheet, a decrease in expected cash flows is recorded in both instances. Consequently, in line with paragraph B5.4.6 of IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments*, an adjustment to the gross carrying amount of the foreign currency loan is recognised. If the estimated liability to a client exceeds the gross carrying amount of the loan as at the reporting date, a provision is recognised in accordance with IAS 37. The Bank also recognises a provision in accordance with IAS 37 for loans repaid as at the reporting date.

The adjustment to the gross carrying amount of foreign currency loans in accordance with paragraph B5.4.6 of IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* and the provision recognised in accordance with IAS 37 are estimated based on the assumed scenarios of settlement and cancellation of loan agreements.

The out-of-court settlements scenario is based on the assumption that existing loans denominated in or tied to a foreign currency would be converted into loans denominated in PLN. It is further proposed that any repaid instalments of loans tied to foreign currencies would be settled as if the loans had been PLN-denominated products since the outset, i.e. based on repayment schedules with interest accruing at WIBOR rates plus margin. As a result of such conversion, the value of the existing portfolio of loans denominated in or tied to foreign currencies will decrease, which is reflected in the amount of the provision.

In connection with court cases the Bank also estimates the value of the provision resulting from the filed lawsuits and lawsuits that are expected to be filed in the future. The amount of the provision is estimated based on the likelihood that an adverse court judgement will be made against the Bank and its expected financial impact. The scenarios of unfavourable outcomes are based on legal opinions and the Bank's experience to date. The adopted scenarios encompass declaration of invalidity of the agreement or conclusion of a court settlement.

The provision calculation model incorporates assumptions regarding the anticipated increase in the number of lawsuits filed by clients over a five-year period. The number of court cases increased in 2023. In June and December 2023, the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) issued rulings in cases C-520/21, C-140/22 and C-756/22 that were unfavourable to the banking sector. These decisions restricted banks' claims to the repayment of nominal amount of the principal.

The Compromise and Settlement Programme, in operation since February 2022, has had a positive impact on the trend of new lawsuits over the life of the Programme. Additionally, promotional campaigns are conducted to inform the Bank's clients about the Programme and the potential benefits of reaching a settlement.

If a loan agreement is cancelled or a settlement is reached with the client, it results in derecognition of the corresponding receivable from the Bank's balance sheet. The costs incurred by the Bank, including the



derecognition of the receivable balance and any payments made to the client, are offset against the adjustment to the gross carrying amount of the loan or the provision recognised in accordance with IAS 37. Costs in excess of the amount of the adjustment or the provision are recognised in the statement of profit or loss. As at the reporting date, the loan principal amount disbursed by the Bank but not yet repaid is recognised as a receivable under 'Other assets'. When a settlement agreement is reached with a client to convert the loan currency to PLN and determine the outstanding amount of the loan, the Bank recognises the new loan agreement under amounts due from clients (housing loans).

#### Adjustment to gross carrying amount of loans and estimates of legal risk

Value of clients' debt on outstanding principal of loans tied to foreign currencies	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
CHF	616,560	773,402
EUR	416,637	508,081
USD	27,123	36,053
Total	1,060,320	1,317,536

Adjustment to gross carrying amount of foreign currency- linked mortgage loans and legal-risk provision	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Provisions:		
CHF	149,450	108,681
EUR	11,932	1,279
USD	2,618	6,497
	164,000	116,457
WBB adjustment:		
CHF	471,191	381,502
EUR	49,349	11,637
USD	8,149	5,168
	528,689	398,308
Total	692,689	514,764



#### Changes in adjustment to gross carrying amount of loans and legal-risk provision

31 Dec 2023	Total	Adjustment to gross carrying amount	Provision
At beginning of period	514,764	398,307	116,457
Change following conclusion of settlement under Settlement Programme	-23,864	-23,188	-676
Change following dispute resolution	16,133	-35,572	51,705
Change (recognition/reversal)	197,148	198,585	-1,437
Exchange differences	-11,492	-9,443	-2,049
At end of period	692,689	528,689	164,000

31 Dec 2022	Total	Adjustment to gross carrying amount	Provision
At beginning of period	408,146	356,181	51,965
Change following conclusion of settlement under Settlement Programme	-27,303	-	-27,303
Change following dispute resolution	-34,449	-3,869	-30,580
Change (recognition/reversal)	139,930	44,075	95,855
Exchange differences	28,440	1,920	26,520
At end of period	514,764	398,307	116,457

Costs of voluntary settlements with clients or of contract cancellation in excess of the provision or adjustment to the gross carrying amount of loans	1 Jan-31 Dec 2023	1 Jan-31 Dec 2022
Costs arising from conclusion of settlement agreements under Settlement Programme	9,963	478
Costs arising from conclusion of lawsuits	72,938	3,898
Loss allowance for amounts due under cancelled foreign currency loan agreements	4,362	-
Total	87,263	4,376



## 42. Common equity

#### Registered share capital

As at 31 December 2023, the share capital stood at PLN 929,477 thousand, remaining unchanged from the amount recorded on 31 December 2022.

Series/issu e	Type of shares	Type of preference	Number of shares	Par value of series/issue, PLN thousand	Method of payment for shares	Date of registration	Dividend right as of
А	0	ordinary	236,700	2,367	cash	9 Jan 1991	1 Jan 1992
В	0	ordinary	1,263,300	12,633	cash	11 Mar 1992	1 Jan 1993
С	0	ordinary	477,600	4,776	cash	30 Dec 1992	1 Jan 1993
С	0	ordinary	22,400	224	in-kind contribution	30 Dec 1992	1 Jan 1993
D	0	ordinary	1,300,000	13,000	cash	30 Dec 1993	1 Jan 1994
E	0	ordinary	647,300	6,473	cash	30 Jun 1994	1 Jan 1995
E	0	ordinary	15,500	155	in-kind contribution	30 Jun 1994	1 Jan 1995
E	0	ordinary	37,200	372	in-kind contribution	30 Jun 1994	1 Jan 1995
F	0	ordinary	1,500,000	15,000	cash	30 Dec 1994	1 Jan 1995
G	0	ordinary	1,260,000	12,600	cash	30 Jun 1995	1 Jan 1996
Н	0	ordinary	670,000	6,700	cash	30 Jun 1995	1 Jan 1996
I	0	ordinary	70,000	700	cash	30 Jun 1995	1 Jan 1996
J	0	ordinary	1,055,000	10,550	cash	21 Jun 1996	1 Jan 1996
К	0	ordinary	945,000	9,450	cash	21 Jun 1996	1 Jan 1996
L	0	ordinary	1,200,000	12,000	cash	29 Nov 1996	1 Jan 1996
М	0	ordinary	2,500,000	25,000	cash	7 May 1998	1 Jan 1997
N	0	ordinary	1,853,000	18,530	cash	13 Jun 2007	1 Jan 2007
0	0	ordinary	1,320,245	13,202	in-kind contribution	25 Jun 2010	1 Jan 2010
Р	0	ordinary	6,500,000	65,000	cash	15 Jun 2012	1 Jan 2011
U	0	ordinary	40,000,000	400,000	cash	12 Jul 2017	1 Jan 2016
V	0	ordinary	30,074,426	300,744	cash	4 Jul 2018	1 Jan 2018
Total numb	er of shares		92,947,671				
Total par va	lue of share o	apital		929,477			
Total share	capital			929,477			

Par value of share is PLN 10.

As at 31 December 2023, the total number of voting rights attached to all shares issued by the Bank was 92,947,671 and did not change relative to 31 December 2022.

Each share carries the right to one vote at the General Meeting.



#### Shareholders holding directly and indirectly 5% or more of total voting rights in the Bank.

	31 Dec 2023		31 Dec 2022	
Shareholder	Number of voting rights (shares)	% voting interest (ownership interest)	Number of voting rights (shares)	% voting interest (ownership interest)
Narodowy Fundusz Ochrony Środowiska i Gospodarki Wodnej (National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management)	53,951,960	58.05	53,951,960	58.05
Fundusz Inwestycji Polskich Przedsiębiorstw Fundusz Inwestycyjny Zamknięty Aktywów Niepublicznych (Fund for Investments of Polish Enterprises Closed-End Fund for Non-Public Assets)	8,000,000	8.61	8,000,000	8.61
Dyrekcja Generalna Lasów Państwowych (Directorate General of State Forests)	5,148,000	5.54	5,148,000	5.54

Other shareholders hold in total 27.8% of shares in the Bank's share capital.

As at the date of these full-year financial statements, no changes in the ownership structure of major holdings were known.

#### **Treasury shares**

As at 31 December 2023, the Bank held 37,775 treasury shares, representing 0.04% of the share capital and 0.04% of total voting in the Bank, including:

In accordance with the Commercial Companies Code, the Bank may not exercise voting rights attached to its own shares.

#### **Share premium**

Share premium includes any premiums received on issue of share capital. Any transaction costs associated with the issuing of shares are deducted from share premium.

As at 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022, the share premium was PLN 532,851 thousand.



## 43. Revaluation reserve

Item	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Remeasurement of financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	59,007	-72,867
Remeasurement of employee benefit obligations	1,789	2,665
Deferred income tax	- 11,551	13,339
Total revaluation reserve	49,245	- 56,863

#### Change in revaluation reserve

Item	
As at 1 January 2023	-56,863
Increase due to:	4,684,107
measurement of investment securities	4,684,107
Decrease due to:	-4,553,109
measurement of investment securities	-4,552,233
remeasurement of employee benefit obligations	-876
Deferred income tax	-24,890
As at 31 December 2023	49,245

As at 1 January 2022	-26,962
Increase due to:	856,987
measurement of investment securities	856,987
Decrease due to:	-893,902
measurement of investment securities	-893,324
remeasurement of employee benefit obligations	-578
Deferred income tax	7,014
As at 31 December 2022	-56,863



## 44. Retained earnings

Retained earnings comprise: other statutory reserve funds, general risk fund and undistributed profit or loss.

Item	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Other statutory reserve funds	510,193	382,585
statutory	44,000	44,000
created pursuant to the Articles of Association above the statutory minimum	461,868	334,260
other	4,325	4,325
General risk fund	48,302	48,302
Undistributed profit (loss)	61,701	127,608
net profit (loss) for current period	61,701	127,608
Total retained earnings	620,196	558,495

Statutory reserve funds are created from annual profit appropriations of at least 8% of net profit, until such time as the balance of the funds equals at least one third of the share capital. A portion of the of the reserve funds, equal to one-third of the share capital, may be used exclusively for offsetting losses disclosed in the financial statements.

Other reserves are created by appropriating net profit for the year, irrespective of the statutory reserve funds and are earmarked for offsetting specific losses and expenses.

The General Meeting makes decisions concerning the use of the statutory reserve funds and other reserves.

The general risk fund designated for unidentified risks in the Bank's business is created by appropriating net profit for the year, in accordance with the applicable provisions of the banking law.

## 45. Hedge accounting

#### Hedge accounting policies

Hedge accounting is an integral part of the financial risk management process. Financial risk is managed as part of the risk management process in place at the Bank.

The Bank hedges the interest rate risk in the banking book The Bank uses fair value hedges to hedge the fair value of fixed-rate Treasury bonds.

#### Cash flow hedge accounting

As at 31 December 2023, the Bank did not apply cash flow hedge accounting.

#### Fair value hedge accounting

During the hedging period, the Bank hedges the volatility of fair value of fixed-rate bonds, resulting from movements of market interest rates. The hedged item is part of the Treasury bonds held in the HtCS business model. The hedging instrument is an Interest Rate Swap (IRS), under which the Bank makes a payment based on a fixed interest rate and receives a coupon based on a variable rate (6M WIBOR).

By establishing a hedging relationship, the netting effect of changes in the fair value of the hedging instrument and the hedged item is obtained in profit or loss. Only one type of risk (i.e. the risk of interest rate volatility) is hedged. The spread between quote prices of the Treasury bonds and the IRS transactions is not hedged.



The hedge is expected to be highly effective in offsetting fair value changes resulting from the hedged risk. The effectiveness of the hedge is verified by using prospective and retrospective hedge effectiveness tests:

- the retrospective prospective effectiveness test, which aims to confirm the high probability of sufficient flows from the hedged item, as estimated in the prospective effectiveness test,
- the test based on the hypothetical derivative method, which involves presenting the hedged item as a hypothetical derivative.

Effectiveness testing involves comparing the changes in the fair value of the hedging instrument and the hypothetical derivative. The test yields a positive result if the Hedge Effectiveness Ratio (HER) falls within the range of 80-125%. The tests are performed on a monthly basis. The Bank does not identify any significant sources of ineffectiveness the fair value hedging.

Changes in the fair value of the hedged item resulting from movements of market interest rates are recognised in the statement of profit or loss. Changes in the fair value of the bonds not attributable to changes in the hedged risk are recognised in revaluation reserve. Changes in the measurement of the hedging instrument are recognised in the statement of profit or loss.

As at 31 December 2023, the Bank had one fair value hedge relationship - a hedge established on 20 October 2015.

The hedged item within the hedging relationship established in 2015 includes PLN 240 million of State Treasury bonds DS0725, maturing in July 2025.

As at 31 December 2023, an amount of PLN 3,188 thousand resulting from changes in fair value of the bonds due to movements of interest rates and changes in the fair value of the IRS transactions was recognised in the statement of profit or loss. The amount of PLN -1,854 thousand was recognised in the revaluation reserve. It represented the sum of the impact of the bonds on equity as at the date the hedge relationship was established (PLN -2,812 thousand) and the change in the fair value of the bonds resulting from the unhedged part of the risk (spread between the quoted prices of the bonds and the IRS transactions).

la oue		31 Dec 2023		31 Dec 2022		
Item	carrying amount	nominal value	fair value*\	carrying amount	nominal value	fair value*\
Hedging instruments						
Interest Rate Swap (IRS) – positive valuation	15,556	258,000	10,762	30,562	258,000	25,090
Hedged items						
Treasury bonds – positive valuation	236,786	240,000	-7,574	223,428	240,000	-19,866
Total effect on profit or loss			3,188			5,224

<sup>\*\</sup> for the hedged bonds it is an adjustment to the fair value



## 46. Share-based payments

#### **Management Remuneration Policy**

To comply with the requirements set forth in the Regulation of the Minister of Finance, Development Funds and Regional Policy dated 8 June 2021 regarding the risk management system, internal control system, and remuneration policy in banks, as well as in accordance with the provisions of Directive 2013/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council dated 26 June 2013 on access to the activity of credit institutions and the prudential supervision of credit institutions and investment firms, Bank Ochrony Środowiska S.A. has implemented a Remuneration Policy. This policy, approved by the Supervisory Board, applies specifically to managerial positions that have a significant impact on the Bank's risk profile.

The Remuneration and Appointments Committee of the Supervisory Board gives its opinion on the Remuneration Policy, gives its opinion an and drafts rules of compensation of members of the Management Board, gives its opinion on the amount of variable remuneration for managers who have a significant impact on the Bank's risk profile, gives its opinion on and monitors the amount of variable remuneration for managers at the Bank responsible for second-level risk management, management of the compliance function and management of the internal audit function.

In compliance with the disclosure obligation outlined in Recommendation No. 30.1 of the PFSA Recommendation Z and the Compensation Policy, the Bank hereby reports that the ratio of the average total gross remuneration of the Management Board members to the average total gross remuneration of other employees of the Bank in 2023 was 6.32. This ratio remained below the established threshold, as required.

The maximum amount of variable remuneration for each managing person may not exceed 100% of the person's fixed remuneration. The General Meeting of Bank Ochrony Środowiska S.A. has the authority to grant its consent to increase the maximum level of variable remuneration up to 200% of the fixed remuneration, in accordance with the procedure outlined in Article 25.3.4.b) and 25.3.4.c) of the Regulation of the Minister of Finance, Funds and Regional Policy. The increase in the maximum amount of variable remuneration referred to in the preceding sentence does not apply to members of the Management Board.

In 2023, two revisions were made to the Remuneration Policy, specifically incorporating the following changes:

- 1. Provisions governing severance payments and benefits of a similar nature were added to bring the policy in line with the requirements of the EBA/GL/2021/04 guidelines;
- 2. Provisions were added to clarify the scope of information provided to the Bank's shareholders as part of the Report on the Assessment of the Remuneration Policy;
- **3.** The provisions on the powers and duties of the Remuneration and Nominations Committee in the formulation and implementation of the policy were supplemented;
- **4.** Provisions were added designating the Internal Audit Department as responsible for conducting a periodic (at least once a year) independent review of the group's implemented remuneration policies and rules, and specifying the scope of this review;
- **5.** A provision was included to ensure that the Table of Minimum Monthly Salary Rates and bonus regulations specific to certain areas/units are made publicly available to employees;
- **6.** The provision regarding the annual discretionary award was removed, as this component is no longer applicable given that all Bank employees are now included in the bonus system;
- **7.** A provision was added to ensure that decisions to withhold, limit, or deny variable compensation to employees in managerial positions are based on the results of the suitability assessment;
- **8.** A provision was added which mandates that the Bank's HR Department annually review the Bank's remuneration policy. This includes assessing the document's adequacy and its compliance with generally applicable laws and the Bank's internal regulations.

During the reporting period, the variable remuneration of individuals in managerial positions that significantly impact the Bank's risk profile was also settled, specifically:

1. Upon the lapse of the retention period, the phantom shares awarded to members of the Management Board as the second tranche of deferred variable remuneration for 2019 and the third tranche of deferred variable remuneration for 2018 and the non-deferred portion of variable remuneration for 2021, in the total gross amount



- of PLN 619.53 thousand (67,457 phantom shares at the value per phantom share equalling the arithmetic mean of the closing prices at the first five sessions following the lapse of the retention period, i.e. PLN 9.1840) were converted into cash and paid out;
- 2. the third (of three) tranche of deferred variable remuneration for the 2019 performance year was granted and settled after the reporting period; the total cost amounted to PLN 127.4 thousand gross, including payments in the form of phantom shares constituting a short-term benefit paid after the lapse of the retention period, i.e. after a period of six months from the date of award of the variable component of remuneration, at the value per phantom share equal to the arithmetic mean of the closing prices at the first five sessions following the lapse of the retention period 7,070 shares, and the amount of PLN 48.4 thousand gross was paid in cash as a short-term benefit;
- **3.** the first (out of five) tranches of deferred variable remuneration for the 2021 performance year was settled; the total anticipated cost is projected to reach PLN 93.7 thousand gross. This includes disbursements in the form of phantom shares, recognised as short-term benefits, payable upon the expiry of the retention period that is, six months subsequent to the award date of the variable remuneration component. The value per phantom share (5,271 shares) was determined by the arithmetic mean of the closing prices from the first five trading sessions post-retention period, and a total of PLN 47 thousand gross was disbursed in cash as a short-term benefit;
- **4.** after the reporting period, i.e. at the conclusion of the retention period, phantom shares were converted to cash and disbursed to two members of the Management Board (including one former member). The gross total amounted to PLN 32.9 thousand, involving 2,945 phantom shares. The value per share was calculated based on the arithmetic average of the closing prices from the first five trading sessions post-retention period, which was PLN 11.1720 per share.
- 5. The members of the Management Board were granted variable remuneration for their performance in 2022, with a total amount of PLN 1,651.8 thousand being accrued. Of the accrued variable remuneration, 60% was settled in 2022. However, 40% of the accrued variable remuneration (amounting to PLN 660.7 thousand gross) was deferred and will be paid out over a period of five years. 50% of the non-deferred remuneration settled in 2022 was paid in cash, totalling PLN 495.6 thousand gross. The remaining 50% was allocated in phantom shares as a short-term benefit, which will be paid out after the end of the retention period. The payment for these shares (56,003 shares) will be calculated based on the arithmetic average of the closing prices from the first five trading sessions following the end of the retention period;
- **6.** after the reporting period, i.e. at the conclusion of the retention period, phantom shares were converted to cash and disbursed to two members of the Management Board (including one former member). The gross total amounted to PLN 371 thousand, involving 33,205 phantom shares. The value per share was calculated based on the arithmetic average of the closing prices from the first five trading sessions post-retention period, which was PLN 11.1720 per share.
- 7. Variable compensation totalling PLN 2,326.5 thousand gross was accrued and paid to 33 individuals in managerial roles identified as having a significant impact on the Bank's risk profile (excluding members of the Management Board). This compensation was awarded based on the fulfilment of all required conditions for variable pay and the absence of any significant irregularities or issues in the performance of their assigned duties.
- **8.** A total of 4 individuals holding managerial positions, excluding members of the Management Board, who were identified as having a significant impact on the Bank's risk profile, received a total cash award of PLN 17 thousand gross for the implementation of individual projects in 2022.

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter IV, paragraph 14, subsection 4, of the Bank Ochrony Środowiska S.A. Remuneration Policy (excluding members of the Management Board), the variable compensation accrued and paid in 2023 was exempt from the deferral mechanism and did not involve partial payments in shares.

The amount of variable remuneration for 2023 has not yet been determined and awarded.



### 47. Notes to the statement of cash flows

#### Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include the following highly liquid balances with maturities of less than three months.

Item	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Cash and balances with central bank (Note 21)	584,082	575,865
Deposits with other banks, recognised as cash equivalents (Note 22)	143,413	213,672
Investment securities (Note 24)	3,296,458	4,465,127
Total	4,023,953	5,254,664

The balance of cash and cash equivalents includes the obligatory reserve maintained with the NBP.

In accordance with Par. 12 of NBP Resolution No. 40/2015, the Bank may use the funds held in the obligatory reserve for current cash settlements.

The amount of the obligatory reserve declared to be maintained in December 2023 was PLN 611,254 thousand (December 2022: PLN 618,966 thousand). The Bank is required to maintain the average cash balance per month above the declared obligatory reserve.

Reconciliation of differences between changes in the statement of financial position and changes of the corresponding items disclosed in the statement of cash flows from operating activities

ltem	for the ye	ar ended
rtein	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Change in amounts due from banks	78,204	149,567
Change in deposits with other banks, recognised as cash equivalents	- 70,259	- 125,333
Total change in deposits with other banks and amounts due from banks	7,945	24,234
Change in investment securities	- 476,652	- 1,899,187
Change in investment securities recognised in cash and cash equivalents	- 1,168,669	1,566,113
Redemption of held-to-maturity securities	- 63,398	- 204,225
Purchase of securities measured at amortised cost	493,679	475,938
Interest income on securities measured at amortised cost	- 157,787	- 63,833
Transfer of interest on securities measured at amortised cost to interest on investing activities	193,556	109,969
Remeasurement of financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	131,873	- 36,337



		BANK
Total change in investment securities	- 1,047,398	- 51,562
Change in investments in subsidiaries	- 50,033	- 26,787
Valuation of shares using the equity method	70,034	36,787
Other changes	- 1	-
Dividends received	- 20,000	- 10,000
Total change in investments in subsidiaries		
Change in other assets and income tax	9,627	- 34,495
Deferred income tax expense disclosed in the statement of profit or loss	9,266	7,126
Deferred income tax on measurement of investment securities and employee benefits	- 24,890	7,014
Non-monetary changes in intangible assets, property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets – leases	12	61
Other changes	1	-
Total change in other assets and income tax	- 5,984	-20,294
Change in provisions	69,031	70,944
Effect of actuarial valuation on revaluation reserve	- 875	- 578
Total change in provisions	68,156	70,366
Change in other liabilities and income tax	8,360	46,136
Current income tax expense	- 69,671	- 65,430
Income tax paid	67,359	75,567
Total change in other liabilities and income tax	6,048	56,273
Change in liabilities arising from issue of bank securities	101,997	- 24,072
Proceeds from bond issue – subordinated liabilities	- 100,000	-
Redemption of bonds, including:	-	32,500
subordinated bonds	-	32,500
Interest paid on bonds issued by the Bank, including:	33,907	14,901
on subordinated bonds	33,907	14,901
Interest accrued on bonds issued by the Bank, including:	- 35,904	- 23,329
subordinated bonds	- 35,904	- 23,329
Total change in liabilities arising from issue of bank securities	-	-



## 48. Description of derivative financial instruments and foreign exchange transactions

Foreign exchange and currency derivative transactions:

	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Instrument	FX Swap		FX Forward		FX Spot	
Description of the instrument	A transaction that oblice contract to enter into curre on a specified date and rate and a forward (final currency on a specified of than the first leg settlem upon at the date of the different from the initicurrency that one counter to the other as a result of same currency that the other initial of the initial of the other as a result of the initial of the other as a result of the initial of the other as a result of the initial of the other as a result of the initial of the other as a result of the initial of the other as a result of the initial of the other as a result of the initial of the other as a result of the initial of the other as a result of the initial of the other as a result of the initial of the other as a result of the initial of the other as a result of the initial of the other as a result of the initial of the other as a result of the initial of the initial of the other as a result of the initial of the i	an initial exchange of ncies at a specified exchange ) exchange rate for that date in the future (other ent) and at a rate agreed e transaction (usually al exchange rate). The exparty is required to pay the final exchange is the counterparty received in	amount of currency for specified date, at a This is a forward o All terms and condition:	A transaction to exchange a specified of currency for another currency on a fied date, at a fixed forward rate. Sis a forward outright contract. and conditions of the transaction are hined on the date of its execution.  A transaction to exchange a specific are currency for another currency, at a rate upon at the time of the transaction Typically, the transaction is settled with business days of the execution defined as a specific are currency for another currency, at a rate upon at the time of the transaction to exchange a specific are currency for another currency, at a rate upon at the time of the transaction to exchange a specific are currency for another currency, at a rate upon at the time of the transaction to exchange a specific are currency for another currency, at a rate upon at the time of the transaction are business days of the execution defined as a fixed forward rate.		rrency, at a rate agreed of the transaction. on is settled within two
Purpose of acquisition or issue	for trading	for trading/liquidity		for trading		ding
Number of transactions	24	36	29	74	76	91
Notional amount (PLN thousand)	493,065	360,035	105,107	191,527	238,353	457,812
Fair value (PLN thousand)	2,035	-875	-425 4,732		-125	-432
- positive	3,141	135	1,164	6,244	221	259
- negative	-1,106	-1,010	-1,589	-1,512	-346	-691



Future income / payments	Variable		Variable		Variable	
Average maturity	18 Jan 2024	7 Jan 2023	21 Mar 2024	16 Feb 2023	2 Jan 2024	3 Jan 2023
Early settlement	None		At client's request		None	
Exchange or conversion into another asset/ liability	None		None		None	
Other terms	None		None		None	
Type of risk associated with the derivative instrument	Operational risk, marke	t risk, counterparty risk	Operational risk, market risk, counterparty risk		Operational risk, marke	t risk, counterparty risk



#### Interest rate derivative transactions:

Instrument Interest rate swaps (IRS) Interest rate swaps (IRS) Interest rate swaps (IRS) hedging PLN) Interest rate swaps (IRS) hedging PLN) Forward to	Forward transactions in bonds	
are made in the same currency and calculated at a fixed rate for each party involved (one rate may be fixed while the other is variable, or	ansaction to buy/sell a nount of a security on a ate at a fixed forward ns and conditions of the are determined on the of its execution.	
Purpose of as hedge (fair value hedge acquisition or issue as hedge (fair value hedge accounting) as hedge (cash flow hedge accounting)	for trading	
Number of transactions 126 135 2 2	2 -	
Notional amount (PLN thousand) 2,635,117 2,979,603 258,000 40	-	



Fair value (PLN thousand)	35,165	51,372	15,556	30,562	-	-	44,062	-
- positive	108,777	196,081	15,556	30,562	-	-	42	-
- negative	-73,612	-144,709	-	-	-	-	-	-
Future income / payments	Vari	iable	Va	riable	Var	riable	Va	riable
Average maturity	20 Feb 2028	24 Feb 2027	25 Jul 2025	25 Jul 2025	-	-	2 Jan 2024	-
Early settlement	transactions with in cases specif	e, but possible in non-banking clients ïed in contracts. rarely used.	Ν	lone	Ne	one	N	one
Exchange or conversion into another asset/ liability	No	one	٨	lone	No	one	N	one
Other terms	No	one	١	lone	No	one	N	one
Type of risk		sk, market risk, party risk		risk, market risk, rparty risk	· ·	isk, market risk, rparty risk		isk, market risk, rparty risk



#### Foreign exchange and currency derivative transactions:

Item	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Notional value	836,525	1,009,374
Total foreign exchange and currency derivative transactions:		
assets	4,526	6,638
liabilities	-3,041	-3,213

#### Interest rate derivative transactions:

Item	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Notional value	2,933,117	3,237,603
Total interest rate derivative transactions:		
assets	124,375	226,643
liabilities	-73,612	-144,709

#### **Total derivative financial instruments:**

Item	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Notional value	3,769,642	4,246,977
Total derivative financial instruments:		
assets	128,901	233,281
liabilities	-76,653	-147,922

#### Offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities

The Bank does not offset its financial instruments in financial assets and liabilities recognised in the financial statements.



### 49. Fair value of financial assets and liabilities

The carrying amount and the fair value of financial assets and liabilities other than measured at fair value disclosed in the financial statements are presented below.

Item	Carrying amount 31 Dec 2023	Fair value 31 Dec 2023	Carrying amount 31 Dec 2022	Fair value 31 Dec 2022
FINANCIAL ASSETS				
Amounts due from banks	162,681	163,942	240,885	242,439
Amounts due from clients including:	10,819,261	10,843,421	11,173,579	11,207,309
amounts due in PLN	8,647,732	8,663,993	8,731,755	8,795,118
amounts due in foreign currencies	2,171,529	2,179,428	2,441,824	2,412,191
Investment securities – measured at amortised cost	2,366,265	2,354,967	1,900,215	1,626,239
Debt securities, including:	2,366,265	2,354,967	1,900,215	1,626,239
Treasury securities	1,879,119	1,891,197	1,691,585	1,465,902
other	487,146	463,770	208,630	160,337
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES				
Amounts due to central bank and other banks	75,146	75,146	141,143	141,143
Amounts due to clients, including:	18,641,304	18,391,685	18,879,924	18,460,439
institutional clients	8,501,612	8,502,334	9,026,794	9,025,834
retail clients	9,485,310	9,511,214	9,138,745	9,114,063
other clients	215,099	215,099	124,710	124,710
international financial institutions	439,283	163,038	589,675	195,832
Subordinated liabilities	447,032	507,541	345,035	335,736

#### Amounts due from banks

Amounts due from banks include interbank deposits, nostro accounts and loans and advances. Fair value of interbank deposits, due to their short-term nature (fixed-rate interbank deposits up to six months) is equal to their carrying amount. Bonds issued by banks were measured at fair value, after accounting for a change in the credit spread calculated on the basis of comparable issues by similar banks.



#### Amounts due from clients

Amounts due from clients are disclosed net of impairment allowances. Amounts due from clients in the balance sheet are chiefly measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate (99% of the carrying amount of credit facilities).

The fair value of credit facilities is assumed to be their value resulting from currently estimated future principal and interest cash flows (separately for facilities denominated in foreign currencies and for facilities denominated in PLN) calculated using the effective interest rate for each facility (except for facilities with an undetermined schedule or non-performing loans, for which the fair value is assumed to be the same as carrying amount) and discounted at the average effective interest rate of the facilities granted over the last twelve months. For mortgage loans, account was taken of prepayments. In the case of facilities in foreign currencies, which the Bank ceased to grant, an average effective interest rate on the corresponding facilities denominated in PLN was applied, adjusted for the difference between the rates in specific currencies and PLN.

#### Investment securities measured at amortised cost

Investment securities measured at amortised cost include Treasury bonds held within the HtC business model. The fair value of the bonds is assumed to be the current valuation derived from quoted market prices plus accrued interest.

#### Amounts due to central bank and other banks

Amounts due to the central bank as well as liabilities arising from repo transactions are disclosed at carrying amount. Liabilities arising from repo transactions were recognised at carrying amount due to the lack of available market data necessary to calculate the fair value of basic repo transactions of the Bank with the counterparty.

Interbank deposits, due to short maturities, were disclosed at carrying amounts, and the borrowings (principal and interest) were discounted using the average effective interest rate.

#### Amounts due to clients

Amounts due to clients disclosed in the statement of financial position are measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method. The fair value of amounts due to clients is assumed to be their value resulting from discounting principal and interest for all deposits at the weighted average interest rate that was in effect for deposits accepted in December 2023. In the absence of payment schedules for current accounts, they were recognised at the carrying amount.

Amounts due to international financial institutions (principal and interest) were discounted using the average effective interest rate (for EUR) or the interest rate of the most recent transaction executed in a given currency (for PLN).

#### Liabilities arising from issue of securities

Liabilities arising from issue of securities are measured at fair value taking into account change in credit spread for PLN-denominated bonds, determined based on the latest issue carried out by the Bank.

#### Subordinated liabilities

Subordinated liabilities were measured at fair value, with the change in the credit spread determined on the basis of the latest issue made by the Bank.



# 50. Allocation of financial instruments measured at fair value based on the fair value measurement method

Under IFRS 13, fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction in the principal (or most advantageous) market at the measurement date under current market conditions (i.e. an exit price) regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique. When estimating fair value, the Bank takes into account the adjustment for counterparty credit risk.

As at 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022, the Bank allocated financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value into three categories (levels) based on the measurement method:

- 1. Level 1: mark-to-market valuation directly from available quotations of instruments on the market. This applies to quoted equity and debt securities and NBP bills (quotations based on the reference rate),
- 2. Level 2: mark-to-model valuation approach, with model parameterisation based on active market quotations for the type of instruments concerned or prices obtained in transactions concluded close to the reporting date on normal market terms. Fair value is also determined by reference to other, similar instruments, by analysing discounted cash flow and with other valuation methods commonly used by market participants, and in the case of financial instruments to which no valuation method can be applied at cost. This applies to unlisted bank securities, equity securities and derivatives (including forward transactions for securities), except where they meet the criteria for allocation to Level 3. Due to the above, the fair value of these securities is based on the valuation model developed by the Company and using comparable values for businesses listed on the Warsaw Stock Exchange,
- 3. Level 3: mark-to-model valuation approach, with model parameterisation based on active market quotes for a given type of instruments and the model parameters based on estimated risk factors. This applies to municipal securities (measured using the discounted cash flows method, with credit spreads used in the valuation determined on the basis of internal ratings), securities of other banks (prices are determined based on the margins of securities quoted in the market at the time of price determination, issued by selected issuers), unlisted equity securities and illiquid equity securities (measured using the discounted cash flows method).

#### Financial instruments by fair-value hierarchy level:

31 Dec 2023	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial assets held for trading	-	113,345	-	113,345
Debt securities	-	-	-	-
Derivative financial instruments	-	113,345	-	113,345
Derivative hedging instruments	-	15,556	-	15,556
Investment securities measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	5,785,032	126,328	1,207,145	7,118,505
debt securities	5,766,490	126,328	1,119,031	7,011,849
equity securities	18,542	-	88,114	106,656
Amounts due from banks	-	-	163,942	163,942
Amounts due from clients	-	-	10,843,421	10,843,421
Investment securities measured at amortised cost	2,354,967	-		2,354,967
Total	8,139,999	255,229	12,214,508	20,609,736



31 Dec 2023	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial liabilities held for trading	-	76,653	-	76,653
Derivative financial instruments	-	76,653	-	76,653
Amounts due to other banks	-	-	75,146	75,146
Amounts due to clients	-	-	18,391,685	18,391,685
Subordinated liabilities	-		507,541	507,541
Total	-	76,653	18,974,372	19,051,025

Changes in securities measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	Level 3
At beginning of period 1 Jan 2023	690,466
Purchase	836,000
Sale and redemption	-375,291
Total gains and losses	34,733
in profit or loss	-42,869
in other comprehensive income	77,602
At end of period 31 Dec 2023	1,185,908

31 Dec 2022	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial assets held for trading	20,225	202,719	-	222,944
Debt securities	20,225	-	-	20,225
Derivative financial instruments	-	202,719	-	202,719
Derivative hedging instruments	-	30,562	-	30,562
Investment securities measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	6,310,813	106,624	690,466	7,107,903
debt securities	6,292,270	106,624	623,544	7,022,438
equity securities	18,543	-	66,922	85,465
Amounts due from banks	-	-	242,439	242,439
Amounts due from clients	-	-	11,207,309	11,207,309
Investment securities measured at amortised cost	1,626,239	-	-	1,626,239
Total	7,957,277	339,905	12,140,214	20,437,396



31 Dec 2022	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial liabilities held for trading	-	147,922	-	147,922
Derivative financial instruments	-	147,922	-	147,922
Amounts due to other banks	-	-	141,143	141,143
Amounts due to clients	-	-	18,460,439	18,460,439
Subordinated liabilities	-	-	335,736	335,736
Total	-	147,922	18,937,318	19,085,240

Changes in securities measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	Level 3
At beginning of period 1 Jan 2022	1,017,347
Purchase	-
Sale and redemption	-302,468
Total gains and losses	-24,413
in profit or loss	-18,804
in other comprehensive income	-5,609
At end of period 31 Dec 2022	690,466

Financial instruments may be reallocated between Level 1 and Level 2 based on the availability of quotations from an active market at the reporting date.

An instrument is reallocated from Level 2 to Level 3 when valuation changes from an observable factor to an unobservable factor or when a new unobservable risk factor is applied to the valuation that simultaneously results in a significant effect on the valuation of the instrument.

An instrument is reallocated Level 3 to Level 2 when valuation changes from an unobservable factor to an observable factor or when the effect of the unobservable factor on the valuation of the instrument ceases to be significant. Reallocations between the measurement methods take place on the date and as at the end of the reporting period.

In the period from 1 January to 31 December 2023, there were no reallocations of instruments between the levels. Measurement of Level 3 instruments does not affect the statement of profit or loss.

The fair value measurement of Level 3 instruments is disclosed in other comprehensive income. Net profit (loss) includes accrued interest, interest paid, discount or premium, foreign exchange differences and reversed provisions (in the case of equity securities).

As at 31 December 2023, the sensitivity of the valuation of municipal instruments allocated to Level 3 to a +/- 1 basis point change in the credit spread (unobservable model parameter) was PLN 5.5 thousand (31 December 2022: PLN 14 thousand).



### 51. Segment reporting

In accordance with IFRS 8, operating segments are determined on the basis of internal reports on components of an enterprise that are subject to periodic reviews by the management responsible for taking operational decisions. IFRS 8 defines an operating segment is a component of an entity:

- 1. that engages in business activities from which it may earn revenues and incur expenses,
- 2. whose operating results are regularly reviewed by the entity's chief operating decision maker,
- **3.** for which discrete financial information is available.

The following is the policy for segment reporting applied in the periods ended 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022, by the following lines of business:

- 1. institutional clients,
- 2. retail clients.
- 3. treasury and investments,
- 4. other (not allocated to the segments).

The Institutional Client business line encompasses transactions conducted with corporate clients, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), and strategic clients through Business Centres, branches and the Bank's Head Office. The Retail Client business primarily serves individuals, micro-enterprises, housing communities and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) without credit facilities.

The Treasury and Investments business line includes transactions on the interbank market as well as transaction in debt securities, derivatives and equity investments. Treasury and investment activities include management of the Bank's liquidity, foreign exchange and interest rate risks and fund transfer pricing settlements with other business divisions (segments).

The brokerage business provides services to both retail and institutional clients.

Other activities (not allocated to segments) include items of the statement of profit or loss that are not allocated to any of the business areas listed in items 1-4, in particular income and expenses related to unclassified clients.

The financial data of BOŚ Leasing-EKO Profit S.A. and MS Wind Sp. z o.o. are classified into the institutional client segment.

To enhance presentation clarity, interest income and similar revenues generated by the treasury and investment business area are allocated to the institutional client division and the retail client division. This allocation reflects the tertiary nature of the treasury and investment business in relation to these two divisions, allowing for a more accurate representation of revenue distribution across the different business segments. The allocation is determined based on keys that consider the scale of credit and deposit activities in each division. Starting from the fourth quarter of 2022, there has been a change in the key used for allocating the results of treasury and investment activities from transfer settlements to the business divisions. Previously, the key was based on the 'balance of business line assets'. However, it has now been modified to 'balance of business line assets and liabilities'.

The results of the operating segments for the corresponding period of the previous year have been restated to ensure comparability.

The treasury and investment products include financial instruments, current and term deposits, interbank deposits and deposits from ALM clients, loans from other banks and loans granted to banks, debt and equity securities, and derivatives.

Brokerage activities mainly involve purchase and sale of securities for the banking book and for the trading book, maintaining securities accounts, fee-based management of third parties' securities portfolios, and offering securities the primary market or through initial public offerings.



Assets and liabilities of the areas specified in items 1-2 above have been separated on the basis of the Bank's lending and deposit base.

Net interest income includes transfer settlements between the Institutional client segment, the retail client segment, and the treasury and investment business. Transfer measurement of funds is based on reference rates and additional funding rates, taking into account currency, stability of funds and maturities, which are referenced to the yield curve. All relevant assets and interest-bearing liabilities, as well as off-balance sheet items that generate demand for liquidity are subject to transfer rates measurement. Measurement is performed on a monthly basis and is based on the (daily) average of individual interest-rate transactions allocated to a given division separately for each currency.

The operating result of the institutional client segment and the retail client segment is determined by subtracting administrative costs directly related to the segments' transactions or units and costs and loss allowances allocated to the segments, including cross-settlements for serving clients of the institutional client division by the Bank's operating branches (focused on services for clients of the retail division), from the result of banking activities within these divisions.

Segment's net finance income (costs) comprises:

- 1. Net interest income, i.e. the sum of the difference between interest income on credit facilities and municipal bonds from clients and cost of funds received from ALM (treasury and investment activity) and income from the transfer of funds to ALM less interest expenses paid to the Bank's clients.
- 2. Net fee and commission income, i.e. the difference between fee and commission income and expenses allocated to a given transaction and allocated to the business area. The net result includes income and expenses both recognised on a one-off basis and accounted for on a straight-line basis, while transaction-related income and expenses accounted for at the effective interest rate are recognised in net interest income.
- **3.** Gain (loss) on foreign exchange transactions, i.e. income on negotiated FX transactions (forwards and spots) and income on foreign exchange according to the Bank's exchange rate table. The item includes gain (loss) on derivative transactions.
- 4. Net other income and expenses
- **5.** Effect of legal risk of mortgage loans denominated in foreign currencies, relating to recognised / reversed provisions for pending and future court cases, as well as the settlements programme related to the judgment of the Court of Justice of the European Union (ECJ) in case C-260/18.
- **6.** Net impairment losses and measurement of receivables at fair value through profit or loss, i.e. gain (loss) on changes in impairment losses on loans, municipal and corporate bonds, and gain (loss) on loans, municipal and corporate bonds measured at fair value allocated to a given business area. The result includes changes in the portfolio of impaired foreign currency loans due to exchange rate fluctuations.

The financial result of the treasury and investment business area is the sum of the results of the treasury and equity investment business areas of the Bank, which include:

- 1. Interest income calculated as the sum of interest income on transactions with external clients and the result of transfer pricing settlements between funds and other segments. External interest income and expense relate to transactions on the interbank market (deposits and loans), as well as debt securities purchased and issued. The result on transfer pricing settlements of funds is the difference between income from financing of assets of other segments and transfer costs for deposits received from other segments.
- 2. Gain (loss) on foreign exchange transactions includes gain (loss) on foreign exchange trading transactions, remeasurement of the provision for foreign-currency loans, and changes in the measurement of active currency forward hedges. This item includes gain (loss) of foreign exchange transactions not allocated to other segments.
- **3.** Gain (loss) on hedge accounting includes gain (loss) on cash-flow hedging transactions and fair-value hedging transactions.
- **4.** Gain (loss) on financial instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss, gain (loss) on transactions in the trading book and on transactions in financial instruments, including FX swaps.
- **5.** Gain (loss) on investment securities gain (loss) on shares and debt securities and on measurement of financial instruments.
- 6. Dividend income.



**7.** Difference in value of impairment allowances, gain (loss) on shares and exposures to financial institutions allocated to the treasury and investment business area.

Below are presented the financial results of the Bank for the periods ended 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022 attributable to the reportable segments.



No.	Selected items of the statement of profit and loss for the 12 months ended 31 December 2023	INSTITUTIONAL CLIENTS	RETAIL CLIENTS TREASURY AND INVESTMENTS		OTHER (NOT ALLOCATED TO SEGMENTS)	Total
I.	Net interest income	287,324	207,130	201,893	-	696,347
1.	Interest and similar income, including:	1,267,405	853,436	- 537,938	-	1,582,903
	transactions with external clients	743,124	213,165	626,614	-	1,582,903
	transactions with other segments	524,281	640,271	- 1,164,552	-	-
2.	Interest expense and similar charges, including:	- 980,081	- 646,306	739,831	-	- 886,556
	transactions with external clients	- 363,033	- 454,114	- 69,409	-	- 886,556
	transactions with other segments	- 617,048	- 192,192	809,240	-	-
II.	Net fee and commission income	63,825	11,246	-	- 574	74,497
III.	Dividend income	-	-	8,118	-	8,118
IV.	Gain (loss) on financial instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	5,227	- 164	5,231	-	10,294
V.	Gain (loss) on hedge accounting	-	-	- 2,028	-	- 2,028
VI.	Gain (loss) on investment securities	-	-	-	-	-
VII.	Gain (loss) on foreign exchange transactions	14,079	3,525	- 7,121	-	10,483
VIII.	Gain (loss) on derecognition of financial instruments	1,038	-	-	-	1,038
IX.	Net banking income	371,493	221,737	206,093	- 574	798,749
X.	Net other income and expenses	4,201	- 8,985	-	- 11,806	- 16,590



-	- 284,411
-	- 61,498
- 12,380	436,250
-	- 59,273
- 12,380	376,977
-	- 231,434
- 12,380	145,543
-	- 59,828
-	- 33,643
-	70,034
- 12,380	122,106
-	-
- 12,380	122,106
	- 60,405
	61,701
206,278	21,869,452
4,215	10,981,942
714,611	21,869,452
215,099	18,716,450
-	46,124
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No.	Selected items of the statement of profit and loss for the 12 months ended 31 December 2022	INSTITUTIONAL CLIENTS	RETAIL CLIENTS	TREASURY AND INVESTMENTS	OTHER (NOT ALLOCATED TO SEGMENTS)	Total
I.	Net interest income	280,518	201,714	188,708	-	670,940
1.	Interest and similar income, including:	1,036,091	577,792	- 415,301	-	1,198,582
	transactions with external clients	645,039	125,775	427,768	-	1,198,582
	transactions with other segments	391,052	452,017	- 843,069	-	-
2.	Interest expense and similar charges, including:	- 755,573	- 376,078	604,009	-	- 527,642
	transactions with external clients	- 248,011	- 233,284	- 46,347	-	- 527,642
	transactions with other segments	- 507,562	- 142,794	650,356	-	-
II.	Net fee and commission income	63,022	10,175	-	- 492	72,705
111.	Dividend income	181	-	6,743	-	6,924
IV.	Gain (loss) on financial instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	- 18	- 31	- 2,609	-	- 2,658
V.	Gain (loss) on hedge accounting	-	-	119	-	119
VI.	Gain (loss) on investment securities	-	-	-	-	-
VII.	Gain (loss) on foreign exchange transactions	16,486	3,710	16,510	-	36,706
VIII.	Gain (loss) on derecognition of financial instruments	2,079	- 9	-	-	2,070
IX.	Net banking income	362,268	215,559	209,471	- 492	786,806
X.	Net other income and expenses	422	390	-	- 9,150	- 8,338



XI.	Effect of legal risk of mortgage loans denominated in foreign currencies	-	- 144,306	-	-	- 144,306
XII.	Net impairment losses	- 168,949	66,137	2,164	14	- 100,634
XIII.	Net finance income (costs)	193,741	137,780	211,635	- 9,628	533,528
1.	Direct costs	- 33,697	- 24,159	- 2,522	-	- 60,378
	Profit (loss) after direct costs	160,044	113,621	209,113	- 9,628	473,150
2.	Indirect costs and mutual services	- 91,905	- 90,163	- 17,013	-	- 199,081
	Profit (loss) after direct and indirect costs	68,139	23,458	192,100	- 9,628	274,069
3.	Amortisation and depreciation	- 23,933	- 24,369	- 2,287	-	- 50,589
4.	Other costs (taxes, BGF, PFSA)	- 41,436	- 32,122	- 797	-	- 74,355
XIV.	Share of profit (loss) of equity- accounted entities	36,787	-	-	-	36,787
XV.	PROFIT (LOSS) BEFORE TAX	39,557	- 33,033	189,016	- 9,628	185,912
XVI.	Allocated profit (loss) of ALM	48,145	142,163	- 190,308	-	-
XVII.	Gross profit (loss) after ALM allocation	87,702	109,130	- 1,292	- 9,628	185,912
XVIII.	Income tax expense					- 58,304
XIX.	NET PROFIT (LOSS)					127,608
	Segment assets	8,610,239	2,589,306	10,500,343	215,350	21,915,238
	including amounts due from banks and clients	8,544,362	2,589,306	277,136	3,660	11,414,464
	Segment liabilities	8,978,603	9,138,745	3,233,962	563,928	21,915,238
	of which amounts due to banks and clients	8,978,603	9,138,745	779,009	124,710	19,021,067
	Expenditure on property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	30,912	27,649	3,661	-	62,222



## 52. Related-party transactions

As at 31 December 2023, Bank Ochrony Środowiska S.A. was the parent of Dom Maklerski BOŚ S.A., BOŚ Leasing-EKO Profit S.A., as well as MS Wind Sp. z o.o.

The National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management (NFOŚiGW) was the parent of the Bank.

The key management personnel are also considered to be related parties.

## Transaction with the National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management, i.e. the main shareholder of the Bank

As at 31 December 2023, the amount of funds provided by the NFOŚiGW for preferential loans under the Prosument programme for the financing of purchase and installation of renewable energy sources was PLN 3,390 thousand (31 December 2022: PLN 7,169 thousand).

NFOŚiGW is a party related to the State Treasury. The Bank enters into transactions with entities related to the State Treasury, mainly with entities operating in the public finance sector.

#### **Related-party transactions**

The process for making credit decisions concerning subsidiaries is detailed in the 'Rules for granting credits, cash loans, bank guarantees, sureties, and other off-balance sheet liabilities by Bank Ochrony Środowiska S.A. to subsidiaries and affiliates of the Bank, Bank shareholders, entities financially or organisationally linked to shareholders, Bank employees, employees of the parent, members of the Management Board and Supervisory Board of the parent, and at their request'.

The Bank provides standard financial services to its managerial staff, members of the Supervisory Board, and their immediate family members. These services include managing bank accounts, accepting deposits, providing credit and other financial services.

When extending credit, cash loans, guarantees and sureties to members of the Bank's governing bodies, managerial staff and organisations financially or organisationally linked to them, the Bank ensures that the terms, including interest rates, are no more favourable than those offered to other clients under similar contractual arrangements involving managing bank accounts and issuing credits, loans, guarantees and sureties.

#### Dom Maklerski BOŚ S.A.

The Bank's branches maintain current accounts of Dom Maklerski BOŚ S.A. Transactions in current accounts are primarily payments and cash withdrawals by the company's clients. The bank accounts of Dom Maklerski BOŚ S.A., holding both client and proprietary funds, earn interest based on the WIBID rate.

In 2023, the Bank continued its revolving credit facility agreement with Dom Maklerski BOŚ S.A.

The above transactions are temporary in nature and were executed due to the Bank's internal needs and on market terms.

#### **BOŚ Leasing - EKO Profit S.A.**

The Bank maintains current accounts and fixed-term deposit accounts of BOŚ Leasing - EKO Profit S.A. In 2023, the Bank was a party to rental contracts with the company concerning:

- 1. in Warsaw a contract for sublease of office space from the Bank, at Al. Jana Pawła II 12, concluded on 31 October 2019, extended by Annex 2 of 1 March 2021 for a period until 29 February 2024;
- 2. in Toruń
  - a. lease contract of 20 May 2022 concluded in Toruń for the period from 1 June 2022 to 1 June 2025;
  - **b.** sublease contract of 7 November 2022 for part of office space leased under contract a), between BOŚ Leasing-EKO Profit S.A. and BOŚ S.A. The contract was concluded for an indefinite period;
  - c. sublease contract of 7 November 2022 for office space in 15 Business Centres of BOŚ SA, concluded between BOŚ S.A. and BOŚ Leasing-EKO Profit S.A. The contract was concluded for an indefinite period.

Rental payments under contracts b) and c) offset each other.



**3.** in Katowice – lease contract of 9 June 2022 concluded in Katowice for the period from 9 June 2022 to 30 June 2027.

In 2023, BOŚ Leasing - EKO Profit S.A. did not enter into agreements with the Bank for the purchase of lease receivables with recourse. In 2023, the Bank and BLEP S.A. executed one non-recourse lease receivables purchase agreement.

The transactions and lease agreements mentioned above were executed on an arm's length basis, for the Bank's internal needs.

#### MS Wind Sp. z o. o.

The Bank maintains current accounts and term deposit accounts for MS Wind Sp. z o.o. In 2023, the Bank continued its loan agreements with MS Wind Sp. z o.o. to finance project execution and entered into an Interest Rate Swap (IRS) transaction with the company.

The above transactions are temporary in nature and were executed due to the Bank's internal needs and on market terms.



#### Data on transactions with the subsidiaries are presented in the tables below.

#### As at 31 December 2023:

Item	Amounts due from clients	Investments in subsidiaries	Other assets	Financial liabilities held for trading	Amounts due to clients	Subordinated liabilities	Provisions	Other liabilities	Contingent liabilities
SUBSIDIARIES									
Dom Maklerski BOŚ S.A.	74,929	212,295	-	-	1,896,354	- 152	347	339	34,069
BOŚ Leasing – EKO Profit S.A.	215,679	66,034	-	- 124	24,344	-	1,787	308	16,954
INDIRECT SUBSIDIARIES									
MS Wind Sp. z o.o.	17,073	-	-	22	9,608	-	-	-	-
Total	307,681	278,329	-	- 146	1,930,306	- 152	2,134	647	51,023

#### As at 31 December 2022:

Item	Amounts due from clients	Investments in subsidiaries	Other assets	Financial Iiabilities held for trading	Amounts due to clients	Subordinated liabilities	Provisions	Other liabilities	Contingent liabilities
SUBSIDIARIES									
Dom Maklerski BOŚ S.A.	69,893	161,712	1	-	2,298,188	-	287	392	40,180
BOŚ Leasing – EKO Profit S.A.	177,528	64,446	-	336	17,610	-	643	546	84,115
INDIRECT SUBSIDIARIES									
MS Wind Sp. z o.o.	18,569	-	-	266	8,620	-	-	-	-
Total	265,990	226,158	1	602	2,324,418	-	930	938	124,295

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#### Income and expenses for the 12 months ended 31 December 2023:

ltem	Interest and similar income	Interest expense and similar charges	Fee and commission income	Fee and commission expense	Gain (loss) on financial instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss (including amounts due from clients)	Other income	Other expenses	Net impairment losses	Administrative expenses	Share of profit (loss) of equity- accounted entities
SUBSIDIARIES										
Dom Maklerski BOŚ S.A.	4,027	- 126,809	1,144	- 292	-	10	-	- 910	- 11	70,583
BOŚ Leasing - EKO Profit S.A.	16,940	- 485	74	-	68	484	-	- 14,380	- 80	1,589
INDIRECT SUBSIDIARIES										
MS Wind Sp. z o.o.	1,589	- 47	38	-	36	-	-	2	-	-
Total	22,556	- 127,341	1,256	- 292	104	494	-	- 15,288	- 91	72,172



#### Income and expenses for the 12 months ended 31 December 2022:

Item	Interest and similar income	Interest expense and similar charges	Fee and commission income	Fee and commission expense	Gain (loss) on financial instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss (including amounts due from clients)	Other income	Other expenses	Net impairment losses	Administrative expenses	Share of profit (loss) of equity- accounted entities
SUBSIDIARIES										
Dom Maklerski BOŚ S.A.	4,678	- 91,002	1,580	-	-	2	- 1	- 137	- 12	33,251
BOŚ Leasing - EKO Profit S.A. INDIRECT SUBSIDIARIES	10,057	- 366	45	-	- 342	417	-	- 572	- 12	3,536
MS Wind Sp. z o.o.	1,413	- 9	39	-	- 523	-	-	65	-	-
Total	16,148	- 91,377	1,664	-	- 865	419	-1	- 644	- 24	36,787



## Loans to and deposits from members of the Management Board and the Supervisory Board of the Bank

As part of the operating activities, transactions with members of the management body and the key management personnel comprise mainly loans and deposits. The balances of individual items of the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022 as well as income and expenses for the 12 months ended 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022 are presented below:

#### Key management personnel

Item	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Loans	7	246
Commitments under granted line of credit	8	-
Deposits	244	959
Total	259	1,205

Item	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Interest expense on deposits	5	3
Interest income on loans	-	3

The credit and deposit products were provided to the key management personnel on the same terms as those offered by the Bank to the general public.



#### Remuneration of the key management personnel of the Bank

Curaminan Paged	Remun	eration	For serving on governing bodies of subordinated entities		
Supervisory Board	paid for 2023	paid for 2022	paid for 2023	paid for 2022	
Wojciech Krawczyk <sup>1</sup>	84	-	-	-	
Marian Niemirski <sup>1</sup>	84	-	-	-	
Waldemar Trelka <sup>1</sup>	84	-	-	-	
Paweł Trętowski <sup>2</sup>	1	-	-	-	
Andrzej Matysiak <sup>8</sup>	184	154	-	-	
Paweł Sałek <sup>3</sup>	133	156	-	-	
Piotr Bielarczyk <sup>9</sup>	163	72	-	-	
Tadeusz Wyrzykowski <sup>9</sup>	168	72	-	-	
Aleksandra Świderska <sup>9</sup>	163	72	-	-	
Iwona Marciniak <sup>4</sup>	90	83	-	-	
Piotr Sadownik <sup>9</sup>	233	80	-	-	
Zbigniew Dynak <sup>5</sup>	-	72	-	-	
Emil Ślązak <sup>6</sup>	-	187	-	-	
Janina Goss <sup>7</sup>	-	136	-	-	
Ireneusz Purgacz <sup>5</sup>	-	82	-	-	
Piotr Wróbel <sup>5</sup>	-	73	-	-	
Marcin Jastrzębski <sup>5</sup>	-	73	-	-	
Leszek Banaszak <sup>5</sup>	-	72	-	-	
Robert Czarnecki <sup>5</sup>	-	73	-	-	
Total <sup>10</sup>	1,387	1,457	-	•	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Member of the Supervisory Board until 23 June 2023

The total amount of remuneration paid to members of the Supervisory Board in 2023 included remuneration of Supervisory Board members, reimbursement of overpaid social security contributions and PPK contributions paid by BOŚ S.A.

 $<sup>^2\,\</sup>text{Member of the Supervisory Board from 23 June 2023, and delegated to the Management Board as of 23 June 2023}$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Member of the Supervisory Board until 25 October 2023 (resigned)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Member of the Supervisory Board from 30 June 2022, delegated to the Management Board as of 24 June 2023, resigned as of 29 June 2023 due to her appointment as Vice President of the Management Board

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Member of the Supervisory Board until 30 June 2022

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Member of the Supervisory Board until 23 November 2022, delegated to the Management Board until 8 February 2023, when he tendered his resignation

 $<sup>^{7}</sup>$  Member of the Supervisory Board until 10 December 2022 (resigned)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Member of the Supervisory Board from 23 June 2021

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Member of the Supervisory Board from 30 June 2022.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 10}$  All payments were short-term employee benefits.



Management Board	Remun	eration	For serving on governing bodies of subordinated entities		
	paid for 2023	paid for 2022	paid for 2023	paid for 2022	
Paweł Trętowski <sup>1</sup>	331	-	-	-	
Iwona Marciniak <sup>2</sup>	268	-	-	-	
Wojciech Hann <sup>3</sup>	359	716	-	-	
Marzena Koczut <sup>4</sup>	105	296	-	-	
Bogusław Białowąs <sup>5</sup>	83	91	-	-	
Arkadiusz Garbarczyk	963	800	-	-	
Emil Ślązak <sup>6</sup>	475	68	-	-	
Jerzy Zań <sup>7</sup>	769	617	-	-	
Robert Kasprzak <sup>8</sup>	348	605	-	-	
Sebastian Bodzenta <sup>9</sup>	249	-	-	-	
Total	3,950	3,193	-	-	
including:					
– short-term employee benefits	2,376	3,193	-	-	
- long-term employee benefits	-	-	-	-	
– post-employment benefits	826	91	-	-	
- termination benefits	129	-	-	-	
– share-based payments (phantom shares)	619	-	-	-	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Member of the Management Board from 23 June to 23 September 2023; from 25 September to 25 December 2023; from 28 December 2023

The total amount of remuneration paid to members of the Management Board of the Bank in 2023 included remuneration under management services contracts, post-employment benefits and contributions to the Employee Capital Plan paid by BOŚ S.A.

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  Member of the Management Board from 24 June 2023, delegated to the Management Board; appointed to the Management Board as of 29 June 2023

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Member of the Management Board until 23 November 2022

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Member of the Management Board until 23 May 2022

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Member of the Management Board until 17 June 2020

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Member of the Supervisory Board from 23 November 2022 to 8 February 2023, delegated to the Management Board; on 8 February 2023 tendered his resignation from the Supervisory Board

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Member of the Management Board until 30 April 2023

<sup>8</sup> Member of the Management Board from 15 February 2021

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 9}$  Member of the Management Board from 10 July 2023.



## 53. Seasonal or cyclical nature of the business

In 2023 and 2022, the Bank's operations do not involve any significant events or factors subject to seasonal or cyclical variations.

### 54. Disposal, liquidation and merger of companies

The Bank did not divest, liquidate or merge any subsidiaries in 2023 and 2022.

# 55. Dividends paid (aggregate or per share) separately for ordinary shares and other shares

No dividend was paid or declared in 2023 and 2022.

#### 56. Reform of benchmarks

Following the discontinuation of the LIBOR USD rate by the Financial Conduct Authority as of 30 June 2023, the Bank opted to adopt the CME Term SOFR as the benchmark rate for USD-denominated credit agreements. The CME Term SOFR, a forward-looking benchmark interest rate for the US dollar, has been incorporated into the Bank's lending products for the SME/CORPORATE segment clients.

The index is administered by CME Group Benchmark Administration Limited (Administrator's website: www.cmegroup.com). The CME Term SOFR was endorsed by the Alternative Reference Rates Committee (ARRC) on 29 July 2021 as a replacement for LIBOR USD. In the context of the BMR Regulation, the benchmark is administered by an entity from a third country (namely, a firm based in the United States of America). The application of this benchmark is permitted under the transitional provisions outlined in Article 51(5) of the Benchmarks Regulation (BMR) – Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council dated 8 June 2016. This regulation governs the use of indices as benchmarks in financial instruments and contracts, or for measuring the performance of investment funds, and it amends Directives 2008/48/EC and 2014/17/EU as well as Regulation (EU) No 596/2014, as amended.

The Bank's existing USD-denominated loan agreements accrue interest based on USD synthetic LIBOR. Legally, the 'synthetic' benchmark is the same as the previous LIBOR benchmark. It is calculated using a new methodology, but it remains classified as a LIBOR benchmark. The synthetic USD LIBOR benchmark is determined based on the CME Term SOFR benchmark, adjusted by an appropriate ISDA spread. The synthetic benchmark will be published until 30 September 2024. The Bank is transitioning existing credit agreements from the USD LIBOR benchmark to the corresponding CME Term SOFR benchmark.

Members of the BMR Project continue to be actively engaged in the activities of the National Working Group on Benchmark Reform (NGR), which was established in July 2022. The NGR Group, apart from having a broad representation of financial institutions, also includes representatives from various entities and organisations. These include the Polish Financial Supervision Authority, the Ministry of Finance, the National Bank of Poland, the Bank Guarantee Fund, the Polish Bank Association and WSE Benchmark.

The goal of the National Working Group is to prepare and facilitate the effective implementation of the Risk-Free Rate (RFR) reference index in the Polish financial market.

In September 2022, the Steering Committee of the National Working Group (NGR SC) made the decision to select WIRON as the index to replace WIBOR in the Polish financial market.

The Bank has planned and is executing project work in line with the NGR Roadmap and the recommendations approved by the NGR Steering Committee. These guidelines provide a framework for the implementation of the WIRON benchmark in both new contracts and the existing portfolio.



The Bank maintains a continuous monitoring process to stay informed about the market developments and updates related to the benchmark reform and the reform's impact on the Bank.

The Bank is currently implementing the necessary changes for the new benchmarks, including IT infrastructure adjustments and updates to internal regulations and contractual documentation.

Item	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Assets based on the WIBOR rate		
Mortgage loans	1,224,861	1,328,089
Consumer loans	268,797	259,518
Other credit products	6,814,291	6,722,497
Debt securities	2,533,882	1,984,273
Liabilities based on the WIBOR rate		
Issue of debt securities	447,032	345,035
Deposits	238,317	1,412,446
Liabilities based on the WIBID rate		
Deposits	3,068,177	2,441,566
Derivative instruments (notional amount)		
IRS	2,223,220	2,500,712
Assets based on the LIBOR rate		
Mortgage loans	16,742	27,907
Other credit products	121,247	167,310

#### Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk can arise from mismatches in the repricing dates between the replacement index and the contract index, as well as mismatches in the index conversion dates across various agreements and contracts, such as loans and IRS contracts. Furthermore, there is a potential risk that the interbank derivatives market may not provide sufficient hedging options for mitigating the underlying interest rate risk inherent in credit-related on-balance sheet transactions. The Bank actively monitors the magnitude of sensitivity of its exposure to the risk and implements appropriate measures in line with its interest rate risk management principles.

The risks mentioned above have no impact on the interest rate risk management strategy.

#### Legal risk

Regarding legal (including judicial) risks, it is important to consider the treatment of loans linked to the BMR index in the event that a specific index is discontinued. Two distinct situations should be distinguished: one where a specific index ceases to be published without a designated replacement and the other where a replacement index is specified in accordance with applicable law (similar to CHF LIBOR).

1. In the first situation, the legal risk (and potential litigation risk) pertains to the determination of the interest rate on the loan, specifically the calculation of interest amount for the client. If the contract between the Bank and the client specifies the method of determining the alternative benchmark, there is a risk the risk arises from the potential for that the client rejects the benchmark chosen by the Bank, leading to a dispute regarding the



- interpretation of the contractual provisions. If the contract does not specify an alternative benchmark, uncertainty arises regarding the method of determining the interest rate on the loan.
- 2. In the second situation, the legal risk is significantly lower because the 'new' BMR will automatically become part of the contract by operation of law, reducing the likelihood of potential claims by clients.

#### **Hedge accounting**

The Bank uses hedge accounting to hedge the fair value of fixed-rate bonds with WIBOR-based Interest Rate Swap instruments (see Note 45 'Hedge accounting' for details). As a result of the BMR ratio reform, the reference rate for the hedging instrument will change.

### 57. Events after the reporting date

The Management Board of BOŚ S.A. convened an Extraordinary General Meeting for 11 March 2024, with the agenda addressing proposed changes in the composition of the Supervisory Board.



## Signatures of Members of the Management Board

Date	Name and surname	Position held	Signature
7 March 2024	Paweł Trętowski	Member of the Supervisory Board delegated to temporarily serve as Management Board Vice President responsible for managing the work of the Management Board	Signed with qualified e-signature
7 March 2024	Arkadiusz Garbarczyk	Vice President of the Management Board, First Deputy President of the Management Board	Signed with qualified e-signature
7 March 2024	Sebastian Bodzenta	Vice President of the Management Board	Signed with qualified e-signature
7 March 2024	Iwona Marciniak	Vice President of the Management Board	Signed with qualified e-signature
Signature of the person	on in charge of bookkeeping:		
7 March 2024	Andrzej Kowalczyk	Director of the Accounting Department	Signed with qualified e-signature