

Condensed results of the audited consolidated annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018

Economic outlook

Global and Sub-Saharan Africa

Moderating activity and heightened risks are clouding global economic prospects. The International Monetary Fund projections point to a slowing growth from an estimated 3.7% in 2018 to 3.5% in 2019. Business and consumer confidence has declined in advanced economies on the back of elevated trade tensions, high levels of policy uncertainty in Europe and the declining growth in China. Severe weather events raise the possibility of large swings in international food prices in 2019.

Rising global uncertainties pose a threat to Sub-Saharan Africa's fragile recovery. These uncertainties include US trade and monetary policies, downside risks to several markets (particularly China), the growth outlook for both the UK and the Eurozone due to Brexit, volatile weather conditions and rising fiscal vulnerabilities. There are also a few elections in key markets such as, South Africa, Senegal and Mozambique, which add to the domestic uncertainties. Although we expect the continued focus on infrastructure expansion, policy accommodation and improved agriculture output to support growth, an unfavourable global environment could weigh on the region in 2019. Our estimates point to growth of 3.4% in 2019 but with increased downside risk.

Despite the tougher global environment, we have raised 2019 projections for the region's two largest markets, Nigeria and South Africa. In Nigeria, we expect growth of 2.7% year-on-year on a stronger non-oil sector, while there is likely to be a greater focus on policy and budget implementation post the February elections. In South Africa, we expect growth of 1.7% year-on-year for 2019 on the assumption of middle-of-the-road policy settings after this year's elections.

Monetary policy authorities in Sub-Saharan Africa are likely to be more cautious this year amid an unfavourable growth-inflation mix. Ghana and Nigeria still have scope for further policy easing though some countries, including South Africa, Namibia and Zambia, stand ready to tighten. Low oil prices could be well for the inflation outlook, but a run-up in prices as a result of Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) cuts, and weaker FX, could drive inflation up faster than expected.

Domestic economic outlook

We believe economic growth in 2018 will be reported as significantly stronger 4.5% vs. 2.9% in 2017, as data already show that cumulative growth in the first 9 months of 2018 was 4.6% year-on-year. However, growth may falter in 2019, falling to 4.2% (Botswana Government forecasts) as global demand for diamonds is likely to be challenged by ongoing trade disputes (the US and China are the largest consumers of diamonds). Therefore, the non-mining sector will have to accelerate significantly if economic prospects are to brighten.

The growth in gross fixed capital formation (GFCF) and government expenditure is encouraging and could present upside risks particularly against the backdrop of the government's diversification agenda and high expenditure programme.

Inflation and interest rates outlook

Headline inflation was largely stable in 2018, tracking below 3.4% year-on-year before October, but fuel price under recoveries led to successive fuel price increases in the latter part of 2018, driving up inflation to 3.8% by November 2018. Headline inflation averaged 3.2% in 2018. Inflation is set to rise but remain comfortably within the Bank of Botswana's 3 - 6% target range in the year ahead. Upside risks include the expected wage increment for public sector workers, possible increases in administered prices, especially domestic fuel prices, and risks that food prices, which have been in negative territory since April 2018, could increase due to volatile weather conditions. The downside risks to inflation are the slower increases in global oil prices, which tend to feed through to most components of the consumer price basket. With risks to inflation being balanced and underlying pressures subdued, we believe the Central Bank will keep the policy rate on hold in 2019.

Financial performance

As part of the Absa Group separation from Barclays Plc, Barclays Bank of Botswana will continue to incur incremental separation costs in order to become fully independent of Barclays Plc, to this end Barclays Bank of Botswana has obtained approval from the Bank of Botswana to report two sets of financial results effective 2018. The Bank will therefore report a statutory view that includes all separation costs and a normalised view that excludes the separation costs.

Statement of comprehensive income

Despite the challenging environment we operate in, a steady growth in income across segments relative to the previous year has characterised our performance for the period under review. Profit before tax was P588 million for the year ended 31 December 2018. This represents a 5% growth year on year on a statutory basis. This performance was influenced by growth in income, contained costs and favourable expected credit losses. Total revenue is up year-on-year, propelled by balance sheet growth and an increase in our fees and commission income. We continued to drive momentum across all our key segments to negate the effects of compressed margins. To this end, all our segments registered income growth and remained profitable over the period. Interest income increased by 6% year-on-year, mainly driven by balance sheet growth. The business remained resilient in its selected market segments and continued to drive credit growth.

Operating costs were well contained with the business achieving a cost to income ratio of 55.5% for the year ended 31 December 2018. This was driven by our continued focus on spending prudently. Year-on-year costs increased by 12% largely as a result of increased technology spend as we embark on the separation journey from Barclays Plc. On a year-on-year basis our credit expected losses/impairments decreased by 35%. The performance is attributable to our enhanced collections capability and conservative credit extension to high risk sectors especially in the Retail segment. The expected credit losses have been computed in accordance with IFRS9, which was adopted effective 1 January 2018, the details of which are shown in statement of changes in equity.

Statement of financial position

Our overall balance sheet grew by 12% to P17 billion mainly driven by credit growth. Loans and advances to customers grew 10% year-on-year to P11.8 billion from P10.7 billion. The growth in loans was realised across all business segments as we continue to focus in client penetration and acquisition to drive up our volumes. Customer liabilities increased by 8% year-on-year to P11.9 billion from P10.9 billion driven by positive growth across our business segments.

Our balance sheet position remains solid at a position of P17 billion, with strong liquidity and capital adequacy levels. Our regulatory capital position stood at P2.2 billion representing a ratio of 17.6% (after taking into consideration the final dividend) against the regulatory limit of 15% and liquid assets were 16% which is well above the regulatory minimum of 10%.

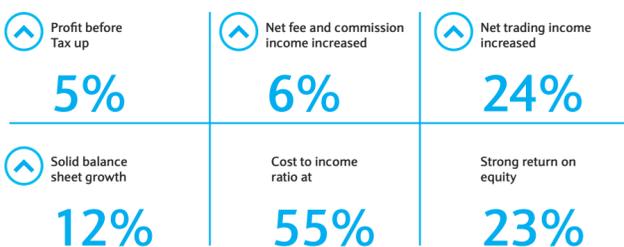
Corporate and Investment Banking (CIB)

With GDP growth exceeding 4%, the local market showed promise during the financial year despite fairly cautious government spending with a re-evaluation of priorities accompanying leadership change. Sectors that performed well in 2018 include the diamond and resource sector (on the back of a local economic recovery), wholesale and retail, and the financial sector, all of which remain key focus sectors in line with our CIB strategy.

Market showed strong growth in net trading income year-on-year of 21% driven by gains in forex volumes and trading activities. This shows the clear benefit of our drive to gain more primary wallet share from new and existing clients in the RBB and CIB segments as well as efforts to diversify Markets income streams, specifically in terms of providing risk management products to the Botswana market. Whilst the latter offering is targeted predominantly at CIB clients, we did see some uptake in the Commercial business segment as well.

Corporate loans grew 9% which was closely matched by a corresponding growth in liabilities of 10%. This was used to leverage a growth in fees and commissions of 11% in line with our strategy to continue to extend balance sheet to grow fee income.

Financial highlights



Consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 31 December 2018

	2018	2017	% Change
	P'000	P'000	
Effective interest income	1 213 506	1 143 765	6
Effective interest expense	(214 242)	(164 234)	(30)
Net interest income	999 264	979 531	2
Fee and commission income	401 581	372 066	8
Fee and commission expense	(40 167)	(30 727)	31
Net fee and commission income	361 414	341 339	6
Net trading income	166 508	134 512	24
Other income	3 646	6 475	(44)
Total income	1 530 832	1 461 857	5
Expected Credit Losses/Impairment losses	(93 728)	(145 099)	(35)
Net operating income	1 437 104	1 316 758	9
Staff costs	(418 754)	(397 135)	5
Infrastructure costs	(107 976)	(125 092)	14
Administration and general expenses	(322 450)	(236 401)	36
Operating expenses	(849 180)	(758 628)	12
Profit before tax	587 924	558 130	5
Taxation	(133 380)	(126 029)	6
Profit for the year	454 544	432 101	5
Other comprehensive income (OCI)			
Items that are or may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:			
Available-for-sale financial assets			
Net gain on available-for-sale financial assets during the year	-	899	n/a
Deferred Tax	-	76	n/a
	-	975	n/a
Movement in financial assets at fair value through OCI			
Fair value losses	(603)	-	n/a
Deferred tax	133	-	n/a
	(470)	-	n/a
Total other comprehensive (loss)/gain for the year, net of tax	(470)	975	(148)
Total comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	454 074	433 076	5
Earnings per share			
Basic and diluted (thebe per share)	53.34	50.71	5

Consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2018

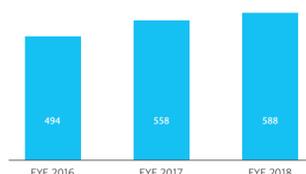
	2018	2017	% Change
	P'000	P'000	
Assets			
Cash	476 107	407 947	17
Balances at central bank	543 710	459 133	18
Trading portfolio assets	513	114	350
Derivative financial instruments	19 058	9 446	102
Financial assets at fair value through OCI	1 901 953	-	n/a
Available-for-sale investments	-	1 307 304	n/a
Loans and advances to banks	1 053 266	1 286 005	(18)
Due from related parties	811 422	639 887	27
Loans and advances to customers	11 834 679	10 720 556	10
Other receivables	186 166	145 960	28
Property, plant and equipment	133 137	141 769	(6)
Non-current assets held for sale	149	-	n/a
Intangible assets	1 138	863	32
Deferred tax assets	63 614	39 703	60
Total assets	17 024 912	15 158 687	12
Equity and liabilities			
Liabilities			
Deposits from banks	357 972	517 916	(31)
Due to related parties	1 525 543	925 337	65
Customer deposits	11 854 620	10 980 544	8
Derivative financial instruments	12 328	13 348	(8)
Debt securities in issue	537 667	202 385	166
Subordinated debt	358 356	254 456	41
Provisions	48 710	33 077	47
Other payables	333 409	258 269	29
Current tax payable	2 415	20 737	(88)
Total liabilities	15 031 020	13 206 069	14
Shareholders' equity			
Stated capital	17 108	17 108	-
General risk reserves	118 347	107 206	10
Fair value reserves	(740)	-	n/a
Available-for-sale investments revaluation reserve	-	(270)	n/a
Share-based payment reserve	3 148	6 104	(48)
Share capital reserve	2 060	2 060	-
Retained income	1 853 969	1 820 410	2
Total equity attributable to equity holders	1 993 892	1 952 618	2
Total equity and liabilities	17 024 912	15 158 687	12

Condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity for the year ended 31 December 2018

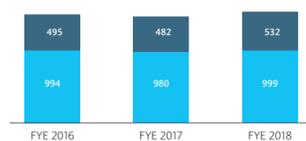
	Stated capital	General risk reserves	Fair value reserves P'000	Share-based payment reserve	Available-for-sale investments revaluation reserve	Retained income	Share capital reserve	Total equity attributable to equity holders
	P'000	P'000	P'000	P'000	P'000	P'000	P'000	P'000
Balance at 1 January 2017	17 108	93 760	-	5 382	(1 245)	1 626 760	2 060	1 743 825
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	432 101	-	432 101
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	975	-	-	975
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	975	432 101	-	433 076
Dividends paid	-	-	-	-	-	(225 005)	-	(225 005)
Recognition of share-based payments	-	-	-	722	-	-	-	722
Transfer from retained earnings	-	13 446	-	-	-	(13 446)	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2017	17 108	107 206	-	6 104	(270)	1 820 410	2 060	1 952 618
Balance at 1 January 2018	17 108	107 206	-	6 104	(270)	1 820 410	2 060	1 952 618
Increase/(decrease) resulting from adoption of IFRS 9	-	-	(270)	-	270	(149 909)	-	(149 909)
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	454 544	-	454 544
Other comprehensive loss for the year	-	-	(470)	-	-	-	-	(470)
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	(470)	-	-	454 544	-	454 074
Dividends paid	-	-	-	-	-	(259 935)	-	(259 935)
Recognition of share-based payments	-	-	-	(2 956)	-	-	-	(2 956)
Transfers to retained earnings	-	11 141	-	-	-	(11 141)	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2018	17 108	118 347	(740)	3 148	-	1 853 969	2 060	1 993 892

Declared a final dividend of P190 million subject to regulatory approval

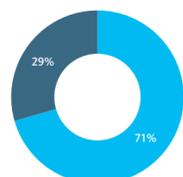
Profit before tax (P'million)



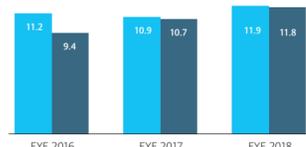
Net interest income and non-interest income (P'million)



Revenue by segment FY2018



Customer assets and liabilities (P'billion)



However, as noted at mid-year, a combination of tight liquidity conditions and a short-term investment view in the local currency market resulted in wholesale yields testing new highs as competitor banks sought to maintain capital adequacy and grow their lending books. This reduced margins on deposits as well as increased the cost of funding in the local market. Administrative and operating costs remain well-controlled but expected losses increased substantially with the bulk of this growth accounted for by a large single name impairment.

Retail and Business Banking (RBB)

The RBB business demonstrated its robustness and resilience by registering a noteworthy performance despite challenging operating conditions. RBB Profit before tax increased by 65% year on year driven by both revenue growth and favourable impairment performance.

Retail Banking

Retail banking made significant progress in delivering on our key strategic priorities of growing our customer base, increasing the contribution of fee income to total income and increasing usage of our digital channels.

In order to bring round the clock convenience to group savers, internet banking services were extended to Motshelo groups.

The mobile App was revamped to give it a fresh look and feel with better user experience. User security on the App was enhanced with the addition of Fingerprint identification on both Android and iOS devices.

The bank acknowledges the importance of the physical branch network as part of our delivery strategy. To that end, we relocated Kanye branch to a new and more spacious premises in order to provide better service to our clients in the area.

Business Banking

Business Banking has again delivered solid growth on both Balance Sheet and Income statement.

The business continues to drive its Relationship Banking model, and remains focused on enhanced product development and improving client service. In the past year, the business launched Purchase Order finance solution, Internet Banking for SMEs and kick-started the Enterprise Supply Chain Development (ESD) value proposition for start-up and small businesses where capacity building is important.

The business continues with its new strategy and is expected to perform at further increased levels in the future.

Citizenship

Barclays Bank of Botswana remains committed to playing an active role in the development of our communities through the delivery of the Shared Growth strategy which has been the focus of our Citizenship Agenda. In 2018, Barclays launched three initiatives all of which fall under the Education and Skills Development pillar of our Shared Growth strategy. The other two pillars are Financial Inclusion and Enterprise Development.

The highlight of our Citizenship Agenda for 2018 is the re-launch of our Barclays F.G. Mogae Scholarship Fund. Since the inaugural launch 38 Batswana have been provided with scholarships to pursue their Masters Degree with the University of Botswana, Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Botswana International University of Science and Technology and Botswana Accountancy College.

Ready to Work, our on-line learning curriculum on employability and entrepreneurship, has made steady progress with emphasis towards identify work place opportunities for Ready to Work graduates. Our partners, Project Concern International and Stepping Stones International have made good progress working with private sector companies to place youth into internships or permanent employment. As at the end of December 216 youth had been placed in either internship or employment opportunities. An additional 519 had been trained and graduated from Ready to Work.

Madi Majwana season 4 was launched early in the year and the radio drama commenced in June, playing on three radio stations. The cast and crew of Madi Majwana also embarked on two road trips, visiting 18 towns and villages and performing for over 7000 people. At the center of season 4 were youth challenges ranging from high unemployment rates, increasing levels of crime, addictions and savings. The drama is geared towards empowering the youth with tools that will assist them navigate the challenges of saving.

Madi Majwana provides a unique platform through which we have been educating whilst entertaining children, youth and adults across Botswana.

The highlight of colleague volunteering is our annual Make a Difference Day campaign. During 2018, over 80% of our employees participated in our Make a Difference Day Campaign visiting 41 schools across Botswana focusing on money skills, entrepreneurship and environmental conservation.

Our annual Day of the African Child campaign focused on reading through which employees visited 10 schools and read to more than 300 pupils across the country to embed the love of reading.

The newly established Enterprise and Supply chain Development (ESD) business unit is making steady progress. The unit has successfully recruited 4 companies to the program that seeks to grow our SMEs by providing the necessary financing. The construction of the ESD centre has been completed and opened.

Our ambition to expand our products and services to previously unbanked populations is gaining traction with an increasing number of individuals utilizing our mobile money platforms.

Our pre-paid debit card is currently being utilized by several private companies and non-governmental organizations. The card allows individuals without formal bank accounts to receive their monthly salaries in a safe and convenient manner.

Finally, the Mabogo Dinku program, which is being implemented by the Citizenship Entrepreneurship Development Program is currently benefiting two hundred and sixty-one business groups that have their Motshelo account with Barclays.

Outlook

The Bank is optimistic about the future growth prospects of the economy and will therefore continue to invest in cutting edge solutions and superior customer service.

Dividend

Notice is hereby given that a final dividend of 22.296 thebe per share for the year ended 31 December 2018 was declared on 14 March 2019, and subject to regulatory approval, will be payable on 17 May 2019 to those shareholders registered at the close of business on 7 May 2019, with an ex-dividend date of 3 May 2019. In accordance with the Republic of Botswana Income Tax (Cap 52:01), as amended, applicable withholding tax will be deducted by the Bank from the gross dividend.



Duuetse A. Motshidi
Chairman



Reinette van der Merwe
Managing Director

Consolidated statement of cashflows for the year ended 31 December 2018

	2018	2017
	P'000	P'000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash used in operations	(183 845)	(573 920)
Interest received	1 214 973	1 133 545
Interest paid	(220 179)	(152 321)
Income taxes paid net of refunds	(133 196)	(94 719)
Net (increase) in loans and advances to customers	(1 396 865)	(1 479 454)
Increase/(decrease) in deposits due to customers	883 695	(250 466)
Increase in long term deposits due to other banks	71 453	-
(Increase)/ decrease in long term loans due to related parties	59 218	(78 759)
Increase in long term deposits received from related parties	471 032	857 240
(Increase)/decrease in trading portfolio assets	(399)	105 625
Decrease in statutory reserve with the Central Bank	(46 749)	(28 685)
Increase in derivative financial instruments	(10 632)	(6 088)
Net cash generated by/(used in) operating activities	708 506	(568 002)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(21 696)	(38 504)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	358	43
Payments for intangible assets	(622)	(146)
Proceeds from sale of equity securities	-	8 250
Increase in long term available for sale investments	-	(308 563)
Decrease in long term financial instruments held at FVOCI	154 261	-
Net cash generated by/(used in) investing activities	132 301	(338 920)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Dividends paid to shareholders	(259 935)	(225 005)
Issuance of debt securities	332 910	-
Redemption of debt securities	-	(55 840)
Proceeds from subordinated debt	102 590	-
Net cash generated by/(used in) financing activities	175 565	(280 845)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1 016 372	(1 187 767)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	2 673 550	3 861 317
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	3 689 922	2 673 550

Consolidated business segments for the year ended 31 December 2018

	Retail and Business Banking	Corporate and Investment Banking	Barclays Plc Transitional costs	Total
	P'000	P'000	P'000	P'000
2018				
Net interest income	734 946	264 317	-	999 263
Net fee and commission income	314 634	46 780	-	361 414
Net trading and other income	37 860	132 295	-	170 155
Total income	1 087 440	443 392	-	1 530 832
Expected credit losses	36 813	(130 541)	-	(93 728)
Net operating income	1 124 253	312 851	-	1 437 104
Operating expenses	(664 956)	(133 667)	(50 557)	(849 180)
Profit before tax	459 297	179 184	(50 557)	587 924
Taxation	(100 513)	(43 989)	11 122	(133 380)
Profit for the year	358 784	135 195	(39 435)	454 544
Assets				
Trading portfolio assets	-	513	-	513
Derivative financial instruments	-	19 058	-	19 058
Financial assets held at Fair Value through OCI	1 901 953	-	-	1 901 953
Loans and advances to customers	7 989 942	3 844 737	-	11 834 679
Liabilities				
Customer deposits	5 229 145	6 625 475	-	11 854 620
Derivative financial instruments	-	12 238	-	12 238
Debt securities in issue	537 667	-	-	537 667
Subordinated debt	358 356	-	-	358 356

Notes to the condensed results of the audited consolidated annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018

1. Basis of preparation

The Group's condensed consolidated annual financial results have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), interpretations issued by the IFRS Interpretations Committee ("IFRS-IC"), Financial Reporting Pronouncements as issued by the Financial Reporting Standards Council and the Botswana Stock Exchange Listings Requirements.

The principal accounting policies applied are set out in the most recent annual financial statements. The preparation of financial information requires the use of estimates and assumptions about future conditions. Use of available information and application of judgement are inherent in the formation of estimates.

Accounting policies

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with the previous financial year except as follows

- The implementation of new International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS):
 - IFRS 9 Financial Instruments (IFRS 9) - the Group has applied IFRS 9 on a retrospective basis, with an adjustment to retained earnings and other reserves on 1 January 2018. As permitted by the standard the Group has elected not to restate comparative periods.
 - IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers (IFRS 15). The Group has elected to adopt IFRS 15 on a cumulative effect module, under which the comparative information has not been restated.

All other amendments to the IFRS effective for the current reporting period have had no impact on the Group's reported results.

2. Use of judgements and estimates

Management has made judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and reported amounts of the assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual amounts may differ from these estimates.

The significant judgements made by management in applying the Group's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those applied in the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017, with the exception of judgements in computing expected credit losses under IFRS 9 as shown in the accounting policies above.

3. Profit before income tax

No items of an unusual nature, size or incidence have been charged to operating profit during the review period.

4. Contingent Liabilities and Commitment

There has been no significant change in the nature of contingent liabilities and commitments with off-balance sheet risk from those reported in the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018.

	As at 31 December 2018	As at 31 December 2017
	P'000	P'000
Undrawn commitments to customers	2 060 405	2 451 804
Letters of credit	320 739	80 005
Performance and bid bonds	217 022	285 322
	2 598 166	2 817 131

5. Capital commitments

At 31 December 2018 the commitments for capital expenditure under contract amounted to P4.9m (31 December 2017: P3.8m), and the commitments for capital expenditure not under contract amounted to P24.2m (31 December 2017: P26.6m)

6. Related Party Transactions

On 1 July 2018, the new Absa brand was launched and Barclays Africa Limited was rebranded to Absa Group Limited. Barclays Bank of Botswana will also change its name at a later date, subject to regulatory approval.

The group has in the year ended 31 December 2018 incurred additional costs amounting to P 51m as related party transactions. This is a result of the transitional costs necessary for Absa Group Limited separation from Barclays PLC.

7. Independent auditors report

Our independent auditors KPMG have audited the consolidated annual financial statements of Barclays Bank of Botswana Limited and their audit report on the consolidated annual financial statements is available for inspection at the Bank's registered office.

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8. Events Occurring after reporting date

A final dividend of 22.296 thebe per share total amounting to P190 m was declared on 14 March 2019, subject to regulatory approval.

There were no other material changes in the affairs of the Bank between the 31 December 2018 and the date of approval of these consolidated annual financial statements.

Consolidated business segments for the year ended 31 December 2017

	Retail and Business Banking	Corporate and Investment Banking	Consolidated
	P'000	P'000	P'000
2017			
Net interest income	726 493	253 038	979 531
Net fee and commission income	299 033	42 306	341 339
Net trading and other income	31 206	109 781	140 987
Total income	1 056 732	405 125	1 461 857
Credit impairment charge and other provisions	(139 373)	(5 726)	(145 099)
Net operating income	917 359	399 399	1 316 758
Administrative expenses	(639 544)	(119 084)	(758 628)
Operating expenses	(639 544)	(119 084)	(758 628)
Profit before tax	277 815	280 315	558 130
Taxation	(64 360)	(61 669)	(126 029)
Profit for the year	213 455	218 646	432 101
Assets			
Trading portfolio assets	-	114	114
Derivative financial instruments	-	9 446	9 446
Available for sale investments	1 307 304	-	1 307 304
Loans and advances to customers	7 198 116	3 522 440	10 720 556
Liabilities			
Customer deposits	4 924 836	6 037 708	10 962 544
Derivative financial instruments	5 007	8 341	13 348
Debt securities in issue	202 385	-	202 385
Subordinated debt	254 456	-	254 456

Segment reporting for the year ended 31 December 2018

The group has identified its reportable segments based on a combination of products and services offered to customers and clients and in the manner in which the Group's business are managed and reported to the Chief Operation Decision Maker (CODM).

Business segments

The Bank comprises the following main business segments:

- Corporate and Investment Banking (CIB)**
This segment offers corporate and investment banking solutions. The business models centres on delivering specialist investment banking, financing, risk management and advisory solutions across asset classes to corporates, financial institutions and government clients. Markets and Sales have been aggregated into CIB.
- Retail and Business Banking (RBB)**
This segment provides a comprehensive range of commercial banking products and services to medium, small businesses and retail customers. Retail, Business Banking, Head Office and Treasury have been aggregated into the RBB segment.
- Barclays Plc separation costs**
The Barclays Plc separation costs have been shown separately to differentiate between the normal business activities and the impact of separation. For further detail please see normalised vs IFRS view section of this publication.

Segment results

The measurement of segment results is in line with the basis of information presented to the Chief Operating Decision Maker (CODM) for internal management reporting purposes.

Assets excluding loans and advances to customers, financial instruments, trading portfolio assets and derivative instruments and liabilities excluding deposits due to customers, derivative financial instruments and debt securities in issue are not identifiable to any one of the reportable segments and can be used interchangeably between segments. As a result these are not reviewed by the CODM. Therefore segmental disclosure relating to these has not been provided.

All transactions between segments are carried out in the normal course of business. Our management reporting systems report our inter-segment service at a cost reduction and do not recognise them as internal revenue. Inter-segment service mainly represent utilisation of manpower resource of one segment by another on a project-by-project basis. Inter-segment services are charged based on an internal cost rate including certain indirect and direct overhead costs, but without profit margin.

IFRS 9 Transition note

Classification and measurement of financial assets

The following table shows the original classification in accordance with IAS39 and the new measurement categories under IFRS 9 together with the impact of changes in measurement, for the Group's financial assets as at 1 January 2018.

	IAS 39 carrying amount as at 31 December 2017	Re-measurement - due to adoption of IFRS 9 impairment model	IFRS 9 carrying amount as at 1 January 2018	IFRS 9 measurement categories			IAS 39 impairment allowance/provision as at 31 December 2017	Re-measurement of loss allowance	Expected credit losses as at 1 January 2018
				Amortised cost P'000	Designated at FVTPL P'000	FVOCI P'000			
Financial Assets -IAS 39 classification									
Classification and measurement of financial assets (continued)									
Cash at Amortised Cost	407 947	-	407 947	407 947	-	-			
Balances with central bank at Amortised Cost	459 133	(4)	459 129	459 129	-	-			
Trading portfolio as Held for trading	114	-	114	-	114	-			
Derivative financial assets as held for trading	9 446	-	9 446	-	9 446	-			
Investment securities as Available-for-sale	1 307 304	(33)	1 307 271	-	-	1 307 271			
Loans and advances to banks at Amortised Cost	1 286 005	(6)	1 285 999	1 285 999	-	-			
Loans and advances to customers at Amortised Cost	10 720 556	(190 730)	10 529 826	10 529 826	-	-			
Loans and advances to related party companies at Amortised Cost	639 887	-	639 887	639 887	-	-			
Other receivables at amortised cost	144 789	-	144 789	144 789	-	-			
	14 975 181	(190 773)	14 784 408	13 467 577	9 560	1 307 271			

Reconciliation of loss allowances		
IAS 39 measurement categories		
Balances with central bank	-	(4)
Loans and advances to banks	-	(6)
Loans and advances to customers	(517 896)	(190 730)
Investment Securities	-	(33)
Total on statement of financial position	(517 896)	(190 773)
Financial guarantees		
Financial guarantees		(240)
Letters of credit		(12)
Loan commitments		(1 763)
Total off statement of financial position		(2 015)

The impact of the above IFRS 9 restatement was taken in retained earnings net of tax. At time of publishing the half year results the impact of adopting of IFRS 9 was assessed as P129 million net of tax, a subsequent review of the model has resulted in an increase in the allowance for expected credit losses at 1 January 2018. This results in the total impact of adopting IFRS 9 being P150 million (net of tax) decrease in retained earnings, as reported on the statement of changes in equity.

*FVTPL: Fair value through profit or loss

Normalised view vs IFRS view

Absa Group Limited started a separation journey at a Group level from Barclays Plc in 2017, a process expected to be completed by June 2020. As a consequence of the foregoing, the Group incurred certain costs from the 2018 financial year as part of the separation from Barclays Plc. These costs are necessary to ensure a seamless separation of the African entities from Barclays Plc.

These separation costs are governed by a Transitional Services Agreement (TSA) with Absa Group Limited. The agreements defines the nature and terms of the costs. The separation costs will form part of the operating expenditure until the separation process is complete.

The following statements show a reconciliation of the IFRS view and the normalised view. The normalised view is essentially a term to give the market a view of what the performance of the business would be when we exclude the once off transitional costs referred to above. Therefore the statements show the 2018 financial year normalised (excluding separation costs) as compared to the 2017 financial year (when the separation effects had not yet been in place).

Normalised view

key highlights

↑ Normalised profit up
14%

↓ Normalised cost to income ratio
52%

Strong normalised return on equity
24%

Transitional cost spend of P51 million during the year ended

Normalised increase in operating expense of 5% year-on-year

Normalised view vs IFRS view consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 31 December 2018

	IFRS View, year ended 31 December 2018 P'000	Barclays Plc separation costs, year ended 31 December 2018 P'000	Normalised view, year ended 31 December 2018 P'000	IFRS View, year ended 31 December 2017 P'000	Change in normalised results vs prior year %
Effective Interest income	1 213 506	-	1 213 506	1 143 765	6
Effective Interest expense	(214 242)	-	(214 242)	(164 234)	30
Net interest income	999 264	-	999 264	979 531	2
Fee and commission income	401 581	-	401 581	372 066	8
Fee and commission expense	(40 167)	-	(40 167)	(30 727)	31
Net fee and commission income	361 414	-	361 414	341 339	6
Net trading income	166 508	-	166 508	134 512	24
Other income	3 646	-	3 646	6 475	(44)
Total income	1 530 832	-	1 530 832	1 461 857	5
Expected credit losses on loans and advances/ Impairment losses	(93 728)	-	(93 728)	(145 099)	(35)
Net operating income	1 437 104	-	1 437 104	1 316 758	9
Staff costs	(418 754)	-	(418 754)	(397 135)	5
Infrastructure costs	(107 976)	-	(107 976)	(125 092)	(14)
Administration and general expenses	(322 450)	(50 557)	(271 893)	(236 401)	15
Operating expenses	(849 180)	(50 557)	(798 623)	(758 628)	5
Profit before tax	587 924	(50 557)	638 481	558 130	14
Taxation	(133 380)	11 122	(144 502)	(126 029)	15
Profit for the year	454 544	(39 435)	493 979	432 101	14
Other comprehensive income					
Total OCI for the year, net of tax	(470)	-	(470)	975	(148)
Total comprehensive incomes for the year, net of tax	454 074	(39 435)	493 509	433 076	14
Earnings per share					
Basic and diluted (thebe per share)	53.34	(4.63)	57.91	50.71	14

Normalised view vs IFRS view consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2018

	IFRS view year ended 31 December 2018 P'000	Barclays Plc separation costs as at 31 December 2018 P'000	Normalised view as at 31 December 2018 P'000	IFRS view as at 31 December 2017 P'000	Change in normalised position vs prior year %
Assets					
Cash	476 107	-	476 107	407 947	17
Balances at the Central Bank	543 710	-	543 710	459 133	18
Trading portfolio assets	513	-	513	114	350
Derivative financial instruments	19 058	-	19 058	9 446	102
Financial Assets at fair value through OCI	1 901 953	-	1 901 953	-	n/a
Available-for-sale investments	-	-	-	1 307 304	n/a
Loans and advances to banks	1 053 266	-	1 053 266	1 286 005	(18)
Due from related parties	811 422	(6 588)	818 010	639 887	28
Loans and advances to customers	11 834 679	-	11 834 679	10 720 556	10
Other receivables	186 166	77	186 089	145 960	27
Property and equipment	133 137	-	133 137	141 769	(6)
Non-current assets held for sale	149	-	149	-	n/a
Intangible assets	1 138	-	1 138	863	32
Deferred tax assets	63 614	-	63 614	39 703	60
Total assets	17 024 912	(6 511)	17 031 423	15 158 687	12
Equity and liabilities					
Liabilities					
Deposits from banks	357 972	-	357 972	517 916	(31)
Due to related parties	1 525 543	-	1 525 543	925 337	65
Customer deposits	11 854 620	-	11 854 620	10 980 544	8
Derivative financial instruments	12 328	-	12 328	13 348	(8)
Provisions	48 710	-	48 710	33 077	(47)
Other payables	333 409	44 046	289 363	258 269	12
Current tax payables	2 415	(11 122)	13 537	20 737	(35)
Debt securities in issue	537 667	-	537 667	202 385	166
Subordinated debt	358 356	-	358 356	254 456	41
Total liabilities	15 031 020	32 924	14 998 096	13 206 069	14
Shareholders' equity					
Stated capital	17 108	-	17 108	17 108	-
General risk reserves	118 347	-	118 347	107 206	10
Fair value reserve	(740)	-	(740)	(270)	174
Share-based payment reserve	3 148	-	3 148	6 104	(48)
Share capital reserve	2 060	-	2 060	2 060	-
Retained income	1 853 969	(39 435)	1 893 404	1 820 410	4
Total equity attributable to equity holders	1 993 892	(39 435)	2 033 327	1 952 618	4
Total equity and liabilities	17 024 912	(6 511)	17 031 423	15 158 687	12