GoldFinMarket LLP Microfinance Organization

Consolidated financial statements

for the year ended 31 December 2023

with Independent auditor's report

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Participants and Management of GoldFinMarket LLP Microfinance Organization

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of GoldFinMarket LLP Microfinance Organization and its subsidiary (the "Group"), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, and the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2023, and its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (IESBA Code) and ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the Republic of Kazakhstan, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are matters that, in our professional judgment, are of most significance to our audit of the consolidated financial statements for the current period. These matters were considered in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not express a separate opinion on these matters.

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Impairment of microloans issued to customers in accordance with IFRS 9 Financial Instruments	
Key Audit Matter	**Audit Procedures Relating to a Key Audit Matter**
As indicated in Note 6, as at 31 December 2023, microloans issued amounted to 5,401,222 thousand tenge, net of an allowance for expected credit losses in the amount of 85,141 thousand tenge. Estimating and determining the amount of expected credit losses requires the application of significant judgment in the analysis of all reasonable and acceptable information at the reporting date. Key areas of judgment included the estimate of the probability of default and the amount of expected recovery in the event of a default. Due to the significant balance of microloans issued, the significance of the valuation and uncertainties, and the complexity in applying judgment in determining the amount of expected credit losses, we have identified this area as a key audit matter.	The audit procedures performed in this area included: • Obtaining an understanding of the process of estimating and calculating allowances for expected credit losses. This included evaluating the design and implementation of appropriate controls for the expected credit loss model, including model management and mathematical accuracy; • an assessment of the allowance methodology developed to calculate expected credit losses from impairment in accordance with the requirements of IFRS 9 Financial Instruments; • assessing the soundness of management's assumptions and the inputs used in the model, including with respect to the probability of default on microloans to customers, determining the amount of recovery expected on defaulted microloans to customers, and forecasting macroeconomic variables for compliance with IFRS 9 requirements. We reviewed the underlying statistics reported by principal, including overdue principal and interest, and the classification of microloans by overdue days, including reconciliation of debtors on a sample basis; • verification of the sufficiency and completeness of the Group's disclosure of information on credit risk, the structure and quality of the loan portfolio, the allowance for expected credit losses in accordance with IFRS 9.

Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the consolidated financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRSs, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

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Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of consolidated financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure, and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision, and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

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We communicate with those charged with governance, regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Aisulu Narbayeva.

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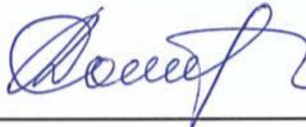

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
As at 31 December 2023

In thousands of tenge	**Notes**	**31 December 2023**	31 December 2022
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	*5*	**158,249**	198,626
Microcredits issued	*6*	**5,401,222**	4,476,334
Property and equipment	*7*	**224,023**	336,618
Intangible assets		**2,431**	2,012
Right of use assets	*8*	**81,974**	514,059
Deferred income tax assets	*18*	**11,222**	2,384
Other current assets	*9*	**32,399**	66,478
TOTAL ASSETS		**5,911,520**	5,596,511
LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	*12*	**56,038**	83,759
Other taxes payable		**9,143**	7,081
Current income tax payable	*18*	**19,313**	13,936
Lease liabilities	*11*	**90,757**	545,528
Bonds	*13*	**1,901,961**	–
Loans received	*10*	**–**	1,414,071
Total liabilities		**2,077,212**	2,064,375
EQUITY			
Charter capital	*14*	**3,200,000**	3,200,000
Retained earnings		**634,308**	332,136
Total equity		**3,834,308**	3,532,136
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		**5,911,520**	5,596,511

The accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements form an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Signed and authorized for issue on 29 May 2024 by the Group's management:

General Director ____________ *Nurmaganbetova G.*

Chief accountant ____________ *Seitbekova A.*

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
For the year ended 31 December 2023

In thousands of tenge	**Notes**	**2023**	2022
Interest income	*15*	**1,853,238**	2,262,162
Interest expenses	*16*	**(303,121)**	(581,187)
Net interest income before expected credit loss expense		**1,550,117**	1,680,975
Accrual of allowance for expected credit losses	*6*	**(11,321)**	(32,317)
Net interest income after allowance for expected credit losses		**1,538,796**	1,648,658
General and administrative expenses	*17*	**(1,177,568)**	(1,410,621)
Other income		**27,655**	–
Foreign exchange income, net		**6,091**	(3,799)
Profit before income tax		**394,974**	234,238
Income tax expenses	*18*	**(92,802)**	(132,117)
Profit for the year		**302,172**	102,121
Other comprehensive income for year		**–**	–
Total comprehensive income for the year		**302,172**	102,121

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the year ended 31 December 2023

In thousands of tenge	Notes	2023	2022
Cash flows from operating activities			
Profit before income tax		**394,974**	234,238
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation and amortization	*17*	**441,928**	531,433
Accrual of provision for expected credit losses	*6*	**11,321**	32,317
Interest income	*15*	**(1,853,238)**	(2,262,162)
Finance costs	*16*	**303,121**	581,187
Change in lease terms	*8,11*	**9,277**	(11,668)
Income on disposal of property and equipment		**18,416**	3,915
Unrealised foreign exchange (loss) / income		**(7,845)**	13,588
Changes in working capital			
Decrease / (increase) in microcredits issued		**(480,524)**	840,805
Increase / (decrease) in advances paid and other current assets		**34,079**	8,431
Increase in other tax payables		**2,061**	1,669
Decrease in trade payables		**(60,858)**	(111,813)
Net cash flows received from/ (used in) operating activities before income tax		**(1,187,288)**	(138,060)
Interest paid	*10*	**(45,143)**	(125,910)
Coupon paid	*13*	**(60,072)**	–
Interest received		**1,397,553**	1,724,818
Income tax paid		**(63,127)**	(57,586)
Net cash used in operating activities		**41,923**	1,403,262
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of property and equipment	*7*	**(24,450)**	(82,642)
Leasehold improvement of right of use assets		**–**	(56,806)
Net cash outflow from sale of subsidiary		**–**	(3,893)
Net cash used in investing activities		**(24,450)**	(143,341)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Loans received	*10*	**2,267,980**	4,600,455
Repayment of loans	*10*	**(3,779,961)**	(5,754,742)
Bonds issued	*13*	**1,887.494**	–
Lease liabilities payments	*11*	**(433,363)**	(476,443)
Net cash used in financing activities		**(57,850)**	(1,630,730)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		**(40,377)**	(370,809)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		**198,626**	569,435
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	*5*	**158,249**	198,626

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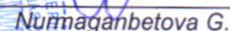
General Director  *Nurmaganbetova G.*

Chief accountant *Seitbekova A.*

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
For the year ended 31 December 2023

In thousands of tenge	Charter capital	Retained earnings	Total
As at 1 January 2022	3,200,000	230,015	3,430,015
Profit for the year	–	102,121	102,121
Other comprehensive income	–	–	–
Total comprehensive income for the year	–	102,121	102,121
As at 31 December 2022	**3,200,000**	**332,136**	**3,532,136**
Profit for the year	–	302,172	302,172
Other comprehensive income	–	–	–
Total comprehensive income for the year	–	302,172	302,172
As at 31 December 2023	**3,200,000**	**634,308**	**3,834,308**

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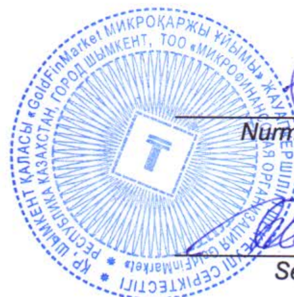
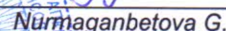


General Director  Nurmaganbetova G.

Chief accountant Seitbekova A.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization and activities

GoldFinMarket Microfinance Organization LLP (hereinafter - "the Company") is a limited liability partnership registered in the Republic of Kazakhstan in 2007. The company was re-registration on November 3, 2020 due to the change name from GFM Microfinance Organization LLP.

The main office of the Company is registered at the address: Shayakhmetov street 3/2, Shymkent city, Republic of Kazakhstan.

Actual location of the main office: Zheltoksan street 40, Shymkent city, Republic of Kazakhstan.

Information about the Company's participants is provided in *Note 14*.

The main operation of the Company is microcrediting to individuals, individual entrepreneurs, small and medium-sized businesses in the Republic of Kazakhstan in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan. The Company is licensed to carry out activities of a microfinance organisation and a pawnshop.

In 2022, the Company sold its subsidiary - a 100% share in Lombard GoldFinMarket LLP. In 2023, the Company established a subsidiary, Lombard GoldFinMarket LLP, to provide pawnshop services. The Company and its subsidiary Lombard GoldFinMarket LLP are hereinafter referred to as the “Group”.

These consolidated financial statements for 2023 were approved for release by the Group's management on May 29, 2024.

Kazakhstan business environment

The Group's operations are carried out in the Republic of Kazakhstan. Group is exposed to country risk being the economic, political and social risks inherent in doing business in Kazakhstan. These risks include matters arising from the policies of the government, economic conditions, imposition or changes to taxes and regulations, foreign exchange fluctuations and the enforceability of contract rights.

The consolidated financial statements include management's estimates of Kazakhstan economic conditions and their impact on the results and financial position of the Group. Actual economic conditions can differ from those estimates.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The consolidated financial statements of the Group have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (hereinafter "IFRS") as amended by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost measurement principle, with the exception of certain financial instruments whose accounting policies are described in Note 3. The consolidated financial statements are presented in tenge, and all amounts are rounded to the nearest thousand, except where otherwise indicated.

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Going concern basis principle

The consolidated financial statements of the Group have been prepared on the basis of the going concern assumption. Management has taken into account the stable profitability of the Group, sufficient to meet the expected needs of the Group. After analysing the Group's projected interest rates for microcredits, the level of disbursement, repayment of debt, as well as an assessment of possible adverse consequences, such as a decrease in interest rates on microcredits, and increase in operating and capital costs, Management reasonably believes that the Group has sufficient resources to continue operations in foreseeable future.

After conducting an appropriate analysis, management has concluded that the Group has sufficient resources to continue operating and meet its obligations and that it is appropriate to apply the principle of going concern in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements.

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries as at 31 December 2023. Control is achieved when the Group is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee. Specifically, the Group controls an investee if, and only if, the Group has:

- Power over the investee (i.e., existing rights that give it the current ability to direct the relevant activities of the investee);
- Exposure, or rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee;
- The ability to use its power over the investee to affect its returns.

Generally, there is a presumption that a majority of voting rights results in control. To support this presumption and when the Group has less than a majority of the voting or similar rights of an investee, the Group considers all relevant facts and circumstances in assessing whether it has power over an investee, including:

- The contractual arrangement(s) with the other vote holders of the investee;
- Rights arising from other contractual arrangements;
- The Group's voting rights and potential voting rights.

The Group re-assesses whether or not it controls an investee if facts and circumstances indicate that there are changes to one or more of the three elements of control. Consolidation of a subsidiary begins when the Group obtains control over the subsidiary and ceases when the Company loses control of the subsidiary. Assets, liabilities, income and expenses of a subsidiary acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the consolidated financial statements from the date the Group gains control until the date the Group ceases to control the subsidiary.

a) Fair value measurement

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either:

- In the principal market for the asset or liability;
- In the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability.

The principal or the most advantageous market must be accessible by the Group. The fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their economic best interest.

An estimate of the fair value of a non-financial asset takes into account the ability of a market participant to generate economic benefits, either through the best and most efficient use of the asset, or by selling it to another market participant who would use the asset in the best and most efficient manner.

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

The Group uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, maximizing the use of relevant observable inputs and minimizing the use of unobservable inputs

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the consolidated financial statements are categorized within the fair value hierarchy, described as follows, based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole:

- Level 1 - Quoted (unadjusted) market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 - Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is directly or indirectly observable;
- Level 3 - Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable.

For the purpose of disclosing information about fair value, the Group classifies assets and liabilities based on their nature, inherent characteristics and risks, and the applicable level in the fair value hierarchy, as described above.

b) Financial instruments

A financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity.

Financial assets

Initial recognition

Date of recognition

All regular way purchases and sales of financial assets and liabilities are recognised on the trade date i.e., the date that the Group commits to purchase the asset or liability. Regular way purchases or sales are purchases or sales of financial assets and liabilities that require delivery of assets and liabilities within the period generally established by regulation or convention in the marketplace.

Initial measurement

The classification of financial instruments at initial recognition depends on their contractual terms and the business model for managing the instruments. Financial instruments are initially measured at their fair value and, except in the case of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded at FVPL, transaction costs are added to, or subtracted from, this amount.

Measurement categories of financial assets and liabilities

The Group classifies all of its financial assets based on the business model for managing the assets and the asset’s contractual terms, measured at either:

- amortised cost;
- fare value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI);
- fare value through profit and loss (FVPL).

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Microcredits and other receivables at amortised cost

The Group only measures microcredits issued and other financial investments at amortised cost if both of the following conditions are met:

- The financial asset is held within a business model with the objective to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows;
- The contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding (SPPI).

Business model assessment

The Group determines its business model at the level that best reflects how it manages groups of financial assets to achieve its business objective.

The Group's business model is not assessed on an instrument-by-instrument basis, but at a higher level of aggregated portfolios and is based on observable factors such as:

- how the performance of the business model and the financial assets held within that business model are evaluated and reported to the entity's key management personnel;
- the risks that affect the performance of the business model (and the financial assets held within that business model) and, in particular, the way those risks are managed;
- how managers of the business are compensated (for example, whether the compensation is based on the fair value of the assets managed or on the contractual cash flows collected);
- the expected frequency, value and timing of sales are also important aspects of the Group's assessment.

The business model assessment is based on reasonably expected scenarios without taking 'worst case' or 'stress case' scenarios into account. If cash flows after initial recognition are realised in a way that is different from the Group's original expectations, the Group does not change the classification of the remaining financial assets held in that business model but incorporates such information when assessing newly originated or newly purchased financial assets going forward.

The SPPI test

As a second step of its classification process the Group assesses the contractual terms of financial asset to identify whether they meet the SPPI test.

'Principal' for the purpose of this test is defined as the fair value of the financial asset at initial recognition and may change over the life of the financial asset (for example, if there are repayments of principal or amortisation of the premium/discount).

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

b) Financial instruments (continued)

The SPPI test (continued)

The most significant elements of interest within a lending arrangement are typically the consideration for the time value of money and credit risk. To make the SPPI assessment, the Group applies judgement and considers relevant factors such as the currency in which the financial asset is denominated, and the period for which the interest rate is set.

In contrast, contractual terms that introduce a more than de minimis exposure to risks or volatility in the contractual cash flows that are unrelated to a basic lending arrangement do not give rise to contractual cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the amount outstanding. In such cases, the financial asset is required to be measured at FVPL.

Impairment

The Group recognises an allowance for expected credit losses (ECLs) for all debt instruments not held at fair value through profit or loss. ECLs are based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Group expects to receive, discounted at an approximation of the original effective interest rate. The expected cash flows will include cash flows from the sale of collateral held or other credit enhancements that are integral to the contractual terms. Information on ECL for microcredits issued is presented in *Notes 6* and *22*.

c) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position comprise cash at banks and short-term deposits with a maturity of three months or less, which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

d) Loans received and bonds

Issued financial instruments or their components are classified as liabilities, where the substance of the contractual arrangement results in the Group having an obligation either to deliver cash or another financial asset to the holder, or to satisfy the obligation other than by the exchange of a fixed amount of cash or another financial asset for a fixed number of own equity instruments. Such instruments include loans received and bonds. After initial recognition, loans received and bonds are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the loans received are derecognised as well as through the amortisation process.

e) Renegotiated microcredits

Where possible, the Group seeks to restructure microcredits rather than to take possession of collateral. This may involve extending the payment arrangements and the agreement of new loan conditions.

The Group derecognises a financial asset, such as microcredits issued, when the terms and conditions have been renegotiated to the extent that, substantially, it becomes a new loan, with the difference recognised as a derecognition gain or loss, to the extent that an impairment loss has not already been recorded. The newly recognised microcredits are classified as Stage 1 for ECL measurement purposes unless the new loan is deemed to be POCI. When assessing whether or not to derecognise a loan to a customer, amongst others, the Group considers the following factors:

- change in counterparty;
- if the modification is such that the instrument would no longer meet the SPPI criterion.

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

e) Renegotiated microcredits (continued)

If the modification does not result in cash flows that are substantially different, the modification does not result in derecognition. Based on the change in cash flows discounted at the original EIR, the Group records a modification gain or loss, presented within interest income calculated using EIR in the statement of profit or loss, to the extent that an impairment loss has not already been recorded.

For modifications not resulting in derecognition, the Group also reassesses whether here has been a significant increase in credit risk or whether the assets should be classified as credit impaired. Once an asset has been classified as credit-impaired as the result of modification, it will remain in Stage 3 for a minimum 6-month probation period. For the restructured loan to be reclassified out of Stage 3, regular payments of more than an insignificant amount of principal or interest have been made during at least half of the probation period in accordance with the modified payment schedule.

f) Derecognition of financial assets and liabilities

Financial assets

A financial asset (or, where applicable a part of a financial asset or part of a group of similar financial assets) is derecognised where:

- the rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired;
- the Group has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset, or retained the right to receive cash flows from the asset, but has assumed an obligation to pay them in full without material delay to a third party under a “pass-through” arrangement; and
- the Group either (a) has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or (b) has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset but has transferred control of the asset.

Where the Group has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from an asset and has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset nor transferred control of the asset, the asset is recognised to the extent of the Group’s continuing involvement in the asset. Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred asset is measured at the lower of the original carrying amount of the asset and the maximum amount of consideration that the Group could be required to repay.

Where continuing involvement takes the form of a written and/or purchased option (including a cash-settled option or similar provision) on the transferred asset, the extent of the Group’s continuing involvement is the amount of the transferred asset that the Group may repurchase, except that in the case of a written put option (including a cash-settled option or similar provision) on an asset measured at fair value, the extent of the Group’s continuing involvement is limited to the lower of the fair value of the transferred asset and the option exercise price.

Financial liabilities

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

Where an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as a derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability, and the difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognised in profit or loss.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, and the net amount is reported in the statement of financial position when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. The right of set-off must not be contingent on a future event and must be legally enforceable in all of the following circumstances:

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Financial liabilities (continued)

- The normal course of business;
- The event of default; and
- The event of insolvency or bankruptcy of the entity and all of the counterparties.

g) Income tax

Current income tax

Current income tax assets and liabilities are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that are enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date in the Republic of Kazakhstan.

The management of the Group periodically evaluates positions reflected in tax returns, for which the relevant tax laws may be interpreted differently, and, as necessary, creates estimated liabilities.

Deferred tax

Deferred tax is provided using the liability method on temporary differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes at the reporting date.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable temporary differences, except, when the deferred tax liability arises from the initial recognition of goodwill or an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss.

Deferred tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary differences, the carry forward of unused tax credits and any unused tax losses. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, and the carry forward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses can be utilised, except, when the deferred tax asset relating to the deductible temporary difference arises from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be utilised. Unrecognised deferred tax assets are re-assessed at each reporting date and are recognised to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profits will allow the deferred tax asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the year when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

Deferred tax relating to items recognised outside profit or loss is recognised outside profit or loss. Deferred tax items are recognised in correlation to the underlying transaction either in OCI or directly in equity.

h) Property and equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost, net of accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Such cost includes the cost of replacing part of the plant and equipment and borrowing costs for long-term construction projects if the recognition criteria are met.

The carrying amount of property and equipment is assessed for impairment in the event of events or changes in circumstances indicating that the carrying amount of this asset may not be recoverable.

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

h) Property and equipment (continued)

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets, as follows:

	Years
Office furniture	3-5
Special equipment	3-5
Office equipment	2-5
Other	2-7

The residual value, useful lives and depreciation methods of assets are analyzed at the end of each reporting year and adjusted as necessary.

i) Leases

The Group assesses at contract inception whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. That is, if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

i) Right-of-use assets

The Group recognises right-of-use assets at the commencement date of the lease (i.e., the date the underlying asset is available for use). Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities. The cost of right-of-use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognised, initial direct costs incurred, and lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received. Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term and the estimated useful lives of the assets.

If ownership of the leased asset transfers to the Group at the end of the lease term or the cost reflects the exercise of a purchase option, depreciation is calculated using the estimated useful life of the asset.

ii) Lease liabilities

At the commencement date of the lease, the Group recognises lease liabilities measured at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. The lease payments include fixed payments (including in substance fixed payments) less any lease incentives receivable, variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, and amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees. The lease payments also include the exercise price of a purchase option reasonably certain to be exercised by the Group and payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the Group exercising the option to terminate. Variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are recognised as expenses (unless they are incurred to produce inventories) in the period in which the event or condition that triggers the payment occurs.

In calculating the present value of lease payments, the Group uses its incremental borrowing rate at the lease commencement date because the interest rate implicit in the lease is not readily determinable. After the commencement date, the amount of lease liabilities is increased to reflect the accretion of interest and reduced for the lease payments made. In addition, the carrying amount of lease liabilities is remeasured if there is a modification, a change in the lease term, a change in the lease payments (e.g., changes to future payments resulting from a change in an index or rate used to determine such lease payments) or a change in the assessment of an option to purchase the underlying asset.

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

i) Leases (continued)

iii) Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

The Group applies the short-term lease recognition exemption to its short-term lease agreements (i.e., those leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less from the commencement date and do not contain a purchase option). It also applies the lease of low-value assets recognition exemption to leases of office equipment that are considered to be low value. Lease payments on short-term leases and leases of low value assets are recognised as expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

j) Reserves

Reserves are recognized if, as a result of a certain event in the past, the Group has legal or voluntary commitments that, with a high degree of probability, will require outflow of resources that encompass future economic benefits, and which can be estimated with a sufficient degree of reliability.

k) Labor costs and related reductions

Salary expenses, pension contributions, social insurance contributions, paid annual leave and sick leave, bonuses and non-monetary benefits are accrued as the relevant work is carried out by the Group's employees. On behalf of its employees, the Group pays pension contributions provided for by the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Such payments are expensed as they arise. When employees retire, the Group's financial obligations cease, and all subsequent payments to retired employees are made by the state pension fund.

l) Contingent assets and liabilities

Contingent liabilities are not recognised in the statement of financial position and are disclosed in the consolidated financial statements unless an outflow of resources due to settlement is unlikely. Contingent assets are not recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position and are disclosed in the consolidated financial statements when the related economic benefits are probable.

m) Recognition of interest income

The effective interest rate method

Interest income is recorded using the effective interest rate (EIR) method for all financial instruments measured at amortised cost, measured at FVOCI, also recorded by using the EIR method. The EIR is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument or, when appropriate, a shorter period, to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

The EIR (and therefore, the amortised cost of the asset) is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition, fees and costs that are an integral part of the EIR. The Group recognises interest income using a rate of return that represents the best estimate of a constant rate of return over the expected life of the loan. Hence, it recognises the effect of potentially different interest rates charged at various stages, and other characteristics of the product life cycle (including prepayments, penalty interest and charges).

If expectations regarding the cash flows on the financial asset are revised for reasons other than credit risk. The adjustment is booked as a positive or negative adjustment to the carrying amount of the asset in the balance sheet with an increase or reduction in interest income. The adjustment is subsequently amortised through *Interest income* in the statement of comprehensive income.

Interest income

The Group calculates interest income by applying the EIR to the gross carrying amount of financial assets other than credit-impaired assets.

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

m) Recognition of interest income (continued)

Interest income (continued)

When a financial asset becomes credit-impaired the Group calculates interest income by applying the effective interest rate to the net amortised cost of the financial asset. If the financial assets cures and is no longer credit-impaired, the Group reverts to calculating interest income on a gross basis.

n) Foreign currency translation

The consolidated financial statements are presented in Kazakhstani tenge, which is the functional and presentation currency of the Group. Transactions in foreign currencies are initially translated into the functional currency at the market exchange rates established on the Kazakhstan Stock Exchange (hereinafter referred to as "KASE") at the date of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into the functional currency at the official exchange rate at the reporting date. Gains and losses arising from the translation of foreign currency transactions are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income under «*Income / (loss) from exchange rate differences, net*». Non-monetary items carried at cost in a foreign currency are translated at the official exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Non-monetary items carried at fair value in a foreign currency are translated at the official rate at the date the fair value is determined. The difference between the contractual exchange rate for a foreign currency transaction and the official exchange rate at the date of such transaction is included in the net income or expenses for foreign currency transactions.

The exchange rate used by the Group in preparing these consolidated financial statements is as follows:

	Exchange rate (tenge)		The average exchange rate for the period (tenge)	
Currency	**As at 31 December 2023**	As at 31 December 2022	**2023**	2022
USD	**454.56**	462.65	**456.31**	460.93
Euro	**502.24**	492.86	**493.33**	485.29
Ruble	**5.06**	6.43	**5.40**	6.43

o) New standards, interpretations and amendments

The Group first applied certain amendments to standards that are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023. The Group has not early adopted the standards, clarifications or amendments that were issued but are not effective. The adoption of new standards amendments had no impact on the Group’s consolidated financial statements.

IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts IFRS 17

Insurance Contracts is a comprehensive new accounting standard for insurance contracts covering recognition and measurement, presentation and disclosure. IFRS 17 replaces IFRS 4 Insurance Contracts. IFRS 17 applies to all types of insurance contracts (i.e., life, non-life, direct insurance and re-insurance), regardless of the type of entities that issue them as well as to certain guarantees and financial instruments with discretionary participation features; a few scope exceptions will apply. The overall objective of IFRS 17 is to provide a comprehensive accounting model for insurance contracts that is more useful and consistent for insurers, covering all relevant accounting aspects. IFRS 17 is based on a general model, supplemented by:

- A specific adaptation for contracts with direct participation features (the variable fee approach)
- A simplified approach (the premium allocation approach) mainly for short-duration contracts

The new standard had no impact on the Group’s consolidated financial statements.

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

o) New standards, interpretations and amendments (continued)

Definition of Accounting Estimates - Amendments to IAS 8

The amendments to IAS 8 clarify the distinction between changes in accounting estimates, changes in accounting policies and the correction of errors. They also clarify how entities use measurement techniques and inputs to develop accounting estimates.

The amendments had no impact on the Group’s consolidated financial statements.

Disclosure of Accounting Policies - Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2

The amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2 Making Materiality Judgements provide guidance and examples to help entities apply materiality judgements to accounting policy disclosures. The amendments aim to help entities provide accounting policy disclosures that are more useful by replacing the requirement for entities to disclose their ‘significant’ accounting policies with a requirement to disclose their ‘material’ accounting policies and adding guidance on how entities apply the concept of materiality in making decisions about accounting policy disclosures.

The amendments have had an impact on the Group’s disclosures of accounting policies, but not on the measurement, recognition or presentation of any items in the Group’s consolidated financial statements.

Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction – Amendments to IAS 12

The amendments to IAS 12 Income Tax narrow the scope of the initial recognition exception, so that it no longer applies to transactions that give rise to equal taxable and deductible temporary differences such as leases and decommissioning liabilities.

The amendments had no impact on the Group’s consolidated financial statements

International Tax Reform—Pillar Two Model Rules – Amendments to IAS 12

The amendments to IAS 12 have been introduced in response to the OECD’s BEPS Pillar Two rules and include:

- A mandatory temporary exception to the recognition and disclosure of deferred taxes arising from the jurisdictional implementation of the Pillar Two model rules; and
- Disclosure requirements for affected entities to help users of the consolidated financial statements better understand an entity’s exposure to Pillar Two income taxes arising from that legislation, particularly before its effective date.

The mandatory temporary exception – the use of which is required to be disclosed – applies immediately. The remaining disclosure requirements apply for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023, but not for any interim periods ending on or before 31 December 2023.

The amendments had no impact on the Group’s consolidated financial statements as the Group is not in scope of the Pillar Two model rules as its revenue is less that EUR 750 million/year.

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

p) Standards issued but not yet effective

The new and amended standards and interpretations that are issued, but not yet effective, up to the date of issuance of the Group's consolidated financial statements are disclosed below. The Group intends to adopt these new and amended standards and interpretations, if applicable, when they become effective.

Amendments to IFRS 16: Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback

In September 2022, the IASB issued amendments to IFRS 16 to specify the requirements that a seller-lessee uses in measuring the lease liability arising in a sale and leaseback transaction, to ensure the seller-lessee does not recognise any amount of the gain or loss that relates to the right of use it retains.

The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024 and must applied retrospectively to sale and leaseback transactions entered into after the date of initial application of IFRS 16. Earlier application is permitted and that fact must be disclosed.

The amendments are not expected to have a material impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements.

Amendments to IAS 1: Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current

In January 2020 and October 2022, the IASB issued amendments to paragraphs 69 to 76 of IAS 1 to specify the requirements for classifying liabilities as current or non-current. The amendments clarify:

- What is meant by a right to defer settlement
- That a right to defer must exist at the end of the reporting period
- That classification is unaffected by the likelihood that an entity will exercise its deferral right
- That only if an embedded derivative in a convertible liability is itself an equity instrument would the terms of a liability not impact its classification

In addition, a requirement has been introduced to require disclosure when a liability arising from a loan agreement is classified as non-current and the entity's right to defer settlement is contingent on compliance with future covenants within twelve months.

The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 20243 and must be applied retrospectively. The Group is currently assessing the impact the amendments will have on current practice and whether existing loan agreements may require renegotiation.

Supplier Finance Arrangements - Amendments to IAS 7 and IFRS 7

In May 2023, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows and IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures to clarify the characteristics of supplier finance arrangements and require additional disclosure of such arrangements. The disclosure requirements in the amendments are intended to assist users of consolidated financial statements in understanding the effects of supplier finance arrangements on an entity's liabilities, cash flows and exposure to liquidity risk.

The amendments will be effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024. Early adoption is permitted, but will need to be disclosed.

The amendments are not expected to have a material impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements.

4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS, ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS

The preparation of consolidated financial statements of the Group requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities and the related disclosures and contingent liabilities. Uncertainty about such assumptions and estimates may result in results that require significant adjustments to the carrying amounts of assets or liabilities that will be affected in future periods. In applying the Group's accounting policies, management has made the following judgments and assumptions about the future and other major sources of measurement uncertainty at the reporting date, which carry a significant risk that significant adjustments to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities will be required in the next financial year. Existing circumstances and assumptions about future developments may change as a result of events beyond the Group's control that are reflected in the assumptions if and when they occur. The items that have the most significant impact on the amounts recognised in the consolidated financial statements and for which management has made significant judgments and/or estimates are discussed below in the light of the judgments/estimates made.

Impairment losses on financial assets

Assessment of impairment losses for all microcredits issued requires judgement, particularly in determining the impairment losses and the assessment of significant deterioration in credit risk to estimate the magnitude and timing of occurrence of future cash flows and collateral value. Such estimates depend on a number of factors, changes in which may result in different amounts of impairment provisions.

The ECL calculations are the result of a model that includes a number of basic assumptions about the choice of input data variables and their interdependencies. The elements of the models for the calculation of ECLs, which are considered judgments and estimates, include the following:

- internal credit rating assignment system;
- combining financial assets in the group, when ECL on them are evaluated on a group basis;
- development of a model for the calculation of ECL, including various formulas and selection of input data;
- the determination of the relationships between innovations in legislation and economic data, and their impact on the performance of PD, EAD and LGD.

The Group's policy is to review the model on a regular basis, taking into account actual losses and adjust them if necessary.

For more details on the Group's policy on impairment on financial assets see *Note 22.*

5. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

As at 31 December 2023 cash and cash equivalents were presented as follows:

In thousands of tenge	**31 December 2023**	31 December 2022
Cash	**156,001**	132,251
Cash at current account	**2,248**	66,375
	158,249	198,626

6. MICROCREDITS ISSUED

As at 31 December 2022 microcredits issued were presented as follows:

In thousands of tenge	**31 December 2023**	31 December 2022
Microcredits secured by movable property	**4.788.535**	4,322,703
Unsecured microcredits	**202,348**	145,805
Microcredits secured by real estate	**495,480**	91,003
Allowance for expected credit losses	**(85,141)**	(83,177)
	5,401,222	4,476,334

The main product of the Group is the issuance of microcredits for a period of 9 or 12 months secured by products made of precious metals (mainly gold).

The microcredits issued are secured by collateral with the following estimated fair value at the time of loan issuance:

In thousands of tenge	**31 December 2023**	31 December 2022
Movable property	**5.649.770**	5,355,094
Real estate	**804,563**	221,971
	6,454,333	5,577,065

Movable property is represented mainly by precious metals, which are actually stored by the Group until the client fully repays the loan.

The movements of expected credit losses (ECL) are presented below:

In thousands of tenge	**2023**	2022
As at 1 January	**83,177**	51,583
Accrual of allowance for ECL	**11,321**	32,317
Write-off of allowance for ECL	**(9,357)**	(723)
As at 31 December	**85,141**	83,177

The Group creates a provision for the impairment of issued microcredits, which is an estimate of expected credit losses.

6. MICROCREDITS ISSUED (CONTINUED)

As at 31 December 2023 and 2022 the ageing of microcredits issued were presented as follows:

In thousands of tenge	**Gross amount of debt**	**Allowance for ECL**	**Microcredits, net of allowance for ECL**	**Allowance for ECL in relation to the amount of microcredits, %**
2023				
Not past due	4,672,283	43,569	4,628,714	0,93%
Past due 1 - 30 days	357,085	7,632	349,453	2,14%
Past due 31 - 60 days	92,202	3,415	88,787	3,70%
Past due 61 - 90 days	40,670	2,624	38,046	6,45%
More than 91 days	324,123	27,901	296,222	8,61%
Total microcredits issued	**5,486,363**	**85,141**	**5,401,222**	**1,55%**

In thousands of tenge	**Gross amount of debt**	**Allowance for ECL**	**Microcredits, net of allowance for ECL**	**Allowance for ECL in relation to the amount of microcredits, %**
2022				
Not past due	3,442,239	(58,974)	3,383,265	1.71%
Past due 1 - 30 days	389,703	(6,142)	383,561	1.58%
Past due 31 - 60 days	121,992	(1,923)	120,069	1.58%
Past due 61 - 90 days	82,453	(1,303)	81,150	1.58%
More than 91 days	523,124	(14,835)	508,289	2.81%
Total microcredits issued	4,559,511	(83,177)	4,476,334	1.82%

7. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

As at 31 December 2023 property and equipment were presented as follows:

In thousands of tenge	**Buildings and constructions**	**Office furniture**	**Special equipment**	**Office equipment**	**Leasehold improvement**	**Other**	**Total**
Cost:							
As at 1 January 2022	–	148,305	299,348	52,660	43,346	4,004	547,663
Additions	4,915	30,405	31,211	15,111	–	1,000	82,642
Disposals	–	(1,490)	(3,868)	(3,579)	–		(8,937)
As at 31 December 2022	**4,915**	**177,220**	**326,691**	**64,192**	**43,346**	**5,004**	**621,368**
Additions	–	5,304	9,591	6,729	–	972	22,596
Disposals	–	(564)	(24,772)	(2,720)	–	(81)	(28,137)
As at 31 December 2023	**4,915**	**181,960**	**311,510**	**68,201**	**43,346**	**5,895**	**615,827**
Accumulated depreciation:							
As at 1 January 2022	–	(35,687)	(53,537)	(34,996)	(21,673)	(1,578)	(147,471)
Charge for the year	(287)	(32,101)	(77,179)	(10,158)	(21,673)	(903)	(142,301)
Disposals	–	611	2,231	2,180	–	–	5,022
As at 31 December 2022	**(287)**	**(67,177)**	**(128,485)**	**(42,974)**	**(43,346)**	**(2,481)**	**(284,750)**
Charge for the year	(492)	(32,447)	(76,521)	(6,363)	–	(952)	(116,775)
Disposals	–	270	7,506	1,873	–	72	9,721
As at 31 December 2023	**(779)**	**(99,354)**	**(197,500)**	**(47,464)**	**(43,346)**	**(3,361)**	**(391,804)**
Net book value:							
As at 31 December 2022	4,628	110,043	198,206	21,218	–	2,523	336,618
As at 31 December 2023	**4,136**	**82,606**	**114,010**	**20,737**	**–**	**2,534**	**224,023**

7. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED)

As at 31 December 2023, the initial cost of fully amortized fixed assets amounted to 671 thousand tenge (2022: 49.925 thousand tenge).

Special equipment is represented mainly by analyzers of precious metals, necessary for assessing collateral when issuing microloans.

8. RIGHT OF USE ASSETS

As at 31 December 2023 right of use assets were presented as follows:

In thousands of tenge	**2023**	2022
Initial cost		
As at 1 January	**1,620,135**	960,442
Additions *(Note 11)*	**74,516**	659.693
As at 31 December	**1,694,651**	1,620,135
Amortization		
As at 1 January	**(1,106,076)**	(652,034)
Depreciation charges	**(323,718)**	(388,828)
Change in estimates	**(182,883)**	(65,214)
As at 31 December	**(1,612,677)**	(1,106,076)
Cost		
As at 1 January	**514,059**	308,408
As at 31 December	**81,974**	514,059

In order to issue microcredits, the Group rents commercial premises in the cities of the Republic of Kazakhstan, mainly in Shymkent for a period of 4 to 6 years. Lease liabilities are presented in *Note 11.*

9. OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

As at 31 December 2023 advances paid and other current assets were presented as follows:

In thousands of tenge	**31 December 2023**	31 December 2022
Advances paid for services	**29,510**	61,541
Other	**2,889**	4,937
As at 31 December	**32,399**	66,478

10. LOANS RECEIVED

As at 31 December 2023 loans received were presented as follows:

In thousands of tenge	Funding purpose	Currency	Maturity date	Interest rate	**31 December 2023**	31 December 2022
MINTOS FINANCE, SIA:						
Loan agreement dated 20.01.2020 and 15.10.2021	Issue of microcredits for individuals	Euro and Tenge	20.01.2025 and 31.12.2026	17,0-22,0% и 7,0-9,0%	–	1,414,071
					–	1,414,071

10. LOANS RECEIVED (CONTINUED)

In 2020, the Group signed a cooperation agreement with the online investment platform MINTOS FINANCE, SIA, a third party, according to which MINTOS FINANCE, SIA provides services for finding and attracting partners in order to invest their available funds in loans issued by the Group. Investing involves buying out the right of claim under consumer loan agreements and receiving remuneration. According to the agreement with MINTOS FINANCE, SIA, the Group undertakes to redeem the rights of claim for the assigned loans, in case they are not repaid within 60 days. In 2023, the Group fully repaid the loan.

The loan movements for 2023 and 2022 were presented as follows:

In thousands of tenge	At the beginning of the period	Receipt of loans	Repayment of loans	Accrued interest *(Note 16)*	Repayment of interest	Translation difference	At the end of the period
2023	**1,414,071**	**2,267,980**	**(3,779,961)**	**143,439**	**(45,143)**	**(386)**	**–**
2022	2,201,848	4,600,455	(5,754,742)	478,832	(125,910)	13,588	1,414,071

11. LEASE LIABILITIES

As at 31 December 2023 lease liabilities were presented as follows:

In thousands of tenge	**31 December 2023**	31 December 2022
As at 1 January	**545,528**	393,611
Additions *(Note 8)*	**74,516**	602,887
Payments	**(433,363)**	(476,443)
Unwinding of discount *(Note 16)*	**77,682**	102,355
Change in estimates	**(173,606)**	(76,882)
As at 31 December	**90,757**	545,528
Including:		
Non-current portion	**61,648**	280,884
Current portion	**29,109**	264,644
	90,757	545,528

The Group rents office space, analyzers and terminals. The Group recognized lease liabilities at the present value of lease payments. In 2023 the rate used to measure the present value of lease obligations was 19,7% (2022: 14.9%).

12. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

As at 31 December 2023 trade and other payables were presented as follows:

In thousands of tenge	**31 December 2023**	31 December 2022
Trade payable	**31,171**	49,120
Loan payments received in advance	**11,408**	21,194
Unused vacation reserve	**11,358**	11,303
Salary and related payables	**1,903**	1,860
Other accounts payable	**198**	282
	56,038	83,759

13. BONDS

In thousands of tenge	**31 December 2023**	31 December 2022
Debt on issued bonds	**1,871,859**	–
Accrued coupon interest	**30,102**	–
	1,901,961	–

On April 5, 2023, the Group issued 63,119 coupon bonds in tenge and 39,791 coupon bonds in US dollars at par value of 1,000 tenge and 100 US dollars per unit. The bonds were issued to replenish working capital and finance current operating activities. The bonds were placed at par value.

The movement of bonds for 2023 is presented as follows:

In thousands of tenge	At the beginning of the period	Issue of bonds	Accrued coupons *(Note16)*	Repayment of coupons	Translation difference	At the end of the period
2023	–	**1.887.494**	**82.000**	**(60.072)**	**(7.461)**	**1.901.961**

14. CHARTER CAPITAL

As at 31 December 2023 registered and paid-up authorized capital of the Group amounted to 3,200,000 thousand tenge (as at 31 December 2022: 3,200,000 thousand tenge).

The Group's participants are represented by the following individuals who are citizens of the Republic of Kazakhstan:

		2023		2022
	Share, %	***In thousands of tenge***	Share, %	*In thousands of tenge*
Baidosova Akgul	50,000	**1,600,000**	50.000	1,600,000
Mukan Gulzhan	28,125	**900,000**	33.594	1,075,000
Mamyrbek Patima	21,875	**700,000**	16.406	525,000
	100	**3,200,000**	100	3,200,000

15. INTEREST INCOME

For the years ended 31 December interest income was presented as follows:

In thousands of tenge	**2023**	2022
Interest income	**1,668,085**	2,105,726
Income on fines and penalty	**167,028**	151,659
Other income	**18,125**	4,777
	1,853,238	2,262,162

16. FINANCE COSTS

For the years ended 31 December finance costs were presented as follows:

In thousands of tenge	**2023**	2022
Interest on loans received (*Note 10)*	**143,439**	478,832
Coupon bond (*Note 13)*	**82,000**	–
Unwinding of discount *(Note 11)*	**77,682**	102,355
	303,121	581,187

17. GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

For the years ended 31 December general and administrative expenses were presented as follows:

In thousands of tenge	**2023**	2022
Depreciation and amortization	**441,928**	531,433
Salary expenses	**298,729**	310,271
Maintenance and repair of property and equipment	**246,620**	259,142
Professional services	**79,811**	99,532
Advertising expenses	**15,072**	52,313
Short-term office rental expenses	**13,041**	41,997
Bank charges	**12,150**	4,615
Change in accounting estimates under IFRS 16 *(Note 11 and 8)*	**9,277**	(11,668)
Other	**60,940**	122,986
	1,177,568	1,410,621

18. CURRENT INCOME TAX PAYABLE

For the years ended 31 December, income tax expense was presented as follows:

In thousands of tenge	**2023**	2022
Corporate income tax for a non-resident (WHT)	**77,347**	72,308
Corporate income tax	**24,293**	55,142
Deferred income tax	**(8,838)**	4,667
Income tax expenses	**92,802**	132,117

The reconciliation between income tax expense and accounting profit multiplied by the Kazakhstan income tax rate:

In thousands of tenge	**2023**	2022
Profit before tax	**394,974**	234,238
Official income tax rate	**20%**	20%
Estimated income tax expense	**78,995**	46,848
Corporate income tax for a non-resident	**24,293**	72,308
Other permanent differences	**(10,486)**	12,961
Income tax expense	**92,802**	132,117

18. CURRENT INCOME TAX PAYABLE (CONTINUED)

Deferred tax assets

As at 31 December 2023 deferred tax assets and liabilities were presented as follows:

In thousands of tenge	**2023**	2022
Taxes payable	–	120
Lease liabilities	**18,151**	30,383
Unused vacation reserve	**2,272**	296
Property and equipment	**7,194**	12,715
Right of use assets	**(16,395)**	(41,130)
	11,222	2,384

Movements in deferred tax assets were presented as follows:

In thousands of tenge	**2023**	2022
As at 1 January	**2,384**	7,051
Relates to profit or loss	**8,838**	(4,667)
As at 31 December	**11,222**	2,384

Income tax liabilities as at 31 December 2023 amounted to 28,155 thousand tenge (31 December 2022: 13,936 thousand tenge).

19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In accordance with IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures, parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial or operational decisions. In considering each possible related party relationship, attention is directed to the substance of the relationship, not merely the legal form. Related parties may enter transactions that unrelated parties would not and also, transactions between related parties may not be made at the same amounts as between unrelated parties.

The following table shows the total amount of transactions with related parties for the year ended 31 December 2023 and 2022 and the corresponding balance as at 31 December 2023 and 2022, respectively:

	Companies under common control	
In thousands of tenge	**2023**	2022
Operations for year:		
Purchases from related parties	–	115,411
	–	115,411

Compensation to key management personnel

During the year ended 31 December 2023 the key management personnel were presented by Chairman of the Management Board and Chief accountant. Remuneration of key management personnel includes the following positions:

In thousands of tenge	**2023**	2022
Salaries and other short-term benefits	**25.034**	16,231

20. CONTRACTUAL AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Insurance

The Kazakhstan insurance market is still being developed and many insurance services popular in other countries are still not available in Kazakhstan. The Group does not provide full insurance coverage for its production facilities, losses due to suspension of production or third-party liabilities. Until the Group has an adequate insurance coverage, there is a risk that the loss or damage of certain assets might have a substantial negative impact on the Group's performance and financial position.

Legal claims

In the ordinary course of business, the Group may be the subject of legal action or litigation. In the opinion of management, there are currently no ongoing legal proceedings or claims that could have a material effect on the results of operations or the financial position of the Group.

Taxation

The tax legislation and regulatory framework of the Republic of Kazakhstan are subject to constant changes and allow for various interpretations. There are often cases of discrepancies between local, regional and republican tax authorities. The current regime of fines and penalties for identified and confirmed violations of Kazakhstan's legislation is strict. Penalties include fines, as a rule, in the amount of 50% of the amount of additional assessed taxes and penalties accrued at the refinancing rate established by the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan, multiplied by 2.5. As a result, the amount of tax penalties may exceed the amounts of taxes that are subject to additional charge. Tax inspections can cover five calendar years of activity, immediately preceding the year of verification. Under certain circumstances, inspections may cover longer periods. Due to the uncertainties associated with the Kazakhstan tax system, the total amount of assessed taxes, penalties and fines (if any) may exceed the amount expensed as of this date and accrued as at 31 December 2023. Management believes that, as at 31 December 2023, its interpretation of the applicable laws is appropriate and Group's tax position will be sustained.

21. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

Introduction

The Group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: liquidity risk, market risk and credit risk. In General, the Group's operations involve significant credit risk.

The Group's principal financial liabilities include loans received. The main purpose of these financial liabilities is to finance the Group's activities in order to increase its loan (microcredits) portfolio.

The Group's financial assets mainly comprise cash and cash equivalents and debt directly related to claims on microcredits to customers.

The Group has formed a risk and compliance department, the procedures of which are aimed at identifying and analyzing possible risks, establishing appropriate limits on microcredits to customers and compliance with limits using the Group's information system. The Group regularly reviews its risk management approaches and systems to reflect changes in markets, products and emerging best practices.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in market prices. Market risks comprise currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risks. Market risk arises from open positions in interest rate, currency and equity financial instruments, which are exposed to general and specific market movements.

21. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk of changes in the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument due to changes in market interest rates. The Group is not affected by fluctuations in interest rates as interest rates on loans received and issued are fixed.

Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates.

As a result of the fact that the Group has loans received denominated in a foreign currency, the Group's consolidated statement of financial position may be significantly affected by changes in the foreign currency exchange rates to tenge. The following table shows the sensitivity of the Group's profit before tax (due to changes in the fair value of monetary assets and liabilities) to possible changes in the euro and US Dollar exchange rate, provided that all other parameters are assumed to be constant.

In thousands of tenge	**Increase/Decrease in the exchange rate**	**Impact on pre-tax income**
2023	**+18%**	**342,353**
US Dollar	**-18%**	**(342,353)**
2022	+18%	67,948
Euro	-18%	(67,948)

Credit risk

The Group's credit risk arises mainly from the issuance of consumer microcredits issued to customers - individuals. It can be described as the risk of financial losses arising as a result of the borrower's default to the Group. The borrower's default may result from the deterioration of his or her financial condition or lack of desire to fulfill his or her obligations.

The Group has established a credit quality review process to provide early identification of possible changes in the creditworthiness of counterparties, including regular collateral revisions. The credit quality review process allows the Group to assess the potential loss as a result of the risks to which it is exposed and take corrective action.

21. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

Impairment assessment

The Group calculates expected credit losses (hereinafter – «ECL») based on several probability-weighted scenarios to measure the expected cash shortfalls, discounted at an approximation to the EIR. A cash shortfall is the difference between the cash flows that are due to an entity in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the entity expects to receive. The mechanics of the ECL calculations are outlined below and the key elements are as follows:

Probability of default (PD)	The *Probability of Default* is an estimate of the likelihood of default over a given time horizon. A default may only happen at a certain time over the assessed period, if the facility has not been previously derecognised and is still in the portfolio.
Exposure at Default (EAD)	The *Exposure at Default* is an estimate of the exposure at a future default date, taking into account expected changes in the exposure after the reporting date, including repayments of principal and interest, whether scheduled by contract or otherwise, expected drawdowns on committed facilities, and accrued interest from missed payments.
Loss Given Default (LGD)	The *Loss Given Default* is an estimate of the loss arising in the case where a default occurs at a given time. It is based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due and those that the lender would expect to receive, including from the realisation of any collateral. It is usually expressed as a percentage of the EAD.

The ECL allowance is based on the credit losses expected to arise over the life of the asset (the lifetime expected credit loss or LTECL), unless there has been no significant increase in credit risk since origination, in which case, the allowance is based on the 12 months' expected credit loss (12mECL). The 12mECL is the portion of LTECL that represent the ECLs that result from default events on a financial instrument that are possible within the 12 months after the reporting date. Both LTECL and 12mECL are calculated on either an individual basis or a collective basis, depending on the nature of the underlying portfolio of financial instruments.

The Group has established a policy to perform an assessment, at the end of each reporting period, of whether a financial instrument's credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition, by considering the change in the risk of default occurring over the remaining life of the financial instrument. Based on the above process, the Group groups its microcredits into the following stages:

Stage 1:	Financial instruments that do not have factors indicating a significant increase in credit risk and do not have any signs of impairment. For such instruments ECL is calculated within 1 year.
Stage 2:	Financial instruments that have factors indicating a significant increase in credit risk, but without signs of impairment. For such instruments ECL is calculated over the life of the financial instrument.
Stage 3:	Financial instruments that have signs of default (impairment). For such instruments ECL is calculated over the life of the financial instrument.

21. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

Credit risk (continued)

Definition of default and cure

The Group considers a financial instrument defaulted and therefore Stage 3 (credit-impaired) for ECL calculations in all cases when the borrower becomes 90 days past due on its contractual payments.

As a part of a qualitative assessment of whether a customer is in default, the Group also considers a variety of instances that may indicate unlikeliness to pay. When such events occur, the Group carefully considers whether the event should result in treating the customer as defaulted and therefore assessed as Stage 3 for ECL calculations or whether Stage 2 is appropriate. Such events include:

- significant changes in external market indicators of credit risk for a specific loan with the same expected maturity;
- actual and expected decrease in the internal or external credit rating of the borrower;
- significant changes in the value of collateral for a loan, or credit enhancement mechanisms provided by third parties, which are expected to reduce the economic incentive for the borrower to make scheduled payments on loans received;
- significant financial difficulties of the borrower;
- loan restructuring due to financial difficulties one or more times in the last 12 months;
- availability of information about circumstances that have caused significant material damage to the borrower or do not allow him to continue his activities;
- high likelihood of bankruptcy or other kind of financial reorganisation, as well as involvement in litigations, which may worsen financial position;
- death of the borrower.

It is the Group's policy to consider a financial instrument as 'cured' and therefore re-classified out of Stage 3, when the following conditions are met simultaneously:

- no evidence of impairment at the reporting date;
- presence of at least one of the factors that indicate a significant decrease in credit risk from the date of initial recognition.

An additional condition for recovery a financial instrument from Stage 3 is to make at least three consecutive payments according to the last approved schedule of payments. The decision whether to classify an asset as Stage 2 or Stage 1 once cured depends on the updated credit grade, at the time of the cure, and whether this indicates there has been a significant increase in credit risk compared to initial recognition.

Exposure at default

The exposure at default (EAD) represents the gross carrying amount of the financial instruments subject to the impairment calculation, addressing both the client's ability to increase its exposure while approaching default and potential early repayments too. To calculate the EAD for a Stage 1 loan, the Group assesses the possible default events within 12 months for the calculation of the 12mECL. For Stage 2 and Stage 3 the exposure at default is considered for events over the lifetime of the instruments.

The Group determines EADs by modelling the range of possible exposure outcomes at various points in time, corresponding the multiple scenarios. The IFRS 9 PDs are then assigned to each economic scenario based on the outcome of Group's models.

Loss given default

The credit risk assessment is based on a standardised LGD assessment framework that results in a certain LGD rate. These LGD rates take into account the expected EAD in comparison to the amount expected to be recovered or realised from any collateral held.

21. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

Credit risk (continued)

Loss given default (continued)

The Group segments its lending products into smaller homogeneous portfolios, based on key characteristics that are relevant to the estimation of future cash flows. The applied data is based on historically collected loss data and involves a wider set of transaction characteristics (e.g., product type, wider range of collateral types) as well as borrower's characteristics.

Where appropriate, further recent data and forward-looking economic scenarios are used in order to determine the IFRS 9 LGD rate for each group of financial instruments. When assessing forward-looking information, the expectation is based on multiple scenarios. Examples of key inputs involve changes in, collateral values including commodity prices, payment status or other factors that are indicative of losses in the group.

LGD rates are estimated for the Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3 of each asset class. The inputs for these LGD rates are estimated and, where possible, calibrated through back testing against recent recoveries. These are repeated for each economic scenario as appropriate.

Grouping financial assets measured on a collective basis

The Group calculates ECLs either on a collective or on an individual basis. Asset classes where the Group calculates ECL on an individual basis include financial instruments that are material (the amount of the borrower's debt at the reporting date exceeds or is equal to 20% of the Group's equity) and for which a significant increase in credit risk or signs of impairment has been identified. Asset classes where the Group calculates ECL on a collective basis include financial instruments that are not material and do not have signs of significant increase in credit risk or signs of impairment.

Forward-looking information and multiple economic scenarios

In its ECL models, the Group relies on a broad range of forward looking information as economic inputs. The inputs and models used for calculating ECLs may not always capture all characteristics of the market at the date of the consolidated financial statements. To reflect this, qualitative adjustments or overlays are occasionally made as temporary adjustments when such differences are significantly material. The Group obtains the forward-looking information from third party sources (statistics and forecasts published by the NBRK). Experts of the Group's Risk management and compliance Department determine the weights attributable to the multiple scenarios.

The book value of financial assets represents the maximum exposure to credit risk. The maximum amount of credit risk as at 31 December was:

In thousands of tenge	**2023**	2022
Microcredits issued	**5,401,222**	4,476,334
Cash and cash equivalents (less cash on hand)	**2,248**	66,375
	5,403,470	4,542,709

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will experience difficulties with respect to the ability to repay obligations related to financial instruments. Liquidity risk may arise as a result of the inability to immediately sell a financial asset at a price close to its fair value. Liquidity requirements are regularly monitored and management monitors the availability of funds in an amount sufficient to fulfill obligations as they arise.

21. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

Liquidity risk (continued)

The following table provides information as at 31 December 2023 and 2022 on undiscounted payments on the financial liabilities of the Group by the maturity dates of these liabilities:

In thousands of tenge	On demand	Less 3 month	3 months to 1 year	1 to 5 years	Total
December 31, 2023					
Trade payables	**–**	**56,038**	**–**	**–**	**56,038**
Lease liabilities	**–**	**12,240**	**44,388**	**86,764**	**143,392**
Bonds	**–**	**–**	**75,963**	**2,165,045**	**2,241,008**
Total financial liabilities	**–**	**68,278**	**120,351**	**2,251,809**	**2,440,438**
December 31, 2022					
Lease liabilities	–	117,407	352,220	280,884	750,511
Loans received	–	126,319	1,074,359	213,393	1,414,071
Other financial liabilities	–	50,980	–	–	50,980
Total financial liabilities	–	294,706	1,426,579	494,277	2,215,562

22. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT

The estimate of fair value is intended to approximate the amount for which a financial instrument can be exchanged between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction.

However, considering the uncertainties and the use of judgements, the fair value should not be interpreted as realisable within the framework of an immediate sale of assets or the transfer of liabilities.

The estimated fair values of financial assets and liabilities are calculated using discounted cash flow techniques based on estimated future cash flows and discount rates for similar instruments at the reporting date.

Fair value hierarchy

For the purpose of disclosing the fair values, the Group determined classes of assets and liabilities based on the assets and liabilities nature, characteristics and risks as well as the hierarchy of fair value sources.

	31 December 2023				
		Fair value measurement using			
In thousands of tenge	Current value	Quoted prices in active markets (Level 1)	Significant observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant non-observable inputs (Level 3)	**Total**
Financial assets and financial liabilities measured at amortised cost:					
Cash and cash equivalents	**2,248**	–	**2,248**	–	**2,248**
Microcredits issued	**5,401,222**	–	**5,401,222**	–	**5,401,222**
Lease liabilities	**(90,757)**	–	**(90,757)**	–	**(90,757)**
Bonds	**(1,901,961)**		**(1,901,961)**		**(1,901,961)**
Trade and other payables	**(56,038)**	–	**(56,038)**	–	**(56,038)**
	3,354,714		**3,354,714**		**3,354,714**

22. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT (CONTINUED)

Fair value hierarchy (continued)

	31 December 2022				
		Fair value measurement using			
In thousands of tenge	Current value	Quoted prices in active markets (Level 1)	Significant observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant non-observable inputs (Level 3)	Total
Financial assets and financial liabilities measured at amortised cost:					
Cash and cash equivalents	66,375	–	66,375	–	66,375
Microcredits issued	4,476,334	–	4,476,334	–	4,476,334
Loans received	(1,414,071)	–	(1,414,071)	–	(1,414,071)
Lease liabilities	(545,528)	–	(545,528)	–	(545,528)
Trade and other payables	(83,759)	–	(83,759)	–	(83,759)
	2,499,351		2,499,351		2,499,351

In the case of financial assets and financial liabilities that have a short maturity (less than one year), the carrying amount is assumed to be approximately equal to the fair value.

Regarding the valuation of the fair value of the microcredits issued, the Group assumes that if the remuneration rates on such microcredits correspond to the range of rates observed in the market, the book value is approximately equal to fair value.

Maturity analysis of assets and liabilities

The table below shows assets and liabilities by their expected maturity dates:

	31 December 2023		
In thousands of tenge	**Within one year**	**More than one year**	**Total**
Cash and cash equivalents	**158,249**	**–**	**158,249**
Microcredits issued	**5,014,644**	**386,578**	**5,401,222**
Property and equipment	**–**	**224,023**	**224,023**
Intangible assets	**–**	**2,431**	**2,431**
Right of use assets	**–**	**81,974**	**81,974**
Deferred income tax assets	**–**	**11,222**	**11,222**
Other current assets	**32,399**	–	**32,399**
Total	**5,205,292**	**706,228**	**5,911,520**
Trade and other payables	**56,038**	**–**	**56,038**
Other taxes payable	**9,143**	**–**	**9,143**
Current income tax payable	**19,313**	**–**	**19,313**
Lease liabilities	**61,648**	**29,109**	**90,757**
Bonds	**30,102**	**1,871,859**	**1,901,961**
Total	**176,244**	**1,900,968**	**2,077,212**
Net position	**5,029,048**	**(1,194,740)**	**3,834,308**

22. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT (CONTINUED)

Maturity analysis of assets and liabilities (continued)

	31 December 2022		
In thousands of tenge	**Within one year**	**More than one year**	**Total**
Cash and cash equivalents	198,626	–	198,626
Microcredits issued	4,229,081	247,253	4,476,334
Property and equipment	–	336,618	336,618
Right of use assets	–	514,059	514,059
Intangible assets	–	2,012	2,012
Deferred income tax assets	–	2,384	2,384
Advances paid and other current assets	66,478	–	66,478
Total	4,494,185	1,102,326	5,596,511
Loans received	1,414,071	–	1,414,071
Lease liabilities	280,884	264,644	545,528
Trade and other payables	83,759	–	83,759
Current income tax liabilities	13,936	–	13,936
Other taxes payable	7,081	–	7,081
Total	1,799,731	264,644	2,064,375
Net position	2,694,454	837,682	3,532,136

23. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The Group manages the level of capital adequacy in order to protect against risks inherent in its activities. The adequacy of the Group's capital is monitored using, among other methods, the ratios established by the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan (NBRK) when supervising the Group's activities.

As at 31 December 2023 and 2022 the Group had in full with all its externally imposed capital requirements.

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

The Group manages its capital structure and adjusts it in the light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of the activities carried out.

NBRK establishes and monitors compliance with the Group’s capital requirements. In accordance with the regulations set by the NBRK, microfinance organizations must maintain:

- ratio of equity to the amount of assets and unsecured consumer microcredits, net of provisions, (k1) not less than 0.1;
- ratio of the amount of risk per customer on its obligations to equity (k2) not more than 0.25;
- ratio of the total liabilities to equity (k3) not more than 10.

23. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

The table below shows the Company's capital adequacy ratio, computed in accordance with the NBRK requirements as at 31 December 2023 and 2022:

	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Coefficient k1	**1.486**	0.631
Coefficient k2	**0.051**	0.018
Coefficient k3	**0.557**	0.584

The Group is also required to comply with the requirements of the NBRK for the level of the charter capital and equity. In accordance with the requirements of the NBRK, the minimum level of charter capital and equity for microfinance organizations is 100,000 thousand tenge and 100,000 thousand tenge, respectively. As at 31 December 2023 and 2022, the Group complied with all the requirements imposed on it by supervisory authorities in relation to the minimum level of charter capital and equity.

24. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On 3 March 2024, the Group entered into an agreement to open a revolving credit facility with Forte Bank JSC in the amount of 400,000 thousand tenge for a period of 36 months for the purpose of replenishing working capital.