Annual Report & Financial Statements 2020



ferratumbank

Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Principal activities

The Bank's principal activity is the operation of a credit institution under the Banking Act, Cap 371 of the Laws of Malta, in accordance with the credit institution licence granted by the Malta Financial Services Authority.

Review of the business

The Bank registered a profit after tax of €18.9 million (2019: €14.8 million) during the financial year under review.

The Bank's principal activity comprises of consumer, short-term, unsecured lending and other financial products, distributed through an online platform. The Bank provides services in Poland, Estonia, Latvia, the Czech Republic, Germany, Bulgaria, Sweden, Norway, Spain, Croatia, Denmark and Finland. To support its lending activities, the Bank offers savings and term deposits to its customers in Germany.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The financial risk management note in the financial statements describes the process of how the Bank identifies and manages its risks and uncertainties. The main categories described in this note are credit risk, market risk, liquidity risk and operational risk. The same note includes extensive detail of the processes undertaken by the Bank to manage these risks.

The Board has evaluated the effects that the COVID-19 pandemic may have on the business of the Bank. Due to the negative effect that this virus is having on the worldwide economies, the Bank has assessed its business projections, taking into account the expected realities. The Board and its Management concluded that there is sufficient and appropriate evidence that the Bank's going concern assumption in the preparation of the financial statements holds.

Results and dividends

The statement of comprehensive income is set out on page 4. The net interest income earned by the Bank amounted to €130 million during FY2020, reflecting an increase of 4% over FY2019. This is a reflection of the continued efforts made by the Bank to increase its lending business operations. The net fee and commission expense remained at the same levels of the previous financial year at €6 million. This resulted in an operating income of €124 million compared to €119 million during FY2019.

The Bank's operating expenditure decreased by 1% during the current financial year, and reached a total of €52.1 million, compared to €52.6 million during FY2019. The net impairment losses on the Bank's lending business amounted to €52.5 million, an increase of 4% over the losses reported during the previous year. This is in line with the Bank's increase in lending business activity.

In view of the above, the Bank reported a profit before tax of €19.3 million compared to €15.9 million during FY2019, which is equivalent to €18.9 million and €14.8 million after tax respectively.

The statement of financial position reflects an increase in total assets of €57 million, from €384 million as at the end of 2019 to €441 million as at 31 December 2020, an increase of 15%. The main assets of the Bank continue to comprise loans and advances to customers, which increased from €199 million to €241 million, and balances with central banks and other banks amounting to €153 million as at 31 December 2020.

The Bank continued to fund its business through customer deposits, which grew from €241 million to €340 million. Subsequently, the Bank repaid the €40 million debt securities during March 2020, in accordance to the

due date. During 2020, the Bank did not distribute any dividends. It received a capital contribution amounting to €3 million from its ultimate parent company. This continued to strengthen the Bank's equity structure.

The Bank registered strong regulatory ratios throughout the financial year. The Liquidity Coverage Ratio metric, designed to ensure that a bank has sufficient unencumbered high-quality liquid assets ('HQLA' consisting of cash or assets that can be converted into cash at little or no loss of value in markets) to meet its liquidity needs in a 30-calendar-day liquidity stress scenario was 540% as at 31 December 2020. The Bank is required to maintain a ratio of total regulatory capital to risk-weighted assets ("Capital requirements ratio") as well as a CET 1 (Common Equity Tier 1) capital ratio above a minimum level as prescribed by banking regulations. The Bank's total capital ratio and CET1 capital ratio as at 31 December 2020 was 19.38%.

Statement of financial position

As at 31 December

	2020	2019
	EUR '000	EUR'000
ASSETS		
Balances with Central Banks	96,334	109,943
Loans and advances to banks	56,303	22,672
Loans and advances to customers	241,207	199,376
Loans and advances to group companies	14,875	25,145
Investment securities	7,629	-
Right-of-use asset	2,212	3,262
Property plant and equipment	786	943
Intangible assets	1,320	881
Goodwill	-	1,000
Deferred tax assets	4,168	4,168
Other assets	16,106	16,813
Total assets	440,940	384,203
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Equity		
Share capital	10,000	10,000
Capital contribution reserve	42,500	39,500
Other reserves	2,592	1,839
Retained earnings	33,223	15,027
Total equity	88,315	66,366
Liabilities		
Amounts owed to customers	340,427	241,114
Debt securities in issue	-	40,083
Lease liability	2,247	3,237
Other liabilities	8,462	31,456
Current tax liabilities	1,489	1,947
Total liabilities	352,625	317,837
Total equity and liabilities	440,940	384,203
MEMORANDUM ITEMS		
Commitments	4,530	5,280

Statement of comprehensive income

Year ended 31 December

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	2020	2019
	EUR '000	EUR '000
Interest and similar income	134,093	129,049
Interest and similar expense	(4,403)	(4,744)
Net interest income	129,690	124,305
Fee and commission income	2,027	3,160
Fee and commission expense	(7,790)	(8,593)
Net fee and commission expense	(5,763)	(5,433)
Operating income	123,927	118,872
Employee compensation and benefits	(7,701)	(9,052)
Other operating costs	(41,805)	(42,075)
Depreciation and amortisation	(2,561)	(1,478)
Credit impairment losses	(52,512)	(50,393)
Profit before tax	19,348	15,874
Tax expense	(399)	(1,113)
Profit for the year - total comprehensive income	18,949	14,761

Statement of changes in equity

	Share capital	Capital contribution reserve	Other reserves	Retained earnings	Total equity
	EUR '000	EUR '000	EUR '000	EUR '000	EUR '000
At 1 January 2019	10,000	25,500	1,476	14,629	51,605
Comprehensive income					
Profit for the year	-	-	-	14,761	14,761
Other comprehensive income					
Transfers and other movements	-	-	363	(363)	-
Total comprehensive income					
for the year	-	-	363	14,398	14,761
Transactions with owners					
Capital contribution from					
shareholders	-	14,000	-	-	14,000
Dividends distributed to					
shareholders	-	-	-	(14,000)	(14,000)
Total transactions with owners	-	14,000	-	(14,000)	-
Balance at 31 December 2019	10,000	39,500	1,839	15,027	66,366
Comprehensive income					
Profit for the year	-	-	-	18,949	18,949
Other comprehensive income					
Transfers and other movements	-	-	753	(753)	-
Total comprehensive income					
for the year	-	-	753	18,196	18,949
Transactions with owners					
Capital contribution from					
shareholders	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
Total transactions with owners	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
Balance at 31 December 2020	10,000	42,500	2,592	33,223	88,315

Statement of cash flows

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	2020	2019
	EUR '000	EUR '000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Interest and commission receipts	136,091	132,395
Interest and commission payments	(10,971)	(13,025)
Income tax paid	(857)	(692)
Payments to employees and suppliers	(71,578)	(21,849)
Cash flows from operating profit before changes		
in operating assets and liabilities	52,685	96,829
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Loans and advances to group companies	10,270	(17,424)
Loans and advances to customers	(94,342)	(106,417)
Amounts owed to customers	98,008	60,112
Amounts paid in favour of Depositor Compensation		
Scheme	(216)	-
Net cash generated from operating activities	66,405	33,100
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase/sale of investments	(7,600)	8,447
Purchase of property and equipment	(114)	(52)
Purchase of intangible assets	(702)	(545)
Payment to acquire rights over credit product		(1,000)
Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities	(8,416)	6,850
Cash flows from financing activities		
Payment of lease liability	(967)	(880)
Repayment of debt securities in issue	(40,000)	-
Shareholders' contribution	3,000	14,000
Dividends paid to equity holders of the Bank		(14,000)
Net cash used in financing activities	(37,967)	(880)
Net movement in cash and cash equivalents	20,022	39,070
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	132,615	93,545
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	152,637	132,615

