

The Commercial Bank of Kuwait Group Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Information

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REPORT ON REVIEW OF INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF COMMERCIAL BANK OF KUWAIT K.S.C.P.

Introduction

We have reviewed the accompanying interim condensed consolidated statement of financial position of The Commercial Bank of Kuwait K.S.C.P. ("the Bank") and its subsidiary (together called "the Group") as of 31 March 2014 and the related interim condensed consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, changes in equity, and cash flows for the three month period then ended. Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of this interim condensed consolidated financial information in accordance with the basis of presentation set out in Note 2. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on this interim condensed consolidated financial information based on our review.

Scope of Review

We conducted our review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements 2410, "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity". A review of interim financial information consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying interim condensed consolidated financial information is not prepared in all material respects in accordance with the basis of presentation set out in Note 2.

Report on other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

Furthermore, based on our review, the interim condensed consolidated financial information is in agreement with the books of account of the Bank, and we have not become aware of any material violations of the Companies Law No. 25 of 2012, as amended, or of the Memorandum of Incorporation and Articles of Association of the Bank have occurred during the three month period ended 31 March 2014 that might have had a material effect on the business of the Group or on its financial position.

We further report that, during the course of our review, we have not become aware of any material violations of the provisions of Law No. 32 of 1968, as amended, concerning currency, the Central Bank of Kuwait and the Organization of Banking Business, and its related regulations.

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INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

31 March 2014 (Unaudited)

ASSETS	Note	31 March 2014 KD 000's	(Audited) 31 December 2013 KD 000's	31 March 2013 KD 000's
ASSEIS				
Cash and short term funds Treasury and Central Bank bonds Due from banks and other financial institutions Loans and advances Investment securities Investment in an associate Premises and equipment	5 6 7 8	543,492 334,725 334,431 2,322,162 328,088	436,620 341,297 393,765 2,316,998 355,541	301,781 418,512 432,949 2,194,874 399,067 2,388
Intangible assets		28,466 9,809	26,672 9,809	24,827 9,940
Other assets		14,096	48,770	48,049
TOTAL ASSETS		3,915,269	3,929,472	3,832,387
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY				
LIABILITIES				
Due to banks and other financial institutions Customer deposits Other liabilities		675,896 2,597,490 69,633	685,607 2,630,451 50,507	823,679 2,397,370 55,173
TOTAL LIABILITIES		3,343,019	3,366,565	3,276,222
EQUITY				
Equity attributable to shareholders of the Bank				Y
Share capital		127,202	127,202	127,202
Proposed bonus shares		13,992	13,992	
Treasury shares		(3,541)	(4,018)	(203)
Reserves Retained earnings		303,296	299,844	312,141
Retained earnings		121,355 562,304	<u>115,940</u> 552,960	116,031 555,171
Proposed dividend		8,864	8,864	555,171
		571,168	561,824	555,171
Non-controlling interests		1,082	1,083	994
TOTAL EQUITY		572,250	562,907	556,165
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		3,915,269	3,929,472	3,832,387

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Acting CEO



INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME

Period ended 31 March 2014 (Unaudited)

		Three mon	
	Note	2014 KD 000's	2013 KD 000's
Interest income Interest expense	9	26,503 (5,273)	25,809 (4,863)
NET INTEREST INCOME		21,230	20,946
Fees and commissions Net gain from dealing in foreign currencies Net gain (loss) from investment securities Gain on disposal of assets pending sale Dividend income Share of result from an associate		7,358 1,261 2,192 33 1,236	6,647 996 (256) 1,989 1,271 218
Other operating income		263	324
OPERATING INCOME		33,573	32,135
Staff expenses General and administrative expenses Depreciation and amortisation		(5,236) (3,526) (240)	(4,230) (2,941) (223)
OPERATING EXPENSES		(9,002)	(7,394)
OPERATING PROFIT BEFORE PROVISIONS		24,571	24,741
Impairment and other provisions	10	(18,920)	(23,934)
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION		5,651	807
Taxation		(235)	(7)
NET PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD		5,416	800
Attributable to: Shareholders of the Bank Non-controlling interests		5,415 1	769 31
		5,416	800
Basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to shareholders of the Bank (fils)	11	3.9	0.5

 $The \ attached \ notes \ 1 \ to \ 15 \ form \ an \ integral \ part \ of \ this \ interim \ condensed \ consolidated \ financial \ information.$



INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Period ended 31 March 2014 (Unaudited)

Three months er 31 March	naea
	2013 O 000's
Net profit for the period 5,416	800
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME: Items that will be reclassified subsequently to consolidated statement of income:	
Changes in fair value of investment securities Net gain on disposal / impairment of investment securities Share of other comprehensive loss of an associate	3,673 638 (1,058)
3,405	3,253
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD 8,821	4,053
Attributable to: Shareholders of the Bank Non-controlling interests 8,822 (1)	4,025 28
8,821	4,053



INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

Period ended 31 March 2014 (Unaudited)

KD 000's

	Attributable to shareholders of the Bank														
		Proposed]	Reserves Treasury	Property	Investment						
	Share Capital	Bonus Shares	Treasury Shares	Share Premium	Statutory Reserve	General Reserve	Shares Reserve	Revaluation Reserve		Total Reserves	Retained Earnings	Proposed Dividend	N Total	on-controlling	g Total
Balance at 1 January 2013	127,202	-	(75)	66,791	63,601	17,927	45,603	22,999	92,746	309,667	115,262	-	552,056	966	553,022
Total comprehensive income for the period Reversal of revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,256	3,256	769	-	4,025	28	4,053
surplus Treasury shares purchased	-	-	(128)	-	-	-	-	(782)	-	(782)	-	-	(782) (128)	-	(782) (128)
Balance at 31 March 2013	127,202	-	(203)	66,791	63,601	17,927	45,603	22,217	96,002	312,141	116,031	-	555,171	994	556,165
Balance at 1 January 2014 Total comprehensive (loss)	127,202	13,992	(4,018)	66,791	63,601	17,927	45,603	24,530	81,392	299,844	115,940	8,864	561,824	1,083	562,907
income for the period Treasury shares purchased Treasury shares Sale	- - -	- - -	(328) 805	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - 45	- - -	3,407	3,407 - 45	5,415	- - -	8,822 (328) 850	(1) - -	8,821 (328) 850
Balance at 31 March 2014	127,202	13,992	(3,541)	66,791	63,601	17,927	45,648	24,530	84,799	303,296	121,355	8,864	571,168	1,082	572,250

Annual General Assembly of the shareholders' held on 02 April 2014 approved to distribute cash dividend of 7 fils per share (2012: nil) and 11% bonus shares (2012: nil) for the year 2013. Subsequent to the period ended 31 March 2014, the Bank has completed the registration procedures for the issuance of bonus shares and accordingly notified the Kuwait Stock Exchange to adjust the authorized, subscribed and fully paid up share capital to 1,411,945 thousand shares of 100 fils each

Investment valuation reserve includes a loss of KD 5,327 thousand (31 December 2013: loss of KD 5,334 thousand) arising from foreign currency translation of the Bank's investment in a foreign associate.



INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Period ended 31 March 2014 (Unaudited)

		Three mont	
	Note	2014 KD 000's	2013 KD 000's
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Profit before taxation		5,651	807
Adjustments for:	10	10.020	22.024
Impairment and other provisions Income from investment securities	10	18,920	23,934
		(3,428)	(1,015)
Foreign exchange gain on investment securities Depreciation and amortisation		(494) 240	(896) 223
Share of results from an associate		-	(218)
Profit before changes in operating assets and liabilities		20,889	22,835
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Treasury and Central Bank bonds		6,572	25,683
Due from banks and other financial institutions		59,334	(59,916)
Loans and advances		(6,706)	(84,810)
Other assets Due to banks and other financial institutions		34,664	(12,719) 6,385
		(9,711)	140,082
Customer deposits Other liabilities		(32,961) 4,924	8,384
Other habilities		4,924	8,384
Net cash from operating activities		77,005	45,924
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from disposal of investment securities		34,375	8,415
Acquisition of investment securities		(4,187)	(7,401)
Dividend income from investment securities		1,236	1,271
Proceeds from disposal of premises and equipment		31	44
Acquisition of premises and equipment		(2,065)	(109)
Net cash from investing activities		29,390	2,220
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of treasury shares		(328)	(128)
Proceeds from sale of treasury shares		805	-
Net cash from (used in) financing activities		477	(128)
Net increase in cash and short term funds		106,872	48,016
Cash and short term funds at 1 January		436,620	253,765
Cash and short term funds at 31 March	5	543,492	301,781



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1 INCORPORATION AND REGISTRATION

The Commercial Bank of Kuwait K.S.C.P ("the Bank") is a public shareholding company incorporated in the State of Kuwait and is registered as a Bank with the Central Bank of Kuwait ("CBK") and listed on the Kuwait Stock Exchange ("KSE"). The address of the registered office of the Bank is P.O. Box 2861, 13029 Safat, State of Kuwait.

The Bank and its subsidiary are together referred to as "the Group" in this interim condensed consolidated financial information.

The interim condensed consolidated financial information of the Group were authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors on 04 May 2014.

The new Companies Law issued on 26 November 2012 by Decree Law No. 25 of 2012 (the "Companies Law"), cancelled the Commercial Companies Law No. 15 of 1960. The Companies Law was subsequently amended on 27 March 2013 by Decree Law No. 97 of 2013 (the Decree).

The Executive Regulations of the new amended law was issued on 29 September 2013 and was published in the official Gazette on 6 October 2013. As per article three of the executive regulations, the companies have one year from the date of publishing the executive regulations to comply with the new amended law.

2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The interim condensed consolidated financial information has been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard (IAS) 34 "Interim Financial Reporting". The accounting policies used in the preparation of the interim condensed consolidated financial information are consistent with those used in the preparation of the annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2013 except for the adoption of the following new and amended standards issued and effective during the year:

Investment Entities (Amendments to IFRS 10, IFRS 12 and IAS 27)

These amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2014, and provide an exception to the consolidation requirement for entities that meet the definition of an investment entity under IFRS 10. The exception to consolidation requires investment entities to account for subsidiaries at fair value through profit or loss. This amendment is not relevant to the Group, as none of the entities in the Group qualify to be an investment entity under IFRS 10.

IAS 32: Financial Instruments Presentation: Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial liabilities (Amendment)

These amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2014 and clarify the meaning of "currently has a legally enforceable right to set-off" and also clarify the application of the IAS 32 offsetting criteria to settlement systems (such as central clearing house systems) which apply gross settlement mechanisms that are not simultaneous. The amendment has not resulted in any impact on the interim condensed consolidated financial position or performance of the Group.

IAS 36: Impairment of Assets: Recoverable Amount Disclosures for Non-Financial Assets (Amendment)

These amendments remove the unintended consequences of IFRS 13 on the disclosures required under IAS 36. In addition, these amendments require disclosure of the recoverable amounts for the assets or CGUs for which impairment loss has been recognised or reversed during the period. These amendments are effective retrospectively for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2014 with earlier application permitted, provided IFRS 13 is also applied. These amendments have not resulted in any additional disclosures currently, the same would continue to be considered for future disclosures.

IAS 39: Novation of Derivatives and Continuation of Hedge Accounting (Amendment)

These amendments provide relief from discontinuing hedge accounting when novation of a derivative designated as a hedging instrument meets certain criteria. These amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2014. These amendments have not resulted in any impact on the interim condensed consolidated financial position or performance of the Group.

Other amendments to IFRSs which are effective for annual accounting period starting from 1 January 2014 did not have any material impact on the accounting policies, financial position or performance of the Group.



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The interim condensed consolidated financial information does not include all the information and notes required for complete consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted for use by the Government of Kuwait for financial services institutions regulated by the CBK. These regulations require adoption of all IFRS except for the IAS 39 "Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement" requirement for collective provision, which has been replaced by the CBK's requirement for a minimum general provision.

The policy of the Group for calculation of the impairment provisions for loans and advances complies in all material respects with the specific provision requirements of the CBK.

In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the period ended 31 March 2014 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending 31 December 2014. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements included in the Group's annual report for the year ended 31 December 2013.

3 SUBSIDIARIES

		% of ownership		
Country of		31 March	31 December	31 March
incorporation	Principal activities	2014	2013	2013
Kuwait	Brokerage Services	80	80	80
	incorporation	incorporation Principal activities	Country of incorporation Principal activities 31 March 2014	Country of incorporation Principal activities 31 March 2014 2013

Based on the approval from the Capital Markets Authority as on 7 January 2013 and the Ministry of Commerce as on 17 January 2013, the Bank has appointed a liquidator to liquidate "Al Tijari Investment Company K.S.C (Closed)". Accordingly, the net assets of the former subsidiary amounting to KD 3,152 thousand (31 December 2013: KD 3,149 thousand and 31 March 2013 KD 16,152 thousand) have been treated as non-current assets held for sale in accordance with IFRS 5 "Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations" and classified under other assets.

4 PROVISIONS NO LONGER REQUIRED

Under the terms of Law 41/93, provision no longer required as at 31 March 2014 amounted to KD 5 thousand (31 March 2013: KD 5 thousand). The ultimate amount to be ceded to the CBK will depend on the situation at the year end. The identification of provisions no longer required was made on a basis consistent with that adopted at 31 December 2013 and in accordance with the instructions of the CBK.

5 CASH AND SHORT TERM FUNDS

		(Audited)	
	31 March	31 December	31 March
	2014	2013	2013
	KD 000's	KD 000's	KD 000's
Cash and cash items	70,431	65,789	53,966
Balances with the CBK	49,170	36,469	64,232
Deposits with banks maturing within seven days	423,891	334,362	183,583
	543,492	436,620	301,781

Cash and short term funds are classified as "loans and receivables".



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6 DUE FROM BANKS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

		(Audited)	
	31 March	31 December	31 March
	2014	2013	2013
	KD 000's	KD 000's	KD 000's
Placements with banks	320,931	393,765	423,991
Loans and advances to banks	-	-	1,353
Amounts due from other financial institutions	13,500	-	7,605
	334,431	393,765	432,949

Due from banks and other financial institutions are classified as "loans and receivables".

7 LOANS AND ADVANCES

Loans and advances are classified as "loans and receivables".

During the year 2013, the Ministry of Finance established the Family Support Fund (the "Fund") under Law No. 104/2013 to purchase outstanding balance of installment and consumer loans from the Banks as on 12 June 2013 for loans granted before 30 March 2008. Accordingly, CBK issued a Circular no. 2/BS,IS/305/2013 to all local banks and investment companies regarding formation of the Fund. The Bank has identified such loans amounted to KD 41,878 thousand and submitted report to CBK for approval, as required by the circular. Interest income on such loans is not recognised from 12 June 2013.

8 INVESTMENT SECURITIES

During the period, the Group recognised an unrealised gain of KD 3,202 thousand (31 March 2013: KD 3,673 thousand) in the interim condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income as arising from changes in fair value and re-cycled fair valuation changes of KD 203 thousand (31 March 2013: KD 638 thousand) to the interim condensed consolidated statement of income on disposal and impairment of "available for sale" investment securities.

Impairment loss of KD 3,343 thousand (31 March 2013: KD 5,012 thousand) was charged to the interim condensed consolidated statement of income.

Investment securities include 391,521,311 shares carried at a fair value of KD 199,676 thousand (31 December 2013: KD 204,908 thousand and 31 March 2013: KD 219,545 thousand). The Bank acquired 221,421,095 of these shares at a cost of KD 94,103 thousand in the year 2009 under a transaction executed through the KSE where the counterparty subsequently failed to exercise their buy back option within the agreed time frame. During 2010, the Bank participated in the rights issue and acquired 127,062,494 shares at a cost of KD 32,401 thousand. During 2013 and 2014, the Bank received 17,424,179 and 25,613,543 bonus shares respectively. As at the reporting date, the Bank holds the title of the underlying shares. The counterparty raised a legal case challenging the Bank's ownership that is currently pending at the court of law. On the basis of legal counsel, management believes that they have a meritorious defense and accordingly the Bank has fair valued the investment and recognised the resultant fair valuation gain in the Investment Valuation Reserve.

9 INTEREST INCOME

Interest income includes a release of KD 65 thousand (31 March 2013: KD 81 thousand) due to adjustments arising from revised estimates of future cash flows, discounted at the original contracted rates of interest from a portfolio of performing loans that have had their terms modified during the year 2007, as per Central Bank circular 2/202BS RSA/2007 dated 13 February 2007 and 2/105 dated 23 April 2008.



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10 IMPAIRMENT AND OTHER PROVISIONS

The following amounts were (charged) / released to the interim condensed consolidated statement of income during the period:

	Three months ended		
	31 March		
	2014	2013	
	KD 000's	KD 000's	
Loans and advances - specific	(1,380)	(17,201)	
Loans and advances - general	(162)	(468)	
Investment securities	(3,343)	(5,012)	
Non cash facilities	46	(275)	
Other provisions	(14,081)	(978)	
	(18,920)	(23,934)	

11 EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic and diluted earnings per share is calculated by dividing the net profit for the period attributable to shareholders of the Bank by the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period.

	Three months ended		
	31 Ma	arch	
	2014	2013	
Net profit for the period attributable to shareholders of the Bank (KD 000's)	5,415	769	
Weighted average of authorised and subscribed shares (numbers in 000's) Less: Weighted average of treasury shares held (numbers in 000's)	1,411,945 (6,119)	1,411,945 (664)	
	1,405,826	1,411,281	
Basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to shareholders of the Bank (fils)	3.9	0.5	

Basic and diluted earnings per share for the current and comparative period presented have been adjusted to reflect the effect of bonus shares issued subsequent to the reporting date.



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12 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the period, certain related parties (directors and officers of the Group, their families and companies of which they are principal owners) were customers of the Group in the ordinary course of business. The terms of these transactions are approved by the Group's management. The balances at the date of interim condensed consolidated financial position are as follows:

		31 March 2013				
	Number of Number of			Number of		
	Directors/	Related	Amount in	Directors/	Related	Amount in
	Executives	Members	KD 000's	Executives	Members	KD 000's
Board of Directors						
Loans	-	-	-	-	_	-
Credit cards	-	-	-	-	_	-
Deposits	10	-	114	6	-	103
Executive Management						
Loans	8	-	125	8	-	115
Credit cards	4	9	15	8	2	15
Deposits	13	9	591	15	11	2,007

The loans issued to directors, key management personnel and related members are repayable within 1 year and have interest rates of 0% (31 March 2013: 0%).

The detail of compensation for key management included in the interim condensed consolidated statement of income are as follows:

	Three mont 31 Ma	
	2014 KD 000's	2013 KD 000's
Salaries and other short-term benefits Post employment benefits End of service benefits	(291) (2) (31)	(423) (3) (84)

13 FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

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. Fair values of all financial instruments are not materially different from their carrying values. For financial assets and financial liabilities that are liquid or having a short-term maturity (less than three months) it is assumed that the carrying amounts approximate to their fair value. This assumption is also applied to demand deposits, saving accounts without a specific maturity and variable rate financial instruments.

The Group uses the following hierarchy for determining and disclosing the fair value of financial instruments by valuation technique:

Level 1: Quoted (unadjusted) prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;

Level 2: Other techniques for which all inputs which have a significant effect on the recorded fair value are observable, either directly or indirectly; and

Level 3: Techniques which use inputs that have a significant effect on the recorded fair value that are not based on observable market data.



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The method and valuation techniques used for the purpose of measuring fair value are unchanged compared to the previous reporting period.

The following table shows an analysis of financial instruments recorded at fair value by level of the fair value hierarchy:

	31 March 2014			
Financial Instruments	Level 1	Level 2	00's Level 3	Total
Financial assets at fair value through statement of income: Derivative Financial Instruments:	Level 1	Level 2	Level 5	10tai
Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts	445,626	-	-	445,626
Financial assets available for sale:				
Equity securities	246,277	35,924	-	282,201
Debt securities	18,665	25,084	-	43,749
Others	<u>-</u>	2,138	-	2,138
	264,942	63,146	-	328,088
	31 December 2013 (Audited)			
		KD 0		
Financial Instruments Financial assets at fair value through statement of income: Derivative Financial Instruments:	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts	614,652	-	-	614,652
Financial assets available for sale:				
Equity securities	268,793	35,985	-	304,778
Debt securities	23,764	24,859	-	48,623
Others	-	2,140	-	2,140
	292,557	62,984	-	355,541
	31 March 2013			
The state of the s		KD 0		
Financial Instruments Financial assets at fair value through statement of income: Derivative Financial Instruments:	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts	441,413	-	-	441,413
Financial assets available for sale:				
Equity securities	294,061	38,412	-	332,473
Debt securities	36,470	27,578	-	64,048
Others		2,546	-	2,546
	330,531	68,536	-	399,067

There were no transfers between level 1, level 2 and level 3 hierarchy.



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14 SEGMENTAL ANALYSIS

The Group operates in banking, brokerage services and investment activities which are segmented between:

- a) Corporate and Retail banking provides a full range of lending, deposit and related banking services to domestic and international corporate and individual customers.
- b) Treasury and Investment banking comprises of money market, foreign exchange, treasury bonds, asset management and brokerage services.

			KD (000's		
	Corporate and Retail Banking Three months ended 31 March		Treasury and Investment Banking Three months ended 31 March			
					Total Three months ended 31 March	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013
Net interest income	19,186	19,017	2,044	1,929	21,230	20,946
Non interest income	7,477	8,602	4,866	2,587	12,343	11,189
Operating income	26,663	27,619	6,910	4,516	33,573	32,135
Impairment and other provisions	(1,610)	(17,506)	(17,310)	(6,428)	(18,920)	(23,934)
Net profit (loss) for the period	19,990	5,890	(14,574)	(5,090)	5,416	800
Assets	2,331,969	2,201,434	1,583,300	1,630,953	3,915,269	3,832,387
Liabilities & Equity	1,665,379	1,467,729	2,249,890	2,364,658	3,915,269	3,832,387

15 OFF BALANCE SHEET ITEMS

(a) Financial instruments with contractual amounts

In the normal course of business the Group makes commitments to extend credit to customers. The contracted amounts represent the credit risk assuming that the amounts are fully advanced and that any collateral is of no value. The total contractual amount of the commitment does not necessarily represent the future cash requirement as in many cases these contracts terminate without being funded.

(i) Financial instruments with contractual amounts representing credit risk

		(Audited)	
	31 March	31 December	31 March
	2014	2013	2013
	KD 000's	KD 000's	KD 000's
Acceptances	30,179	56,243	22,879
Letters of credit	145,336	139,609	146,661
Letters of guarantee	869,329	869,308	910,105
Others	34,809	34,753	35,044
	1,079,653	1,099,913	1,114,689
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(ii) Financial instruments with contractual or notional amounts that are subject to credit risk

	KD 000's			
	Positive	Negative	Notional	
31 March 2014	Fair Value	Fair Value	Amount	
Foreign exchange contracts - forward	3,302	1,345	445,626	
		KD 000's		
	Positive	Negative	Notional	
31 December 2013 (Audited)	Fair Value	Fair Value	Amount	
Foreign exchange contracts - forward	8,346	1,617	614,652	
		KD 000's		
	Positive	Negative	Notional	
31 March 2013	Fair Value	Fair Value	Amount	
Foreign exchange contracts - forward	349	7,318	441,413	

The amount subject to credit risk is insignificant and is limited to the current replacement value of instruments, which is only a fraction of the contractual or notional amounts used to express the volumes outstanding.

(b) Legal claims

At the reporting date certain legal claims existed against the Group for which KD 2,037 thousand (31 December 2013: KD 2,037 thousand and 31 March 2013: KD 2,643 thousand) have been provided.