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The directors have pleasure in submitting their thirty-fifth annual report to the members together with the audited financial statements of the Group and the Bank for the year ended 31 December 2000.

Principal Activities

The Bank is principally engaged in all aspects of banking business and the provision of related financial services.

The principal activities of the subsidiary companies and associated companies are as disclosed in Notes 10 and 11 to the financial statements respectively.

During the financial year the Bank acquired the entire equity interest in Public Merchant Bank Berhad (formerly Sime Merchant Bankers Berhad) whose principal activity is disclosed in note 10 to the financial statements.

There have been no other significant changes to these principal activities during the financial year.

Results

	Group RM'000	Bank RM'000
Profit before taxation	1,259,717	634,117
Taxation	(340,799)	(177,553)
Profit after taxation	918,918	456,564
Minority interests	(202,053)	—
Profit after taxation and minority interests	716,865	456,564
Transfer to reserves	(147,902)	(114,141)
Retained profits brought forward	568,963 979,916	342,423 933,356
Profits available for distribution	1,548,879	1,275,779
Dividends	(179,259)	(179,259)
Retained profits carried forward	1,369,620	1,096,520

Dividends

Since the end of the previous financial year, the Bank paid a tax exempt final dividend of 8.0% amounting to RM94.653 million as proposed in the previous year's directors' report.

The directors recommend the payment of a tax exempt final dividend of 15.0% amounting to RM179.259 million in respect of the current financial year, based on the issued and paid-up capital of 2,390,119,734 ordinary shares of RM0.50 each.

Share Capital

During the financial year, the issued and paid-up capital of the Bank was increased from 2,366,321,484 ordinary shares of RM0.50 each to 2,390,119,734 ordinary shares of RM0.50 each via the issuance of 23,798,250 new ordinary shares of RM0.50 each pursuant to the exercise of options granted under the Public Bank Berhad Employees' Share Option Scheme at the option price of RM1.66 per share.

All the new shares that were issued rank pari passu in all respects with the existing shares of the Bank.

Employees' Share Option Scheme

On 10 April 1998, an offer of options under the Public Bank Berhad Employees' Share Option Scheme (PBB ESOS) to subscribe for ordinary shares of RM0.50 each at an option price of RM1.66 was made to eligible employees.

The main features of the PBB ESOS are:-

- (a) The eligibility for participation in the PBB ESOS is at the discretion of the PBB ESOS Committee. It is open to any eligible employee, with at least three (3) years continuous service, of the Public Bank Group of companies;
- (b) The total number of shares to be offered under the PBB ESOS and options to be offered under any future schemes, shall not exceed 10% of the total issued and paid-up share capital of the Bank at any point in time during the duration of the scheme;
- (c) No option shall be granted for less than 1,000 shares nor more than 500,000 shares unless so adjusted pursuant to (e) below;
- (d) The option price for each ordinary share of RM0.50 each shall be the average of the mean market quotation of PBB shares quoted as 'Local' on the Main Board of the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange (KLSE) and as shown in the daily official list issued by the KLSE for the five (5) trading days preceding the offer date;
- (e) The number of outstanding options to subscribe for shares or the option price or both may be adjusted following any issue of additional shares, by way of rights or capitalisation of profits or reserves, made by the Bank while an option remains unexercised; and
- (f) The options can be exercised four (4) times per annum during such period of time determined at the discretion of the PBB ESOS Committee but not later than five (5) calendar years from 25 February 1998.

The movements in the number of unexercised options to take up new ordinary shares of RM0.50 each of the PBB ESOS are as follows:-

	Number of Options
At 1 January 2000	35,152,500
Exercised during the year	(23,798,250)
Lapsed due to resignation	(512,000)
At 31 December 2000	10,842,250

The options granted do not confer any right to participate in any share issue of any other company.

Reserves and Provisions

There were no material transfers to or from reserves or provisions during the year other than those disclosed in the financial statements.

Bad and Doubtful Debts

Before the income statements and balance sheets of the Group and the Bank were made out, the directors took reasonable steps to ascertain that actions had been taken in relation to the writing off of bad debts and the making of provisions for doubtful debts, and satisfied themselves that all known bad debts had been written off and that adequate provisions had been made for bad and doubtful debts.

At the date of this report, the directors are not aware of any circumstances which would render the amount written off for bad debts, or the amount of the provision for doubtful debts in the financial statements of the Group and the Bank, inadequate to any substantial extent.

Current Assets

Before the income statements and balance sheets of the Group and the Bank were made out, the directors took reasonable steps to ensure that any current assets, other than debts, which were unlikely to be realised in the ordinary course of business at their value as shown in the accounting records of the Group and the Bank have been written down to an amount which they might be expected to realise.

At the date of this report, the directors are not aware of any circumstances which would render the values attributed to the current assets in the financial statements of the Group and the Bank misleading.

Valuation Methods

At the date of this report, the directors are not aware of any circumstances which have arisen which render adherence to the existing methods of valuation of assets and liabilities in the financial statements of the Group and the Bank misleading or inappropriate.

Contingent and Other Liabilities

At the date of this report, there does not exist:-

- (a) any charge on the assets of the Group or the Bank which has arisen since the end of the financial year which secures the liabilities of any other person; or
- (b) any contingent liability in respect of the Group or the Bank that has arisen since the end of the financial year other than in the ordinary course of business.

No contingent or other liability of the Group and the Bank has become enforceable, or is likely to become enforceable, within the period of twelve months after the end of the financial year which, in the opinion of the directors, will or may substantially affect the ability of the Group or the Bank to meet their obligations as and when they fall due.

Change of Circumstances

At the date of this report, the directors are not aware of any circumstances, not otherwise dealt with in this report or the financial statements of the Group and the Bank, which would render any amount stated in the financial statements misleading.

Items of an Unusual Nature

The results of the operations of the Group and the Bank during the financial year were not, in the opinion of the directors, substantially affected by any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature.

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the directors, to affect substantially the results of the operations of the Group and the Bank for the current financial year in which this report is made.

Directors

The directors who served since the date of the last report are:-

Y.Bhg. Tan Sri Dato’ Thong Yaw Hong
Y.Bhg. Tan Sri Dato’ Dr. Teh Hong Piow
Y.Bhg. Datuk Tay Ah Lek
Y.Bhg. Dato’ Yeoh Chin Kee
Y.A.M. Tengku Abdul Rahman Ibni Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Al-Mustain Billah
Tuan Haji Abdul Aziz bin Omar

In accordance with Article 101 of the Bank’s Articles of Association, Y.Bhg. Datuk Tay Ah Lek retires by rotation at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting and, being eligible, offers himself for re-election.

Y.Bhg. Tan Sri Dato’ Thong Yaw Hong and Y.Bhg. Tan Sri Dato’ Dr. Teh Hong Piow retire pursuant to Section 129 of the Companies Act, 1965 at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting and offer themselves for re-appointment in accordance with Section 129 of the Companies Act, 1965 to hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Bank.

Directors’ Interests

According to the register of directors’ shareholdings, the interest of the directors who were in office at the end of the financial year in shares of the Bank and its subsidiary companies were as follows:-

	Number of Ordinary Shares of RM0.50 each			
	Balance at 1.1.2000	Bought	Sold	Balance at 31.12.2000
The Bank				
<i>Direct shareholdings</i>				
Y.Bhg. Tan Sri Dato’ Thong Yaw Hong	222,000	—	—	222,000
Y.Bhg. Tan Sri Dato’ Dr. Teh Hong Piow	210,000	—	—	210,000
Y.Bhg. Datuk Tay Ah Lek	136,000	—	—	136,000
Y.Bhg. Dato’ Yeoh Chin Kee	220,000	—	20,000	200,000

Directors’ Interests (cont’d.)

	Number of Ordinary Shares of RM0.50 each			Balance at 31.12.2000
	Balance at 1.1.2000	Bought	Sold	
The Bank				
<i>Deemed interest</i>				
Y.Bhg. Tan Sri Dato’ Thong Yaw Hong	615,000	—	—	615,000
Y.Bhg. Tan Sri Dato’ Dr. Teh Hong Piow	784,228,000	3,648,000	950,000	786,926,000
Y.Bhg. Datuk Tay Ah Lek	133,000	—	—	133,000

	Number of Options				Balance at 31.12.2000
	Option Price	Balance at 1.1.2000	Granted	Exercised	
The Bank					
PBB ESOS					
Y.Bhg. Tan Sri Dato’ Dr. Teh Hong Piow	RM1.66	250,000	—	—	250,000
Y.Bhg. Datuk Tay Ah Lek	RM1.66	175,000	—	—	175,000

	Number of Ordinary Shares of RM1.00 each			
	Balance at 1.1.2000	Bought	Sold	Balance at 31.12.2000
Public Finance Berhad				
<i>Direct shareholdings</i>				
Y.Bhg. Tan Sri Dato’ Thong Yaw Hong	2,580	—	—	2,580
Y.Bhg. Tan Sri Dato’ Dr. Teh Hong Piow	16,500	—	—	16,500
Y.Bhg. Datuk Tay Ah Lek	1,650	—	—	1,650
<i>Deemed interest</i>				
<i>(excluding shares held by the Bank)</i>				
Y.Bhg. Tan Sri Dato’ Thong Yaw Hong	6,052	—	—	6,052
Y.Bhg. Datuk Tay Ah Lek	2,349	—	—	2,349

Y.Bhg. Tan Sri Dato’ Dr. Teh Hong Piow, by virtue of his interest in the Bank, is also deemed interested in the shares of all the Bank’s subsidiary companies to the extent the Bank has an interest.

Other than as disclosed, none of the directors in office at the end of the financial year had any interest in shares of the Bank and its related corporations during the financial year.

Directors’ Benefits

During and at the end of the financial year, no arrangements subsisted, to which the Bank or its subsidiary companies is a party with the object of enabling directors of the Bank to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in or debentures of the Bank or any other body corporate except for the Employees’ Share Option Scheme described above.

Since the end of the previous financial year, no director of the Bank has received or become entitled to receive any benefit (other than a benefit included in the aggregate amount of emoluments received or due and receivable by the directors or the fixed salary of a full time employee of the Bank as disclosed in Note 27 to the accounts) by reason of a contract made by the Bank or a related corporation with the director or with a firm of which he is a member, or with a company in which he has substantial financial interest.

Transactions of the Bank and its subsidiary companies with the Directors of the Bank and with companies in which certain Directors are deemed to have interests, arising in the ordinary course of business, are disclosed in Notes 24, 26(b) and 26(c) to the financial statements.

Significant Events

Significant events during the financial year include the following:-

- (a) On 26 June 2000, the Bank and Hock Hua Bank Berhad (HHB) entered into an Agreement to merge the commercial banking business of the Bank and HHB by implementation of the following proposals:-
 - (i) Proposed merger of the commercial banking business of the Bank and HHB through the disposal by the Bank of its commercial banking business and four (4) of the Bank’s wholly owned subsidiaries, namely Public Bank (L) Ltd., Public Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn. Bhd., Public Nominees (Asing) Sdn. Bhd. and PB Trust Company Sdn. Bhd. to HHB in consideration of 721,000,000 new ordinary shares of RM1.00 each in HHB (HHB Shares) (Original Proposed Merger);
 - (ii) Proposed mandatory offer by the Bank for all the remaining HHB Shares not already owned by the Bank pursuant to the Original Proposed Merger (Proposed Offer);
 - (iii) Proposed bonus issue by HHB of new HHB Shares to be credited as fully paid-up on the basis of five (5) new HHB Shares for every two (2) existing HHB Shares held after the Original Proposed Merger and the Proposed Offer (Proposed HHB Bonus Issue); and
 - (iv) Proposed distribution by the Bank of HHB Shares held by the Bank after the Original Proposed Merger, the Proposed Offer and the Proposed HHB Bonus Issue to the entitled shareholders of the Bank on the basis of three (3) HHB Shares for every ten (10) existing ordinary shares of RM0.50 each held in the Bank (Proposed Distribution).

The Original Proposed Merger, Proposed Offer, Proposed HHB Bonus and Proposed Distribution are collectively referred to as the Original Proposals.

The Original Proposals were subject to the approvals of the Minister of Finance, Bank Negara Malaysia, the relevant regulatory authorities, the shareholders of the Bank, the shareholders of HHB and the High Court of Malaya.

Subsequently, on 22 December 2000, the Bank and HHB entered into a supplemental agreement to the Agreement executed on 26 June 2000 for the Original Proposals in order to merge the banking businesses of the Bank and HHB by the implementation of the following proposals:-

- (i) Proposed merger of the banking businesses of the Bank and HHB by way of a scheme of arrangement and amalgamation of HHB pursuant to Section 176 of the Companies Act, 1965 and Section 50 of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 1989 whereupon the banking business of HHB shall be transferred to PBB and PBB shall acquire the entire issued and paid-up capital of HHB from the shareholders of HHB (Proposed Merger); and

Significant Events (cont'd.)

- (ii) Proposed bonus issue by the Bank of up to 848,191,885 new ordinary shares of RM0.50 each in the Bank (PBB Shares) to be credited as fully paid-up on the basis of three (3) new PBB Shares for every ten (10) existing PBB Shares held after the Proposed Merger (Proposed PBB Bonus Issue).

The Proposed Merger and the Proposed PBB Bonus Issue are collectively known as the ‘Revised Proposals’. The Original Proposals are therefore replaced by the Revised Proposals upon execution of the supplemental agreement. The Revised Proposals are subject to the approvals of the Minister of Finance and Bank Negara Malaysia, both of which were obtained on 23 December 2000, the relevant regulatory authorities, the shareholders of the Bank and the shareholders of HHB and the High Court of Malaya.

- (b) On 30 June 2000, the Bank entered into a sale and purchase agreement with Advance Finance Berhad (AFB) for the acquisition of the finance company business of AFB (AFB’s Business) at a proposed cash consideration equivalent to 1.65 times the adjusted net tangible assets of AFB’s Business as at 30 June 2000. The approvals of the Minister of Finance, the relevant regulatory authorities, the shareholders of AFB and the High Court of Malaya pursuant to Section 50 of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 1989 for the transfer of AFB’s Business to the Bank have been obtained.

The assets and liabilities comprising AFB’s Business were transferred to the Bank on 31 December 2000 for a cash consideration of RM67,168,548.

- (c) On 25 October 2000, the Bank completed the acquisition of the entire equity interest in Sime Merchant Bankers Berhad (SMBB) from UMBC Sdn. Bhd., ANZ Grindlays Bank Limited, the Fuji Bank Limited, Tun Dato’ Haji Omar Yoke Lin Ong and Toh Puan Dr Aishah Ong for a cash consideration of RM5. Upon completion of the acquisition, SMBB changed its name to Public Merchant Bank Berhad.

2000 Business Plan and Business Outlook for 2001

In 2000, the Bank had emphasised on business measures to enhance profitability, maintain a high standard of customer service, further improve risk-return management, and increase staff productivity.

Public Bank had taken measures to increase its interest income and fee-based income. As a retail bank, the Bank continued to focus on loans to retail consumers and commercial sectors. The direction of lending had remained focused on the residential and commercial sectors, in particular on loans to small and medium-sized industries to take advantage of strong economic growth in the year.

The Bank remained focused in mobilising deposits from cheaper sources and developing its fee-based income businesses such as cash management services. To enhance yields in the current low interest rate environment and in line with the government’s desire to develop the private debt securities market, the Bank had allocated more of its funds to investments in private debt securities, whilst still maintaining its stringent credit standards.

The Bank continued to take steps to manage its asset quality to reduce non-performing loans and expedite recovery.

As part of its on-going strategy, the Bank continued to allocate more resources and provided training to further improve staff productivity and maintain a high standard of customer service.

In 2001, the Bank anticipates the business environment to be more challenging and competitive due to the leveling of the playing field resulting from the on-going consolidation of domestic banking institutions and ample liquidity in the banking system. Globalisation, liberalisation and technological advancement in the financial services sector will intensify competition.

Demand for loans is not expected to pick-up strongly in 2001 as some industries such as construction related industries and the broad property sector will continue to have excess capacity. More large corporations are likely to raise funds through private debt securities, instead of bank borrowings.

2000 Business Plan and Business Outlook for 2001 (cont'd.)

Despite the competitive environment, there are market opportunities for the Bank to tap, particularly in retail consumer financing. Furthermore, as the domestic manufacturing and commercial sectors continue to strengthen, there will be opportunities for loans growth to support small and medium-sized industries and the corporate sector. There are also opportunities for the Bank to expand its fee-based business such as cash management services.

Economic Outlook for 2001

Given the expected deceleration in global economic growth, the Malaysian economy is expected to register a slower growth in 2001. Public Bank anticipates that the growth of gross domestic product (GDP) will be between 5% and 7% and inflation will remain low at below 3.0%.

The outlook is based on the view that the present strong economic fundamentals will spill over into 2001. Much of the improved economic activity and progress in corporate restructuring in 2000 and corporate recovery will continue to take place in 2001. Continued expansionary fiscal and monetary policies in 2001 will contribute to the GDP growth. Sustained loans growth by the banking system will support economic activity in 2001.

The growth is expected to come from the continued broad-based recovery in the manufacturing and services sectors, supported by a further recovery in the construction sector. Domestic-oriented industries are expected to regain further strength. From the demand side, the growth is expected to be contributed by continuous increases in consumer spending and private investment. Backed by a strong current account of the balance of payments, international reserves will stay strong and the Ringgit-US dollar peg will remain sustainable.

Notwithstanding the above, some of the downside risks of the economy need to be borne in mind. These include an expectation of a decline in the growth rate of the US economy, sluggish private investment and consumer expenditure, high energy prices and rising inflation.

Auditors

The retiring auditors, Messrs KPMG, have indicated their willingness to accept re-appointment.

Signed on behalf of the Board in accordance with a resolution of the directors:-

TAN SRI DATO’ THONG YAW HONG

Director

TAN SRI DATO’ DR. TEH HONG PIOW

Director

Kuala Lumpur,
Dated: 29 January 2001

directors

We, TAN SRI DATO’ THONG YAW HONG and TAN SRI DATO’ DR. TEH HONG PIOW, being two of the directors of PUBLIC BANK BERHAD, do hereby state that, in the opinion of the directors, the accompanying financial statements set out on pages 94 to 154 are properly drawn up in accordance with applicable approved accounting standards in Malaysia so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and the Bank at 31 December 2000 and of their results and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

On behalf of the Board

TAN SRI DATO’ THONG YAW HONG

Director

TAN SRI DATO’ DR. TEH HONG PIOW

Director

Kuala Lumpur,
Dated: 29 January 2001

declaration

I, CHRISTOPHER KOE SOO JIN, being the officer primarily responsible for the financial management of PUBLIC BANK BERHAD, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the accompanying financial statements set out on page 94 to 154 are, to the best of my knowledge and belief correct and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act, 1960.

Subscribed and solemnly declared by the abovenamed
CHRISTOPHER KOE SOO JIN at KUALA LUMPUR in
WILAYAH PERSEKUTUAN this 29th day of January 2001.

BEFORE ME:-

NGUI KEE HEONG

Commissioner for Oaths
Kuala Lumpur

auditors to the members

We have audited the financial statements set out on pages 94 to 154. The preparation of the financial statements is the responsibility of the Bank’s directors. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with approved Standards on Auditing in Malaysia. These standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain all the information and explanations which we consider necessary to provide us with evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes an assessment of the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the directors as well as evaluating the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion:-

- (a) the financial statements are properly drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 1965 and applicable approved accounting standards in Malaysia so as to give a true and fair view of:-
 - (i) the state of affairs of the Group and of the Bank at 31 December 2000 and the results of their operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) the matters required by Section 169 of the Companies Act, 1965 to be dealt with in the financial statements of the Group and of the Bank;

and

- (b) the accounting and other records and the registers required by the Companies Act, 1965 to be kept by the Bank and the subsidiary companies of which we have acted as auditors have been properly kept in accordance with the provisions of the said Act.

The subsidiary companies in respect of which we have not acted as auditors are identified in Note 10 to the financial statements and we have considered their financial statements and the auditors’ reports thereon.

We are satisfied that the financial statements of the subsidiary companies that have been consolidated with the Company’s financial statements are in form and content appropriate and proper for the purposes of the preparation of the consolidated financial statements and we have received satisfactory information and explanations required by us for those purposes.

None of the audit reports on the financial statements of the subsidiary companies were subject to any qualification nor included any comment under sub-section (3) of Section 174 of the Act.

KPMG

Firm Number: AF 0758
Public Accountants

QUAH POH KEAT

Partner
Approval Number: 949/03/02(J/PH)

Kuala Lumpur,
Dated: 29 January 2001

sheets at 31 december 2000

		Group		Bank	
	Note	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
ASSETS					
Cash and short term funds	3	6,847,135	7,164,355	6,593,061	6,951,614
Deposits and placements with financial institutions	4	4,821,967	2,567,265	4,772,371	1,983,190
Dealing securities	5	1,052,846	3,107,295	1,295,067	3,284,624
Investment securities	6	5,463,821	6,324,210	2,163,206	3,150,503
Loans, advances and financing	7	23,400,626	21,618,466	14,473,921	12,970,701
Other assets	8	909,983	766,454	549,557	447,375
Statutory deposits with Central Banks	9	851,949	782,350	560,235	490,000
Investments in subsidiary companies	10	—	—	1,368,946	1,068,946
Investments in associated companies	11	39,529	39,764	18,965	18,965
Investment properties	12	36,488	40,969	—	—
Property, plant and equipment	13	810,219	826,474	510,168	532,223
TOTAL ASSETS		44,234,563	43,237,602	32,305,497	30,898,141
Deposits from customers	14	33,876,812	33,044,406	23,878,333	22,951,219
Deposits and placements of banks and other financial institutions	15	2,956,814	3,034,457	3,559,920	3,010,176
Obligations on securities sold under repurchase agreements		274,277	565,029	339,077	591,067
Bills and acceptances payable		319,418	639,971	319,372	642,961
Other liabilities	16	1,163,291	1,018,873	584,152	394,885
Total Liabilities		38,590,612	38,302,736	28,680,854	27,590,308
Share capital	18	1,195,060	1,183,161	1,195,060	1,183,161
Reserves		3,222,049	2,659,700	2,429,583	2,124,672
Shareholders' Funds		4,417,109	3,842,861	3,624,643	3,307,833
Minority interests		1,226,842	1,092,005	—	—
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		44,234,563	43,237,602	32,305,497	30,898,141
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES	33	10,754,949	11,422,525	8,378,136	9,346,147

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

statements for the year ended 31 december 2000

		Group		Bank	
	Note	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
Operating revenue	2(c)	3,459,334	3,720,051	1,782,536	1,927,860
Interest income	21	2,917,065	3,141,873	1,588,358	1,742,030
Interest expense	22	(1,203,431)	(1,662,160)	(862,582)	(1,111,684)
Net interest income		1,713,634	1,479,713	725,776	630,346
Islamic banking income	38(i)	50,593	27,925	19,760	15,172
Non-interest income	23	1,764,227 463,320	1,507,638 434,280	745,536 254,800	645,518 226,058
Net income		2,227,547	1,941,918	1,000,336	871,576
Overhead expenses	24	(810,329)	(694,933)	(391,045)	(360,096)
Operating profit		1,417,218	1,246,985	609,291	511,480
Loan and financing loss and provision	25	(161,195)	(413,318)	24,826	(78,485)
Share of results of associated companies		1,256,023 3,694	833,667 4,507	634,117 —	432,995 —
Profit before exceptional item		1,259,717	838,174	634,117	432,995
Exceptional item	28	—	—	—	88,246
Profit before taxation		1,259,717	838,174	634,117	521,241
Taxation	29	(340,799)	(50,762)	(177,553)	(2,877)
Profit after taxation		918,918	787,412	456,564	518,364
Minority interests		(202,053)	(171,271)	—	—
Profit after taxation and minority interests		716,865	616,141	456,564	518,364
Transfer to reserves		(147,902)	(157,968)	(114,141)	(129,591)
Retained profit brought forward		568,963 979,916	458,173 617,178	342,423 933,356	388,773 640,018
Profit available for distribution		1,548,879	1,075,351	1,275,779	1,028,791
Proposed dividends	30	(179,259)	(95,435)	(179,259)	(95,435)
Retained profit carried forward		1,369,620	979,916	1,096,520	933,356
Earnings per 50 sen share:-					
– basic (sen)	31	30.3	26.2		
– diluted (sen)		30.1	26.0		
Dividends per share (sen)		7.5	4.0		

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

statement of
changes in equity

		Issued and fully paid ordinary shares of RM0.50 each		Non-distributable Reserves		Distributable Reserves	
Group	Note	Number of shares '000	Share Capital RM'000	Share Premium RM'000	Other Reserves RM'000	Retained Profit RM'000	Total RM'000
Balance as at 1.1.2000		2,366,321	1,183,161	394,814	1,284,970	979,916	3,842,861
Issue of shares							
– exercise of share options		23,799	11,899	27,606	—	—	39,505
Cost incurred for the issuance of preference shares by a subsidiary company	19	—	—	—	(622)	—	(622)
Currency translation differences	19	—	—	—	(2,241)	—	(2,241)
Net profit for the financial year		—	—	—	—	716,865	716,865
Transfer to other reserves	19	—	—	—	147,902	(147,902)	—
Proposed dividends	30	—	—	—	—	(179,259)	(179,259)
Balance as at 31.12.2000		2,390,120	1,195,060	422,420	1,430,009	1,369,620	4,417,109

		Issued and fully paid ordinary shares of RM0.50 each		Non-distributable Reserves		Distributable Reserves	
	Note	Number of shares '000	Share Capital RM'000	Share Premium RM'000	Other Reserves RM'000	Retained Profit RM'000	Total RM'000
Balance as at 1.1.1999		2,314,480	1,157,240	327,890	1,128,919	617,178	3,231,227
Issue of shares							
– exercise of share options		51,841	25,921	66,924	—	—	92,845
Currency translation differences	19	—	—	—	(1,917)	—	(1,917)
Net profit for the financial year		—	—	—	—	616,141	616,141
Transfer to other reserves	19	—	—	—	157,968	(157,968)	—
Proposed dividends	30	—	—	—	—	(95,435)	(95,435)
Balance as at 31.12.1999		2,366,321	1,183,161	394,814	1,284,970	979,916	3,842,861

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

		Issued and fully paid ordinary shares of RM0.50 each		Non-distributable Reserves		Distributable Reserves	
Bank	Note	Number of shares '000	Share Capital RM'000	Share Premium RM'000	Other Reserves RM'000	Retained Profit RM'000	Total RM'000
Balance as at 1.1.2000		2,366,321	1,183,161	394,814	796,502	933,356	3,307,833
Issue of shares							
– exercise of share options		23,799	11,899	27,606	—	—	39,505
Net profit for the financial year		—	—	—	—	456,564	456,564
Transfer to other reserves	19	—	—	—	114,141	(114,141)	—
Proposed dividends	30	—	—	—	—	(179,259)	(179,259)
Balance as at 31.12.2000		2,390,120	1,195,060	422,420	910,643	1,096,520	3,624,643

		Issued and fully paid ordinary shares of RM0.50 each		Non-distributable Reserves		Distributable Reserves	
	Note	Number of shares '000	Share Capital RM'000	Share Premium RM'000	Other Reserves RM'000	Retained Profit RM'000	Total RM'000
Balance as at 1.1.1999		2,314,480	1,157,240	327,890	666,911	640,018	2,792,059
Issue of shares							
– exercise of share options		51,841	25,921	66,924	—	—	92,845
Net profit for the financial year		—	—	—	—	518,364	518,364
Transfer to other reserves	19	—	—	—	129,591	(129,591)	—
Proposed dividends	30	—	—	—	—	(95,435)	(95,435)
Balance as at 31.12.1999		2,366,321	1,183,161	394,814	796,502	933,356	3,307,833

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

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Group	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Profit before taxation, minority interests and extraordinary items	1,259,717	838,174
Adjustments for:-		
Share of profit in associated companies	(3,694)	(4,507)
Amortisation of goodwill net of reserve arising on consolidation	393	393
Depreciation	81,291	55,955
Loss/(Gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	44	(120)
(Gain)/Loss on disposal of foreclosed properties	(20)	51
Provision for bad and doubtful debts and financing	322,058	457,216
Write back of provision for bad and doubtful debts and financing	(136,068)	(205,369)
Gain on sale of investment securities	(54,257)	(54,374)
Dividends from investment securities	(3,256)	(1,818)
Amortisation of premium less accretion of discount of investment securities	11,844	37,775
Loss on revaluation of investment properties	877	3,081
Provision/(Write back of provision) for diminution in value of investment securities	23,727	(947)
Loss on disposal of associated company	—	134
Operating profit before working capital changes	1,502,656	1,125,644
Decrease/(Increase) in operating assets/liabilities		
Deposits and placements with financial institutions	(2,239,493)	(1,121,677)
Securities purchased under resale agreements	—	100,000
Dealing securities	2,059,548	3,981,661
Loans, advances and financing	(1,661,901)	(2,093,025)
Statutory deposits with Central Banks	(38,326)	(39,694)
Other assets	160,968	242,712
Deposits from customers	488,984	544,818
Deposits and placements of banks and other financial institutions	(595,793)	1,329,903
Obligations on securities sold under repurchase agreements	(290,752)	(884,517)
Bills and acceptances payable	(320,553)	(221,196)
Other liabilities	(105,275)	(192,121)
Cash (used in)/generated from operations	(1,039,937)	2,772,508
Income taxes paid	(178,098)	(152,137)
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	(1,218,035)	2,620,371

Note	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Dividends received by minority interest	(43,900)	(31,906)
Dividends received from associates	2,711	3,902
Dividends from investment securities	3,256	1,818
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(59,050)	(51,814)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	1,132	1,160
Proceeds from disposal of foreclosed properties	1,594	1,633
Purchases net of proceeds from sale of investment securities	948,027	(892,809)
Acquisition of finance company business net of cash acquired	3291,186	—
Acquisition of subsidiary net of cash acquired	3211,007	—
Additional investment in subsidiary companies	—	(51,115)
Subscription of rights issue by minority interest	—	46,900
Funds provided by minority interests	—	1,500
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities	955,963	(970,731)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from issuance of shares	39,505	92,845
Dividends paid	(94,653)	(34,110)
Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities	(55,148)	58,735
NET (DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(317,220)	1,708,375
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS BROUGHT FORWARD	7,164,355	5,455,980
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS CARRIED FORWARD	6,847,135	7,164,355
ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash and short term funds	6,847,135	7,164,355

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Bank	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Profit before taxation and exceptional item	634,117	432,995
Adjustments for:-		
Depreciation	54,373	28,191
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(2)	(183)
(Gain)/Loss on disposal of foreclosed properties	(20)	64
Provision for bad and doubtful debts and financing	83,878	258,235
Provision for bad and doubtful debts and financing written back	(95,415)	(178,045)
Gain on sale of investment securities	(21,095)	(26,945)
Dividend income	(91,029)	(53,301)
Amortisation of premium less accretion of discount of investment securities	1,208	30,089
Provision for diminution in value of investment securities written back	(954)	—
Provision for diminution in value of investment securities	—	9,690
Operating profit before working capital changes	565,061	500,790
Decrease/(Increase) in operating assets/liabilities		
Deposits and placements with financial institutions	(2,773,972)	(514,801)
Dealing securities	1,989,557	4,029,554
Loans, advances and financing	(1,286,186)	(1,446,724)
Other assets	(36,379)	257,530
Statutory deposits with Central Banks	(59,650)	2,456
Deposits from customers	583,692	1,068,225
Deposits and placements of banks and other financial institutions	540,594	(788,412)
Obligations on securities sold under repurchase agreements	(251,990)	(248,141)
Bills and acceptances payable	(323,590)	48,853
Other liabilities	10,986	(144,772)
Cash (used in)/generated from operations	(1,041,877)	2,764,558
Income taxes paid	(91,230)	(96,676)
Net cash (used in)/generated from operating activities	(1,133,107)	2,667,882

Note	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(32,493)	(41,177)
Additional investment in subsidiary companies	(300,000)	(456,750)
Proceeds net of purchases from sale of investment securities	1,014,870	(1,313,043)
Dividends received from subsidiary companies	54,188	39,745
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	994	498
Proceeds from disposal of foreclosed properties	957	1,620
Acquisition of finance company business net of cash acquired	3291,186	—
Proceeds from disposal of investment in subsidiary company	—	93,711
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities	829,702	(1,675,396)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from issuance of shares	39,505	92,845
Dividends paid	(94,653)	(34,110)
Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities	(55,148)	58,735
NET (DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(358,553)	1,051,221
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS BROUGHT FORWARD	6,951,614	5,900,393
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS CARRIED FORWARD	6,593,061	6,951,614
ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash and short term funds	6,593,061	6,951,614

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1. Principal Activities

The Group is principally engaged in all aspects of banking, merchant banking, financing, stock broking, provision of finance to purchasers of licensed public vehicles, provision of related financial services, management of unit trusts and sale of trust units and investment holdings.

The Bank is principally engaged in all aspects of banking business and the provision of related financial services.

During the financial year the Bank acquired the entire equity interest in Public Merchant Bank Berhad (formerly Sime Merchant Bankers Berhad) whose principal activity is disclosed in note 10 to the financial statements.

There have been no other significant changes to these principal activities during the financial year.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

The following accounting policies adopted by the Group and Bank are consistent with those adopted in previous years.

(a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the applicable approved Accounting Standards in Malaysia and Bank Negara Malaysia Guidelines and comply with the provisions of the Companies Act, 1965.

The financial statements incorporate all activities relating to the Islamic Banking business which have been undertaken by the Bank and its subsidiary finance company in Malaysia. Islamic Banking business refers generally to the acceptance of deposits and granting of financing under the principles of Syariah.

(b) Basis of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the Bank and its subsidiary companies made up to the end of the financial year. All inter company balances and transactions have been eliminated on consolidation. Details of the subsidiary companies are set out in Note 10 to the accounts.

Goodwill or reserve on consolidation is included in the consolidated balance sheet based on the difference between the purchase price and the value of the net assets of subsidiary companies at the date of acquisition. Goodwill or reserve on consolidation is amortised over twenty years from the date of acquisition.

Purchased goodwill represents the difference between the purchase price and the value of the net assets acquired at the date of acquisition. Purchased goodwill is amortised over twenty years from the date of acquisition.

(c) Operating Revenue

Operating revenue of the Group comprises all types of revenue derived from banking, merchant banking, financing, stock broking, leasing and factoring, management of unit trusts and sales of trust units as well as trustee services but excluding all related companies transactions.

Operating revenue of the Bank comprises interest, commission and other income derived from banking operations.

2. Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd.)

(d) Associated Companies

The Group treats associated companies as those companies in which a long term equity interest of between 20 to 50 percent is held and where it exercises significant influence through management participation.

In the consolidated balance sheet, the Group's interests in associated companies are stated at the net asset value of associated companies at the date of acquisition plus the Group's share of post acquisition profits and reserves less provision for permanent diminution in value. The difference between the cost of investment and the underlying net asset value which represents goodwill or reserve is amortised to the consolidated income statement in accordance with the policy as referred to in Note 2 (b).

(e) Income Recognition

Interest income is recognised on an accrual basis.

Interest income on overdrafts, term loans and housing loans is recognised by reference to rest periods, which are either monthly or daily. Where an account becomes non-performing, interest is suspended until it is realised on a cash basis. Customers' accounts are deemed to be non-performing where repayments are in arrears for more than six (6) months and one (1) month after maturity date for trade bills, bankers' acceptances and trust receipts except for the subsidiary companies operating in Hong Kong which deem customer accounts as non-performing where repayments are in arrears for more than three (3) months. The policy on suspension of interest is in conformity with Bank Negara Malaysia's Guidelines on the suspension of interest on non-performing loans and provision for bad and doubtful debts, BNM/GP3.

Income from the various activities of the Group is accrued using the following basis:-

- (i) Interest income on hire purchase, block discounting and leasing business is recognised on the sum of digits method;
- (ii) Dividend income from investment in Malaysian Government Investment Certificates invested for the purpose of Islamic Banking is recognised on an accrual basis;
- (iii) Factoring commission income is recognised upon acceptance of the factored invoices. Factoring interest is recognised on an accrual basis; and
- (iv) Other fees and commissions on a variety of services and facilities extended to customers are recognised on inception of such transactions.

(f) Property, Plant and Equipment and Depreciation

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Freehold land and construction-in-progress are not depreciated. Depreciation of other property, plant and equipment is provided on a straight line basis calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its estimated useful life.

The principal annual depreciation rates are:-

Long term leasehold land	Over leasehold periods of 87.7 to 94 years
Buildings	2.0%
Renovations	Over the term of the leases ranging from 2 to 50 years
Office equipment, furniture and fittings	7.5% – 50.0%
Computer equipment and software	20.0% – 33.3%
Motor vehicles	20.0%

2. Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd.)

(g) Investment Properties

Investment properties which are stated at cost or valuation are not depreciated. It is the Group's policy to appraise its investment properties annually or such longer period as may be considered appropriate, by independent professional valuers based on open market value. Any surplus arising therefrom will be taken to a capital reserve account. A deficit is charged to the income statement to the extent that it is in excess of the amounts outstanding in the capital reserve account.

(h) Currency Conversion

Transactions in foreign currencies during the year are translated into Ringgit Malaysia at the rates of exchange approximating those ruling at the transaction dates. Foreign currency assets and liabilities are stated in the balance sheet at spot rates which closely approximate the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Gains or losses both realised and unrealised resulting from the year's operations have been treated as normal revenue items in the year they arise.

The financial statements of foreign branches are translated into Ringgit Malaysia at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. The results of these branches for the year are accounted for based on closing rates of exchange at balance sheet date. Gains or losses both realised and unrealised resulting from the year's operations have been treated as normal revenue items in the year they arise.

The financial statements of foreign subsidiary companies and a subsidiary incorporated in the Federal Territory of Labuan are translated into Ringgit Malaysia at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. The results of these entities for the year are accounted for based on the closing rate of exchange at the balance sheet date. Gains or losses arising on translation into Ringgit Malaysia are taken to the exchange equalisation reserve. Translation losses in excess of the amount in the exchange equalisation reserve are taken to the income statement.

The closing rates used in translation are as follows:-

USD	RM3.8000
HKD	RM0.4872

(i) Forward Exchange Contracts

Outstanding forward exchange contracts at the balance sheet date are valued based on the applicable spot rates ruling at that date adjusted for the applicable premium or discount to maturity. Gains or losses are recognised in the year they arise.

(j) Dealing Securities

Dealing securities are marketable securities that are acquired and held with the intention of resale in the short term, and are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Transfers, if any, between dealing and investment securities are made at the lower of cost and market value.

(k) Investment Securities

Investment securities are securities that are acquired and held for yield or capital growth or to meet minimum liquidity compliance requirements pursuant to Section 38 of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 1989 and are usually held to maturity.

Malaysian Government Securities, Cagamas Bonds, other Government Securities and quoted Private Debt Securities held for investment are stated at cost adjusted for amortisation of premium and accretion of discount to maturity. A provision is made when the directors are of the view that there is a permanent diminution in the value.

2. Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd.)

(k) Investment Securities (cont'd.)

Quoted shares are stated at the lower of cost and market value determined on an aggregate basis.

Unquoted shares, Malaysian Government Investment Certificates and unquoted Private Debt Securities are stated at cost less provision for any permanent diminution in value.

(l) Investments in Subsidiary Companies

A subsidiary company is a company in which the Bank controls the composition of its Board of Directors or controls more than half of its voting power, or holds more than half of its issued ordinary share capital.

Investments in subsidiary companies are stated at cost, and provision is made in the event of any permanent diminution in value.

(m) Foreclosed Properties

Foreclosed properties are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

(n) Deferred Taxation

Deferred taxation is provided under the liability method in respect of all material timing differences arising from different accounting and taxation treatment of certain income and expenditure items except that where the timing differences give rise to net deferred tax benefits, these net tax benefits are not recognised.

(o) Staff Retirement Benefits

The Bank and certain subsidiary companies contribute to the Public Bank Group Officers' Retirement Benefits Fund (the Fund) in respect of retirement benefits for eligible officers. The Fund is a defined benefit scheme approved by the Inland Revenue Board. Contributions to the Fund are made semi-annually and such contributions may be adjusted based on the actuarial valuation conducted periodically. The last actuarial valuation, using the 'Attained Age Method', was as at 31 December 1998. The latest actuarial valuation of the Fund, which is fully funded, indicated that the Fund had sufficient assets to meet its liabilities.

JCG Holdings Limited and its subsidiary companies contribute to a separate scheme, which is a defined contribution scheme.

(p) Provision for Bad and Doubtful Debts

Provisions for bad and doubtful debts and financing are made with regard to specific risks and relate to those items that have been individually reviewed and specifically identified as bad or doubtful.

A general provision based on a percentage of total outstanding loans (including accrued interest), net of interest in suspense and the specific provision for bad and doubtful debts, is maintained by the Bank and the Group against risks which are not specifically identified.

An uncollectible loan or portion of a loan classified as bad is written off after taking into consideration the realisable value of collateral, if any, when in the judgement of the management, there is no prospect of recovery.

(q) Repurchase Agreements

Securities purchased under resale agreements are securities which the Bank commits to resell at future dates and is reflected as an asset.

Obligation on securities sold under repurchase agreements are obligations which the Bank commits to repurchase securities already sold at future dates and is reflected as a liability.

2. Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd.)

(r) Interest Rate Swaps and Forward Contracts

The Bank acts as an intermediary with counter parties who wish to swap their interest obligations.

Interest income or interest expense associated with interest rate swaps that qualify as hedges is recognised over the life of the swap agreement as a component of interest income or interest expense.

(s) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and bank balances and short term funds, with original maturity of less than one month.

3. Cash and Short Term Funds

	Group		Bank	
	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
Cash and balances with banks and other financial institutions	680,294	738,678	480,782	609,220
Money at call and deposit placements maturing within one month	6,166,841	6,425,677	6,112,279	6,342,394
	6,847,135	7,164,355	6,593,061	6,951,614

Deposits totalling RM2,436,000 (1999 – RM2,445,000) have been pledged to certain banks by a foreign subsidiary for facilities obtained.

4. Deposits and Placements with Financial Institutions

	Group		Bank	
	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
Licensed banks	3,868,992	1,289,100	3,513,254	1,098,900
Licensed finance companies	284,075	756,418	343,665	20,000
Other financial institutions	668,900	521,747	915,452	864,290
	4,821,967	2,567,265	4,772,371	1,983,190

A fixed deposit of RM100,000 (1999 – RM100,000) favouring the Accountant General has been placed by a subsidiary with a licensed bank in accordance with Section 4(2) of the Labuan Trust Companies Act, 1990.

5. Dealing Securities

	Group		Bank	
	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
Money market instruments:-				
Negotiable instrument of deposits	1,018,066	3,062,436	1,295,066	3,284,436
Trust units	34,779	44,671	—	—
	1,052,845	3,107,107	1,295,066	3,284,436
Amortisation of premium less accretion of discounts	1	188	1	188
	1,052,846	3,107,295	1,295,067	3,284,624
Market value:-				
Trust units	35,508	49,491	—	—

6. Investment Securities

	Group		Bank	
	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
Money market instruments:-				
Malaysian Government Treasury Bills	45,899	25,686	45,899	25,686
Malaysian Government Securities	498,916	790,316	24,614	121,640
Malaysian Government Investment Certificates	204,457	128,830	176,280	63,920
Cagamas bonds	701,762	121,463	224,000	61,200
Cagamas notes	14,400	472,927	14,400	472,927
Bankers' acceptances and Islamic accepted bills	530,465	1,635,555	127,128	1,342,944
Danamodal bonds	516,203	588,052	515,923	371,827
Danaharta bonds	251,130	206,203	171,451	145,152
Khazanah bonds	147,012	137,387	110,733	128,728
Negotiable instrument of deposits	1,316,426	1,536,687	—	—
Bank Negara Malaysia Bills	117,123	—	77,403	—
	4,343,793	5,643,106	1,487,831	2,734,024
Quoted securities:-				
Shares in Malaysia	65,093	36,661	40,855	12,403
Shares outside Malaysia	34,065	27,044	—	—
	99,158	63,705	40,855	12,403

6. Investment Securities (cont'd.)

	Group		Bank	
	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
Unquoted securities:-				
Shares	105,095	104,168	90,743	90,271
Private debt securities	1,098,451	673,723	595,612	343,763
	1,203,546	777,891	686,355	434,034
Amortisation of premium less accretion of discounts	(11,538)	(3,386)	(3,459)	2,532
Provision for diminution in value of investment securities	(44,625)	(13,710)	(15,886)	—
Provision for bad and doubtful debts				
– specific provision	(123,139)	(140,022)	(32,490)	(32,490)
– general provision	(3,374)	(3,374)	—	—
	5,463,821	6,324,210	2,163,206	3,150,503

Included in the Bank's and the Group's provision for diminution in value of investment securities is RM995,000 being the amount vested over from Advance Finance Berhad.

The maturity structure of money market instruments held are as follows:-

	Group		Bank	
	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
Maturity within one year	1,776,779	3,726,840	436,625	1,842,757
One year to three years	2,041,661	576,197	864,146	342,427
Three years to five years	472,212	892,690	186,551	548,840
Over five years	53,141	447,379	509	—
	4,343,793	5,643,106	1,487,831	2,734,024

6. Investment Securities (cont'd.)

	Group		Bank	
	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
Market value:-				
Malaysian Government Treasury Bills	42,973	18,288	42,973	18,288
Malaysian Government Securities	506,370	801,060	26,281	131,382
Malaysian Government Investment Certificates	206,539	133,647	177,827	67,056
Cagamas bonds	712,647	123,628	230,818	62,109
Cagamas notes	14,400	472,959	14,400	472,959
Danamodal bonds	531,530	609,386	531,177	385,259
Danaharta bonds	261,815	211,172	178,944	148,856
Khazanah bonds	148,075	138,362	111,415	130,062
Bank Negara Malaysia Bills	117,118	—	77,398	—
Shares quoted in Malaysia	32,717	55,492	25,532	26,938
Shares quoted outside Malaysia	13,736	7,433	—	—

7. Loans, Advances and Financing

	Group		Bank	
	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
Overdrafts	3,388,958	3,263,579	3,351,678	3,231,084
Term loans	15,499,618	13,782,496	10,781,266	9,566,386
Credit card receivables	275,868	276,638	270,208	269,661
Bills receivable	80,054	74,264	76,961	74,074
Trust receipts	222,722	233,164	219,503	233,164
Claims on customers under acceptance credits	414,696	405,848	414,696	405,848
Lease, factored and confirming receivables	65,950	57,822	—	—
Hire purchase	7,312,165	7,179,925	137,915	—
*Staff loans	432,964	398,359	272,649	250,575
Unearned interest and income	(1,920,822)	(2,105,579)	(265,468)	(189,784)
Gross loans, advances and financing	25,772,173	23,566,516	15,259,408	13,841,008
Housing loans sold to Cagamas	(993,093)	(548,557)	(109,167)	(177,166)
	24,779,080	23,017,959	15,150,241	13,663,842
Provision for bad and doubtful debts and financing				
– general	(477,180)	(435,872)	(238,264)	(207,950)
– specific	(650,824)	(770,399)	(307,049)	(384,076)
Interest-in-suspense/income-in-suspense	(250,450)	(193,222)	(131,007)	(101,115)
Net loans, advances and financing	23,400,626	21,618,466	14,473,921	12,970,701

*Included in staff loans of the Group and the Bank are housing loans to directors amounting to RM2,627,000 (1999 – RM2,985,000) and RM131,000 (1999 – RM179,000), respectively.

7. Loans, Advances and Financing (cont'd.)

The maturity structure of gross loans, advances and financing net of housing loans sold to Cagamas are as follows:-

	Group		Bank	
	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
Maturing within one year	9,798,987	9,736,063	7,662,946	7,722,775
One year to three years	3,181,989	3,181,343	663,634	519,168
Three years to five years	3,359,953	2,762,328	1,052,959	633,350
Over five years	8,438,151	7,338,225	5,770,702	4,788,549
	24,779,080	23,017,959	15,150,241	13,663,842

Gross loans, advances and financing analysed by their economic purposes are as follows:-

	Group		Bank	
	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
Agriculture	268,446	254,181	192,915	182,369
Mining and quarrying	15,211	22,717	4,931	18,771
Manufacturing	1,698,235	1,661,456	1,352,053	1,395,184
Electricity, gas and water	311,713	290,584	301,686	289,575
Construction	1,461,540	1,410,164	948,820	909,211
Real estate	1,000,907	1,035,233	912,738	901,418
Purchase of landed property				
– residential	5,289,708	4,263,566	3,600,200	2,902,672
– non-residential	1,498,619	1,289,544	1,376,430	1,173,643
General commerce	2,978,368	2,680,739	1,975,280	1,907,976
Transport, storage and communication	990,954	847,579	801,142	667,605
Finance, insurance and business services	1,441,872	1,751,358	1,308,316	1,444,966
Purchase of securities	717,961	748,667	492,930	482,560
Purchase of transport vehicles	4,452,629	4,344,125	220,777	197,487
Consumption credit	2,444,669	2,018,845	1,028,057	807,848
Others	1,201,341	947,758	743,133	559,723
	25,772,173	23,566,516	15,259,408	13,841,008

7. Loans, Advances and Financing (cont'd.)

Movements in non-performing loans (NPL):-

	Group		Bank	
	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
At 1 January	1,475,960	1,456,176	678,374	723,784
Exchange differences	(879)	(992)	(323)	(212)
Non-performing during the year	670,467	837,093	296,207	308,042
Amount sold to Danaharta	(16,269)	(4,276)	(16,269)	—
Recoveries	(418,438)	(340,921)	(277,250)	(173,012)
Amount written off	(308,827)	(471,120)	(62,362)	(180,228)
Amount vested over from Advance Finance Berhad	15,200	—	15,200	—
At 31 December	1,417,214	1,475,960	633,577	678,374

Net NPL as % of gross loans, advances and financing less specific provision and interest-in-suspense	2.07%	2.27%	1.32%	1.45%
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Movements in the provision for bad and doubtful debts, financing and interest-in-suspense accounts are as follows:-

	Group		Bank	
	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
General provision				
At 1 January	435,872	430,637	207,950	202,839
Exchange differences	(390)	(337)	(45)	(15)
Provision made during the year	34,546	5,572	25,799	5,126
Amount vested over from Advance Finance Berhad and on consolidating Public Merchant Bank Berhad (formerly Sime Merchant Bankers Berhad)	7,152	—	4,560	—
At 31 December	477,180	435,872	238,264	207,950

As % of gross loans, advances and financing less specific provision and interest-in-suspense	1.92%	1.93%	1.61%	1.56%
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7. Loans, Advances and Financing (cont'd.)

	Group		Bank	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
<u>Specific provision</u>				
At 1 January	770,399	799,880	384,076	481,940
Exchange differences	(462)	(472)	(196)	(38)
Provisions made during the year	272,990	404,471	58,124	253,109
Amount written back in respect of recoveries	(136,068)	(205,369)	(95,415)	(178,045)
Amount written off	(244,226)	(228,111)	(27,731)	(172,890)
Amount transferred to provision for diminution in value of investments	(15,845)	—	(15,845)	—
Amount sold to Danaharta	(1,492)	—	(1,492)	—
Amount vested over from Advance Finance Berhad	5,528	—	5,528	—
At 31 December	650,824	770,399	307,049	384,076
<u>Interest-in-suspense</u>				
At 1 January	193,222	97,160	101,115	52,712
Exchange differences	(51)	(22)	(49)	(21)
Interest suspended during the year	153,678	154,209	81,877	81,669
Amount sold to Danaharta	(876)	(276)	(876)	—
Amount written back in respect of recoveries	(52,212)	(43,087)	(36,802)	(26,671)
Amount written off	(45,344)	(14,762)	(16,291)	(6,574)
Amount vested over from Advance Finance Berhad	2,033	—	2,033	—
At 31 December	250,450	193,222	131,007	101,115

8. Other Assets

	Group		Bank	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Other debtors, deposits and prepayments	645,798	402,665	330,781	293,687
Interest receivable	127,762	129,376	70,788	67,118
*Foreclosed properties	16,223	17,797	13,558	14,495
+Taxi licences	12,149	14,316	—	—
Dividend receivable	—	—	108,916	72,075
#Due from clients @	17,078	45,983	—	—
#Outstanding contracts on clients' accounts	25,314	153,182	—	—
Goodwill on consolidation/Purchased goodwill (See note 8.1)	65,659	3,135	25,514	—
	909,983	766,454	549,557	447,375

8. Other Assets (cont'd.)

	Group		Bank	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
*Stated net of provision for diminution in value of:	3,106	2,469	2,469	2,469
+Stated net of provision for write down in value of:	—	12	—	—
@Stated net of provision for doubtful debts of:	82,358	68,652	—	—

#Balances are in respect of the stock broking activities of a subsidiary company.

Included in the Group's other debtors, deposits and prepayments is an amount receivable from Danaharta Managers Sdn. Bhd. of RM195,256,000 (1999: RM Nil) which represents the amount arising from the disposal of certain non-performing assets, such as non-performing loans and investment and dealing securities to Danaharta Managers Sdn. Bhd. as part of the Group's acquisition of Public Merchant Bank Berhad (formerly Sime Merchant Bankers Berhad).

8.1 Goodwill on consolidation/Purchased goodwill

	Group		Bank	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
At Cost				
At 1 January	3,935	3,935	—	—
Arising during the year	62,917	—	25,514	—
At 31 December	66,852	3,935	25,514	—
Accumulated amortisation				
At 1 January	(800)	(407)	—	—
Amortisation during the year	(393)	(393)	—	—
At 31 December	(1,193)	(800)	—	—
	65,659	3,135	25,514	—

The purchased goodwill represents the difference between the purchase price and the value of the net assets acquired from Advance Finance Berhad on 31 December 2000 as disclosed in note 41 of the financial statements.

9. Statutory Deposits with Central Banks

	Group		Bank	
	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
*Statutory Deposits with Bank Negara Malaysia	835,799	770,000	560,235	490,000
#Statutory Deposits with National Bank of Cambodia	16,150	12,350	—	—
	851,949	782,350	560,235	490,000

- * The non-interest bearing statutory deposits are maintained with Bank Negara Malaysia in compliance with Section 37(1)(c) of the Central Bank of Malaysia Act 1958, the amount of which is determined as a percentage of total eligible liabilities.
- # The non-interest bearing deposits are maintained with the National Bank of Cambodia in compliance with the Cambodian banking law and are determined by set percentages of total eligible liabilities and the Bank's issued share capital together with other deposits as required by the National Bank of Cambodia.

10. Investments in Subsidiary Companies

	Bank	
	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
Quoted shares, at cost		
– in Malaysia	254,300	254,300
– in Hong Kong	295,530	295,530
	549,830	549,830
Unquoted shares, at cost	819,116	519,116
	1,368,946	1,068,946
Market value:-		
Quoted shares		
– in Malaysia	599,421	820,457
– in Hong Kong	696,343	837,604

10. Investments in Subsidiary Companies (cont'd.)

During the financial year, the issued and paid-up capital of the following subsidiary companies were increased as follows:-

- (i) Public Consolidated Holdings Sdn. Bhd. increased its issued and paid-up capital by way of a rights issue of 150,000,000 new ordinary shares of RM0.50 each at an issue price of RM1.00 per new ordinary share on the basis of 3 new shares for every 7 existing shares held;
- (ii) PB Securities Sdn. Bhd. increased its issued and paid-up share capital by way of a rights issue of 53,000,000 new ordinary shares of RM1.00 each at an issue price of RM1.00 per new ordinary share on the basis of 53 new shares for every 147 shares held and a further rights issue of 150,000,000 new ordinary shares of RM1.00 each at an issue price of RM1.00 per new ordinary share on the basis of 3 new shares for every 4 existing shares held;
- (iii) Cambodian Public Bank Limited increased its issued and paid-up capital by USD5,000,000 by way of capitalisation of retained earnings;
- (iv) Public Merchant Bank Berhad (formerly Sime Merchant Bankers Berhad) increased its issued and paid-up share capital by way of a rights issue of 150,000,000 new ordinary shares of RM1.00 each at an issue price of RM1.00 per new ordinary share on the basis of 10 new shares for every 1 existing share held; and
- (v) Winton Holdings (Bermuda) Ltd. issued 924,000,000 convertible preference shares of HKD0.10 each at a subscription price of HKD0.33 per convertible preference share for a total cash consideration of HKD304,920,000. The convertible preference shares are non-voting, redeemable and their holders are entitled to a fixed cumulative preferential dividend at a rate of 5.5% per annum on the notional value of HKD0.33 of each convertible preference share.

The subsidiary companies of the Bank are as follows:-

Name	Principal activities	Effective interest		Paid-up Capital	
		2000	1999	2000	1999
		%	%		
Local subsidiary companies					
# Public Finance Berhad	Financing	56.8	56.8	RM330,000,000	RM330,000,000
Public Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn. Bhd.	Nominee services	100.0	100.0	RM10,000	RM10,000
Public Nominees (Asing) Sdn. Bhd.	Nominee services	100.0	100.0	RM10,000	RM10,000
Public Holdings Sdn. Berhad	Property holding	100.0	100.0	RM2,500,000	RM2,500,000
Public Leasing & Factoring Sdn. Bhd.	Leasing and factoring	100.0	100.0	RM10,000,000	RM10,000,000
PB International Factors Sdn. Bhd.	Factoring	55.0	55.0	RM10,000,000	RM10,000,000

10. Investments in Subsidiary Companies (cont'd.)

Name	Principal activities	Effective interest		Paid-up Capital	
		2000 %	1999 %	2000	1999
+Public Consolidated Holdings Sdn. Bhd.	Investment holding	100.0	100.0	RM250,000,000	RM175,000,000
+PB Futures Sdn. Bhd.	Dormant	100.0	100.0	RM9,500,000	RM9,500,000
+PB Securities Sdn. Bhd.	Stock and share broking	100.0	100.0	RM350,000,000	RM147,000,000
+PB Securities Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn. Bhd.	Nominee services	100.0	100.0	RM10,000	RM10,000
+PB Securities Nominees (Asing) Sdn. Bhd.	Nominee services	100.0	100.0	RM10,000	RM10,000
+Kuala Lumpur Mutual Fund Berhad	Management of Unit Trusts	78.2	78.2	RM6,000,000	RM6,000,000
+Business Premium Sdn. Bhd.	Investment holding	77.3	77.3	RM5,411,504	RM5,411,504
Public Bank (L) Ltd.	Offshore banking	100.0	100.0	USD10,000,000	USD10,000,000
PB Trust Company Sdn. Bhd.	Trustee services	100.0	100.0	RM150,000	RM150,000
PB Venture Capital Sdn. Bhd.	Investment holding	100.0	100.0	RM1,010,000	RM1,010,000
+Public Merchant Bank Berhad (formerly Sime Merchant Bankers Berhad)	Merchant banking	100.0	—	RM165,000,000	RM15,000,000
+Public Merchant Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn. Bhd. (formerly Sime Merchant Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn. Bhd.)	Nominees services	100.0	—	RM10,000	RM10,000
+Public Merchant Nominees (Asing) Sdn. Bhd. (formerly Sime Merchant Nominees (Asing) Sdn. Bhd.)	Nominees services	100.0	—	RM2	RM2

10. Investments in Subsidiary Companies (cont'd.)

Name	Principal activities	Effective interest		Paid-up Capital	
		2000 %	1999 %	2000	1999
Overseas subsidiary companies					
++Cambodian Public Bank Limited	Banking	100.0	100.0	USD15,000,000	USD10,000,000
+JCG Holdings Limited*	Investment holding	55.4	55.4	HKD70,702,241	HKD70,702,241
+JCG Finance Company, Limited	Deposit taking and financing	55.4	55.4	HKD258,800,000	HKD258,800,000
+Funds Fit Limited	Investment holding	55.4	55.4	HKD10,100,000	HKD10,100,000
+JCG Securities Limited	Stock and share broking	55.4	55.4	HKD10,000,000	HKD10,000,000
+JCG Nominees Limited	Nominee services	55.4	55.4	HKD10,000	HKD10,000
+Winton Holdings (Bermuda) Limited*	Investment holding	41.5	41.5	HKD134,400,000	HKD42,000,000
+Eastwood Overseas Corporation	Investment holding	41.5	41.5	USD1	USD1
+Eternal Success Company Limited	Property holding	41.5	41.5	HKD20	HKD20
+Keytop Investment Limited	Dormant	41.5	41.5	HKD2	HKD2
+Lion Crown Company Limited	Dormant	41.5	41.5	HKD20	HKD20
+Shuning Shing Limited	Dormant	41.5	41.5	HKD2	HKD2
+Winsure Company, Limited	Dormant	40.2	40.2	HKD1,600,000	HKD1,600,000
+Winton (B.V.I.) Limited	Investment and property holding	41.5	41.5	HKD61,773	HKD61,773

10. Investments in Subsidiary Companies (cont'd.)

Name	Principal activities	Effective interest		Paid-up Capital	
		2000 %	1999 %	2000	1999
+Winton Financial Limited	Provision of hire purchase financing and provision of personal and short term loans	41.5	41.5	HKD4,000,010	HKD4,000,010
+Winton Financial (Factoring) Limited	Provision of hire purchase financing	41.5	41.5	HKD1,000,000	HKD1,000,000
+Winton Investment Company (China) Limited	Investment holding and general trading	41.5	41.5	HKD1,000,000	HKD1,000,000
+Winton Motors, Limited	Trading in taxis and public light buses and leasing of taxis	41.5	41.5	HKD78,000	HKD78,000
+Winton Motors Trading Company Limited	Trading in taxis and public light buses	41.5	41.5	HKD2	HKD2
+Winton Restaurant Limited	Investment holding	41.5	41.5	HKD20	HKD20
+Winton Trading Company Limited	Trading in automobile accessories and spare parts	41.5	41.5	HKD20	HKD20
+Worthy Park Company Limited	Dormant	41.5	41.5	HKD20	HKD20
+Wu Shang Mei Winton (China) Investment Company Limited	Investment holding	37.4	37.4	HKD100	HKD100

Shares are quoted on the Main Board of the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange.
 * Shares are quoted on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.
 + Not audited by KPMG
 ++Audited by KPMG Cambodia.

10. Investments in Subsidiary Companies (cont'd.)

All the local subsidiary companies are incorporated in Malaysia. All the overseas subsidiary companies are incorporated in Hong Kong SAR except for JCG Holdings Limited and Winton Holdings (Bermuda) Limited which are incorporated in Bermuda, Cambodian Public Bank Limited which is incorporated in Cambodia, Eastwood Overseas Corporation and Winton (B.V.I.) Limited which are incorporated in the British Virgin Islands.

11. Investments in Associated Companies

The carrying values of the investments in associated companies are represented by:-

	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
Group		
Net assets acquired	27,544	27,678
Net assets disposed	—	(134)
Cost of investments	27,544	27,544
Gain on exchange taken to exchange equalisation reserve	16,656	16,630
Share of post acquisition results	(4,411)	(4,150)
Provision for diminution in value	(260)	(260)
	39,529	39,764
Bank		
Unquoted shares, at cost	18,965	18,965

The following are the associated companies of the Group, which are all unquoted:-

Name	Principal activities	Place of incorporation	Effective interest		Paid-up Capital	
			2000 %	1999 %	2000 '000	1999 '000
PB Trustee Services Berhad	Trustee services	Malaysia	31.4	31.4	RM525	RM525
VID Public Bank	Banking	Socialist Republic of Vietnam	50.0	50.0	USD15,000	USD15,000
ZKW Enterprise (Group) Co., Ltd., Zhuhai Special Economic Zone	Investment holding, general trading and automobile repairs centre	The People's Republic of China	16.6	16.6	HKD41,400	HKD41,400

11. Investments in Associated Companies (cont'd.)

Name	Principal activities	Place of incorporation	Effective interest		Paid-up Capital	
			2000 %	1999 %	2000 '000	1999 '000
Zhangjiagang Rixing Freight & Storage Co., Ltd.	Cargo handling and transportation	The People's Republic of China	18.7	18.7	USD2,528	USD2,528
CPB Properties Company Ltd.	Property holding	Cambodia	49.0	49.0	USD8	USD8

The Group's 16.6% interest in Zhuhai Winton Restaurant Limited was disposed of on 16 November 2000.

12. Investment Properties

	Group	
	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
At valuation		
At 1 January	39,483	38,146
Loss on exchange taken to exchange equalisation reserve	(138)	(128)
	39,345	38,018
Reclassified (to)/from long term leasehold land	(2,928)	3,034
Reclassified (to)/from long term leasehold buildings	(1,713)	1,512
Revaluation surplus/(deficit)	1,784	(3,081)
At 31 December	36,488	39,483
At cost		
At 1 January	1,486	1,486
Reclassified to long term leasehold buildings	(1,486)	—
At 31 December	—	1,486
At 31 December	36,488	40,969

12. Investment Properties (cont'd.)

The Group's investment properties stated at market valuation are situated in Hong Kong and are held under long term leases. The leasehold properties which were revalued by independent professional valuers during the current and previous financial years were on the basis of open market value based on existing usage.

Certain of the above leasehold properties were pledged as security for banking facilities granted to certain subsidiary companies.

13. Property, Plant and Equipment

Group	Balance at 1.1.2000 RM'000	Additions RM'000	Transfers RM'000	Assets vested over RM'000	Disposals RM'000	Balance at 31.12.2000 RM'000
Cost						
Freehold land	92,624	—	—	—	—	92,624
Long term leasehold land	53,036	4,855	2,883	—	—	60,774
Freehold building	358,163	36	—	—	—	358,199
Long term leasehold buildings	87,437	4,354	2,928	—	—	94,719
Renovations	142,030	15,176	(26,832)	—	(2,946)	127,428
Office equipment, furniture and fittings	221,526	12,831	26,268	2,108	(2,172)	260,561
Computer equipment and software	481,604	19,966	564	1,381	(36,338)	467,177
Motor vehicles	14,966	1,831	—	1,500	(342)	17,955
	1,451,386	59,049	5,811	4,989	(41,798)	1,479,437
	Balance at 1.1.2000 RM'000	Depreciation Charge RM'000	Transfers RM'000	Assets vested over RM'000	Disposals RM'000	Balance at 31.12.2000 RM'000
Accumulated depreciation						
Long term leasehold land	4,066	1,054	(45)	—	—	5,075
Freehold building	34,678	7,165	—	—	—	41,843
Long term leasehold buildings	7,647	2,191	(271)	—	—	9,567
Renovations	50,705	7,680	—	—	(2,191)	56,194
Office equipment, furniture and fittings	129,729	20,374	2	1,442	(1,934)	149,613
Computer equipment and software	385,277	41,057	(2)	1,124	(36,168)	391,288
Motor vehicles	12,810	1,770	—	1,390	(332)	15,638
	624,912	81,291	(316)	3,956	(40,625)	669,218

13. Property, Plant and Equipment (cont'd.)

	Net book value		Depreciation Charge	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Freehold land	92,624	92,624	—	—
Long term leasehold land	55,699	48,970	1,054	975
Freehold buildings	316,356	323,485	7,165	7,164
Long term leasehold buildings	85,152	79,790	2,191	2,058
Renovations	71,234	91,325	7,680	5,740
Office equipment, furniture and fittings	110,948	91,797	20,374	19,420
Computer equipment and software	75,889	96,327	41,057	18,422
Motor vehicles	2,317	2,156	1,770	2,176
	810,219	826,474	81,291	55,955

During the year, certain long term leasehold land and long term leasehold buildings with a net carrying value of RM6,127,000 were transferred from Investment Properties to Property, Plant and Equipment by subsidiary companies for purposes of their own use.

In 1999, there were certain long term leasehold land and long term leasehold buildings with net carrying values amounting to RM4,546,000 which were transferred from Property, Plant and Equipment to Investment Properties by certain subsidiary companies for purposes of deriving rental.

Included in the assets vested over are assets acquired through the acquisition of a subsidiary company with a net carrying value of RM217,000.

Bank	Assets					Balance at 31.12.2000 RM'000
	Balance at 1.1.2000 RM'000	Additions	Transfers	vested from AFB RM'000	Disposals RM'000	
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
Cost						
Freehold land	80,804	—	—	—	—	80,804
Freehold building	261,092	—	—	—	—	261,092
Renovations	123,554	8,809	(26,832)	—	(1,549)	103,982
Office equipment, furniture and fittings	114,386	7,062	26,284	1,403	(984)	148,151
Computer equipment and software	416,752	15,627	548	536	(34,875)	398,588
Motor vehicles	11,134	995	—	22	(289)	11,862
	1,007,722	32,493	—	1,961	(37,697)	1,004,479

13. Property, Plant and Equipment (cont'd.)

Bank	Balance at		Depreciation Charge RM'000	Assets vested from AFB RM'000		Disposals RM'000	Balance at 31.12.2000 RM'000
	1.1.2000	RM'000		RM'000	RM'000		
	RM'000	RM'000		RM'000	RM'000		
Accumulated depreciation							
Freehold building	20,887	5,222	—	—	—	—	26,109
Renovations	32,510	4,723	—	—	(795)	—	36,438
Office equipment, furniture and fittings	78,477	9,537	—	798	(905)	—	87,907
Computer equipment and software	334,058	33,783	—	331	(34,726)	—	333,446
Motor vehicles	9,567	1,108	—	16	(280)	—	10,411
	475,499	54,373	—	1,145	(36,706)	—	494,311

	Net book value		Depreciation Charge	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Freehold land	80,804	80,804	—	—
Freehold buildings	234,983	240,205	5,222	5,221
Renovations	67,544	91,044	4,723	1,864
Office equipment, furniture and fittings	60,244	35,909	9,537	8,556
Computer equipment and software	65,142	82,694	33,783	10,991
Motor vehicles	1,451	1,567	1,108	1,559
	510,168	532,223	54,373	28,191

14. Deposits From Customers

	Group		Bank	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Current accounts	3,836,454	2,900,656	3,892,320	3,098,282
Savings deposits	5,018,941	4,138,146	4,125,064	3,400,376
Fixed deposits	24,050,885	24,195,492	15,246,241	15,533,456
Negotiable instrument of deposits	616,351	1,495,750	308,702	650,000
Others	354,181	314,362	306,006	269,105
	33,876,812	33,044,406	23,878,333	22,951,219

Maturity structure of fixed deposits and negotiable instrument of deposits are as follows:-

	Group		Bank	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Due within six months	21,731,068	21,652,225	13,510,919	13,533,079
Six months to one year	2,568,310	2,657,110	1,590,611	1,784,353
One year to three years	357,079	1,361,922	173,803	849,270
Three years to five years	10,779	19,985	279,610	16,754
	24,667,236	25,691,242	15,554,943	16,183,456

The deposits are sourced from the following types of customers:-

	Group		Bank	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Federal and state governments	496,113	909,859	316,024	316,281
Local government and statutory authorities	1,012,993	643,830	755,593	352,349
Business enterprises	6,331,407	5,221,915	3,606,224	3,056,655
Individuals	20,350,656	19,076,243	14,379,076	13,393,309
Foreign customers	604,873	707,994	452,300	605,320
Others	5,080,770	6,484,565	4,369,116	5,227,305
	33,876,812	33,044,406	23,878,333	22,951,219

15. Deposits and Placements of Banks and Other Financial Institutions

	Group		Bank	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Licensed banks	1,292,984	1,165,416	625,539	512,540
Licensed finance companies	279,664	345,000	154,664	—
Other financial institutions	1,384,166	1,524,041	2,779,717	2,497,636
	2,956,814	3,034,457	3,559,920	3,010,176

16. Other Liabilities

	Group		Bank	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Proposed dividend	179,259	94,653	179,259	94,653
Taxation	217,922	62,392	79,152	—
Deferred taxation (see Note 17)	53,887	43,445	41,523	34,352
Interest payable	202,601	219,455	136,897	143,765
Other liabilities	486,639	458,170	147,321	122,115
*Outstanding contracts on clients' accounts	22,983	140,758	—	—
	1,163,291	1,018,873	584,152	394,885

* Balance is in respect of stock broking activities of a subsidiary company.

17. Deferred Taxation

	Group		Bank	
	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
At 1 January	43,445	42,957	34,352	34,352
Exchange differences	(19)	(17)	—	—
Transfer from income statement	10,461	505	7,171	—
At 31 December	53,887	43,445	41,523	34,352
The deferred taxation is in respect of the following:-				
Timing differences between depreciation and corresponding capital allowances of fixed assets	30,802	28,146	24,369	24,280
Other short term timing differences	23,085	15,299	17,154	10,072
	53,887	43,445	41,523	34,352

18. Share Capital

	Group and Bank	
	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
Authorised:- 10,000,000,000 (1999 – 10,000,000,000) ordinary shares of RM0.50 each	5,000,000	5,000,000
Issued and fully paid:-		
At 1 January	1,183,161	1,157,240
Issued under the Option Scheme	11,899	25,921
	1,195,060	1,183,161

19. Other Reserves

	General Reserves RM'000	Capital Reserves RM'000	Exchange Equalisation Reserves RM'000	Total RM'000
2000				
At 1 January 2000	978,337	80,565	226,068	1,284,970
Transfer from income statement	147,902	—	—	147,902
Cost incurred for the issuance of preference shares in a subsidiary company	—	(622)	—	(622)
Net differences on translation for the year	—	—	(2,241)	(2,241)
At 31 December 2000	1,126,239	79,943	223,827	1,430,009
1999				
At 1 January 1999	820,369	80,565	227,985	1,128,919
Transfer from income statement	157,968	—	—	157,968
Net differences on translation for the year	—	—	(1,917)	(1,917)
At 31 December 1999	978,337	80,565	226,068	1,284,970
Bank				
		General Reserves RM'000	Exchange Equalisation Reserves RM'000	Total RM'000
2000				
At 1 January 2000		784,502	12,000	796,502
Transfer from income statement		114,141	—	114,141
At 31 December 2000		898,643	12,000	910,643
1999				
At 1 January 1999		654,911	12,000	666,911
Transfer from income statement		129,591	—	129,591
At 31 December 1999		784,502	12,000	796,502

19. Other Reserves (cont'd.)

The general reserves are maintained in compliance with Section 36 of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 1989 and are not distributable as cash dividends.

The capital reserve of the Group arose mainly from the capitalisation of retained earnings that resulted from bonus issues by subsidiary companies and the restructuring exercise involving certain subsidiary companies undertaken by the Group in previous years.

The Bank's exchange equalisation reserve is set up to cover the Bank's foreign exchange exposure on its investments in foreign subsidiary and associated companies.

20. Section 108 Tax Credit and Tax Exempt Account

The Bank has sufficient tax credit under Section 108 of the Income Tax Act to frank in full the payment of dividend out of its entire retained earnings as at 31 December 2000.

Arising from the tax waiver year and subject to the approval from the Inland Revenue Board, the Bank is able to distribute tax exempt dividend up to the available balance in the tax exempt account of approximately RM226,000,000 after distribution of the proposed final dividend for the financial year ended 31 December 2000.

21. Interest Income

	Group		Bank	
	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
Loans, advances and financing	2,254,860	2,314,891	1,069,448	1,071,502
Money at call and deposit placements with financial institutions	430,436	368,252	365,876	332,467
Dealing securities	69,156	294,824	69,120	317,640
Investment securities	256,890	310,859	123,709	96,947
Others	10,902	13,391	6,488	8,561
	3,022,244	3,302,217	1,634,641	1,827,117
Amortisation of premium less accretion of discounts	(11,844)	(37,775)	(1,208)	(30,089)
Net interest income suspended	(93,335)	(122,569)	(45,075)	(54,998)
	2,917,065	3,141,873	1,588,358	1,742,030

22. Interest Expense

	Group		Bank	
	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
Deposits and placements of banks and other financial institutions	144,554	155,198	212,182	175,057
Deposits from other customers	1,004,182	1,405,806	636,888	915,891
Borrowings from financial institutions	9,595	26,125	—	—
Others	45,100	75,031	13,512	20,736
	1,203,431	1,662,160	862,582	1,111,684

23. Non-Interest Income

	Group		Bank	
	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
(a) Fee income:-				
Commissions	51,189	37,294	33,021	29,488
Service charges and fees	117,417	115,663	29,310	27,763
Guarantee fees	15,275	19,619	11,031	14,811
Processing fees	2,278	3,726	794	1,555
Management fees	63,366	43,391	—	—
Net brokerage and commission from stock broking activities	30,375	30,949	—	—
Other fee income	21,012	23,583	18,962	20,793
	300,912	274,225	93,118	94,410

23. Non-Interest Income (cont'd.)

	Group		Bank	
	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
(b) Investment income:-				
Net (loss)/profit from dealing securities	(11)	240	(11)	240
Gains from sale of investment securities	54,257	54,374	21,105	26,945
Gross dividends from:-				
Dealing securities:				
– quoted in Malaysia	1,875	3,542	—	—
– quoted outside Malaysia	31	—	—	—
Investment securities:-				
– quoted in Malaysia	1,438	1,193	1,385	1,182
– quoted outside Malaysia	437	—	—	—
– unquoted in Malaysia	1,381	1,133	1,053	811
Associated companies	—	—	2,702	3,892
Subsidiary companies:-				
– quoted in Malaysia	—	—	29,971	14,986
– quoted outside Malaysia	—	—	61,058	38,315
	59,408	60,482	117,263	86,371
Write back of provision/(provision) for diminution in value of investment securities	(23,727)	947	954	—
	35,681	61,429	118,217	86,371
(c) Other income:-				
Foreign exchange profit	31,996	30,285	30,673	29,989
Rental income	5,824	6,478	1,907	2,247
(Loss)/Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment (net)	(44)	120	2	183
Gain/(Loss) on disposal of foreclosed properties	20	(51)	20	(64)
Gain on sale of trust units	69,468	46,120	—	—
Lease income and factoring charges	2,960	2,291	—	—
*Others	16,503	13,383	10,863	12,922
	126,727	98,626	43,465	45,277
Total Non-Interest Income	463,320	434,280	254,800	226,058

* Included in the Group balance is a write back in provision for write down in the value of taxi licenses of RM12,000 (1999: RM3,932,000) in a subsidiary company.

24. Overhead Expenses

	Group		Bank	
	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
Personnel costs	388,437	337,779	188,435	173,051
Establishment costs	210,815	198,215	144,285	135,858
Marketing expenses	130,463	93,971	16,973	11,850
Administration and general expenses	80,614	64,968	41,352	39,337
	810,329	694,933	391,045	360,096
(a) The above expenditure includes the following statutory disclosures:-				
Directors' remuneration (Note 27)	5,938	4,741	2,082	1,797
*Rental of premises	44,260	46,200	42,205	42,476
Depreciation	81,291	55,955	54,373	28,191
Auditors' remuneration:-				
Annual audit				
– auditors' of the Bank	634	634	245	245
– other auditors	985	974	—	—
Loss on revaluation of investment properties	877	3,081	—	—
Amortisation of goodwill net of reserve arising on consolidation	393	393	—	—

* Includes rental paid of RM89,000 (1999 – RM89,000) to a company in which a director has an interest.

(b) Employees

The number of persons employed by the Group and the Bank (excluding directors) as at the year end was 10,587 (1999: 9,808) and 6,241 (1999: 5,538) respectively.

25. Loan and Financing Loss and Provision

	Group		Bank	
	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
Provision for bad and doubtful debts and financing:-				
– general provision	34,546	5,572	25,799	5,126
– specific provision	272,990	451,644	58,124	262,799
– specific provision written back	(136,068)	(205,369)	(95,415)	(178,045)
Provisions/(Writeback of provisions) for stockbroking activities	10,007	(8,006)	—	—
Bad debts and financing written off	831	184,068	831	942
Bad debts and financing recovered	(21,111)	(14,791)	(14,165)	(12,337)
Provision for amount recoverable from Danaharta	—	200	—	—
	161,195	413,318	(24,826)	78,485

26. Related Party Transactions

(a) The significant transactions and outstanding balances of the Bank with its related companies are as follows:-

	Related companies	
	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
Income		
Interest income	97,273	109,290
Dividend income	93,731	57,193
Rental of premises	1,459	1,749
Other income	3,829	10,610
	196,292	178,842
Expenditure		
Interest expense	107,619	63,247
Rental of premises	18,132	18,667
Other expenditure	922	4,953
	126,673	86,867

26. Related Party Transactions (cont'd.)

	Related companies	
	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
Amount due from		
Interbank loans	1,973,452	1,621,543
Revolving credits	119,175	91,191
Rental deposits	28,209	31,556
Current accounts	3,292	1,079
Dividend receivable	108,916	72,075
Others	93,226	16,556
	2,326,270	1,834,000
Amount due to		
Current accounts	111,731	249,027
Short term deposits	352,616	64,675
Interbank borrowings	1,638,966	1,116,771
Others	18,823	3,196
	2,122,136	1,433,669

(b) The significant transactions of the Bank and its subsidiary companies with the Directors of the Bank are as follows:-

	Group		Bank	
	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
Expenditure				
Interest expense on deposits	950	771	736	606

26. Related Party Transactions (cont'd.)

(c) The significant transactions of the Bank and its subsidiary companies with companies in which certain Directors are deemed to have interests, are as follows:-

	Group		Bank	
	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
Income:-				
Commission income	7,178	2,492	2,902	851
Rental income	1,136	1,122	11	11
Brokerage income	22	—	—	—
	8,336	3,614	2,913	862
Expenditure:-				
Interest expense on deposits	1,873	4,188	926	1,835
Rental expense	223	223	223	223
Insurance premium	9,050	8,763	7,175	7,010
	11,146	13,174	8,324	9,068

The above related party transactions have been entered into in the normal course of business at commercial terms.

27. Directors' Remuneration

	Group		Bank	
	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
Directors of the Bank:-				
Fees	712	242	153	33
Other remuneration:-				
Executive directors	1,606	1,470	1,579	1,459
Non-executive directors	581	466	350	305
	2,899	2,178	2,082	1,797

27. Directors' Remuneration (cont'd.)

	Group		Bank	
	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
Directors of the subsidiary companies:-				
Fees	267	321	—	—
Other remuneration:-				
Executive directors	2,662	2,233	—	—
Non-executive directors	110	9	—	—
	3,039	2,563	—	—
	5,938	4,741	2,082	1,797

The estimated cash value of benefits-in-kind of directors and a past director not included in the above are:-

	Group		Bank	
	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
Directors of the Bank:-				
Present directors	66	79	66	79
A past director	28	28	28	28
	94	107	94	107
Other directors	142	70	—	—
	236	177	94	107

28. Exceptional Item

The exceptional item in 1999 represents the gain on disposal of the Bank's entire 55% equity interest held in Kuala Lumpur Mutual Fund Berhad to a wholly owned subsidiary, Public Consolidated Holdings Sdn. Bhd. under a restructuring scheme which was completed during that year.

29. Taxation

	Group		Bank	
	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
Malaysian income tax	288,984	2,112	166,039	—
Overseas income tax	45,315	43,846	1,916	284
Transfer to deferred taxation	10,461	505	7,171	—
	344,760	46,463	175,126	284
(Over)/Underprovision in prior years				
– Malaysian income tax	(5,204)	3,160	2,427	2,593
– Overseas income tax	—	(23)	—	—
	339,556	49,600	177,553	2,877
Share of taxation of associated companies	1,243	1,162	—	—
	340,799	50,762	177,553	2,877

Tax on business income for the Group and the Bank for the previous financial year was waived, except on income of foreign branches and foreign subsidiary companies, pursuant to the Income Tax (Amendment) Act 1999. As such, no provision was made for taxation on the previous financial year's business income. Arising from the tax waiver, the estimated tax exempt income available for distribution of the tax exempt dividend for the Bank is approximately RM226,000,000.

30. Dividends

	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
A tax exempt final dividend of 15.0% (1999 – 8.0% tax exempt)	179,259	94,653
Dividend underprovided in previous year	—	782
	179,259	95,435

31. Earnings Per Share

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the net profit attributable to ordinary shareholders amounting to RM716,865,000 (1999: RM616,141,000) and the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year of 2,367,882,000 (1999: 2,347,959,000).

Weighted average number of ordinary shares

	2000 '000	1999 '000
Issued ordinary shares at the beginning of the year	2,366,321	2,314,480
Effect of PBB ESOS exercised during the year	1,561	33,479
Weighted average number of ordinary shares	2,367,882	2,347,959

Diluted earnings per share

The calculation of diluted earnings per share issued is based on the net profit attributable to ordinary shareholders amounting to RM716,865,000 (1999: RM616,141,000) and the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year of 2,382,396,000 (1999: 2,374,465,000).

Weighted average number of ordinary shares (diluted)

	2000 '000	1999 '000
Issued ordinary shares at the beginning of the year	2,366,321	2,314,480
Effect of PBB ESOS	16,075	59,985
Weighted average number of ordinary shares (diluted)	2,382,396	2,374,465

32. Summary of Effects of Acquisition of Sime Merchant Bankers Berhad and the Finance Business of Advance Finance Berhad

The value of the assets and liabilities of Sime Merchant Bankers Berhad and Advance Finance Berhad acquired on 25 October 2000 and 31 December 2000, respectively, are set out below:-

	Sime Merchant Bankers Berhad RM'000	Advance Finance Berhad RM'000
Net Assets acquired		
Cash and short term funds	11,007	158,355
Deposits and placements with financial institutions	—	15,209
Dealing securities	5,099	—
Investment securities	72,225	6,734
Loans, advances and financing	170,872	205,497
Statutory deposits with Bank Negara Malaysia	20,688	10,585
Other assets	195,806	898
Fixed assets	217	815
Deposits from customers	—	(343,422)
Deposits and placements of banks and financial institutions	(509,000)	(9,150)
Other liabilities	(4,317)	(3,866)
Net (liabilities)/assets acquired	(37,403)	41,655
Goodwill	37,403	25,514
Purchase consideration	*	67,169
Less: Cash acquired	(11,007)	(158,355)
Net cash inflow on acquisition	(11,007)	(91,186)

* The entire equity interest was acquired for RM5.

33. Commitments and Contingencies

In the normal course of business, the Group and the Bank make various commitments and incur certain contingent liabilities with legal recourse to its customers. No material losses are anticipated as a result of these transactions.

The commitments and contingencies as at the year end include:-

	2000		1999	
	Notional Amount RM'000	Credit Equivalent RM'000	Notional Amount RM'000	Credit Equivalent RM'000
Group				
Direct credit substitutes	1,483,434	1,483,434	2,275,754	2,275,754
Certain transaction-related contingent items	323,531	161,766	370,469	185,235
Short term self-liquidating trade-related contingencies	304,661	60,932	182,558	36,512
Housing loans sold directly and indirectly to Cagamas Berhad	993,093	993,093	548,557	548,557
Obligations under underwriting agreements	36,000	18,000	38,889	19,445
Irrevocable commitments to extend credit:-				
– maturity exceeding one year	1,997,601	998,801	2,023,552	1,011,776
– maturity not exceeding one year	4,108,666	—	4,688,094	—
Forward placements	19,000	—	763	—
Forward exchange contracts	1,484,222	21,972	1,293,624	22,510
Others	4,741	4,741	265	133
	10,754,949	3,742,739	11,422,525	4,099,922
Bank				
Direct credit substitutes	1,160,240	1,160,240	1,917,770	1,917,770
Certain transaction-related contingent items	321,760	160,880	351,577	175,789
Short term self-liquidating trade-related contingencies	257,313	51,463	136,441	27,288
Housing loans sold directly and indirectly to Cagamas Berhad	109,167	109,167	177,166	177,166
Obligations under underwriting agreements	33,000	16,500	38,889	19,445
Irrevocable commitments to extend credit:-				
– maturity exceeding one year	1,002,136	501,068	825,435	412,718
– maturity not exceeding one year	4,010,298	—	4,605,245	—
Forward exchange contracts				
– maturity not exceeding one year	1,484,222	21,972	1,293,624	22,510
	8,378,136	2,021,290	9,346,147	2,752,686

33. Commitments and Contingencies (cont'd.)

The Bank has given a continuing guarantee to Bank Negara Malaysia to meet the liabilities and financial obligations and requirements of its subsidiary, Public Bank (L) Ltd., arising from its offshore banking business in the Federal Territory of Labuan.

Foreign exchange related contracts are subject to market risk and credit risk.

Market Risk

Market risk is the potential change in value caused by movement in market rates or prices. The contractual amounts stated above provide only a measure of involvement in these types of transactions and do not represent the amounts subject to market risk. Exposure to market risk may be reduced through offsetting on and off-balance sheet positions. As at 31 December 2000, the amount of contracts which were not hedged in the Group and in the Bank and, hence, exposed to market risk was RM56,466,000 (1999 – RM58,407,000) and RM56,466,000 (1999 – RM56,000,000) respectively.

Credit Risk

Credit risk arises from the possibility that a counterparty may be unable to meet the terms of a contract in which the Group has a gain position. As at 31 December 2000, the amounts of credit risk in the Group and in the Bank, measured in terms of the cost to replace the profitable contracts, was RM4,804,000 (1999 – RM2,845,000) and RM4,804,000 (1999 – RM2,841,000) respectively. This amount will increase or decrease over the life of the contracts, mainly as a function of maturity dates and market rates or prices.

34. Lease Commitments

The Group and the Bank have lease commitments in respect of rented premises, all of which are classified as operating leases. A summary of the non-cancellable long term commitments, net of sub-leases, are as follows:-

Year	Group RM'000	Bank RM'000
2001	30,904	46,555
2002	19,039	38,889
2003	7,779	20,069
2004	1,197	10,775
2005	800	10,564
	59,719	126,852

Included in the Bank's lease commitments is RM84,713,000 (1999: RM99,164,000) payable to related companies.

35. Capital and Other Commitments

	Group		Bank	
	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
Capital expenditure:-				
Contracted but not provided for	17,111	18,714	15,313	17,841
Authorised but not contracted for	26,055	31,968	23,886	19,208
	43,166	50,682	39,199	37,049
Uncalled share capital of:-				
Associated companies	60	60	30	30
Subsidiary company	—	—	150	150
	43,226	50,742	39,379	37,229

36. Capital Adequacy

	Group		Bank	
	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
Components of Tier I and Tier II capital:-				
Tier I capital				
Paid-up share capital	1,195,060	1,183,161	1,195,060	1,183,161
Share premium	422,420	394,814	422,420	394,814
Other reserves	2,799,629	2,264,886	2,059,439	1,779,613
Minority interests	1,226,842	1,092,005	—	—
Total Tier I capital	5,643,951	4,934,866	3,676,919	3,357,588
Tier II capital				
General provision for bad and doubtful debts	480,554	439,246	256,242	225,928
Total Tier II capital	480,554	439,246	256,242	225,928
Total capital	6,124,505	5,374,112	3,933,161	3,583,516
Less: Investments in subsidiary companies	—	—	(1,358,154)	(1,058,154)
Capital base	6,124,505	5,374,112	2,575,007	2,525,362

36. Capital Adequacy (cont'd.)

Breakdown of risk-weighted assets in the various categories of risk-weights:-

Group	2000		1999	
	Notional	Risk-weighted	Notional	Risk-weighted
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
0%	10,610,486	—	8,284,146	—
10%	954,470	95,447	1,239,387	123,939
20%	9,911,899	1,982,380	13,310,466	2,662,093
50%	6,326,296	3,163,148	5,230,222	2,615,111
100%	20,651,033	20,651,033	19,693,074	19,693,074
	48,454,184	25,892,008	47,757,295	25,094,217

The components of the capital base and risk-weighted assets of the Group above comprise the consolidated balances of the Bank and its subsidiary companies.

Bank	2000		1999	
	Notional	Risk-weighted	Notional	Risk-weighted
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
0%	8,326,395	—	6,716,985	—
10%	411,957	41,195	831,227	83,123
20%	7,938,160	1,587,632	9,951,431	1,990,286
50%	4,430,764	2,215,383	3,399,664	1,699,833
100%	12,311,563	12,311,563	12,078,186	12,078,186
	33,418,839	16,155,773	32,977,493	15,851,428

The components of the capital base and risk-weighted assets of the Bank above comprise the balances of the Bank and its offshore banking subsidiary company, Public Bank (L) Ltd.

	Group		Bank	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
Core capital ratio	21.8%	19.7%	15.9%	15.9%
Risk-weighted capital ratio	23.7%	21.4%	15.9%	15.9%

37. Segmental Analysis

	Operating revenue RM'000	Profit before taxation RM'000	Assets employed RM'000
By Activity			
2000			
Banking	1,976,122	656,478	35,314,863
Financing	1,563,189	596,000	14,699,085
Share broking and fund management	163,445	55,657	498,376
Other financial services	30,704	11,194	838,670
	3,733,460	1,319,329	51,350,994
Consolidation adjustments	(274,126)	(59,612)	(7,116,431)
	3,459,334	1,259,717	44,234,563
1999			
Banking	2,238,766	544,420	33,419,921
Financing	1,593,883	414,087	14,239,068
Share broking and fund management	122,306	48,558	477,012
Other financial services	1,056	460	7,556
	3,956,011	1,007,525	48,143,557
Consolidation adjustments	(235,960)	(169,351)	(4,905,955)
	3,720,051	838,174	43,237,602
By Geographical Location			
2000			
Malaysia	3,127,558	1,035,473	48,346,461
Overseas*	605,902	283,856	3,004,533
	3,733,460	1,319,329	51,350,994
Consolidation adjustments	(274,126)	(59,612)	(7,116,431)
	3,459,334	1,259,717	44,234,563
1999			
Malaysia	3,369,989	774,129	45,258,846
Overseas*	586,022	233,396	2,884,711
	3,956,011	1,007,525	48,143,557
Consolidation adjustments	(235,960)	(169,351)	(4,905,955)
	3,720,051	838,174	43,237,602

37. Segmental Analysis (cont'd.)

In arriving at the above analysis, all material inter and intra segment items have been eliminated.

*The Group has operations in Hong Kong SAR, Sri Lanka, Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos People's Democratic Republic and Myanmar.

38. Islamic Banking

The state of affairs at 31 December 2000 and results for the year ended on that date under the Islamic Banking Division of the Bank and its subsidiary, Public Finance Berhad, included in the Group financial statements are summarised as follows:-

Balance Sheets at 31 December 2000

		Group		Bank	
	Note	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
ASSETS					
Cash and short term funds	(a)	485,760	400,328	454,776	394,290
Investment securities	(b)	515,264	640,520	278,087	365,162
Loans, advances and financing	(c)	736,794	415,212	373,610	241,552
Other assets	(d)	287,889	399,921	278,486	394,680
Statutory deposits with Bank Negara Malaysia		19,410	17,469	1,750	—
Property, plant and equipment		66	32	57	23
TOTAL ASSETS		2,045,183	1,873,482	1,386,766	1,395,707
LIABILITIES					
Deposits from customers	(e)	1,714,237	1,099,685	1,226,963	794,247
Deposits and placements of banks and other financial institutions	(f)	116,285	570,817	6,285	480,017
Bills and acceptances payable		3,908	2,216	3,908	2,216
Other liabilities	(g)	125,028	140,871	97,367	79,035
Total Liabilities		1,959,458	1,813,589	1,334,523	1,355,515
Islamic Banking Fund	(h)	85,725	59,893	52,243	40,192
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND ISLAMIC BANKING FUND		2,045,183	1,873,482	1,386,766	1,395,707

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

38. Islamic Banking (cont'd.)

Income Statements for the year ended 31 December 2000

		Group		Bank	
	Note	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
Financing income	(i)	50,593	27,925	19,760	15,172
Loans and financing loss and provision	(j)	(6,653)	(4,742)	(2,139)	(2,188)
Net income		43,940	23,183	17,621	12,984
Overhead expenses	(k)	(6,722)	(4,295)	(884)	(673)
Profit before taxation and zakat		37,218	18,888	16,737	12,311
Taxation		(11,386)	—	(4,686)	—
Profit after taxation and zakat		25,832	18,888	12,051	12,311
Retained profits brought forward		30,753	11,865	21,059	8,748
Retained profits carried forward		56,585	30,753	33,110	21,059

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

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2000

		Group		Bank	
		2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
(a)	Cash and Short term Funds				
	Cash and balances with banks and other financial institutions	24,376	20,328	12,892	14,290
	Money at call and deposit placements maturing within one month	461,384	380,000	441,884	380,000
		485,760	400,328	454,776	394,290

38. Islamic Banking (cont'd.)

	Group		Bank	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
(b) Investment Securities				
Khazanah bonds	138,086	133,240	101,807	128,728
Malaysian Government Investment Certificates	204,457	128,830	176,280	63,920
Islamic Debt Securities	173,246	56,255	—	3,000
Bankers' acceptances	—	321,354	—	168,628
Cagamas Mudharabah bearer bonds	—	1,000	—	1,000
	515,789	640,679	278,087	365,276
Amortisation of premium less accretion of discounts	(525)	(159)	—	(114)
	515,264	640,520	278,087	365,162
(c) Loans, Advances and Financing				
Al-Qardhassan (overdraft)	169	75	169	75
Al-Istisna (purchase order/manufacture)	110,113	73,726	110,113	73,726
Al-Bai Bithaman Ajil (deferred payment sale)	567,803	412,420	510,310	357,529
Al-Ijarah Thamma Al-Bai (leasing)	439,627	196,639	—	—
	1,117,712	682,860	620,592	431,330
Unearned income	(360,064)	(259,704)	(234,721)	(186,428)
	757,648	423,156	385,871	244,902
Gross loans, advances and financing	757,648	423,156	385,871	244,902
Provision for bad and doubtful debts and financing				
– general	(12,430)	(6,344)	(6,146)	(3,349)
– specific	(2,438)	(1,376)	(474)	—
– income-in-suspense	(5,986)	(224)	(5,641)	(1)
	736,794	415,212	373,610	241,552

38. Islamic Banking (cont'd.)

The maturity structure of loans, advances and financing are as follows:-

	Group		Bank	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
(i) Maturity:-				
Maturity within one year	122,040	9,322	116,768	8,177
One year to three years	74,458	22,980	28,526	10,474
Three years to five years	168,937	89,348	26,075	749
Over five years	392,213	301,506	214,502	225,502
	757,648	423,156	385,871	244,902

(ii) Loans, advances and financing according to economic sectors are as follows:-

	Group		Bank	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Agriculture	2,402	1,343	514	1
Mining and quarrying	314	85	—	—
Manufacturing	10,947	2,331	6,110	5
Construction	92,274	77,241	81,108	73,323
Real Estate	5,410	—	5,287	—
Purchase of landed property				
– residential	217,541	196,416	191,095	171,152
– non-residential	22,154	547	21,815	352
General commerce	32,340	13,325	2,652	16
Transport, storage and communication	2,225	924	—	—
Finance, insurance and business services	43,679	1,820	39,343	—
Purchase of securities	2,850	1,102	1,928	—
Purchase of transport vehicles	286,890	124,834	3,752	—
Others	38,622	3,188	32,267	53
	757,648	423,156	385,871	244,902

38. Islamic Banking (cont'd.)

Movements in the provision for bad and doubtful debts, income-in-suspense and non-performing loans are as follows:-

	Group		Bank	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
<u>General provision</u>				
At 1 January	6,344	2,756	3,349	1,161
Provision made during the year	5,428	3,588	2,139	2,188
Amount vested over from Advance Finance Berhad	658	—	658	—
At 31 December	12,430	6,344	6,146	3,349
<u>Specific provision</u>				
At 1 January	1,376	1,011	—	—
Provision made during the year	1,441	1,258	—	—
Amount written back in respect of recoveries	(136)	(104)	—	—
Amount written off	(717)	(789)	—	—
Amount vested over from Advance Finance Berhad	474	—	474	—
At 31 December	2,438	1,376	474	—
<u>Income-in-suspense</u>				
At 1 January	224	98	1	—
Suspended during the year	5,899	228	5,640	1
Amount written back in respect of recoveries	(52)	(38)	—	—
Amount written off	(85)	(64)	—	—
At 31 December	5,986	224	5,641	1
<u>Non-performing loans</u>				
At 1 January	4,232	3,132	—	—
Non-performing during the year	6,017	3,132	2,369	—
Recoveries	(1,970)	(1,179)	(17)	—
Amount written off	(802)	(853)	—	—
At 31 December	7,477	4,232	2,352	—
(d) Other Assets				
Other debtors, deposits and prepayments	44,349	10,831	34,946	5,590
Nostro balances	243,540	389,090	243,540	389,090
	287,889	399,921	278,486	394,680

38. Islamic Banking (cont'd.)

	Group		Bank	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
(e) Deposits from Customers				
Al-Mudharabah General Investment deposits	1,126,941	754,232	711,800	497,197
Al-Wadiah savings deposits	251,851	153,577	179,718	96,431
Al-Wadiah current accounts	335,445	187,876	335,445	196,619
Al-Mudharabah Special Investment deposits	—	4,000	—	4,000
	1,714,237	1,099,685	1,226,963	794,247

Maturity structure of the Al-Mudharabah Investment deposits are as follows:-

	Group		Bank	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Maturity within six months	1,017,289	670,984	664,964	467,528
Six months to one year	78,401	79,579	45,713	32,891
One year to three years	28,203	6,434	871	765
Three years to five years	3,048	1,235	252	13
	1,126,941	758,232	711,800	501,197

The deposits are sourced from the following types of customers:-

	Group		Bank	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Federal and state governments	301,072	205,284	208,481	196,441
Local government and statutory authorities	249,973	288,589	129,631	159,394
Business enterprises	290,381	109,259	190,751	63,999
Individuals	377,897	308,869	251,703	181,170
Foreign customers	6,221	3,486	5,674	3,045
Others	488,693	184,198	440,723	190,198
	1,714,237	1,099,685	1,226,963	794,247

38. Islamic Banking (cont'd.)

		Group		Bank	
		2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
(f)	Deposits and Placements of Banks and Other Financial Institutions				
	Licensed banks	116,285	570,817	6,285	480,017
(g)	Other Liabilities				
	Other liabilities	113,642	140,871	92,681	79,035
	Provision for taxation	11,386	—	4,686	—
		125,028	140,871	97,367	79,035
(h)	Islamic Banking Fund (IBF)				
	Funds allocated	29,140	29,140	19,133	19,133
	Retained profits	56,585	30,753	33,110	21,059
		85,725	59,893	52,243	40,192
(i)	Financing Income from Islamic Banking Operations				
	Income derived from investment of depositors' funds	67,029	63,375	25,043	33,845
	Income attributable to depositors:-				
	– other customers	(29,426)	(39,281)	(16,843)	(25,731)
	– bank and financial institutions	(1,584)	(6,715)	—	(2,430)
	Income attributable to the Bank	36,019	17,379	8,200	5,684
	Other Islamic Banking income	14,574	10,546	11,560	9,488
		50,593	27,925	19,760	15,172

38. Islamic Banking (cont'd.)

The details of the income derived from investment of depositors' funds and funds allocated from Head Office are as follows:-

		Group		Bank	
		Depositors' Funds RM'000	IBF RM'000	Depositors' Funds RM'000	IBF RM'000
2000					
	Income from financing	43,325	12,294	13,941	10,185
	Income from interbank lending	1,899	555	1,603	534
	Investment income:-				
	– profit received from investment securities	15,449	750	5,004	—
	– gains from sale of investment securities	3,437	179	944	—
	Gross dividends from investment securities	2,524	841	2,522	841
	Amortisation of premium less accretion of discounts	(647)	(46)	—	—
		65,987	14,573	24,014	11,560
	Fee income:-				
	– commission	83	1	74	—
	– service charges and fees	943	—	941	—
	– other fee income	16	—	14	—
		1,042	1	1,029	—
		67,029	14,574	25,043	11,560
1999					
	Income from financing	28,748	7,958	10,922	7,311
	Income from interbank lending	8,085	1,827	5,175	1,725
	Investment income:-				
	– profit received from investment securities	14,304	—	14,304	—
	– gains from sale of investment securities	9,418	308	649	—
	Gross dividends from investment securities	1,358	452	1,354	452
	Amortisation of premium less accretion of discounts	795	—	795	—
		62,708	10,545	33,199	9,488
	Fee income:-				
	– commission	39	1	28	—
	– service charges and fees	604	-	602	—
	– other fee income	24	-	16	—
		667	1	646	—
		63,375	10,546	33,845	9,488

38. Islamic Banking (cont'd.)

	Group		Bank	
	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000	2000 RM'000	1999 RM'000
(j) Loans and financing loss and provision				
Provision for bad and doubtful debts and financing				
– general provision	5,428	3,588	2,139	2,188
– specific provision	1,441	1,258	—	—
– specific provision written back	(136)	(104)	—	—
Bad debts recovered	(80)	—	—	—
	6,653	4,742	2,139	2,188
(k) Overhead Expenses				
Personnel costs	4,256	2,636	747	495
Establishment costs	1,215	769	39	16
Marketing and communication expenses	1,102	669	25	33
Administration and general expenses	149	221	73	129
	6,722	4,295	884	673

39. Currency

All amounts are stated in Ringgit Malaysia unless otherwise stated.

40. Rating Statement

As at 31 December 2000, the Bank was accorded the following ratings:-

Agencies	Date accorded/ reaffirmed	Ratings
Rating Agency Malaysia Berhad	11 August 2000	Long Term Rating – AA1 Short Term Rating – P1
Moody's Investors Services	18 October 2000	Long Term Deposit Rating – Baa3 Short Term Deposit Rating – P-3 Financial Strength – D+
Standard & Poors	12 April 2000	Public Information Rating – BBBpi

40. Rating Statement (cont'd.)

Agencies	Date accorded/ reaffirmed	Ratings
Fitch IBCA Limited	27 June 2000	Individual Rating – B/C Support Rating – 2
Thomson Bank Watch Asia	9 August 1999	Short Term Debt – LC-1 Intra-Country Issuer – IC-C
	18 November 1998	Senior Debt Long Term – BB

41. Significant Events

Significant events during the financial year include the following:-

- (a) On 26 June 2000, the Bank and Hock Hua Bank Berhad (HHB) entered into an Agreement to merge the commercial banking business of the Bank and HHB by implementation of the following proposals:-
- (i) Proposed merger of the commercial banking business of the Bank and HHB through the disposal by the Bank of its commercial banking business and four (4) of the Bank's wholly owned subsidiaries, namely Public Bank (L) Ltd., Public Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn. Bhd., Public Nominees (Asing) Sdn. Bhd. and PB Trust Company Sdn. Bhd. to HHB in consideration of 721,000,000 new ordinary shares of RM1.00 each in HHB (HHB Shares) (Original Proposed Merger);
- (ii) Proposed mandatory offer by the Bank for all the remaining HHB Shares not already owned by the Bank pursuant to the Original Proposed Merger (Proposed Offer);
- (iii) Proposed bonus issue by HHB of new HHB Shares to be credited as fully paid-up on the basis of five (5) new HHB Shares for every two (2) existing HHB Shares held after the Original Proposed Merger and the Proposed Offer (Proposed HHB Bonus Issue); and
- (iv) Proposed distribution by the Bank of HHB Shares held by the Bank after the Original Proposed Merger, the Proposed Offer and the Proposed HHB Bonus Issue to the entitled shareholders of the Bank on the basis of three (3) HHB Shares for every ten (10) existing ordinary shares of RM0.50 each held in the Bank (Proposed Distribution).

The Original Proposed Merger, Proposed Offer, Proposed HHB Bonus and Proposed Distribution are collectively referred to as the Original Proposals.

The Original Proposals were subject to the approvals of the Minister of Finance, Bank Negara Malaysia, the relevant regulatory authorities, the shareholders of the Bank, the shareholders of HHB and the High Court of Malaya.

41. Significant Events (cont'd.)

Subsequently, on 22 December 2000, the Bank and HHB entered into a supplemental agreement to the Agreement executed on 26 June 2000 for the Original Proposals in order to merge the banking businesses of the Bank and HHB by the implementation of the following proposals:-

- (i) Proposed merger of the banking businesses of the Bank and HHB by way of a scheme of arrangement and amalgamation of HHB pursuant to Section 176 of the Companies Act, 1965 and Section 50 of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 1989 whereupon the banking business of HHB shall be transferred to PBB and PBB shall acquire the entire issued and paid-up capital of HHB from the shareholders of HHB (Proposed Merger); and
- (ii) Proposed bonus issue by the Bank of up to 848,191,885 new ordinary shares of RM0.50 each in the Bank (PBB Shares) to be credited as fully paid-up on the basis of three (3) new PBB Shares for every ten (10) existing PBB Shares held after the Proposed Merger (Proposed PBB Bonus Issue).

The Proposed Merger and the Proposed PBB Bonus Issue are collectively known as the 'Revised Proposals'. The Original Proposals are therefore replaced by the Revised Proposals upon execution of the supplemental agreement. The Revised Proposals are subject to the approvals of the Minister of Finance and Bank Negara Malaysia, both of which were obtained on 23 December 2000, the relevant regulatory authorities, the shareholders of the Bank and the shareholders of HHB and the High Court of Malaya.

- (b) On 30 June 2000, the Bank entered into a sale and purchase agreement with Advance Finance Berhad (AFB) for the acquisition of the finance company business of AFB (AFB's Business) at a proposed cash consideration equivalent to 1.65 times the adjusted net tangible assets of AFB's Business as at 30 June 2000. The approvals of the Minister of Finance, the relevant regulatory authorities, the shareholders of AFB and the High Court of Malaya pursuant to Section 50 of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 1989 for the transfer of AFB's Business to the Bank have been obtained.

The assets and liabilities comprising AFB's Business were transferred to the Bank on 31 December 2000 for a cash consideration of RM67,168,548.

- (c) On 25 October 2000, the Bank completed the acquisition of the entire equity interest in Sime Merchant Bankers Berhad (SMBB) from UMBC Sdn. Bhd., ANZ Grindlays Bank Limited, the Fuji Bank Limited, Tun Dato' Haji Omar Yoke Lin Ong and Toh Puan Dr Aishah Ong for a cash consideration of RM5. Upon completion of the acquisition, SMBB changed its name to Public Merchant Bank Berhad.

42. Adoption of MASB Standards

Following the adoption of MASB standards in the preparation of this set of financial statements, the presentation of certain items in the financial statements have been amended.

43. Comparative Figures

Certain comparatives have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

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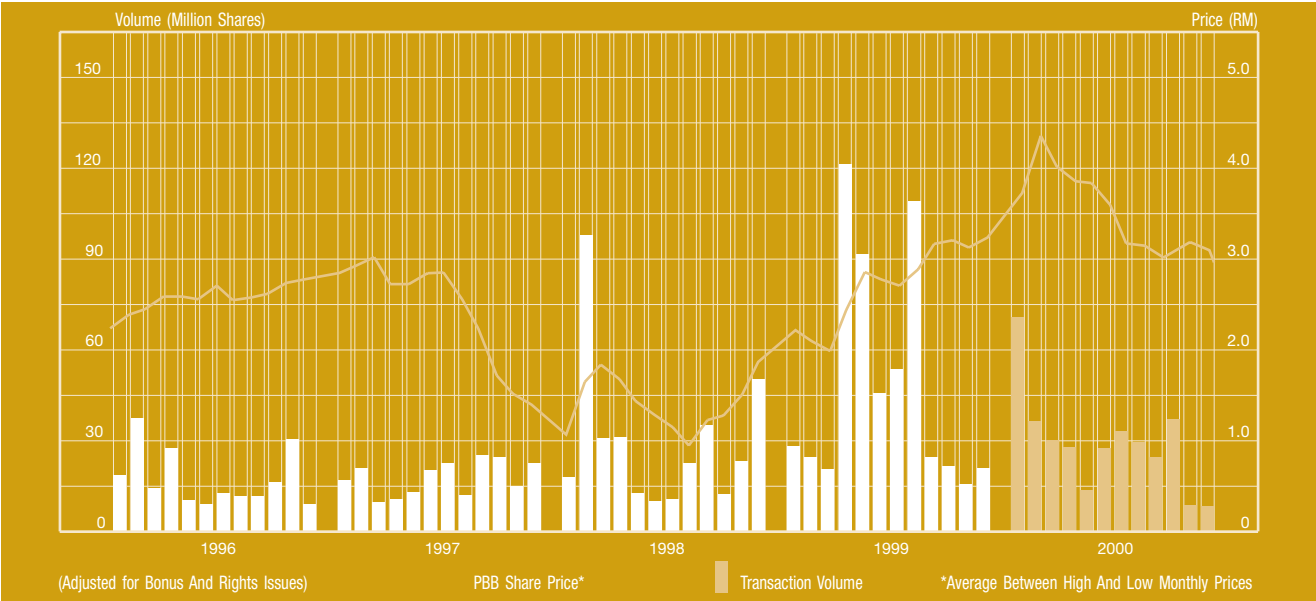
On the last trading day of 2000, the Kuala Lumpur Composite Index (KLCI) ended at its low of 679.6 points, down 132.7 points or 16.3% lower from the closing of 812.3 points for the year ended 1999.

The year 2000 started with an optimistic outlook with prices reaching its year-high of 1,021.2 points during an intraday trading session on 18 February 2000 and closed the day at 1,013.3 points. However, this optimism could not be sustained as its stay above the 1,000 points level was brief and the KLCI started its downward trend. From the year's high in February 2000, the market prices retraced 33.5% towards the end of the year 2000.

In the terms of trading volume, the highest trading volume of 1.3 billion shares valued at RM4.2 billion was recorded on 25 February 2000. Consistent with the declining trend in prices, the lowest volume traded was on 11 December 2000 when 61.1 million shares were traded valued at RM146.0 million. The total turnover for year 2000 was RM244.0 billion with an average daily trading volume of 279.8 million shares and an average daily value of RM910.3 million.

The strong performance of the first quarter 2000 soon dissipated when fears of aggressive US interest rate hikes coupled with an extremely volatile Dow Jones and Nasdaq badly affected market sentiments. Malaysia's reinstatement into the Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) indices at the end of May 2000 was a non-event. Sentiment remained weak with the gradual release of Central Limit Order Book (CLOB) shares beginning from 3 July 2000 and investors were unable to assess the selling pressure of the CLOB shares as they were released on a staggered basis over 56 weeks. Foreign interest in the local market was also affected by the announcement of MSCI that it would shift to a free float method of weighting stocks in its indices. The liberalization of the commission rates charged by brokers from 1 September 2000 and the implementation of T+3 settlement system from 20 December 2000 did not improve market sentiment although these measures were implemented for greater efficiency and more competitiveness in the long-term.

With the poor market sentiments and in tandem with the poor performance of the KLCI, the share prices of Public Bank (PBB) closed at RM2.94 on 26 December 2000, 11.4% lower compared to the price at the end of year 1999. The market capitalisation of PBB shares was RM7.0 billion at the end of year 2000. This market capitalisation improved the ranking of Public Bank to 10th position for all public companies listed on the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange. PBB shares continued to generate interest and confidence of the investors, in view of its stable and solid management and the merger exercise with Hock Hua Bank being well received.



Analysis of Shareholdings

Size of Shareholdings	Shareholders		Shares	
	No.	%	No.	%
1 – 499	12,498	14.38	1,750,613	0.07
500 – 5,000	43,750	50.33	100,489,536	4.20
5,001 – 10,000	13,492	15.52	102,945,605	4.31
10,001 – 100,000	15,529	17.86	420,013,713	17.57
100,001 – 1,000,000	1,498	1.72	378,242,019	15.83
Above 1,000,000	168	0.19	1,386,678,248	58.02
Total	86,935	100.00	2,390,119,734	100.00

Twenty Largest Shareholders

Name	No. of Shares Held	% of Shares
Employees Provident Fund Board	213,347,800	8.93
Sekuriti Pejal Sdn. Bhd.	178,904,000	7.49
Kepunyaan Chintamani Sdn. Bhd.	79,490,000	3.33
Selected Securities Sdn. Bhd.	74,584,000	3.12
Syarikat Kepunyaan Khas Sdn. Bhd.	62,066,000	2.60
Selected Holdings Sdn. Bhd.	61,635,000	2.58
Consolidated Teh Holdings Sdn. Bhd.	46,500,000	1.95
Kayakita Corporation Sdn. Bhd.	40,882,000	1.71
Malaysia Nominees (Asing) Sdn. Bhd. – Straits Lion Asset Management Pte. Ltd. for The Great Eastern Life Assurance Co. Ltd. (00-10020)	38,393,000	1.61
Malaysia Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn. Bhd. – Great Eastern Life Assurance (Malaysia) Bhd. (MLF)	34,192,400	1.43
Securities Holdings Sdn. Bhd.	32,426,000	1.35
Kepunyaan Perindustrian Sdn. Bhd.	29,603,000	1.24
LPI Capital Bhd.	28,720,000	1.20
Tong Meng Industries Ltd.	28,059,000	1.17
Luhur Management Sdn. Bhd.	23,981,000	1.00
Fairbanks Equities Sdn. Bhd.	18,880,000	0.79
Chase Malaysia Nominees (Asing) Sdn. Bhd. – Abu Dhabi Investment Authority	13,855,132	0.58
UOBM Nominees (Asing) Sdn. Bhd. – Bankers Trust Company for The Genesis Group Trust Employee Benefit Plans	12,981,000	0.54
Cartaban Nominees (Asing) Sdn. Bhd. – Government of Singapore Investment Corporation Pte. Ltd. for Government of Singapore (C)	9,690,800	0.40
AlliedBan Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn. Bhd. – Sekuriti Pejal Sdn. Bhd.	8,600,000	0.36
Total	1,036,790,132	43.38

Substantial Shareholders (2% and above) as Per Register of Substantial Shareholders

Name	No. of Shares Held	% of Shares
Tan Sri Dato' Dr. Teh Hong Piow	787,136,000*	32.93*
Sekuriti Pejal Sdn. Bhd.	306,473,000*	12.82*
Employees Provident Fund Board	214,422,800	8.97
Consolidated Teh Holdings Sdn. Bhd.	140,561,000*	5.88*
Monivest Sdn. Bhd.	84,730,000*	3.54*
Kepunyaan Chintamani Sdn. Bhd.	79,490,000	3.33
Selected Securities Sdn. Bhd.	74,584,000	3.12
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Ltd.	74,036,400**	3.10**
Great Eastern Holdings Ltd.	74,036,400**	3.10**
The Great Eastern Life Assurance Co. Ltd.	74,019,400*	3.10*
Syarikat Kepunyaan Khas Sdn. Bhd.	69,966,000	2.93
Selected Holdings Sdn. Bhd.	61,635,000	2.58

* Included deemed interests in Public Bank Berhad shares held by other corporations by virtue of Section 6A(4) of the Companies Act, 1965.

** Deemed to have interests in Public Bank Berhad shares held by other corporations by virtue of Section 6A(4) of the Companies Act, 1965.

authorised and
issued share capital

Authorised Share Capital	:	RM5,000,000,000
Issued and Paid-up Share Capital	:	RM1,195,059,867 comprising 2,390,119,734 ordinary shares of RM0.50 each
Class of Shares	:	Ordinary shares of RM0.50 each
Voting Rights	:	One vote per ordinary share

Changes in Authorised Share Capital

Date	Increase in Authorised Share Capital (RM)	Total Authorised Share Capital (RM)
30.12.1965	50,000,000	50,000,000
06.01.1982	250,000,000	300,000,000
30.09.1986	200,000,000	500,000,000
08.06.1987	500,000,000	1,000,000,000
17.06.1997	4,000,000,000	5,000,000,000

Changes in Issued and Paid-up Share Capital

Date of Allotment	No. of Shares Allotted	Consideration**	Note**	Total Issued and Paid-up Share Capital (RM)
30.08.1966	32,000,000*	Cash		16,000,000.00
15.11.1978	8,000,000*	Capitalisation of Reserve	a.	20,000,000.00
22.07.1981	10,000,000*	Capitalisation of Reserve	b.	25,000,000.00
07.01.1982	20,000,000*	Capitalisation of Reserve	c.	35,000,000.00
11.02.1982	70,000,000*	Cash	d.	70,000,000.00
21.06.1983	84,000,000*	Capitalisation of Reserve	e.	112,000,000.00
22.08.1983	112,000,000	Cash	f.	168,000,000.00
28.06.1984	84,000,000	Capitalisation of Reserve	g.	210,000,000.00
05.02.1988	84,000,000	Capitalisation of Reserve	h.	252,000,000.00
03.08.1988	210,000,000	Cash	i.	357,000,000.00
11.10.1989	437,000	Cash	j.	357,218,500.00
02.05.1990	2,475,000	Cash	j.	358,456,000.00
15.06.1990	238,970,667	Capitalisation of Reserve	k.	477,941,333.50
06.08.1990	143,382,400	Cash	l.	549,632,533.50
08.10.1990	277,000	Cash	m.	549,771,033.50
12.04.1991	7,657,700	Cash	m.	553,599,883.50
24.09.1991	668,600	Cash	m.	553,934,183.50
25.03.1992	229,400	Cash	m.	554,048,883.50
15.04.1993	2,077,401	Cash	m.	555,087,584.00
01.10.1993	19,824,675	Cash	m.	564,999,921.50
20.04.1994	6,868,958	Cash	m.	568,434,400.50
05.10.1994	2,226,000	Cash	n.	569,547,400.50
27.12.1994	100,000,000	Cash	o.	619,547,400.50
18.04.1996	51,000	Cash	n.	619,572,900.50
07.08.1996	413,048,600	Capitalisation of Reserve	p.	826,097,200.50
25.10.1996	287,081	Cash	q.	826,240,741.00
12.05.1997	717,700	Cash	q.	826,599,591.00
06.01.1998	330,639,836	Capitalisation of Reserve	r.	991,919,509.00
09.03.1998	330,639,836	Cash	s.	1,157,239,427.00
11.02.1999	16,015,500	Cash	t.	1,165,247,177.00
11.05.1999	71,000	Cash	u.	1,165,282,677.00
19.05.1999	9,473,730	Cash	u.	1,170,019,542.00
07.06.1999	2,155,900	Cash	u.	1,171,097,492.00
02.07.1999	24,126,500	Cash	t.	1,183,160,742.00
08.12.2000	23,798,250	Cash	t.	1,195,059,867.00

Note:
* The number of shares allotted has been adjusted to reflect the sub-division of the shares from RM1.00 par value to RM0.50 par value on 21 June 1983.

**Explanatory Notes on Consideration

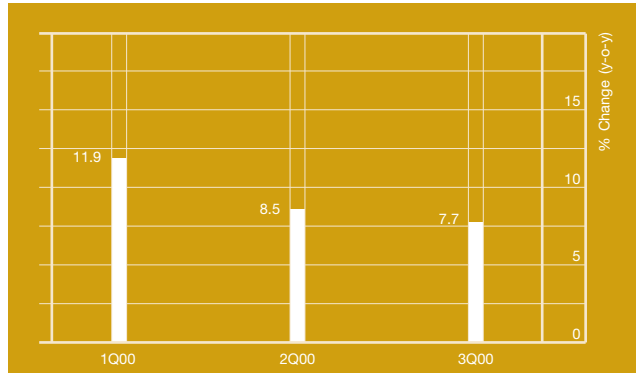
- a. Bonus Issue of 1 for 4 by capitalising RM4,000,000 from the General Reserve Account.
- b. Bonus Issue of 1 for 4 by capitalising RM5,000,000 from the General Reserve Account.
- c. Bonus Issue of 2 for 5 by capitalising RM7,000,000 from the Capital Reserve Account and RM3,000,000 from the General Reserve Account.
- d. Rights Issue of 1 for 1 at RM1.00 per share.
- e. Bonus Issue of 3 for 5 by capitalising RM35,000,000 from the Share Premium Account and RM7,000,000 from the General Reserve Account.
- f. Rights Issue of 1 for 2 at RM1.00 per share.
- g. Bonus Issue of 1 for 4 by capitalising RM26,981,000 from the Share Premium Account and RM15,019,000 from the General Reserve Account.
- h. Bonus Issue of 1 for 5 by capitalising RM29,019,600 from the Share Premium Account and RM12,980,400 from the General Reserve Account. The shares issued under the Bonus Issue were not entitled to the Rights Issue stated in (i) below.
- i. Rights Issue of 1 for 2 at RM0.80 per share.
- j. Exercise of share options under the Public Bank (“PBB”) Employees’ Share Option Scheme (“ESOS”) by employees at the option price of RM1.90 per share.
- k. Bonus Issue of 1 for 3 by capitalising RM61,716,516 from the Share Premium Account and RM57,768,817 from the General Reserve Account. The shares issued under the Bonus Issue were not entitled to the Rights Issue stated in (l) below.
- l. Rights Issue of 1 for 5 at RM1.10 per share.
- m. Exercise of share options under the PBB ESOS by employees at the option price of RM1.38 per share.
- n. Exercise of share options under the PBB ESOS by employees at the option price of RM3.92 per share.
- o. Issue and private placement of 100,000,000 new shares as follows:
 - 70,000,000 PBB Local shares at RM4.14 per share.
 - 30,000,000 PBB Foreign shares at RM5.31 per share.
- p. Bonus Issue of 1 for 3 by capitalising RM206,524,300 from the Share Premium Account.
- q. Exercise of share options under the PBB ESOS by employees at the option price of RM2.94 per share.
- r. Bonus Issue of 1 for 5 by capitalising RM165,319,918 from the Share Premium Account. The shares issued under the Bonus Issue were not entitled to the Rights Issue stated in (s) below.
- s. Rights Issue of 1 for 5 as follows:
 - 231,447,885 PBB Local shares at RM1.00 per share.
 - 99,191,951 PBB Foreign shares at RM1.14 per share.
- t. Exercise of share options under the PBB ESOS by employees at the option price of RM1.66 per share.
- u. Exercise of share options under the PBB ESOS by employees at the option price of RM2.24 per share.

I. THE ECONOMY IN 2000

A. GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

In 2000, the Malaysian economy performed better than expected. In the first three quarters of 2000, the economy turned in a gross domestic product (GDP) growth of 9.3% compared with only 4.1% in the corresponding period last year. The higher growth rate was due to the robust growth in three consecutive quarters: 11.9% in the first quarter, 8.5% in the second quarter, and 7.7% in the third quarter (Figure 1).

Figure 1. Malaysia's GDP Growth, 1Q00-3Q00



Note: Q Quarter.
Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia. Quarterly National Product and Expenditure Accounts, 3Q00.

The economy responded well to the expansionary fiscal and monetary policies pursued since 1998. Concurrent with the high growth, macroeconomic and financial stability had been restored.

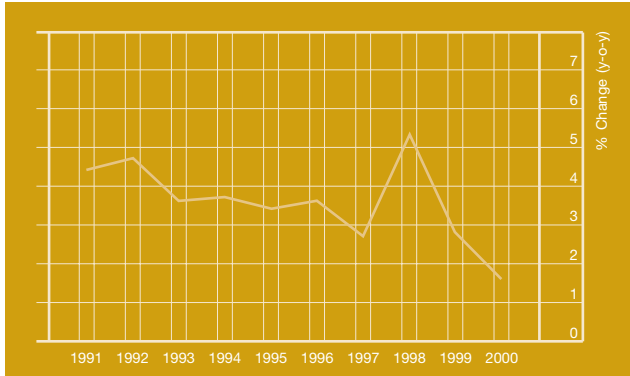
The high growth was supported by favourable external environment and strong economic fundamentals such as high national savings and low inflation.

Economic performance in 2000 suggested that Malaysia was on its way to resume its growth path of the pre-crisis period. After the recession in 1985-1986, the Malaysian economy was accelerating at a compounding rate of 9.3% per year in the period 1987-1997.

Growth in 2000 surpassed the Government's conservative forecast in 1999. The Government made several upward revisions of GDP forecast for 2000 after projecting only a 5% growth rate (Ministry of Finance's Economic Report) in 1999. In March 2000, the forecast was revised up to 5.8% (Bank Negara Malaysia's Annual Report). In the 2001 Budget Speech tabled at the Parliament in October 2000, the forecast was revised to 7.5%.

The high economic growth was achieved within a low inflation environment. For 2000, the consumer price index only rose by 1.6%, despite the hike in oil prices and continued increases in import demand (Figure 2). Contrary to earlier projections by some economists and analysts, the fixed ringgit-US dollar exchange rate had not derailed inflation.

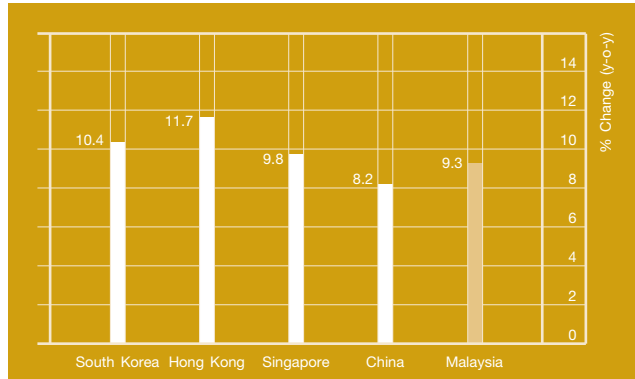
Figure 2. Malaysia: Consumer Price Index, 1991-2000



Sources: Department of Statistics, Malaysia. Consumer Price Index, various issues.

Growth in the Malaysian economy was in sync with the strong rebound in the regional economies, in particular South Korea, Hong Kong, Singapore and China. Up until the third quarter of 2000, South Korea and Hong Kong turned in 10.4% and 11.7% growth, respectively. In the same period, Singapore and China registered growth of 9.8% and 8.2%, respectively (Figure 3).

Figure 3. Selected Asian Economies: Real GDP Growth, January-September 2000



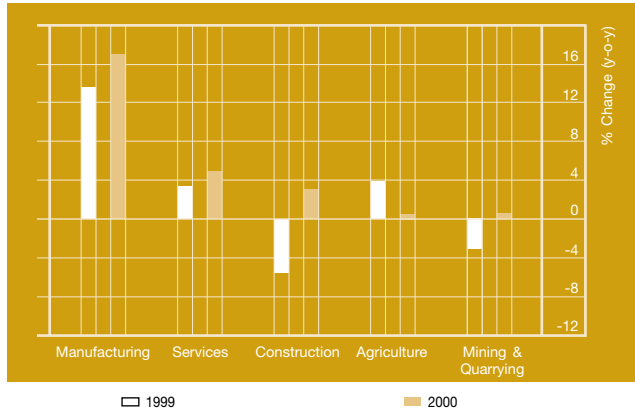
Sources: The Asian Wall Street Journal and Department of Statistics, Malaysia. Quarterly National Product and Expenditure Accounts, 3Q00.

The impact of Malaysia's high GDP growth on its per capita income was significant. By the end of 2000, the level of per capita income was expected to exceed that of the pre-crisis level and this would help restore the standard of living of the population. The high GDP growth had a favourable impact on employment as the unemployment rate fell from 3.4% in 1999 to 3.3% in 2000. The high growth had also resulted in stronger social safety net of the country.

B. AGGREGATE SUPPLY

Based on the Economic Report 2000/2001 of Ministry of Finance, all sectors registered positive growth in 2000, led by the robust performance of the manufacturing and the services sectors (Figure 4).

Figure 4. Malaysia: GDP Growth By Industrial Origin, 1999-2000



Source: Ministry of Finance, Malaysia. Economic Report, 2000/2001.

i. Manufacturing

The manufacturing sector was expected to further expand by 17% in 2000 (1999: 13.5%), contributed by healthy expansion in export- and domestic-oriented industries. The strong export-oriented industries had been supported by sustained performance of the electronics industry. Domestic-oriented industries were supported by higher incomes, lower interest rates, and higher infrastructure spending.

ii. Services

Besides the manufacturing sector, the services sector continued to gain its momentum. Underpinned by stronger economic activities, the services sector was expected to register a higher growth rate of 4.9% compared with 3.3% in 1999. The growth of the services sector would be contributed by the following sub-sectors: transport, storage and communications (6.7%), wholesale and retail trade, hotels and restaurants (5.9%), and finance-related services (4.2%).

iii. Construction

The construction sector was expected to expand by 3.1% after a severe contraction of -5.6% in 1999. Growth in the construction sector mainly emanated from infrastructure projects and investment in low- and medium-cost residential properties. However, the oversupply situation which continued to persist in certain property sub-sectors dampened growth of the sector. Civil engineering activities were expected to recover following the fiscal stimulus and resumption of deferred infrastructure projects.

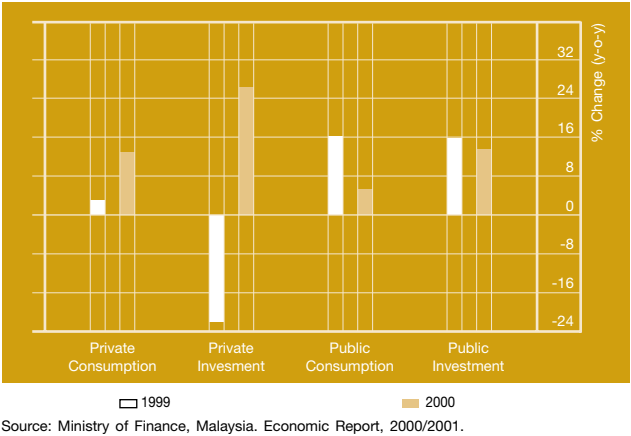
iv. Agriculture and Mining

The agriculture sector was expected to register a marginal growth of 0.5% (1999: 3.8%) as a result of the moderation in palm oil and saw logs production. Similarly, the output of the mining sector was expected to grow only by 0.6%, following a small increase of 0.4% in crude oil production and a 4.6% decline in tin output. Natural gas production was expected to increase by 4.6% on the back of higher domestic and external demand.

C. AGGREGATE DEMAND

From the demand side, it was expected that there would be vast improvements in domestic demand (Figure 5).

Figure 5. Malaysia: Aggregate Demand, 1999-2000



Aggregate domestic demand was expected to rebound by 14% in 2000 from 1.7% in 1999, contributed mainly by a turnaround in private sector demand at 16.1% (1999: -13.9%). Of the total private sector demand, private consumption was expected to increase by 13.0% (1999: 3.1%) and private investment by 26.3% (1999: -21.8%).

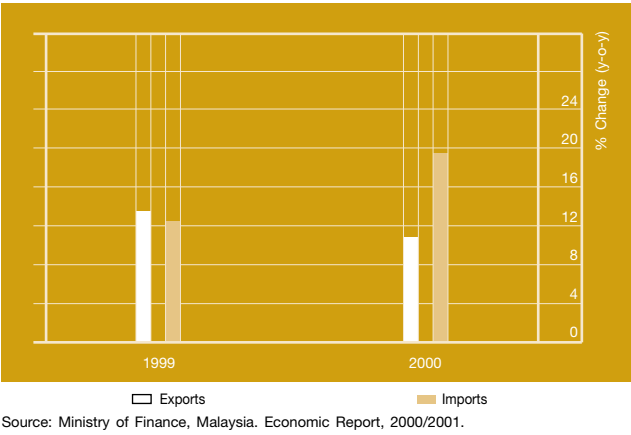
The revived domestic private expenditure and investment was paramount to future growth of the economy. Also, the revived consumer expenditure was crucial to reduce excess capacity in certain sectors of the economy.

On a similar note, the revived private investment had led to higher economic activity, income, and larger productive capacity of the economy for future growth.

To support private sector demand, public sector demand was also expected to grow. However, in view of the stronger rebound in the private sector demand, public sector consumption and investment would only increase by 5.2% and 13.7% compared with 16.3% and 15.9%, respectively in 1999.

On the external front, exports of goods and services were expected to remain strong with a growth of 12.4% (1999: 13.4%) on the back of higher demand for electronic products (Figure 6). Imports of goods and services were also expected to expand strongly by 19.5% (1999: 10.8%) due to revived domestic demand and economic activity. Despite the higher growth in imports relative to that of exports, the current account surplus of the balance of payments would remain large at 9.9% of gross national product (GNP) in 2000 compared with 17.1% of GNP in 1999. Thus, the balance of payments and the external reserves would remain strong and supportive of the ringgit-US dollar peg.

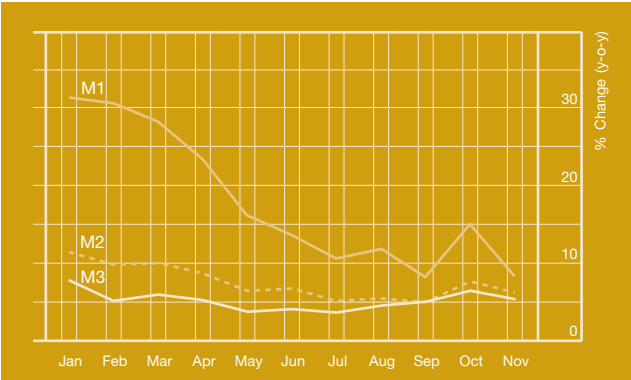
Figure 6. Malaysia: Exports and Imports, 1999-2000



D. DEVELOPMENTS IN MONETARY AGGREGATES AND THE BANKING SYSTEM

The robust economic growth had resulted in high growth of monetary aggregates, particularly in the first quarter of 2000. At end-November, annual growth rates of all monetary aggregates were softer: 8.4% for M1, 6.3% for M2 and 5.4% for M3 (Figure 7). As the growth in the broad money supply, M3, was significantly below the growth in the real economy, inflationary pressures from the monetary side were not an issue.

Figure 7. Malaysia: Monetary Aggregates, January-November 2000



In 2000, the health of the banking system continued to strengthen, concurrent with the on-going consolidation of the domestic banking institutions in the country. First, the risk-weighted capital ratio of the banking system rose to 12.9% in November from 12.6% in January, which was significantly above the minimum international standard of 8%.

Second, the ratio of non-performing loans (NPLs) of the banking system continued to recede, particularly after July, reflecting improved asset quality of the banking system. As at end-October 2000, the ratio of net NPLs to total loans of the banking system (based on the 6-month rule) receded to 6.6% from 6.9% at end-July (Table 1). As a result, the loan-loss coverage (the ratio of total provisions to total NPLs) rose considerably to 191.3%. Coupled with the strengthened capital base, the low NPLs and the high loan-loss coverage further boosted the strength and resilience of the banking system.

Table 1. Banking System: Non-Performing Loans, 1999-2000

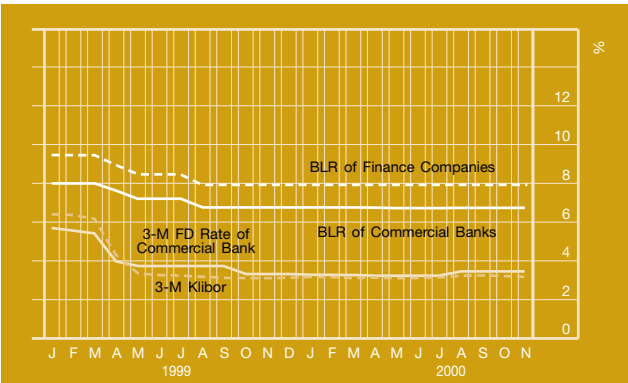
	1999	2000		
		Jan	Jul	Oct
6 mth classification				
RM Million	46,828	47,393	49,894	50,672
% of Net Total Loans	6.4	6.5	6.9	6.6

Source: Bank Negara Malaysia. Monthly Statistical Bulletin, November 2000.

Third, the level of liquidity in the banking system was ample as reflected in the ratio of total loans to total deposits of the banking system and the interbank interest rates. From January to November 2000, the ratio of total gross loans (including Cagamas and excluding Danaharta) to total deposits of the banking system was hovering at around 86%-89%. As a result, the resource gap of the banking system was persistently large and left no immediate pressures on interest rates.

In 2000, interest rates were low to support growth. With the BNM 3-month intervention rate remained unchanged at 5.5% since August 1999, the average base lending rate of commercial banks remained relatively stable at 6.75% at end-November (end-1999: 6.79%), while that of finance companies remained at 7.95% (Figure 8). Deposit rates were stable with a slight upward adjustment in the third quarter of the year. The average 3-month fixed deposit rate of commercial banks firmed up to 3.48% at end-November from 3.2% at end-July. In the interbank market, the weighted average 3-month KLIBOR was relatively low and stable at around 3.1%-3.3%.

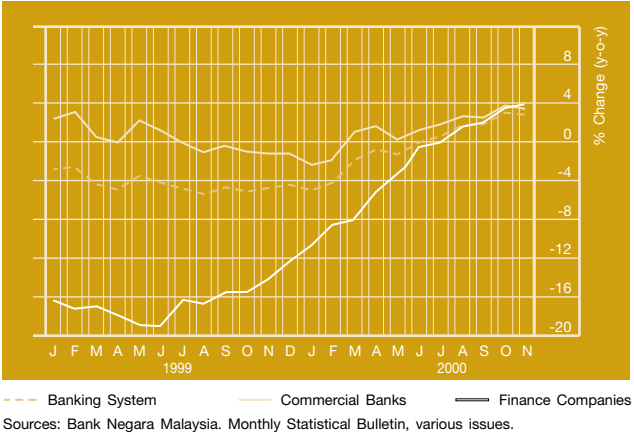
Figure 8. Malaysia: Base Lending Rate, 3-M FD Rate and 3-M Klibor, 1999-2000



In line with the high economic growth in 2000, bank lending continued to improve. As at end-November, annual growth of bank loans extended by the banking system (including loans sold to Cagamas and excluding NPLs sold to Danaharta) increased to 2.9% from -4.9% at end-1999 on the back of higher disbursements and approvals in the year (Figure 9). In terms of banking institutions, growth in loans

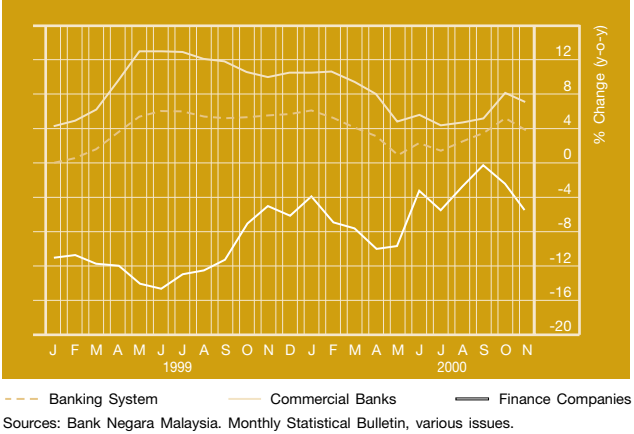
of commercial banks rose to 3.5% at end-November from -2.3% at end-January, while that of finance companies to 3.9% from -10.6% at end-January. The increased loan growth occurred along with the increased issuance of private debt securities.

Figure 9. Malaysia: Growth of Loans, 1999-2000



In contrast to loans, growth in total deposits of the banking system was relatively stable at 3.8% at end-November (end-1999: 4.0%), mainly contributed by a 7.1% growth in total deposits of the commercial banks (Figure 10). However, total deposits of the finance companies contracted by -6.2% at end-November (1999: -7.6%).

Figure 10. Malaysia: Growth of Deposits, 1999-2000



Based on the above improved financial indicators, financial institutions were on a much stronger footing than during the crisis period. In 2000, Danaharta did not make any significant acquisition of NPLs, with the total amount of

NPLs acquired remained at RM37 billion. Danamodal's capital injection further declined to RM3.7 billion as at January 2001 from RM7.6 billion in 1999 due to repayments by some financial institutions. In January 2001, only three of the 10 initially recapitalised banking institutions remained with Danamodal. The increased number of cases the Corporate Debt Restructuring Committee resolved in 2000 also helped the banking system.

With regard to the consolidation of the banking industry, at end-December 2000, 50 of the 54 banking institutions had been consolidated into ten banking groups. Through the consolidation, 94% of the total assets of the domestic banking sector had been rationalised and consolidated. Six banking groups had obtained their vesting orders, while three banking groups were in the final stages of the merger process. Meanwhile, one banking group had terminated its sale and purchase agreements and the financial institutions involved had been approved to commence negotiation with other banking institutions and Danamodal.

II. OUTLOOK FOR 2001

In view of the potential slowdown in the global growth, Malaysia is expected to register a softer growth rate of between 5% and 7% in 2001 (Table 2). The growth is expected to emanate from further improvement in the domestic economy and supportive external environment.

Table 2. Malaysia: Real GDP Outlook, 2001

	% Change
Ministry of Finance, Malaysia	7.0
International Monetary Fund	5.8
Goldman Sachs	5.0
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter	6.5

i. Domestic Economic Environment

Domestic economic environment is expected to remain conducive to support growth. Economic fundamentals are expected to remain good: inflation is expected to be contained at a relatively low level, despite some pressures in domestic and international prices; while the national savings is expected to remain at a relatively high level.

In view of the expected low inflation, monetary policy will remain accommodative. Interest rates and monetary conditions will remain growth friendly. As inflation and the current account of the balance of payments are expected to remain healthy, the present accommodative monetary policy (which is characterised by low interest rates and easy monetary conditions) will further strengthen corporate recovery and boost private expenditure and investment in 2001. The impact of the accommodative monetary and fiscal policies which have been implemented since 1998 will further filter down with positive output and income effects in 2001.

On the fiscal side, the decision to implement another deficit budget of about 4.9% of GNP in 2001 will work hand-in-hand with the accommodative monetary policy to generate economic growth. In addition to the deficit spending, the 2001 Budget announced in October 2000 provides attractive incentives such as pre-packaged investment and tax incentives to promote greater domestic and foreign investments. These incentives bode well for the efforts to further enhance Malaysia's economic capacity for future growth.

The 2001 Budget increases economic mileage by providing more incentives and funds for the information and communications technology sector. This will gradually transform Malaysia from a production-based economy to a knowledge-based economy.

ii. International Economic Environment

Based on several international economic reports, the global economic environment is expected to remain good (with a softer, but sustainable growth) in 2001. The world economic environment will continue to be friendly to Malaysia's exports. For example, based on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's (OECD) Report December 2000, the global economic environment in 2001 is expected to remain favourable, although growth appeared to have peaked in the first half of 2000. Growth in the world output is expected to moderate from 4.7% in 2000 to 4% in 2001 in view of the slowdown in the US economy. Growth in the world trade is expected to remain high at around 10%.

A major source of the world output growth will be from major OECD economies. The OECD economies are expected to grow by 3.3% in 2001 and 3.1% in 2002. Within the OECD, Japan is expected to register a 2.3% growth in 2001 and 2% in 2002. The EU is expected to register 3% in 2001 and 2.7% in 2002. Such positive economic outlook in the EU and Japan bodes well for Malaysia's export performance.

The OECD Report recognises the deceleration in the US economy as engineered by the US Federal Reserve to reduce overheating and imbalances in the US current account of the balance of payments and private savings.

While there are risks of over-correction, the US has a few policy options to prevent a severe hard landing of the economy. The options include lower interest rates, higher fiscal spending, and soft US dollar policy. In fact, the Fed, in a surprise move on 3 January 2001, cut the fed funds rate by 50 basis points to 6% to ensure that the US economy will not enter into a recession.

iii. Downside Risks

Based on the expected favourable domestic and external economic environments, the prospects for the Malaysian economy in 2001 are expected to remain bright. However, there are a number of concerns which pose some risks to the economic outlook for 2001. These include the risk of a hard landing in the US in 2001, the uncertain direction of private foreign and domestic investments which may curtail economic activity and growth in 2001, and the sustainability of the demand for electronic and electrical products, given the slowdown in the US economy.

Economics Division
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Location	Current Use	Tenure	Remaining Lease Period (Expiry Date)	Age of Property	Built-up Area	Net Book Value (RM'000)
Property of Public Bank is as follows:						
Menara Public Bank 146 Jalan Ampang 50450 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Public Bank's Head Office and Kuala Lumpur City Main Office; business premises of subsidiaries and associated company	Freehold	—	6 Years	46,436 sq m	315,787
Properties of Subsidiaries in Malaysia are as follows:						
Bangunan Public Bank 6 Jalan Sultan Sulaiman 50000 Kuala Lumpur Malaysia	Public Bank's Jalan Sultan Sulaiman Branch and Head Office Divisions; Public Finance's Head Office and Kuala Lumpur Main Office; PB Securities Sdn. Bhd.'s business premises; office space rented out to third parties	Freehold	—	23 Years	18,277 sq m	24,511
40 & 42 Jalan Radin Tengah Bandar Baru Seri Petaling 57000 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Public Bank's Seri Petaling Branch	Leasehold 99 years	78 Years (5-04-2078)	18 Years	1,070 sq m	667
11 Jalan 3/82B Bangsar Utama Off Jalan Bangsar 59000 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur Mutual Fund Bhd.'s Kuala Lumpur Branch	Leasehold 99 years	85 Years (3-12-2085)	12 Years	1,795 sq m	1,455
Block D (02-3, 03-1, 03-3) & Block C (04-1) Kerupang II Apartments Jalan Batu Arang 87000 Federal Territory of Labuan, Malaysia	Residential quarters for staff of Public Bank (L) Ltd.	Leasehold 99 years	57 Years (26-04-2058)	5 Years	303 sq m	467
Public Bank Tower 19 Jalan Wong Ah Fook 80000 Johor Bahru Johor Darul Takzim, Malaysia	Public Bank's and Public Finance's Johor Bahru Branch; office space rented out to third parties	Freehold	—	6 Years	36,222 sq m	53,778
60 – 68 Jalan Laksamana 75000 Melaka, Malaysia	Public Bank's Melaka Branch	Leasehold 99 years	66 Years (14-07-2066)	30 Years	4,128 sq m	1,040
7, 9, 11 & 13 Jalan Dato' Maharajalela 30000 Ipoh Perak Darul Ridzuan, Malaysia	Public Bank's Ipoh Main Office	Freehold	—	29 Years	3,749 sq m	3,463
87 Lebuhr Bishop 10200 Pulau Pinang, Malaysia	Public Bank's Penang Branch	Freehold	—	78 Years	2,836 sq m	498
3619 & 3620 Jalan Che' Ahmad 14300 Nibong Tebal Seberang Prai Selatan Pulau Pinang, Malaysia	Public Bank's Nibong Tebal Branch	Freehold	—	18 Years	870 sq m	616
2nd Floor, TB 323 Block 38, Fajar Complex 91000 Tawau, Sabah, Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur Mutual Fund Bhd.'s Tawau Branch	Leasehold 999 years	895 Years (31-12-2895)	30 Years	153 sq m	97
1 Jalan Air Hitam Kawasan Institusi Bandar Baru Bangi 43000 Kajang Selangor Darul Ehsan, Malaysia	Public Bank's IT & Training Centre	Leasehold 99 years	96 Years (02-09-2096)	3 Years	31,669 sq m	46,960

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Location	Current Use	Tenure	Remaining Lease Period (Expiry Date)	Age of Property	Built-up Area	Net Book Value (RM'000)
Block B, Block C (Lot No. B045/C/1-3 to C/6-3) Sri Damansara Business Park Persiaran Industri Bandar Sri Damansara 52200 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur Mutual Fund Bhd.'s Head Office	Freehold	—	3 Years	3,319 sq m	8,912
Properties of Subsidiaries Overseas are as follows:						
Shop 7, Ground Floor Mei Hang Building 15-45 Kai Man Path Tuen Mun, New Territories Hong Kong	JCG Finance Co., Ltd.'s Tuen Mun Branch	Leasehold 149 years	47 Years (30-06-2047)	27 Years	73 sq m	1,382
Shop A, Ground Floor Kong Kai Building 184–188 Aberdeen Main Road Aberdeen, Hong Kong	JCG Finance Co., Ltd.'s Aberdeen Branch	Leasehold 999 years	859 Years (26-12-2859)	11 Years	58 sq m	1,205
Ground Floor Yue Yee Mansion 92 Shung Ling Street San Po Kong Kowloon, Hong Kong	JCG Finance Co., Ltd.'s San Po Kong Branch	Leasehold 149 years	47 Years (30-06-2047)	36 Years	94 sq m	955
Fiat F, 29th Floor Pine Mansion Harbour View Gardens 26 Taikoo Wan Road Taikoo Shing Quarry Bay, Hong Kong	Residential quarters for staff of Public Bank, Restricted Licence Bank, Hong Kong	Leasehold 999 years	899 Years (18-04-2899)	17 Years	91 sq m	2,563
Room 1003–1005 10th Floor, Fortress Tower 250 King's Road North Point, Hong Kong	JCG Finance Co., Ltd.'s IT Centre	Leasehold 150 years	126 Years (26-08-2126)	17 Years	293 sq m	2,727
14th Floor Regent On The Park 14A, Tower 2 and Car Park Nos. 4 & 66 on 4th Floor 9 Kennedy Road, Hong Kong	Residential quarters for staff of JCG Finance Co., Ltd.	Leasehold 150 years	125 Years (19-10-2125)	15 Years	248 sq m	3,111
Ground Floor 751 Nathan Road Kowloon, Hong Kong	JCG Finance Co., Ltd.'s Prince Edward Road Branch	Leasehold 150 years	79 Years (18-08-2079)	30 Years	129 sq m	4,723
11th Floor, Wing On House 71 Des Voux Road Central, Hong Kong	Administrative centre of JCG Finance Co., Ltd.	Leasehold 999 years	902 Years (14-08-2902)	33 Years	1,464 sq m	28,158
Office B, Ground Floor – 17th Floor, JCG Building 16 Mongkok Road Kowloon, Hong Kong	JCG Finance Co., Ltd.'s Mongkok Branch and Head Office Departments; office space rented out to third parties.	Leasehold 150 years	50 Years (27-05-2050)	13 Years	2,215 sq m	39,784

Location	Current Use	Tenure	Remaining Lease Period (Expiry Date)	Age of Property	Built-up Area	Net Book Value (RM'000)
Flat F, 24th Floor Ngan Sing Mansion Sing Fai Terrace Taikoo Shing, Hong Kong	Residential quarters for staff of Winton (B.V.I.) Ltd.	Leasehold 999 years	899 Years (18-04-2899)	16 Years	79 sq m	1,432
Ground Floor Ruby Commercial Building 480 Nathan Road Kowloon, Hong Kong	JCG Finance Co., Ltd.'s Nathan Road Branch	Leasehold 150 years	67 Years (22-10-2067)	8 Years	125 sq m	5,870
Shop No. 51-53, 1st Floor Harbour Crystal Centre 100 Granville Road Kowloon, Hong Kong	JCG Finance Co., Ltd.'s Tsimshatsui Branch	Leasehold 150 years	128 Years (10-12-2128)	18 Years	131 sq m	1,310
Workshops A, B and C on Ground Floor Hung Cheong Factory Building 742-748 Cheung Sha Wan Road 3 Kwong Cheung Street Cheung Sha Wan Kowloon, Hong Kong	Winton Group's branch office; office space rented out to third parties	Leasehold 149 years	47 Years (27-06-2047)	35 Years	682 sq m	3,405
Flat E on 9th Floor Hung Cheong Factory Building 742-748 Cheung Sha Wan Road 3 Kwong Cheung Street Cheung Sha Wan Kowloon, Hong Kong	Winton Group's store room	Leasehold 149 years	47 Years (27-06-2047)	35 Years	68 sq m	35
Workshops E1 and F1 on 10th Floor Hang Fung Industrial Building Phase 1, 2G Hok Yuen Street Hungghom, Kowloon Hong Kong	Winton Group's store room and ancillary office	Leasehold 150 years	47 Years (15-09-2047)	21 Years	962 sq m	770
Flat 3 on 3rd Floor Block F 2, Pearl Island Villas 17½ Mile, Castle Peak Road Tuen Mun, New Territories Hong Kong	Holiday apartment for executives of Winton Group	Leasehold 149 years	47 Years (27-06-2047)	29 Years	32 sq m	17
11th Floor, Arglye Centre Phase 1, 688 Nathan Road and 65 Arglye Street Mongkok, Kowloon Hong Kong	Winton Group's Head Office; office space rented out to third parties	Leasehold 150 years	60 Years (18-02-2060)	18 Years	1,465 sq m	30,468
4/F, 581 Nathan Road Mongkok, Kowloon Hong Kong	Winton Group's store room	Leasehold 150 years	37 Years (25-12-2037)	31 Years	55 sq m	64
2/F, 575A Nathan Road Mongkok, Kowloon Hong Kong	Winton Group's store room	Leasehold 150 years	37 Years (25-12-2037)	42 Years	65 sq m	89

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21 – 22 Ground Floor
Jalan Sulaiman
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Taman Century
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Taman Johor Jaya
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Taman Perling
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39 & 41 Persiaran Sengat Baru 2
Taman Bersatu
31300 Simpang Pulai, Perak
Tel : 05-3575359, 05-3575360
Fax : 05-3575358

103. **Sungai Siput**
Ground Floor
161 Main Road
31100 Sungai Siput, Perak
Tel : 05-5986088, 05-5985037
Fax : 05-5986081

104. **Teluk Intan**
Ground & First Floors
25 & 27 Jalan Raja
36000 Teluk Intan, Perak
Tel : 05-6211721, 05-6211750
Fax : 05-6215518

Perlis

105. **Kangar**
9 Jalan Raja Syed Alwi
01000 Kangar, Perlis
Tel : 04-9763344, 04-9763328
Fax : 04-9760503

Penang

106. **Air Itam**
56 & 58 Lintang Angsana
Bandar Baru Air Itam
11500 Penang
Tel : 04-8288088, 04-8286088
Fax : 04-8280678

107. **Bagan Ajam**
6862-6864 Jalan Bagan Jermal
Bagan Ajam
13000 Butterworth, Penang
Tel : 04-3317826, 04-3317825
Fax : 04-3312248

108. **Bandar Bayan Baru**
5, 7, 9 & 11
Lorong Kampung Jawa
Bandar Bayan Baru
11900 Bayan Lepas, Penang
Tel : 04-6438533, 04-6438936
Fax : 04-6441877

109. **Bandar Seberang Jaya**
11 Jalan Todak 2
Pusat Bandar
Bandar Seberang Jaya
13700 Seberang Jaya, Penang
Tel : 04-3971104, 04-3971096
Fax : 04-3971107

110. **Bukit Mertajam**
269 Jalan Kulim
14000 Bukit Mertajam, Penang
Tel : 04-5392200, 04-5392207
Fax : 04-5392164

111. **Jalan Macalister**
104, 104A & 104B
Jalan Macalister
10400 Penang
Tel : 04-2276826, 04-2276843
Fax : 04-2276850

112. **Jalan Raja Uda**
5031 – 5033
Jalan Raja Uda
12300 Butterworth, Penang
Tel : 04-3245299, 04-3245297
Fax : 04-3245301

113. **Jelutong**
407-A Jalan Jelutong
11600 Penang
Tel : 04-2822351, 04-2813227
Fax : 04-2825232

114. **Kepala Batas**
21 & 23 Jalan Bertam
13200 Kepala Batas
Seberang Perai Utara, Penang
Tel : 04-5758703, 04-5759085
Fax : 04-5759088

115. **Lebuh Macallum**
2-1-20 & 2-1-30
Harbour Trade Centre
2 Gat Lebuh Macallum
10300 Penang
Tel : 04-2631782, 04-2628442
Fax : 04-2630057

116. **Nibong Tebal**
3619 & 3620 Jalan Che Ahmad
14300 Nibong Tebal, Penang
Tel : 04-5932217, 04-5932216
Fax : 04-5931590

117. **Prai**
2684 & 2685 Jalan Chain Ferry
Taman Inderawasih
13600 Prai, Penang
Tel : 04-3901130, 04-3901241
Fax : 04-3902394

118. **Pulau Pinang**
87 Lebuhs Bishop
10200 Penang
Tel : 04-2611771, 04-2611770
Fax : 04-2617417

119. **Pulau Tikus**
Ground Floor
58 Jalan Cantonment
Pulau Tikus, 10250 Penang
Tel : 04-2286015, 04-2286017
Fax : 04-2287075

120. **Relau**
1 & 3 Jalan Relau
11900 Penang
Tel : 04-6443092, 04-6443112
Fax : 04-6443128

121. **Simpang Ampat**
1364 Jalan Besar
14100 Simpang Ampat
Seberang Prai Selatan, Penang
Tel : 04-5887000, 04-5887248
Fax : 04-5888080

Sabah

122. **Beaufort**
Lot 6 & 7 Lo Chung Park
89807 Beaufort, Sabah
Tel : 087-214836, 087-214844
Fax : 087-214839

123. **City Parade**
Lot 1-0-M48 – M51
1 Jalan Centre Point
City Parade, Centre Point Sabah
88000 Kota Kinabalu, Sabah
Tel : 088-251817, 088-251812
Fax : 088-251816

124. **Donggongan**
Ground Floor, Lot 2 & 3
Donggongan New Township
89507 Penampang
Kota Kinabalu, Sabah
Tel : 088-725664, 088-725673
Fax : 088-725679

125. **Keningau**
Juta Commercial Centre
Block A3, Lot 2 & 3
Jalan Sodomani, 89000 Keningau
Sabah
Tel : 087-335928, 087-335845
Fax : 087-335842

126. **Kota Belud**
Lot B6 & B7
Kompleks Centenary
Jalan Sabar, 89150 Kota Belud
Sabah
Tel : 088-977810, 088-977784
Fax : 088-977798

127. **Kota Kinabalu**
Lots G1 & 1-1 Menara MAA
6, Lorong Api-Api 1
Api-Api Centre
88000 Kota Kinabalu, Sabah
Tel : 088-239306, 088-239613
Fax : 088-236630

128. **Lahad Datu**
Ground & First Floors
MDLD 0088 Jalan Teratai
91100 Lahad Datu, Sabah
Tel : 089-884078, 089-884020
Fax : 089-884087

129. **Lido**
Lot 8 & 9 Block P
MPKK No. S32 & S33
Taman Che Mei, Mile 3
Jalan Penampang
88300 Kota Kinabalu, Sabah
Tel : 088-217669, 088-245687
Fax : 088-245496

130. **Papar**
162 Lot 8023
Jalan Besar, Pekan Papar
89600 Papar, Sabah
Tel : 088-912522, 088-912523
Fax : 088-912211

131. **Sandakan**
Ground Floor, Wisma Santaraya
Jalan 3, 90000 Sandakan, Sabah
Tel : 089-214260, 089-214258
Fax : 089-272815

132. **Tawau**
TB 304A & 304B, Block 34
Fajar Complex
91000 Tawau, Sabah
Tel : 089-761333, 089-761311
Fax : 089-761355

Sarawak

133. **Bintulu**
6 & 7 Jalan Court
97000 Bintulu, Sarawak
Tel : 086-337754, 086-337753
Fax : 086-337759

134. **Kuching**
Lot G.01, Lot LG.01A &
Lot LG.02A
Wisma Saberkas, Jalan Green
Off Jalan Tun Abang Hj Openg
93000 Kuching, Sarawak
Tel : 082-418999, 082-428801
Fax : 082-424662

135. **Limbang**
Lot G 061 Ground Floor
Limbang Plaza, Jalan Buangsiol
98700 Limbang, Sarawak
Tel : 085-216750, 085-216751
Fax : 085-216755

136. **Padungan**
Lots 619-623 Jalan Padungan
93100 Kuching, Sarawak
Tel : 082-232699, 082-235388
Fax : 082-232382

137. **Miri**
Ground & First Floors
Moh Heng Building
14 Jalan Bendahara
98000 Miri, Sarawak
Tel : 085-412960, 085-412957
Fax : 085-417273

138. **Sarikei**
12 Jalan Abdul Rahman
96100 Sarikei, Sarawak
Tel : 084-652727, 084-652728
Fax : 084-652855

139. **Sibu**
Ground & First Floors
2, 4 & 6 Lorong 2
Jalan Tuanku Osman
96000 Sibu, Sarawak
Tel : 084-316516, 084-316515
Fax : 084-335739

Selangor

140. **Ampang**
Ground Floor, Wisma Saudagar
420 Batu 5 Jalan Ampang
68000 Ampang, Selangor
Tel : 03-42576999, 03-42562636
Fax : 03-42578964

141. **Bandar Puchong Jaya**
11 Jalan Kenari 1
Off Jalan Puchong
Bandar Puchong Jaya
47100 Puchong, Selangor
Tel : 03-58821233, 03-58821888
Fax : 03-58821299

142. **Bandar Sri Damansara**
Ground & First Floors
13 & 13A Jalan Tembaga SD 5/2A
Bandar Sri Damansara
52200 Kuala Lumpur
Tel : 03-62725742, 03-62725694
Fax : 03-62725767

143. **Bandar Sunway**
48 & 50 Jalan PJS 11/28A
Bandar Sunway
46150 Petaling Jaya, Selangor
Tel : 03-7362283, 03-7364138
Fax : 03-7363556

144. **Banting**
251 Jalan Sultan Abdul Samad
42700 Banting, Selangor
Tel : 03-31878386, 03-31878387
Fax : 03-31872708

145. **Batang Kali**
4 & 5 Jalan CKC 1
Bandar Baru Batang Kali
44300 Batang Kali, Selangor
Tel : 03-60573675, 03-60572402
Fax : 03-60572405

146. **Bukit Beruntung**
23 & 25 Jalan Melati 2B
Seksyen BB11
Bandar Bukit Beruntung
48300 Rawang, Selangor
Tel : 03-6082170
Fax : 03-6082173

147. **Damansara Utama**
Ground & Mezzanine Floors
Plaza Damansara Utama
2 Jalan SS 21/60
Damansara Utama
47400 Petaling Jaya, Selangor
Tel : 03-77286012, 03-77261353
Fax : 03-77278064

148. **Kajang**
10 & 11 Jalan Raja Haroun
43000 Kajang, Selangor
Tel : 03-87368893, 03-87366849
Fax : 03-87365369

149. **Kampung Baru Subang**
34 – 36 Jalan Lebuhs Besar
Kampung Baru Subang
40150 Shah Alam, Selangor
Tel : 03-7468696, 03-7468986
Fax : 03-7463351

150. **Kelana Jaya**
19 Jalan SS 6/12, Kelana Jaya
47301 Petaling Jaya, Selangor
Tel : 03-7039543, 03-7034928
Fax : 03-7032478

151. **Klang**
Ground Floor
28, 30 & 32
Persiaran Sultan Ibrahim
41300 Klang, Selangor
Tel : 03-33424048, 03-33423569
Fax : 03-33423566

152. **Kuala Selangor**
54 Jalan Station
45000 Kuala Selangor, Selangor
Tel : 03-32894192, 03-32894193
Fax : 03-32894133

153. **Pandan Indah**
1 & 3 Jalan Indah 1/23
Pandan Indah
55100 Kuala Lumpur
Tel : 03-9646733, 03-9647494
Fax : 03-9646497

154. **Pandan Jaya**
Ground Floor
20-G & 22-G Jalan Pandan 3/10
Pandan Jaya
55100 Kuala Lumpur
Tel : 03-9843051, 03-9863160
Fax : 03-9847058

155. **Petaling Jaya New Town**
Ground Floor
1, 3 & 5 Jalan 52/2
46200 Petaling Jaya, Selangor
Tel : 03-79579106, 03-79569378,
03-79570211
Fax : 03-79579601

156. **Petaling Jaya Old Town**
N19 & O19 Jalan Pasar
Off Jalan Othman
46000 Petaling Jaya, Selangor
Tel : 03-77836563, 03-77836566
Fax : 03-77836562

157. **Port Klang**
Ground Floor
82 Lebuhs Beringin
Off Jalan Berangan
42000 Port Klang, Selangor
Tel : 03-31670522, 03-31674550
Fax : 03-31685510

158. **Sea Park**

8 & 10 Jalan 21/12
46300 Petaling Jaya, Selangor
Tel : 03-78738964, 03-78738931
Fax : 03-78744798
159. **Section 14**

31 Jalan 14/20
46100 Petaling Jaya, Selangor
Tel : 03-79582592, 03-79582585
Fax : 03-79582593
160. **Sekinchan**

102 Jalan Sabak Bernam
45400 Sekinchan, Selangor
Tel : 03-8811891, 03-8811263
Fax : 03-8811644
161. **Semenyih**

22B & 23 Jalan Besar
43500 Semenyih, Selangor
Tel : 03-87237120, 03-87238811
Fax : 03-87237455
162. **Seri Gombak**

21 & 23 Jalan SG1/6
Taman Seri Gombak
68100 Batu Caves, Selangor
Tel : 03-61862239, 03-61889611
Fax : 03-61886236
163. **Seri Kembangan**

255 Jalan Kolej
43300 Seri Kembangan, Selangor
Tel : 03-89422068, 03-89422916
Fax : 03-89422537
164. **Seri Setia**

601 & 602 Jalan SS 9A/13
Seri Setia, 47300 Petaling Jaya
Selangor
Tel : 03-78754007, 03-78754202
Fax : 03-78769411
165. **Shah Alam**

31, 33 & 35 Jalan Utas B
Section 15/B
40000 Shah Alam, Selangor
Tel : 03-55109875, 03-55105589
Fax : 03-55101288
166. **SS2**

61-8 & 61-9 Jalan SS 2/75
47300 Petaling Jaya, Selangor
Tel : 03-78741988, 03-78741933
Fax : 03-78741491
167. **Subang Jaya**

B2 – B4 Jalan SS 15/4D
Subang Jaya
47500 Petaling Jaya, Selangor
Tel : 03-7343636, 03-7333714
Fax : 03-7347713
168. **Sungai Buloh**

Lot 403 Jalan 1A/1
Bandar Baru Sungai Buloh
47000 Selangor
Tel : 03-61562065, 03-61562083
Fax : 03-61562138
169. **Sungai Chua**

Ground & Mezzanine Floors
1 Jalan M/J1
Taman Majlis Jaya
Jalan Sungai Chua
43000 Kajang, Selangor
Tel : 03-87360228, 03-87370228
Fax : 03-87345570
170. **Sungai Pelek**

24C Jalan Besar
43950 Sungai Pelek, Selangor
Tel : 03-8411800, 03-8411236
Fax : 03-8411233
171. **Taman Chi Liung**

24, 26 & 28 Lintang Menalu
Taman Chi Liung
41200 Klang, Selangor
Tel : 03-33719149, 03-33718482
Fax : 03-33720319
172. **Taman Mayang**

21 & 23 Jalan SS 25/23
47301 Petaling Jaya, Selangor
Tel : 03-7039474, 03-7039247
Fax : 03-7039447

173. **Taman Melawati**

264 & 265 Jalan Bandar 12
Taman Melawati
53100 Kuala Lumpur
Tel : 03-41052007, 03-41052004
Fax : 03-41052009
174. **Taman Sri Muda**

2 Jalan Sepadu B 25/B
Taman Perindustrian Axis
Section 25, 40400 Shah Alam
Selangor
Tel : 03-5216400, 03-5216394
Fax : 03-5216372
175. **Taman Taming Jaya**

Ground & First Floors
1 & 1-1 Medan Taming Satu
Taman Taming Jaya
43000 Balakong, Selangor
Tel : 03-9614979, 03-9614980
Fax : 03-9614985
176. **USJ**

3 & 5 Jalan USJ 10/1F
UEP Subang Jaya
47620 Selangor
Tel : 03-7320161, 03-7310776
Fax : 03-7329196

Terengganu

177. **Chukai**

Ground & Mezzanine Floors
K-156A Jalan Sulaimani
24000 Chukai, Terengganu
Tel : 09-8594126, 09-8594069
Fax : 09-8594943
178. **Kuala Terengganu**

1, 1A & 1B Jalan Batas Baru
20300 Kuala Terengganu
Terengganu
Tel : 09-6226112, 09-6226304
Fax : 09-6233409

Overseas Branches/Offices

- Restricted Licence Bank Hong Kong**

Room 1101-1103
Wing On House
71 Des Voeux Road
Central Hong Kong
Tel : 852-2525-9351
Fax : 852-2868-9803
Telex : 65279 PBB HX
- Sri Lanka Branch**

324 Galle Road
Colombo 03, Sri Lanka
Tel : 941-576289, 941-576290,
941-576291, 941-576292
Fax : 941-573958
Telex : 23171 PUBLIC CE
23507 PBBTRY CE
E-mail: pbbblanka@diamond.lanka.net
- Vientiane Branch**

100/1-4 Talat Sao Road
P.O. Box 6614
Vientiane, Lao PDR
Tel : 856-21-216614,
856-21-223394
856-21-223395
Fax : 856-21-222743
Telex : 4310 PBBVTE LS
E-mail: pbbvte@laonet.net
- Yangon Representative Office**

88, 3rd Floor
Hledan Street
Lanmadaw Township
Yangon, The Union of Myanmar
Tel : 0951-210761, 212576
Fax : 0951-212576

Subsidiaries

- Public Finance Bhd.**

Bangunan Public Bank
6 Jalan Sultan Sulaiman
50000 Kuala Lumpur
Tel : 03-22741788, 22741766
03-22733333, 22733000
Fax : 03-22304266
(168 branches nationwide)
- Public Consolidated Holdings Sdn. Bhd.**

Registered Office
27th Floor, Menara Public Bank
146 Jalan Ampang
50450 Kuala Lumpur
Tel : 03-21638888
Fax : 03-21639917
- PB Securities Sdn. Bhd.**

27th Floor, Bangunan Public Bank
6 Jalan Sultan Sulaiman
50000 Kuala Lumpur
Tel : 03-2013011 (General)
03-2013733 (Dealing)
Fax : 03-2012533 (General)
03-2012530 (Dealing)
- Kuala Lumpur Mutual Fund Bhd.**

Head Office
Block B
Sri Damansara Business Park
Persiaran Industri
Bandar Sri Damansara
52200 Kuala Lumpur
Tel : 03-62776800
Fax : 03-62779800
(21 branches and 6 agency offices nationwide)
- PB Futures Sdn. Bhd.**

27th Floor, Bangunan Public Bank
6 Jalan Sultan Sulaiman
50000 Kuala Lumpur
Tel : 03-2013011
Fax : 03-2012533

- PB Securities Nominees (Asing) Sdn. Bhd.**

27th Floor, Bangunan Public Bank
6 Jalan Sultan Sulaiman
50000 Kuala Lumpur
Tel : 03-2013011
Fax : 03-2012533
- PB Securities Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn. Bhd.**

27th Floor, Bangunan Public Bank
6 Jalan Sultan Sulaiman
50000 Kuala Lumpur
Tel : 03-2013011
Fax : 03-2012533
- Public Nominees (Asing) Sdn. Bhd.**

17th Floor, Menara Public Bank
146 Jalan Ampang
50450 Kuala Lumpur
Tel : 03-21626077
Fax : 03-21626078
- Public Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn. Bhd.**

17th Floor, Menara Public Bank
146 Jalan Ampang
50450 Kuala Lumpur
Tel : 03-21626077
Fax : 03-21626078
- Public Leasing & Factoring Sdn. Bhd.**

18th Floor, Menara Public Bank
146 Jalan Ampang
50450 Kuala Lumpur
Tel : 03-21633833, 21630933
Fax : 03-21632822
(4 branches – Klang, Johor Bahru, Penang, Kota Kinabalu)
- PB International Factors Sdn. Bhd.**

18th Floor, Menara Public Bank
146 Jalan Ampang
50450 Kuala Lumpur
Tel : 03-21622955
Fax : 03-21622962
(2 branches – Johor Bahru, Penang)

- PB Trust Company Sdn. Bhd.**
Level 8(B), Main Office Tower
Financial Park Labuan
Jalan Merdeka
87000 Federal Territory Labuan
Malaysia
Tel : 6087-412336,
6087-411898
Fax : 6087-451193
Telex : MA 85038
- Public Holdings Sdn. Bhd.**
8th Floor, Menara Public Bank
146 Jalan Ampang
50450 Kuala Lumpur
Tel : 03-21638888, 21638899
Fax : 03-21639903
- PB Venture Capital Sdn. Bhd.**
Registered Office
27th Floor, Menara Public Bank
146 Jalan Ampang
50450 Kuala Lumpur
Tel : 03-21638899
Fax : 03-21639917
- Public Bank (L) Ltd.**
Level 8(A) & (B)
Main Office Tower
Financial Park Labuan
Jalan Merdeka
87000 Federal Territory Labuan
Malaysia
Tel : 6087-411898
Fax : 6087-413220
Telex : MA 85038
- JCG Holdings Ltd.**
Room 1105-7, Wing On House
71 Des Voeux Road
Central Hong Kong
Tel : 852-2525-9351
Fax : 852-2845-0681
Telex : 65279 PBB HX
Cable: JCGFIN
- JCG Finance Company, Ltd.**
Room 1105-7, Wing On House
71 Des Voeux Road
Central Hong Kong
Tel : 852-2525-9351
Fax : 852-2845-0681
Telex : 65279 PBB HX
Cable: JCGFIN
(37 branches in Hong Kong)
- Winton Holdings (Bermuda) Ltd.**
Room 1101-1110, 11th Floor
Phase 1
Argyle Centre, 688 Nathan Road
Mongkok, Kowloon, Hong Kong
Tel : 852-2391-9388
Fax : 852-2391-5366
Telex : 54819 HWTCL
Cable: HKWTCL
(1 branch – Kowloon)
- Funds Fit Ltd.**
Room 1105-7, Wing On House
71 Des Voeux Road
Central Hong Kong
Tel : 852-2525-9351
Fax : 852-2845-0681
Telex : 65279 PBB HX
Cable: JCGFIN
- JCG Nominees Ltd.**
Room 1108, Wing On House
71 Des Voeux Road
Central Hong Kong
Tel : 852-2877-8622
Fax : 852-2845-5240
Telex : 65279 PBB HX
Cable: JCGFIN
- JCG Securities Ltd.**
Room 1108, Wing On House
71 Des Voeux Road
Central Hong Kong
Tel : 852-2877-8622
Fax : 852-2845-5240
Telex : 65279 PBB HX

- Cambodian Public Bank Ltd.**
No. 23 Street 114
Sangkat Phsar Thmey II
Khan Daun Penh
Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Tel : 855-23-426067
855-23-723664
Fax : 855-23-426068
Telex : 51 94079463
E-mail: campu@bigpond.com.kh

Associated Companies

- PB Trustee Services Bhd.**
17th Floor, Menara Public Bank
146 Jalan Ampang
50450 Kuala Lumpur
Tel : 03-21626055
Fax : 03-21639912
- VID Public Bank**
Ground and Mezzanine Floor
Hanoi Tungshing Square
2 Ngo Quyen Street, Hanoi
Vietnam
Tel : 844-8268307
Fax : 844-8268228
Telex : 412241 VPB VT
(4 branches – Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh
City, Hai Phong, Danang)
- CPB Properties Company Ltd.**
Villa 23, RV Kramon Sar Phsar
Thmey 2
Daun Penh District, Phnom Penh
Cambodia
Tel : 855-23-426067
855-23-723664
Fax : 855-23-426068
Telex : CPB KA 36149

proxy form

I/We _____ NRIC No./Co. No.: _____
(FULL NAME IN CAPITAL)

of _____
(FULL ADDRESS)

being a Member of the abovenamed Company, hereby appoint _____
(FULL NAME IN CAPITAL)

_____ NRIC No.: _____

of _____
(ADDRESS)

or failing him, _____ NRIC No.: _____
(FULL NAME IN CAPITAL)

of _____
(ADDRESS)

as my/our proxy to vote for me/us on my/our behalf at the Thirty-Fifth Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held on Thursday, 8 March 2001 at 11.00 a.m. and at any adjournment thereof in respect of my/our holding of shares in the manner as indicated below:

No.	Resolutions	For	Against
1	Receive the Audited Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2000 and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon.		
2	Declaration of tax-exempt final dividend.		
3	Re-election of Y.Bhg. Datuk Tay Ah Lek as Director pursuant to Article 101 of the Company's Articles of Association.		
4	Re-appointment of Y.Bhg. Tan Sri Dato’ Thong Yaw Hong as Director of the Company pursuant to Section 129 of the Companies Act, 1965.		
5	Re-appointment of Y.Bhg. Tan Sri Dato’ Dr. Teh Hong Piow as Director of the Company pursuant to Section 129 of the Companies Act, 1965.		
6	Approval of payment of Directors’ fees.		
7	Re-appointment of Messrs KPMG as Auditors and to authorise the Directors to fix the Auditors’ remuneration.		
8	Authority under Section 132D of the Companies Act, 1965 for the Directors to issue shares.		

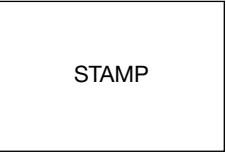
(Please indicate with a cross (x) in the spaces provided whether you wish your vote to be cast for or against the Resolutions. In the absence of specific directions, your proxy will vote or abstain as he thinks fit.)

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2001 _____
Signature/Common Seal

- Notes:**
- The right of Foreigners to vote in respect of their deposited securities is subject to Section 41 (1) (e) and Section 41 (2) of the Securities Industry (Central Depositories) Act, 1991 and Securities Industry (Central Depositories) (Foreign Ownership) Regulations, 1996. The position of such Depositors in this regard will be determined based on the General Meeting Record of Depositors. Such Depositors whose shares exceed the Company's foreign shareholding limit of 30% as at the date of the General Meeting Record of Depositors may attend the above Meeting but are not entitled to vote. Consequently, a proxy appointed by such Depositor who is not entitled to vote will also not be entitled to vote at the above Meeting.
 - A member entitled to attend and vote at a meeting of the Company is entitled to appoint a proxy (who need not be a member of the Company) to attend and vote in his stead. The instrument appointing a proxy must be deposited at the Registered Office of the Company, at 27th Floor, Menara Public Bank, 146 Jalan Ampang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur, not less than 48 hours before the time set for the meeting or any adjournment thereof.
 - The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointor or his attorney duly authorised in writing or if such appointor is a corporation, under its Common Seal or the hand of its attorney.

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