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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

For the years ended December 1998 - 2002

Saudi Riyals in Millions

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Net Commission Income	901	920	1,115	1,274	1,423
Net Income before Provisions	504	550	688	789	906
Provisions for Loans and Collateral	203	220	283	303	322
Net Income	301	330	405	486	584
Revenue to Expense Ratio	1.82	1.76	2.03	2.06	2.07
Return on Assets (ROA)	0.88%	0.94%	1.10%	1.23%	1.32%
Return on Equity (ROE)	10%	11%	13%	14%	16%
ROE before Loan loss provision	17%	18%	22%	23%	26%
Provisions / NPL Coverage Ratio	50%	53%	66%	79%	99%
Investments	13,296	14,066	16,375	19,251	19,065
Loans and Advances	10,049	12,684	13,210	13,867	16,016
Total Assets	34,169	35,191	36,946	39,469	44,299
Customer Deposits	22,870	24,273	24,704	26,128	28,166
Total Equity	2,983	3,066	3,160	3,366	3,548
Saudisation Ratio	72%	74%	75%	78%	81%
Assets Under Management	1,573	2,034	2,070	2,566	3,508

AUDITORS' REPORT

ERNST & YOUNG

**Deloitte & Touche
Bakr Abulkhair & Co.**

AUDITORS' REPORT

**TO: THE SHAREHOLDERS OF ARAB NATIONAL BANK
(SAUDI JOINT STOCK COMPANY)**

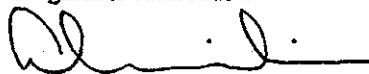
We have audited the balance sheet of Arab National Bank as at December 31, 2002 and the related statements of income, changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows for the year then ended including the related notes. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Bank's management and have been prepared by them in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations for Companies and the Banking Control Law and submitted to us together with all the information and explanations which we required. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Our audit was conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable degree of assurance to enable us to express an opinion on the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements taken as a whole:

- present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Arab National Bank as of December 31, 2002 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Accounting Standards for Commercial Banks issued by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency and with International Financial Reporting Standards, and
- comply with the requirements of the Regulations for Companies, the Banking Control Law and the Bank's Articles of Association in so far as they affect the preparation and presentation of the financial statements.

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January 13, 2003

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001

	Notes	2002 SAR'000	2001 SAR'000
ASSETS			
Cash and balances with SAMA	3	3,134,437	1,899,122
Due from banks and other financial institutions	4	4,386,952	2,814,998
Investments, net	5	19,065,267	19,251,151
Loans and advances, net	6	16,015,709	13,866,914
Other real estate		142,895	254,605
Fixed assets, net	7	298,975	279,763
Other assets	8	1,254,469	1,102,771
Total assets		44,298,704	39,469,324
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Due to banks and other financial institutions	10	10,040,729	8,138,307
Customer deposits	11	28,166,307	26,147,819
Other liabilities	12	2,543,366	1,817,089
Total liabilities		40,750,402	36,103,215
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Share capital	13	1,800,000	1,500,000
Statutory reserve	14	1,650,000	1,500,000
General reserve	14	-	300,000
Other reserves	15	92,554	43,665
Retained earnings		5,748	22,444
Total shareholders' equity		3,548,302	3,366,109
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity		44,298,704	39,469,324

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

STATEMENT OF INCOME

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001

	Notes	2002 SAR'000	2001 SAR'000
Special commission income	17	1,954,023	2,208,372
Special commission expense	17	531,113	934,654
Net special commission income		1,422,910	1,273,718
Fees from banking services, net	18	171,514	177,127
Exchange income		77,410	62,088
Trading (loss) income	19	(442)	4,703
Dividend income	20	18	1,067
Gains on investments, net	21	36,020	4,564
Other operating income	22	10,976	7,771
Total operating income		1,718,406	1,531,038
Salaries and employee related expenses		445,626	408,616
Rent and premises related expenses		44,841	37,820
Depreciation and amortization	7	63,906	63,807
Other general and administrative expenses		257,515	231,943
Provision for possible credit losses	6	221,631	302,526
Other operating expenses	23	100,859	172
Total operating expenses		1,134,378	1,044,884
Net income		584,028	486,154
Earnings per share (in SAR)	24	16.22	13.50

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001

	Notes	Share capital SAR'000	Statutory reserve SAR'000	General reserve SAR'000	Other reserves SAR'000	Retained earnings SAR'000	Total SAR'000
2002							
Balance at beginning of the year		1,500,000	1,500,000	300,000	43,665	22,444	3,366,109
Bonus share issue	14	300,000	-	(300,000)	-	-	-
Net income		-	-	-	-	584,028	584,028
Transfer to statutory reserve	14	-	150,000	-	-	(150,000)	-
Proposed gross dividend	25	-	-	-	-	(449,420)	(449,420)
Net changes in fair value and cash flow hedges	15	-	-	-	48,889	(1,304)	47,585
Balance at end of the year		1,800,000	1,650,000	-	92,554	5,748	3,548,302
2001							
Balance at beginning of the year		1,500,000	1,500,000	155,000	-	5,421	3,160,421
Effect of implementation of IAS 39 at January 1, 2001		-	-	-	-	18,080	18,080
Net income		-	-	-	-	486,154	486,154
Transfer to general reserve	14	-	-	145,000	-	(145,000)	-
Proposed gross dividend	25	-	-	-	-	(342,522)	(342,522)
Net changes in fair value and cash flow hedges	15	-	-	-	43,665	311	43,976
Balance at end of the year		1,500,000	1,500,000	300,000	43,665	22,444	3,366,109

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001

	Notes	2002 SAR'000	2001 SAR'000
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net income		584,028	486,154
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash from operating activities:			
Accretion of discounts and amortization of premium on investments, net		(4,794)	6,857
Gains on investments		(36,020)	(4,564)
Depreciation and amortization		63,906	63,807
[Gains] losses on disposal of fixed assets		(1,551)	172
Provision for possible credit losses		221,631	302,526
		827,200	854,952
Net (increase) decrease in operating assets:			
Statutory deposits with SAMA	3	(18,864)	(142,512)
Due from banks and other financial institutions maturing after ninety days		(250,000)	-
Loans and advances		(2,377,591)	(967,900)
Other real estate		111,710	150
Other assets		128,912	19,017
Net increase in operating liabilities:			
Due to banks and other financial institutions		1,902,422	552,161
Customer deposits		2,022,286	1,414,680
Other liabilities		334,611	59,960
Net cash from operating activities		2,680,686	1,790,508
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from matured and sale of investments		8,533,783	3,089,920
Purchase of investments		(8,254,894)	(5,829,634)
Purchase of fixed assets		(83,178)	(60,689)
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets		1,611	290
Net cash from (used in) investing activities		197,322	(2,800,113)
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Dividends paid		(339,603)	(309,007)
Net cash used in financing activities		(339,603)	(309,007)
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		2,538,405	(1,318,612)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		3,662,059	4,980,671
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	26	6,200,464	3,662,059
Supplemental non-cash information			
Net changes in fair value and cash flow hedges		47,585	62,056

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001

(SAUDI RIYALS IN THOUSANDS)

1. GENERAL

Arab National Bank (a Saudi Joint Stock Company, the Bank) was formed pursuant to Royal Decree No. M/38 dated 18/7/1399H (June 13, 1979). The Bank commenced business on February 2, 1980 when it took over the operations of Arab Bank Limited in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The Bank operates under Commercial Registration No. 1010027912 dated 1/3/1400H (January 19, 1980) through its 116 branches (2001: 116 branches) in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia employing 1,977 employees (2001: 1,940) and one branch in the United Kingdom. The Bank's Head Office is located at the following address:

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The objectives of the Bank are to provide a full range of banking services.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below:

a) Basis of presentation

The Bank follows the accounting standards for commercial banks promulgated by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA) and International Financial Reporting Standards. The Bank also prepares its financial statements to comply with the Banking Control Law and the Regulations for Companies in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention except for the measurement at fair value of derivatives, trading and available for sale investment securities. In addition, as explained fully in the related notes, assets and liabilities that are hedged (in fair value hedging relationship) are carried at fair value to the extent of risk being hedged.

The accounting policies are consistent with those used in the previous year.

b) Trade date accounting

All regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognized on the trade date i.e. the date on which the Bank commits to purchase or sell the assets. Regular way purchases or sales are purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the time frame generally established by regulation or convention in the market place.

c) Derivative financial instruments and hedging

Derivative financial instruments including foreign exchange contracts, commission rate futures, forward rate agreements, currency and commission rate swaps, currency and commission rate options (both written and purchased) are initially measured at cost and are subsequently re-measured at fair value. All derivatives are carried at their fair value in assets where the fair value is positive and in liabilities where the fair value is negative.

Fair values are generally obtained by reference to quoted market prices, discounted cash flow models and pricing models as appropriate.

Any changes in the fair value of derivatives that are held for trading purposes are taken directly to income for the period and are disclosed in trading income. Derivatives held for trading also include those derivatives which do not qualify for hedge accounting described below.

For the purpose of hedge accounting, hedges are classified into two categories; (a) fair value hedges which hedge the exposure to changes in the fair value of a recognized asset or liability; and (b) cash flow hedges which hedge exposure to variability in cash flows that is either attributable to a particular risk associated with a recognized asset or liability, or a forecasted transaction and firm commitment that will affect the reported net gain or loss.

In order to qualify for hedge accounting, it is required that the hedge should be expected to be highly effective i.e. the changes in fair value or cash flows of the hedging instrument should effectively offset corresponding changes in the hedged item, and should be reliably measurable. At the inception of the hedge, the risk management objective and strategy is documented including the identification of the hedging instrument, the related hedged item, the nature of risk being hedged, and how the Bank will assess the effectiveness of the hedging relationship. Subsequently, the hedge is required to be assessed and determined to be an effective hedge on an ongoing basis.

In relation to fair value hedges, which meet the criteria for hedge accounting, any gain or loss from remeasuring the hedging instruments to fair value is recognized immediately in the statement of income. The related portion of the hedged item is adjusted against the carrying amount of the hedged item and is recognized in the statement of income. Where the fair value hedge of a commission bearing financial instrument ceases to meet the criteria for hedge accounting, the adjustment in the carrying value is amortized to the statement of income over the remaining life of the instrument.

In relation to cash flow hedges which meet the criteria for hedge accounting, the portion of the gain or loss on the hedging instrument that is determined to be an effective hedge is recognized initially in other reserves under shareholders' equity. The ineffective portion, if any, is recognized in the statement of income. For cash flow hedges affecting future transactions, the gains or losses recognized in other reserves, are transferred to the statement of income in the same period in which the hedged transaction affects the statement of income. Where the hedged forecasted transaction or firm commitment results in the recognition of an asset or a liability, then at the time that the asset or liability is recognized, the associated gains or losses that had previously been recognized in other reserves are included in the initial measurement of the acquisition cost or other carrying amount of the asset or liability. For all other cash flow hedges, gains or losses recognized initially in other reserves are transferred to the statement of income in the period in which the hedged transaction impacts the statement of income.

Hedge accounting is discontinued when the hedging instrument is expired or sold, terminated or exercised, or no longer qualifies for hedge accounting. At that point of time, any cumulative gain or loss on the cash flow hedging instrument that was recognized in other reserves, is retained in shareholders' equity until the forecasted transaction occurs. Where the hedged forecasted transaction is no longer expected to occur, the net cumulative gain or loss recognized in other reserves is transferred to the statement of income for the period.

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(SAUDI RIYALS IN THOUSANDS)

d) Foreign Currencies

The financial statements are denominated in Saudi Riyals. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into Saudi Riyals at exchange rates prevailing at transaction dates. Monetary assets and liabilities at the year end, denominated in foreign currencies, are translated into Saudi Riyals at the exchange rates prevailing at the balance sheet date.

Realized and unrealized gains or losses on exchange are credited or charged to operating income.

e) Offsetting

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and reported net in the balance sheet when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognized amounts or when the Bank intends to settle on a net basis, or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

f) Revenue recognition

Special commission income and expense are recognized in the income statement on the accrual basis and include premiums amortized and discounts accreted. Fees and exchange income from banking services are recognized when contractually earned. Dividend income is recognized when declared.

g) Sale and repurchase agreements

Assets sold with a simultaneous commitment to repurchase at a specified future date (repos) continue to be recognized in the balance sheet and are measured in accordance with related accounting policies for trading, originated debt securities, available for sale and held to maturity investments. The counterparty liability for amounts received under these agreements is included in due to banks and other financial institutions or customers' deposits, as appropriate. The difference between the sale and the repurchase prices is treated as special commission expense and is accrued over the life of the repo agreement. Amounts paid under reverse repo agreements are included in cash and balances with SAMA, due from banks and other financial institutions or loans and advances, as appropriate. The difference between the purchase and the resale prices is treated as special commission income and is accrued over the life of the reverse repo agreement. Assets purchased with a corresponding commitment to resell at a specified future date i.e. reverse repos, are not recognized in the balance sheet, as the Bank does not obtain control over the assets.

h) Investments

All investment securities are initially recognized at cost, being the fair value of the consideration given including acquisition charges associated with the investment. Premiums are amortized and discounts are accreted using the effective yield method and are taken to special commission income.

For securities that are traded in organized financial markets, fair value is determined by reference to exchange quoted mid market prices at the close of business on the balance sheet date.

For securities where there is no quoted market price, a reasonable estimate of the fair value is determined by reference to the current market value of another instrument which is substantially the same, or is based on the expected cash flows or the underlying net asset base of the security.

i) Trading securities

Securities, which are held for trading, are subsequently measured at fair value and any gain or loss arising from a change in fair value is included in the statement of income in the period in which it arises.

ii) Available for sale

Investments which are classified as "available for sale" are subsequently measured at fair value. For available for sale investments where fair value has not been hedged, any gain or loss arising from a change in their fair value is recognized directly in other reserves under shareholders' equity until the investments are derecognized or impaired, at which time cumulative gain or loss previously recognized in shareholders' equity is included in the statement of income for the period.

Available for sale investments where fair value cannot be reliably measured are carried at amortized cost.

iii) Originated debt securities

Securities, which are purchased directly from the issuer other than those purchased with the intent to be sold immediately or in the short term are classified as originated debt securities. Originated debt securities where fair value has not been hedged are stated at amortized cost, less provision for impairment. Any gain or loss is recognized in the statement of income when the investment is derecognized or impaired.

iv) Held to maturity

Investments which have fixed or determinable payments which are intended to be held to maturity; are subsequently measured at amortized cost, less provision for impairment in value. Amortized cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition. Any gain or loss on such investments is recognized in the statement of income when the investment is derecognized or impaired.

i) Loans and advances

All loans and advances are initially measured at cost.

Loans and advances, which are held for trading, are subsequently measured at fair value and gains or losses arising from changes in fair value are included in the statement of income in the period in which they arise.

Loans and advances originated by the Bank for which fair value has not been hedged and acquired loans that are to be held to maturity are stated at cost less any amount written off and provisions for impairment.

Loans and advances, which are not part of a hedging relationship and are available for sale, are subsequently measured at fair value and gains or losses arising from changes in fair value are recognized directly in other reserves under shareholders' equity until the loans or advances are de-recognized or impaired, at which time the cumulative gain or loss previously recognized in shareholders' equity is included in the statement of income for the period.

A loan is classified as impaired when, in management's opinion, there has been a deterioration in credit quality to the extent that there is no longer reasonable assurance of the timely collection of the full amount of principal and special commission.

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(SAUDI RIYALS IN THOUSANDS)

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Provisions for possible credit losses are based upon the management's assessment of the adequacy of the provisions on a periodic basis. The assessment takes into account the composition and volume of the loans and advances, the general economic conditions and the collectibility of the outstanding loans and advances.

For presentation purposes, provision for possible credit losses is deducted from loans and advances to customers.

j) Impairment of financial assets

An assessment is made at each balance sheet date to determine whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or a group of financial assets may be impaired. If such evidence exists, the estimated recoverable amount of that asset is determined and any impairment loss, based on the net present value of future anticipated cash flows, is recognised for changes in its carrying amounts as follows:

For financial assets at amortized cost - the carrying amount of the asset is adjusted either directly or through the use of an allowance account and the amount of the adjustment is included in the statement of income; and

For financial assets at fair value - where a loss has been recognized directly under shareholders' equity as a result of the write-down of the asset to recoverable amount, the cumulative net loss recognized in shareholders' equity is transferred to the statement of income.

Once a financial asset has been written down to its estimated recoverable amount, commission income is thereafter recognized based on the rate of commission that was used to discount the future cash flows for the purpose of measuring the recoverable amount.

Specific provisions are evaluated individually for all different types of loans and advances, whereas additional provisions are evaluated on a group basis.

In addition to specific provisions for impaired loans and advances, an additional provision is created for probable losses where there is objective evidence that potential losses are present at the balance sheet date. These are estimated based upon credit ratings allocated to the borrower or group of borrowers, the current economic climate in which the borrowers operate as well as the experience and the historical default patterns that are embedded in the components of the credit portfolio.

Financial assets are written off only in circumstances where effectively all possible means of recovery have been exhausted.

k) Other real estate

The Bank, in the ordinary course of business, acquires certain real estate against settlement of due loans and advances. Such real estate is stated at the lower of net realizable value of due loans and advances or the current fair value of the related properties.

Properties are revalued on a periodic basis and unrealized losses on revaluation and losses or gains on disposal are charged or credited to operating expenses or operating income, as appropriate.

l) Fixed assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost net of accumulated depreciation and amortization. Freehold land is not depreciated. The cost of other fixed assets is depreciated and amortized using the straightline method over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

Buildings	33 years
Leasehold improvements	Over lease period or 10 years, whichever is shorter
Furniture, equipment and vehicles	2.5 to 5 years

m) Deposits and money market placements

All money market deposits, placements and customer deposits are initially recognized at cost, being the fair value of the consideration received. Subsequently all commission bearing deposits and money market placements, other than those held for trading or where fair values have been hedged, are measured at amortized cost. Amortized cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on settlement. Premiums and discounts are amortized on a systematic basis to maturity and are taken to special commission income or expense.

Deposits and money market placements, which are held for trading, are subsequently measured at fair value and any gain or loss from a change in fair value is included in the statement of income in the period in which it arises. Deposits and money market placements for which there is an associated fair value relationship are adjusted for fair value to the extent hedged and the resultant gain or loss is recognized in the statement of income.

For deposits and money market placements carried at amortized cost, any gain or loss is recognized in the statement of income when derecognized or impaired.

n) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents are defined as those amounts included in cash, balances with SAMA, excluding statutory deposits, and due from banks and other financial institutions maturing within ninety days.

3. CASH AND BALANCES WITH SAMA

	2002	2001
Cash in hand	427,078	324,014
Statutory deposit	1,070,925	1,052,061
Reverse Repo	1,626,932	519,968
Other balances	9,502	3,079
Total	3,134,437	1,899,122

In accordance with the Banking Control Law and regulations issued by SAMA, the Bank is required to maintain a statutory deposit with SAMA at stipulated percentages of its demand, time and other deposits, calculated at the end of each month.

4. DUE FROM BANKS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

	2002	2001
Current accounts	229,044	186,608
Money market placements	4,157,908	2,628,390
Total	4,386,952	2,814,998

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(SAUDI RIYALS IN THOUSANDS)

5. INVESTMENTS, NET

	Domestic		International		Total	
	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001
a) Available for sale						
Fixed rate securities	747,619	883,759	1,681,857	1,882,642	2,429,476	2,766,401
Floating rate notes	-	-	356,654	535,539	356,654	535,539
Equities	728	11,525	282	1,252	1,010	12,777
Other	71,496	82,099	334,165	235,380	405,661	317,479
Available for sale investments, net	819,843	977,383	2,372,958	2,654,813	3,192,801	3,632,196
b) Originated debt securities						
Fixed rate securities	9,619,410	8,646,016	639,098	470,260	10,258,508	9,116,276
Floating rate notes	2,400,000	3,200,000	616,876	356,272	3,016,876	3,556,272
Originated debt securities, net	12,019,410	11,846,016	1,255,974	826,532	13,275,384	12,672,548
c) Held to maturity						
Fixed rate securities	2,597,082	2,821,407	-	-	2,597,082	2,821,407
Floating rate notes	-	125,000	-	-	-	125,000
Held to maturity investments, net	2,597,082	2,946,407	-	-	2,597,082	2,946,407
Investments, net	15,436,335	15,769,806	3,628,932	3,481,345	19,065,267	19,251,151

d) The analyses of the composition of investment securities are as follows:

	2002			2001		
	Quoted	Unquoted	Total	Quoted	Unquoted	Total
Fixed rate securities	2,320,955	12,964,111	15,285,066	2,132,509	12,571,575	14,704,084
Floating rate notes	222,792	3,150,738	3,373,530	464,655	3,752,156	4,216,811
Equities	-	1,010	1,010	11,011	1,766	12,777
Other	-	405,661	405,661	-	317,479	317,479
Investments, net	2,543,747	16,521,520	19,065,267	2,608,175	16,642,976	19,251,151

Unquoted fixed and floating rate investments are mainly Saudi Government Development Bonds.

e) The analyses of unrealized gains and losses and fair values of originated debt securities net of hedging and held to maturity investments are as follows:

	2002				2001			
	Carrying value	Gross unrealized gain	Gross unrealized loss	Fair value	Carrying value	Gross unrealized gain	Gross unrealized loss	Fair value
<u>Originated debt securities</u>								
Fixed rate securities	10,258,508	453,338	9,367	10,702,479	9,116,276	200,727	77,211	9,239,792
Floating rate notes	3,016,876	4,529	-	3,021,405	3,556,272	4,354	436	3,560,190
Total	13,275,384	457,867	9,367	13,723,884	12,672,548	205,081	77,647	12,799,982
<u>Held to maturity</u>								
Fixed rate securities	2,597,082	154,046	-	2,751,128	2,821,407	98,653	-	2,920,060
Floating rate notes	-	-	-	-	125,000	29	-	125,029
Total	2,597,082	154,046	-	2,751,128	2,946,407	98,682	-	3,045,089

f) The analysis of investments by counter-party is as follows:

	2002	2001
Government and quasi Government	16,407,600	16,820,403
Corporate	213,292	68,023
Banks and other financial institutions	2,371,868	2,277,892
Other	72,507	84,833
Total	19,065,267	19,251,151

Retained earnings as at December 31, 2002 includes SAR 21.2 million (2001: SAR 22.4 million) relating to available for sale investments due to the effect of the implementation of IAS39, which will be transferred to the statement of income upon realization.

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6. LOANS AND ADVANCES, NET

a) Originated loans and advances

These are comprised of the following:

	2002	2001
Performing:		
Overdrafts	1,282,425	1,211,094
Credit cards	77,435	69,300
Commercial loans	8,781,070	7,497,960
Consumer loans	4,002,326	3,375,459
Other	15,859	29,883
Performing loans and advances, gross	14,159,115	12,183,696
Non-performing loans and advances, net	1,172,686	1,213,611
	15,331,801	13,397,307
Provision for possible credit losses	(1,157,967)	(954,367)
Originated loans and advances, net	14,173,834	12,442,940

b) Held to maturity loans and advances

Performing commercial loans	1,841,875	1,423,974
Loans and advances, net	16,015,709	13,866,914

Non-performing loans and advances are disclosed net of accumulated commission in suspense of SAR 593.6 million (2001: SAR 495.9 million).

c) Movements in provision for possible credit losses are as follows:

	2002	2001
Balance at beginning of the year	954,367	911,411
Effect of the implementation of IAS 39 at January 1, 2001	-	16,062
Provided during the year	221,631	302,526
Bad debts written off	(18,031)	(275,632)
Balance at end of the year	1,157,967	954,367

Recoveries of loans and advances previously written off are included in other operating income (note 22).

d) Economic sector risk concentrations for the loans and advances is as follows:

	2002		2001	
	Performing, gross	Non performing, net	Performing, gross	Non performing, net
1. Government and quasi Government	892,841	-	824,842	-
2. Banks and financial institutions	2,254,973	13,494	1,595,530	13,763
3. Agriculture & fishing	174,087	24,098	126,164	25,766
4. Manufacturing	3,266,519	185,654	2,870,785	168,126
5. Mining & quarrying	114,003	-	3,000	-
6. Elec., water, gas & health services	702,881	-	747,119	211
7. Building and construction	1,063,449	300,300	898,110	289,770
8. Commerce	1,741,617	276,525	1,701,629	359,771
9. Transportation & communication	333,427	1,534	224,290	1,534
10. Services	241,585	26,227	324,373	27,117
11. Consumer loans and credit cards	4,079,761	98,893	3,444,759	88,598
12. Other	1,135,847	245,961	847,069	238,955
Total	16,000,990	1,172,686	13,607,670	1,213,611

7. FIXED ASSETS, NET

	Land & buildings	Leasehold improvements	Furniture equipment & vehicles	Total
Cost				
Balance at the beginning of the year 2002	259,378	120,110	357,269	736,757
Additions	20,554	15,435	47,189	83,178
Disposals	-	(24)	(23,403)	(23,427)
Balance at end of the year 2002	279,932	135,521	381,055	796,508
Accumulated depreciation				
Balance at the beginning of the year 2002	119,201	72,688	265,105	456,994
Charge for the year	4,590	16,699	42,617	63,906
Disposals	-	-	(23,367)	(23,367)
Balance at end of the year 2002	123,791	89,387	284,355	497,533
Net book value				
As at December 31, 2002	156,141	46,134	96,700	298,975
As at December 31, 2001	140,177	47,422	92,164	279,763

Furniture equipment and vehicles include information technology related assets.

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8. OTHER ASSETS

	2002	2001
Accrued commission income - banks and other financial institutions	1,002	8,421
Accrued commission income - investments	340,219	374,939
Accrued commission income - loans and advances	42,000	43,945
Accrued commission income - derivatives	126,131	112,836
Accrued commission income - other	3,864	701
Positive fair value of derivatives (Note 9)	416,730	256,097
Other	324,523	305,832
Total	1,254,469	1,102,771

9. DERIVATIVES

In the ordinary course of business, the Bank utilizes the following derivative financial instruments for both trading and hedging purposes:

Swaps are commitments to exchange one set of cash flows for another. For commission rate swaps, counterparties generally exchange fixed and floating rate commission payments in a single currency without exchanging principal. For currency swaps, fixed commission payments and principal are exchanged in different currencies.

Forwards and futures are contractual agreements to either buy or sell a specified currency, commodity or financial instrument at a specified price and date in the future. Forwards are customized contracts transacted in the over-the-counter market. Foreign currency and commission rate futures are transacted in standardized amounts on regulated exchanges, and changes in futures contract values are settled daily.

Forward rate agreements are individually negotiated commission rate futures that call for a cash settlement for the difference between a contracted commission rate and the market rate on a specified future date, on a notional principal for an agreed period of time.

Options are contractual agreements under which the seller (writer) grants the purchaser (holder) the right, but not the obligation, to either buy or sell at a fixed future date or at any time during a specified period, a specified amount of a currency, commodity or financial instrument at a pre-determined price.

Derivatives held for trading purposes

Most of the Bank's derivative trading activities relate to sales, positioning and arbitrage. Sales activities involve offering products to customers in order, inter alia, to enable them to transfer, modify or reduce current and future risks. Positioning involves managing market risk positions with the expectation of profiting from favorable movements in prices, rates or indices. Arbitrage involves identifying, with the expectation of profiting from price differentials between markets or products.

Derivatives held for hedging purposes

The Bank has adopted a comprehensive system for the measurement and management of risk. Part of the risk management process involves managing the Bank's exposure to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates to reduce its exposure to currency and commission rate risks to acceptable levels as determined by the Board of Directors within the guidelines issued by SAMA.

The Board of Directors has established levels of currency risk by setting limits on counterparty and currency position exposures. Positions are monitored on a daily basis and hedging strategies are used to ensure positions are maintained within the established limits. The Board of Directors has established level of commission rate risk by setting limits on commission rate gaps for stipulated periods. Asset and liability commission rate gaps are reviewed on a periodic basis and hedging strategies are used to reduce commission rate gap within the established limits.

As part of its asset and liability management, the Bank uses derivatives for hedging purposes in order to adjust its own exposure to currency and commission rate risks. This is generally achieved by hedging specific transactions as well as strategic hedging against overall balance sheet exposures. Strategic hedging does not qualify for special hedge accounting and the related derivatives are accounted for as held for trading.

The Bank uses forward foreign exchange contracts and currency swaps to hedge against specifically identified currency risks. In addition, the Bank uses commission rate swaps and commission rate futures to hedge against the commission rate risk arising from specifically identified fixed commission rate exposures. The Bank also uses commission rate swaps to hedge against the cash flow risk arising on certain floating rate exposures. In all such cases, the hedging relationship and objective, including details of the hedged items and hedging instrument are formally documented and the transactions are accounted for as fair value or cash flow hedges.

The tables below show the positive and negative fair values of derivative financial instruments, together with the notional amounts, analyzed by term to maturity and monthly average. The notional amounts, which provide an indication of the volumes of the transactions outstanding at the year end, do not necessarily reflect the amounts of future cash flows involved. These notional amounts, therefore, are neither indicative of the Bank's exposure to credit risk, which is generally limited to the positive fair value of the derivatives, or market risk.

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2002		Notional amounts by term to maturity						
	Positive fair value	Negative fair value	Notional amount Total	Within 3 months	3-12 months	1-5 years	Over 5 years	Monthly average
Derivatives held for trading:								
Commission rate swaps	76,285	77,593	4,448,750	793,750	1,978,000	1,677,000	-	4,207,842
Forward rate agreements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100,900
Forward foreign exchange contracts	203,261	116,963	11,711,108	7,962,127	3,748,981	-	-	14,952,559
Currency options	86,732	84,438	5,942,683	3,360,672	2,582,011	-	-	7,954,217
Other	21	150	77,787	-	75,000	2,787	-	31,765
Derivatives held as fair value hedges:								
Commission rates swaps	8,670	121,660	5,983,315	933,920	3,830,500	920,399	298,496	6,505,484
Derivatives held as cash flow hedges:								
Commission rate swaps	41,761	-	752,500	-	-	752,500	-	619,167
Total	416,730	400,804	28,916,143	13,050,469	12,214,492	3,352,686	298,496	34,371,934

2001		Notional amounts by term to maturity						
	Positive fair value	Negative fair value	Notional amount Total	Within 3 months	3-12 months	1-5 years	Over 5 years	Monthly average
Derivatives held for trading:								
Commission rate swaps	67,260	60,267	3,148,750	1,200,750	18,750	1,929,250	-	6,636,928
Forward foreign exchange contracts	124,400	46,185	14,329,790	8,384,433	5,945,357	-	-	12,843,080
Currency options	51,648	51,648	6,233,704	3,845,340	2,388,364	-	-	5,556,449
Derivatives held as fair value hedges:								
Commission rates swaps	12,789	80,828	6,599,936	1,600,000	3,685,000	1,078,697	236,239	4,851,250
Derivatives held as cash flow hedges:								
Commission rate swaps	-	-	352,500	-	-	352,500	-	29,375
Total	256,097	238,928	30,664,680	15,030,523	12,037,471	3,360,447	236,239	29,917,082

The tables below shows a summary of hedged items, the nature of the risk being hedged, the hedging instrument and its fair value.

2002						
Description of hedged items	Fair value	Cost	Risk	Hedging instrument	Positive fair value	Negative fair value
Fixed commission rate investments	1,398,435	1,298,033	Fair value	Commission rate swap	-	119,817
Fixed commission rate loans	1,347,181	1,347,167	Fair value	Commission rate swap	963	977
Fixed commission rate deposits	2,629,841	2,623,000	Fair value	Commission rate swap	7,707	866
Floating commission rate investments	755,356	752,500	Cash flow	Commission rate swap	41,761	-

2001						
Description of hedged items	Fair value	Cost	Risk	Hedging instrument	Positive fair value	Negative fair value
Fixed commission rate investments	4,966,258	4,855,008	Fair value	Commission rate swap	2,114	73,613
Fixed commission rate loans	644,678	637,500	Fair value	Commission rate swap	36	7,215
Fixed commission rate deposits	1,138,139	1,127,500	Fair value	Commission rate swap	10,639	-
Floating commission rate investments	352,500	352,500	Cash flow	Commission rate swap	-	-

Approximately 59.6% (2001: 54.6%) of the positive fair value of the Bank's derivatives are entered into with financial institutions and less than 10.2% (2001: 13.7%) of the total of the positive fair value contracts are with any individual counterparty at the balance sheet date.

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10. DUE TO BANKS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

	2002	2001
Current accounts	244,727	100,399
Money market deposits	9,796,002	8,037,908
Total	10,040,729	8,138,307

11. CUSTOMER DEPOSITS

	2002	2001
Demand	12,428,444	10,485,769
Saving	144,418	142,736
Time	14,440,244	14,237,438
Other	1,153,201	1,281,876
Total	28,166,307	26,147,819

Time deposits include deposits against sales of fixed rate bonds of SAR 4,292 million (2001: SAR 3,381 million) with agreement to repurchase the same at fixed future dates. Other customer deposits includes SAR 884 million (2001: SAR 969 million) of margins held for customer commitments.

The above include foreign currency deposits, principally in US Dollar, as follows:

	2002	2001
Demand	774,300	507,274
Saving	8,814	7,736
Time	4,568,757	4,753,475
Other	318,042	293,722
Total	5,669,913	5,562,207

12. OTHER LIABILITIES

	2002	2001
Accrued commission expense – banks and other financial institutions	39,115	31,460
Accrued commission expense – customer deposits	115,814	124,681
Accrued commission expense – derivatives	114,447	188,890
Accrued commission expense – other	3,716	9,986
Negative fair value of derivatives (Note 9)	400,804	238,928
Proposed gross dividend	449,420	342,522
Subscriptions received in STC IPO	277,930	-
Other	1,142,120	880,622
Total	2,543,366	1,817,089

13. SHARE CAPITAL

The authorized, issued and fully paid share capital of the Bank consists of 36 million shares of SAR 50 each (2001: 30 million). The ownership of the Banks share capital is as follows:

	2002	2001
Saudi shareholders	60%	60%
Arab Bank PLC	40%	40%

A bonus share issue of 6 million shares of SAR 50 each was issued for the year ended December 31, 2001, during 2002, after approval in the Extraordinary General Assembly Meeting held on March 17, 2002.

14. STATUTORY RESERVES

In accordance with Saudi Arabian Banking Control Regulations and the Articles of Association of the Bank, a minimum of 25% of the annual net income is required to be transferred to a statutory reserve until this reserve equals the paid up capital of the Bank. Accordingly, SAR 150 million has been transferred from 2002 net income (2001: SAR Nil). The statutory reserve is not currently available for distribution.

15. OTHER RESERVES

	Cash flow hedges	Available for sale Investments	Total
2002			
Balance at beginning of the year	-	43,665	43,665
Net change in fair value	41,761	5,824	47,585
Transfer to statement of income	-	1,304	1,304
Net movement during the year	41,761	7,128	48,889
Balance at end of the year	41,761	50,793	92,554

2001

Balance at beginning of the year	-	-	-
Net change in fair value	-	43,976	43,976
Transfer to statement of income	-	(311)	(311)
Net movement during the year	-	43,665	43,665
Balance at end of the year	-	43,665	43,665

16. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

a) Legal proceedings

As at December 31, 2002 there were 17 (2001: 13) legal proceedings outstanding against the Bank. No material provision has been made as professional advice indicates that it is unlikely that any significant loss will arise.

b) Credit related commitments and contingencies

The primary purpose of these instruments is to ensure that funds are available to a customer as required. Guarantee and standby letters of credit, which represent irrecoverable assurances that the Bank will make payments in the event that a customer cannot meet their obligations to third parties, carry the same credit risk as loans and advances. Documentary letters of credit which are written undertakings by the Bank on behalf of a customer authorizing a third party to draw drafts on the Bank up to a stipulated amount under specific terms and conditions, are generally collateralized by the underlying shipments of goods to which they relate and therefore have significantly less risk. Cash requirements under guarantees and standby letters of credit are considerably less than the amount of the related commitment because the Bank does not generally expect the third party to draw funds under the agreement.

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16. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (CONTINUED)

b) Credit related commitments and contingencies

Acceptances comprise undertakings by the Bank to pay bills of exchange drawn on customers. The Bank expects most acceptances to be presented before being reimbursed by the customers.

Commitments to extend credit represent the unused portion of authorizations to extend credit, principally in the form of loans and advances, guarantees and letters of credit. With respect to credit risk on commitments to extend credit, the Bank is potentially exposed to a loss in an amount equal to the total unused commitments. However, the likely amount of loss, which cannot readily be quantified, is expected to be considerably less than the total unused commitment as most commitments to extend credit are contingent upon customers maintaining specific credit standards. The total outstanding commitments to extend credit do not necessarily represent future cash requirements, as many of the commitments could expire or terminate without being funded.

i) The maturity structure for the Bank's commitments and contingencies are as follows:

	2002				
	Within 3 months	3-12 months	1-5 years	Over 5 years	Total
Letters of credit	764,512	245,535	112,611	-	1,122,658
Letters of guarantee	1,419,998	1,263,239	671,643	51,764	3,406,644
Acceptances	298,096	90,748	10,946	-	399,790
Firm commitments to extend credit	1,367,313	1,185,864	277,867	-	2,831,044
Other	-	112,133	-	586,283	698,416
Total	3,849,919	2,897,519	1,073,067	638,047	8,458,552

	2001				
	Within 3 months	3-12 months	1-5 years	Over 5 years	Total
Letters of credit	996,051	264,595	68,150	67,291	1,396,087
Letters of guarantee	1,476,663	1,104,509	541,408	15,198	3,137,778
Acceptances	297,606	152,868	4,487	-	454,961
Firm commitments to extend credit	213,318	1,402,557	24,917	-	1,640,792
Other	-	-	112,133	1,163,084	1,275,217
Total	2,983,638	2,924,529	751,095	1,245,573	7,904,835

The unused portion of non-firm commitments which can be revoked at any time, outstanding as at December 31, 2002 is SAR 2,134 million (2001: SAR 2,973 million).

ii) The analysis of commitments and contingencies by counter-party is as follows:

	2002	2001
Government and quasi Government	298,777	282,688
Corporate	6,007,929	4,573,258
Banks and other financial institutions	768,721	1,249,047
Other	1,383,125	1,799,842
Total	8,458,552	7,904,835

c) Operating lease commitments: The future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases where the Bank is the lessee are as follows:

	2002	2001
Less than 1 year	27,213	25,118
1 to 5 years	48,228	42,209
Over 5 years	4,204	1,263
Total	79,645	68,590

17. NET SPECIAL COMMISSION INCOME

	2002	2001
Special commission income		
Available for sale investments	96,137	121,473
Originated debt securities	637,619	639,837
Held to maturity investments	148,086	208,012
Investments	881,842	969,322
Bank placements	69,435	148,406
Loans and advances	1,002,474	1,090,406
Other	272	238
Total	1,954,023	2,208,372

Special commission expense		
Bank deposits	186,935	288,260
Customer deposits	343,887	646,006
Other	291	388
Total	531,113	934,654

18. FEES FROM BANKING SERVICES, NET

	2002	2001
Fee income	276,754	259,205
Fee expenses	105,240	82,078
Net fee income	171,514	177,127

19. TRADING (LOSS) INCOME

	2002	2001
Derivatives	(442)	4,703
Total	(442)	4,703

20. DIVIDEND INCOME

	2002	2001
Available for sale investments	18	1,067
Total	18	1,067

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21. GAINS ON INVESTMENTS, NET

	2002	2001
Available for sale investments	14,312	983
Originated debt securities	21,708	3,581
Total	36,020	4,564

22. OTHER OPERATING INCOME

	2002	2001
Gains on disposal of fixed assets	944	480
Gains on disposal of other real estate	898	-
Recoveries of loans and advances previously written off	5,962	5,459
Other	3,172	1,832
Total	10,976	7,771

23. OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE

	2002	2001
Loss on disposal of other real estate	235	139
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	56	33
Unrealized revaluation loss on other real estate	100,568	-
Total	100,859	172

Based on related market developments, the estimated value of a certain collateral obtained in prior years by the Bank in settlement of an impaired credit facility was written down by SAR 100 million and was accounted for in the fourth quarter of 2002.

24. EARNINGS PER SHARE

Earnings per share are calculated by dividing the net income for the year by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year. A 1 for 5 bonus share issue was approved in the Extraordinary General Assembly Meeting held on March 17, 2002. The calculation of earnings per share for 2001 has been adjusted retroactively to give effect to the issuance of bonus shares in 2002.

25. PROPOSED GROSS DIVIDEND, ZAKAT AND INCOME TAX

a) Proposed gross dividend

The proposed gross dividend for the year 2002 is SAR 449.4 million (2001: SAR 342.5 million) included in other liabilities.

b) Zakat

The Zakat attributable to Saudi shareholders for the year amounted to SAR 10.4 million (2001: SAR 7.5 million) which will be deducted from their share of dividend, resulting in a net dividend to Saudi shareholders of SAR 12 per share (2001: SAR 11 per share equivalent to SAR 9.2 per share as restated for bonus shares issued during 2002).

c) Income tax

Under the provisions of the Ministry of Finance and National Economy Decree No. 3/918 dated 20/5/1412H (November 26, 1991) as subsequently amended by Decree No. 3/1399 dated 27/5/1413H (November 23, 1992), income tax payable in respect of the liability on the non Saudi shareholder's current year's share of income is SAR 83.4 million (2001: SAR 60 million) restricted to 75% of their share of cash dividend for the year. Any income tax liability in excess of 75% of the share of dividend will be carried forward and settled in the future in accordance with the applicable limit. The share of dividend of Arab Bank PLC will be paid after deducting the related taxes due as described above.

26. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents included in the statement of cash flow comprise the following:

	2002	2001
Cash and balances with SAMA excluding statutory deposit (note 3)	2,063,512	847,061
Due from banks maturing within ninety days	4,136,952	2,814,998
Total	6,200,464	3,662,059

27. BUSINESS SEGMENTS

For management purposes, the Bank is organized into three major business segments:

Retail Banking

Deposit, credit and investment product for individuals.

Corporate Banking

Loans, deposits and other credit products for corporate and institutional customers, small to medium sized business and London branch.

Treasury Banking

Manages the Bank's trading and investment portfolios and the Bank's liquidity, currency and commission rate risk.

Transactions between the business segments are reported as recorded in the Bank's transfer pricing system. Segment assets and liabilities comprise operating assets and liabilities, being the majority of the balance.

The Bank's primary business is conducted in Saudi Arabia with one international branch. However, the total assets, liabilities, commitments and results of operations of this branch are not material to the Bank's overall financial statements.

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27. BUSINESS SEGMENTS (CONTINUED)

a) The Bank's total assets and liabilities as at December 31, 2002 and 2001, its total operating income and expenses, and its net income for years then ended, by business segment, are as follows:

	2002			
	Retail banking	Corporate banking	Treasury banking	Total
Total assets	5,335,495	12,757,739	26,205,470	44,298,704
Total liabilities	15,953,910	3,341,528	21,454,964	40,750,402
Total operating income	1,166,446	338,635	213,325	1,718,406
Total operating expenses	780,696	313,178	40,504	1,134,378
Net income	385,750	25,457	172,821	584,028

	2001			
	Retail banking	Corporate banking	Treasury banking	Total
Total assets	4,704,846	11,746,625	23,017,853	39,469,324
Total liabilities	14,419,795	2,979,943	18,703,477	36,103,215
Total operating income	1,073,989	323,099	133,950	1,531,038
Total operating expenses	712,719	298,862	33,303	1,044,884
Net income	361,270	24,237	100,647	486,154

b) The Bank's credit exposure for balance sheet assets and credit equivalent exposure under commitments, contingencies and derivatives, calculated on the basis of SAMAs related methodology for regulatory reporting, are as follows:

	2002			
	Retail banking	Corporate banking	Treasury banking	Total
Balance sheet assets	5,033,899	12,353,454	25,215,012	42,602,365
Commitments and contingencies	648,557	3,345,904	97,913	4,092,374
Derivatives	-	20,759	680,120	700,879

28. CREDIT RISK

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation and will cause the other party to incur a financial loss. The Bank attempts to control credit risk by monitoring credit exposures, limiting transactions with specific counterparties, and continually assessing the creditworthiness of counterparties. In addition to monitoring credit limits, the Bank manages the credit exposure relating to its trading activities by entering into master netting agreements and collateral arrangements with counterparties in appropriate circumstances, and by limiting the duration of exposure. In certain cases the Bank may also close out transactions or assign them to other counterparties to mitigate credit risk.

Concentrations of credit risk arise when a number of counterparties are engaged in similar business activities, or activities in the same geographic region, or have similar economic features that would cause their ability to meet contractual obligations to be similarly affected by changes in economic, political or other conditions. Concentrations of credit risk indicate the relative sensitivity of the bank's performance to developments affecting a particular industry or geographical location.

The Bank seeks to manage its credit risk exposure through the diversification of lending activities to ensure that there is no undue concentration of risks with individuals or groups of customers in specific locations or business. It also takes security when appropriate.

The debt instruments included in investment portfolio are mainly sovereign risk. Analysis of investments by counter-party is provided in note 5f. For details of the composition of the loans and advances refer to note 6. Information on credit risk relating to derivative instruments is provided in note 9 and for commitments and contingencies in note 16.

The Bank uses an internal risk classification system and assigns quality ratings based upon the degree of risk and the likelihood of orderly repayment. The evaluation of credit is conducted periodically by an independent credit review unit, and is based upon the fundamentals of each credit, which includes an objective evaluation of a borrower, character, activity, cash flow, capital structure, security, quality of management, and delinquency. A satisfactory classification is given to all credits that exhibit neither potential nor any well-defined weaknesses and are subject to general provision allocation. Watch-list classification includes credits that have experienced recent potential weaknesses and where the bank's risk is perceived to be currently protected but potentially weak. Provisions for watch-list credits are made based on a judgment of the likelihood of deterioration of the repayment prospect. Classified credits are credits that exhibit weaknesses and are classified into three risk categories; substandard, doubtful and loss. Provisions on classified credits are made on an aging basis based on days past due within three time buckets; 90, 180 and 360 days. Minimum specific provisions are applicable to each bucket. Special commission income on all loan facilities, regardless of risk class, is suspended at 90 days past due, and loans are classified as non-performing without regard to collateral, obligors' capacity or likelihood of ultimate collection.

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29. GEOGRAPHICAL CONCENTRATION OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES AND CREDIT EXPOSURE

a) The distributions by geographical region for major categories of assets, liabilities, commitments and contingencies and credit exposure are as follows:

2002

	Saudi Arabia	Other GCC & Middle East	Europe	North America	Latin America	South East Asia	Other Countries	Total
Assets								
Cash and balances with SAMA	3,131,909	-	1,745	783	-	-	-	3,134,437
Due from banks and other financial institutions	350,000	958,930	2,079,082	932,049	-	20,007	46,884	4,386,952
Investments, net	15,435,943	245,333	804,717	2,579,274	-	-	-	19,065,267
Loans and advances, net	13,181,071	1,617,972	1,179,019	-	-	-	37,647	16,015,709
Total	32,098,923	2,822,235	4,064,563	3,512,106	-	20,007	84,531	42,602,365
Liabilities								
Due to banks and other financial institutions	3,340,250	4,736,494	1,775,710	123,755	-	19,250	45,270	10,040,729
Customer deposits	27,877,782	26,838	59,089	755	-	554	201,289	28,166,307
Total	31,218,032	4,763,332	1,834,799	124,510	-	19,804	246,559	38,207,036
Commitments and Contingencies	6,319,004	587,648	822,685	223,842	16,782	263,172	225,419	8,458,552
Credit exposure *								
Commitments and contingencies	3,123,790	249,037	394,933	106,994	3,769	109,226	104,625	4,092,374
Derivatives	262,470	51,979	352,304	31,444	-	2,554	128	700,879

2001

	Saudi Arabia	Other GCC & Middle East	Europe	North America	Latin America	South East Asia	Other Countries	Total
Assets								
Cash and balances with SAMA	1,897,143	-	1,581	398	-	-	-	1,899,122
Due from banks and other financial institutions	607,064	1,222,829	742,554	32,246	-	170,241	40,064	2,814,998
Investments, net	15,769,765	285,789	816,873	2,359,783	-	-	18,941	19,251,151
Loans and advances, net	11,616,780	1,212,641	1,005,745	26,998	-	496	4,254	13,866,914
Total	29,890,752	2,721,259	2,566,753	2,419,425	-	170,737	63,259	37,832,185
Liabilities								
Due to banks and other financial institutions	4,136,722	3,272,351	704,871	2,492	-	20,383	1,488	8,138,307
Customer deposits	25,949,109	52,314	26,629	991	-	2,246	116,530	26,147,819
Total	30,085,831	3,324,665	731,500	3,483	-	22,629	118,018	34,286,126
Commitments and Contingencies	4,448,825	552,512	1,873,134	239,386	14,805	473,842	302,331	7,904,835

* The credit exposures are calculated on the basis set out in note 27b.

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29. GEOGRAPHICAL CONCENTRATION OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES AND CREDIT EXPOSURE (CONTINUED)

Balances shown in due from and due to banks and other financial institutions under the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia include money market placements SAR Nil (2001: SAR 625 million) and money market deposits SAR 820 million (2001: SAR 1,047 million), respectively, on account of the foreign branches of local banks.

b) The distributions by geographical concentration of non-performing loans and advances and provision for possible credit losses are as follows:

	Non-performing loans, net		Provision for possible credit losses	
	2002	2001	2002	2001
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	1,172,610	1,213,611	1,157,891	954,367
Europe	76	-	76	-
Total	1,172,686	1,213,611	1,157,967	954,367

30. CURRENCY RISK

The Bank manages exposure to the effects of fluctuations in prevailing foreign currency exchange rates on its financial position and cash flows. The Board of Directors sets limits on the level of exposure by currency and in total for both overnight and intra-day positions, which are monitored daily. The Bank had the following significant net exposures denominated in foreign currencies:

	2002	2001
	Long (short)	Long (short)
US Dollar	316,540	(23,766)
Euro	594	47
Pound Sterling	(1,747)	(815)
Other	395	9,770

31. COMMISSION RATE RISK

Commission sensitivity of assets, liabilities and off balance sheet items

The Bank manages exposure to the effects of various risks associated with fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market commission rates on its financial position and cash flows. The table below summarizes the Bank's exposure to commission rate risks. Included in the table are the Bank's assets and liabilities at carrying amounts, categorized by the earlier of the contractual re-pricing or the maturity dates. The Bank is exposed to commission rate risk as a result of mismatches or gaps in the amounts of assets and liabilities and off balance sheet instruments that mature or re-price in a given period. The Bank manages this risk by matching the re-pricing of assets and liabilities through risk management strategies.

2002

	Within 3 months	3-12 months	1-5 years	Over 5 years	Non-commission bearing	Total	Effective commission rate %
Assets							
Cash and balances with SAMA	1,626,932	-	-	-	1,507,505	3,134,437	1.50
Due from banks and other financial institutions	3,907,909	250,000	-	-	229,043	4,386,952	1.43
Investments, net	3,317,182	1,849,368	9,326,622	4,070,625	501,470	19,065,267	5.11
Loans and advances, net	10,139,178	2,548,807	3,192,431	40,476	94,817	16,015,709	5.70
Other real estate	-	-	-	-	142,895	142,895	
Fixed assets, net	-	-	-	-	298,975	298,975	
Other assets	-	-	-	-	1,254,469	1,254,469	
Total assets	18,991,201	4,648,175	12,519,053	4,111,101	4,029,174	44,298,704	
Liabilities and shareholders' equity							
Due to banks and other financial institutions	7,986,079	1,809,924	-	-	244,726	10,040,729	2.07
Customer deposits	9,431,507	4,830,804	100,565	-	13,803,431	28,166,307	2.32
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	2,543,366	2,543,366	
Shareholders' equity	-	-	-	-	3,548,302	3,548,302	
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	17,417,586	6,640,728	100,565	-	20,139,825	44,298,704	
On balance sheet gap	1,573,615	(1,992,553)	12,418,488	4,111,101	(16,110,651)		
Off balance sheet gap	(520,885)	985,280	(165,899)	(298,496)	-		
Total commission rate sensitivity gap	1,052,730	(1,007,273)	12,252,589	3,812,605	(16,110,651)		
Cumulative commission rate sensitivity gap	1,052,730	45,457	12,298,046	16,110,651	-		

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31. COMMISSION RATE RISK (CONTINUED)

2001

	Within 3 months	3-12 months	1-5 years	Over 5 years	Non- commission bearing	Total	Effective commission rate %
Assets							
Cash and balances with SAMA	519,958	-	-	-	1,379,164	1,899,122	2.25
Due from banks and other financial institutions	2,595,961	26,818	-	-	192,219	2,814,998	1.90
Investments, net	5,219,123	4,994,757	6,149,207	2,415,000	473,064	19,251,151	5.59
Loans and advances, net	7,427,937	3,385,188	2,689,295	18,827	345,667	13,866,914	6.71
Other real estate	-	-	-	-	254,605	254,605	
Fixed assets, net	-	-	-	-	279,763	279,763	
Other assets	-	-	-	-	1,102,771	1,102,771	
Total assets	15,762,979	8,406,763	8,838,502	2,433,827	4,027,253	39,469,324	
Liabilities and shareholders' equity							
Due to banks and other financial institutions	6,380,884	1,657,010	-	-	100,413	8,138,307	2.61
Customer deposits	10,012,082	4,253,018	291,878	-	11,590,841	26,147,819	2.79
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	1,817,089	1,817,089	
Shareholders' equity	-	-	-	-	3,366,109	3,366,109	
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	16,392,966	5,910,028	291,878	-	16,874,452	39,469,324	
On balance sheet gap	{629,987}	2,496,735	8,546,624	2,433,827	{12,847,199}		
Off balance sheet gap	2,685,686	{1,752,500}	{696,947}	{236,239}	-		
Total commission rate sensitivity gap	2,055,699	744,235	7,849,677	2,197,588	{12,847,199}		
Cumulative commission rate sensitivity gap	2,055,699	2,799,934	10,649,611	12,847,199	-		

The off-balance sheet gap represents the net notional amounts of off-balance sheet financial instruments, which are used to manage the commission rate risk. The effective commission rate (effective yield) of a monetary financial instrument is the rate that, when used in a present value calculation, results in the carrying amount of the instrument. The rate is a historical rate for a fixed rate instrument carried at amortized cost and a current market rate for a floating rate instrument or an instrument carried at fair value.

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32. LIQUIDITY RISK

Liquidity risk is the risk that an institution will be unable to meet its net funding requirements. Liquidity risk can be caused by market disruptions or credit downgrades, which may cause certain sources of funding to dry up immediately. To mitigate this risk, management has diversified funding sources and assets are managed with liquidity in mind, maintaining a healthy balance of cash, cash equivalents, and readily marketable securities.

The table below summarizes the maturity profile of the Bank's assets and liabilities. The contractual maturities of assets and liabilities have been determined on the basis of the remaining period at the balance sheet date to the contractual maturity date and do not take account of the effective maturities as indicated by the Bank's deposit retention history and the availability of liquid funds. Management monitors the maturity profile to ensure that adequate liquidity is maintained.

In accordance with Banking Control Laws and the regulations issued by SAMA, the Bank maintains a statutory deposit with SAMA equal to 7% of total demand deposits and 2% of saving and time deposits. The Bank also maintains liquid reserves of no less than 20% of its deposit liabilities, in the form of cash, Saudi Government Development Bonds or assets which can be converted into cash within a period not exceeding 30 days.

The Bank may also raise additional funds through repo facilities available with SAMA against Saudi Government Development Bonds. The maturity profile of the assets and liabilities is as follows:

	Within 3 months	3-12 months	1-5 years	Over 5 years	No fixed maturity	Total
2002						
Assets						
Cash and balances with SAMA	1,626,932	-	-	-	1,507,505	3,134,437
Due from banks and other financial institutions	3,907,909	250,000	-	-	229,043	4,386,952
Investments, net	645,773	1,272,568	12,001,476	4,564,859	580,591	19,065,267
Loans and advances, net	4,577,018	2,355,128	6,575,125	1,025,885	1,482,553	16,015,709
Other real estate	-	-	-	-	142,895	142,895
Fixed assets, net	-	-	-	-	298,975	298,975
Other assets	-	-	-	-	1,254,469	1,254,469
Total assets	10,757,632	3,877,696	18,576,601	5,590,744	5,496,031	44,298,704
Liabilities and shareholders' equity						
Due to banks and other financial institutions	8,083,079	1,809,924	-	-	147,726	10,040,729
Customer deposits	9,343,317	4,813,649	100,565	60,371	13,848,405	28,166,307
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	2,543,366	2,543,366
Shareholders' equity	-	-	-	-	3,548,302	3,548,302
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	17,426,396	6,623,573	100,565	60,371	20,087,799	44,298,704
2001						
Assets						
Cash and balances with SAMA	519,958	-	-	-	1,379,164	1,899,122
Due from banks and other financial institutions	2,595,961	26,818	-	-	192,219	2,814,998
Investments, net	2,144,524	4,654,603	9,002,442	2,976,518	473,064	19,251,151
Loans and advances, net	3,975,665	1,959,904	5,574,314	725,273	1,631,758	13,866,914
Other real estate	-	-	-	-	254,605	254,605
Fixed assets, net	-	-	-	-	279,763	279,763
Other assets	-	-	-	-	1,102,771	1,102,771
Total assets	9,236,108	6,641,325	14,576,756	3,701,791	5,313,344	39,469,324
Liabilities and shareholders' equity						
Due to banks and other financial institutions	6,380,884	1,657,010	-	-	100,413	8,138,307
Customer deposits	10,012,082	4,253,018	291,878	-	11,590,841	26,147,819
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	1,817,089	1,817,089
Shareholders' equity	-	-	-	-	3,366,109	3,366,109
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	16,392,966	5,910,028	291,878	-	16,874,452	39,469,324

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33. FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Fair value is the amount for which an asset could be exchanged or a liability settled between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction. Consequently differences can arise between carrying values and fair value estimates.

The fair values of on-balance sheet financial instruments, except for originated debt securities, held to maturity investments, loans and advances and customer deposits, are not significantly different from the carrying values included in the financial statements. The estimated fair value of the originated debt securities and investments held to maturity is based on quoted market prices, when available, or pricing models in the case of certain fixed rate bonds. The fair value of these investments is disclosed in note 5. It is not practical to determine the fair value of loans and advances and customer deposits with sufficient reliability.

34. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In the ordinary course of its activities, the Bank transacts business with related parties. In the opinion of the management and the board, the related party transactions are performed on an arm's length basis. The related party transactions are governed by the limits set by the Banking Control Laws and the regulations issued by SAMA. The balances at December 31 resulting from such transactions are as follows:

	2002	2001
Arab Bank PLC		
Due from banks and other financial institutions	640,534	1,034,881
Due to banks and other financial institutions	2,716,791	697,524
Derivatives (positive fair value)	702	-
Commitments and contingencies	673,353	666,221
Directors, other major shareholders and their affiliates:		
Loans and advances	349,580	408,262
Customer deposits	3,486,633	3,621,529
Commitments and contingencies	205,859	192,322
Bank's mutual funds:		
Investments	71,496	82,099
Loans and advances	190	6,270
Customer deposits	637,416	378,399
Income and expenses pertaining to transactions with related parties included in the financial statements are as follows:		
	2002	2001
Special commission income	22,599	57,083
Special commission expense	167,075	209,345
Fees from banking services	19,628	15,932
Directors' remuneration	2,117	1,951

35. CAPITAL ADEQUACY

The Bank monitors the adequacy of its capital using the methodology and ratios established by SAMA. These ratios measure capital adequacy by comparing the Bank's eligible capital with its balance sheet assets, commitments and notional amount of derivatives at a weighted amount to reflect their relative risk.

	Capital		Ratio %	
	2002	2001	2002	2001
Tier 1	3,564,998	3,349,086	19%	21%
Tier 1 + Tier 2	3,682,620	3,366,109	19%	21%
	Risk weighted assets			
	2002		2001	
	Carrying Value Notional	Credit equivalent	Carrying Value Notional	Credit equivalent
Balance sheets assets				
0 %	21,400,305	-	21,808,776	-
20 %	8,013,862	1,602,772	5,473,447	1,094,689
100 %	14,884,537	14,884,537	12,187,101	12,187,101
Total	44,298,704	16,487,309	39,469,324	13,281,790
Commitments and derivatives				
0 %	3,163,217	1,571,364	2,003,998	558,373
20 %	23,180,694	843,264	21,283,584	727,527
50 %	6,375,346	130,162	10,324,415	98,615
100 %	4,655,438	2,248,463	4,957,518	2,435,594
Total	37,374,695	4,793,253	38,569,515	3,820,109
Total risk weighted assets		18,969,506		15,912,197

36. INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES

The Bank offers investment services to its customers which include the management of certain investment funds in consultation with professional investment advisors. The financial statements of these funds are not consolidated with the financial statements of the Bank. However, the Bank's share of these funds is included in investments available for sale and fees earned are disclosed under related party transactions. Assets held in trust or in a fiduciary capacity are not treated as assets of the Bank and, accordingly, are not included in the financial statements.

37. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain prior year figures have been reclassified to conform with the current year's presentation.

38. BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVAL

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 10/11/1423H (January 13, 2003).