

# **Hannover Rueck SE Bahrain Branch**

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**For the year ended 31 December 2017**

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO MANAGEMENT**

Hannover Rueck SE, Bahrain Branch  
Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain

### **Report on the audit of the financial statements**

#### *Opinion*

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Hannover Rueck SE, Bahrain Branch (the "Branch"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2017, the statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, changes in head office funds and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes, comprising significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Branch as at 31 December 2017, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

#### *Basis for opinion*

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

#### *Responsibilities of the management for the financial statements*

The management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS, and for such internal control as the management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the management is responsible for assessing the Branch's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the management either intends to liquidate the Branch or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### *Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements*

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

*INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO MANAGEMENT (continued)*

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

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

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

**Report on other regulatory requirements**

As required by the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) Rule Book (Volume 3), we report that: the Branch has maintained proper accounting records and the financial statements are in agreement therewith; we are not aware of any violations of the Central Bank of Bahrain and Financial Institutions Law, the CBB Rule Book (Volume 3) and CBB directives having occurred during the year that might have had a material adverse effect on the business of the Branch or on its financial position; and satisfactory explanations and information have been provided to us by management in response to all our requests.



**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
as at 31 December 2017**

Bahraini Dinars

	Note	31 December 2017	31 December 2016
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and bank balances	4	12,537,137	5,455,820
Statutory deposit		150,000	150,000
Available-for-sale investments	5	77,742,875	67,914,536
Insurance receivables	6 a)	15,646,141	20,455,914
Accrued premium receivables	7	7,953,405	19,539,023
Deferred acquisition costs	8	4,832,823	5,389,946
Retrocessionaires' share of claims reserve	9,11	2,475,563	11,912,999
Retrocessionaires' share of unearned premium reserve	10	460,932	378,573
Related party receivables	11 b)	409,822	294,380
Prepayments and other assets		6,000	-
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>122,214,698</b>	<b>131,491,191</b>
<b>HEAD OFFICE FUNDS AND LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Head office funds</b>			
Head office account		12,166,950	12,166,950
Available-for-sale investments fair value reserve		(510,972)	(448,903)
Retained earnings		(6,552,790)	(6,376,484)
<b>Total head office funds (page 5)</b>		<b>5,103,188</b>	<b>5,341,563</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Loss reserves	9	89,013,661	98,577,955
Unearned premium reserves	10	20,672,586	26,659,411
Commission reserves		4,085,465	714
Insurance payables	6 c)	3,022,995	492,764
Accrued premium payable to retrocessionaires (related party)		307,293	405,481
Other payables		9,510	13,303
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>117,111,510</b>	<b>126,149,628</b>
<b>Total head office funds and liabilities</b>		<b>122,214,698</b>	<b>131,491,191</b>

Management approved the financial statements consisting of pages 3 to 28 on 6 March 2018.



Mahomed Akoob  
Managing Director

The accompanying notes from 1 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
for the year ended December 2017

Bahraini Dinars

	Note	2017	2016
<b>INCOME</b>			
Gross written premium		53,575,183	53,975,639
Ceded premium		(3,541,496)	(3,205,216)
Change in gross unearned premium	10	6,027,021	1,766,430
Change in ceded unearned premium	10	82,099	21,381
<b>Net premium earned</b>		<b>56,142,807</b>	52,558,234
Foreign exchange gains / (losses)		373,055	(318,162)
Investment and other income	12	1,502,860	1,369,672
<b>Total income</b>		<b>58,018,722</b>	53,609,744
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Gross claims paid		(47,168,438)	(31,618,237)
Claim recoveries		9,405,634	3,430,568
Movement in loss reserves, net	9	(120,166)	(9,883,394)
Policy acquisition costs, net		(13,910,261)	(13,253,031)
Movement in deferred acquisition costs	8	(564,179)	(271,222)
Movement in commission reserves		(4,087,882)	-
General and administrative expenses	13	(1,749,736)	(1,431,542)
Impairment of insurance receivable	6 b)	-	(60,000)
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>(58,195,028)</b>	(53,086,858)
<b>(Loss) / profit for the year</b>		<b>(176,306)</b>	522,886
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>			
<b>Items that will be reclassified to profit or loss:</b>			
Changes on re-measurement of available-for-sale investments		(66,420)	(275,675)
Transfers for recognition of losses on disposal of available-for-sale investments		4,351	(411)
<b>Total other comprehensive loss for the year</b>		<b>(62,069)</b>	(276,086)
<b>Total comprehensive (loss) / income for the year</b>		<b>(238,375)</b>	246,800

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN HEAD OFFICE FUNDS**  
for the year ended 31 December 2017

Bahraini Dinars

2017	Head office fund	Available-for-sale investments fair value reserve	Retained earnings	Total
Balance as at 1 January	12,166,950	(448,903)	(6,376,484)	5,341,563
Loss for the year (page 4)	-	-	(176,306)	(176,306)
Changes on re-measurement of available-for-sale investments	-	(66,420)	-	(66,420)
Transfers for recognition of losses on disposal of available-for-sale investments	-	4,351	-	4,351
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the year</b>	-	<b>(62,069)</b>	<b>(176,306)</b>	<b>(238,375)</b>
<b>Balance at 31 December</b>	<b>12,166,950</b>	<b>(510,972)</b>	<b>(6,552,790)</b>	<b>5,103,188</b>
2016				
	Head office fund	Available-for-sale investments fair value reserve	Retained earnings	Total
Balance as at 1 January	12,166,950	(172,817)	(6,899,370)	5,094,763
Profit for the year (page 4)	-	-	522,886	522,886
Changes on re-measurement of available-for-sale investments	-	(275,675)	-	(275,675)
Transfers for recognition of losses on disposal of available-for-sale investments	-	(411)	-	(411)
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	-	<b>(276,086)</b>	<b>522,886</b>	<b>246,800</b>
<b>Balance at 31 December</b>	<b>12,166,950</b>	<b>(448,903)</b>	<b>(6,376,484)</b>	<b>5,341,563</b>

The accompanying notes from 1 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2017**

Bahraini Dinars

	Note	2017	2016
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
(Loss) / profit for the year		(176,306)	522,886
<i>Adjustments</i>			
Interest income		(1,565,477)	(1,358,304)
Gain on disposal of bonds, net		2,428	(39,310)
Amortisation of bonds		60,118	29,152
		<b>(1,679,237)</b>	<b>(845,576)</b>
<i>Changes in operating assets and liabilities:</i>			
Decrease / (increase) in insurance receivables		4,809,774	(2,639,887)
Increase / (decrease) in insurance payables		2,530,231	(752,580)
Decrease in unearned premium reserves		(5,986,825)	(2,279,554)
Increase in retroceded unearned premium		(82,359)	(19,655)
Decrease in accrued premiums receivables		11,585,618	2,758,019
Decrease in deferred acquisition costs		557,123	405,473
Decrease / (increase) in retrocessionaires' share of loss reserve		9,437,436	(1,622,945)
Increase in commission reserve		4,084,751	-
(Decrease) / increase in loss reserves		(9,564,294)	10,919,889
Increase in related party and other receivables		(121,442)	(294,380)
(Decrease) / increase in related party and other payables		(101,981)	408,780
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>		<b>15,468,795</b>	<b>6,037,584</b>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Purchase of available-for-sale investments		(36,125,773)	(20,975,208)
Proceeds from disposal of available-for-sale investments		25,145,468	14,110,989
Interest received		1,457,300	1,302,062
<b>Cash flow used in investing activities</b>		<b>(9,523,005)</b>	<b>(5,562,157)</b>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>5,945,790</b>	<b>475,427</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		5,455,820	4,980,393
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	4	<b>11,401,601</b>	<b>5,455,820</b>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2017**

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**1 REPORTING ENTITY**

Hannover Rueck SE, Bahrain Branch ("the Branch") is a Branch of Hannover Rück SE (Hannover Re) incorporated in Hannover, Germany. The Branch was registered with commercial registration number 65990 in the Kingdom of Bahrain as Foreign Branch on 22 July 2007 by the Ministry of Industry & Commerce and is regulated by the Central Bank of Bahrain, the regulator. The name of the Branch was changed in 2013 according to the change of the legal form of Hannover Rückversicherung AG to Hannover Rück SE (Societas Europaea) from Hannover Rückversicherung AG, Bahrain Branch, to Hannover Rueck SE, Bahrain Branch.

The Branch commenced its operations on 1 January 2008.

**2 BASIS OF PREPARATION****a) Statement of compliance**

The financial statements of the Branch have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

**b) Basis of measurement**

The financial statements of the Branch have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for the revaluation of available-for-sale investment at fair value.

**c) Use of estimates and judgments**

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results could differ from these estimates. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised and in any future periods affected. Information about significant areas of estimation and critical judgements in applying accounting policies on the amounts recognised in the financial statements are described in the following notes:

- Note 3 b) (ii) – Estimates of accrued premium
- Note 3 b) (vii) – Reserve estimation for insurance contracts
- Note 3 b) (viii) – Assessment of adequacy of liabilities
- Note 3 e) – Impairment

**d) New standards, amendments and interpretations effective from 1 January 2017**

The following standards, amendments and interpretations, which became effective as of 1 January 2017, are relevant to the Branch:

*Disclosure Initiative (Amendments to IAS 7)*

The amendments require disclosures that enable users of financial statements to evaluate changes in liabilities arising from financing activities, including both changes arising from cash flow and non-cash changes.

The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2017 on prospective basis.

The adoption of this standard had no significant impact on the financial statements.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the year ended 31 December 2017****2 BASIS OF PREPARATION (continued)***Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2014–2016 Cycle – various standards*

The annual improvements to IFRSs to 2014-2016 cycles include certain amendments to various IFRSs. Earlier application is permitted (along with the special transitional requirement in each case), in which case the related consequential amendments to other IFRSs would also apply.

The following is the key amendment in brief:

IFRS 1 First-time Adoption of IFRS – Outdated exemptions for first-time adopters of IFRS are removed. The amendments to this standard are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018.

**e) New standards, amendments and interpretations issued but not yet effective**

A number of new standards and amendments to standards are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 January 2018 and earlier application is permitted; however, the Branch has not early applied the following new or amended standards in preparing these financial statements.

The following standards are expected to have a material impact on the Branch's financial statements in the period of initial application.

*IFRS 9 Financial Instruments*

In July 2014, the International Accounting Standards Board issued the final version of IFRS 9 Financial Instruments.

IFRS 9 is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018, with early adoption permitted.

*Applying IFRS 9 Financial Instruments with IFRS 4 Insurance Contracts (Amendments to IFRS 4)*

The differing effective dates of IFRS 9 Financial Instruments and the new insurance contracts standard could have a significant impact on insurers.

In response to concerns regarding temporary accounting mismatches and volatility, and increased costs and complexity, the IASB has issued amendments to IFRS 4 Insurance Contracts.

The amendments reduce the impacts, but companies need to carefully consider their IFRS 9 implementation approach to decide if and how to use them. The two optional solutions raise some considerations which require detailed analysis and management judgement.

The Branch has performed an assessment of the amendments and as the activities of the Branch are predominantly connected with insurance, the Branch has opted to apply the temporary exemption in its reporting period starting on 1 January 2018.

*IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers*

IFRS 15 establishes a comprehensive framework for determining whether, how much and when revenue is recognised. It replaces existing revenue recognition guidance, including IAS 18 Revenue, IAS 11 Construction Contracts and IFRIC 13 Customer Loyalty Programmes.

IFRS 15 is effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018, with early adoption permitted.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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The Branch does not expect the adoption of IFRS 15 to have a significant impact on its financial statements.

**IFRS 16 Leases**

IFRS 16 introduces a single, on-balance sheet lease accounting model for lessees. A lessee recognises a right-of-use asset representing its right to use the underlying asset and a lease liability representing its obligation to make lease payments. There are optional exemptions for short-term leases and leases of low value items. Lessor accounting remains similar to the current standard, i.e. lessors continue to classify leases as finance or operating leases.

IFRS 16 replaces existing lease guidance, including IAS 17 Leases, IFRIC 4 Determining whether an Arrangement contains a Lease, SIC-15 Operating Leases-Incentives and SIC-27 Evaluating the Substance of Transactions Involving the Legal Form of a Lease.

The standard is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019. Early adoption is permitted for entities that apply IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers at or before the date of initial application of IFRS 16.

The Branch does not expect the adoption of IFRS 16 to have a significant impact on its financial statements.

**f) Early adoption of standards**

The Branch did not early adopt new or amended standards issued in 2017.

**3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, except for those changes arising from amendments, new IFRS and interpretations issued and effective on or after 1 January 2017.

**a) Foreign currency****(i) Functional and presentation currency**

Items included in the financial statements of the Branch are measured using the currency of the location in which the entity operates ("the functional currency"). The financial statements are presented in Bahraini Dinars ("BD"), which is the Branch's functional and presentation currency.

**(ii) Transactions and balances**

Monetary assets and liabilities are translated into Bahraini Dinars at exchange rates ruling at the reporting date. Transactions in foreign currencies during the year are converted at average exchange rates. Foreign exchange gains and losses are recognized in profit or loss.

**b) Insurance****(i) Classification of contracts**

The Branch issues contracts that transfer insurance risk. Insurance contracts are those contracts where the insurer accepts significant insurance risk from the cedant by agreeing to compensate the cedant if a specified uncertain future event adversely affects the cedant. The Branch defines significant insurance risk as the possibility of having to pay benefits on the occurrence of an insured event. Insurance risk is risk other than financial risk that is transferred from the holder of a contract to the issuer.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the year ended 31 December 2017****3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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Financial risk is the risk of a possible future change in one or more of a security price, index of prices or rates or other variable, provided in the case of a non-financial variable that the variable is not specific to a party to the contract. Insurance risk is significant if, and only if, an insured event could cause the Branch to pay significant additional benefits. Once a contract is classified as an insurance contract it remains classified as an insurance contract until all rights and obligations are extinguished or expired.

*(ii) Gross premiums*

Gross premiums written comprise the total premiums in relation to contracts entered into during the financial period, together with adjustments arising in the financial period to premiums receivables in respect of business written in previous financial periods. It includes an estimate of premiums written but not reported to the Branch at the reporting date ("pipeline premium"). Pipeline premiums are reported as accrued premiums in the statement of financial position.

Premiums, net of reinsurance, are taken to income over the terms of the related contracts or policies. The earned proportion of premium is recognised as revenue. Gross premiums are recognised in profit or loss from the date of attachment of risk over the policy period. The unexpired portion of such premiums relating to the period of risk extending to beyond the financial period is included under "Unearned premiums" in the statement of financial position.

*(iii) Ceded premiums*

Ceded premiums are amounts paid to reinsurers in accordance with the reinsurance contracts of the Branch.

*(iv) Unearned premiums*

Unearned premium is premium which is allocated to future risk periods to be earned in the following or subsequent financial periods, for the unexpired period of insurance as at the reporting date. In case of proportional treaties, unearned premiums have been calculated on retained premiums by the 1/8th method whereas in case of non-proportional treaties and facultative business, the 1/365th method is used in order to spread the premiums earned over the tenure of the reinsurance contracts. In reinsurance business, flat rates are used if the data required for calculation of pro rata items is not available.

Retrocessionaires' share on unearned premium reserve is calculated according to the contractual conditions on the basis of the gross unearned premium reserves.

*(v) Deferred acquisition costs*

Deferred acquisition costs principally consist of commissions and other variable costs directly connected with the acquisition or renewal of existing reinsurance contracts. These acquisition costs are amortised over the expected period of the underlying reinsurance contracts.

*(vi) Insurance receivables*

*Insurance receivables* are carried at cost less impairment. A provision for impairment is established when there is evidence that the Branch will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the terms of the receivables. Bad debts are written off during the period in which they are identified. Appropriate allowance is made for credit risks.

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*(vii) Claims*

Gross claims are recognised in profit or loss when the claim amount payable to cedants and third parties is determined as per the terms of the reinsurance contracts. Claims incurred comprise the settlement and the handling costs of paid and outstanding claims arising from events occurring during the financial period.

Claims recovered include amounts recovered from reinsurance companies in respect of the gross claims paid by the Branch, in accordance with the reinsurance contracts held by the Branch. It also includes salvage and other claim recoveries.

*Loss reserves* are constituted for payment obligations from reinsurance losses that have occurred but have not yet been settled. They are further divided into reserves for reinsurance losses reported by the reporting date and reserves for reinsurance losses that have already been incurred but not yet reported (IBNR) by the reporting date. The loss reserves are based on estimates that may diverge from the actual amounts payable. The methods used, and the estimates made, are reviewed regularly. The provision for claims incurred but not reported (IBNR) is calculated based on actuarial valuations of historic claims development.

*(viii) Liability adequacy test*

At each reporting date, liability adequacy tests are performed to ensure the adequacy of the insurance liabilities using current estimates of future cash flows under insurance contracts. In performing these tests, current best estimates of future contractual cash flows and claims handling and administration expenses are used. Any deficiency is charged to the profit or loss by establishing a provision for losses arising from liability adequacy tests.

*(ix) Reinsurance contracts*

Reinsurance contracts are contracts entered into by the Branch with reinsurers for the purpose of limiting its net loss potential through the diversification of its risks, under which the Branch is compensated for losses on reinsurance contracts issued. Assets, liabilities and income and expenses arising from ceded reinsurance contracts are presented separately from the assets, liabilities, income and expenses from the related insurance contracts because the reinsurance arrangements do not relieve the Branch from its direct obligations to its cedants.

The benefits to which the Branch is entitled under its reinsurance contracts held are recognised as reinsurance assets. These assets consists of balances due from reinsurers on settlement of claims and other receivables such as profit commissions and reinsurers' share of outstanding claims that are dependent on the expected claims and benefits arising under the related reinsured insurance contracts.

Amounts recoverable from or due to reinsurers are recognised consistently with the amounts associated with the underlying insurance contracts and in accordance with the terms of each reinsurance contract. Reinsurance liabilities are primarily premiums payable for reinsurance contracts and are recognised as an expense when due.

**c) Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the Branch has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event and it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate of the amount of the obligation can be made.

**d) Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand, balances in current accounts and call deposits with banks with maturities of three months or less from the acquisition date that are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in their fair value, and are used by the Branch in the management of their short-term commitments.

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**e) Available-for-sale investments**

Available-for-sale ("AFS") investments are those investments that are not classified *at fair value through profit or loss* or are *held-to-maturity* or *loans and receivables*. AFS investments are measured initially at fair value, including related transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, they are re-measured to fair value, changes being recognised in other comprehensive income and presented within equity in fair value reserves. When the available-for-sale investments are sold, impaired, collected or otherwise disposed of, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in other comprehensive income is transferred to profit or loss.

AFS investments are recognised at the trade date i.e. the date that the Branch contracts to purchase or sell the asset, at which date the Branch becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Investments are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or where the Branch has transferred substantially all risk and rewards of ownership.

**f) Impairment***(i) Financial assets*

The Branch assesses the financial assets not classified at fair value through profit or loss at each reporting date to determine whether there is objective evidence that it is impaired. A financial asset is impaired if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the asset, and that loss events had an impact on the estimated future cash flows of that asset that can be estimated reliably.

*Financial assets measured at amortised cost*

The Branch considers evidence of impairment for financial assets measured at amortised cost at both a specific asset and collective level. All individually significant assets are assessed for specific impairment. Those found not to be specifically impaired are then collectively assessed for any impairment that has been incurred but not yet identified. Assets that are not individually significant are collectively assessed for impairment by the Branch together with assets with similar risk characteristics.

In assessing the collective impairment, the Branch uses historical trends of the probability of default, the timing of recoveries and the amount of loss incurred, adjusted for management's judgement as to whether current economic and credit conditions are such that the actual losses are likely to be greater or less than suggested by historical trends.

An impairment loss in respect of a financial asset measured at amortised cost is calculated as the difference between its carrying amount, and the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted at the original effective profit rate. Losses are recognised in profit or loss and reflected in an allowance account against loans and receivables. Profit on impaired asset continues to be recognised. When an event occurring after the impairment was recognised which causes the amount of impairment loss to decrease, the decrease in impairment loss is reversed through profit or loss.

*Available-for-sale financial assets*

Impairment losses on available-for-sale financial assets are recognised by reclassifying the losses accumulated in the fair value reserve in Head Office funds to profit or loss. The cumulative loss that is reclassified from Head Office funds to profit or loss is measured as the difference between the acquisition cost and the current fair value, less any impairment loss on that financial asset previously recognised in profit or loss.

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Bahraini Dinars

**3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

If in a subsequent period, the fair value of an impaired available-for-sale debt security increases and the increase can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised, then the impairment loss is reversed, with the amount of reversal recognised in profit or loss. However, any subsequent recovery in the fair value of an impaired available-for-sale equity security is recognised in other comprehensive income.

(ii) *Non-financial assets*

The carrying amount of the Branch's assets (other than for financial assets covered above), are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. The recoverable amount of an asset is the greater of its value in use or fair value less costs to sell.

An impairment loss is recognised whenever the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its estimated recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. Impairment losses are reversed only if there is sufficient certainty that the impairment loss may no longer exist and there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount.

**g) Employees' end of service benefits**

The Branch receives support services towards its administrative works from Hannover ReTakaful B.S.C (c), a related party. Currently, there are no employees on the payroll of the Branch and no provision for employees' end of service benefits is maintained in the books of the Branch.

**4 CASH AND BANK BALANCES**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Cash and bank balances	11,401,601	4,513,460
Short term placements	-	942,360
Cash and cash equivalent	<b>11,401,601</b>	<b>5,455,820</b>
Long term placements	1,135,536	-
	<b>12,537,137</b>	<b>5,455,820</b>

**5 AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE INVESTMENTS**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Balances as 1 January	67,914,536	61,260,004
Additions during the year	34,990,238	20,975,208
Disposal during the year (at amortized cost)	(25,187,840)	(14,016,077)
Change in fair value	(62,069)	(276,086)
Amortisation and others	88,010	(28,513)
	<b>77,742,875</b>	<b>67,914,536</b>
Quoted Securities	75,797,744	67,169,751
Unquoted Securities	1,945,131	744,785
	<b>77,742,875</b>	<b>67,914,536</b>

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**6 INSURANCE RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES****6 a) INSURANCE RECEIVABLES**

	<b>2017</b>	2016
<i>Neither past due nor impaired</i>		
Due from cedants	2,330,839	3,990,108
Deposits held by cedants	9,332,306	12,376,213
	<b>11,663,145</b>	16,366,321
<i>Past due but not impaired</i>	3,982,996	4,089,593
<i>Past due and impaired</i>	408,931	408,931
<b>Gross insurance receivable</b>	<b>16,055,072</b>	20,864,845
Provision for impairment	(408,931)	(408,931)
<b>Net insurance receivable</b>	<b>15,646,141</b>	20,455,914

There is no concentration of credit risk with respect to insurance receivables, as the Branch has a large number of internationally dispersed debtors.

**6 b) MOVEMENT IN IMPAIRMENT OF INSURANCE RECEIVABLE**

	<b>2017</b>	2016
At 1 January	408,931	348,931
Charge for the year	-	60,000
<b>At 31 December</b>	<b>408,931</b>	408,931

**6 c) INSURANCE PAYABLES**

	<b>2017</b>	2016
Non-life reinsurance	2,447,509	380,778
Life reinsurance	575,486	111,986
	<b>3,022,995</b>	492,764

**7 ACCRUED PREMIUM RECEIVABLES**

	<b>2017</b>	2016
Accrued premium receivables	7,953,405	19,539,023
	<b>7,953,405</b>	19,539,023



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**8 DEFERRED ACQUISITION COSTS**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
At 1 January	5,389,946	5,795,419
Net movement	(564,179)	(271,222)
Foreign exchange gains / (losses)	7,056	(134,251)
<b>At 31 December</b>	<b>4,832,823</b>	<b>5,389,946</b>

**9 LOSS RESERVES**

	<b>2017</b>			<b>2016</b>		
	<b>Gross</b>	<b>Retro-ceded</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>Retro-ceded</b>	<b>Net</b>
Claims reserves	50,884,905	(11,912,999)	38,971,906	39,320,432	(10,290,055)	29,030,377
IBNR reserves	47,693,050	-	47,693,050	48,337,635	-	48,337,635
At 1 January	98,577,955	(11,912,999)	86,664,956	87,658,066	(10,290,054)	77,368,012
Net movement	(9,684,294)	9,804,460	120,166	11,827,414	(1,944,020)	9,883,394
Foreign exchange (losses) / gains	120,000	(367,024)	(247,024)	(907,525)	321,075	(586,450)
<b>At 31 December</b>	<b>89,013,661</b>	<b>(2,475,563)</b>	<b>86,538,098</b>	<b>98,577,955</b>	<b>(11,912,999)</b>	<b>86,664,956</b>
Claims reserves	58,489,312	(2,475,563)	56,013,749	50,884,905	(11,912,999)	38,971,906
IBNR reserves	30,524,349	-	30,524,349	47,693,050	-	47,693,050
<b>At 31 December</b>	<b>89,013,661</b>	<b>(2,475,563)</b>	<b>86,538,098</b>	<b>98,577,955</b>	<b>(11,912,999)</b>	<b>86,664,956</b>

**10 UNEARNED PREMIUM RESERVES**

	<b>2017</b>			<b>2016</b>		
	<b>Gross</b>	<b>Retro-ceded</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>Retro-ceded</b>	<b>Net</b>
At 1 January	26,659,411	(378,573)	26,280,838	28,938,965	(358,918)	28,580,047
Net movement	(6,027,021)	(82,099)	(6,109,120)	(1,766,430)	(21,381)	(1,787,810)
Foreign exchange (losses) / gains	40,196	(260)	39,936	(513,125)	1,726	(511,399)
<b>At 31 December</b>	<b>20,672,586</b>	<b>(460,932)</b>	<b>20,211,654</b>	<b>26,659,411</b>	<b>(378,573)</b>	<b>26,280,838</b>

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**11 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial and operating decisions. Related parties include other group companies and the key management personnel of the Branch. Key management personnel comprise of the key members of management having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Branch.

**a) Transactions with related parties**

		<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Reimbursement of administrative expenses			
- paid by Hannover ReTakaful BSC (c), on behalf of the Branch	<i>Entity within the Hannover Re Group</i>	<b>1,272,128</b>	1,222,327
- paid by Hannover Rück SE, on behalf of the Branch	<i>Global Parent Company</i>	<b>688,338</b>	144,821
Reimbursement of investment related expenses to Talanx Asset Management GmbH, Germany	<i>Entity within the Talanx Group (Ultimate Parent)</i>	<b>81,122</b>	68,750
Retrocession to Hannover Re Bermuda Ltd., Bermuda	<i>Entity within the Hannover Re Group</i>	<b>3,295,549</b>	3,185,814
Retrocession to Hannover Rück SE, Germany	<i>Global Parent Company</i>	<b>245,947</b>	19,402

**b) Receivable and payable balances at 31 December**

		<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Balances receivables from Hannover ReTakaful BSC (c), Bahrain	<i>Entity within the Hannover Re Group</i>	<b>409,822</b>	294,380
Accrued premium payable to - Hannover Rück SE, Germany	<i>Global Parent Company</i>	<b>174,175</b>	-
- Hannover Re Bermuda Ltd., Bermuda	<i>Entity within the Hannover Re Group</i>	<b>133,118</b>	405,481

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## 11 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

## c) Retrocessionaires' share of loss reserves

		2017	2016
E+S Rückversicherung AG, Germany	Entity within the Hannover Re Group	-	263
Hannover Re Bermuda Ltd., Bermuda	Entity within the Hannover Re Group	2,475,563	11,912,736
		<b>2,475,563</b>	<b>11,912,999</b>

## 12 INVESTMENT AND OTHER INCOME

	2017	2016
<i>Investment income:</i>		
Interest income from bonds	1,350,075	1,130,794
(Loss) / Gain on disposal of bonds	(2,428)	39,310
	<b>1,347,647</b>	<b>1,170,104</b>
<i>Other income:</i>		
Interest from deposits held by cedants	155,213	199,568
	<b>1,502,860</b>	<b>1,369,672</b>

## 13 GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

	2017	2016
Salary and related expenses	970,969	948,010
Computer maintenance expenses	128,925	170,782
Travel and related expenses	89,301	74,467
Rent expenses	50,955	49,677
Other operating expenses	509,586	188,606
	<b>1,749,736</b>	<b>1,431,542</b>

Salary and related expenses are allocated by Hannover ReTakaful B.S.C. (c), a related party to the Branch (note 11), as the Branch does not have any own employees.

## 14 INSURANCE RISK MANAGEMENT

## a) Background

The Branch accepts reinsurance risk through its written reinsurance contracts. By the very nature of a reinsurance contract, this risk is random and therefore unpredictable. The Branch is exposed to uncertainty surrounding the timing, frequency and severity of claims under these contracts. The Branch's management monitors the aggregate risk data and takes overall risk management decisions. Two key elements of the Branch's insurance risk management framework are its underwriting strategy and reinsurance strategy, as discussed below.

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14 *INSURANCE RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)*

**b) Underwriting strategy**

The Branch's underwriting strategy is driven by the general underwriting guidelines of the Hannover Re Group. The objective of this strategy is to build balanced portfolios based on a large number of similar risks, thereby reducing the variability of the portfolios outcome. The underwriting strategy is set out in an annual business plan that is approved by the Hannover Re Group. This strategy is cascaded by the business units through detailed underwriting authorities that set out the limits that any one underwriter can write by line size, class of business, territory and industry in order to ensure appropriate risk selection within the portfolio. The underwriters have the right to refuse renewal or to change the terms and conditions of the contract at renewal.

The Branch's management meets monthly to review certain management information including premium income and other key ratios. There have been no significant changes in the underwriting strategy since the previous period.

**c) Reinsurance strategy**

The Branch's reinsurance strategy is driven by the Hannover Re Group reinsurance strategy. The Branch reinsures a portion of the insurance risks it underwrites in order to control its exposure to losses and protect capital resources. Ceded reinsurance contains credit risk, as discussed in the financial risk management section. Management monitors developments in the reinsurance program and its ongoing adequacy. The Branch buys a combination of proportional and non-proportional reinsurance treaties to reduce the net exposure to the Branch for any single event. There have been no significant changes in the reinsurance strategy since the previous period. No gain or loss is accounted from retroactive reinsurance contracts.

**d) Risk exposure and concentration of insurance risk**

The Branch's exposure to insurance risks and the concentration of these risks and the extent to which the Branch has covered these risks by reinsurance are set out below.

*(i) Analysis of non-life reinsurance by main geographical location of risk insured*

	Life	Non-life	Total
<b>2017</b>			
Gross written premium			
Middle East	10,498,128	37,330,676	47,828,804
North Africa	77,437	4,749,207	4,826,644
Other	-	919,735	919,735
	<b>10,575,565</b>	<b>42,999,618</b>	<b>53,575,183</b>

	Life	Non-life	Total
<b>2016</b>			
Gross written premium			
Middle East	10,887,228	37,148,438	48,035,666
North Africa	-	5,543,691	5,543,691
Other	-	396,282	396,282
	<b>10,887,228</b>	<b>43,088,411</b>	<b>53,975,639</b>

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14 **INSURANCE RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)**(ii) *Analysis of assets and liabilities*

2017	Life	Non-life	Total
<b>Assets</b>	<b>12,266,843</b>	<b>109,947,855</b>	<b>122,214,698</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>10,424,329</b>	<b>106,687,181</b>	<b>117,111,510</b>

  

2016	Life	Non-life	Total
Assets	19,477,662	111,520,765	130,998,427
Liabilities	18,482,776	107,174,089	125,656,865

e) **Sensitivity analysis**

The following table provides an analysis of the sensitivity of profit and loss and total Head Office funds to changes in the assumptions used to measure reinsurance contract provisions and reinsurance assets at the reporting date. The analysis has been prepared for a change in one variable at a time with other assumptions remaining constant. The effect is shown before and after reinsurance.

31 December 2017	Profit and loss		Head Office funds	
	Gross of reinsurance	Net	Gross of reinsurance	Net
<b>Expense rate</b>				
1 % increase	(535,752)	(500,337)	(535,752)	(500,337)
1 % decrease	535,752	500,337	535,752	500,337
<b>Expected loss ratio</b>				
1 % increase	(596,022)	(561,428)	(596,022)	(561,428)
1 % decrease	596,022	561,428	596,022	561,428

31 December 2016	Profit and loss		Head Office funds	
	Gross of reinsurance	Net	Gross of reinsurance	Net
<b>Expense rate</b>				
1 % increase	(539,756)	(507,704)	(539,756)	(507,704)
1 % decrease	539,756	507,704	539,756	507,704
<b>Expected loss ratio</b>				
1 % increase	(557,421)	(525,582)	(557,421)	(525,582)
1 % decrease	557,421	525,582	557,421	525,582

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14 *INSURANCE RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)*f) **Claim development**

The following tables show the estimate of cumulative non-life loss reserves for each underwriting year from years 2013 to 2017 at each statement of financial position date, together with cumulative payments to date. The bottom half of the table reconciles the cumulative claims to the amount appearing in the statement of financial position.

	Underwriting year					Total
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
<b>Non-life gross:</b>						
Estimate of incurred claims costs:						
- At the end of underwriting year	11,228,259	15,074,860	20,376,310	19,819,534	19,884,260	19,884,260
- One year later	29,556,699	32,645,646	36,603,765	36,026,977	-	36,026,977
- Two years later	28,281,487	31,577,795	35,117,964	-	-	35,117,964
- Three years later	26,344,600	30,777,612	-	-	-	30,777,612
- Four years later	25,255,963	-	-	-	-	25,255,963
Current estimate of incurred claims	25,255,963	30,777,612	35,117,964	36,026,977	19,884,260	147,062,776
Cumulative payments to date	(18,918,811)	(21,624,668)	(20,844,651)	(11,983,142)	(2,778,015)	(76,149,287)
Liability recognised	6,337,152	9,152,944	14,273,313	24,043,835	17,106,245	70,913,489
<b>Liability in respect of prior years</b>						12,994,961
<b>Total liability included in the statement of financial position</b>						<b>83,908,450</b>

**Non-life net:**

Estimate of incurred claims costs:

- At the end of underwriting year
- One year later
- Two years later
- Three years later
- Four years later

Current estimate of incurred claims

Cumulative payments to date

Liability recognised

**Liability in respect of prior years****Total liability included in the statement of financial position**

	Underwriting year					Total
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
<b>Non-life net:</b>						
Estimate of incurred claims costs:						
- At the end of underwriting year	11,228,259	15,074,860	20,376,310	19,819,534	19,884,260	19,884,260
- One year later	26,900,966	32,645,646	30,383,743	36,026,977	-	36,026,977
- Two years later	25,679,474	31,577,795	28,484,410	-	-	28,484,410
- Three years later	24,964,556	30,777,612	-	-	-	30,777,612
- Four years later	23,913,288	-	-	-	-	23,913,288
Current estimate of incurred claims	23,913,288	30,777,612	28,484,410	36,026,977	19,884,260	139,086,547
Cumulative payments to date	(18,317,201)	(21,624,668)	(15,941,804)	(11,983,142)	(2,778,016)	(70,644,831)
Liability recognised	5,596,087	9,152,944	12,542,606	24,043,835	17,106,244	68,441,716
<b>Liability in respect of prior years</b>						12,991,171
<b>Total liability included in the statement of financial position</b>						<b>81,432,887</b>

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**15 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT****a) Overview**

The Branch has exposure to the following risks from its use of financial instruments:

- credit risk
- liquidity risk
- market risk.

This note presents information about the Branch's exposure to each of the above risks, the Branch's objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing risk. Further quantitative disclosures are included throughout these financial statements. The Management of the Branch report to its Head Office and have adopted the risk management guidelines established by the Hannover Re Group. The Hannover Re Group is responsible for developing and monitoring the Group's risk management policies.

**b) Credit risk**

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Branch if a counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations. The Branch's key areas of exposure to credit risk include cash and cash equivalents, available for sale investments and insurance receivables.

*(i) Management of credit risk*

The Branch manages its credit risk in respect of its deposits placing limits on its exposure to a single counterparty. The Branch has a policy of evaluating the credit quality, and reviewing public rating information before making investments. The Branch's exposure to individual cedants and groups of cedants is monitored as part of its credit control process. Financial analyses are conducted for significant exposures to individual cedants or homogenous groups of cedants. The Branch also reinsures within the Hannover Re Group, according to the Hannover Re Group policy.

*(ii) Overall exposure to credit risk*

The carrying amount of financial assets represents the maximum credit exposure. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date was:

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	12,537,137	5,455,820
Statutory deposits	150,000	150,000
Accrued premium receivables	7,953,405	19,539,023
Insurance receivables	15,646,141	20,455,914
Available-for-sale investments	77,742,875	67,914,536
Retrocessionaires' share of loss reserves	2,475,563	11,912,999
Related party receivables	409,822	294,380
	<b>116,914,943</b>	<b>125,722,672</b>

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## 15 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

## (iii) Assets that are past due

Following is the ageing of insurance receivables at the end of the reporting period that were not impaired:

	2017	2016
Neither past due nor impaired	11,663,146	16,765,394
Past due 91 – 180 days	1,797,896	2,298,680
Past due 181 – 365 days	2,133,213	1,111,235
Above 365 days	51,886	280,605
	<b>15,646,141</b>	<b>20,455,914</b>

The Branch believes that the insurance receivables that are past due by more than 180 days are still collectable in full, based on historic payment behaviour and extensive analysis of customer credit risk, including underlying customer credit ratings, when available.

The credit quality of insurance receivables is assessed based on a credit policy established by the risk management committee of the Group. The Group has monitored customer credit risk by analysing the credit quality of insurance receivables.

## c) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Branch will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with its financial and insurance liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or other financial assets. The Branch is exposed to calls on its available cash resources mainly from claims arising from insurance contracts. Liquidity risk may arise from a number of potential areas, such as a duration mismatch between assets and liabilities and unexpectedly high levels of lapses/surrenders. The natures of Branch's exposure to liquidity risk and its objective, policies and processes for managing liquidity risk have not changed significantly from the prior period.

## i. Management of liquidity risk

The Hannover Re Group's approach to managing liquidity risk is to ensure, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Group's reputation. The Branch's liquidity risk approach falls within the overall framework set by the Hannover Re Group policy.

## ii. Exposure to liquidity risk

An analysis of the contractual maturities of the Branch's financial liabilities is presented below.

2017	Carrying amount	Contractual cash flows	1 year or less
Outstanding claims	58,489,312	58,489,312	58,489,312
Insurance payable	3,022,995	3,022,995	3,022,995
Payable to retrocessionaires	307,293	307,293	307,293
Other payables	9,510	9,510	9,510
	<b>61,829,110</b>	<b>61,829,110</b>	<b>61,829,110</b>



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15 *FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)*

2016	Carrying amount	Contractual cash flows	1 year or less
Outstanding claims	50,884,905	50,884,905	50,884,905
Insurance payable	492,764	492,764	492,764
Payable to retrocessionaires	405,481	405,481	405,481
Other payables	13,304	13,304	13,304
	<b>51,796,454</b>	<b>51,796,454</b>	<b>51,796,454</b>

iii. *Disclosures of non-financial assets and liabilities*

Disclosures relating to financial assets and liabilities - current and non-current are provided throughout these financial statements. Disclosures relating to non-financial assets and liabilities representing best estimates are as stated below.

<b>Non-financial assets – current</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Deferred acquisition costs	4,832,823	5,389,946
Retrocessionaires' share of unearned premium reserves	460,932	378,573
Prepayment and other assets	6,000	-
	<b>5,299,755</b>	<b>5,768,519</b>
<b>Non-financial liabilities – current</b>		
Loss reserves – IBNR	30,524,349	47,693,050
Unearned premium reserves	20,672,586	26,659,411
Commission reserves	4,085,465	714
	<b>55,282,400</b>	<b>74,353,175</b>

d) **Fair values of financial instruments**

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date in the principal, or in its absence, the most advantageous market to which the Branch has access at that date. The fair value of a liability reflects its non-performance risk.

When available, the Branch measures the fair value of an instrument using the quoted price in an active market for that instrument. A market is regarded as active if transactions for the asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

When there is no quoted price in an active market, the Branch uses valuation techniques that maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The chosen valuation technique incorporates all the factors that market participants would take into account in pricing a transaction.

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The best evidence of the fair value of a financial instrument at initial recognition is normally the transaction price – i.e. the fair value of the consideration given or received. If the Branch determines that the fair value at initial recognition differs from the transaction price and the fair value is evidenced neither by a quoted price in an active market for an identical asset or liability nor based on a valuation technique that uses only data from observable markets, then the financial instrument is initially measured at fair value, adjusted to defer the difference between the fair value at initial recognition and the transaction price. Subsequently, that difference is recognized in profit or loss on an appropriate basis over the life of the instrument but no later than when the valuation is wholly supported by observable market data or the transaction is closed out.

If an asset or a liability measured at fair value has a bid price and an ask price, the Branch measures assets and long positions at a bid price and liabilities and short positions at an ask price.

Portfolios of financial assets and financial liabilities that are exposed to market risk and credit risk that are managed by the Branch on the basis of the net exposure to either market or credit risk, are measured on the basis of a price that would be received to sell a net long position (or paid to transfer a net short position) for a particular risk exposure. Those portfolio-level adjustments are allocated to the individual assets and liabilities on the basis of the relative risk adjustment of each of the individual instruments in the portfolio.

The Branch recognizes transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy as of the end of the reporting period during which the change has occurred.

**e) Classification of financial instruments**

Financial instruments comprise financial assets and financial liabilities. Financial assets comprise insurance receivable, cash and cash equivalents and available for sale investments. Financial liabilities comprise claims reported and related party payables. Fair values of financial instruments are based on estimated fair values, calculated using methods such as net present values of future cash flows. Financial instruments are recognised initially at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition financial instruments are measured as described below. The carrying value of the Branch's financial assets and liabilities except investment measured at fair value were approximate to the fair value due to immediate or short term maturities of them.

The classification of the financial instruments of the Branch is as given below.

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15 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

	Available-for-sale	Loans and receivables	Others at amortised cost	Total carrying value	Total fair value
<b>2017</b>					
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	-	12,537,137	-	12,537,137	12,537,137
Statutory deposit	-	150,000	-	150,000	150,000
Insurance receivables	-	15,646,141	-	15,646,141	15,646,141
Accrued premium receivables	-	7,953,405	-	7,953,405	7,953,405
Available-for -sale investments	77,742,875	-	-	77,742,875	77,742,875
Retrocessionaires' share of loss reserves	-	2,475,563	-	2,475,563	2,475,563
Related party receivable	-	409,822	-	409,822	409,822
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>77,742,875</b>	<b>39,172,068</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>116,914,943</b>	<b>116,914,943</b>

<b>Liabilities</b>					
Claims reported	-	-	58,489,312	58,489,312	58,489,312
Insurance payables	-	-	3,022,995	3,022,995	3,022,995
Other payables	-	-	316,803	316,803	316,803
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>61,829,110</b>	<b>61,829,110</b>	<b>61,829,110</b>

	Available-for-sale	Loans and receivables	Others at amortised cost	Total carrying value	Total fair value
<b>2016</b>					
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	-	5,455,820	-	5,455,820	5,455,820
Statutory deposit	-	150,000	-	150,000	150,000
Insurance receivables	-	20,455,914	-	20,455,914	20,455,914
Accrued premium receivables	-	19,539,023	-	19,539,023	19,539,023
Available-for -sale investments	67,914,536	-	-	67,914,536	67,914,536
Retrocessionaires' share of loss reserves	-	11,912,999	-	11,912,999	11,912,999
Related party receivable	-	294,380	-	294,380	294,380
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>67,914,536</b>	<b>57,808,136</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>125,722,672</b>	<b>125,722,672</b>

<b>Liabilities</b>					
Claims reported	-	-	50,884,905	50,884,905	50,884,905
Insurance payables	-	-	492,764	492,764	492,764
Other payables	-	-	418,785	418,785	418,785
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,796,454</b>	<b>51,796,454</b>	<b>51,796,454</b>

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**f) Fair value hierarchy**

The Branch measures fair values using the following fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements:

- Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets and liabilities.
- Level 2: Valuation techniques based on observable inputs, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. as derived from prices). This category includes instruments valued using: quoted market prices in active markets for similar instruments; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are considered less active; or other valuation techniques where all significant inputs are directly or indirectly observable from market data.
- Level 3: Valuation techniques using significant unobservable inputs. This category includes all instruments where the valuation technique includes inputs not based on observable data and the unobservable inputs have a significant effect on the instrument's valuation. This category includes instruments that are valued based on quoted market prices for similar instruments where significant unobservable adjustments or assumptions are required to reflect differences between the instruments.

The carrying value of the financial instruments except available-for-sale investments were deemed appropriate due to the immediate or short term maturity of these financial instruments.

The table below analyses financial instruments, measured at fair value as at the end of the year, by level in the fair value hierarchy into which the fair value measurement is categorized:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
<b>2017</b>				
<b>Available-for-sale investments</b>	-	77,742,875	-	77,742,875
<b>2016</b>				
<b>Available-for-sale investments</b>	-	67,914,536	-	67,914,536

There were no transfers from level 1 or level 3 to level 2 or in the opposite direction in 2017 (2016: Nil).

**g) Market risks**

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates, equity price risks and interest rate risks will affect the value of the Branch's assets, the amount of its liabilities and/or the Branch's income. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return on risk.

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15 **FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)**

(i) *Management of market risks*

All entities in the Hannover Re Group manage market risks locally in accordance with their asset/liability management framework. For each of the major components of market risk, the Hannover Re Group has policies and procedures in place which detail how each risk should be managed and monitored. Management of each of these major components of major risk and the exposure of the Branch at the reporting date to each major risk are addressed below.

(ii) *Foreign exchange risk*

Foreign exchange risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates. The Branch's assets and liabilities are denominated in foreign currencies such as the Euro and Kuwaiti Dinar and the currencies of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries. The currencies of the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), other than the Kuwaiti Dinar, are effectively pegged to the US Dollar and hence the Branch's exposure to foreign currencies is limited. The Bahraini Dinar is also effectively pegged to the United States Dollar, thus currency rate risks occur only in respect of the Euro and the Kuwaiti Dinar. The Branch does not hedge against such currency risks since they are not considered significant.

<b>31 December 2017</b>	<b>Euro</b>	<b>Kuwaiti Dinars</b>	<b>Total</b>
Total assets	3,800,478	876,622	<b>4,677,100</b>
Total liabilities	(314,498)	(3,656,942)	<b>(3,971,440)</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>3,485,980</b>	<b>(2,780,320)</b>	<b>705,660</b>
<b>31 December 2016</b>			
Total assets	7,785,926	913,844	8,699,770
Total liabilities	(576,834)	(2,491,098)	(3,067,932)
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>7,209,092</b>	<b>(1,577,254)</b>	<b>5,631,838</b>

The above assets and liabilities were translated at exchange rates as at the reporting date. A 10 % strengthening of the Bahraini Dinar against the Euro and the Kuwaiti Dinar as at the reporting date would have increased profit for the year and Head Office funds of the Branch by BD 348,598 (2016: decrease of BD 720,909) and BD 246,106 (2016: increase of BD 157,725) respectively. A 10 % weakening of the Bahraini Dinar against the Euro and the Kuwaiti Dinar would have had an equal but opposite effect. This analysis assumes that all other variables remain constant.

(iii) *Interest rate risk*

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument (i.e. cash and cash equivalents and available-for-sale investments) will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. The effective interest rate on cash and cash equivalents and available-for-sale investments during the year was 2.05% (2016: 1.95%). A 1% increase in the interest rate will decrease the total comprehensive income for the period by BD 2,184,000 (2016: BD 1,649,000) and 1% decrease in the interest rate will increase the total comprehensive income for the period by BD 2,269,000 (2016: BD 1,707,000).

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Hannover Rueck SE, Bahrain Branch, is a branch of Hannover Rück SE (Hannover Re), incorporated in Hannover, Germany. Hannover Re's policy is to maintain a capital base on a group basis so as to maintain cedant and market confidence and to sustain future development of the Group. The Hannover Re Group's objective for managing capital is to safeguard the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, so that it can continue to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders.

The CBB supervises the overseas insurance companies through a set of regulations that set out certain minimum capital requirements of the group as a whole. The Group solo solvency margin as a whole is substantially equivalent to the solvency margin requirements as prescribed by the Capital Adequacy Module of the CBB Rulebook. The Group manages the capital structure as a whole and makes adjustments to it in the light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of the underlying assets.

**17 COMPARATIVE**

Certain corresponding figures of 2016 have been regrouped where necessary to conform to the current year's presentation. Such regrouping did not affect previously reported total assets, total liabilities, equity, profit or loss or comprehensive income.