

2.3.2 Qualitative Disclosures

- i. The Bank's risk management framework defines the approach to risk management.
- ii. The scope of risks that are directly managed by the Bank is as follows: Credit risk, Operational Risk, Market and Liquidity risk, Legal and Compliance risk, Strategic risk, Reputational risk and Capital risk.
- iii. Key elements of the Bank's risk management framework are as follows:
 - Establishment of the Bank's risk philosophy, culture and objectives;
 - Establishment of the Bank's risk management governance framework;
 - Articulation of the Bank's risk management stakeholders and development of an action plan to meet their risk management expectations; and
 - Establishment of policies and procedures to identify, measure, monitor, report and control the risks the Bank faces.

The processes adopted for risk management for the year ended 31 December 2017 are consistent with those adopted for the year ended 31 December 2016.

SUMMARY REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors present their report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017 in accordance with the Companies Act, 1963 (Act 179) and the Banks and Specialised Deposit-Taking Institutions Act, 2016 (Act 930) which discloses the state of the affairs of the Bank and the Group.

Statement of directors' responsibility

The directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements for each financial year, which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and the profit or loss and cash flows for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors have selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently, made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent and followed International Financial Reporting Standards and complied with the requirements of the Companies Act 1963 (Act 179) and the Banks and Specialised Deposit-Taking Institutions Act, 2016 (Act 930)

The directors are responsible for ensuring that the Group keeps proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Bank. The directors are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Bank and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

We have no plans or intentions, for example to dispose of the business or cease operations that may materially alter the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.

Nature of business

The Bank is authorised by Bank of Ghana to carry on the business of universal banking.

Subsidiaries

The Bank has two wholly owned subsidiaries, namely, Big Ticket Holdings Limited (BTH) and Triumph Properties Limited (TPL). BTH is currently operating as a leasing company. TPL is dormant.

Holding company

The Bank is a subsidiary of Access Bank Plc, a company incorporated in the Federal Republic of Nigeria and licensed to undertake all banking and related services. The parent company holds 90.54% of the issued ordinary shares of the Bank.

Approval of the consolidated financial statements

The Board of Directors approved the consolidated financial statements on 8 March, 2018 and were signed on their behalf by:

Signed
Frank Beecham
Chairman

Signed
Dolapo Ogundimu
Managing Director

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF ACCESS BANK (GHANA) LIMITED

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements of Access Bank (Ghana) Limited (the "Bank") and its subsidiaries (together the "Group"), are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2017 on the basis described in the notes.

The summary financial statements

The Group's summary financial statements derived from the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017 comprise:

- the summary separate and consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2017;
- the summary separate and consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended;
- the summary separate and consolidated statement of changes in equity for the year then ended;
- the summary statement of cash flows for the year then ended; and
- the related notes to the summary separate and consolidated financial statements.

The summary separate and consolidated financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by International Financial Reporting Standards the Companies Act, 1963 (Act 179) and the Banks and Specialised Deposit-Taking Institutions Act, 2016 (Act 930). Reading the summary separate and consolidated financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited separate and consolidated financial statements and the auditor's report thereon. The audited financial statements, and the summary separate and consolidated financial statements, do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on the audited separate and consolidated financial statements.

The audited financial statements and our report thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited separate and consolidated financial statements in our report dated 27 March, 2018. That report also include the communication of key audit matters. Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the audited separate and consolidated financial statements of the current period.

Directors' responsibility for the summary financial statements

The directors are responsible for the preparation of the summary separate and consolidated financial statements on the basis described in the notes.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with International Standard on Auditing 810 (Revised), 'Engagements to report on Summary Financial Statements'.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Oseini Amui (ICAG/P/1139).


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Chartered Accountants
Accra, Ghana
27 March, 2018