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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Stockholders and the Board of Directors Cebuana Lhuillier Insurance Brokers, Inc. 1133 Chino Roces corner Metropolitan Ave. Barangay San Antonio Makati City 1203

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Cebuana Lhuillier Insurance Brokers, Inc. (the Company), which comprise the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the statements of comprehensive income, statements of changes in equity and statements of cash flows for the years then ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of material accounting policy information.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards (PFRS).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with Philippine Standards on Auditing (PSA). 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 Company in accordance with the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants in the Philippines (Code of Ethics) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audits of the financial statements in the Philippines, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with PFRS, and for such internal control as 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, management is responsible for assessing the Company'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 management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

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 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 PSA will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with PSA, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audits. 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 Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by 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 Company'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 Company 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 those charged with governance 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 audits.

REYES TACANDONG & CO.

PAMELA ANN P. ESCU

Partner

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April 12, 2024 Makati City, Metro Manila

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STATEMENT OF MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The management of CEBUANA LHUILLIER INSURANCE BROKERS INC. (the Company) is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements including the schedules attached therein for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, in accordance with the prescribed financial reporting framework indicated therein, and for such internal control as 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, management is responsible for assessing the Company'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 management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Board of Directors is responsible in overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

The Board of Directors reviews and approves the financial statements including the schedules attached therein, and submits the same to the stockholders.

Reyes Tacandong & Co., the independent auditor appointed by the stockholders, has audited the financial statements of the Company in accordance with Philippine Standards on Auditing, and in its report to the stockholders, has expressed its opinion on the fairness of presentation upon completion of such audit.

JEAN HENRI D. LHUILLIER

Chairman of the Board and President and CEO

FILEMON CECILIO A. CABUNGCAL

Chief Finance Officer

Signed this 12thday of April 2024 _

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CALL CITY

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Before me, a Notary Public for and in

MAKATI CIT

appeared:

NAME

CTC NO. AND OR DRIVER'S LICENSE

DATE AND PLACE ISSUED

TIN

JEAN HENRI D. LHUILLIER

CTC # 13618410

January 2, 2024/Parañaque City

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Known to me to be the same persons executed in the foregoing instrument and that they acknowledged to me that the same is their free and voluntary act and deed and that of the principals they represent.

INWITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my notarial seal at the date and place first above written.

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STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

		D	ecember 31
	Note	2023	2022
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash	4	₽ 178,872,945	₽184,099,294
Trade and other receivables	5	152,604,947	147,396,908
Other current assets	6	21,498,722	5,071,336
Total Current Assets		352,976,614	336,567,538
Noncurrent Assets			
Property and equipment	7	11,766,178	10,816,848
Computer software	8	8,068,151	6,463,890
Net retirement plan asset	15	4,189,525	5,254,071
Net deferred tax assets	16	1,526,713	391,073
Total Noncurrent Assets		25,550,567	22,925,882
		₽378,527,181	₽359,493,420
Current Liabilities	0	D470 205 006	D4.4.4. C.4.0. EE.0.
Trade and other payables	9	₽178,205,986	₽144,649,550
Current portion of lease liabilities	17	582,641	3,242,674
Total Current Liabilities		178,788,627	147,892,224
Noncurrent Liability			
Lease liabilities - net of current portion	17	573,287	674,939
Total Liabilities		179,361,914	148,567,163
Equity			
Capital stock		95,000,000	95,000,000
Retained earnings:			
Appropriated	11	76,000,000	_
Unappropriated		23,379,882	111,140,872
Cumulative remeasurement gain on net retirement			
plan asset	15	4,785,385	4,785,385
Total Equity		199,165,267	210,926,257
		₽378,527,181	₽359,493,420

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

		Years Ended December 31			
	Note	2023	2022		
SERVICE INCOME	17	₽574,785,389	₽335,883,515		
COST OF SERVICES	12	356,658,492	200,380,105		
GROSS INCOME		218,126,897	135,503,410		
OPERATING EXPENSES	13	(100,320,099)	(85,162,377)		
OTHER INCOME	14	10,257,082	6,730,605		
INTEREST EXPENSE ON LEASE LIABILITIES	17	(97,741)	(127,088)		
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX		127,966,139	56,944,550		
PROVISION FOR (BENEFIT FROM) INCOME TAX	16				
Current		35,412,769	15,026,869		
Deferred		(1,135,640)	(253,766)		
		34,277,129	14,773,103		
NET INCOME		93,689,010	42,171,447		
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE LOSS Not to be reclassified to profit or loss Remeasurement loss on net retirement plan asset					

15

₽93,689,010

(854,203)

₽43,025,650

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(net of deferred tax of ₱0.3 million in 2022)

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

		Years Ended December 31		
	Note	2023	2022	
CAPITAL STOCK - ₱100 par value				
Authorized - 1,000,000 shares				
Issued and outstanding - 950,000 shares		BUE 000 000	BUE 000 000	
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APPROPRIATED RETAINED EARNINGS				
Balance at beginning of year		_	_	
Appropriations	11	76,000,000	_	
Balance at end of year		76,000,000	_	
RETAINED EARNINGS				
Balance at beginning of year		111,140,872	68,969,425	
Cash dividends	11	(105,450,000)	_	
Net income		93,689,010	42,171,447	
Appropriations	11	(76,000,000)	_	
Balance at end of year		23,379,882	111,140,872	
CUMULATIVE REMEASUREMENT GAIN ON				
NET RETIREMENT PLAN ASSET				
Balance at beginning of year		4,785,385	5,639,588	
Remeasurement loss, net of deferred tax	15	_	(854,203)	
Balance at end of year		4,785,385	4,785,385	
		₽199,165,267	₽210,926,257	

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

		rears clide	d December 31
	Note	2023	2022
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Income before income tax		₽127,966,139	₽56,944,550
Adjustments for:			, ,
Depreciation and amortization	7	6,416,607	6,054,927
Provision for probable losses	9	5,538,965	_
Impairment losses on trade receivables	5	3,583,619	940,561
Net retirement benefit expense	15	1,064,546	1,060,293
Interest expense on lease liabilities	17	97,741	127,088
Interest income	4	(94,831)	(145,605)
Write-off of computer software	8	_	8,266,140
Operating income before working capital changes		144,572,786	73,247,954
Increase in:			
Trade and other receivables		(8,791,658)	(34,094,410)
Other current assets		(17,812,127)	(260,025)
Trade and other payables		28,017,471	33,036,214
Net cash generated from operations		147,371,213	71,929,733
Income taxes paid		(35,412,769)	(15,026,869)
Interest received		94,831	145,605
Net cash provided by operating activities		112,053,275	57,048,469
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Additions to:	_		
Property and equipment	7	(5,782,787)	(2,916,683)
Computer software	8	(2,449,942)	(2,947,010)
Cash used in investing activities		(8,232,729)	(5,863,693)
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Payments of:			
Cash dividends	11	(105,450,000)	_
Lease liabilities	17	(3,596,895)	(2,985,949)
Cash used in financing activities		(109,046,895)	(2,985,949)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH		(5,226,349)	48,198,827
CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		184,099,294	135,900,467

₽178,872,945

₽184,099,294

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

CASH AT END OF YEAR

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT AND FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

1. Corporate Information

Cebuana Lhuillier Insurance Brokers, Inc. doing business under the name and style of Cebuana Lhuillier Financial (the Company) was incorporated in the Philippines and registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on April 11, 2019 to act as broker soliciting, procuring, negotiating, receiving, managing, and forwarding applications for non-life, life, pre-need, mutual funds and HMO (Health Management Organization) and all other kinds of insurance contracts, or in any other manner aiding in taking out insurance, collecting payments of premiums due on such policies, and doing such other business as may be delegated to brokers of such companies in the conduct of a general insurance brokerage business.

The registered office of the Company is 1133 Chino Roces corner Metropolitan Avenues, Barangay San Antonio, Makati City 1203.

On February 24, 2020, the Insurance Commission (IC) granted the Company's license to operate as an insurance broker with Certificate of Authority No. IB-03-2023-R valid until December 31, 2025.

On March 1, 2020, the Company commenced its operations as a regular insurance broker on behalf of its principal insurance companies.

Approval of the Financial Statements

The financial statements as at and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 were approved and authorized for issue by the Board of Directors (BOD) on April 12, 2024.

2. Summary of Material Accounting Policy Information

Basis of Preparation and Statement of Compliance

The financial statements of the Company have been prepared in compliance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards (PFRS) issued by the Philippine Financial Reporting and Sustainability Standards Council and adopted by the SEC. This financial reporting framework includes PFRS, Philippine Accounting Standards (PAS), and Philippine Interpretations from International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC), including the SEC provisions.

Measurement Basis

The financial statements of the Company are presented in Philippine Peso (Peso), the Company's functional and presentation currency. All amounts are rounded to the nearest Peso unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis of accounting except for retirement plan asset which are measured at present value of defined benefit obligation less fair value of plan assets and lease liabilities which are measured at present value of minimum lease payments. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for an asset and fair value of the consideration received in exchange for incurring a liability.

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. The Company uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, maximizing the use of relevant observable inputs and minimizing the use of unobservable inputs.

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorized within the fair value hierarchy, described as follows, based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole:

- Level 1 Quoted (unadjusted) market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is directly or indirectly observable; and
- Level 3 Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable.

If the inputs used to measure the fair value of an asset or a liability might be categorized in different levels of the fair value hierarchy, then the fair value measurement is categorized in its entirety in the same level of the fair value hierarchy as the lowest level input that is significant to the entire measurement.

For assets and liabilities that are recognized in the financial statements on a recurring basis, the Company determines whether transfers have occurred between levels in the fair value hierarchy by re-assessing categorization (based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole) at the end of each reporting period.

For the purpose of fair value disclosures, the Company has determined classes of assets and liabilities on the basis of the nature, characteristics and risks of the asset or liability and the level of the fair value hierarchy as explained above.

Further information about the assumptions made in measuring fair values is included in Note 19, Fair Value Measurement.

Adoption of Amendments to PFRS

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year, except for the adoption of the following amendments to PFRS effective January 1, 2023:

• Amendments to PAS 1, Presentation of Financial Statements, and PFRS Practice Statement 2, Making Materiality Judgments - Disclosure Initiative - Accounting Policies — The amendments require an entity to disclose its material accounting policies, instead of its significant accounting policies and provide guidance on how an entity applies the concept of materiality in making decisions about accounting policy disclosures. In assessing the materiality of accounting policy information, entities need to consider both the size of the transactions, other events or conditions and its nature. The amendments clarify (1) that accounting policy information may be material because of its nature, even if the related amounts are immaterial, (2) that accounting policy information is material if users of an entity's financial statements would need it to understand other material information in the financial statements, and (3) if an entity discloses

immaterial accounting policy information, such information should not obscure material accounting policy information. In addition, PFRS Practice Statement 2 is amended by adding guidance and examples to explain and demonstrate the application of the 'four-step materiality process' to accounting policy information.

- Amendments to PAS 8, Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors Definition of Accounting Estimates The amendments clarify the distinction between changes in accounting estimates and changes in accounting policies, and the correction of errors. Under the new definition, accounting estimates are "monetary amounts in financial statements that are subject to measurement uncertainty". An entity develops an accounting estimate if an accounting policy requires an item in the financial statements to be measured in a way that involves measurement uncertainty. The amendments clarify that a change in accounting estimate that results from new information or new developments is not a correction of an error, and that the effects of a change in an input or a measurement technique used to develop an accounting estimate are changes in accounting estimates if they do not result from the correction of prior period errors. A change in an accounting estimate may affect only the profit or loss in the current period, or the profit or loss of both the current and future periods.
- Amendments to PAS 12, Income Taxes Deferred Tax Related Assets and Liabilities from a Single Transaction – The amendments require companies to recognize deferred tax on transactions that, on initial recognition, give rise to equal amounts of taxable and deductible temporary differences.
- Amendments to PAS 1, Classification of Liabilities as Current or Noncurrent The amendments clarify the requirements for an entity to have the right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. The amendments also specify and clarify the following: (i) an entity's right to defer settlement must exist at the end of the reporting period, (ii) the classification is unaffected by management's intentions or expectations about whether the entity will exercise its right to defer settlement, (iii) how lending conditions affect classification, and (iv) requirements for classifying liabilities where an entity will or may settle by issuing its own equity instruments.
- Amendments to PAS 12, International Tax Reform Pillar Two Model Rules The amendments provide a mandatory temporary exemption for the accounting of the deferred taxes arising from the implementation of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)/G20 Inclusive Framework on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting Pillar Two model rules (Pillar Two income taxes). The amendments also introduce the disclosure requirements for the affected entities to enable users of the financial statements understand the extent to which an entity will be affected by the Pillar Two income taxes, particularly before its effectivity date.

The adoption of the amendments to PFRS did not materially affect the financial statements of the Company. Additional disclosures were included in the financial statements, as applicable.

Amendments to PFRS in Issue But Not Yet Effective

Relevant amendments to PFRS, which are not yet effective as at December 31, 2023, are summarized below.

Effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024:

- Amendments to PFRS 16, Leases Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback The amendments clarify that the liability that arises from a sale and leaseback transaction, that satisfies the requirements in PFRS 15, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, to be accounted for as a sale, is a lease liability to which PFRS 16 applies and give rise to a right-of-use asset. For the subsequent measurement, the seller-lessee shall determine 'lease payments' or 'revised lease payments' in a way that the seller-lessee would not recognize any amount of the gain or loss that relates to the right of use retained by the seller-lessee. Applying this subsequent measurement does not prevent the seller-lessee from recognizing any gain or loss relating to the partial or full termination of a lease. Any gain or loss relating to the partial or full termination of the lease does not relate to the right of use retained but to the right of use terminated. The amendments must be applied retrospectively. Earlier application is permitted.
- Amendments to PAS 1, Noncurrent Liabilities with Covenants The amendments clarified that
 covenants to be complied with after the reporting date do not affect the classification of debt as
 current or noncurrent at the reporting date. Instead, the amendments require the entity to
 disclose information about these covenants in the notes to the financial statements. The
 amendments must be applied retrospectively. Earlier application is permitted. If applied in
 earlier period, the Company shall also apply Amendments to PAS 1 Classification of Liabilities
 as Current or Noncurrent for that period.
- Amendments to PAS 7, Statement of Cash Flows and PFRS 7, Financial Instrument:
 Disclosures Supplier Finance Arrangements The amendments introduced new disclosure
 requirements to enable users of the financial statements assess the effects of supplier finance
 arrangements on the liabilities, cash flows and exposure to liquidity risk. The amendments also
 provide transitional relief on certain aspects, particularly on the disclosures of comparative
 information. Earlier application is permitted.

Effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2025:

Amendments to PAS 21, The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates - Lack of Exchangeability — The amendments clarify when a currency is considered exchangeable into another currency and how an entity determines the exchange rate for currencies that lack exchangeability. The amendments also introduce new disclosure requirements to help users of financial statements assess the impact when a currency is not exchangeable. An entity does not apply the amendments retrospectively. Instead, an entity recognizes any effect of initially applying the amendments as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings when the entity reports foreign currency transactions. When an entity uses a presentation currency other than its functional currency, it recognizes the cumulative amount of translation differences in equity. Earlier application is permitted.

Under prevailing circumstances, the adoption of the foregoing amended PFRS is not expected to have any material effect on the financial statements of the Company. Additional disclosures will be included in the financial statements, as applicable.

Financial Instruments

A financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to a financial asset or a liability or equity instrument of another entity.

Date of Recognition. The Company recognizes a financial asset or a financial liability in the statement of financial position when it becomes a party to the contractual provisions of a financial instrument. In the case of a regular way purchase or sale of financial assets, recognition and derecognition, as applicable, is done using settlement date accounting.

Initial Recognition and Measurement. Financial instruments are recognized initially at fair value, which is the fair value of the consideration given (in case of an asset) or received (in case of a liability). The initial measurement of financial instruments, except for those designated at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL), includes transaction cost.

"Day 1" Difference. Where the transaction in a non-active market is different from the fair value of other observable current market transactions in the same instrument or based on a valuation technique whose variables include only data from observable market, the Company recognizes the difference between the transaction price and fair value (a "Day 1" difference) in profit or loss. In cases where there is no observable data on inception, the Company deems the transaction price as the best estimate of fair value and recognizes "Day 1" difference in profit or loss when the inputs become observable or when the instrument is derecognized. For each transaction, the Company determines the appropriate method of recognizing the "Day 1" difference.

Financial Assets

Classification. The Company classifies its financial assets at initial recognition under the following categories: (a) financial assets at amortized cost, (b) financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI), and (c) financial assets at FVPL. The classification of a financial instrument largely depends on the Company's business model and its contractual cash flow characteristics.

As at reporting date, the Company does not have financial assets measured at FVPL and FVOCI.

Financial Assets at Amortized Cost. Financial assets shall be measured at amortized cost if both of the following conditions are met:

- The financial asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows; and
- The contractual terms of the financial asset give rise, on specified dates, to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

After initial recognition, financial assets at amortized cost are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method, less allowance for impairment, if any. Amortized cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees that are an integral part of the effective interest rate. Gains and losses are recognized in profit or loss when the financial assets are derecognized and through amortization process. Financial assets at amortized cost are included under current assets if realizability or collectability is within 12 months after the reporting period. Otherwise, these are classified as noncurrent assets.

The Company's cash, trade and other receivables and refundable deposits (included under "Other current assets" account) are classified under this category (see Notes 4, 5 and 6).

Cash. Cash includes cash on hand and in banks which are measured at face value. Cash in banks earn interest at prevailing bank deposit rates.

Trade and Other Receivables. Trade and other receivables are recognized initially at transaction price and are subsequently measured at undiscounted amount of cash or other consideration expected to be received less provision for impairment loss, if any.

Impairment. The Company recognizes an allowance for ECL for all instruments not measured at FVPL. ECL is based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Company expects to receive. The difference is then discounted at an approximation to the asset's original effective interest rate.

For trade receivables without significant financing component, the Company has applied the simplified approach in measuring estimated credit losses (ECL). The Company also elected to apply simplified approach for trade receivables with significant financing component.

Simplified approach requires that ECL should always be based on the lifetime ECL. The Company has established a provision matrix that is based on its historical credit loss experience, adjusted for forward-looking factors specific to the debtors and the economic environment and an assessment of both the current as well as the forecast direction of conditions at the reporting date, including time value of money where appropriate.

For other financial instruments measured at amortized cost. The ECL is based on the 12-month ECL, which pertains to the portion of lifetime ECL that result from default events on a financial instrument that are possible within 12 months after the reporting date. However, when there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, the allowance will be based on the lifetime ECL. When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Company compares the risk of a default occurring on the financial instrument as at the reporting date with the risk of a default occurring on the financial instrument as at the date of initial recognition and consider reasonable and supportable information, that is available without undue cost or effort, that is indicative of significant increases in credit risk since initial recognition.

The Company considers a financial asset to be in default when contractual payments are 90 days past due unless it is demonstrated that the non-payment was an administrative oversight rather than resulting from financial difficulty of the borrower. However, in certain cases, the Company may also consider a financial asset to be in default when internal or external information indicates that the Company is unlikely to receive the outstanding contractual amounts in full before taking into account any credit enhancements held by the Company. A financial asset is written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovering the contractual cash flows.

Reclassification. The Company reclassifies its financial assets when, and only when, it changes its business model for managing those financial assets. The reclassification is applied prospectively from the first day of the first reporting period following the change in the business model (reclassification date).

For a financial asset reclassified out of the financial assets at amortized cost category to financial assets at FVPL, any gain or loss arising from the difference between the previous amortized cost of the financial asset and fair value is recognized in profit or loss.

For a financial asset reclassified out of the financial assets at amortized cost category to financial assets at FVOCI, any gain or loss arising from a difference between the previous amortized cost of the financial asset and fair value is recognized in other comprehensive income (OCI).

In the case of a financial asset that does not have a fixed maturity, the gain or loss shall be recognized in profit or loss when the financial asset is sold or disposed. If the financial asset is subsequently impaired, any previous gain or loss that has been recognized in OCI is reclassified from equity to profit or loss.

There were no reclassifications of financial assets in 2023 and 2022.

Derecognition. A financial asset (or where applicable, a part of a financial asset or part of a group of similar financial assets) is derecognized when:

- The right to receive cash flows from the asset has expired;
- The Company retains the right to receive cash flows from the financial asset, but has assumed an obligation to pay them in full without material delay to a third party under a "pass-through" arrangement; or
- The Company has transferred its right to receive cash flows from the financial asset and either
 (a) has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset, or (b) has
 neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the
 asset, but has transferred control of the asset.

When the Company has transferred its right to receive cash flows from a financial asset or has entered into a "pass-through" arrangement and has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset nor transferred control of the financial asset, the financial asset is recognized to the extent of the Company's continuing involvement in the financial asset. Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred financial asset is measured at the lower of the original carrying amount of the financial asset and the maximum amount of consideration that the Company could be required to repay.

Financial Liabilities

Classification. The Company classifies its financial liabilities at initial recognition under the following categories: (a) financial liabilities at amortized cost, (b) financial liabilities at FVPL.

As at reporting date, the Company does not have financial liabilities measured at FVPL.

Financial Liabilities at Amortized Cost. Financial liabilities are categorized as financial liabilities at amortized cost when the substance of the contractual arrangement results in the Company having an obligation either to deliver cash or another financial asset to the holder, or to settle the obligation other than by the exchange of a fixed amount of cash or another financial asset for a fixed number of its own equity instruments.

These financial liabilities are initially recognized at fair value less any directly attributable transaction costs. After initial recognition, these financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. Amortized cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on the issue and fees that are an integral part of the effective interest rate. Gains and losses are recognized in profit or loss when the liabilities are derecognized or through the amortization process.

The Company's trade and other payables (excluding payable to government agencies, deferred output value-added tax (VAT) and unearned income) and lease liabilities are classified under this category (see Notes 9 and 17).

Classification of Financial Instrument between Liability and Equity. A financial instrument is classified as liability if it provides for a contractual obligation to:

- Deliver cash or another financial asset to another entity;
- Exchange financial assets or financial liabilities with another entity under conditions that are potentially unfavorable to the Company; or
- Satisfy the obligation other than by the exchange of a fixed amount of cash or another financial asset for a fixed number of own equity shares.

If the Company does not have an unconditional right to avoid delivering cash or another financial asset to settle its contractual obligation, the obligation meets the definition of a financial liability.

Derecognition. A financial liability is derecognized when the obligation under the liability is discharged, cancelled or has expired. When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as a derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability, and the difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognized in profit or loss.

Offsetting of Financial Assets and Liabilities

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, and the net amount is reported in the statement of financial position, if and only if, there is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. This is not generally the case with master netting agreements, and the related assets and liabilities are presented gross in the statement of financial position.

Other Current Assets

Other current assets mainly include refundable deposits and creditable withholding tax (CWT), initially recorded at transaction cost.

CWT. CWT represents the amount withheld by the Company's customers in relation to its income. CWT can be utilized as payment for income taxes provided that these are properly supported by certificates of creditable tax withheld at source, subject to the rules on Philippine income taxation. CWT is recognized at transaction amount less provision for impairment loss, if any.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment, except for construction in-progress (CIP), is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation, amortization and any impairment loss.

The initial cost of property and equipment comprises its purchase price, including import duties and nonrefundable taxes and any direct costs attributable in bringing the property and equipment to its working condition and location for its intended use. Cost also includes the cost of replacing part of such property and equipment when the recognition criteria are met.

Expenditures incurred after the property and equipment have been put into operations, such as repairs and maintenance, are normally charged to profit or loss in the year the costs are incurred. In situations where it can be clearly demonstrated that these expenditures have resulted in an increase in the future economic benefits expected to be obtained from the use of an item of property and equipment beyond its originally assessed standard of performance, the expenditures are capitalized as additional costs of property and equipment.

Right-of-use (ROU) asset represents a lessee's right to use an underlying asset for the lease term. These are recognized at the commencement date of the lease and are measured at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities. The cost of the ROU asset shall comprise the amount of the initial measurement of the lease liability, any lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received, any initial direct costs incurred and an estimation of costs to be incurred by the Company in dismantling and removing the underlying asset.

CIP pertains to properties under construction and is stated at cost. Cost includes costs of construction, labor and other direct costs. Upon completion, CIP is reclassified to appropriate property and equipment category. CIP is not depreciated until such time that the relevant assets are completed and available for intended use.

Depreciation and amortization commence when property and equipment is in its location or condition capable of being operated in the manner intended by management. Depreciation and amortization cease at the earlier of the date that the item is classified as held for sale and the date the property and equipment is derecognized.

Major renovations that qualify for capitalization are depreciated and amortized over the remaining useful life of the related property and equipment or to the date of the next major renovation, whichever is earlier.

Depreciation and amortization are computed on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

Asset Type	Number of Years
Leasehold improvements	5
ROU assets	3 to 5 or lease term, whichever is shorter
Office equipment, furniture and fixtures	5
Computer equipment	5
Transportation equipment	5

The estimated useful lives and depreciation and amortization method are reviewed periodically to ensure that these are consistent with the expected pattern of economic benefits from items of property and equipment, and adjusted prospectively, if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Fully depreciated and amortized property and equipment are retained in the accounts until these are no longer in use and no further charge for depreciation and amortization is made in respect of those property and equipment.

An item of property and equipment and any significant part initially recognized is derecognized upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Any gain or loss arising from derecognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is included in profit or loss in the year the property and equipment is derecognized.

Computer Software

Computer software is stated at cost, which includes purchase price and other direct costs, less accumulated amortization and any impairment loss.

Amortization of computer software commences when the asset is in its location or condition capable of being operated in the manner intended by management. Amortization ceases at the earlier of the date that the asset is classified as held for sale and the date the asset is derecognized.

Computer software is amortized over its useful life of five years on a straight-line basis and assessed for impairment whenever there is an indication that the computer software may be impaired. The estimated useful life and amortization method for computer software are reviewed at least annually. Changes in the expected useful life or expected pattern of consumption of future economic benefits embodied in the computer software are recognized as part of current operations.

When computer software is retired or otherwise disposed of, the cost and the related accumulated amortization and any impairment losses are removed from the accounts. Any resulting gain or loss is recognized in profit or loss.

Impairment of Nonfinancial Assets

At each reporting date, nonfinancial assets are reviewed to determine whether there is any indication that these assets maybe impaired. If there is an indication of possible impairment, the recoverable amount of any asset (or group of related assets) is estimated and compared with its carrying amount. If estimated recoverable amount is lower, the carrying amount is reduced to its estimated recoverable amount, and an impairment loss is recognized immediately in profit or loss.

The recoverable amount of an asset is the greater of its value in use or its fair value less cost of disposal. Value in use is the present value of future cash flows expected to be derived from an asset. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessment of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset.

An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. An impairment is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation and amortization, had no impairment loss been recognized. Reversals of impairment are recognized in profit or loss.

Equity

Capital Stock. Capital stock is measured at par value for all shares issued and outstanding.

Retained Earnings. Retained earnings represent the cumulative balance of net income. Cash dividends are recognized as liability and deducted from equity when these are approved by the BOD of the Company. Dividends that are approved after the reporting year are dealt with as an event after the reporting date.

Cumulative Remeasurement Gain on Net Retirement Asset. This pertains to accumulated remeasurement gains or losses on net retirement asset, which are not recognized in profit or loss. Remeasurement gain or loss when earned or incurred for the period are classified as other comprehensive income or loss and presented after net income in the statement of comprehensive income. The accumulated remeasurement gains or losses are separately presented in the equity section of the statement of financial position.

Revenue Recognition

Revenue from contract with customers is recognized when the performance obligation in the contract has been satisfied, either at a point in time or over time. Revenue is recognized over time if one of the following criteria is met: (a) the customer simultaneously receives and consumes the benefits as the Company perform its obligations; (b) the Company's performance creates or enhances an asset that the customer controls as the asset is created or enhanced; or (c) the Company's performance does not create an asset with an alternative use to the Company and the Company has an enforceable right to payment for performance completed to date. Otherwise, revenue is recognized at a point in time.

The Company also assesses its revenue arrangements to determine if it is acting as a principal or as an agent. The Company has assessed that it acts as an agent in all of its revenue sources.

The following specific recognition criteria must also be met before revenue is recognized:

Service Income. Service income is recognized when services as an insurance broker have been rendered. Service income includes gross inflows of economic benefits received and receivable by the entity on its own account. Amounts collected on behalf of third parties such as sales taxes, goods and service taxes and VAT are not economic benefits which flow to the entity and do not result in increases in equity. The amounts collected on behalf of the principals are not recognized as revenue. Income received in advance as at reporting date is recorded at face amount and are recognized as revenue when the Company performs under the contract. Accordingly, commission received in advance are recorded and presented as "Unearned income" in the statement of financial position.

Revenue outside the scope of PFRS 15 is recognized as follows:

Rental Income. Rental income on leased property is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Interest Income. Interest income is recognized as the interest accrues, taking into consideration the effective yield on the asset.

Cost and Expense Recognition

Costs and expenses are recognized in profit or loss upon consumption of goods or utilization of services at the date these expenses are incurred.

Cost of Services. Cost of services pertains to cost directly attributable to the revenue generating activities of the Company. It is recognized when the related expense to render the services are incurred.

Operating Expenses. Operating expenses constitute cost of administering the business and costs incurred to market and sell the services. These are expensed as incurred.

Interest Expense. Interest expense is recognized as expense when incurred.

Related Party Transactions and Relationships

Related party transactions consist of transfers of resources, services or obligations between the Company and its related parties.

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability, directly or indirectly, to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial and operating decisions. This includes: (a) individuals who, owning directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, control or are controlled by, or under common control with the Company; (b) associates; and (c) individuals owning, directly or indirectly, an interest in the voting power of the Company that gives them significant influence over the Company and close members of the family of any such individual.

In considering each possible related party relationship, attention is directed to the substance of the relationship and not merely on legal form.

Leases

The Company assesses whether the contracts is, or contains, a lease. To assess whether a contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified assets for a period of time, the Company assesses whether, throughout the period of use, it has both of the following:

- a. The right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from the use of the identified asset; and
- b. The right to direct the use of the identified asset.

If the Company has the right to control the use of an identified asset for only a portion of the term of the contract, the contract contains a lease for that portion of the term.

The Company also assesses whether a contract contains a lease for each potential separate lease component.

The Company as a Lessee. At the commencement date, the Company recognizes ROU asset and lease liability for all leases, except for leases with lease terms of 12 months or less (short-term leases) and leases for which the underlying asset is of low value in which case the lease payments associated with those leases are recognized as an expense on a straight-line basis.

ROU Asset. At commencement date, the Company measures ROU asset at cost. The cost comprises:

- a. The amount of the initial measurement of lease liability;
- b. Any lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received;
- c. Any initial direct costs; and
- d. An estimation of costs to be incurred by the Company in dismantling and removing the underlying asset, when applicable.

The ROU asset is recognized at the present value of the liability at the commencement date of the lease, adding any directly attributable costs. After the commencement date, the ROU asset is carried at cost less accumulated amortization and any accumulated impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of the related lease liability. The ROU asset is amortized over the shorter of the lease terms or the useful lives of the underlying assets ranging from three to five years. The ROU assets is included as part of "Property and equipment" account in the statement of financial position.

Lease Liabilities. At commencement date, the Company measures a lease liability at the present value of future lease payments using the interest rate implicit in the lease, if that rate can be readily determined. Otherwise, the Company uses its incremental borrowing rate.

Lease payments included in the measurement of a lease liability comprise the following:

- a. Fixed payments, including in-substance fixed payments;
- b. Variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate as at the commencement date;
- c. Amounts expected to be payable by the lessee under residual value guarantees; and
- d. The exercise price under a purchase option that the Company is reasonably certain to exercise; lease payments in an optional renewal period if the Company is reasonably certain to exercise an extension option; and penalties for early termination of a lease unless the Company is reasonably certain not to terminate early.

A lease liability is subsequently measured at amortized cost. Interest on the lease liability and any variable lease payments not included in the measurement of lease liability are recognized in profit or loss unless these are capitalized as costs of another asset. Variable lease payments not included in the measurement of the lease liability are recognized in profit or loss when the event or condition that triggers those payments occurs.

If there is a change in the lease term or if there is a change in the assessment of an option to purchase the underlying asset, the lease liability is remeasured using a revised discount rate considering the revised lease payments on the basis of the revised lease term or reflecting the change in amounts payable under the purchase option. The lease liability is also remeasured using the revised lease payments if there is a change in the amounts expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee or a change in future lease payments resulting from a change in an index or a rate used to determine those payments.

Lease liability is classified in the statement of financial position as current liabilities when it is expected to be paid for no more than 12 months after the financial year. Otherwise, lease liability is classified as noncurrent liabilities.

Employee Benefits

Short-term Employee Benefits. The Company provides short-term benefits to its employees in the form of basic salary, 13th month pay, leave credits, bonuses, employer's share on government contributions and other short-term benefits.

Short-term employee benefit liabilities are measured on an undiscounted basis and are expensed as the related service is provided.

Retirement Benefits. The Company has a funded, noncontributory defined benefit plan covering all its qualified employees. The cost of retirement benefits is determined using the projected unit credit method which reflects services rendered by employees to the date of valuation and incorporates assumptions concerning employees' projected salaries.

The Company recognizes service costs, comprising of current service costs and net interest expense or income in profit or loss. Net interest is calculated by applying the discount rate to the net retirement liability or asset.

Remeasurements comprising actuarial gains and losses and return on plan assets are recognized immediately in OCI in the period in which they arise. Remeasurements are not reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods.

The net retirement plan assets is the aggregate of the present value of the retirement liability and the fair value of plan assets on which the obligations are to be settled directly. The present value of the retirement liability is determined by discounting the estimated future cash outflows using interest rate on government bonds that have terms to maturity approximating the terms of the related retirement liability.

Plan assets are assets that are held in trust and managed by a trustee bank. Plan assets are not available to the creditors of the Company, nor can they be paid directly to the Company. The fair value of the plan assets is based on the market price information. When no market price is available, the fair value of plan assets is estimated by discounting expected future cash flows using a discount rate that reflects both the risk associated with the plan assets and the maturity or expected disposal date of those assets (or, if they have no maturity, the expected period until the settlement of the related obligations). If the fair value of the plan assets is higher than the present value of the defined benefit obligation, the measurement of the resulting defined benefit asset is limited to the present value of economic benefits available in the form of refunds from the plan or reductions in future contributions to the plan.

Actuarial valuations are made with sufficient regularity so that the amounts recognized in the financial statements do not differ materially from the amounts that would be determined at the reporting date.

Income Tax

Current Tax. Current tax assets and liabilities are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authority. The tax rate and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

Deferred Tax. Deferred tax is provided on all temporary differences at the reporting date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes.

Deferred tax is recognized in profit or loss except for the effect of items recognized as OCI or items directly recognized in equity.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognized for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are recognized for all deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that future taxable income will be available against which the deductible temporary differences can be utilized.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that there will be sufficient taxable profit against which part of the deferred tax asset can be utilized. Unrecognized deferred tax asset is reassessed at each reporting date and are recognized to the extent that it has become probable that sufficient future taxable profits will allow the deferred tax asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rate that is expected to apply in the year when the asset is realized or the liability is settled, based on tax rate and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

Offsetting. Current tax assets and current tax liabilities are offset, or deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset if, and only if, an enforceable right exists to set off the amounts and it can be demonstrated without undue cost or effort that the Company plans either to settle on a net basis or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Provisions

Provisions are recognized when the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and the amount can be reliably estimated.

Provisions are measured at the present value of the amount expected to be required to settle the obligation using a pre-tax rate that reflects market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the obligation. The increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognized as interest expense.

Provisions are reviewed at the end of each reporting year and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate.

Contingencies

Contingent liabilities are not recognized in the financial statements but are disclosed in the notes to financial statements unless the possibility of an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits is remote. Contingent assets are not recognized in the financial statements but are disclosed in the notes to financial statements when an inflow of economic benefits is probable.

Events after the Reporting Date

Events after the reporting date that provide additional information about the Company's financial position as at reporting date (adjusting events) are reflected in the financial statements. Events after the reporting date that are not adjusting events are disclosed in the notes to financial statements when material.

3. Significant Accounting Judgments, Estimates and Assumptions

The preparation of the financial statements in compliance with PFRS requires management to exercise judgments, make estimates and use assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. These judgments, estimates and assumptions are based upon management's evaluation of relevant facts and circumstances as at reporting date. Actual results could differ from these judgments, estimates and assumptions used and the effect of any change in estimates will be adjusted accordingly when these become reasonably determinable.

Judgments, estimates and assumptions are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The Company believes the following represent a summary of these significant judgments, estimates and assumptions and related impact and associated risks in the financial statements.

Judgments

In the process of applying the Company's accounting policies, management has made the following judgments, apart from those involving estimations, which have the most significant effect on the amounts recognized in the financial statements.

Determining whether the Company Acts as a Principal or an Agent on its Service Revenues. The Company determined that it has no control over the determination of its service revenues. The Company receives its revenues by providing services to its principals. Accordingly, the Company determined that it acts in the capacity of an agent, rather than as a principal in its operations.

Classifying Leases - The Company as a Lessor. The Company entered into a sublease agreement covering certain store spaces in its mall branches with a related party. The Company determined, based on the evaluation of terms and conditions of agreement, that the lessor retains all the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the commercial property. Thus, the agreement is accounted for as an operating lease.

Rental income amounted to ₱10.2 million and ₱6.6 million in 2023 and 2022, respectively (see Note 14).

Classifying Leases – The Company as a Lessee. The Company, as a lessee, has an existing renewable lease agreement with a related party covering its office space. For the Company's non-cancellable lease, the Company recognizes ROU asset and lease liability measured at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term using the Company's incremental borrowing rate. The Company availed exemption for short-term leases with term of 12 months or less. Accordingly, lease payments on the short-term lease are recognized as expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Depreciation on ROU assets amounted to ₹3.4 million and ₹2.9 million in 2023 and 2022, respectively (see Note 7). Interest expense on lease liabilities amounted to ₹0.1 million in 2023 and 2022 (see Note 17).

The ROU assets included under "Property and equipment" account amounted to ₱1.1 million and ₱3.8 million as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively (see Note 7). Lease liabilities recognized in the statement of financial position amounted to ₱1.2 million and ₱3.9 million as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively (see Note 17).

Rent expense presented under "Operating expenses" line item, arising from short-term leases amounted to ₱11.0 million and ₱6.9 million in 2023 and 2022, respectively (see Note 13).

Determining the Incremental Borrowing Rate on Lease. The Company cannot readily determine the interest rate implicit in the lease, therefore, it uses its incremental borrowing rate to measure lease liabilities.

The incremental borrowing rate is the rate of interest that the Company would have to pay to borrow over a similar term, and with a similar security, the funds necessary to obtain an asset of a similar value to the ROU asset in a similar economic environment. The Company estimates the IBR using available observable inputs, such as the prevailing Bloomberg Valuation Service (BVAL) interest rates, adjusted for entity-specific estimates, to reflect the terms and conditions of the lease.

Estimates and Assumptions

The key estimates and assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed in the succeeding paragraphs.

Estimating ECL on Trade and Other Receivables. When the Company assessed that there is a significant change in the credit risk, the Company estimates ECL using a provision matrix which considers the Company's historical credit loss experience adjusted for forward-looking factors, as appropriate.

Impairment losses on trade receivables amounted to ₱3.6 million and ₱0.9 million in 2023 and 2022, respectively. The carrying amount of trade and other receivables amounted to ₱152.6 million and ₱147.4 million as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively (see Note 5).

Estimating the Useful Lives of Property and Equipment and Computer Software. The Company estimates the useful lives of property and equipment and computer software based on the periods over which these assets are expected to be available for its use. Such estimation is based on a collective assessment of industry practice, internal technical evaluation and experience with similar assets. The estimated useful lives are reviewed periodically and are updated if expectations differ from previous estimates due to physical wear and tear, technical and commercial obsolescence and legal or other limits on the use of the assets. It is possible, however, that future results of operations could be materially affected by changes in the amounts and timing of recorded expenses brought about by changes in the factors mentioned above. A reduction in the estimated useful life of these assets would increase the recorded operating expenses and decrease the carrying amount of the assets.

There was no change in the estimated useful lives of property and equipment and computer software in 2023 and 2022. The carrying amount of property and equipment amounted to ₱11.8 million and ₱10.8 million as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively (see Note 7). The carrying amount of computer software amounted to ₱8.1 million and ₱6.5 million as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively (see Note 8).

Assessing Impairment Losses on Significant Nonfinancial Assets. The Company assesses the impairment on its significant nonfinancial assets whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of these assets may not be recoverable.

Factors that the Company considers in deciding when to perform impairment review includes the following, among others:

- Significant changes or planned changes in the use of the assets or the strategy for overall business;
- Significant under-performance relative to expected historical or projected future operating results; and
- Significant negative industry or economic trends.

The Company determined that there are no indications of impairment on its property and equipment and accordingly, no impairment losses were recognized in 2023 and 2022. For computer software, a write-off amounting to ₱8.3 million was recognized representing cost of software development which was discontinued in 2022 (see Note 8).

The carrying amount of significant nonfinancial assets as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, are as follows:

	Note	2023	2022
Property and equipment	7	₽11,766,178	₽10,816,848
Computer software	8	8,068,151	6,463,890

Assessing Provisions and Evaluating Contingencies. Provisions can be distinguished from other liabilities because there is uncertainty about the timing and amount of settlement. The most common provisions recorded by the Company arise from obligations in relation to unasserted claims. Contingent liabilities of the company are not recognized but disclosed, unless the possibility of an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits is remote.

The recognition and measurement of provisions and contingencies require the Company to make significant estimates with regard to the probability (if the event is more likely than not to occur) that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and make assumptions whether a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Moreover, the Company's accounting policy requires recognition of the best estimate of the amount that would be required to settle an obligation and the estimate may be based on information that produces a range of amounts.

In 2023, the Company recognized provision for probable loss representing unasserted claims amounting to ₱5.5 million and included as part of other payables in "Trade and other payables" account (see Note 9).

Assessing the Realizability of Deferred Tax Asset. The Company's assessment on the realizability of deferred tax asset on deductible temporary differences is based on the projected taxable income in the following periods. This forecast is based on the Company's past results and future expectations on revenues and expenses.

The Company reviews the carrying value of deferred tax asset at the end of each financial reporting date and reduces the carrying value to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax assets to be utilized. The Company also reviews the expected timing and tax rate upon reversal of temporary differences and adjusts the impact of deferred tax accordingly.

Recognized gross deferred tax assets offset against deferred tax liabilities amounted to ₱2.6 million and ₱1.7 million as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively (see Note 16).

4. Cash

This account consists of:

	2023	2022
Cash in banks	₽178,020,395	₽182,295,230
Cash on hand	852,550	1,804,064
	₽178,872,945	₽184,099,294

Cash in banks earn interest at the prevailing bank deposit rates. Interest income amounted to ₱94,831 and ₱145,605 in 2023 and 2022, respectively (see Note 14).

5. Trade and Other Receivables

This account consists of:

	Note	2023	2022
Trade:			
Related parties	10	₽82,850,625	₽100,772,387
Third parties		57,518,408	33,915,052
Due from principals		13,807,357	13,783,603
Due from related parties	10	3,995,534	871,897
Others		338,630	375,957
		158,510,554	149,718,896
Less allowance for impairment losses on			
receivables		5,905,607	2,321,988
		₽152,604,947	₽147,396,908

Trade receivables consist of commissions due from principal insurance companies and service fee collected by related parties on behalf of the Company. Commissions are noninterest-bearing and are generally collected upon remittance of the premiums to the principal insurance companies which is in the subsequent period.

Due from principals pertain to claims released to the beneficiaries which are collectible from principal insurance companies.

The movement in allowance for impairment losses on receivables is as follows:

	Note	2023	2022
Balance at beginning of year		₽2,321,988	₽1,381,427
Provision for impairment losses on receivables	13	3,583,619	940,561
Balance at end of year		₽5,905,607	₽2,321,988

6. Other Current Assets

This account consists of:

	Note	2023	2022
Refundable deposits	17	₽9,317,925	₽4,129,967
CWT		7,253,033	19,965
Deferred input VAT		2,514,586	585,370
Prepayments		2,413,178	336,034
		₽21,498,722	₽5,071,336

Refundable deposits arise from operating lease agreements which is measured at initial transaction cost.

Deferred input VAT represents input VAT on unpaid services.

As at December 31, 2023, prepayments mainly include rent paid in advance by the Company.

7. **Property and Equipment**

Movements in this account are summarized below:

	2023						
			Office				
			Equipment,				
	Leasehold	ROU Assets	Furniture and	Computer	Transportation	Construction	
	Improvements	(see Note 17)	Fixtures	Equipment	Equipment	in Progress	Total
Cost							_
Balance at beginning of year	₽7,830,815	₽9,394,435	₽1,094,733	₽565,728	₽1,261,907	₽562,500	₽20,710,118
Derecognition	_	(8,358,018)	_	_	_	_	(8,358,018)
Additions	946,657	737,469	625,420	15,711	2,882,499	1,312,500	6,520,256
Reclassifications	1,875,000	-	_	_	_	(1,875,000)	
Balance at end of year	10,652,472	1,773,886	1,720,153	581,439	4,144,406	-	18,872,356
Accumulated Depreciation and							_
Amortization							
Balance at beginning of year	3,784,088	5,637,562	296,898	136,105	38,617	_	9,893,270
Depreciation and amortization	1,331,672	3,393,551	303,918	113,842	427,943	_	5,570,926
Derecognition	-	(8,358,018)	_	_	_	-	(8,358,018)
Balance at end of year	5,115,760	673,095	600,816	249,947	466,560	-	7,106,178
Carrying Amounts	₽5,536,712	₽1,100,791	₽1,119,337	₽331,492	₽3,677,846	₽-	₽11,766,178

				2022	2		
			Office				
			Equipment,				
	Leasehold	ROU Assets	Furniture and	Computer	Transportation	Construction	
	Improvements	(see Note 17)	Fixtures	Equipment	Equipment	in Progress	Total
Cost							
Balance at beginning of year	₽7,218,129	₽8,358,018	₽819,903	₽572,115	₽454,121	₽	₽17,422,286
Additions	612,686	1,036,417	274,830	234,774	1,231,893	562,500	3,953,100
Disposals	_	-	_	(241,161)	(424,107)	_	(665,268)
Balance at end of year	7,830,815	9,394,435	1,094,733	565,728	1,261,907	562,500	20,710,118
Accumulated Depreciation and							
Amortization							
Balance at beginning of year	1,456,473	2,727,967	109,953	78,931	73,186	_	4,446,510
Depreciation and amortization	2,327,615	2,909,595	186,945	101,386	36,116	_	5,561,657
Disposals	_	_	_	(44,212)	(70,685)	_	(114,897)
Balance at end of year	3,784,088	5,637,562	296,898	136,105	38,617	_	9,893,270
Carrying Amounts	₽4,046,727	₽3,756,873	₽797,835	₽429,623	₽1,223,290	₽562,500	₽10,816,848

Depreciation and amortization arise from the following:

	Note	2023	2022
Property and equipment		₽5,570,926	₽5,561,657
Computer software	8	845,681	493,270
	13	₽6,416,607	₽6,054,927

8. Computer Software

Movements of this account are as follows:

	Note	2023	2022
Cost			_
Balance at beginning of year		₽7,144,973	₽12,464,103
Additions		2,449,942	2,947,010
Write-off	13	_	(8,266,140)
Balance at end of year		9,594,915	7,144,973
Accumulated Amortization			
Balance at beginning of year		681,083	187,813
Amortization	7	845,681	493,270
Balance at end of year		1,526,764	681,083
Carrying Amount		₽8,068,151	₽6,463,890

In 2022, the Company wrote off cost of software development which was discontinued amounting to ₽8.3 million.

9. Trade and Other Payables

This account consists of:

	Note	2023	2022
Trade:			
Related parties	10	₽41,350,598	₽21,170,432
Third parties		6,665,959	56,788,669
Due to related parties	10	40,304,052	22,008,188
Payable to government agencies		39,590,144	9,536,713
Due to principals		11,563,992	15,691,410
Deferred output VAT		15,300,880	6,898,138
Unearned income		4,335,632	4,335,632
Accruals for:			
Payroll		2,867,092	2,049,815
Rent	10	1,576,909	1,648,389
Others		14,650,728	4,522,164
		₽178,205,986	₽144,649,550

Trade payables are noninterest-bearing and are normally settled within 15 - 90 days.

Payable to government agencies pertain to unpaid taxes and statutory benefits which are normally settled within the subsequent month.

Due to principals represent funds received from customers that will be subsequently remitted to principals.

Unearned income pertains to commission income paid in advance by an insurance company.

Accruals are noninterest-bearing and are normally settled throughout the subsequent month.

In 2023, others include provision for probable losses amounting to ₱5.5 million representing unasserted claims. Pursuant to PAS 37, *Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets,* information expected to seriously prejudice the position of an entity, subject of the provision, need not be disclosed.

10. Related Party Transactions

In the ordinary course of business, the Company has transactions with related parties. These are summarized below:

					2023			2022
					Transactions	Outstanding	Transactions	Outstanding
Relationship	Accounts	Note	Nature of Transactions	Note	During the Year	Balances	During the Year	Balances
Entities with			Service fees collected on behalf					
common	Trade receivables	5	the Company	а	₽574,785,389	₽82,850,625	₽335,883,515	₽100,772,387
stockholders			and company			,,	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	. 200) 2,00.
	Trade payables	17	Commission	а	₽323,012,552	₽41,350,598	₽181,808,842	₽21,170,432
	Accrued expense	9	Lease of office space	b	₽71,480	₽1,576,909	₽49,904	₽1,648,389
	Other current assets	17	Refundable deposit	b	₽-	₽178,863	₽-	₽178,863
			Working capital advances					
			(settlement)		₽3,123,637	₽3,995,534	(₽1,760,430)	₽871,897
	Due from related parties	17	Rental income	С	10,162,251	2,862,573	6,585,001	
		4				₽6,858,107		₽871,897
			Working capital advances		₽18,295,864	₽40,304,052	₽18.377.194	₽22.008,188
		13	IT support services	b	3,492,720	,	3,326,400	
		13	Management fees	~	900,000	_	2,070,000	_
	Due to related parties	9			,	₽40,304,052	,,	₽22,008,188

- a. The Company has service contracts with entities with common stockholders whereby the latter render sales and marketing services through branch networks of pawnshops and remittance centers to market insurance products (see Note 17).
- b. The Company has IT services, support services and operating lease agreements with entities with common stockholders (see Note 17).
- c. The Company has a sublease agreement with an entity under common stockholders wherein the latter leases certain store spaces from the Company's mall branches (see Note 17).

Outstanding balances of transactions with related parties at year-end are unsecured, payable on demand and settlements are made in cash. The Company did not provide for any impairment loss on related party receivables in 2023 and 2022. Management assesses impairment each financial year by reviewing the financial position of each related party and the market in which the related party operates.

Compensation of Key Management Personnel

Compensation of key management personnel which pertains to short-term and retirement benefits aggregated to ₱33.0 million and ₱34.7 million in 2023 and 2022, respectively.

11. Retained Earnings

On January 16, 2023, the BOD approved the declaration of cash dividends amounting to ₱111.0 per share or a total amount of ₱105.5 million out of the Company's unappropriated retained earnings, which was fully settled in January 2023.

On December 27, 2023, the BOD approved the appropriation of its retained earnings amounting to \$\mathbb{P}76.0\$ million for the purpose of the Company's declaration of stock dividends in 2024.

12. Cost of Services

This account consists of:

	Note	2023	2022
Commission	10	₽324,773,452	₽183,501,407
Salaries and employee benefits		31,885,040	16,878,698
		₽356,658,492	₽200,380,105

Commission expense pertains to service fee paid to related and third parties for marketing the Company's products and services (see note 10).

13. Operating Expenses

This account consists of:

	Note	2023	2022
Salaries and employee benefits		₽25,658,888	₽36,130,464
Advertising and promotions		13,938,584	7,361,639
Rent	17	11,032,113	6,860,914
Depreciation and amortization	7	6,416,607	6,054,927
Trainings and seminars		5,369,879	818,846
Professional fees		4,843,041	1,482,198
Transportation and travel		4,566,614	1,919,087
Impairment losses on receivables	5	3,583,619	940,561
IT services	17	3,492,720	3,326,400
Taxes and licenses		3,033,662	2,786,600
Utilities		1,433,019	1,072,875
Deliveries and handling		1,023,710	436,613
Management fees	17	900,000	2,070,000
Outside services		872,814	1,513,544
Dues and subscriptions		154,216	271,088
Insurance		16,042	185,588
Write-off of computer software	8	-	8,266,140
Others		13,984,571	3,664,893
		₽100,320,099	₽85,162,377

Others includes provision for probable losses on unasserted claims (see Note 9).

14. Other Income

This account consists of:

	Note	2023	2022
Rental income	17	₽10,162,251	₽6,585,000
Interest income	4	94,831	145,605
		₽10,257,082	₽6,730,605

15. Retirement Benefits

The Company has a funded, noncontributory defined benefit retirement plan covering all of its qualified employees.

The following tables summarize the components of net retirement benefit expense recognized in the statements of comprehensive income, the movements and amounts recognized in the statements of financial position. The Company's latest actuarial valuation is as at December 31, 2022.

The net retirement benefit expense included as part of "Salaries and employee benefits" line item under "Operating expenses" account consists of:

	2023	2022
Current service cost	₽1,442,838	₽1,386,557
Net interest benefit	(378,292)	(326,264)
	₽1,064,546	₽1,060,293

Net retirement plan asset as at December 31, 2023 and 2022 recognized in the statements of financial position follows:

2023	2022
₽19,647,188	₽18,327,601
15,457,663	13,073,530
₽4,189,525	₽5,254,071
	₽19,647,188 15,457,663

Fair value of plan asset as at December 31, 2023 and 2022 recognized in the statements of financial position follows:

	2023	2022
Balance at beginning of year	₽18,327,601	₽14,014,964
Interest income	1,319,587	709,157
Actuarial gain	_	4,250,102
Benefits paid	_	(646,622)
Balance at end of year	₽19,647,188	₽18,327,601

The changes in the present value of retirement liability are as follows:

	2023	2022
Balance at beginning of year	₽13,073,530	₽7,567,064
Current service cost	1,442,838	1,386,557
Interest cost	941,295	382,893
Benefits paid	_	(646,622)
Actuarial loss	_	5,389,040
Transfer to a related party	-	(1,005,402)
Balance at end of year	₽15,457,663	₽13,073,530

The Company does not expect to contribute to the retirement plan in 2024.

The cumulative remeasurement gain on net retirement plan asset recognized in OCI are as follows:

		2023	
	Cumulative		_
	Remeasurement		
	Gain	Deferred Tax	Net
Balance at beginning and end of year	₽6,380,513	₽1,595,128	₽4,785,385
		2022	
•	Cumulative		
	Remeasurement		
	Gain	Deferred Tax	Net
Balance at beginning of year	₽7,519,451	₽1,879,863	₽5,639,588
Actuarial loss	(1,138,938)	(284,735)	(854,203)
Balance at end of year	₽6,380,513	₽1,595,128	₽4,785,385

The plan assets is mainly composed of investment in debt and equity securities equivalent to 100% of the total fair value of the plan assets.

The plan exposes the Company to the following risks:

- Salary risk any increase in the retirement plan participants' salary will increase the retirement plan's liability
- Longevity risk any increase in the plan participants' life expectancy will increase the retirement plan's liability
- Interest rate risk a decrease in the bond interest rate will increase the present value of the retirement liability. However, partially counterbalanced by an increase in the return on the plan assets
- *Investment risk* if the actual return on plan assets is below the discount rate used in calculating the present value of the retirement liability, a plan deficit will arise.

The principal assumptions used in determining the net retirement liability of the Company are shown below:

	2023	2022
Discount rate	7.20%	7.20%
Salary increase rate	4.00%	4.00%

A sensitivity analysis was done on the calculation of the net retirement liability using the projected unit credit method and assuming change in significant assumptions, particularly the salary increase rates and the discount rates. Results of sensitivity analyses on the net retirement liability for significant assumptions as at December 31, 2023 is shown below:

			Present Value of
			Retirement Plan
	Change in Assumption	Impact	Liability
Discount rate	+0.5%	(₽689,412)	₽14,768,250
	-0.5%	534,835	15,992,497
Salary increase rate	-1.0%	463,730	15,921,392
	+1.0%	(772,883)	14,684,779

The schedule below presents a projection of benefit payments expected to be paid out of the plan assets.

Period	Amount
One year and less	₽-
More than one year to five years	199,430
More than five year to ten years	_
More than ten years to 15 years	23,192,902
More than 15 years to 20 years	20,411,121
More than 20 years	93,518,538
	₽137,321,991

The average duration of the net retirement benefit liability as at December 31, 2023 is 21 years.

16. Income Taxes

The Company's provision for current income tax represents regular corporate income tax (RCIT) in 2023 and 2022.

On March 26, 2021, the "Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises" (CREATE) was approved and signed into law by the country's President. Under the CREATE, the regular corporate income tax of domestic corporations was revised from 30% to 25% or 20% depending on the amount of total assets or total amount of taxable income. In addition, the MCIT was changed from 2% to 1% of gross income for a period of three years. In 2023, the Company applied a transitory MCIT rate of 1.5%.

The income tax rates used in preparing the financial statements are 25% for RCIT, in 2023 and 2022, and 1.5% and 1% for MCIT in 2023 and 2022, respectively.

The components of the Company's net deferred tax assets as at December 31, 2023 and 2022 are as follows:

	2023	2022
Deferred tax assets on:		_
Allowance for impairment losses on receivables	₽1,476,402	₽580,497
Unearned income	1,083,908	1,083,908
Excess of lease liabilities over ROU assets	13,784	40,185
	2,574,094	1,704,590
Less deferred tax liability on net retirement plan asset	1,047,381	1,313,517
Net deferred tax assets	₽1,526,713	₽391,073

The reconciliation of provision for income tax computed at statutory income tax rate with the provision for income tax shown in statements of comprehensive income is as follows:

	2023	2022
Provision for income tax at statutory income tax rate	₽31,991,535	₽14,236,138
Income tax effects of:		
Nondeductible expenses	2,309,302	321,456
Interest income already subjected to final tax	(23,708)	(35 <i>,</i> 842)
Deferred tax on retirement obligation transferred		
to a related party	_	251,351
	₽34,277,129	₽14,773,103

17. Commitments and Agreements

a. Broker's Agreements

The principal insurance companies authorize the Company to act as an insurance broker on behalf of the former to solicit, transact and service (life, non-life as applicable) and/or reinsurance business that the insurer is authorized to write and to collect and receive premiums from their clients. In return, the Company is entitled to commissions for the premiums sold.

Service income earned from insurance policies sold amounted to ₱574.8 million and ₱335.9 million in 2023 and 2022, respectively.

b. Service Contracts with Branch Network of Pawnshops

The Company has service contracts with entities with common stockholders for sales and marketing services of insurance products of the principal insurance companies through its branch network of pawnshops and remittance centers which remains valid unless earlier terminated by either party.

The Company pays the related entities a service fee which is included as part of "Commission expense" line item under "Cost of services" account amounting to ₱323.0 million and ₱181.8 million in 2023 and 2022 (see Note 10).

c. IT Services Agreement

The Company has an IT services agreement with an entity with common stockholders for IT data management, service desk, office remote/branch support, IT skills management, IT portfolio management and IT solutions which is renewable annually.

IT services amounted to ₱3.5 million and ₱3.3 million in 2023 and 2022, respectively (see Note 13).

d. Services Agreement

In 2022, the Company terminated its support services agreement with an entity with common stockholders for accounting, audit, security and legal services.

In 2023, the Company entered into a management service agreement for the same services with another entity with common stockholders which is renewable annually.

Management fees amounted to ₱0.9 million and ₱2.1 million in 2023 and 2022, respectively (see Note 13).

e. Lease Agreements

Lease Commitments - The Company as Lessor

The Company has existing rights to sublease its leased premises in accordance with its agreement with a related party. The commercial property subleases with a related party range from one to two years with an option to renew upon mutual agreement of both parties.

Rental income amounted to ₱10.2 million and ₱6.6 million in 2023 and 2022, respectively (see Note 14).

As at December 31, 2023, future minimum lease receivables under non-cancellable operating lease within one year amounted to ₱0.5 million.

Lease Commitments - The Company as Lessee: Short-term Leases

The Company entered into various lease agreements with third parties covering its mall booth which are renewable annually. Lease payments for these short-term lease agreements are recognized as expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Rent expense recognized for short-term leases amounted to ₱11.0 million and ₱6.9 million in 2023 and 2022, respectively (see Note 13).

Refundable deposits on short-term leases, included under "Other current assets" account, amounted to ₱9.1 million and ₱3.9 million as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively (see Note 6).

<u>Lease Commitments - The Company as Lessee: Long-term Leases</u>

The Company entered into various lease agreements with related parties covering its office and warehouse spaces for specified periods renewable upon mutual agreement of both parties.

In 2022, the Company renewed its lease agreement covering its warehouse space for another 3 years resulting to additional ROU asset and related liability amounting to \$\mathbb{P}1.0\$ million at the inception of the lease (see Note 7).

In 2023, the Company renewed various lease agreements covering office spaces in its branches for another 3 years resulting to additional ROU asset and related liability amounting to ₱0.7 million at the inception of the lease (see Note 7). The related ROU asset for expired lease contracts was derecognized in 2023.

Refundable deposits on long-term leases, included under "Other current assets" account, amounted to ₱0.2 million as at December 31, 2023 and 2022 (see Note 6).

Movements in ROU assets are as follows (see Note 7):

	2023	2022
Cost		
Balance at beginning of year	₽9,394,435	₽8,358,018
Addition	737,469	1,036,417
Derecognition	(8,358,018)	_
Balance at end of year	1,773,886	9,394,435
Accumulated Depreciation		
Balance at beginning of year	5,637,562	2,727,967
Depreciation	3,393,551	2,909,595
Derecognition	(8,358,018)	_
Balance at end of year	673,095	5,637,562
Carrying Amount	₽1,100,791	₽3,756,873

The balances and movements in lease liabilities are as follows:

	2023	2022
Balance at beginning of year	₽3,917,613	5,740,057
Rental payments	(3,596,895)	(2,985,949)
Addition	737,469	1,036,417
Accretion of interest	97,741	127,088
Balance at end of year	1,155,928	3,917,613
Current portion	(582,641)	(3,242,674)
Noncurrent portion	₽573,287	₽674,939

Amounts recognized in profit or loss are as follows:

	Note	2023	2022
Rent expense	13	₽11,032,113	₽6,860,914
Depreciation of ROU assets	7	3,393,551	2,909,595
Interest expense on lease liabilities		97,741	127,088
		₽14,523,405	₽9,897,597

Future minimum lease payments on lease liabilities follows:

	2023	2022
Within one year	₽582,641	₽3,242,674
After one year but not more than five years	573,287	674,939
	₽1,155,928	₽3,917,613

18. Financial Risk Management Objectives and Policies and Capital Management

The Company's principal financial instruments comprise of cash in banks, trade and other receivables, refundable deposit (included under "Other current assets" account) and trade and other payables (excluding payable to government agencies, deferred output VAT and unearned income) which arise directly from its operations.

Financial Risk

The main risks arising from the Company's financial instruments are credit risk and liquidity risk. Financial risks are managed under policies approved and monitored by the BOD.

This note presents information about the Company's exposure to each of the foregoing risks, the Company's objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing risk and the Company's management of capital. Further quantitative disclosures are included throughout the financial statements.

The BOD has the overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Company's risk management framework. The Company's risk management policies are established to identify and analyze the risks faced by the Company, to set appropriate risk limits and controls, and to monitor risks and adherence to limits. Risk management policies and systems are reviewed regularly to reflect changes in market conditions and the Company's activities.

Credit Risk. Credit risk is the risk that the Company will incur a loss because its counterparties failed to discharge their contractual obligations. The Company transacts only with recognized and creditworthy related and third parties with whom it has already firmly established good business relationships.

The Company's maximum exposure to credit risk arises from the default of the counterparty, with a maximum exposure equal to the carrying amounts of these instruments, without taking account of the value of any collateral obtained:

	2023	2022
Financial assets at amortized cost:		
Cash in banks	₽178,020,395	₽182,295,230
Trade and other receivables	152,604,947	147,396,908
Refundable deposits*	9,317,925	4,129,967
	₽339,943,267	₽333,822,105

^{*}included under "Other current assets" account

The Company's financial assets at amortized cost are mostly composed of cash in various banks, trade and other receivables and refundable deposits. The Company limits its exposure to credit risk by investing its cash only with banks that have good credit standing and reputation in the banking industry and transacting only with recognized and credit-worthy counterparties.

It is the Company's policy to measure ECL on the above instruments on a 12-month basis. However, when there has been a significant increase in credit risk since origination, the allowance will be based on the lifetime ECL.

The table below presents the summary of the Company's exposure to credit risk and shows the credit quality of the assets by indicating whether the assets are subjected to 12-month ECL or lifetime ECL.

	December 31, 2023			
	12-month ECL	Lifetime ECL - not impaired	Lifetime ECL - credit impaired	Total
Financial assets at amortized cost:		panea	o. ca.tpaca	
Cash in banks	₽178,020,395	₽-	₽-	₽178,020,395
Trade and other receivables	_	152,604,947	5,905,607	158,510,554
Refundable deposits*	9,317,925	-	_	9,317,925
	₽187,338,320	₽152,604,947	₽5,905,607	₽345,848,874

^{*}included under "Other current assets" account

	December 31, 2022			
		Lifetime ECL -	Lifetime ECL -	
	12-month ECL	not impaired	credit impaired	Total
Financial assets at amortized cost:				
Cash in banks	₽182,295,230	₽-	₽-	₽182,295,230
Trade and other receivables	_	147,396,908	2,321,988	149,718,896
Refundable deposits*	4,129,967	_	_	4,129,967
	₽186,425,197	₽147,396,908	₽2,321,988	₽336,144,093

*included under "Other current assets" account

Cash in banks are considered to have low credit risk investments because the Company transacted with banks that have good credit rating and low probability of insolvency.

Trade and other receivables also have low credit risk, since the Company only transacted with reputable companies with respect to these financial assets.

Refundable deposit is of low credit risk, since this is deposited to a company with low probability of insolvency.

When determining if there has been a significant increase in credit risk, the Company considers reasonable and supportable information that is available without undue cost or effort and that is relevant for the particular financial instrument being assessed such as, but not limited to, the following factors:

- Actual or expected external and internal credit rating downgrade;
- Existing or forecasted adverse changes in business, financial or economic conditions in the industry; and
- Actual or expected significant adverse changes in the operating results of the borrower.

The credit quality of financial assets is being managed by the Company using internal credit ratings. Credit quality of the financial assets were determined as follows:

High Grade. It pertains to accounts with a very low probability of default as demonstrated by the borrower's long history of stability, profitability and diversity. It includes deposits to reputable banks and companies with good credit standing. High grade financial assets include cash in banks and refundable deposit.

Standard Grade. It pertains to financial assets from counterparties with satisfactory financial capability and credit standing based on historical data, current conditions and the Company's view of forward-looking information over the expected lives of the financial assets. Standard grade financial assets include trade and other receivables.

Trade receivables and other receivables is considered as standard grade and also have low credit risk, since the Company only transacted with reputable companies with respect to these financial assets.

Substandard Grade. It pertains to accounts with history of default and include financial assets that are collected on their due dates provided that the Company made persistent efforts to collect them.

The aging analysis and credit quality of the Company's financial assets at amortized cost are as follows:

	Neither Past Due nor Impaired			Past Due but Not Impaired			
			Substandard		More than		
	High Grade	Standard Grade	Grade	91-180 Days	180 Days	Impaired	Total
Cash in banks	₽178,020,395	P-	₽	₽-	₽-	P -	₽178,020,395
Trade and other							
receivables	-	152,604,947	_	-	_	5,905,607	158,510,554
Refundable deposits*	9,317,925	_	_	=	-	-	9,317,925
	₽187,338,320	₽152,604,947	₽-	₽-	₽-	₽5,905,607	₽345,848,874

*included under "Other current assets" account

	2022						
	Neither Past Due nor Impaired			Past Due but Not Impaired			_
	Substandard		More than				
	High Grade	Standard Grade	Grade	91-180 Days	180 Days	Impaired	Total
Cash in banks	₽182,295,230	₽-	₽-	₽-	₽	₽-	₽182,295,230
Trade and other							
receivables	-	147,396,908	_	_	_	2,321,988	149,718,896
Refundable deposits*	4,129,967	-	-	-	-	-	4,129,967
	₽186,425,197	₽147,396,908	₽-	₽-	₽-	₽2,321,988	₽336,144,093

*included under "Other current assets" account

Liquidity Risk. Liquidity risk arises from the possibility that the Company may encounter difficulties in raising funds to meet maturing obligations.

The Company's objective is to maintain a balance between continuity of funding and flexibility through the use of internally generated funds. The Company manages its liquid funds through cash planning, using historical figures and experiences as well as reasonable forecasts for its collections and disbursements.

The tables below summarize the maturity profile of the Company's financial liabilities as at December 31, 2023 and 2022 based on undiscounted payments:

		2023					
		Less than One to Two to More than					
	On Demand	One Year	Two Years	Four Years	Five Years	Total	
Trade and other payables*	₽118,979,330	₽-	₽-	₽-	₽-	₽118,979,330	
Lease liabilities**	-	652,667	601,327	-	-	1,253,994	
	₽118,979,330	₽652,667	₽601,327	₽-	₽-	₽120,233,324	

^{*}Excluding payable to government agencies, deferred output VAT, unearned income amounting to P39.6 million, P15.3 million and P4.3 million respectively.

^{**}Including future interest payments amounting to ₽0.1 million.

		2022					
		Less than One to Two to More than					
	On Demand	One Year	Two Years	Four Years	Five Years	Total	
Trade and other payables*	₽123,879,067	₽-	₽-	₽-	₽-	₽123,879,067	
Lease liabilities**	-	3,313,350	701,528	_	-	4,014,878	
'	₽123 879 067	₽3 313 350	₽701 528	₽_	₽-	₽127.893.945	

^{*}Excluding payable to government agencies, deferred output VAT, unearned income amounting to \$16.4 million, \$6.9 million and \$4.3 million respectively.

**Including future interest payments amounting to \$0.1 million.

Capital Management

The primary objective of the Company's capital management is to ensure that it complies with the IC requirements. The Company manages its capital structure and makes adjustments whenever there are changes in economic conditions. To maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Company may adjust the dividend payment to shareholders, return capital to shareholders or issue new shares.

On October 19, 2018, the IC issued Circular Letter (the CL) No. 2018-52 which discusses the minimum requirements for insurance brokers or reinsurance brokers as summarized below.

Minimum Net Worth Requirements. The Company is subject to externally imposed minimum net worth requirements as an existing insurance or reinsurance broker amounting to ₱10.0 million.

The Company's estimated net worth follows:

	2023	2022
Capital stock	₽95,000,000	₽95,000,000
Appropriated retained earnings	76,000,000	_
Unappropriated retained earnings	23,379,882	111,140,872
Other comprehensive income	4,785,385	4,785,385
Total equity	199,165,267	210,926,257
Less: Non-admitted assets	21,965,707	10,081,994
Net worth	177,199,560	200,844,263
Less: Net worth requirements	10,000,000	10,000,000
	₽167,199,560	₽190,844,263

Advances to stockholders, prepayments, deferred input VAT, leasehold improvement, office equipment, net retirement plan asset and deferred tax asset are generally non-admitted assets.

As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company's estimated and actual net worth, respectively, is in compliance with the minimum net worth requirements of the IC.

Required Bond for Insurance Brokers. Pursuant to Republic Act No. 10607 enacted on August 15, 2013, every applicant for insurance broker's license shall file with the IC and shall thereafter maintain in force while so licensed, a bond in favor of the People of the Republic of the Philippines executed by a Company authorized to become surety upon official recognizances, stipulations, bonds and undertakings. The bond shall be in such amount as may be fixed by the Commissioner but in no case less than \$\textstyle{15}500,000\$ and shall be conditioned upon full accounting and due payment to the person entitled thereto of funds coming into the broker's possession through insurance transactions under license.

The IC, in the CL, has set the bond requirements for insurance brokers. Every application for issuance of new or renewal of broker's license, except reinsurance broker, shall be accompanied by a bond in the amount of not less than ₱1.0 million in favor of the People of the Republic of the Philippines.

As at December 31, 2023, the Company is in compliance with the required bond for insurance brokers.

Required Errors and Omissions Policies. Insurance brokers or reinsurance brokers must file two Errors and Omissions (Professional Liability or Professional Indemnity) insurance policies issued separately by two insurance companies authorized to do business in the Philippines.

As at December 31, 2023, the Company is in compliance with the required errors and omissions policies.

No changes were made in the objectives, policies and processes in 2023 and 2022.

19. Fair Value Measurement

The following is a comparison by category of carrying amounts and fair values of the Company's financial instruments that are reflected in the financial statements:

	20	23	20	22
	Carrying		Carrying	
	Amount	Fair Value	Amount	Fair Value
Financial Assets				
Financial assets at amortized cost:				
Cash	₽178,872,945	₽178,872,94 5	₽184,099,294	₽184,099,294
Trade and other receivables	152,604,947	152,604,947	147,396,908	147,396,908
Refundable deposits*	9,317,925	9,317,925	4,129,967	4,129,967
	₽340,795,817	₽340,795,817	₽335,626,169	₽335,626,169
Financial Liabilities				
Financial liabilities at amortized cost -				
Trade and other payables**	₽118,979,330	₽118,979,330	₽123,879,067	₽123,879,067
Lease liabilities	1,155,928	1,133,825	3,917,613	3,849,293
	₽120,135,258	₽120,113,155	₽127,796,680	₽127,728,360

^{*}Included under "Other current assets" account

Financial Assets and Liabilities at Amortized Cost. The carrying amounts of cash, trade and other receivables, refundable deposits (included under "Other current assets" account) and trade and other payables (excluding payable to government agencies and unearned income) approximate its fair values due to their short-term maturities.

Lease Liabilities. Fair value is generally based upon quoted market prices. If the market prices are not readily available, fair value is estimated using adjusted quoted market prices of comparable investments or using the discounted cash flow methodology. As at December 31, 2023, the discount rate used in determining the fair value of lease liabilities is 2.08%. Lease liabilities is measured using level 2 valuation technique.

Fair Value Hierarchy

For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, there were no transfers between Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 fair value measurements.

^{*}Excluding payable to government agencies amounting to ₱39.6 million and ₱9.5 million as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, deferred output VAT amounting to ₱15.3 million and ₱6.9 million as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, and unearned income amounting to ₱4.3 million as at December 31, 2023 and 2022...



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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO ACCOMPANY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FILING WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

The Stockholders and the Board of Directors Cebuana Lhuillier Insurance Brokers, Inc. 1133 Chino Roces corner Metropolitan Ave. Barangay San Antonio Makati City 1203

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Cebuana Lhuillier Insurance Brokers, Inc. (the Company) as at and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, on which we have rendered our report dated April 12, 2024.

In compliance with the Revised Securities Regulation Code Rule 68, we are stating that the Company has four (4) stockholders owning 100 or more shares each.

REYES TACANDONG & CO.

Partner

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS ON SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES OF FINANCIAL SOUNDNESS INDICATORS FOR FILING WITH THE INSURANCE COMMISSION

The Stockholders and the Board of Directors Cebuana Lhuillier Insurance Brokers, Inc. 1133 Chino Roces corner Metropolitan Ave. Barangay San Antonio Makati City 1203

We have audited in accordance with Philippine Standards on Auditing, the financial statements of Cebuana Lhuillier Insurance Brokers, Inc. (the Company), for the year ended December 31, 2023 and have issued our report thereon dated April 12, 2024. Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying Supplementary Schedule of Financial Soundness Indicators Under The Revised Securities Regulations Code Rule 68 for the year ended December 31, 2023, which is an attachment to the statement of business operations, is the responsibility of the Company's management. This schedule, which is not part of the basic financial statements, is presented for the purpose of complying with the annual reportorial requirements of the Insurance Commission. This schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, fairly states, in all material respects, the financial data required to be set forth therein in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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CEBUANA LHUILLIER INSURANCE BROKERS, INC.

SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL SOUNDNESS INDICATORS UNDER THE REVISED SECURITIES REGULATION CODE RULE 68 AS AT AND FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

Ratio	Formula	2023	2022
Current ratio/Acid test ratio Current assets Current liabilities	Current assets / Current liabilities	1.97 ₽352,976,614 178,788,627	2.28 ₽336,567,538 147,892,224
	After-tax profit before depreciation		
Solvency ratio	/ Total liabilities	0.56	0.32
After-tax profit before depreciation		100,105,617	48,226,374
Total liabilities		179,361,914	148,567,163
Debt-to-equity ratio	Total liabilities / Total equity	0.90	0.70
Total liabilities	, , ,	179,361,914	148,567,163
Total equity		199,165,267	210,926,257
Asset-to-equity ratio	Total assets / Total equity	1.90	1.70
Total assets		378,527,181	359,493,420
Total equity		199,165,267	210,926,257
	Before-tax and interest expense		
Interest rate coverage ratio Before-tax and interest	profit / Interest payments	1,310.24	449.07
expense profit		128,063,880	57,071,638
Interest payments		97,741	127,088
	After-tax profit / Average total		
Return on assets ratio	assets	0.25	0.13
After-tax profit		93,689,010	42,171,447
Average total assets		369,010,301	322,798,926
Return on equity ratio	After-tax profit / Total equity	0.47	0.20
After-tax profit		93,689,010	42,171,447
Total equity		199,165,267	210,926,257
Net profit margin	After-tax profit / Total revenues	0.16	0.13
After-tax profit		93,689,010	42,171,447
Total revenues		574,785,389	335,883,515