TURKISH BANK (UK) LIMITED

Report and Financial Statements

31 December 2003

Deloitte & Touche LLP London

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

2003 has been a year of opportunity and challenge both for TBUK and for our group.

We remain committed to community banking in London and it continues to prove rewarding.

I am very pleased to inform you that, according to an article published in the banker magazine in January 2004, the Turkish Bank Group came second in the list of fastest growing banks in Southern Europe. This is a landmark in the long history of our bank. Clearly Cyprus is developing as a bridge for financial services between the EU and the Middle East and we are playing our part in this trend.

The huge parliamentary majority of the Justice and Development Party (AKP) and the absence of alternatives have enabled it to remain in power, resulting in political stability in Turkey. There are some risks of this stability changing because of the AKP's inexperience in government and the existence of factions within the party. On the economic front, the widening current-account deficit is exposing the lira to further devaluation and if there is an unexpected correction then this could prove disruptive to the markets.

We are watching the moves to reach a settlement of the "Cyprus problem" closely. Turkey's hopes of starting formal accession talks with the European Union are now firmly dependant on a settlement being reached before Cyprus, along with nine other countries, joins the EU on 1st May 2004.

Turning to the general outlook for the UK economy, economic growth is likely to accelerate in 2004 and 2005. It is however, expected to grow below the trend rate of about 2.7% for the fourth and fifth years in succession.

The second half of 2003 saw modest recovery in corporate profits and some signs of revival in the manufacturing sector. If these improvements continue into 2004, as is expected by many analysts, then business investment should pick up from recent lows.

I turn now to the results for the 2003 financial year.

The profit for the year before tax increased to £1,270,000 compared to £1,102,000 for 2002. Having seen a small interest rate rise late in the year, some benefit accrued to our net interest income which rose from £2,100,000 to £2,115,000 this year. Our overall result includes profits from our investment portfolio as we benefited from the upsurge of interest in the developing economies where our bond exposures mainly lie. Having said this, our expenses also rose as we incurred some restructuring and infrastructure costs. Overall the result is satisfactory.

The directors have decided not to declare a dividend for the 2003 financial year, thus adding the net profit of £898,000 to reserves.

On the business front, we continue to build the foundations to support the bank's strategy. One of the major steps we have taken is that after a detailed analysis of our operational strengths and weaknesses, the Board decided to replace our existing in-house computer system with the Globus/T24 banking system used by many banks throughout the world. This is a major investment for our Group and we expect it should bring operational benefits, improved risk management capability and the ability to introduce new products and services to our customers.

Mr. Osman Menguturk has decided to leave the Bank to seek a change in direction and accordingly has also resigned from his position as Managing Director and as a member of the Board. I wish him well with his future plans. I am pleased to announce that Mr. Bob Long, who has been acting as a non-executive director, will succeed Mr. Menguturk as Managing Director

Once again, I would like to praise the Bank's employees who have used their skill and dedication to serve the needs of our customers and correspondents and I am pleased to have this opportunity to thank them formally for their commitment and endeavour.

February 2004

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OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

DIRECTORS

M T Ozyol (Chairman) I H Bortecene M D Bendon M J O Pritchard R W Long M E Erenman

SECRETARY

M J O Pritchard

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84-86 Borough High Street London SE1 1LN

BANKERS

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AUDITORS

Deloitte & Touche LLP Chartered Accountants London

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2003.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to £898,000 (2002 - £772,000).

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2002 - £nil).

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS

The bank's principal activities during the year were retail and commercial banking.

The bank's profits are from retail and commercial banking and all operations are carried out in the UK.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The directors aim to maintain the management policies that have resulted in the bank's growth.

POLITICAL AND CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

During the year, the bank made various charitable contributions totalling £150 (2002 - £170).

EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT

Regular meetings are held between Head Office management and branch managers to allow a free flow of information and ideas.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The directors who served during the year were as follows:

M T Ozyol (Chairman)

I H Bortecene

O Menguturk (resigned 26 December 2003)

M D Bendon M J O Pritchard R W Long M E Erenman

The interests of the directors at 31 December 2003 in the share capital of the bank were as follows:

	Ordinary sha	res of £1 each
	2003	2002
M T Ozyol	1	1
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DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

AUDITORS

On 1 August 2003, Deloitte & Touche transferred their business to Deloitte & Touche LLP, a limited liability partnership incorporated under the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000. The Company has given its consent to treating the appointment of Deloitte & Touche as extending to Deloitte & Touche LLP with effect from 17 October 2003. Accordingly, a resolution for the reappointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board

Director and Secretary M J O Pritchard 27 February 2004

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

United Kingdom company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of the income and expenditure of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for the system of internal control, for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors on 27 February 2004.

R W Long Director M D Bendon Director

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF TURKISH BANK (UK) LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Turkish Bank UK Ltd for the year ended 31 December 2003 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet, the cash flow statement and the related notes 1 to 26. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the statement of directors' responsibilities, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant United Kingdom legal and regulatory requirements and auditing standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read the directors' report for the above year and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom auditing standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2003 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Deloitte & Touche LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors London February 2004

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT For the year ended 31 December 2003

	Note	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Interest receivable:			
Interest receivable and similar income arising			
from debt securities		1,039	915
Other interest receivable and similar income		3,336	4,374
		4,375	5,289
Interest payable		(2,260)	(3,189)
NET INTEREST INCOME		2,115	2,100
Fees and commissions receivable		1,401	1,291
Fees and commissions payable		(70)	(65)
Dealing profits		46	70
Other operating income		33	5
Gain on sale of debt securities		602	14
		2,012	1,315
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME		4,127	3,415
Administrative expenses	2	(2,629)	(2,169)
Depreciation and amortisation	10	(178)	(167)
Other operating charges		(12)	(4)
Provisions	3	(38)	27
		(2,857)	(2,313)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES			
BEFORE TAXATION	4	1,270	1,102
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	5	(372)	(330)
PROFIT AFTER TAXATION		898	772
Proposed dividend			
PROFIT RETAINED FOR THE			
FINANCIAL YEAR		898	772
			

There were no other recognised gains or losses in the current or previous year other than the profit for the year. All activities relate to continuing operations.

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BALANCE SHEET 31 December 2003

	Note	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
ASSETS			
Cash and balances at central banks		406	706
Loans and advances to banks Items in the course of collection	6	65,898 198	63,057 9
Loans and advances to customers	7	22,182	22,021
Debt securities	9	12,583	13,558
Intangible fixed assets	10	772	-
Tangible fixed assets	10B	2,769	2,838
Other assets including taxation	11	120	125
Prepayments and accrued income		778	813
TOTAL ASSETS		105,706	103,127
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LIABILITIES Deposits by books	12	41,073	45 262
Deposits by banks Items in the course of transmission to other banks	12	41,073	45,262 13
Customer accounts	13	47,869	42,734
Other liabilities	14	1,048	444
Accruals and deferred income		501	377
		90,511	88,830
Called up share capital	15	10,000	10,000
Profit and loss account	16	5,195	4,297
		15,195	14,297
TOTAL LIABILITIES		105,706	103,127
MEMORANDUM ITEMS			
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES			
Acceptances and endorsements Guarantees and assets pledged as collateral		-	10
security		899	955
Other contingent liabilities	17	323	272
		1,222	1,237
COMMITMENTS	10	24.164	22.054
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The Board of Directors approved these financial statements on 27 February 2004.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

R W Long M D Bendon Director Director

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT For the year ended 31 December 2003

	Note		2003 £'000		2002 £'000
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	20		(669)		10,220
Taxation UK corporation tax paid			(416)		(424)
Capital expenditure and financial investment Purchase of tangible fixed assets Disposal of tangible fixed assets Purchase of fixed asset investments Sale of fixed asset investments		(16,583) 18,160	(881)	(13,477) 6,390	(71) 10
		_	1,577		(7,087)
			(389)		2,648
Equity dividends paid		_	_		
			(389)		2,648
Financing	22	<u>-</u>			
(Decrease)/ Increase in cash	21	=	(389)		2,648

For the year ended 31 December 2003

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention. They are drawn up in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII Ch. 2 of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to banking companies in accordance with UK accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice issued by the British Bankers' Association.

Fees and commissions

Front-end fees and commissions received from the continuing servicing of advances are recognised on the basis of work done and those receivable in lieu of interest, or in respect of bearing risk, are recognised over the period of the advance or risk exposure. Other fees are recognised when receivable.

Loans and advances

Loans and advances, including assets acquired in substitution for loans or advances, are valued at cost, less any provisions and amounts written off.

Specific provisions are made to reduce all impaired loans and advances to their expected realisable value. Interest accruals of all impaired loans are suspended. General provisions are made on the basis of past experience, current economic conditions and other relevant factors, to provide for losses, which from experience are known to exist but are not specifically identifiable. Loans and advances are written off to the extent that there is no realistic prospect of recovery of the amount involved.

Debt Securities

Debt securities are intended for use on a continuing basis in the business and are classified as fixed asset (investment) securities and are shown at the maturity value plus any unamortised premium or less any unamortised discount arising on their purchase. Premiums and discounts are amortised on a systematic basis to maturity and taken to the profit and loss account.

Pension schemes

Contributions to a defined contribution scheme are charged to the profit and loss account so as to reflect the amounts payable to the pension schemes in respect of the accounting period.

Foreign currency translation

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rates ruling at the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the mid-day rates of exchange ruling on the balance sheet date. All differences arising are taken to the profit and loss account.

Foreign exchange contracts

Spot exchange contracts, which are outstanding at the balance sheet date, are marked to market. All differences arising are taken to the profit and loss account.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, except freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation, less estimated residual value, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold buildings Over 50 years
Short leasehold land and buildings Over the lease term

Fixtures, fittings and equipment 5 to 20% Motor vehicles 20%

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided in full on timing differences that result in an obligation at the balance sheet date to pay more tax, or a right to pay less tax, at a future date, at rates expected to apply when they crystallise based on current tax rates and law. Timing differences arise from the inclusion of items of income and expenditure in taxation computations in periods different from those in which they are included within the financial statements.

Leasing

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to income on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Staff costs during the year (including directors)	æ 000	æ 000
Wages and salaries	1,521	1,394
Social security costs	127	118
	1,648	1,512
Other administrative expenses	981	657
	2,629	2,169
The average monthly number of employees during the year was made up as follows:		
	2003	2002
	No.	No.
Commercial banking activities	52	48
Directors' remuneration during the year consisted of:		
	2003	2002
	£'000	£'000
Emoluments	262	258

The emoluments of the highest paid director for the year ended 31 December 2003 were £113,000 (2002-£113,000).

3. PROVISIONS

	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Bad and doubtful debts	(38)	(27)

During the year the bank received £7,000 in respect of loans which were previously written off in prior years.

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4. PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION

Profit is stated after charging/(crediting):

	Trong is stated after charging (creating).	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
	Foreign currency gains	(46)	(70)
	Auditors' remuneration	42	40
	Audit services Non-audit services	42 15	40
	Operating lease rentals	13	14
	Land and buildings	23	16
	Land and buildings		10
5.	TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		
		2003	2002
		£'000	£'000
	Current tax		
	United Kingdom corporation tax at 30% (2002-30%) based on profit for the year	353	343
	Adjustment in respect of prior years	3	(6)
	-gan-		
	Total current tax	356	337
	Deferred tax		
	Reversal of timing differences	16	(7)
		372	330
		2003	2002
		£'000	£'000
	Profit on ordinary activities before tax	1,270	1,102
	Tax at 30% thereon	381	331
	Effects of:		
	Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	3	16
	Capital allowances in excess of depreciation	(31)	7
	Double taxation relief	-	(11)
	Prior year adjustments	3	(6)
		356	337
			

6. LOANS AND ADVANCES TO BANKS

	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Repayable:		
On demand	18,417	18,507
Within three months	47,174	44,550
Between three months and one year	307	
	65,898	63,057

Included within loans and advances to banks there are amounts of £nil in respect of group companies (2002 - £nil).

7. LOANS AND ADVANCES TO CUSTOMERS

	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Repayable:		
On demand	2,645	2,557
Within three months	-	2,518
Between three months and one year	1,601	4,421
Between one and five years	13,226	6,663
After five years	5,165	6,279
Provisions (see note 8)	(455)	(417)
	22,182	22,021

8. PROVISIONS FOR LOANS AND ADVANCES

	Specific £'000	General £'000	Total £'000
Balance as at 1 January 2003	23	394	417
Recoveries in respect of advances			
previously provided for	(7)	-	(7)
New provisions made in the year	45		45
Balance as at 31 December 2003	61	394	455

9. DEBT SECURITIES

Nominal value Net discount and premiums	2003 £'000 12,415 168	2002 £'000 13,322 236
Carrying value	12,583	13,558
Market value	13,030	13,905
Cost £'000	Discount and premiums £'000	Net Book Value £'000
Balance as at 1 January 2003 13,322	236	13,558
Exchange adjustments (70)	9	(61)
Acquisitions 16,439	144	16,583
Disposals and maturities (17,276)	(168)	(17,444)
Amortisation of premiums and discounts	(53)	(53)
Balance 31 December 2003 12,415	168	12,583
	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Repayable:		
Less than 1 year	558	4,054
Between one and five years	10,226	6,417
After five years	1,799	3,087
	12,583	13,558

The debt securities comprise government and corporate bonds and are held to maturity for investment purposes and as a result have not been revalued. The coupon rate of debt securities repayable after five years is 10%.

10. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	£'000
Cost	
At 1 January 2003 Additions	- 772
At 31 December 2003	772
Depreciation At 1 January 2003 Charge for the year	
At 31 December 2003	
Net book value At 31 December 2003	772
At 31 December 2002	

The additions have not been depreciated on the basis that the software license was purchased during the final month of the bank's financial year and was not operational at the year-end.

10B TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold land and buildings £'000	Land and buildings, short leasehold £'000	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £'000	Total £'000
Cost				
At 1 January 2003	2,861	331	1,068	4,260
Additions Disposals			109 (6)	109 (6)
At 31 December 2003	2,861	331	1,171	4,363
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2003	452	149	821	1,422
Charge for the year	41	17	120	178
Disposals			(6)	(6)
At 31 December 2003	493	166	935	1,594
Net book value				
At 31 December 2003	2,368	165	236	2,769
At 31 December 2002	2,409	182	247	2,838

The land and buildings are occupied by the bank for its own activities.

11.	OTHER	ASSETS

11.	OTHER ASSETS		
		2003	2002
		£'000	£'000
	Deferred tax asset	71	87
	Other	49	38
		120	125
	Deferred tax		
	200000000000000000000000000000000000000	2003	2002
		£'000	£'000
	Opening balance at 1 January 2003	(87)	(80)
	Debit/(credit) to profit and loss account	16	(7)
	Closing balance at 31 December 2003	(71)	(87)
12.	DEPOSITS BY BANKS		
		2003	2002
		£'000	£'000
	Repayable:		
	On demand - Group	3,577	2,578
	- Other	2,051	2,373
	Within three months	2,031	2,373
	- Group	34,000	39,223
	- Other	1,445	1,088
	Between three months and one year	-	-
		41,073	45,262
13.	CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS		
		2003	2002
		£,000	£'000
	Repayable: On demand	10.404	0.507
	Within three months	10,404 30,930	8,507 27,784
	Between three months and one year	6,235	6,443
	Between one year and five years	300	-
		47,869	42,734
			

14. OTHER LIABILITIES

	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Amounts owed to group companies	673	10
Corporation tax	96	156
Other taxes and social security costs	105	81
Other liabilities	174	197
	1,048	444

15. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	Authorised		Called up, allotted and fully paid	
	2003 £'000	2002 £'000	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
10,000,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000

16. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS AND MOVEMENTS ON RESERVES

	Called up Share capital £'000	Profit and loss account £'000	Total Share- holders' funds £'000
As at 1 January 2003 Profit for the year ended 31 December 2003	10,000	4,297 898	14,297 898
As at 31 December 2003	10,000	5,195	15,195

17. OTHER CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Other contingent liabilities comprise:

	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Irrevocable letters of credit Bank liability for deferred payment	323	259 13
	323	272

Included in irrevocable letters of credit are amounts in respect of group companies of £74,790 (2002 – £13,213).

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18. COMMITMENTS

The amounts shown below are intended to provide an indication of the volume of business transacted and not of the underlying credit or other risks.

	2003	2002
	£'000	£'000
Formal standby facilities, credit lines and other commitments to lend:		
One year and over	19,585	10,702
Less than one year	4,579	13,152
	24,164	23,854
There are annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:		
		Land and
	2003	buildings
	2003 £'000	
Operating leases which expire:		buildings 2002
Operating leases which expire: Within one year		buildings 2002
		buildings 2002 £'000

19. ASSETS AND LIABILITIES IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES

The aggregate amounts of assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies were as follows:

	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Assets	20,256	26,581
Liabilities	20,239	26,580

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20. RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING PROFIT TO NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	1,270	1,102
Decrease in prepayments and accrued income	35	384
Increase/(decrease) in accruals and deferred income	124	(44)
Depreciation charge	178	167
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	-	(4)
Profit on sale of fixed asset investments	(602)	(14)
Net cash inflow from trading activities	1,005	1,591
Net (increase)/decrease in collections	(189)	1,672
Net (increase)/decrease in loans and advances to banks and customers	(3,092)	4,887
Net decrease in deposits by banks and customers	947	395
Net (increase)/decrease in other assets	(11)	1,681
Net decrease/(increase) in other liabilities	671	(6)
Net cash (outflow)/ inflow from operating activities	(669)	10,220

21. ANALYSIS OF THE BALANCES OF CASH AS SHOWN IN THE BALANCE SHEET

	1 January 2003 £'000	Cash flows	31 December 2003 £'000
Cash and balances at central banks	706	(300)	406
Loans and advances to other banks repayable on demand	18,507	(89)	18,418
	19,213	(389)	18,824

22. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN FINANCING DURING THE YEAR

	capital £'000
Balance at 1 January 2003 Cash flow from financing Other movements	10,000
Balance at 31 December 2003	10,000

23. TRANSACTIONS WITH DIRECTORS AND MANAGERS

As at 31 December 2003, £5,000 was outstanding by way of loans to managers (or persons connected with them) of the company (2002 - £3,000). During the year, £1,000 was paid back by the managers (or persons connected to them) (2002 - £2,000).

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24. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The ultimate parent and controlling company at 31 December 2003 was Turkish Bank Limited, which is incorporated in Cyprus. The parent company of the largest and smallest group of which the bank is a member and for which consolidated accounts are prepared is Turkish Bank Limited. Copies of its group accounts can be obtained from 84-86 Borough High Street, London SE1 1LN.

25. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The bank has taken advantage of an exemption under FRS 8, relating to 90% (or more) subsidiaries, which exempts it from disclosing all related party transactions with group members. Other than those noted above, there are no other related party transactions.

26. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The bank maintains a proprietary investment portfolio whereby capital funds are invested in fixed interest rate Zone A Government Bonds. Additionally, the bank has financial assets in the form of cash, loans and advances to banks and loans and advances to customers. The bank also has financial liabilities in the form of deposits by banks and customer accounts.

The bank does not assume in the normal course of business any significant foreign exchange exposures. The bank is exposed to movements in interest rates and manages this exposure on a continuous basis within limits set by the Board. Short-term foreign exchange swaps are utilised, where cost-efficient, as a funding mechanism, principally to convert sterling capital funds to US dollars. The bank does not utilise derivatives to assume any form of credit or market risk. The bank utilises derivatives for hedging purposes.

The directors of the bank have established policies relating to large exposures, interest rate gapping, foreign exchange exposure, liquidity management and credit provisioning. In addition, the bank operates within limits set by the directors relating to country exposure, credit exposure and risk asset maturities. These policies and limits are reviewed on a regular basis, and any amendment to these policies and limits require the consent of the Board of Directors.

Interest rate risk 2003

Exposure to interest rate movements arise where there is an imbalance between rate and non-rate sensitive assets and liabilities. The table below reflects management's estimate of the interest rate sensitivity gap for the bank as at 31 December 2003. Assets and liabilities are included at the earliest date at which the applicable interest rate can change.

26. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

Interest rate sensitivity gap analysis

	Less than 3 months £'000	3-6 months £'000	6-12 months £'000	1-5 years £'000	More than 5 years £'000	Non- interest £'000	Total £'000
Assets							
Cash and balances at							
central banks	-	-	-	-	-	406	406
Loans and advances							
to banks	65,591	=	307	-	-	-	65,898
Loans and advances							
to customers	9,936	-	437	12,203	-	(394)	22,182
Debt Securities	558	-	-	10,226	1,799		12,583
Other assets	-	=	-	-	-	4,637	4,637
	76,085	-	744	22,429	1,799	4,649	105,706
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Liabilities	41.072						41.072
Deposits by banks	41,073	- 2.542	2 (02	-	-	-	41,073
Customer accounts	41,334	3,542	2,693	300	-	1.50	47,869
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	1,569	1,569
Shareholders' funds						15,195	15,195
	82,407	3,542	2,693	300		16,764	105,706
Interest rate							
sensitivity gap	(6,322)	(3,542)	(1,949)	22,129	1,799	(12,115)	-
Cumulative gap	(6,322)	(9,864)	(11,813)	10,316	12,115	-	-

The table above provides only an indication of the sensitivity of the bank's earnings to movements in interest rates and is consistent with the position throughout 2003.

26. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

Interest rate risk 2002

Exposure to interest rate movements arise where there is an imbalance between rate and non-rate sensitive assets and liabilities. The table below reflects management's estimate of the interest rate sensitivity gap for the bank as at 31 December 2002. Assets and liabilities are included at the earliest date at which the applicable interest rate can change.

	Less than 3 months £'000	3-6 months £'000	6-12 months £'000	1-5 years £'000	More than 5 years £'000	Non- interest £'000	Total £'000
Assets							
Cash and balances at							
central banks	-	-	-	-	-	706	706
Loans and advances							
to banks	63,057	-	-	-	=	-	63,057
Loans and advances							
to customers	16,243	1	4,386	1,785	-	(394)	22,021
Debt Securities	818	-	3,237	6,417	3,086		13,558
Other assets	-	-	-	-	-	3,785	3,785
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	80,118	1	7,623	8,202	3,086	4,097	103,127
Liabilities					·		
Deposits by banks	45,262						45,262
Customer accounts	36,291	3,090	3,353	-	-	-	42,734
Other liabilities	30,291	3,090	5,555	_	_	834	834
Shareholders' funds	-	-	_	-	-	14,297	14,297
Sharcholders fullds							14,297
	81,553	3,090	3,353	-	_	15,131	103,127
Interest rate							
sensitivity gap	(1,435)	(3,089)	4,270	8,202	3,086	(11,034)	
Cumulative gap	(1,435)	(4,524)	(254)	7,948	11,034	=	

The table above provides only an indication of the sensitivity of the bank's earnings to movements in interest rates and is consistent with the position throughout 2002.

26. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

Interest rate sensitivity gap analysis (continued)

A liability (or negative) gap position exists when liabilities reprice more quickly than assets during a given period and tends to benefit net interest income in a declining interest rate environment. An asset (or positive) gap position exists when assets reprice more quickly than liabilities during a given period and tends to benefit interest income in a rising interest rate environment. The bank's off balance sheet items carry no interest repricing risk. Loans and advances to customers have been shown net of provisions totalling £455,000 (2002 - £417,000).

Liquidity risk

The bank is regulated in the United Kingdom by the Financial Services Authority (FSA), which, from time to time, sets required liquidity mismatch parameters. The bank manages the liquidity structure of its assets, liabilities and commitments so that cash flows are appropriately balanced to ensure that all funding obligations are met when due and the required mismatch parameters are not exceeded. The policy of the bank is to match to maturity as far as is practicable and the Treasury Department will not take on large exposures or placements that cannot easily be matched in the market as to currency or maturity.

Currency risk

Currency of denomination	Net currency position 2003	Net currency position 2002 £'000
US Dollar	(18)	44
Euro	(4)	(25)
Japanese Yen	-	9
Swiss Franc	1	4
Other currencies	3	2
Total	(18)	34

The above table sets out those currency exposures that the bank has at the year-end. The amounts shown in the table take into account the effect of any currency swaps and forward contracts entered into to manage these currency exposures and are consistent with the position throughout 2003. The disclosures include all monetary assets and liabilities including short-term debtors and creditors. Those assets and liabilities denominated in sterling have been excluded.

For the purposes of the net currency disclosure above, sterling has been used as the bank's functional currency.

The bank enters into short-term foreign exchange swap transactions for funding purposes. These currency swap transactions are utilised purely for hedging purposes.

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26. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

Carrying value, fair value

Set out is a comparison by category of carrying values and fair values of the bank's financial assets, liabilities and swaps and forward transactions as at 31 December 2003.

	Carrying value 2003 £000	Fair value 2003 £000	Carrying value 2002 £000	Fair value 2002 £000
Financial Assets				
Cash	406	406	706	706
Loans and advances to banks	65,898	65,898	63,057	63,057
Loans and advances to customers	22,182	22,182	22,021	22,021
Debt securities	12,583	12,415	13,558	13,322
Financial Liabilities				
Deposits by banks	41,073	41,073	45,262	45,262
Customer accounts	47,869	47,869	42,734	42,734