

HSBC Bank Middle East Limited

(a company limited by shares incorporated in the Dubai International Financial Centre)

as Issuer

US\$7,000,000,000 DEBT ISSUANCE PROGRAMME

This supplement (the "Supplement") to the information memorandum dated 14 July 2016 relating to the US\$7,000,000,000 debt issuance programme (the "Programme") of HSBC Bank Middle East Limited (the "Information Memorandum", which constitutes listing particulars for the purposes of listing on the Official List of the Irish Stock Exchange ("Listing") and trading on the Global Exchange Market of the Irish Stock Exchange and, for the avoidance of doubt, which does not constitute (i) a prospectus for the purposes of Part VI of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (as amended) or (ii) a base prospectus for the purposes of Directive 2003/71/EC (as amended)) constitutes supplementary listing particulars (pursuant to rule 3.10 of the Global Exchange Market Listing and Admission to Trading – Rules) for the purposes of Listing.

Terms defined in the Information Memorandum have the same meaning when used in this Supplement.

This Supplement is supplemental to, and should be read in conjunction with, the Information Memorandum.

This Supplement has been approved by the Irish Stock Exchange for the purposes of Listing.

HSBC Bank Middle East Limited (as issuer, the "Issuer") accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Issuer (having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this Supplement is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

The purpose of this Supplement is to disclose that the Issuer has published its unaudited interim financial statements for the six-month period ending 30 June 2016 (the "2016 Interim Financial Statements"). A copy of the 2016 Interim Financial Statements is set out in the Annex hereto.

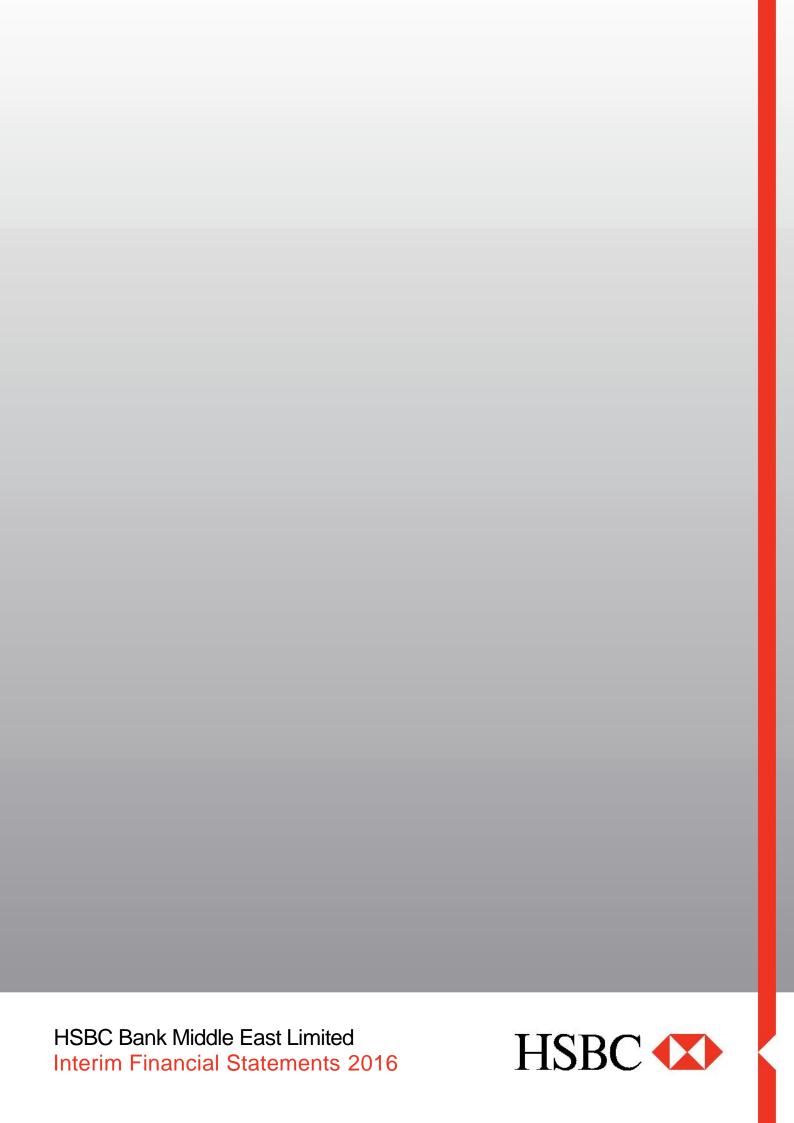
To the extent that there is any inconsistency between (a) any statement in this Supplement and (b) any other statement in or incorporated by reference in the Information Memorandum prior to the date of this Supplement, the statement in this Supplement will prevail.

Save as disclosed in this Supplement, there has been no significant change and no significant new matter has arisen since the publication of the Information Memorandum.

26 September 2016

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2016 INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



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Presentation of Information

This document comprises the Interim Financial Statements 2016 for HSBC Bank Middle East Limited ('the bank') and its subsidiary undertakings (together 'the group'). It contains Condensed Financial Statements, together with the Auditor's review report. References to 'HSBC' or 'the HSBC Group' within this document mean HSBC Holdings plc together with its subsidiaries.

In accordance with IAS 34 the Interim Report is intended to provide an update on the *Annual Report and Accounts 2015* and therefore focusses on events during the first six months of 2016 rather than duplicating information previously reported.

Condensed Financial Statements (unaudited)

Consolidated income statement for the half-year to 30 June 2016

		Half-year to		
	Notes	30 June 2016 US\$000	30 June 2015 US\$000	
Interest income		533,544 (68,392)	611,641 (80,780)	
Net interest income		465,152	530,861	
Fee income		275,755 (29,774)	310,104 (27,895)	
Net fee income		245,981	282,209	
Trading income excluding net interest income		162,831 (8,411)	153,240 (8,922)	
Net trading income		154,420	144,318	
Net income from financial instruments designated at fair value		7,733 12,689 1,482 33,952	2,088 3,775 2,189 32,640	
Net operating income before loan impairment charges and other credit risk provisions		921,409	998,080	
Loan impairment charges and other credit risk provisions	4 _	(33,199)	(30,471)	
Net operating income	_	888,210	967,609	
Employee compensation and benefits		(262,494) (156,007) (6,626) (3,005)	(316,681) (209,394) (9,048) (5,816)	
Total operating expenses	_	(428,132)	(540,939)	
Operating profit		460,078	426,670	
Share of profit in associates	_	1,007	3,457	
Profit before tax		461,085	430,127	
Tax expense	_	(86,070)	(65,980)	
Profit for the period	_	375,015	364,147	
Profit attributable to shareholders of the parent company		374,673 342	355,541 8,606	

The accompanying notes on pages 8 to 19 form an integral part of these condensed financial statements.

Condensed Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

Consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the half-year to 30 June 2016

	Half-year	r to
	30 June	30 June
	2016	2015
	US\$000	US\$000
Profit for the period	375,015	364,147
Other comprehensive income		
Items that will be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss when		
specific conditions are met		
Available for sale investments:	(18,261)	(12,017)
- fair value losses	(9,860)	(11,731)
 fair value gains transferred to income statement on disposal amounts transferred to the income statement in respect of 	(9,381)	(6,136)
impairment losses	1,097	5,733
- income taxes	(117)	117
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Cash flow hedges:	13,308	8,017
- fair value gains	14,786	28,711
fair value gains transferred to income statement	-	(19,882)
- income taxes	(1,478)	(812)
Exchange differences	(4,364)	(30,941)
Items that will not be replaceified subsequently to profit or loss		
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss Remeasurement of defined benefit asset/liability:	_	(2,942)
before income taxes		(2,942)
- income taxes	_	(2,012)
Other comprehensive expense for the period, net of tax	(9,317)	(37,883)
Total comprehensive income for the period	365,698	326,264
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Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to:		
shareholders of the parent company	365,356	318,294
non-controlling interests	342	7,970
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	365,698	326,264

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Condensed Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

Consolidated statement of financial position at 30 June 2016

	Notes	30 June 2016 US\$000	31 December 2015 US\$000
ASSETS			
Cash and balances at central banks Items in the course of collection from other banks Trading assets Derivatives Loans and advances to banks Loans and advances to customers Reverse repurchase agreements – non-trading Financial investments Prepayments, accrued income and other assets Current tax assets Interests in associates. Intangible assets Deferred tax assets	_	832,635 46,838 220,902 1,282,710 7,178,291 22,885,013 515,141 6,715,131 928,394 2,795 78,021 14,828 233,577	612,413 90,173 129,619 992,515 6,731,114 23,613,992 806,928 7,158,981 1,011,966 - 82,173 17,025 227,920
Total addition		40,004,210	41,474,010
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY Liabilities			
Deposits by banks Customer accounts Items in the course of transmission to other banks Trading liabilities Financial liabilities designated at fair value Derivatives Debt securities in issue Accruals and deferred income and other liabilities Current tax liabilities. Provisions Deferred tax liabilities	9 6,9 9 7	2,928,053 24,643,816 248,704 1,688,748 404,424 1,388,551 2,821,673 2,442,972 156,854 19,668 523	2,868,248 25,252,079 391,431 1,483,677 848,237 1,073,970 2,807,977 1,813,297 165,389 23,696 523
Total liabilities	_	36,743,986	36,728,524
Equity			
Called up share capital	_	931,055 (96,902) 3,352,559	931,055 (87,650) 3,899,654
Total equity attributable to shareholders of the parent company		4,186,712	4,743,059
Non-controlling interests	_	3,578	3,236
Total equity	_	4,190,290	4,746,295
Total equity and liabilities		40,934,276	41,474,819

The accompanying notes on pages 8 to 19 form an integral part of these condensed financial statements.

A M Sharaf, Director

Condensed Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

Consolidated statement of cash flows for the half-year to 30 June 2016

	Half-year to			
_	30 June	30 June		
	2016	2015		
	US\$000	US\$000		
Cash flows from operating activities				
Profit before tax	461,085	430,127		
Adjustments for:				
non-cash items included in profit before tax	31,116	21,558		
- change in operating assets	196,274	(1,673,757)		
change in operating liabilities	(857,122)	349,254		
– elimination of exchange differences ¹	(14,082)	127,160		
net gain from investing activities	(13,581)	(9,873)		
– net gain on disposal of businesses	-	(1,732)		
net gain on disposal of associate	(13,052)	-		
- share of profit in associates	(1,007)	(3,457)		
dividends received from associates	1,312	3,363		
- contributions paid to defined benefit pension plans	(536)	_		
– tax paid	(130,722)	(121,982)		
Net cash used in operating activities	(340,315)	(879,339)		
Purchase of financial investments Proceeds from the sale and maturity of financial investments Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(3,509,890) 1,687,309 (7,715) - (828)	(5,658,468) 7,091,261 (14,336) 9,991 (1,360)		
Net cash outflow from disposal of businesses	(020)	(6,993)		
Net cash inflow from disposal of associate	16,900	(0,993)		
Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities	(1,814,224)	1,420,095		
Cash flows from financing activities				
Dividends paid to ordinary shareholders	(420,000)	(295,000)		
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests		(14,031)		
Net cash used in financing activities	(420,000)	(309,031)		
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(2,574,539)	231,725		
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	8,996,879	9,444,465		
Exchange differences in respect of cash and cash equivalents	11,603	(86,779)		
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June	6,433,943	9,589,411		

Adjustment to bring changes between opening and closing balance sheet amounts to average rates. This is not done on a line-by-line basis, as details cannot be determined without unreasonable expense.

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Consolidated statement of changes in equity for the half-year to 30 June 2016

					Half-year to	30 June 201	6			
		Other reserves					•			
	Called up share capital US\$000	Retained earnings US\$000	Available- for-sale fair value reserve US\$000	Cash flow hedging reserve US\$000	Foreign exchange reserve US\$000	Other reserve US\$000	Merger reserve US\$000	Total share- holders' equity US\$000	Non- controlling interests US\$000	Total equity US\$000
At 1 January 2016	931,055	3,899,654	35,019	(8,384)	(98,964)	31	(15,352)	4,743,059	3,236	4,746,295
Profit for the period	-	374,673	-	-	-	-	-	374,673	342	375,015
Other comprehensive income (net of tax)	<u>-</u>	(30)	(18,255)	13,308	(4,340)		_	(9,317)		(9,317)
Available-for-sale investments	-	-	(18,261)	-	-	-	-	(18,261)	-	(18,261)
Cash flow hedges		-	-	13,308	-	-	-	13,308		13,308
Remeasurement of defined benefit asset/liability	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	
Exchange differences and other	-	(30)	6	-	(4,340)	-	-	(4,364)	-	(4,364)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	374,643	(18,255)	13,308	(4,340)	-	-	365,356	342	365,698
Dividends to shareholders	<u>-</u>	(920,000)	_	-	_		-	(920,000)	-	(920,000)
Other movements		(1,738)	35					(1,703)		(1,703)
At 30 June 2016	931,055	3,352,559	16,799	4,924	(103,304)	31	(15,352)	4,186,712	3,578	4,190,290

The accompanying notes on pages 8 to 19 form an integral part of these condensed financial statements.

				Н	alf-year to 30	June 2015				
_		Other reserves					_			
	Called up share capital US\$000	Retained earnings US\$000	Available- for-sale fair value reserve US\$000	Cash flow hedging reserve US\$000	Foreign exchange reserve US\$000	Other reserve US\$000	Merger reserve US\$000	Total share- holders' equity US\$000	Non- controlling interests US\$000	Total equity US\$000
At 1 January 2015	931,055	4,393,142	62,333	(6,512)	(52,509)	2,930	(15,352)	5,315,087	408,410	5,723,497
Profit for the period	-	355,541	-	-	-	-	-	355,541	8,606	364,147
Other comprehensive income (net of tax)	-	(3,105)	(11,533)	8,017	(30,630)	4	-	(37,247)	(636)	(37,883)
Available-for-sale investments	-	-	(11,518)	-	-	-	-	(11,518)	(499)	(12,017)
Cash flow hedges	-	-	-	8,017	-	-	-	8,017	-	8,017
Remeasurement of defined benefit asset/liability	-	(2,942)	-	-	-	-	-	(2,942)	-	(2,942)
Exchange differences and other	=	(163)	(15)	-	(30,630)	4	=	(30,804)	(137)	(30,941)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	352,436	(11,533)	8,017	(30,630)	4	-	318,294	7,970	326,264
Dividends to shareholders	-	(295,000)	-	-	-	-	_	(295,000)	(14,031)	(309,031)
Other movements	-	2,096	46			(302)	-	1,840	529	2,369
At 30 June 2015	931,055	4,452,674	50,846	1,505	(83,139)	2,632	(15,352)	5,340,221	402,878	5,743,099

The accompanying notes on pages 8 to 19 form an integral part of these interim consolidated condensed financial statements.

1 Basis of preparation and significant accounting policies

(a) Compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements of the group have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 'Interim Financial Reporting' ('IAS 34') as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ('IASB') and as endorsed by the European Union ('EU'). These interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Annual Report and Accounts 2015.

At 30 June 2016, there were no unendorsed standards effective for the half year ended 30 June 2016 affecting these interim consolidated financial statements, and there was no difference between IFRSs endorsed by the EU and IFRSs issued by the IASB in terms of their application to the group.

Standards applied during the half-year to 30 June 2016

There were no new standards applied during the half-year to 30 June 2016.

During the period ended 30 June 2016, the group applied a number of interpretations and amendments to standards which had an insignificant effect on these interim consolidated financial statements.

(b) Use of estimates and judgements

Management believes that the group's critical accounting estimates and judgements are those which relate to the impairment of loans and advances, the valuation of financial instruments, provisions and the valuation of intangible assets recognised in business combinations. There was no change in the current period to the critical accounting estimates and judgements applied in 2015, which are stated in the Annual Report and Accounts 2015.

(c) Composition of group

Palestinian Autonomous Area

On 31 December 2015, the bank closed its branch in the Palestinian Autonomous Area (the "PAA"). The bank continued to offer limited securities services in the PAA until 30 June 2016, following which date the bank has ceased all operations in the PAA.

Oman

On 17 September 2015 the Board approved the sale of its entire shareholding in HBON to another HSBC Group entity, HSBC Bank Middle East Holdings BV and completed the disposal on 1 October 2015. The impact of the disposal on the group's results can be seen from the segmental analysis in note 5.

(d) Operating Segments

In the Annual Report and Accounts 2015, the group's segments reported under IFRS 8 Operating Segments were organised into geographical regions comprising UAE, Qatar, Oman and Rest of Middle East. The Rest of Middle East covers Algeria, Bahrain, Kuwait, Lebanon, and the Palestine Autonomous Area.

Following the disposal of HSBC Bank Oman S.A.O.G (HBON) by the group in October 2015, operating segments were reviewed for all reporting periods from 1 January 2016.

The group has revised its operating segments from a geographical view to a business view as follows:

- Retail Banking and Wealth Management;
- Commercial Banking;
- Global Banking and Markets;
- · Global Private Banking; and
- Other.

The revised segments are consistent with those reported to the Board, the identified Chief Operating Decision Maker ('CODM') under IFRS 8.

(e) Transfer of head office to Dubai International Financial Centre ('DIFC')

On 17 September 2015, the bank had announced that, subject to regulatory and other applicable approvals, it intends to transfer its place of incorporation and head office from Jersey, Channel Islands, to Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC), in the United Arab Emirates.

On 30 June 2016, the bank's head office and place of incorporation was moved from Jersey to the DIFC. The bank's new registered office is Level 1, Gate Village Building 8, Dubai International Financial Centre, Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

(f) Future accounting developments

Information on future accounting developments and their potential effect on the financial statements of the group are provided in the Annual Report and Accounts 2015.

(g) Accounting policies

The accounting policies applied by the group for these interim condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those described in the Annual Report and Accounts 2015, as are the methods of computation.

2 Dividends

Dividends to shareholders of the parent co	ompany			
	Half year to 30 June 2016		Half year to 30 June 2015	
_	US\$ per share	Total US\$000	US\$ per share	Total US\$000
Dividends declared on ordinary shares	0.9881	920,000	0.3168	295,000

During the period a fourth interim dividend for 2015 of US\$210 million was declared on 8 February 2016 (paid 22 March 2016), the first interim dividend for 2016 of US\$210 million was declared on 11 May 2016 (paid 23 June 2016) and special dividend for 2016 of US\$500 million was declared on 27 June 2016.

The Directors declared a second interim dividend of US\$75 million in respect of the financial year ending 31 December 2016 on 26 July 2016. No liability is recognised in the financial statements in respect of this dividend.

3 Concentration of loans and advances

Loans and advances to banks were widely distributed across major institutions.

Gross loans and advances to customers by industry sector

	Gross loans and advances to customers					
	30 June	e 2016	31 Dece	mber 2015		
		As		As		
		a % of total		a % of total		
	Total	gross loans	Total	gross loans		
	US\$000	%	US\$000	%		
Personal						
Residential mortgages	2,188,285	9.12%	2,098,996	8.45%		
Other personal	2,605,799	10.86%	2,829,173	11.39%		
	4,794,084	19.98%	4,928,169	19.84%		
Corporate and commercial						
Commercial, industrial and international trade	9,104,167	37.94%	9,424,608	37.95%		
Commercial real estate	564,152	2.35%	636,557	2.56%		
Other property related	1,479,775	6.17%	1,681,565	6.77%		
Government	1,608,655	6.70%	1,616,162	6.51%		
Other commercial	4,028,802	16.79%	4,263,839	17.17%		
	16,785,551	69.95%	17,622,731	70.96%		
Financial						
Non-bank financial institutions	2,416,525	10.07%	2,284,269	9.20%		
Total gross loans and advances to customers	23,996,160	100.00%	24,835,169	100.00%		
Impaired loans - as a percentage of gross loans and advances						
to customers	6.03%		6.04%			
- as a percentage of gross loans and advances to customers	4.63%		4.92%			

4 Loan impairment charge/(recoveries) and other credit risk provisions

	Half-ye	ear to
	30 June 2016 US\$000	30 June 2015 US\$000
Loan impairment charges on loans and advances		
 new allowances net of allowance releases recoveries of amounts previously written off 	39,484 (11,185 <u>)</u>	48,550 (17,029)
	28,299	31,521
Impairment charges/(releases) on debt securities and other credit risk provisions	4,900 33,199	(1,050) 30,471

Movement in impairment allowances on loans and advances to customers and banks

	Banks	Custome	ers	
_	Individually	Individually	Collectively	
	assessed	assessed	assessed	Total
	US\$000	US\$000	US\$000	US\$000
At 1 January 2016	17,994	950,079	271,098	1,239,171
Amounts written off	(16,395)	(96,293)	(57,766)	(170,454)
Recoveries of amounts previously written off	_	-	11,185	11,185
Charge/(release) to income statement	(1,599)	39,539	(9,641)	28,299
Foreign exchange and other movements	<u> </u>	2,915	31	2,946
At 30 June 2016		896,240	214,907	1,111,147

	Banks	Customer	S	
	Individually	Individually	Collectively	
	assessed	assessed	assessed	Total
	US\$000	US\$000	US\$000	US\$000
At 1 January 2015	18,280	1,017,484	239,362	1,275,126
Amounts written off	_	(205,805)	(54,238)	(260,043)
Recoveries of amounts previously written off	_	1,248	15,781	17,029
Charge to income statement	_	20,976	10,545	31,521
Foreign exchange and other movements	(28)	4,643	(563)	4,052
At 30 June 2015	18,252	838,546	210,887	1,067,685

5 Segment analysis

With effect from 1 January 2016, the group's operating segments are as described in Note 1 'Basis of Preparation' on page 8. All comparatives have been adjusted accordingly.

Profit/(loss) for the period

	RBWM US\$000	CMB US\$000	GB&M US\$000	GPB US\$000	Other US\$000	Inter Segment US\$000	Total US\$000
Half year to 30 June 2016							
Net interest income	199,337 63,119 23,250 15,475	139,142 96,402 24,310 3,181	113,925 88,287 118,551 17,432	(8) - 2 (9)	(112) (1,827) 1,175 39,267	12,868 - (12,868) (19,490)	465,152 245,981 154,420 55,856
Net operating income before loan impairment (charges)/recoveries and other credit risk provisions	301,181	263,035	338,195	(15)	38,503	(19,490)	921,409
Loan impairment (charges)/recoveries and other credit risk provisions	(56,328)	16,573	6,556		<u> </u>	<u>-</u>	(33,199)
Net operating income	244,853	279,608	344,751	(15)	38,503	(19,490)	888,210
Total operating expenses	(164,125)	(118,846)	(111,182)	(230)	(53,239)	19,490	(428,132)
Operating profit	80,728	160,762	233,569	(245)	(14,736)	-	460,078
Share of profit in associates	_		1,007	<u>-</u>	-	-	1,007
Profit before tax	80,728	160,762	234,576	(245)	(14,736)	<u>-</u> _	461,085
By geographical regions: U.A.E Oman	71,745 - 4,897	114,369 - 21,410	178,861 - 32,796	1 -	(13,782) - (341)	:	351,194 - 58,762
Rest of Middle East	4,086	24,983	22,919	(246)	(613)		51,129
Profit before tax	80,728	160,762	234,576	(245)	(14,736)		461,085

	RBWM US\$000	CMB US\$000	GB&M US\$000	GPB US\$000	Other US\$000	Inter Segment US\$000	Total US\$000
Half year to 30 June 2015							
Net interest income Net fee income Net trading income Other income	228,813 69,112 29,225 11,948	163,626 116,621 30,519 12,613	127,286 98,844 95,918 15,361	(11) 2 1 200	(129) (2,370) (69) 36,797	11,276 - (11,276) (36,227)	530,861 282,209 144,318 40,692
Net operating income before loan impairment (charges)/recoveries and other credit risk provisions	339,098	323,379	337,409	192	34,229	(36,227)	998,080
Loan impairment (charges)/recoveries and other credit risk provisions	(20,906)	(28,047)	18,482			<u>-</u>	(30,471)
Net operating income	318,192	295,332	355,891	192	34,229	(36,227)	967,609
Total operating expenses	(228,891)	(154,811)	(134,591)	(882)	(57,991)	36,227	(540,939)
Operating profit	89,301	140,521	221,300	(690)	(23,762)	-	426,670
Share of profit in associates	3,016	-	441	-	-	-	3,457
Profit before tax	92,317	140,521	221,741	(690)	(23,762)		430,127
By geographical regions: U.A.E Oman Qatar Rest of Middle East	82,674 634 3,758 5,251	75,737 14,135 14,857 35,792	155,253 6,743 35,917 23,828	(609) - - (81)	(23,042) (576) (51) (93)	- - -	290,013 20,936 54,481 64,697
Profit before tax	92,317	140,521	221,741	(690)	(23,762)		430,127
Balance sheet information	RBWM US\$000	CMB US\$000		GPB US\$000		Inter Segment US\$000	Total US\$000
At 30 June 2016	σοφοσο	004000	004000	00000	004000	004000	004000
Loans and advances to customers (net) Interest in associates Total assets Customer accounts Total liabilities	4,492,228 - 4,502,992 11,787,619 11,926,533	9,647,717 - 10,292,694 6,898,028 8,173,570	78,021 24,853,937 5,418,431	- - - -	2,580 - 1,284,653 539,738 5,687,213		22,885,013 78,021 40,934,276 24,643,816 36,743,986
At 31 December 2015							
Loans and advances to customers (net) Interest in associates	4,631,864 3,848 4,650,256 11,824,225 11,945,310	10,492,110 - 11,238,516 8,660,073 10,034,092	78,325 24,248,596 4,739,648	-	2,395 - 1,337,451 28,093 4,876,441	- - - -	23,613,992 82,173 41,474,819 25,252,079 36,728,524
6 Financial liabilities designated	at fair value						
				30 June US	2016 31 De \$000	ecember 201 US\$00	
Debt securities in issue			<u> </u>	404	1,424	848,23	. 7

At 30 June 2016, the accumulated amount of change in fair value attributable to changes in credit risk was a gain of US\$5.8 million (30 June 2015: US\$5.8 million loss).

7 Debt securities in issue

	30 June 20	016	31 December	2015
_	Carrying amount US\$000	Fair value US\$000	Carrying amount US\$000	Fair value US\$000
Medium term notes Non-equity preference shares	3,898,793 950,000	3,897,984 845,699	4,149,847 950,000	4,151,145 861,017
Of which debt securities in issue reported	4,848,793	4,743,683	5,099,847	5,012,162
as trading liabilities financial liabilities designated at fair value	(1,622,696)	(1,622,696)	(1,443,633)	(1,443,633)
(Note 6)	(404,424)	(404,424)	(848,237)	(848,237)
_	2,821,673	2,716,563	2,807,977	2,720,292

8 Risk Management

The group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including currency risk, fair value interest rate risk, cash flow interest rate risk and price risk), credit risk and liquidity risk.

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements do not include all risk management information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements, they should be read in conjunction with the Annual Report and Accounts 2015.

There have been no material changes to our policies and practices regarding risk management and governance as described in the Annual Report and Accounts 2015.

9 Fair values of financial instruments

The accounting policies, control framework and the hierarchy used to determine fair values at 30 June 2016 are consistent with those applied in the Annual Report and Accounts 2015.

Valuation techniques

Financial instruments carried at fair value

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
	Quoted	Using	With significant	
	market	observable	unobservable	
	price	inputs	inputs	
	-	•	•	Total
	US\$000	US\$000	US\$000	US\$000
At 30 June 2016				
Recurring fair value measurements				
Assets				
Trading assets	-	220,902	-	220,902
Derivatives	-	1,272,289	10,421	1,282,710
Financial investments: available-for-sale	-	6,640,305	74,826	6,715,131
Liabilities				
Trading liabilities	-	1,688,748	-	1,688,748
Financial liabilities designated at fair value	-	404,424	-	404,424
Derivatives	-	1,383,496	5,055	1,388,551

	Level 1 Quoted market price	Level 2 Using observable inputs	Level 3 With significant unobservable inputs	
	US\$000	US\$000	US\$000	Total US\$000
At 31 December 2015				
Recurring fair value measurements Assets				
Trading assets	-	129,619	=	129,619
Derivatives	-	990,293	2,222	992,515
Financial investments: available-for-sale	-	7,056,357	102,624	7,158,981
Liabilities				
Trading liabilities	-	1,483,677	-	1,483,677
Financial liabilities designated at fair value	-	848,237	-	848,237
Derivatives	-	1,052,971	20,999	1,073,970

Movement in Level 3 financial instruments

The following table provides a reconciliation of the movement between opening and closing balances of Level 3 financial instruments, measured at fair value using a valuation technique with significant unobservable inputs:

_		Assets		Liabilities
	Available- for-sale US\$000	Held for Trading US\$000	Derivatives US\$000	Derivatives US\$000
At 1 January 2016	102,624	-	2,222	20,999
Total gains or losses recognised in profit or loss: - Gains less losses from financial investments	11,209			
Trading income excluding net interest income	11,209	-	- 8,199	- (15,944)
Total gains or losses recognised in other comprehensive income			-,	(-/- /
- Available-for-sale investments: fair value losses	(17,001)	-	-	-
- Exchange differences	4	-	-	-
Sales	(22,010)			
At 30 June 2016	74,826		10,421	5,055
Unrealised gains/(losses) recognised in profit or loss relating to assets and liabilities held on 30 June 2016 - Gains less losses from financial investments	(1,097)	-	- 10,421	(5,055)
At 1 January 2015	116,348	-	2,508	11,399
Total gains recognised in profit or loss:				
Gains less losses from financial investments Trading income excluding net interest income	(4,283)	-	(286)	9,600
Total gains or losses recognised in other comprehensive income	_	_	(200)	9,000
- Available-for-sale investments: fair value losses	(8,653)	-	-	-
- Exchange differences	(5) 39	-	-	-
Sales	(822)	-	-	-
At 31 December 2015	102,624		2,222	20,000
At 31 December 2015	102,624			20,999
Unrealised gains/(losses) recognised in profit or loss relating to assets and liabilities held on 30 June 2015				
- Gains less losses from financial investments	(4,124)	-	-	-
- Trading income excluding net interest income			3,597	(17,618)

For assets and liabilities classified as held for trading, realised and unrealised gains and losses are presented in the income statement under 'Trading income excluding net interest income'.

Realised gains and losses from available-for-sale securities are presented under 'Gains less losses from financial investments' in the income statement while unrealised gains and losses are presented in 'Fair value gains/(losses) taken to equity' within 'Available-for-sale investments' in other comprehensive income.

Effects of changes in significant unobservable assumptions to reasonably possible alternatives

The fair value of financial instruments are, in certain circumstances, measured using valuation techniques that incorporate assumptions that are not evidenced by prices from observable current market transactions in the same instrument and are not based on observable market data. The following table shows the sensitivity of fair values to reasonably possible alternative assumptions:

Sensitivity of fair values to reasonable possible alternative assumptions

	Reflected in pro	ofit or loss	Reflected in other comprehensive income		
	Favourable changes US\$000	Unfavourable changes US\$000	Favourable changes US\$000	Unfavourable changes US\$000	
At 30 June 2016 Derivatives/trading assets/trading liabilities ¹ Financial investments: available-for-sale	774	(774)	-	-	
	1,010	(1,010)	2,731	(2,731)	
At 31 December 2015 Derivatives/trading assets/trading liabilities ¹ Financial investments: available-for-sale	1,161	(1,161)	-	-	
	966	(966)	4,165	(4,165)	

Derivatives, trading assets and trading liabilities are presented as one category to reflect the manner in which these financial instruments are risk-managed.

Sensitivity of fair values to reasonably possible alternative assumptions by Level 3 instrument type

	Reflected in pro	ofit or loss	Reflected in other comprehensive income		
	Favourable changes US\$000	Unfavourable changes US\$000	Favourable changes US\$000	Unfavourable changes US\$000	
At 30 June 2016					
Private equity including strategic					
investments	1,010	(1,010)	2,731	(2,731)	
Other derivatives	774	(774)	-	-	
Other portfolio	-	-	-	-	
At 31 December 2015					
Private equity including strategic					
investments	966	(966)	4,165	(4,165)	
Other derivatives	1,161	(1,161)	-	-	
Other portfolio	-	-	-	-	

Favourable and unfavourable changes are determined on the basis of changes in the value of the instrument as a result of varying the levels of the unobservable parameters using statistical techniques. When parameters are not amenable to statistical analysis, quantification of uncertainty is judgmental.

When the fair value of a financial instrument is affected by more than one unobservable assumption, the above table reflects the most favourable or most unfavourable change from varying the assumptions individually.

In respect of private equity investments, in many of the methodologies, the principal assumption is the valuation multiple to be applied to the main financial indicators. This may be determined with reference to multiples for comparable listed companies and includes discounts for marketability.

For other derivatives, principal assumptions concern the value to be attributed to future volatility of asset values and the future correlation between asset values.

10 Interest in associates

On 30 March 2016, the group completed the disposal of its 40% shareholding in Rewards Management Middle East FZ LLC, an associate of the group, and recorded a gain on disposal of US\$13.1 million.

11 Credit quality of financial instruments

The five credit quality classifications set out and defined in the Annual Report and Accounts 2015 describe the credit quality of the group's lending, debt securities portfolios and derivatives. These classifications each encompass a range of more granular, internal credit rating grades assigned to wholesale and retail lending businesses, as well as the external ratings attributed by external agencies to debt securities. There is no direct correlation between internal and external ratings at granular level, except to the extent each falls within a single quality classification.

The following tables set out the group's distribution of financial instruments by measures of credit quality.

	30 June 2016							
	Neith	ner past due	nor impaired					
	Strong US\$000	Good US\$000	Satis- factory US\$000	Sub- standard US\$000	Past due but not impaired US\$000	Impaired US\$000	Impairment allowances US\$000	Total US\$000
Cash and balances at central banks	799,792	1,613	46,838	31,230	-	-		832,635 46,838
Trading assets	141,428	26,451	51,250	1,773	_	_	_	220,902
treasury and other eligible bills debt securities loans and advances to	61,061	26,451	20,642	1,773	-	- - -		109,927
banks - loans and advances to customers	62,364 18,003	-	511 30,097	-	-	-	-	62,875 48,100
Derivatives	269,024	256,083	742,451	15,152				1,282,710
Loans and advances held			·		_	-	-	
at amortised cost	16,075,040	7,112,198	4,909,881	797,151	832,823	1,447,358	(1,111,147)	30,063,304
loans and advances to banks loans and advances to	5,678,282	1,109,870	228,500	161,639	-	-	-	7,178,291
customers	10,396,758	6,002,328	4,681,381	635,512	832,823	1,447,358	(1,111,147)	22,885,013
Reverse repurchase agreements non-trading	395,079	120,062	-	-	-	-	-	515,141
Financial investments	1,262,177	-	5,377,860	-		-		6,640,037
treasury and other similar bills debt securities	- 1,262,177	-	1,265,870 4,111,990	-	-	-	-	1,265,870 5,374,167
Other assets	34,151	223,336	473,784	57,164	29,882	5,469	-	823,786
endorsements and acceptances accrued income and	31,009	223,276	321,142	57,164	28,455	5,469	-	666,515
other	3,142	60	152,642	-	1,427	-	-	157,271
Total financial instruments	18,976,691	7,739,743	11,602,064	902,470	862,705	1,452,827	(1,111,147)	40,425,353

				31 Decer	mber 2015			
	Ne	either past du	ue nor impaired					·
	Strong US\$000	Good US\$000	Satisfactory US\$000	Sub- standard US\$000	Past due but not impaired US\$000	Impaired US\$000	Impairment allowances US\$000	Total US\$000
Cash and balances at central banks	519,043	59,369	_	34,001	_	_	_	612,413
Items in the course of collection from other	,	23,222		- 1,0-2				,
banks	-	-	90,173	-	-	-	_	90,173
Trading assets	77,869	21,863	27,792	2,095				129,619
treasury and other eligible bills	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	_
debt securitiesloans and advances to	66,386	21,863	21,830	2,095	-	_	_	112,174
banks – loans and advances to	11,483	_	-	-	-	_	_	11,483
customers	_	_	5,962	_		_	_	5,962
Derivatives	176,590	222,898	585,919	7,108	-	_	-	992,515
Loans and advances held at amortised cost	14,383,420	9,238,179	5,055,483	847,490	540,695	1,519,010	(1,239,171)	30,345,106
loans and advances to banksloans and advances to	4,774,909	1,680,948	107,622	165,636	_	19,993	(17,994)	6,731,114
customers	9,608,511	7,557,231	4,947,861	681,854	540,695	1,499,017	(1,221,177)	23,613,992
Reverse repurchase	470.000	200 200						000 000
agreements non-trading		336,320	_	_	_	_	_	806,928
Financial investments – treasury and other	2,203,968		4,852,121	_				7,056,089
similar bills	1,116,602	_	1,663,893	_	_	_	_	2,780,495
- debt securities	1,087,366	_	3,188,228	_	_	_	_	4,275,594
Other assets	30,493	279,643	521,225	72,918	15,609	2,226		922,114
endorsements and acceptances	28,329	279,568	387,219	72,918	14,153	2,226	_	784,413
accrued income and other	2,164	75	134,006	_	1,456	_	_	137,701
Total financial instruments	17,861,991	10,158,272	11,132,713	963,612	556,304	1,521,236	(1,239,171)	40,954,957
12 Contingent liabi	lities cont	ractual co	mmitmonts	and guara	otoos			
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At At 30 June 31 December 2016 2015 US\$000 US\$000								er 15
Guarantees and other co	_				14	US\$000 I,128,914_	14,161,23	
Commitments								_
Documentary credits and Undrawn formal standby						481,972	592,82	27

The above table discloses the nominal principal amounts of contingent liabilities, commitments and guarantees. They are mainly credit-related instruments which include both financial and non financial guarantees and commitments to extend credit. Nominal principal amounts represent the amounts at risk should contracts be fully drawn upon and clients default. As a significant proportion of guarantees and commitments is expected to expire without being drawn upon, the total of the nominal principal amounts is not representative of future liquidity requirements.

16,685,506

17,167,478

17,8<u>48,653</u>

commitments to lend

Guarantees and other commitments

The principal types of guarantees generally provided in the normal course of the group's banking business, and other contractual commitments, are consistent with those detailed in the Annual Report and Accounts 2015.

13 Legal proceedings and regulatory matters

The group is party to legal proceedings, investigations and regulatory matters in a number of jurisdictions arising out of its normal business operations. No material adverse impact on the financial position of the group is expected to arise from such proceedings arising in the jurisdictions in which the group operates.

Anti-money laundering and sanctions-related

(Matters relevant to HBME as a subsidiary of HSBC operating in the Middle East)

In October 2010, HSBC Bank USA entered into a consent order with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (the 'OCC'), and HSBC North America Holdings Inc. ('HNAH') entered into a consent order with the Federal Reserve Board (the 'FRB') (each an 'Order' and together, the 'Orders'). These Orders required improvements to establish an effective compliance risk management programme across HSBC's US businesses, including risk management related to the Bank Secrecy Act ('BSA') and anti-money laundering ('AML') compliance. HSBC Bank USA is not currently in compliance with the OCC Order. Steps are being taken to address the requirements of the Orders.

In December 2012, HSBC Holdings, HNAH and HSBC Bank USA entered into agreements with US and UK government agencies regarding past inadequate compliance with the BSA, AML and sanctions laws. Among those agreements, HSBC Holdings and HSBC Bank USA entered into a five-year deferred prosecution agreement with, among others, the DoJ (the 'US DPA'); and HSBC Holdings consented to a cease-and-desist order, and HSBC Holdings and HNAH consented to a civil money penalty order with the FRB. HSBC Holdings also entered into an agreement with the Office of Foreign Assets Control ('OFAC') regarding historical transactions involving parties subject to OFAC sanctions, as well as an undertaking with the UK FCA to comply with certain forward-looking AML and sanctions-related obligations. In addition, HSBC Bank USA entered into civil money penalty orders with the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network of the US Treasury Department and the OCC.

Under these agreements, HSBC Holdings and HSBC Bank USA made payments totalling \$1.9bn to US authorities and undertook various further obligations, including, among others, to continue to cooperate fully with the DoJ in any and all investigations, not to commit any crime under US federal law subsequent to the signing of the agreement, and to retain an independent compliance monitor (the 'Monitor'). In January 2016, the Monitor delivered his second annual follow-up review report. Through his country-level reviews, the Monitor identified potential anti-money laundering and sanctions compliance issues that the DoJ and HSBC are reviewing further. Additionally, as discussed elsewhere in this Note, HSBC is the subject of other ongoing investigations and reviews by the DoJ. The potential consequences of breaching the US DPA, as well as the role of the Monitor and his second annual review, are discussed on page 100 of the Annual Report and Accounts 2015.

HSBC Bank USA also entered into two consent orders with the OCC. These required HSBC Bank USA to correct the circumstances noted in the OCC's report and to adopt an enterprise-wide compliance programme, and imposed restrictions on acquiring control of, or holding an interest in, any new financial subsidiary, or commencing a new activity in its existing financial subsidiary, without the OCC's prior approval.

These settlements with US and UK authorities have led to private litigation, and do not preclude further private litigation related to HSBC's compliance with applicable BSA, AML and sanctions laws or other regulatory or law enforcement actions for BSA, AML, sanctions or other matters not covered by the various agreements.

In November 2014, a complaint was filed in the US District Court for the Eastern District of New York on behalf of representatives of US persons alleged to have been killed or injured in Iraq between April 2004 and November 2011. The complaint was filed against HSBC Holdings, HSBC Bank plc, HSBC Bank USA and HSBC Bank Middle East Limited, as well as other non-HSBC banks and the Islamic Republic of Iran (together, the 'Defendants'). The plaintiffs allege that Defendants violated the US Anti-Terrorism Act ('US ATA') by altering or falsifying payment messages involving Iran, Iranian parties and Iranian banks for transactions processed through the US. Defendants filed a motion to dismiss in May 2015. The Plaintiffs filed a Second Amended Complaint in July 2016, and the Defendants have indicated that they will be filing an amended Motion to Dismiss in response in due course.

In November 2015, a complaint was filed in the US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois on behalf of representatives of four US persons alleged to have been killed or injured in terrorist attacks on three hotels in Amman, Jordan in 2005. The complaint was filed against HSBC Holdings, HSBC Bank USA, HNAH, HSI, HSBC Finance, HSBC USA Inc. and HSBC Bank Middle East Limited, as well a non-HSBC bank, Al Rajhi Bank. The plaintiffs allege that the HSBC defendants violated the US ATA by failing to enforce due diligence methods to prevent its financial services from being used to support the terrorist attacks.

Based on the facts currently known, it is not practicable at this time for HSBC to predict the resolution of these lawsuits, including the timing or any possible impact on HSBC, which could be significant.

14 Transactions with related parties

There were no changes in the related party transactions described in the Annual Report and Accounts 2015 that have had a material effect on the financial position or performance of HSBC in the half-year to 30 June 2016. All related party transactions that took place in the half-year to 30 June 2016 were similar in nature to those disclosed in the Annual Report and Accounts 2015.

15 Events after the balance sheet

On 26 July 2016 the Directors declared a second interim dividend of US\$75 million in respect of the financial year ending 31 December 2016, as described in Note 2.

16 Interim Report 2016 and statutory accounts

The information in this Interim Report 2016 is unaudited and does not constitute statutory accounts. The Interim Report 2016 was approved by the Board of Directors on 1 August 2016. The Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2015 have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies in Jersey in accordance with Article 108 of the Companies (Jersey) 1991, as amended. The auditor has reported on those accounts. Its report was (i) unqualified; (ii) did not include a reference to any matters to which the auditors drew attention by way of emphasis without qualifying their report; (iii) and did not contain a statement under Article 113B(3) of the Companies (Jersey) 1991, as amended.

Independent Review Report by PricewaterhouseCoopers Limited to HSBC Bank Middle East Limited

Introduction

We have reviewed the accompanying condensed consolidated interim statement of financial position of HSBC Bank Middle East Limited and its subsidiaries (together referred to as the "Group") as at 30 June 2016 and the related condensed consolidated interim statements of income, comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the six-month period then ended and other explanatory notes. Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of this condensed consolidated interim financial information in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 – Interim Financial Reporting as adopted by the European Union ("IAS 34"). Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on this condensed consolidated interim financial information based on our review.

Scope of review

We conducted our review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements 2410, 'Review of interim financial information performed by the independent auditor of the entity'. A review of interim financial information consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying condensed consolidated interim financial information is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" as adopted by the European Union.

Anthony Hugh McNaughtan PricewaterhouseCoopers Dubai, United Arab Emirates 2 August 2016

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