

NATIONAL BANK OF BELIZE LIMITED AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors and Shareholder of:
National Bank of Belize Limited

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of National Bank of Belize Limited, which comprise the statement of financial position as at August 31, 2024, and the statement of comprehensive loss, statement of changes in equity, and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of National Bank of Belize Limited as at August 31, 2024, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

Basis for Opinion

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

Other Matter

The financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2023 were audited by another auditor who expressed an unqualified opinion on December 18, 2023.

Emphasis of Matter

The financial statements have been prepared assuming that the Bank will continue as a going concern as described in Note 2e. Our opinion is not qualified with respect to this matter.

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 IFRSs, 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 Bank'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 Bank or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Bank'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 an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users on the basis of these financial statements.

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error; to design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks; and to 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 entity'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 entity'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 entity 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 identified during the audit.

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STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT AUGUST 31, 2024 AND 2023 (IN BELIZE DOLLARS)

	Notes	2024	2023
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents - unrestricted	2g. 2h. 5.	\$ 68,827,889	\$ 14,754,059
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted	2g. 2h. 6.	13,729,445	7,535,831
Loans to customers	2g. 7.	86,448,366	80,442,043
Securities	2g. 8.	12,000,000	1,999,800
Other assets	2g. 3. 9.	974,853	943,578
Property and equipment	2i. 10.	651,636	977,122
Total assets		182,632,189	106,652,433
LIABILITIES			
Customer accounts	2g. 11.	167,099,130	88,404,266
Other liabilities	2g. 2k. 12.	1,706,494	1,964,504
Total liabilities		168,805,624	90,368,770
NET ASSETS		\$ 13,826,565	\$ 16,283,663
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Share capital	13.	\$ 40,025,000	\$ 40,025,000
Foreign currency translation reserve	2d.	695,267	163,227
Loan loss reserve	3a. 7.	2,015,100	1,486,819
Accumulated deficit		(28,908,802)	(25,391,383)
Shareholders' equity		\$ 13,826,565	\$ 16,283,663

The financial statements on pages 4 to 7 were approved and authorized for issue by the Board of Directors on December 17, 2024 and are signed on its behalf by:


Director


Director

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STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE LOSS FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024 AND 2023 (IN BELIZE DOLLARS)

	Notes	2024	2023
Net interest income	2l. 14.	\$ 3,746,454	\$ 3,636,633
Fee income	2l. 15.	1,257,993	974,136
Revenue		5,004,447	4,610,769
Net remeasurement of expected credit losses - loans to customers	2g. 7.	(2,086,533)	(288,356)
Net remeasurement of expected credit losses - other assets	2g. 9.	8,206	15,361
Net remeasurement of expected credit losses - credit-related commitments	2g.	223	(2,012)
Depreciation	2i. 10.	(311,159)	(336,119)
Personnel expenses	2l. 18.	(3,116,538)	(3,148,579)
General and administrative expenses	2l. 17.	(2,181,511)	(2,332,647)
Other income	2l. 16.	447,905	446,945
Net loss before business tax		(2,234,960)	(1,034,638)
Business tax	19.	(754,178)	(695,035)
Net loss for the year		(2,989,138)	(1,729,673)
Foreign currency translation		532,040	151,103
Total comprehensive loss		\$ (2,457,098)	\$ (1,578,570)

The above financial statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

