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# First Abacus Financial Holdings Corp.

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

### **TO: ALL STOCKHOLDERS**

Please take note that the annual meeting of the stockholders of First Abacus Financial Holdings Corporation (the "Corporation") for 2015 shall be held on Thursday, 15 October 2015 at 8:00 o'clock in the morning, at the La Colina Function Room, The Valle Verde Counting Club, Capt. Henry P. Javier, Bo. Oranbo, Pasig City, to consider the following:

## AGENDA

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- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Certification of Notice and Quorum
- 3. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting of Stockholders
- 4. President's Report and Presentation of Audited Financial Statement
- 5. Ratification of all Acts of the Board of Directors and Officers
- 6. Election of Directors
- 7. Appointment of External Auditors
- 8. Other Matters
- 9. Adjournment

The Corporation has, in accordance with the By-Laws, fixed the close of business on 15 September 2015 as the record date for the determination of the stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at such meeting and any adjournment thereof.

Registration for those who are personally attending the meeting will start at 7:00 a.m. and end promptly at 8:00 a.m. All stockholders who will not, are unable, or do not expect to attend the meeting in person are encouraged to fill out, date, sign and send a proxy to the Corporation's Corporate Secretary at 2704 East Tower, Philippine Stock Exchange Centre, Exchange Road, Ortigas Center, 1605 Pasig City. All proxies should be received by the Corporate Secretary on or before 12 October 2015. Proxies submitted shall be validated by a Committee of Inspectors on 13 October 2015 at 10 o'clock in the morning at the aforementioned address. For corporate stockholders, the proxies should be accompanied by a Secretary's Certification on the appointment of the corporation's authorized signatory.

To avoid inconvenience in registering your attendance at the meeting, you or your proxy are requested to bring identification paper(s) containing a photograph and signature, e.g. passport, driver's license, or credit card.

City of Pasig, Metro Manila, 23 September 2015.

Very truly yours, ANNA FRANĆESCA C. RESPICIO

ANNA FRANCESCA C. RESPICE Assistant Corporate Secretary

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMISSION SEC FORM 20-IS

## INFORMATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 20 OF T SECURITIES REGULATION CODE

1. Check the appropriate box:

Preliminary Information Statement

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE

- 2. Name of Registrant as specified in its charter: <u>FIRST ABACUS FINANCIAL HOLDINGS</u> <u>CORP.</u>
- 3. Province, country or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization: METRO MANILA
- 4. SEC Identification Number : <u>ASO94-001420</u>
- 5. BIR Tax Identification No: 043-003-507-219
- 6. Address of Principal Office : <u>Unit 2901A East Tower, PSE Centre, Exchange Road,</u> <u>Pasig City</u>
- 7. Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (+632) 667-8900

8. Date, time and place of the meeting of security holders:

Date - 15 October 2015

Time - 8:00 AM Place - La Colina

- La Colina Function Room The Valle Verde Country Club Capt. Henry P. Javier, Bo. Oranbo Pasig City

9. Approximate date on which the Information Statement is first to be sent or given to security holders: 23 September 2015

10. Securities registered pursuant to Sections 8 and 12 of the Code

	Number of Shares of Common Stock
<b>Title of Each Class</b>	Outstanding and Amount of Debt Outstanding

Common stock, ₽1.00 par value

1,193,200,000 as of 28 August 2015

11. Are any or all of these securities listed on a stock exchange

, Yes (X) No ()

If yes, disclose the name of such stock exchange and the class of securities listed therein: Philippine Stock Exchange Common Stock

> WE ARE NOT ASKING YOU FOR A PROXY AND YOU ARE REQUESTED NOT TO SEND US A PROXY.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Date, time and place of meeting of security holders:

A.	Date and Day	:	15 October 2015, Thursday
	Time	:	8:00 AM
	Place	:	La Colina Function Room
			The Valle Verde Country Club
			Capt. Henry P. Javier, Bo. Oranbo
			Pasig City

**B.** The approximate date on which this Information Statement will be sent or given to security holders is on 23 September 2015 (Thursday).

The complete mailing address of First Abacus Financial Holdings, Corp. (referred to herein alternatively as the "Registrant", the "Company" or the "Corporation") is Unit E-2901A East Tower, PSE Center, Exchange Road, Ortigas Complex, Pasig City.

## **Dissenters' Appraisal Right**

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The Corporation Code of the Philippines, specifically Sections 42 and 81 thereof, gives to a dissenting stockholder who votes against certain corporate actions specified by law, the right to demand payment of the fair market value of their shares, commonly referred to as Appraisal Right.

The following are the instances provided by law when dissenting stockholders can exercise their Appraisal Right:

- In case any amendment to the Articles of Incorporation has the effect of changing or restricting the rights of any stockholder or class of shares, or of authorizing preferences in any respect superior to those outstanding shares of any class, or of extending or shortening the term of corporate existence;
- 2. In case of sale, lease, exchange, transfer, mortgage, pledge or other disposition of all or substantially all of the corporate property and assets as provided in the Corporation Code;
- 3. In case the Company decides to invest its Funds in another corporation or business outside of its primary purpose; and
- 4. In case of merger or consolidation.

Under Section 82 of the Corporation Code, the appraisal right may be exercised by any stockholder who shall have voted against the proposed corporate action, by making a written demand on the Company within thirty (30) days after the date on which the vote was taken for payment of the fair value of his shares. However, failure to make the demand within such period shall be deemed a waiver of the appraisal right. If the proposed corporate action is implemented or effected, the Company shall pay to such stockholder, upon surrender of the certificate or certificates of stock representing his shares, the fair value thereof as of the day prior to the date on which the vote was taken, excluding any appreciation or depreciation in anticipation of such corporate action.

If within a period of sixty (60) days from the date the corporate action was approved by the stockholders, the withdrawing stockholder and the Company cannot agree on the fair value of the shares, it shall be determined and appraised by three (3) disinterested persons, one of whom shall be named by the stockholder, another by the Company, and the third by the two thus chosen. The findings of the majority of the appraisers shall be final, and their award shall be paid by the Company within thirty (3) days after such award is made, provided that no payment shall be made to any dissenting stockholder unless the Company has unrestricted retained earnings in its books to cover such payment, and that upon payment by the Company of the agreed or awarded price, the stockholder shall forthwith transfer his shares to the Company.

There is no matter or item to be submitted to a vote or acted upon in the annual stockholders' meeting of the Company which falls under the instances provided by law when dissenting stockholders can exercise their Appraisal Right.

#### Interest of Certain Persons in or Opposition to Matters to be Acted Upon

None of the present directors and officers, nominees for election as director of the Company and any associates thereof has any substantial interest, direct or indirect, in any matter to be acted upon, other than their election as director for the year 2015-2016.

None of the directors of the Company has informed the Company in writing that he intends to oppose any action to be taken by the Company at the meeting.

#### CONTROL AND COMPENSATION INFORMATION

### A. Voting Securities and Principal Holders Thereof

#### Number of Shares Outstanding

The Company has 1,193,200,000 outstanding common shares as of **31 August 2015**. A total of 1,136,487,000 common shares were issued to Filipino stockholders and 56,713,000 common shares were issued to Foreign stockholders.

Each common share shall be entitled to one vote with respect to all matters to be taken up during the annual stockholders' meeting.

#### **Record Date**

The record date fixed for determining the stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote during the annual stockholders' meeting is on 15 September 2015.

#### Voting Rights

During the annual stockholders' meeting, stockholders shall be entitled to elect seven (7) directors. In accordance with Section 24 of the Corporation Code, each stockholder may vote such number of shares for as many as seven (7) persons he or she may choose to be elected from the list of nominees, or he or she may cumulate said shares and give one candidate as many votes as the number of his or her shares multiplied by seven (7) shall equal, or he or she may distribute his or her votes on the same principle among as many candidates as he or she shall see fit, provided that the total number of votes cast shall not exceed the number of shares owned by him or her multiplied by seven (7).

## Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management

## 1. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners

As of **31 August 2015**, the Company knows of no one who beneficially owns more than 5% of its common stock except as set forth in the table below:

## **Securities and Principal Holders**

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CLASS	NAME & ADDRESS OF RECORD OWNER AND RELATIONSHIP WITH ISSUER	NAME & ADDRESS OF BENEFICIAL OWNER AND RELATIONSHIP WITH RECORD OWNER	CITIZENSHIP	NUMBER OF SHARES	<u>%</u> HELD
Common	PCD Nominee Corp.(Filipino)* 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Makati Stock Exchange, Ayald Avenue, Makati City; stockholder		Filipino	813,696,000	<u>68,19</u>
Common	Paulino S. Soo Chairman and President of Issuer 29 <sup>th</sup> Floor East Tower, PSE Center, Exchange Road, Pasig City;	(same as record owner)	Filipino	133,000,000	<u>11,15</u>

\*PCD Nominee Corporation ("PCDNC") is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Philippine Central Depository Inc. ("PCD"). The beneficial owners of such shares registered under the name of PCDNC are PCD's participants, who hold the shares in their behalf or on behalf of their clients.

No individual or group owner reported under PCD Nominee Corporation has more than 5% ownership of the outstanding capital stock of the Corporation.

## 2. Security Ownership of Directors and Executive Officers

The following table shows the shares beneficially owned by the directors and executive officers of the Company as of 31 August 2015:

TITLE OF CLASS	NAME AND ADDRESS OF BENEFICIAL OWNER	AMOUNT AND NATURE OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP [record (r) or beneficial (b)]	CITIZENSHIP	% OF CLASS
Common	Paulino S. Soo 29 <sup>th</sup> Floor East Tower, PSE Center, Exchange Road, Pasig City	133,000,000 (direct)	Filipino	11.15
Common	Jack T. Huang 29 <sup>th</sup> Floor East Tower, PSE Center, Exchange Road, Pasig City	500,000 (direct)	Filipino	0.04
Common	Jimmy S. Soo 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor Sage House V.A. Rufino St., Legaspi Village, Makati City	10,010,000 (direct)	Filipino	0.84
Common	Vicente Co Chien, Jr. 555 Muello de Binondo, Manila	6,130,000 (direct)	Filipino	0.51
Common	A. Bayani K. Tan Tan Venturanza Valdez Law Offices 27 <sup>th</sup> Floor East Tower, PSE Center, Pasig City	100,000 (direct)	Filipino	0.00
Common	Ma. Theresa G. Santos 29 <sup>th</sup> Floor East Tower, PSE Center, Exchange Road, Pasig City	10,000 (direct)	Filipino	0.00
Common	Jimmy Chua Alabanza 29 <sup>th</sup> Floor East Tower, PSE Center, Exchange Road, Pasig City	10,000 (indirect [Abacus Sec. Corp.])	Filipino	0.00
Common	All directors and executive officers as group	149,760,000	Filipino	12.55

## 3. Voting Trust Holders of 5% or More

The Company is not aware of any party holding any voting trust or similar arrangement for 5% or more of the Company's voting securities.

## 4. Changes in Control

The Company is not aware of any arrangements that may result in a change of control of the Company. There have been no changes in control since the beginning of the last fiscal year.

## **B.** Directors and Executive Officers

## Director, Executive Officers, Promoters and Control Persons

The following are the incumbent directors and executive officers of the Company:

Name	Age	Office	Period of Service	Citizenship
Paulino S. Soo	64	Chairman /CEO	1994 to present	Filipino
Jack T. Huang	61	President/ Director	1995 to present	Filipino
Vicente Co Chien, Jr.	60	Treasurer/ Director	1995 to present	Filipino
A. Bayani K. Tan	60	Corporate Secretary/ Director	Director 1995 to present Corp. Sec. 1994 to present	Filipino
Jimmy S. Soo	57	Director	1995 to present	Filipino

Ma. Theresa G. Santos	58	Independent Director	2006 to present	Filipino
Jimmy Chua Alabanza	70	Independent Director	2008 to present	Filipino
Anna Francesca C. Respicio	30	Assistant Corporate Secretary	2013 to present	Filipino

Upon recommendation of the Company's Nomination Committee as required by the Company's Manual of Corporate Governance, the foregoing incumbent members of the Board of Directors are nominated for election to the positions above-stated for the year 2015-2016, to hold office as such for one year or until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified.

#### **Board of Directors**

The present members of the Board of Directors ("BOD") were elected during the annual stockholders' meeting held on 25 September 2014. The term of the current members of the BOD shall be until the next stockholders' meeting on 15 October 2015. The following are the incumbent members of the BOD of the Company who are nominated for re-election as members of the Board during the shareholders' meeting. Their respective backgrounds indicating their business experiences over the past five years are likewise provided below:

#### Mr. Paulino S. Soo

Mr. Soo holds a Master in Business Administration degree from the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Business and Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Management Engineering from the De La Salle College. He is the President of Philippine Gaming Management Corporation, Berjaya Pizza Phils. Inc., Perdana Land Philippines Inc., Perdana Hotel Philippines Inc., Cosway Philippines Inc., and Bagan Resources PTE Inc.

Mr. Soo is a Director of Berjaya Auto Philippines Inc, Friendster Philippines Inc., Uniwiz Trade Sales Inc., and MOL Accessportal Inc. He is the Treasurer of Kailash PMN Management Corporation.

He is Chairman of Abacus Securities Corporation and Abacus Capital & Investment Corporation (1994-present), Vista Holdings Corporation (1994 - present).

#### Mr. Jack T. Huang

Mr. Huang is the incumbent President of the Company. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the Ateneo de Manila University. He is concurrently a director of Abacus Capital & Investment Corporation (1995-present) and Abacus Securities Corporation (1995-present). He is the President of Cebu Business Continuous Forms (1994-present).

#### Mr. Vicente Co Chien, Jr.

Mr. Co Chien is the Treasurer of the Corporation. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Economics from Hongkong Shue Yan University. He is the President of South Sea Realty and Development Corporation and Providence HealthCare Consultants (1999-present). He is concurrently director of Abacus Capital and Investment Corporation (1995-present), Abacus Securities Corporation (1995-present), Vista Holdings Corporation (1995-present). He is director of JWC Manpower Resources, Inc., Globalbridge Resources Corporation and Oro Peak Inc.

#### Mr. Jimmy S. Soo

Mr. Soo is a Director of the Company. He obtained his Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of the Philippines and was admitted to the Philippine Bar in 1985. He is the Managing Partner of Soo Gutierrez Leogardo and Lee Law Offices (1992-present). He is currently the Corporate Secretary and a Director of Abacus Capital & Investment Corporation (1995-present) and Vista Holdings Corporation. He is also a Director of Berjaya Pizza Philippines, Inc. He is also an Executive Officer, and/or Director and/or Corporate Secretary of various companies.

#### Atty. A. Bayani K. Tan

Mr. A. Bayani-K. Tan, 60, Filipino, is a Director and the Corporate Secretary of the Corporation (since May 1994). He is also a Director, Corporate Secretary or both of the following reporting and/or listed companies: Asia United Bank Corporation (since February 2014 as Corporate Secretary\*, since June 2014 as Director\*, Publicly-Listed), Belle Corporation (since 1994, Publicly-Listed), Coal Asia Holdings, Inc. (since July 2012, Publicly-Listed), Destiny Financial Plans, Inc. (since 2003), Discovery World Corporation (since March 2013 as Director, since July 2003 as Corporate Secretary, Publicly-Listed), I-Remit, Inc. (since May 2007, Publicly-Listed), Pacific Online Systems Corporation (since May 2007, Publicly-Listed), Philequity Balanced Fund, Inc. (since March 2010), Philequity Dividend Yield Fund, Inc. (since January 2013), Philequity Dollar Income Fund, Inc. (since March 1999), Philequity Foreign Currency Fixed Income Fund, Inc. (since March 2010), Philequity Fund, Inc. (since June 1997), Philequity Peso Bond Fund, Inc. (since June 2000), Philequity PSE Index Fund, Inc. (since February 1999), Philequity Resources Fund, Inc. (since March 2010), Philequity Strategic Growth Fund, Inc. (since April 2008), Premium Leisure Corp. (since December 1993 as Director and until April 2015 as Corporate Secretary, Publicly-Listed), TKC Steel Corporation (since February 2007, Publicly-Listed), Tagaytay Highlands International Golf Club, Inc. (since November 1993), Tagaytay Midlands Golf Club, Inc. (since June 1997), The Country Club at Tagaytay Highlands, Inc. (since August 1995), The Spa and Lodge at Tagaytay Highlands, Inc. (since December 1999), Vantage Equities, Inc. (since January 1993, Publicly-Listed) and Yehey! Corporation (since June 2004, Publicly-Listed). Mr. Tan is also a Director and the Corporate Secretary of Sterling Bank of Asia Inc. (since December 2006). He is the Managing Partner of the law offices of Tan Venturanza Valdez (since it was established in 1988), Managing Director/President of Shamrock Development Corporation (since May 1988), Director of Destiny LendFund, Inc. (since December 2005) and Pascual Laboratories, Inc. (since March 2014), President of Catarman Chamber Elementary School Foundation, Inc. (since August 2012), Managing Trustee of SCTan Foundation, Inc. (since 1986), Trustee and Treasurer of Rebisco Foundation, Inc. (since April 2013) and Trustee and Corporate Secretary of St. Scholastica's Hospital, Inc. (since February 2011).

Mr. Tan holds a Master of Laws degree from New York University (Class of 1988) and earned his Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of the Philippines (Class of 1980) where he was a member of the Order of the Purple Feather (U.P. College of Law Honor Society) and ranked ninth in his class. Mr. Tan passed the bar examinations in 1981 where he placed sixth. He has a Bachelor of Arts major in Political Science degree from the San Beda College (Class of 1976) from where he graduated Class Valedictorian and was awarded the medal for Academic Excellence.

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<sup>\*</sup> As approved by Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas on December 29, 2014.

### Atty. Anna Francesca Respicio

Atty. Respicio is the incumbent Assistant Corporate Secretary of First Abacus Financial Holdings Corporation. She is the Corporate Secretary of I-Remit, Inc., Luckyfortune Business Ventures, Inc., and Raemulan Lands, Inc. She is also the Assistant Corporate Secretary of the following companies: A Brown Company, Inc. Discovery World Corporation, Sterling Bank of Asia, Inc. (A Savings Bank), Tagaytay Highlands International Golf Club, Inc., The Spa and Lodge at Tagaytay Highlands, Inc., Fidelity Securities, Inc., Red Dragon Culinary Concepts, Inc., Attenborough Holdings Corporation, St. Patrick Mining Development Corporation, Parallax Resources, Inc. and SLW Development Corporation.

Atty. Respicio is an Associate at Tan Venturanza Valdez. She finished her Bachelor of Arts-Major in Philosophy in 2007 and earned her Juris Doctor degree in 2011 at Ateneo de Manila University.

#### **Independent Directors**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 38 of the SRC, the Company's Board of Directors and stockholders approved the amendment of the Company's By-Laws (approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission on 7 June 2005) adopting the requirement on the nomination and election of independent directors. In line with this, Ms. Ma. Therese G. Santos and Mr. Jimmy Chua Alabanza were elected as the Company's independent directors.

In compliance with the requirements of the Code of Corporate Governance and the Securities and Exchange Commission's Guidelines on the Nomination and Election of Independent Directors (SEC Memorandum Circular No. 16, Series of 2002), the Nomination Committee (composed of Messrs. Paulino S. Soo [Chairman], Jimmy S. Soo, and Jack T. Huang) constituted by the Board of Directors, in a meeting held on 1 September 2015, endorsed the respective nominations given in favor of Ms. Ma. Therese G. Santos (by Mr. Vicente Co Chien, Jr.) and Mr. Jimmy Chua Alabanza (by Atty. A. Bayani K. Tan). None of the nominees for independent directors are related to any member of the Board of Directors of the Company.

#### Ms. Ma Therese G. Santos

Ms. Ma. Therese G. Santos is an incumbent independent director of the Company. She is also the Chairman of the Audit and Compliance Committee and Compensation and Remuneration Committee of Music Semiconductors Corporation (2003-present). Ms. Santos has been an independent Management Consultant by profession since 1997. She was the former Vice President for Treasury and Administration of Music Corporation (1995-1996). Ms. Santos was the Director of Finance for United Development Corporation (1991-1993). Ms. Santos received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of the Philippines, an MBA from the same school where she graduated in the top 10 of her class and was on the dean's list.

#### Mr. Jimmy Chua Alabanza

Mr. Jimmy Chùa Alabanza, is an incumbent independent director of the Corporation. He is currently the Chairman of Insular Construction and Supply Co. (1967-present) and a Consultant of Seaboard Insurance Company (1990-present). He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Management from the Ateneo de Manila University in 1967.

## Significant Employees

The Company has no significant employees.

#### Family Relationships

Paulino S. Soo, and Jimmy S. Soo are brothers. Other than the ones disclosed, there are no other family relationships known to the registrant.

## **Involvement in Certain Legal Proceedings**

As a result of the delay in the delivery of the facilities of the Universal Leisure Club, Inc., some of its members initiated a Complaint for Estafa (I.S. No. 08K-89713) against ULC, the Universal Rightfield Property Holdings, Inc. and the Universal Leisure Corp., as well as their respective officers and directors, including their former Corporate Secretary, Atty. A. Bayani K. Tan, the incumbent Corporate Secretary of the Corporation. The Complaint was submitted for resolution in 2009 and was acted upon and dismissed by the City Prosecutor of Manila (OCP) only on March 18, 2013. Complainants belatedly filed motion for reconsideration for which reason, among others, the OCP denied motion on June 16, 2014. A Petition for Review was filed by the Complainant before the Department of Justice (DOJ). The petition remains unresolved to date.

Except as provided above, the Corporation is not aware of any of the following events wherein any of its directors, nominees for election as director, executive officers, underwriter or control person were involved during the past five (5) years:

- (a) any bankruptcy petition filed by or against any business of which any of the above persons was a general partner or executive officer either at the time of the bankruptcy or within two years prior to that time;
- (b) any order, judgment, or decree, not subsequently reversed, suspended or vacated, of any court of competent jurisdiction, domestic or foreign, permanently or temporarily enjoining, barring, suspending or otherwise limiting the involvement of any of the above persons in any type of business, securities, commodities or banking activities; and,
- (c) any finding by a domestic or foreign court of competent jurisdiction (in civil action), the SEC or comparable foreign body, or a domestic of foreign exchange or electronic marketplace or self regulatory organization, that any of the above persons has violated a securities or commodities law, and the judgment has not been reversed, suspended or vacated.

### Certain Relationships and Related Transactions

Related party transactions are transfers of resources, services or obligations between the Company and its related parties, regardless whether a price is charged.

The significant transactions of the Company in the normal course of business with related parties are described below:

#### The summary of the Company's significant transactions with its related parties are as follows:

a. Granting (collection) and obtaining (payment) of Advances

The Company grants to and obtains advances from its related parties for its daily and transaction requirements. These advances have a maturity of 30 - 180 days after the reporting dates and earn interest at ranging from 3.92% to 4.72 or based on prevailing interest rate charged by our banks.

The Group grants unsecured interest bearing loans to employees with interest bearing ranging from 12% - 12.50%. Receivables from employees are presented as part of Accounts Receivables account under Receivables in the consolidated statements of financial position

#### b. Management Fees

The Company earns management fees from Philippine Gaming Management Corporation (PGMC, an entity under common key management personnel) by virtue of the Management Service Agreement between the Group and PGMC. A key management personnel of the Company is a director of PGMC.

Management fees amounted to P40,000,000, P23,121,406, and P68,181,486 in 2014, 2013, and 2012, respectively, and are presented as Management Fees in the consolidated statements of profit and loss.

# Please refer to Notes 2.16 and 11 of the Consolidated Financial Statements for the detailed discussion on the Certain Relationships and Related Transactions.

Aside from the above, there are no other material related party transactions that will significantly affect the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries.

There are no transactions with any promoter nor are there any assets to be acquired from a promoter. Company has no parent.

#### Disagreement with Director

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None of the Company's directors has resigned or declined to stand for re-election to the board of directors since the last annual stockholders' meeting of the security holders because of a disagreement with the Company or any matter relating to the Company's operations, policies or practices.

## **Compensation of Executive Officers and Directors**

The following is a summary of the aggregate compensation paid or accrued during the last two (2) fiscal years, i.e. 2014 and 2013, as well as compensation to be paid in the ensuing fiscal year 2014, to the company's Chief Executive Officer and four (4) most highly compensated executive officers who are individually named, and to all other officers and directors of the Company as a group:

Name and Principal Function	Fiscal Year	Salary	Bonus	Other Annual
-				Compensation
Paulino S. Soo	2013			a la islat
Chairman and CEO	2014			
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Jack T. Huang	2013			
President	2014			이가 있는 것은 가슴에 가슴다. 2013년 - 1913년 1월 1913년 1월 1913년 - 1913년 1월 1
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Schubert Caesar C. Austero	2013			
VicePresident-HRD-CSG	2014			
	2015			
Sheila Marie Aguilar	2013			
Vice President- Operations	2014			
	2015			
Melanio C. Dela Cruz	2013			
Vice President- Finance	2014			
	2015			
Total for the Group	2013	7,142,506	1,472,216	-0-
	2014	7,315,803	1,825,856	-0-
	2015 est. amt.	7,465,963	2,148,338	-0-
All Officers as a Group Unnamed	2013	8,312,500	1,716,967	-0-
•	2014	8,514,184	2,129,399	-0-
	2015 est. amt.	8,626,817	2,148,338	-0-

Except as provided above, there are no standard arrangements, employment contracts or any other arrangements by which the directors and officers of the Company receive compensation. In addition, there are no compensatory plans or arrangement with respect to named executive officers that resulted in or will result from the resignation, retirement or termination of such executive director or from a change-in-control in the Company.

Our Directors do not receive any compensation or per diem for each Board meeting. The Company only distribute directors fee amounting to P100,000.00 annually.

There is no outstanding price or stock warrants or options held by the Company's officers and directors.

## Independent Public Accountants

The auditing firm of Punongbayan & Araullo ('Punongbayan') will be nominated and recommended to stockholders for reappointment as external auditor for the year 2015-2016. Representatives of the said firm are expected to be present at the upcoming Annual Stockholders' Meeting to respond to appropriate questions and to make a statement if they so desire.

Over the past five (5) years, there was no event where Punongbayan and the Company had any disagreement with regard to any matter relating to accounting principles or practices, disclosure of financial statements or auditing scope or procedure.

In compliance with Rule 68 (3)(b)(iv) of the Securities Regulation Code, the assignment of engagement partner for the Company shall not exceed five (5) consecutive years, and a two-year cooling off period shall be observed in the re-engagement of the same signing partner or individual auditor. Mr. Romualdo V. Murcia, the engagement partner of the Company and our subsidiaries has commenced in the calendar year 2013. For the ensuing year 2015, Punongbayan and Araullo will be re-nominated as the Company's external auditor with Mr. Romualdo V. Murcia will be the engagement partner.

## Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting or Financial Disclosure

No independent accountants have resigned, were dismissed or otherwise ceased performing services during the two most recent fiscal years or any subsequent interim period.

There have been no changes in or disagreements with accountants on accounting and financial disclosure.

The audit and audit-related fees paid by the Company in the last two (2) years are as follows:

	2014	2013
A. Audit and Audit-related Fees		
1. Audit of the registrant's annual financial statements or services that are normally provided by the external auditor in connection with the statutory and regulatory filings or engagements.	<del>P</del> 2,000,000	<del>P</del> 2,000,000
2. Other assurance and related services by the external auditor		
that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or		
review of the registrant's financial statements	-0-	-0-
B. Tax fees	-0-	-0-
C. All other fees	-0-	-0-

The Company's Board of Directors reviews and approves the engagement of services of the Company external auditors, who are appointed upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee composed of Ms. Ma. Therese G. Santos as Chairman and Messrs. Vicente Co Chien, Jr, Jack T. Huang, Atty. Jimmy S. Soo and Paulino S. Soo as members. Engagement Agreements are executed for every type of engagement, which provides for the scope of the work, timetable, fees, engagement team, etc. for each project.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

# Action with Respect to Reports

The Company will seek the approval by the stockholders of the Minutes of the previous Stockholders' meeting last 25 September 2014 wherein the following were taken up (1) Chairman's Address; Approval of Audited Financial Statements and Annual Report, (2) Election of Directors, (3) Appointment of Punongbayan and Araullo as External Auditors, and (4) Ratification of all acts of the Board of Directors and Management, namely:

- a) opening of deposit account with Unionbank of the Philippines;
- b) <sup>•</sup> entering into Memorandum of Agreement with RCBC Savings Bank for employees' salary loans; and,
- c) designation of a representative for the Membership Meeting of Valle Verde Country Club, Inc.

Management reports which summarize the acts of management for the year 2014 are included in the Company's Annual Report to be sent to the stockholders together with this Information Statement and shall be submitted for approval by the stockholders at the meeting. Approval of the Management Report will constitute approval and ratification of the acts of Management and of the Board of Directors for the past year.

#### Matters Not Required to be Submitted

No action is to be taken with respect to any matter which is not required to be submitted to a vote of the stockholders.

#### Amendment of Charter, By-Laws or Other Documents

There are no matters to be voted upon by the stockholders of the Company pertaining to any amendment of the Company Charter, By-laws and other documents.

#### Other Proposed Action

The items covered with respect to the ratification of the acts of the Board of Directors and officers for the past year up to the date of the meeting are those items entered into in the ordinary course of business.

#### Voting Procedures

- a. Actions to be taken at the Annual Stockholders' Meeting shall require the vote of the stockholders representing at least a majority of the Company's outstanding capital stock.
- b. Three inspectors shall be appointed by the Board of Directors before or at each meeting of the stockholders, at which an election of directors shall take place; if no such appointment shall have been made or if the inspectors appointed by the Board of Directors refused to act or fail to attend then the appointment shall be made by the presiding officer of the meeting. For purposes of the Annual Stockholders' Meeting in October 2015, the Corporate Secretary and/or his representative together with the Audit Partner of the External Auditor and/or his representative, have been designated as inspectors who have been tasked to oversee the counting of votes.
- c. Stockholders may vote at all meetings either in person or by proxy duly given in writing in favor of any person of their confidence and each stockholder shall be entitled to one vote for each share of stock standing in his name in the books of the corporation; provided, however, that in the election of Directors, each stockholder shall be entitled to cumulate his votes in the manner provided for by law.
- d. The By-Laws of the Company is silent as to the method by which votes are to be counted. In practice, however, the same is done by the raising of hands or *viva voce*.
- e. With respect to the election of seven (7) directors, each stockholder may vote such number of shares for as many as seven (7) persons he may choose to be elected from the list of nominees, or he may cumulate said shares and give one candidate as many votes as the number of his shares multiplied by seven (7) shall equal, or he may distribute them on the same principle among as many candidates as he shall see fit, provided that the total number of votes cast by him shall not exceed the number of shares owned by him multiplied by seven (7).
- f. Upon confirmation by the inspectors that there is a mathematical impossibility for certain nominees to be elected into office based on proxies held and votes present/represented in the meeting, the actual casting and counting of votes for the election of Directors may be dispensed with.

## **Omitted Items**

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Items 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 are not responded to in this report, the Company having no intention to take any action with respect to the information required therein.

## SIGNATURE

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After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this report is true, complete and correct. Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Regulation Code, the issuer has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized in the City of Pasig on 23 September 2015

# FIRST ABACUS FINANCIAL HOLDINGS CORPORATION

By:

ANNA FRANCESCA C. RESPICIO Assistant Corporate Secretary

## FIRST ABACUS FINANCIAL HOLDINGS CORPORATION ANNUAL REPORT

#### **General Nature and Scope of Business**

First Abacus Financial Holdings (FAFHC) traces its roots from the Seven Seas Oil Exploration and Resources, Inc. (SSOERI). Seven Seas was incorporated on February 15, 1994 and became a publicly listed company on November 21, 1994. It was primary engaged in the business of oil exploration and development. Presently, FAFHC is engaged in, through its wholly subsidiaries, stockbroking activities, investment banking, real estate business and other financial services.

Realizing that the local capital and equities markets have a pivotal role in the long-term development of the national economy, the board of directors decided to change SSOERIS's primary purpose from being an oil exploration company into a financial holding company. Thus, on October 26, 1996, the SSOERI's stockholders approved the recommendations of the board to transform the firm. Consequently, on January 25, 1996, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) approved the Company's change of name from Seven Seas Oil Exploration and Resources, Inc. to First Abacus Financial Holdings Corporation. The SEC likewise approved on January 25, 1996 the change on par value of FAFHC's capital stock from Php0.01 to Php 1.00 a share to remove the issue's speculative characteristic and reflect the stock's shift into a full-fledged commercial/industrial issue.

The Company's first strategic corporate re-alignment move was to acquire the Abacus Capital & Investment Corporation (ACIC)- an operating investment house- via a cash and stock swap. ACIC effectively became a wholly owned subsidiary. ACIC, in turn, owned 100% of Abacus Securities Corporation (ASC), one of the leading members of the Philippine Stock Exchange, and Vista Holdings Corporation (VHC), a real estate holding company.

The Company, through ASC, also acquired 25% of Prosperity Properties and Management Corporation (PPMC), used to own a 16-storey building at the Ayala Business Park in Cebu City. In 1996, the Company acquired from its subsidiaries – ACIC and ASC- interests in VHC and PPMC. This resulted in a direct investment in these companies. In 1999, upon approval by the Securities and Exchange Commission of the increase in authorized capital stock of ASC from Php50 million divided into 500,000 shares with a par value of Php100 per share to Php400 million divided into 4 million shares with Php100 par value per share, the Company subscribed to 3.5 million shares representing 87.525% ownership interest. The remaining 12.475% remained with ACIC. Accordingly, the Company's ownership over ASC was changed from 100% indirect to 87.525% direct and 12.475% indirect.

On December 18, 2002, the Board of Directors approved the conversion of advances to Abacus Capital & Investment Corporation (ACIC) as deposit for future stock subscription amounting to Php100,000,000.00. In 2008, the Company applied P90,000,000.00 of its deposit for future stock subscription to paid in capital as payment for the remaining subscriptions for the same amount.

#### **Subsidiaries**

Abacus Capital and Investment Corp(ACIC). ACIC was incorporated on January 6, 1995. ACIC is engaged in investment banking activities, management services, and treasury and other financial services.

Abacus Securities Corporation(ASC). ASC was incorporated on December 27, 1991. A member of the Philippine Stock Exchange, ASC is engaged in stock brokering services. It engages in buying and selling stocks in Philippine stock market for the accounts of the clients as a broker and for its own account as a dealer.

Vista Holdings Corporation(VHC). VHC was incorporated on January 21, 1993. Presently, Vista Holdings Corporation is engaged in buying and leasing out condo units primarily to its affiliated companies.

#### FAFHC's Vision

FAFHC's vision is to provide best value integrated financial services to its clients. In the process, Filipinos from all walks of life are enabled to become a part of the capital and equities market. Toward this end, progress and prosperity have stronger prospects of being shared by all.

Abacus Capital and Investment Corporation (ACIC)

ACIC is financially secure, with capital resources of over 400 million; complemented by a core of investment managers providing highly ethical, professional, and client-oriented investment management services.

ACIC provides the following financial services:

a) Corporate Finance

Equity Underwriting Transactions

- Initial Public Offerings
- Stock Rights Offerings
- New Tranche Offerings
- Private Placements of Listed Companies

Financial Advisory

- Share or corporate acquisitions, Buy-Ins/Mergers/Divestments
- Financial review and Restructuring
- Project Development

Debt Underwriting and Loan Arrangements

- Short, Medium, or Long Term Loan Arrangements
- Short and Long Term Commercial Papers Underwriting
- On-going oversight, issue management, agency functions

## b) Treasury sales

- Government Securities
- Treasury Bills
- Long and Short Term Commercial Papers
- Preferred Notes
- Promissory Notes
- Money Market Placements'
- c) Financing
  - Share Margin
  - Working Capital Credit Facilities

#### Abacus Securities Corporation (ASC)

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Due to its commitment for quality service, ASC was awarded the Best Local Brokerage House in the Philippines Award from 1990-2008 granted by the Asiamoney.

ASC was the recipient of the Best Securities House in the Philippines Award granted by the EuroMoney International Awards for Excellence for the past two consecutive years, 1998 and 1999. Likewise, the Fund Managers Association of the Philippines honored ASC with a number of citations including Best in Institutional Sales/ Execution and in Settlements in 1998. The awards put ASC in an enviable position as it proved that local stockbrokerages could prove equal to international stockbroker houses.

ASC started operations in March 1992. In five years, ASC established itself as a top Filipino brokerage firm in PSE. The key factors for ASC's successes are: professional management, sound investment advisory, strong research team, real-time market information, and commitment to technology and training.

All these resulted in a strong retail franchise, a top tier domestic institutional sales organization, and growing foreign institutional sales based. Thus, ASC is now positioned to best serve the expanding domestic equities market. Strategically located branches in Binondo, Cebu and Davao support ASC's Head Office operations.

Abacus Securities Corporation was the second ranking stock brokerage house among the top ten PSE brokers. In the past years, the large foreign stockbrokerage houses dominated the top ten list of brokers. ASC believes that it can effectively compete with other brokers because of its strong sales groups, the Retail and Institutional Teams. At present, the firm has one of the most extensive based of retail clients driven by the number of branches established and envisioned to be established. Its Institutional Sales Team, on the other hand, has managed to obtain accreditation and establish active working relationships with a number of domestic institutional investors and foreign fund management companies. ASC also has a Research Group that comes out with action-driven reports and recommendations, a quality admired by most of its clients. The company established a website to keep its clients abreast of the new developments in stock market.

For the year ended 2014, Abacus Securities Corporation ranked <u>17<sup>th</sup></u> in terms of total value traded.

#### Vista Holdings Corporation (VHC)

The primary purpose of the Company is to invest in, purchase, or otherwise acquire and own, hold, usc, scll (without engaging in retail trade), assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge, exchange, or otherwise dispose of real and personal property of every kind and description.

VHC continues with its investment program through the acquisition of condominium units. At present, VHC leases its condominium units its affiliated companies.

Vista is not involved in real estate development. VHC continues to lease its condominium units to its affiliates.

### DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.

The list of directors and executive officers of the Company are found on pages 5-8 of the Information Statement (SEC Form 20-IS) to which this report is attached.

# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

## 2015 (as of 30 June)

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## Financial Highlights In thousand pesos except for financial ratios

	Period (	ended June 30	
	2015	2014	% Change Inc. (Dec.)
Profit and Loss Data			
Revenues	134,835	137,818	(2%
Total Cost and Expenses	167,058	176,319	)
Net income (loss)	(14,186)	(15,630)	(5%
EBITDA	81,140	93,514	)

	Unaudited June 30, 2015	Audited Dec. 31, 2014	% Change Inc. (Dec.)
Balance Sheet Data			
Total Assets	5,347,848	5,449,456	(1.9%)
Total Debt	3,069,416	3,158,304	(2.8%)
Total Stockholders' Equity	2,278,432	2,291,152	(0.6%)

The following are the major performance measures that the Company uses. Analyses are employed by comparison and measurement on a consolidated basis based on the financial date on the periods indicated below:

	Unaudited June 30, 2015	Audited Dec. 31, 2014
Liquidity:		
Current Ratio	1.62:1	1.63:1
Coverage/Solvency ratios:		
Assets to Equity	2.35:1	2.38:1
Debt to Equity Ratio	1.37:1	1,38:1
	June 30 2015	June 30 2014
Operating Efficiency:	2015	2014
Revenue Growth – Increase (Decrease)	(2%)	(29.6%)
Profitability – Increase (Decrease)	9%	(185%)

Key Performance Indicator	Formul
Current Ratio	Current assets/Current liabilities
Asset to Equity Ratio	Assets / Total stockholders' equity
Debt to Equity Ratio	Total liabilities/Total stockholders'
Revenue Growth	Current period total revenues/Prior
	period total revenues
Net Income(loss) Growth	Current Period Net Income/Prior Period Net

The manner by which the Company calculates the above indicators is as follows:

A number of macro-economic factors continued to weigh down on the local equities market during the second quarter of the year. As a result of lingering concerns over the economy's lower than expected 5.2% GDP growth rate in the first quarter and weak spending on the part of government, the Philippines was not expected to meet its target growth rate of 7-8% for the year. The overcast horizon signaled volatility in the local equities market ans susceptibility to foreign flow movements on the back of uncertain corporate earnings and the US Federal Reserve's liftoff. There were however indicators of a strong rebound as a result of continuing confidence in the strength of the country's fundamentals and the government's relative success in a number of key indicators, most particularly tax collection and curbing graft and corruption.

The performance of the company for the second quarter and for first semester of the year, mirrored the same trend. The company, however, has succeeded in arresting the downward trend. For the second quarter of 2015, the Company's revenues stood at Php65 million, representing a decrease of Php7.7 million or 10% over the same period last year. Our consolidated revenues for the first half of the year stood at Php135 million, or a decrease of 2% over the Php138 million realized during the same period last year. Brokers commission for the quarter was noted at Php34 million, down by Php6.6 million from the Php40.3 million year-on-year. For the first half of the year total brokers commission rose to Php78 million, an increase of 7.8% over the Php23 million on its sale investments in financial assets at fair value through profit and loss, a decrease of Php2.3 million as compared to the Php25.4 million achieved for the same period last year. As of the second quarter, total gains realized from investment of financial assets was noted at Php23 million, slight decrease from last year's Php25 million.

The Company managed to cut costs and expenses for the quarter, which was noted at Php81 million, lower than the Php91 million recorded for the same period last year. Consolidated costs and 'expenses for the first half of the year was also lower at Php167 million compared to the Php176 million spent last year. As in the past, a large bulk of operating expenses was allocated for debt servicing in keeping with the company's commitment to honor its obligations.

Summing up the Company's performance for the second quarter of the year, the company is reporting a consolidated net loss of Php6 million, almost comparable to the Php5 million net loss recorded for the same period last year. For the first half of the year, the company contained the consolidated net loss to Php14.2 million, a slight improvement from last year's consolidated loss of Php15.6 million.

During the period under review, there was a decrease noted in the total assets as of the first half of the year amounting to Php101 million, from Php5,449 million in December 2014 to Php5,348 million in June 2015. The decrease were brought about by the collection of our trade receivables amounting to Php57 million and the sale of our financial assets at fair value through profit and loss amounting to Php60 million.

A decrease in total liabilities was also noted during the period amounting to Php89 million bringing total liabilities to Php3,069 million from Php3,158 million. The decrease was brought about by the payment of trade payables and our short term borrowings.

The decrease in stockholders' equity of Php12.7 million was due to the net result of the operation during the quarter and net effect of valuation of our financial assets.

The Company is highly optimistic that its financial performance will improve moving forward on account of more favorable conditions expected in the general operating environment in the next few months and in 2016. The company has consistently maintained its strong presence in the market all these years and remains in a better position to take advantage of expected upturns in the market.

The Company, however, will continue to keep an effective balance between managing risks and opportunities and will not let its guard down. The Company shall continue to solidify its niches and expand market reach. At the same time, the Company shall continue to be lean without sacrificing ability to provide the best value to customers. As it has continued to do so in the last four years, the Company will keep an eye on outstanding loans, and subsequently, interest cost and expenses. And as in the past, the Company shall draw strength and inspiration from the support and commitment of its various stakeholders.

Aside from the discussions above, there are no material off-balance sheet transactions, arrangements, obligations (including contingent obligations), and other relationships of the company with unconsolidated entities or other persons created during the reporting period.

## <u>2014</u>

#### **General Business Environment**

Starting the year off with recovery efforts from the previous year's natural disasters, economic growth slowed from 2013's 7.2 per cent to 6.1 per cent - below government targets but still higher than trend growth and the second fastest in Asia, next only to China. The country withstood the external headwinds of the US Fed taper, Euro zone weakness, a slowing China, and uncertainty from global political tensions with a stable banking system, a well-managed currency, improved trade balance, and sustained broad-based growth. This was confirmed by, and led to credit rating upgrades from Moody's and Standard & Poor's during the year to two notches above investment grade and an affirmation of investment grade rating from Fitch Ratings, with the ratings agencies citing the country's greatly improved debt profile, fiscal management, and favorable growth prospects. An improving employment situation contributed to rising incomes and generally positive consumer and business sentiments. However, weak government spending and slightly higher inflation dampened the momentum for economic growth.

The local capital market reflected the same performance, reaping gains from the improvements in the country's economic fundamentals established in previous years, but encountering some resistance and uncertainty along the way. The PSEi climbed steadily during the first half before moving sideways to close at 7,230.57 by the year's end, generating a 23 per cent return. Powered

by net foreign buying and supported by the increasing investment appetite of local institutional funds as well as a growing retail trading activity, the Philippines was among the best performing markets in the region during the year.

#### Performance of the Company

The Company posted significant improvements in terms of its overall performance and in its total core revenues for the year under review. A three-digit 173% increase in finance income was noted - from Php145 million in 2013 to Php396.2 million in 2014. Management fees recorded during the year amounted to Php40 million, up by Php16.9million compared to the Php23.1 million made in the previous year. However, our brokerage house reported a decline in total commission during the year from Php231.1 to Php158.7 million. All considered, consolidated revenues for the year stood at Php596.4 million, an increase of Php196 million from last year's Php401 million. The increase in total revenues was attributed to the additional gain on sale of available for sale financial assets, from Php143.90 million to this year's Php396.1 million, which were included in the finance income during the year.

Total costs and expenses for the year stood at Php480.9million, representing an increase of Php68.7 million from last year's Php412.2 million. The increase in total costs and expenses during the year was brought about by the increase in our finance costs from Php207.8 million to Php283.6 million. Debt servicing comprised a large chunk of operating expenses in keeping with the company's commitment to honor its obligations.

The Company is proud to report a consolidated net income of Php111 million for the year, representing a substantial improvement of Php126.2 million and effectively reversing the Php15.2 million negative income reported in 2013.

There was a decrease in total assets noted for the year amounting to Php143.6 million, from Php5,593 million in December 2013 to Php5,449 million in December 2014. The decrease in total assets was brought about by the disposal through sale and temporary decline in market value of our financial assets at fair value through profit or loss from last year's Php655.8 million to this year Php494.2 million.

A corresponding increase in total liabilities amounting to Php78 million was also noted during the period under review bringing total liabilities from Php3,080 million to Php3,158 million due to increases in short term borrowings, partially offset by increase in due to customers and the payments made to non-trade customers and short term payables.

There was a decrease also noted in our stockholders equity at the end of the period from last year's Php2,512.8 million to this year's Php2,291.2 million. The decrease in the revaluation reserves of our available for sale financial assets was due to some disposals through sale and the periodic marked to market valuation of the available for sale shares.

Aside from the discussions above, there are no material off-balance sheet transactions, arrangements, obligations (including contingent obligations), and other relationships of the company with unconsolidated entities or other persons created during the reporting period.

The Company remains highly optimistic that its financial performance will continue to be stable moving forward as it continues to intensify efforts to build a financially sustainable business. The Company will continue to maintain an effective balance between managing risks and opportunities, solidifying its niches while continuing to expand market reach through new platforms. Operationally, the Company shall continue to be lean without sacrificing ability to provide the best value to customers. As it has continued to do so in the last four years, the Company will keep an eye on outstanding loans, and subsequently, interest cost and expenses. And as in the past, the Company shall draw strength and inspiration from the support and commitment of its various stakeholders.

FINANCIAL RATIOS (SRC Rule 68, as amended October 2011). The following are the Company's financial soundness indicators in two comparative periods:

			31-Dec 2014	31-Dec 2013
CURRENT/LIQUITY RATIO				
	Current Assets	. =	1.63:1	1.71:1
<b>n</b> .	Current Liabilities			
	Quick Assets Current Liabilities	=	1.63:1	1.71:1
The ratio is used to give an idea of the	company's ability to pay back its s	hort te	rm liabilities with	n its short
term assets. DEBT TO EQUITY RATIO	Debt Equity	===	1.38:1	1.23:1
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ASSETS TO EQUITY RATIO	Assets	-	2.38:1	· 2.23:1
	Equity			
INTEREST RATE COVERAGE RATIO	Earnings before interest and taxes	. =	0.01:1	0.25:1
	Interest expense			
Interest rate coverage ratio is a measure on how well a company can meet its interest payment obligations.				
NET INCOME GROWTH (DECREASE)	Current year net income	. =	828%	-47%
Net income growth is a firm's profit income changes from one period to an the firm is growing at a sustainable rate	other. Management views growth			

## <u>2013</u>

## **General Business Environment**

Resilience characterized the overall performance of the Philippine Economy in 2013. Despite some volatility in the global financial arena and the trilogy of tragedy that occurred towards the end of the year, namely, the destructive earthquake in the Visayas, the crisis in Zamboanga, and super typhoon Yolanda which cut a swath of destruction across Visayas, the country's actual full year growth as measured by real GDP reached 7.2 per cent, even exceeding government's target range of 6-7 % for the year and surpassing market expectations. The growth drivers were broad based, including a supportive environment characterized by macroeconomic stability, comfortable financial cushions, a sound banking system, and generally buoyant sentiments. In addition, benign inflation dynamics sustained a generally low-interest rate environment which further enabled the country to ride out the pockets of turbulence. These developments were mirrored in the performance of the local capital market. The upgrade to investment grade of the

country's credit ratings by Fitch Ratings, Standard and Poor's, and Moody's drove the index to historic highs, pushing past the 7,000 barrier and reaching 7,392.2 in May. However, volatilities in the global financial market caused mainly by the tapering of the US Federal Reserve's asset buying program and the impact of the trilogy of tragedy towards the second of the year weighed down heavily on the market. The local bourse closed at 5,889.8 index points in end-December 2013, modestly higher by 1.3 percent than the 5,812.7 index points a year ago.

## Performance of the Company

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Similarly, the Company turned in improvements in overall performance and in its core revenues. Our brokerage house reported a double-digit (36%) increase in commission, representing a yearon-year increase of Php61.4 million, from Php169.9 million to Php231.3 million. Our finance income registered a significant increase of Php64.7 million, from Php80.4 million to Php145.1 million or 81% increase. These came as a result of the improved volumes and activities in the Philippine stock market. Management fees recorded during the year was noted at Php23.1 million, a decrease of Php45.1 million as compared to the Php68.2 million posted last year. Consolidated revenues for the year stood at Php400.9 million, a modest increase of 21.6% or Php71.3 million from last year's Php329.6 million.

As can be expected, variable costs from additional volumes of trades resulted in higher costs and expenses. Total costs and expenses for the year stood at Php412.2 million, representing an increase of Php63.8 million from last year's Php348.4 million. During the year, there was a temporary decline in the valuation of our marked to market short term investments amounting to Php20million which was included in our current year's total costs and expenses. Without the temporary decline, costs and expenses should only be Php392.2 million or an increase of only 12.6% from last year. As in the past, a large bulk of operating expenses was allocated for debt servicing in keeping with the company's commitment to honor its obligations.

Summing up the Company's performance for the year, there was consolidated net loss registered amounted to Php15.2 million, a decrease of Php4.9 million as compared to the Php10.3 million reported loss last year. Without the temporary decline in the valuation of marked to market short term investments, the company should have reported a consolidated income of almost Php5 million.

There was an increase in total assets noted for the year amounting to Php569 million, from Php5,024 million in December 2012 to Php5,593 million in December 2013. The increase in total assets was due to increase in trade accounts receivable of Php448 million, additional purchases of financial assets of Php105 million, and increase in cash and other assets for the remainder.

A corresponding increase in total liabilities amounting to Php632.8 million was also noted during the period under review bringing total liabilities from Php2,447 million to Php3,080 million due to increases in short term borrowings and bank loans, partially offset by the payments made to trade customers and short term payables.

Due to the sale of our available for sale financial assets, the current year net result, and the temporary decline of our marked to market investment a decrease in the Company's stockholders' equity by Php63.5 million, from Php2,576 million to this year's Php2,513 million is being reported.

## <u>2012</u>

## **General Business Environment**

The year 2012 was a rollercoaster ride for the Philippine economy and the local stock market. There was reason for cautious optimism given a backdrop of a reeling global economy brought about by the European fiscal debt crisis, a fragile US economy and the eventual threat of a fiscal cliff, Japan's efforts to recover from a natural disaster, and a looming slowdown in China. But the country's strong fundamentals, fueled by robust domestic consumption, contained inflation, higher government spending, a rebound in exports and a jump in farm outputs, and generally positive perceptions about the Aquino government's efforts to weed out corruption in the public sector prevailed. Towards the end of the year, the crests and troughs eventually culminated on a triumphant note. International agencies upgraded the country's ratings and record growth in the country's gross domestic product was posted. The country ended the year with an economic performance that surpassed expectations.

The country's economic performance was mirrored in the highs and lows of the local capital market. Although the market was propped up by a strong positive bias, externals forces such as the problems in Greece in the middle of the year, forced the market to move within a defined band. Share prices, however, soared to record highs towards the end of the year. The local index posted a hefty 33 percent return and closed the year at 5,812.73 levels earning the distinction of being one of the best performing indices in Asia Pacific.

## Performance of the Company

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The company likewise encountered a number of challenges during the year. Heightened competition in the market expectedly reduced brokers commissions. However, the company's strong market position and its inherent strengths prevailed and the decline was kept at single digit levels, thus, brokers commission for 2012 was noted at Php169.9 million, a decline of 9% over the Php187.4 million realized in the previous year. There was also a decline in the finance income of the company for the year under review - from Php131.7 million in 2011 to Php80.4 million in 2012. However, a significant increase in management fees was reported during the year. Revenues from management fees rose to Php68 million, up by 72% compared to Php39.7 million reported over the previous year. Consolidated revenues for 2012 was noted at Php329.6 million or Php31.2 million below the consolidated revenues reported in 2011.

The company has managed to keep total costs and expenses within manageable levels despite the increase in trade volumes. For the year 2012, total costs and expenses, at Php348.4 million, grew by only1.2% over the previous year's Php344.1 million. As in the past, a large bulk of operating expenses was allocated for debt servicing in keeping with the company's commitment to honor its obligations. Finance cost during the year was at Php154.6 million, an increase of Php4.6 million or 3% from Php150 million incurred in 2011.

Although the company is reporting a net loss of Php10.3 million for the year 2012 it is proud to note that it is closing the year with a total comprehensive income amounting to Php229.2 million, a remarkable feat compared to comprehensive loss of Php552.4 million reported in 2011.

There was an increase in total assets noted at the end of the year amounting to Php447.1 million, from Php4,576.5 million to Php5,023.6 million. This was brought about by increase in trade receivables of Php140.4 million, additional investments at fair value through profit or loss of

Php124.7 million, increase in value of available for sale financial assets of Php216.4 million and increase in other assets of Php16.8 million. Correspondingly, total liabilities as of the end of the period increased by Php218.6 million. The increase was brought about by additional short term borrowings, increase in accounts payables and other liabilities, partially offset by the payments and decrease of trade payables as of the reporting period.

There was a large amount of increase in the stockholders' equity as of the reporting period by Php229.2 million from Php2,347 million last year to this year's Php2,576 million. The increase was basically due to the increase in value of our available for sale financial assets reduced by the consolidated loss for the period under review.

## DISAGREEMENT WITH ACCOUNTANTS

No principal accountant or independent accountants of the Company has resigned, was dismissed or has ceased to perform services during the two (2) most recent fiscal years or any subsequent interim period.

The Company has no disagreement with its accountant with regard to any matter relating to accounting principles or practices, financial statements disclosure or auditing scope or procedure.

## MARKET PRICE OF AND DIVIDENDS ON COMMON EQUITY

## **Market Information**

The shares of the Company are listed in and traded on the Philippine Stock Exchange. The high and low closing prices for each quarter within the last two (2) fiscal years are as follows:

Applicable Quarter	2015		2014		2013	
t	High	High	Low	Low	Low	Low
First Quarter	0.84	0.78	0.78	0.84	0.75	0.67
Second Quarter	0.92	0.79	0.80	0.83	0.74	0.63
Third Quarter			0.77	0.77	0.77	0.62
Fourth Quarter			0.77	0.77	0.77	0.63

As of the close of trading hours of August 28, 2015, the price at which the Registrant's shares were traded at <u>Php0.74</u> a share.

## Holders

The number of <u>common shares</u> issued and outstanding as of August 31, 2015 was 1,193,200,000. As of August 31, 2015, Registrant had <u>110 shareholders</u>, on the said date the following were the top 20 shareholders:

	Stockholder	Nationality	No. of Shares	%
1	PCD Nominee Corp. – Filipino	Filipino	813,696,000	68.19
2	Paulino S. Soo	Filipino	1,33,000,000	11.15
3	Abacus Capital & Investment Corp.	Filipino	59,644,000	4.99
4	PCD Nominee Corp Non-Filipino	Foreign	36,713,000	3.07
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17	George Q. Go & Shirley D. Go	Filipino	1,443,000	0.12
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19	Quality Invt. & Sec. Corp(001117)	Filipino	500,000	0.04
20	Vicente Co Chien, Jr.	Filipino	400,000	0.03
	Total		1,189,546,000	99.67

## Dividends

No dividends, neither in cash nor stock was declared on the shares for the last two (2) fiscal years, i.e., 2014 and 2013. There are no restrictions that limit the ability to pay dividends on common equity but the Company, as a general rule, shall only declare from surplus profit as determined by the Board of Directors as long as such declaration will not impair the capital of the Company.

## **Recent Sales of Unregistered or Exempt Securities**

No unregistered securities or shares of the Company were sold during the last three (3) years (2015, 2014, and 2013).

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

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The Company has been monitoring compliance with SEC Memorandum Circular No.2, Series of 2002, as well as other relevant SEC Circulars and rules on good corporate governance. All directors, officers, and employees have complied with all the leading practices and principles on good corporate governance as embodied in the Corporation's Manual. The Company has complied with the appropriate performance self-rating assessment and performance evaluation system to determine and measure compliance with the Manual of Corporate Governance.

The Company is unaware of any non-compliance with or deviation from its Manual of Corporate Governance. The Company will continue to monitor compliance with the SEC Rules on Corporate Governance, and shall remain committed in insuring the adoption of other systems and practices of good corporate governance to enhance its value for its shareholders.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Please refer to Annexes "A" and "B" for the Company's audited financial statements as of the period ended, 31 December 2014 and the interim financial statements for the second quarter of calendar year 2015, respectively.

## UPON WRITTEN REQUEST OF ANY SHAREHOLDER OF RECORD ENTITLED TO NOTICE OF AND VOTE AT THE MEETING, THE COMPANY SHALL FURNISH SUCH SHAREHOLDER WITH A COPY OF THE COMPANY'S ANNUAL REPORT ON SEC FOR 17-A WITHOUT CHARGE.

## ANY SUCH WRITTEN REQUEST SHALL BE ADDRESSED TO:

## THE CORPORATE SECRETARY FIRST ABACUS FINANCIAL HOLDINGS CORPORATION Unit 2901-A East Tower, PSE Centre, Exchange Road Pasig City

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Regulations Code, the issuer has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: 23 September 2015

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ANNA FRANCESCA C. RESPICIO Assistant Corporate Secretary

ANNEX " A COVER SHEET

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

## SEC FORM 17-A (Annual Report)

- 1. For the year : December 31, 2014
- 2. SEC Identification Number : ASO94-001420
- 3. BIR Tax Identification Number: 043-003-507-219
- 4. Exact name of the registrant as specified in its charter: **FIRST ABACUS FINANCIAL HOLDINGS CORPORATION**
- 5. <u>Pasig City, Philippines</u> Province, Country or other jurisdiction of incorporation

6. (SEC Use Only) Industry Classification Code

7. <u>Unit –E2901 PSE Center, Exchange Road, Pasig City</u> Address of the principal office <u>1605</u> Postal Code

- 8. Registrant's telephone number, including area code (+632)-6678900
- 9. Former name, former address, and former fiscal year, if changed since last report Not Applicable
- 10. Securities registered pursuant to Sections 8 and 12 of the Securities Regulation Code:

Title of Each Class	Number of Shares of Common Stock			
	Outstanding and Amount of Debt			
	Outstanding			
Common Stock, P1.00 par value	<u>1,193,200,000 shares</u>			

11. Are any or all these securities listed on the Philippine Stock Exchange?

Yes (x) No ( )

- 12. Check whether the registrant
- (a) Has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 17 of the Securities Regulation Code(SRC) and Sections 26 and 141 of The Corporation Code of the Philippines during the preceding 12 months ( or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports);

Yes (x) No ( )

(b) Has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes (x) No ( )

- 13. Aggregate market value of the voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of April 16, 2015 **<u>P561,916,761.00</u>**:
  - a) Total number of shares held by non-affiliates as of April 16, 2015 : <u>802,738,230</u> shares
    b) Closing price of the Registrant's shares on the Exchange As of April 16, 2015 : P0.70
    c) Aggregate market price (a x b) as of As of April 16, 2015 : <u>P561,916,761.00</u>

## APPLICABLE ONLY TO REGISTRANTS INVOLVED IN INSOLVENCY/SUSPENSION OF PAYMENT PROCEEDINGS DURING THE PRECEDING FIVE YEARS:

14. Check whether the registrant has filed all documents and reports required to be filed by Section 17 of the SRC subsequent to the distribution of securities under a plan confirmed by a court or the SEC.

Yes () No () (Not Applicable)

## DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

None

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## PART I – BUSINESS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

#### Item 1. Business

First Abacus Financial Holdings (FAFHC) traces its roots from the Seven Seas Oil Exploration and Resources, Inc. (SSOERI). Seven Seas was incorporated on February 15, 1994 and became a publicly listed company on November 21,1994. It was primary engaged in the business of oil exploration and development. Presently, FAFHC is engaged in, through its wholly subsidiaries, stockbroking activities, investment banking, real estate business and other financial services.

Realizing that the local capital and equities markets have a pivotal role in the long-term development of the national economy, the board of directors decided to change SSOERIS's primary purpose from being an oil exploration company into a financial holding company. Thus, on October 26, 1996, the SSOERI's stockholders approved the recommendations of the board to transform the firm. Consequently, on January 25, 1996, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) approved the Company's change of name from Seven Seas Oil Exploration and Resources, Inc. to First Abacus Financial Holdings Corporation. The SEC like wise approved on January 25, 1996 the change on par value of FAFHC's capital stock from Php0.01 to Php 1.00 a share to remove the issue's speculative characteristic and reflect the stock's shift into a full-fledged commercial/industrial issue.

The Company's first strategic corporate re-alignment move was to acquire the Abacus Capital & Investment Corporation (ACIC)- an operating investment house- via a cash and stock swap. ACIC effectively became a wholly owned subsidiary. ACIC, in turn, owned 100% of Abacus Securities Corporation (ASC), one of the leading members of the Philippine Stock Exchange, and Vista Holdings Corporation (VHC), a real estate holding company.

The Company, through ASC, also acquired 25% of Prosperity Properties and Management Corporation (PPMC), used to own a 16-storey building at the Ayala Business Park in Cebu City. In 1996, the Company acquired from its subsidiaries – ACIC and ASC- interests in VHC and PPMC. This resulted in a direct investment in these companies. In 1999, upon approval by the Securities and Exchange Commission of the increase in authorized capital stock of ASC from Php50 million divided into 500,000 shares with a par value of Php100 per share to Php400 million divided into 4 million shares with Php100 par value per share, the Company subscribed to 3.5 million shares representing 87.525% ownership interest. The remaining 12.475% remained with ACIC. Accordingly, the Company's ownership over ASC was changed from 100% indirect to 87.525% direct and 12.475% indirect.

On December 18, 2002, the Board of Directors approved the conversion of advances to Abacus Capital & Investment Corporation (ACIC) as deposit for future stock subscription amounting to Php100,000,000. In 2008, the Company applied P90,000,000 of its deposit for future stock subscription to paid in capital as payment for the remaining subscriptions for the same amount.

#### **Subsidiaries**

Abacus Capital and Investment Corp(ACIC). ACIC was incorporated on January 6, 1995. ACIC is engaged in investment banking activities, management services, and treasury and other financial services.

Abacus Securities Corporation(ASC). ASC was incorporated on December 27, 1991. A member of the Philippine Stock Exchange, ASC is engaged in stock brokering services. It engages in buying and selling stocks in Philippine stock market for the accounts of the clients as a broker and for its own account as a dealer.

Vista Holdings Corporation(VHC). VHC was incorporated on January 21, 1993. Presently, Vista Holdings Corporation is engaged in buying and leasing out condo units primarily to its affiliated companies.

### FAFHC's Vision

FAFHC's vision is to provide best value integrated financial services to its clients. In the process, Filipinos from all walks of life are enabled to become a part of the capital and equities market. Toward this end, progress and prosperity have stronger prospects of being shared by all.

Abacus Capital and Investment Corporation (ACIC)

ACIC is financially secure, with capital resources of over 400 million; complemented by a core of investment managers providing highly ethical, professional, and client-oriented investment management services.

ACIC provides the following financial services:

a) Corporate Finance

Equity Underwriting Transactions

- Initial Public Offerings
- Stock Rights Offerings
- New Tranche Offerings
- Private Placements of Listed Companies

Financial Advisory

- Share or corporate acquisitions, Buy-Ins/Mergers/Divestments
- Financial review and Restructuring
- Project Development

Debt Underwriting and Loan Arrangements

- Short, Medium, or Long Term Loan Arrangements
- Short and Long Term Commercial Papers Underwriting
- On-going oversight, issue management, agency functions

## b) Treasury sales

- Government Securities
- Treasury Bills
- Long and Short Term Commercial Papers

- Preferred Notes
- Promissory Notes
- Money Market Placements`

c) Financing

- Share Margin
- Working Capital Credit Facilities

## Abacus Securities Corporation (ASC)

Due to its commitment for quality service, ASC was awarded the Best Local Brokerage House in the Philippines Award from 1990-2008 granted by the Asiamoney.

ASC was the recipient of the Best Securities House in the Philippines Award granted by the EuroMoney International Awards for Excellence for the past two consecutive years, 1998 and 1999. Likewise, the Fund Managers Association of the Philippines honored ASC with a number of citations including Best in Institutional Sales/ Execution and in Settlements in 1998. The awards put ASC in an enviable position as it proved that local stockbrokerages could prove equal to international stockbroker houses.

ASC started operations in March 1992. In five years, ASC established itself as a top Filipino brokerage firm in PSE. The key factors for ASC's successes are: professional management, sound investment advisory, strong research team, real-time market information, and commitment to technology and training.

All these resulted in a strong retail franchise, a top tier domestic institutional sales organization, and growing foreign institutional sales based. Thus, ASC is now positioned to best serve the expanding domestic equities market. Strategically located branches in Binondo, Cebu and Davao support ASC's Head Office operations.

Abacus Securities Corporation was the second ranking stock brokerage house among the top ten PSE brokers. In past years, the large foreign stockbrokerage houses dominated the top ten list of brokers. ASC believes that it can effectively compete with other brokers because of its strong sales groups, the Retail and Institutional Teams. At present, the firm has one of the most extensive based of retail clients driven by the number of branches established and envisioned to be established. Its Institutional Sales Team, on the other hand, has managed to obtain accreditation and establish active working relationships with a number of domestic institutional investors and foreign fund management companies. ASC also has a Research Group that comes out with action-driven reports and recommendations, a quality admired by most of its clients, and even the other stockbrokers. The registrant has an excellent customer service to service its clients. The company established a website to keep its clients abreast of the new developments in stock market.

For the year ended **2014**, Abacus Securities Corporation ranked 17<sup>th</sup> in terms of total value traded.

## Vista Holdings Corporation (VHC)

The primary purpose of the Company is to invest in, purchase, or otherwise acquire and own, hold, use, sell (without engaging in retail trade), assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge, exchange, or otherwise dispose of real and personal property of every kind and description.
VHC continues with its investment program through the acquisition of condominium units. At present, VHC leases its condominium units its affiliated companies.

Vista is not involved in real estate development.

VHC continues to lease its condominium units to its affiliates. The acquisition of condominium units was put on hold, as property market has not significantly improved.

#### The Contribution of each services or line of business

		Amounts (In mio <u>)</u>
Finance Income	₽	396.2
Commissions		158.7
Management fees		40.0
Other revenues		1.5
	P	596.4

#### Competition

The direct competitors of the Company and its subsidiaries are companies engaged in stock brokering business and are members of the Philippine Stock Exchange; companies engaged in investment banking, financial and management services, and treasury operations; companies and individual owners of condominium units within the area of Ortigas Center, as properties are located in the Philippine Stock Exchange Center Condominium. The indirect competitors of the Company and its subsidiaries are Financing Institution, Growth Funds, Pension and Pre-need companies.

As to the stock brokerage business segment, the Company and its competitors cater the requirements of both institutional and retail clients of our local stock and financial market. In 2013, a total of Php926.4 trillion were traded or done through the local bourse which were divided among the foreign and local brokers. The total value turnover or total amount of value traded are considered the total size of the registrant and its competitors which broker commissions are generated.

The registrant and its competitors almost offering the same services and strengths. Most of the brokerage and financial houses are fully capitalized, offering services for the needs of the institutional and retail clients, they all have created and established a good backroom support, established a good internal and financial control systems. Just recently, numbers of stock brokerage houses have launched an online trading facility to attract more investors and to give investors the easy access of the trading facility, and to keep them abreast with the local and financial market. Long before competitors have applied, focused and established themselves to catch up with the requirements to be a full-fledged financial and brokerage company, the registrant has long pioneered and can rightfully say was the first to institute those strengths.

The consistent exemplary performance comes as a result of the company's steadfast commitment to deliver the best value to customers through professional management, sound investment advisory, strong research team, real-time market information, and commitment to technology and training.

The Company is now positioned to best serve the expanding domestic equities market. Its branches are now strategically located in Binondo, Cebu and Davao to support the Company's Head Office operations.

#### Customers

The Company's market for its financial products and services include both retail and institutional customer base. No data is available for brokers commission contributed by foreign nationalities as to the regional market. It must be noted that brokers commissions derived from the marketable securities were all transacted through the Philippine Stock Exchange.

The market for the Company's property development and leasing is primarily the upper income level market.

The Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries are not dependent upon a single customer or few customers. The Company and its subsidiaries do not have a customer that has over 20% or more of the Company's turnover.

#### Distribution methods of the product services

The Company and its subsidiaries distribute its services to its clientele by or through:

- Certified Sales Representatives (CSRs) are licensed by the Securities and Exchange Commission to transact for the accounts of the clients of our stock broking business.
- Corporate Finance Group is composed of our top caliber professionals in charge in our investment banking, management and financing activities.
- Our brokerage house has just opened its online trading facility to its new and existing clients. With the new online trading scheme, our customers can already view their portfolios online and trade their accounts using their personal phones, tablets and terminals.

# Patents, Trademarks, Licenses, Franchises, Concessions, Royalty Agreements or Labor Contracts.

- License granted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to Abacus Capital & Investment Corp. as an Investment House.
- License granted to Abacus Securities as a broker and dealer of Securities which is renewable every year

Aside from the above licenses granted, the registrant and its subsidiaries have no pending applications that need for any government approval.

#### Employees

# As of December 31, 2014, the Company and it operating subsidiaries employ 65 permanent employees.

Туре	# of	No. of Additional	Collective Bargaining	Supplemental
Employees	Employees	Employees for	Agreement(CBA)	Benefits or other
		Ensuing 12 Mos. *		incentives
Operations	25	1	N/A	None
Corporate Finance	6	0	N/A	None
Administrative	8	None	N/A	None
Sales	15	0	N/A	None
Accounting & Finance	10	None	N/A	None
Total	64	1		

For the past three years, the Company and its subsidiaries have not experienced any strike or threat of strike from its employees.

Government Approval of Principal products or Services

No existing application needs for government approval

Amount Spent for Research and Development Activities

None

Cost and effects of Compliance with Environmental Laws

Not Applicable

**Risk Management Objectives and Policies** 

The Group is exposed to a variety of financial risks which result from both its operating and investing activities. The risk management activities at the level of each Company in the Group is coordinated with the Parent Company, in close cooperation with the Board of Directors, and focuses on actively securing the Group's short-to-medium cash flows by minimizing the exposure to financial markets. Long-term financial instruments are managed to generate lasting returns.

The Group does not actively engage in the trading of financial assets for speculative purposes nor does it write options. The most significant risks to which the Group is exposed to are described in the Company's Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

#### **Item 2. Properties**

The following properties are in prime condition directly owned by the Company and its subsidiaries:

Approximately 110 square meters of office space located at Federal Towers, Binondo (through Vista Holdings Corporation). The unit is being occupied by a subsidiary, Abacus Securities Corporation. The lease agreement was renewed for two (2) years and will expire December 31, 2015. The monthly rental is Seventy Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Ten and 02/100 (**P**78,710.02).

Approximately 940 square meters of office space located at the 29<sup>th</sup> Floor of the East Tower of the Philippine Stock Exchange Center (through Vista Holdings Corporation). The unit is being leased by a subsidiary, Abacus Securities Corporation, for a period of two (2) years. The lease agreement will end December 31, 2015 with a monthly rental of Six Hundred Seventy Two Thousand Six Hundred Twelve and 86/100 (P672,612.86).

Approximately 483 square meters of office space located at the 29<sup>th</sup> Floor of the East Tower of the Philippine Stock Exchange Center (Direct).

All properties, as stated above, are owned by First Abacus Financial and its wholly owned subsidiaries. All of the Condominium Units stated above were used by the registrant and its subsidiaries to secure the group's bank loans. No limitations have been set by the banks on the properties collateralized, except that when the properties are to be disposed of, proper notice has to be sent to the banks prior its disposal.

The company has no intention of acquiring/leasing additional properties.

#### Item 3. Legal Proceedings

The Company is not aware of any material proceeding involving the issuer and its directors, executive officers, underwriter or control person during the past five (5) years.

#### Item 4. Submission of Matters to Vote of Security Holders

No matters were submitted to a vote of the security holders of the Company during the fourth quarter of 2014.

## PART II - OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### Item 5. Market for Registrant's common equity and related stockholder matters

#### 1) Market Information

The shares of the Company are listed in and traded on the Philippine Stock Exchange. The high and low closing prices for each quarter within the last two (2) fiscal years are as follows:

Applicable Quarter	201	4	201	13	2(	)12
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
First Quarter	0.84	0.78	0.90	0.75	0.95	0.74
Second Quarter	0.92	0.79	0.87	0.74	0.89	0.71
Third Quarter	0.87	0.80	0.84	0.77	0.80	0.68
Fourth Quarter	0.87	0.78	0.84	0.77	0.82	0.69

During the first quarter of 2015, the issue's highest price per share was at P0.84 and its lowest was at P0.70. As of the close of trading hours of April 16, 2015, the price at which the Registrant's shares were traded at Php<u>0.70</u> per share.

## 2) Holders

The number of <u>common shares</u> issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2014 was 1,193,200,000. As of December 31, 2014, Registrant had 111 shareholders, on the said date the following were the top 20 shareholders:

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## 4) Recent sales of Unregistered Securities

No unregistered securities or shares of the Company were sold during the last three (3) years (2014, 2013, and 2012).

#### Item 6. Management's Discussion and Analysis or Plan of Operation

## <u>2014</u>

#### **General Business Environment**

Starting the year off with recovery efforts from the previous year's natural disasters, economic growth slowed from 2013's 7.2 per cent to 6.1 per cent - below government targets but still higher than trend growth and the second fastest in Asia, next only to China. The country withstood the external headwinds of the US Fed taper, Euro zone weakness, a slowing China, and uncertainty from global political tensions with a stable banking system, a well-managed currency, improved trade balance, and sustained broad-based growth. This was confirmed by, and led to credit rating upgrades from Moody's and Standard & Poor's during the year to two notches above investment grade and an affirmation of investment grade rating from Fitch Ratings, with the ratings agencies citing the country's greatly improved debt profile, fiscal management, and favorable growth prospects. An improving employment situation contributed to rising incomes and generally positive consumer and business sentiments. However, weak government spending and slightly higher inflation dampened the momentum for economic growth.

The local capital market reflected the same performance, reaping gains from the improvements in the country's economic fundamentals established in previous years, but encountering some resistance and uncertainty along the way. The PSEi climbed steadily during the first half before moving sideways to close at 7,230.57 by the year's end, generating a 23 per cent return. Powered by net foreign buying and supported by the increasing investment appetite of local institutional funds as well as a growing retail trading activity, the Philippines was among the best performing markets in the region during the year.

#### Performance of the Company

The Company posted significant improvements in terms of its overall performance and in its total core revenues for the year under review. A three-digit 173% increase in finance income was noted - from Php145 million in 2013 to Php396.2 million in 2014. Management fees recorded during the year amounted to Php40 million, up by Php16.9million compared to the Php23.1 million made in the previous year. However, our brokerage house reported a decline in total commission during the year from Php231.1 to Php158.7 million. All considered, consolidated revenues for the year stood at Php596.4 million, an increase of Php196 million from last year's Php401 million. The increase in total revenues was attributed to the additional gain on sale of available for sale financial assets, from Php143.90 million to this year's Php396.1 million, which were included in the finance income during the year.

Total costs and expenses for the year stood at Php480.9million, representing an increase of Php68.7 million from last year's Php412.2 million. The increase in total costs and expenses during the year was brought about by the increase in our finance costs from Php207.8 million to Php283.6 million. Debt servicing comprised a large chunk of operating expenses in keeping with the company's commitment to honor its obligations.

The Company is proud to report a consolidated net income of Php111 million for the year, representing a substantial improvement of Php126.2 million and effectively reversing the Php15.2 million negative income reported in 2013.

There was a decrease in total assets noted for the year amounting to Php143.6 million, from Php5,593 million in December 2013 to Php5,449 million in December 2014. The decrease in total assets was brought about by the disposal through sale and temporary decline in market value of our financial assets at fair value through profit or loss from last year's Php655.8 million to this year Php494.2 million.

A corresponding increase in total liabilities amounting to Php78 million was also noted during the period under review bringing total liabilities from Php3,080 million to Php3,158 million due to increases in short term borrowings, partially offset by increase in due to customers and the payments made to non trade customers and short term payables.

There was a decrease also noted in our stockholders equity at the end of the period from last year's Php2,512.8 million to this year's Php2,291.2 million. The decrease in the revaluation reserves of our available for sale financial assets was due to some disposals through sale and the periodic marked to market valuation of the available for sale shares. Aside from the discussions above, there are no material off-balance sheet transactions, arrangements, obligations ( including contingent obligations), and other relationships of the company with unconsolidated entities or other persons created during the reporting period.

The Company remains highly optimistic that its financial performance will continue to be stable moving forward as it continues to intensify efforts to build a financially sustainable business. The Company will continue to maintain an effective balance between managing risks and opportunities, solidifying its niches while continuing to expand market reach through new platforms. Operationally, the Company shall continue to be lean without sacrificing ability to provide the best value to customers. As it has continued to do so in the last four years, the Company will keep an eye on outstanding loans, and subsequently, interest cost and expenses. And as in the past, the Company shall draw strength and inspiration from the support and commitment of its various stakeholders.

FINANCIAL RATIOS (SRC Rule 68, as amended October 2011). The following are the Company's financial soundness indicators in two comparative period:

			31-Dec 2014	31-Dec 2013
CURRENT/LIQUITY RATIO				
	Current Assets	_ =	1.63:1	1.71:1
	Current Liabilities			
	Quick Assets			
	Current Liabilities	=	1.63:1	1.71:1
The ratio is used to give an idea of the term assets.	company's ability to pay back its s	hort term	ı liabilities wi	th its short
DEBT TO EQUITY RATIO	Debt Equity	=	1.38:1	1.23:1
ASSETS TO EQUITY RATIO	Assets Equity	=	2.38:1	2.23:1
INTEREST RATE COVERAGE RATIO	Earnings before interest and taxes	_ =	0.01:1	0.25:1
	Interest expense			

Interest rate coverage ratio is obligations.	a measure on how well a compan	y can me	et its interes	st payment
NET INCOME GROWTH				
(DECREASE)	Current year net income	_ =	828%	-47%
	Previous year net income			
6 1	rofit for the period. The growth rate of to another. Management views growth le rate.			

## <u>2013</u>

#### **General Business Environment**

Resilience characterized the overall performance of the Philippine Economy in 2013. Despite some volatility in the global financial arena and the trilogy of tragedy that occurred towards the end of the year, namely, the destructive earthquake in the Visayas, the crisis in Zamboanga, and super typhoon Yolanda which cut a swath of destruction across Visayas, the country's actual full year growth as measured by real GDP reached 7.2 per cent, even exceeding government's target range of 6-7 % for the year and surpassing market expectations. The growth drivers were broad based, including a supportive environment characterized by macroeconomic stability, comfortable financial cushions, a sound banking system, and generally buoyant sentiments. In addition, benign inflation dynamics sustained a generally low-interest rate environment which further enabled the country to ride out the pockets of turbulence. These developments were mirrored in the performance of the local capital market. The upgrade to investment grade of the country's credit ratings by Fitch Ratings, Standard and Poor's, and Moody's drove the index to historic highs, pushing past the 7,000 barrier and reaching 7,392.2 in May. However, volatilities in the global financial market caused mainly by the tapering of the US Federal Reserve's asset buying program and the impact of the trilogy of tragedy towards the second of the year weighed down heavily on the market. The local bourse closed at 5,889.8 index points in end-December 2013, modestly higher by 1.3 percent than the 5,812.7 index points a year ago.

#### **Performance of the Company**

Similarly, the Company turned in improvements in overall performance and in its core revenues. Our brokerage house reported a double-digit (36%) increase in commission, representing a year-on-year increase of Php61.4 million, from Php169.9 million to Php231.3 million. Our finance income registered a significant increase of Php64.7 million, from Php80.4 million to Php145.1 million or 81% increase. These came as a result of the improved volumes and activities in the Philippine stock market. Management fees recorded during the year was noted at Php23.1 million, a decrease of Php45.1 million as compared to the Php68.2 million posted last year.

Consolidated revenues for the year stood at Php400.9 million, a modest increase of 21.6% or Php71.3 million from last year's Php329.6 million.

As can be expected, variable costs from additional volumes of trades resulted in higher costs and expenses. Total costs and expenses for the year stood at Php412.2 million, representing an increase of Php63.8 million from last year's Php348.4 million. During the year, there was a temporary decline in the valuation of our marked to market short term investments amounting to Php20million which was

included in our current year's total costs and expenses. Without the temporary decline, costs and expenses should only be Php392.2 million or an increase of only 12.6% from last year. As in the past, a large bulk of operating expenses was allocated for debt servicing in keeping with the company's commitment to honor its obligations.

Summing up the Company's performance for the year, there was consolidated net loss registered amounted to Php15.2 million, a decrease of Php4.9 million as compared to the Php10.3 million reported loss last year. Without the temporary decline in the valuation of marked to market short term investments, the company should have reported a consolidated income of almost Php5 million.

There was an increase in total assets noted for the year amounting to Php569 million, from Php5,024 million in December 2012 to Php5,593 million in December 2013. The increase in total assets was due to increase in trade accounts receivable of Php448 million, additional purchases of financial assets of Php105 million, and increase in cash and other assets for the remainder.

A corresponding increase in total liabilities amounting to Php632.8 million was also noted during the period under review bringing total liabilities from Php2,447 million to Php3,080 million due to increases in short term borrowings and bank loans, partially offset by the payments made to trade customers and short term payables.

Due to the sale of our available for sale financial assets, the current year net result, and the temporary decline of our marked to market investment a decrease in the Company's stockholders' equity by Php63.5 million, from Php2,576 million to this year's Php2,513 million is being reported.

#### <u>2012</u>

#### **General Business Environment**

The year 2012 was a rollercoaster ride for the Philippine economy and the local stock market. There was reason for cautious optimism given a backdrop of a reeling global economy brought about by the European fiscal debt crisis, a fragile US economy and the eventual threat of a fiscal cliff, Japan's efforts to recover from a natural disaster, and a looming slowdown in China. But the country's strong fundamentals, fueled by robust domestic consumption, contained inflation, higher government spending, a rebound in exports and a jump in farm outputs, and generally positive perceptions about the Aquino government's efforts to weed out corruption in the public sector prevailed. Towards the end of the year, the crests and troughs eventually culminated on a triumphant note. International agencies upgraded the country's ratings and record growth in the country's gross domestic product was posted. The country ended the year with an economic performance that surpassed expectations.

The country's economic performance was mirrored in the highs and lows of the local capital market. Although the market was propped up by a strong positive bias, externals forces such as the problems in Greece in the middle of the year, forced the market to move within a defined band. Share prices, however, soared to record highs towards the end of the year. The local index posted a hefty 33 percent return and closed the year at 5,812.73 levels earning the distinction of being one of the best performing indices in Asia Pacific.

#### Performance of the Company

The company likewise encountered a number of challenges during the year. Heightened competition in the market expectedly reduced brokers commissions. However, the company's strong market position and its inherent strengths prevailed and the decline was kept at single digit levels, thus, brokers commission for 2012 was noted at Php169.9 million, a decline of 9% over the Php187.4 million realized in the previous year. There was also a decline in the finance income of the company for the year under review - from Php131.7 million in 2011 to Php80.4 million in 2012. However, a significant increase in management fees was reported during the year. Revenues from management fees rose to Php68 million, up by 72% compared to Php39.7 million reported over the previous year. Consolidated revenues for 2012 was noted at Php329.6 million or Php31.2 million below the consolidated revenues reported in 2011.

The company has managed to keep total costs and expenses within manageable levels despite the increase in trade volumes. For the year 2012, total costs and expenses, at Php348.4 million, grew by only1.2% over the previous year's Php344.1 million. As in the past, a large bulk of operating expenses was allocated for debt servicing in keeping with the company's commitment to honor its obligations. Finance cost during the year was at Php154.6 million, an increase of Php4.6 million or 3% from Php150 million incurred in 2011.

Although the company is reporting a net loss of Php10.3 million for the year 2012 it is proud to note that it is closing the year with a total comprehensive income amounting to Php229.2 million, a remarkable feat compared to comprehensive loss of Php552.4 million reported in 2011.

There was an increase in total assets noted at the end of the year amounting to Php447.1 million, from Php4,576.5 million to Php5,023.6 million. This was brought about by increase in trade receivables of Php140.4 million, additional investments at fair value through profit or loss of Php124.7 million, increase in value of available for sale financial assets of Php216.4 million and increase in other assets of Php16.8 million. Correspondingly, total liabilities as of the end of the period increased by Php218.6 million. The increase was brought about by additional short term borrowings, increase in accounts payables and other liabilities, partially offset by the payments and decrease of trade payables as of the reporting period.

There was a large amount of increase in the stockholders' equity as of the reporting period by Php229.2 million from Php2,347 million last year to this year's Php2,576 million. The increase was basically due to the increase in value of our available for sale financial assets reduced by the consolidated loss for the period under review.

#### **Item 7. Financial Statements**

The consolidated financial statements and schedules listed in the accompanying Index to Financial Statements and Supplementary Schedules are filed as part of this SEC Form 17- A.

# Item 8. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.

For the years 2014, 2013, and 2012, the auditing firm of Punongbayan and Araullo was nominated and appointed by the Board of Directors to conduct the examination of the financial statements of the Company and its Subsidiaries. In compliance with the SEC Memorandum Circular No. 8 Series of 2003, the assignment of Mr. Romualdo P. Murcia, the engagement's partner, shall not exceed five (5) consecutive years.

There have been no changes in or disagreements with accountants on accounting and financial disclosure.

#### The audit and audit-related fees paid by the Company in the last two (2) years are as follows:

	2014	2013
A. Audit and Audit-related Fees		
1. Audit of the registrant's annual financial statements or services		
that are normally provided by the external auditor in connection		
with the statutory and regulatory filings or engagements.	₽2,000,000	₽2,000,000
2. Other assurance and related services by the external auditor		
that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or		
review of the registrant's financial statements	-0-	-0-
B. Tax fees	0	0
C. All other fees	-0-	-0-

The Company's Board of Directors reviews and approves the engagement of services of the Company external auditors, who are appointed upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee. Engagement Agreements are executed for every type of engagement, which provides for the scope of the work, timetable, fees, engagement team, etc. for each project.

## PART III - CONTROL AND COMPENSATION INFORMATION

## Item 9. Directors and Executive Officers of the Registrant

The names and ages of all incumbent Directors, elected on September 25, 2014 during the Annual Stockholders Meeting and are to serve for a term of one (1) year until their successors shall have been elected and qualified, with their business experiences for the past five (5) years:

Position	Name	Citizenship	Age	Year of Assumption of Office	Number of yrs. as Director
Chairman	Paulino S. Soo	Filipino	63	1994 to present	20
President	Jack T. Huang	Filipino	61	1995 to present	19
Treasurer	Vicente Co Chien, Jr.	Filipino	62	1995 to present	19
Director	Jimmy S. Soo	Filipino	57	1995 to present	19
Corp. Sec.	A. Bayani K. Tan	Filipino	60	1994 to present	20
Independent Director	Ma. Therese G. Santos	Filipino	56	2006 to present	8
Independent Director	Jimmy Chua Alabanza	Filipino	70	2008-present	6

#### Mr. Paulino. Soo Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Soo holds a Master in Business Administration degree from the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Business and Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Management Engineering from the De La Salle College. He is the President of Philippine Gaming Management Corporation, Berjaya Pizza Phils. Inc., Perdana Land Philippines Inc., Perdana Hotel Philippines Inc., Cosway Philippines Inc., and Bagan Resources PTE Inc.

Mr. Soo is a Director of Berjaya Auto Philippines Inc, Friendster Philippines Inc., Uniwiz Trade Sales Inc., and MOL Accessportal Inc. He is the Treasurer of Kailash PMN Management Corporation.

He is Chairman of Abacus Securities Corporation and Abacus Capital & Investment Corporation (1994-present), Vista Holdings Corporation (1994 - present)

#### Mr. Jack T. Huang President

Mr. Huang is the incumbent President of the Company. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the Ateneo de Manila University. He is concurrently a director of Abacus Capital & Investment Corporation (1995-present) and Abacus Securities Corporation (1995-present). He is the President of Cebu Business Continuos Forms.(1994-present).

#### Mr. Vicente Co Chien, Jr. Treasurer

Mr. Co Chien is the Treasurer of the Corporation. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Economics from Hongkong Shue Yan University. He is the President of South Sea Realty and Development Corporation and Providence HealthCare Consultants (1999-present). He is concurrently director of Abacus Capital and Investment Corporation (1995-present), Abacus Securities Corporation (1995-present), Vista Holdings Corporation (1995-present). He is director of JWC Manpower Resources, Inc., Globalbridge Resources Corporation and Oro Peak Inc.

#### Mr. Jimmy S. Soo Director

Mr. Soo is a Director of the Company. He obtained his Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of the Philippines and was admitted to the Philippine Bar in 1985. He is the Managing Partner of Soo Gutierrez Leogardo and Lee Law Offices (1992-present). He is currently the Corporate Secretary and a Director of Abacus Capital & Investment Corporation (1995-present) and Vista Holdings Corporation. He is also a Director of Berjaya Pizza Philippines, Inc. He is also an Executive Officer, and/or Director and/or Corporate Secretary of various companies.

#### Mr. Jimmy Chua Alabanza Independent Director

Mr. Jimmy Chua Alabanza is a Director of the Company. He is currently the Chairman of Insular Construction and Supply Co (1967 - present) and a Consultant of Seaboard Insurance Company (1990 – present). He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Management from Ateneo de Manila University in 1967.

Ms. Ma Therese G. Santos Independent Director

Ms. Ma. Therese G. Santos is a Director of the Company. She is Associate Director/Administrator of Gravitas Prime, Inc. (2007-present). She is an Independent Director, and the Chairman of the Audit and Compliance Committee and Compensation and Remuneration Committee of Music Semiconductors Corporation (2003-present). Ms. Santos has been an independent Management Consultant by profession since 1997. She was the former Vice President for Treasury and Administration of Music Corporation. Ms. Santos was the Director of Finance for United Development Corporation (1991-1993). Ms. Santos received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering and a Master's in Business Administration degree from the University of the Philippines.

#### Atty. A. Bayani K. Tan Director, Corporate Secretary

Mr. A. Bayani K. Tan, 60, Filipino, is a Director and the Corporate Secretary of the Corporation (since May 1994). He is also a Director, Corporate Secretary or both of the following reporting and/or listed companies: Asia United Bank Corporation (since February 2014 as Corporate Secretary\*, since June 2014 as Director\*, Publicly-Listed), Belle Corporation (since 1994, Publicly-Listed), Coal Asia Holdings, Inc. (since July 2012, Publicly-Listed), Destiny Financial Plans, Inc. (since 2003), Discovery World Corporation (since March 2013 as Director, since July 2003 as Corporate Secretary, Publicly-Listed), I-Remit, Inc. (since May 2007, Publicly-Listed), Pacific Online Systems Corporation (since May 2007, Publicly-Listed), Philequity Balanced Fund, Inc. (since March 2010), Philequity Dividend Yield Fund, Inc. (since January 2013), Philequity Dollar Income Fund, Inc. (since March 1999), Philequity Foreign Currency Fixed Income Fund, Inc. (since March 2010), Philequity Fund, Inc. (since June 1997), Philequity Peso Bond Fund, Inc. (since June 2000), Philequity PSE Index Fund, Inc. (since February 1999), Philequity Resources Fund, Inc. (since March 2010), Philequity Strategic Growth Fund, Inc. (since April 2008), Premium Leisure Corp. (since December 1993, Publicly-Listed), Tagaytay Highlands International Golf Club, Inc. (since November 1993), Tagaytay Midlands Golf Club, Inc. (since June 1997), The Country Club at Tagaytay Highlands, Inc. (since August 1995), The Spa and Lodge at Tagaytay Highlands, Inc. (since December 1999), TKC Steel Corporation (since February 2007, Publicly-Listed), Vantage Equities, Inc. (since January 1993, Publicly-Listed) and Yehey! Corporation (since June 2004, Publicly-Listed). Mr. Tan is also the Corporate Secretary of Sterling Bank of Asia Inc. (since December 2006). He is the Managing Partner of the law offices of Tan Venturanza Valdez (since it was established in 1988), Managing Director/President of Shamrock Development Corporation (since May 1988), Director of Destiny LendFund, Inc. (since December 2005) and Pascual Laboratories, Inc. (since March 2014), President of Catarman Chamber Elementary School Foundation, Inc. (since August 2012), Managing Trustee of SCTan Foundation, Inc. (since 1986), Trustee and Treasurer of Rebisco Foundation, Inc. (since April 2013) and Trustee and Corporate Secretary of St. Scholastica's Hospital, Inc. (since February 2011).

Mr. Tan holds a Master of Laws degree from New York University (Class of 1988) and earned his Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of the Philippines (Class of 1980) where he was a member of the Order of the Purple Feather (U.P. College of Law Honor Society) and ranked ninth in his class. Mr. Tan passed the bar examinations in 1981 where he placed sixth. He has a Bachelor of Arts major in Political Science degree from the San Beda College (Class of 1976) from where he graduated Class Valedictorian and was awarded the medal for Academic Excellence.

<sup>\*</sup>As approved by the BSP on 29 December 2014

#### FAMILY RELATIONSHIP

#### Paulino S. Soo, Chairman of the Board, is the brother of Jimmy S. Soo, Director

There are no other significant employees.

#### **Involvement in Certain Legal Proceedings**

As a result of the delay in the delivery of the facilities of the Universal Leisure Club, Inc., some of its members initiated a Complaint for Estafa (I.S. No. 08K-19713) against ULC, the Universal Rightfield Property Holdings, Inc. and the Universal Leisure Corp., as well as their respective officers and directors, including their former Corporate Secretary, Atty. A. Bayani K. Tan, an incumbent Director and the Corporate Secretary of the Corporation. The Complaint was submitted for resolution in 2009 and was acted upon and dismissed by the City Prosecutor of Manila (OCP) only on March 18, 2013. Complainants belatedly filed motion for reconsideration for which reason, among others, the OCP denied motion on June 16, 2014. A Petition for Review dated March 31, 2014 was filed by the Complainant before the Department of Justice (DOJ). On August 7, 2014, Atty. Tan filed his Comment to the said Petition. In a Resolution dated April 17, 2015, the Petition for Review was denied and the DOJ dismissed the complaint for estafa.

The Company is not aware of any of the following events wherein any of its directors, executive officers, nominees for election as director, executive officers, underwriter or control persons were involved during the past five (5) years and up to the date of this report:

- 1. any bankruptcy petition filed by or against any business of which any of the above persons was a general partner or executive office either at the time of the bankruptcy or within two years prior to that time;
- 2. any conviction by final judgment in a criminal proceeding, domestic or foreign, or being subject to a pending criminal proceeding, domestic or foreign, excluding traffic violations and other minor offenses;
- 3. any order or judgment, or decree, not subsequently reversed, suspended or vacated, of any court of competent jurisdiction, domestic or foreign, permanently or temporarily enjoining, barring, suspending or otherwise limiting the involvement of any of the above persons in any type of business, securities, commodities or banking activities; and
- 4. any findings by a domestic or foreign court of competent jurisdiction (in civil action), the SEC or comparable foreign body, or a domestic or foreign exchange or electronic marketplace or self-regulatory organization, that any of the above persons has violated a securities or commodities law, and the judgment has not been reversed, suspended, or vacated.

The Company and its major subsidiaries and associates are not involved in, nor are any of their properties subject to, any material legal proceedings that could potentially affect their operations and financial capabilities.

### Item 10. Executive Compensation

#### (1) General

#### **All Compensation Covered**

Except for executive officers included under the compensation table below, all other executive officers and directors do not receive salaries.

## (2) Summary of Compensation Table

The following is a summary of the aggregate compensation paid or accrued during the last two (2) fiscal years, i.e. 2014 and 2013 and to be paid in the ensuing fiscal year 2015 to the Company's Chief Executive Officer and four (4) other mostly highly compensated executive officers who are individually named, and to all other officers and director of the Company as a group:

Name and Principal Function	Fiscal	Salary	Bonus	Other Annual
	Year			Compensation
Paulino S. Soo	2013			
Chairman and CEO	2014			
	2015			
Jack T. Huang	2013			
President	2014			
	2015			
Schubert Caesar C. Austero	2013			
VicePresident/HRM	2014			
	2015			
Sheila Marie Aguilar	2013			
Vice President	2014			
	2015			
Melanio C. Dela Cruz	2013			
Vice President	2014			
	2015			
Total for the Group	2013	7,142,506	1,472,216	-0-
_	2014	7,315,803	1,825,856	-0-
	2015	7,465,963	1,796,760	-0-
All Officers As A Group	2013	8,312,500	1,716,967	-0-
Unnamed	2014	8,514,184	2,129,399	-0-
	2015	8,626,817	2,148,338	-0-

## (3) Compensation of Directors

(A) Standard Arrangement

The Member of the Board of Directors are not entitled to receive salaries and bonuses

(B) Other Arrangements.

None

(4) Employment Contracts and Termination of Employment and Change-in Control Arrangements.

None

(5) Warrants and Options Outstanding :

None

#### Item 11. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management

1. Security Ownership (more than 5%) of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management as of December 31, 2014.

Class	Name and Address record owner and relationship with Issuer	Name of Beneficial Owner and Relationship with Owner	Citizenship	No. of Shares Held	Percentage Of Class
Common	PCD Nominee Corp. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Makati Stock Exchange Bldg. Ayala Avenue Makati City		Filipino	815,058,000	68.31
Common	Paulino S. Soo (record and beneficial) Chairman and President 29 <sup>th</sup> Floor Abacus Securities Corp. East Tower PSE Center, Exchange Road, Pasig City	(Same as owner)	Filipino	133,000,000	11.15
Common	**Abacus Capital and Invt. Corp.(record and beneficial); subsidiary and stockholder 29 <sup>th</sup> Floor East Tower PSE Center, Exchange Road, Pasig City	(Same as owner)	Filipino	62,191,000	5.21
	Total			1,010,249,000	84.67

There is no arrangement that may result in a change in control of the registrant and any voting trust holders

\*PCD Nominee corporation ("PCDNC") is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Philippine Central Depository, Inc. ("PCD"). The beneficial owners of such shares registered under the name of PCDNC are PCD's participants, who hold the shares in their own behalf or in behalf of their clients. Individual or Group owners reported under PCD Nominee Corporation have less than 10% ownership of the outstanding capital stock of the Corporation.

There are no Individuals or Corporate stockholders who own more than 5% of the Company's voting securities under PCD Nominee Corporation.

\*\* Mr. Paulino S. Soo, Chairman and President of Abacus Capital and Investment Corporation, directs the voting/disposition of shares held by both Companies.

#### 1. Security Ownership of Management

The following is a summary of the beneficial holdings of the Company's Directors and Executive Officers as of December 31, 2014:

Class	Beneficial Owner	Citizenshi p	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership[record (r) or beneficial (b)]		Percent of Class
Common	Paulino S. Soo	Filipino	133,000,000	r / b	11.15
-do-	Jack T. Huang	Filipino	500,000	r / b	0.04
-do-	Jimmy S. Soo	Filipino	10,010,000	r / b	0.84
-do-	Vicente Co Chien	Filipino	6,130,000	r / b	0.51
-do-	A. Bayani K. Tan	Filipino	100,000	r / b	0.01
-do-	Ma. Therese G. Santos	Filipino	10,000	r / b	.000
-do-	Jimmy Chua Alabanza	Filipino	10,000	r / b	.000
-do-	All directors and Executive Officers as group unnamed		149,760,000	r / b	12.55

#### 2. Voting Trust Holders of 5% or More

There is no voting trust or similar arrangement

#### 3. Changes in Control

There are no arrangements that may result in a change of control of the registrant and no change of control occurred during the year.

#### Item 12. Certain Relationship and Related Transactions

Except as provided below, during the last two years, there are no related transactions either direct or indirect with the Company's Board of Directors.

In the normal course of business, the Company grants to and obtains advances from its affiliates. These advances earn interest at rates to the weighted average of the interest rates of the outstanding loans payable to the banks. For further information of these advances, please to the consolidated financial statements of the company and its subsidiaries.

There are no transactions with any promoter nor are there any assets to be acquired from a promoter. Registrant has no parent.

## PART IV - CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company has been monitoring compliance with SEC Memorandum Circular No.2, Series of 2002, as well as other relevant SEC Circulars and rules on good corporate governance. All directors, officers, and employees complied with all the leading practices and principles on good corporate governance as embodied in the Corporation's Manual. The Company complied with the appropriate performance self-rating assessment and performance evaluation system to determine and measure compliance with the Manual of Corporate Governance.

The Company is not aware of any non-compliance with or deviation from its Manual of Corporate Governance. The Company will continue to monitor compliance with the SEC Rules on Corporate Governance, and shall remain committed in insuring the adoption of other systems and practices of good corporate governance to enhance its value for its shareholders. **Please refer to the attached 2014 ACGR.** 

### PART V- EXHIBITS AND SCHEDULES

a) Exhibits

(Please see supplemental financial statements schedules).

## SIGNATURE PAGE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Section 17 of the Code and Section 141 of the Corporation Code, this report is signed on behalf of the issuer by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of MANILA on APR 3 0 2015, 2015.

#### FIRST ABACUS FINANCIAL HOLDINGS CORPORATION Issuer

By:

5 S. SOO PA Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Treasurer

ACK T. HUANG President

ANNA FRANCESCA RESPICIO Asst. Corporate Secretary

JIMMY S. 900 Director

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NAMES	CTC/PASSPORT#	DATE OF ISSUE	PLACE OF ISSUE
PAULINO S. SOO	EB2859026	Mar. 20, 2012	Manila
VICENTE CO CHIEN	EC0980214	Apr. 30, 2014	Manila
JACK T. HUANG	N1072027621	Mar. 10, 2012	Cebu City
A. BAYANI K. TAN	XX0650593	June 06, 2012	Manila
JIMMY S. SOO	EB8667237	July 15, 2013	Manila

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## STATEMENT OF MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The management of **First Abacus Financial Holdings Corporation is** responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 in accordance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards (PFRS), including the Schedule of PFRS and Interpretations Adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Financial Reporting Standards Council as of December 31, 2014, an additional supplemental information filed separately from the basic financial statements

Management responsibility on the financial statements includes designing and implementing internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies, and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

The Board of Directors reviews and approves the financial statements, and the additional supplementary information, and submits the same to the stockholders.

Punongbayan & Araullo, the independent auditors appointed by the stockholders, has examined the financial statements of the Company in accordance with Philippine Standards on Auditing and, and in its report to the Board of Directors and stockholders, has expressed its opinion on the fairness of presentation upon completion of such examination.

PAULINO S. SOO Chairman and Chief Executive Officer



Signed this 1 4 2015 day of April 2015.

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## **Report of Independent Auditors**

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The Board of Directors and the Stockholders First Abacus Financial Holdings Corporation Unit 2904-A, Philippine Stock Exchange Centre Exchange Road, Ortigas Center Pasig City

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of First Abacus Financial Holdings Corporation and subsidiaries (the Group), which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as at December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the consolidated statements of profit or loss, consolidated statements of comprehensive income, consolidated statements of changes in equity and consolidated statements of cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2014, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

## Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with the Philippine Financial Reporting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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## Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with Philippine Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements 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. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our audit opinion.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of First Abacus Financial Holdings Corporation and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and their consolidated financial performance and their consolidated cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2014, in accordance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards.

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#### Emphasis of a Matter

Without qualifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements, which indicates that the Group has accumulated deficit of P534,541,515 and P645,468,257 as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The accumulation of a significant deficit indicates the existence of a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. Management is fully confident, however, that the inherent strengths and potentials of the Group and, consequently, its ability to recover from the deficit incurred in the past years will be fully realized as the country's general business environment further improves. A number of recent key initiatives to aggressively grow and expand the business and a continuing focus on operational efficiency have resulted in sustained improvements in the financials of two subsidiaries, namely, Abacus Securities Corporation and Abacus Capital and Investment Corporation. Moreover, the launch of the Group's online trading facility is expected to further boost these efforts. In connection with our audit, we have performed sufficient audit procedures to evaluate the reasonableness of management's representations with regard to continuance of the Group's operations. Accordingly, the accompanying consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments on the recoverability and classification of the assets or the amounts and classification of liabilities arising from this material uncertainty.

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By: Murcia III

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April 8, 2015

## FIRST ABACUS FINANCIAL HOLDINGS CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013

(Amounts in Philippine Pesos)

	Notes	2014		2013
<u>ASSETS</u>				
CASH	7	P 114,400,633	Р	166,640,227
FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS	8	494,228,180		655,782,861
AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE FINANCIAL ASSETS - Net	9	2,664,770,691		2,557,207,265
<b>RECEIVABLES</b> - Net	10	1,859,741,250		1,879,180,084
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT - Net	12	61,781,088		77,407,897
OTHER ASSETS - Net	13	254,534,522		256,840,665
TOTAL ASSETS		P 5,449,456,364	Р	5,593,058,999
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY				
INTEREST-BEARING LOANS AND BORROWINGS	14	P 2,704,294,373	Р	2,605,671,600
DUE TO CUSTOMERS	15	300,243,157		220,141,921
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND OTHER LIABILITIES	16	153,766,667		254,422,393
Total Liabilities		3,158,304,197		3,080,235,914
CAPITAL STOCK	17	1,193,200,000		1,193,200,000
ADDITIONAL PAID-IN CAPITAL		3,104,800		3,104,800
TREASURY SHARES - At Cost	17	( 385,670,581)	(	385,670,581)
<b>REVALUATION RESERVES</b>	17	2,015,059,463		2,347,657,123
DEFICIT	1	(534,541,515 )	(	645,468,257)
Total Equity		2,291,152,167		2,512,823,085
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		<u>P 5,449,456,364</u>	Р	5,593,058,999

#### FIRST ABACUS FINANCIAL HOLDINGS CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF PROFIT OR LOSS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014, 2013 AND 2012 (Amounts in Philippine Pesos)

	Notes		2014		2013	2012		
INCOME								
Finance income	20	Р	396,223,941	Р	145,083,212	Р	80,372,800	
Commissions	2		158,702,503		231,281,697		169,861,107	
Management fees	11		40,000,000		23,121,406		68,181,486	
Others	11		1,511,477		1,460,927		11,207,971	
			596,437,921		400,947,242		329,623,364	
EXPENSES								
Finance costs	20		283,638,151		207,857,959		154,627,538	
Employee benefits	18		50,207,288		50,884,731		49,628,295	
Commissions			41,953,075		60,203,145		48,032,627	
Depreciation and amortization	12, 13		20,928,963		19,658,769		18,600,676	
Taxes and licenses			14,355,761		17,213,475		16,055,763	
Representation and entertainment			13,070,951		6,412,999		10,837,796	
Exchange fees			10,028,870		9,749,947		8,834,664	
Communication			9,455,145		9,972,383		9,926,425	
Transportation and travel			7,413,873		1,319,967		2,689,539	
Outside services			5,550,505		4,089,113		3,839,888	
Professional fees			4,864,907		5,479,837		5,107,972	
Membership fees and dues			4,424,399		5,799,825		9,010,298	
Others	19		14,984,828		13,570,262		11,219,480	
			480,876,716		412,212,412		348,410,961	
PROFIT (LOSS) BEFORE TAX			115,561,205	(	11,265,170)	(	18,787,597)	
TAX INCOME (EXPENSE)	21	(	4,634,463)	(	3,973,278)		8,445,775	
NET PROFIT (LOSS)		<u>P</u>	110,926,742	( <u>P</u>	15,238,448)	( <u>P</u>	10,341,822)	
Basic and Diluted Earnings (Losses) Per Share	22	P	0.1086	( <u>P</u>	0.0149)	( <u>P</u>	0.0101)	

#### FIRST ABACUS FINANCIAL HOLDINGS CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014, 2013 AND 2012 (Amounts in Philippine Pesos)

	Notes		2014		2013		2012
NET PROFIT (LOSS)		P	110,926,742	( <u>P</u>	15,238,448)	( <u>P</u>	10,341,822)
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) Item that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss – Remeasurements of post-employment defined benefit plan, net of tax	18		695,901		2,062,576		-
Items that will be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss: Unrealized fair value gains (losses) on							
available-for-sale financial assets Realized fair value gains on the disposal of	9	(	15,959,758)		45,154,375		259,847,206
available-for-sale financial assets	9	(	317,333,803)	(	95,408,304)	(	20,305,204)
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)		(	332,597,660)	(	48,191,353)		239,542,002
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)		( <u>P</u>	221,670,918)	( <u>P</u>	63,429,801)	Р	229,200,180

#### FIRST ABACUS FINANCIAL HOLDINGS CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014, 2013 AND 2012 (Amounts in Philippine Pesos)

	Capital Stock (see Note 17)	Additional Paid-in Capital (see Note 17)	Treasury Shares (see Note 17)	Revaluation Reserves (see Note 17)	Deficit (see Note 17)	Total Equity
BALANCE AT JANUARY 1, 2014	P 1,193,200,000	P 3,104,800	( <u>P 385,670,581</u> )	P 2,347,657,123	( <u>P 645,468,257</u> )	P 2,512,823,085
Net income for the year Remeasurements of post-employment defined benefit plan Available-for-sale financial assets:	-	-	-	- 695,901	- 110,926,742	110,926,742 695,901
Unrealized fair value losses for the year Realized fair value gains transferred to profit or loss	-	-	-	( 15,959,758) ( <u>317,333,803</u> )	-	( 15,959,758) ( <u>317,333,803</u> )
Total comprehensive income (loss) for the year				(332,597,660)	110,926,742	(221,670,918 )
BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2014	P 1,193,200,000	P 3,104,800	( <u>P 385,670,581</u> )	P 2,015,059,463	( <u>P 534,541,515</u> )	P 2,291,152,167
BALANCE AT JANUARY 1, 2013	P 1,193,200,000	<u>P 3,104,800</u>	( <u>P 385,670,581</u> )	<u>P 2,395,848,476</u>	( <u>P 630,229,809</u> )	<u>P 2,576,252,886</u>
Net loss for the year Remeasurements of post-employment defined benefit plan Available-for-sale financial assets:	-	-	-	- 2,062,576	( 15,238,448 )	( 15,238,448 ) 2,062,576
Unrealized fair value gains for the year Realized fair value gains transferred to profit or loss	-	-	-	45,154,375 (	-	45,154,375 (95,408,304_)
Total comprehensive loss for the year			<u> </u>	(	(15,238,448)	(63,429,801 )
BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2013	<u>P 1,193,200,000</u>	<u>P 3,104,800</u>	( <u>P 385,670,581</u> )	P 2,347,657,123	( <u>P 645,468,257</u> )	P 2,512,823,085
BALANCE AT JANUARY 1, 2012	P 1,193,200,000	P 3,104,800	( <u>P 385,670,581</u> )	P 2,156,306,474	( <u>P 619,887,987</u> )	P 2,347,052,706
Net loss for the year Available-for-sale financial assets:	-	-	-	-	( 10,341,822)	( 10,341,822)
Unrealized fair value gains for the year Realized fair value gains transferred to profit or loss	-	-	-	259,847,206 (20,305,204 )	-	259,847,206 ( <u>20,305,204</u> )
Total comprehensive income (loss) for the year		-	-	239,542,002	()	229,200,180
BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2012	P 1,193,200,000	P 3,104,800	( <u>P 385,670,581</u> )	P 2,395,848,476	( <u>P 630,229,809</u> )	P 2,576,252,886

#### FIRST ABACUS FINANCIAL HOLDINGS CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014, 2013 AND 2012 (Amounts in Philippine Pesos)

	Notes		2014		2013		2012
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES							
Profit (loss) before tax		Р	115,561,205	( P	11,265,170)	( P	18,787,597)
Interest expense	20		184,403,786		179,213,236	,	153,269,522
Depreciation and amortization	12, 13		20,928,963		19,658,769		18,600,676
Interest income	20	(	123,179)	(	1,138,635)	(	996,842)
Operating profit before working capital changes			320,770,774		186,468,200		152,085,759
Decrease (increase) in financial assets							
at fair value through profit or loss			150,857,012	(	98,025,866)	(	124,740,203)
Decrease (increase) in available-for-sale financial assets		(	430,159,318)	(	7,047,378)		23,119,012
Decrease (increase) in receivables			19,438,834	(	448,512,948)	(	140,383,001)
Increase in other assets		(	7,099,926)	(	39,991,315)	(	16,788,578)
Increase (decrease) in due to customers			80,101,236	(	54,673,929)	(	104,786,872)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and other liabilities		(	101,181,951)		93,632,231		63,168,251
Cash generated from (used in) operations			32,726,662	(	368,151,005)	(	148,325,632)
Interest received	20		123,179		744,109		996,842
Cash paid for taxes		(	62,472)	(	73,636)	(	112,720)
Net Cash From (Used in) Operating Activities			32,787,369	(	367,480,532)	(	147,441,510)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES							
Acquisitions of property and equipment	12	(	1,328,075)	(	11,316,095)	(	1,900,219)
Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment	12		860,000		-		-
Acquisition of computer software	13		-		-	(	1,126,607)
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities		(	468,07 <u>5</u> )	(	11,316,095)	(	3,026,826)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES							
Loan availments	14		651,067,592		603,422,080		276,042,978
Loan repayments		(	568,179,219)	(	15,199,122)	(	16,608,924)
Interest paid	14	(	167,447,261)	(	173,141,488)	(	153,325,283)
Net Cash From (Used in) Financing Activities		(	84,558,888)		415,081,470		106,108,771
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH		(	52,239,593)		36,284,843	(	44,359,565)
CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR			166,640,227		130,355,384		174,714,949
CASH AT END OF YEAR		P	114,400,633	P	166,640,227	P	130,355,384

Supplemental Information on Non-cash Operating and Investing Activity

In 2014, the Group reclassified a certain investment with a carrying amount of P10,697,669 from Financial Asset at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss to Available-for-sale Financial Assets (see Notes 8 and 9).

## FIRST ABACUS FINANCIAL HOLDINGS CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2014, 2013 AND 2012 (Amounts in Philippine Pesos)

## 1. CORPORATE MATTERS

## 1.01 Corporate Information

First Abacus Financial Holdings Corporation (the Parent Company) was incorporated and registered with the Philippines Securities Exchange Commission on February 15, 1994. The Parent Company wholly owns the following subsidiaries, all of which are incorporated in the Philippines:

 Subsidiaries
 Nature of Business

 Abacus Capital & Investment
 Investment

Corporation (ACIC) Abacus Securities Corporation (ASC) Vista Holdings Corporation (VHC)

Investment banking Securities brokerage Leasing

The Parent Company's transactions consist mainly of regular financial support granted to related parties to carry out their respective business operations. The Parent Company's shares of stock are listed at the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE).

The Parent Company's registered office, which is also its principal place of business, is located at Unit 2904-A, Philippine Stock Exchange Centre, Exchange Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City. The registered offices and principal places of business of ACIC, ASC and VHC are also located at Unit 2904-A, Philippine Stock Exchange Centre, Exchange Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City.

The Parent Company and its subsidiaries are herein referred to as the Group.

## 1.02 Status of Operations

The Group has an accumulated deficit of P534,541,515 and P645,468,257 as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The accumulation of significant deficit indicates the existence of a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. Management is fully confident, however, that the inherent strengths and potentials of the Group and, consequently, its ability to recover from the deficit incurred in the past years will be fully realized as the country's general business environment further improves. A number of recent key initiatives to aggressively grow and expand the business and a continuing focus on operational efficiency have resulted in sustained improvements in the financials of ASC and ACIC. Moreover, the launch of the Group's online trading facility is expected to further boost these efforts.

## 1.03 Approval of Financial Statements

The consolidated financial statements of the Group as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014 (including the comparative financial statements for December 31, 2013 and 2012) were authorized for issue by the Parent Company's Chairman of the Board of Directors (BOD) and Chief Executive Officer on April 8, 2015.

## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies that have been used in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements are summarized below. The policies have been consistently applied to all years presented, unless otherwise stated.

## 2.01 Basis of Preparation of Consolidated Financial Statements

## (a) Statement of Compliance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards

The consolidated financial statements of the Group have been prepared in accordance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards (PFRS). PFRS are adopted by the Financial Reporting Standards Council (FRSC) from the pronouncements issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, and approved by the Philippine Board of Accountancy (BOA).

The financial statements have been prepared using the measurement bases specified by PFRS for each type of asset, liability, income and expense. The measurement bases are more fully described in the accounting policies that follow.

#### (b) Presentation of Consolidated Financial Statements

The consolidated financial statements are presented in accordance with Philippine Accounting Standards (PAS) 1, *Presentation of Financial Statements*. The Group presents consolidated statements of comprehensive income separate from the consolidated statements of profit or loss.

The Group presents a third statement of financial position as at the beginning of the preceding period when it applies an accounting policy retrospectively, or makes a retrospective restatement or reclassification of items that has a material effect on the information in the consolidated statement of financial position at the beginning of the preceding period. The related notes to the third consolidated statement of financial position are not required to be disclosed.

## (c) Functional and Presentation Currency

These consolidated financial statements are presented in Philippine pesos, the Group's functional currency, and all values represent absolute amounts except when otherwise indicated.

Items included in the consolidated financial statements of the Group are measured using its functional currency. Functional currency is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Group operates.

#### 2.02 Adoption of Amended PFRS and Interpretation

(a) Effective in 2014 that are Relevant to the Group

In 2014, the Group adopted for the first time the following amendments and interpretation to PFRS that are relevant to the Group and effective for financial statements for the annual period beginning on or after January 1, 2014:

PAS 32 (Amendment)	:	Financial Instruments: Presentation – Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities
PAS 36 (Amendment)	:	Impairment of Assets – Recoverable Amount Disclosures for Non-financial Assets
PAS 39 (Amendment)	:	Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement – Novation of Derivatives and Continuation of Hedge Accounting
PFRS 10, 12 and PAS 27		
(Amendments)	:	Consolidated Financial Statements, Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities and Separate Financial Statements – Exemption from Consolidation for Investment Entities
Philippine Interpretation		
International Financial Reporting Interpretations		
Committee (IFRIC) 21	:	Levies

Discussed below and in the succeeding page are the relevant information about these amended standards and interpretation.

PAS 32 (Amendment), Financial Instruments: Presentation – Offsetting Financial (i) Assets and Financial Liabilities. The amendment provides guidance to address inconsistencies in applying the criteria for offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities. It clarifies that an entity must currently have a right of setoff that is not contingent on a future event, and must be legally enforceable in the normal course of business; in the event of default; and, in the event of insolvency or bankruptcy of the entity and all of the counterparties. The amendment also clarifies that gross settlement mechanisms (such as through a clearing house) with features that both eliminate credit and liquidity risks and process receivables and payables in a single settlement process, will satisfy the criterion for net settlement. The amendment has been applied retrospectively in accordance with its transitional provisions. The Group's existing offsetting and settlement arrangements for its financial instruments with its counterparties are not affected by the amendment; hence, such did not have an impact on the presentation of financial assets and financial liabilities on the Group's consolidated financial statements for any periods presented.

- (ii) PAS 36 (Amendment), Impairment of Assets Recoverable Amount Disclosures for Non-financial Assets. The amendment clarifies that disclosure of information about the recoverable amount of individual asset (including goodwill) or a cash-generating unit is required only when an impairment loss has been recognized or reversed during the reporting period. If the recoverable amount is determined based on the asset's or cash-generating unit's fair value less costs of disposal, additional disclosures on fair value measurement required under PFRS 13, Fair Value Measurement, such as, but not limited to, the fair value hierarchy, valuation technique used and key assumptions applied, should be provided in the consolidated financial statements. This amendment did not have a significant impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements as the recoverable amounts of the Group's non-financial assets are determined based on the asset's or cash-generating unit's value in use (see Note 13).
- (iii) PAS 39 (Amendment), Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement Novation of Derivatives and Continuation of Hedge Accounting. The amendment provides some relief from the requirements on hedge accounting by allowing entities to continue the use of hedge accounting when a derivative is novated to a clearing counterparty resulting in termination or expiration of the original hedging instrument as a consequence of laws and regulations, or the introduction thereof. As the Group neither enters into transactions involving derivative instruments nor does it apply hedge accounting, the amendment did not have any impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements.
- (iv) PFRS 10, 12 and PAS 27 (Amendments) Exemption from Consolidation for Investment Entities. The amendments define the term "investment entity" and provide to such an investment entity an exemption from the consolidation of particular subsidiaries and instead require to measure investment in each eligible subsidiary at fair value through profit or loss in accordance with PAS 39 or PFRS 9, Financial Instruments, both in its consolidated or separate financial statements, as the case maybe. The amendments also require additional disclosures about the details of the entity's unconsolidated subsidiaries and the nature of its relationship and certain transactions with those subsidiaries. The Group's current consolidation policies are not affected by these amendments; thus, such did not have an impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements.
- (v) Philippine Interpretation IFRIC 21, Levies. This interpretation clarifies that the obligating event as one of the criteria under PAS 37, Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets, for the recognition of a liability for levy imposed by a government is the activity described in the relevant legislation that triggers the payment of the levy. Accordingly, the liability is recognized in the financial statements progressively if the obligating event occurs over a period of time and if an obligation is triggered on reaching a minimum threshold, the liability is recognized when that minimum threshold is reached. This amendment had no significant impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements.

#### (b) Effective Subsequent to 2014 but not Adopted Early

There are new amendments and annual improvements to existing standards effective for annual periods subsequent to 2014, which are issued by the FRSC, subject to the approval of the BOA. Management will adopt the following relevant pronouncements in accordance with their transitional provisions and, unless otherwise stated, none of these are expected to have significant impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements:

- (i) PAS 19 (Amendment), Employee Benefits Defined Benefit Plans Employee Contributions (effective from July 1, 2014). The amendment clarifies that if the amount of the contributions from employees or third parties is dependent on the number of years of service, an entity shall attribute the contributions to periods of service using the same attribution method (i.e., either using the plan's contribution formula or on a straight-line basis) for the gross benefit.
- (ii) PAS 1 (Amendment), Presentation of Financial Statements Disclosure Initiative (effective from January 1, 2016). The amendment encourages entities to apply professional judgment in presenting and disclosing information in the financial statements. Accordingly, it clarifies that materiality applies to the whole financial statements and an entity shall not reduce the understandability of the financial statements by obscuring material information with immaterial information or by aggregating material items that have different nature or functions. Moreover, the amendment further clarifies that in determining the order of presenting the notes and disclosures, an entity shall consider the understandability and comparability of the financial statements.
- PAS 16 (Amendment), Property, Plant and Equipment, and PAS 38 (111) (Amendment), Intangible Assets – Clarification of Acceptable Methods of Depreciation and Amortization (effective from January 1, 2016). The amendment in PAS 16 clarifies that a depreciation method that is based on revenue that is generated by an activity that includes the use of an asset is not appropriate for property, plant and equipment. In addition, amendment to PAS 38 introduces a rebuttable presumption that an amortization method that is based on the revenue generated by an activity that includes the use of an intangible asset is not appropriate, which can only be overcome in limited circumstances where the intangible asset is expressed as a measure of revenue, or when it can be demonstrated that revenue and the consumption of the economic benefits of an intangible asset are highly correlated. The amendment also provides guidance that the expected future reductions in the selling price of an item that was produced using the asset could indicate an expectation of technological or commercial obsolescence of an asset, which may reflect a reduction of the future economic benefits embodied in the asset.

- (iv) PFRS 10 (Amendment), Consolidated Financial Statements, and PAS 28 (Amendment), Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associates or Joint Venture (effective from January 1, 2016). The amendment to PFRS 10 requires full recognition in the investor's financial statements of gains or losses arising on the sale or contribution of assets that constitute a business as defined in PFRS 3, Business Combinations, between an investor and its associate or joint venture. Accordingly, the partial recognition of gains or losses (i.e., to the extent of the unrelated investor's interests in an associate or joint venture) only applies to those sale of contribution of assets that do not constitute a business. Corresponding amendment has been made to PAS 28 to reflect these changes. In addition, PAS 28 has been amended to clarify that when determining whether assets that are sold or contribution of those assets is part of multiple arrangements that should be accounted for as a single transaction.
- (v) PFRS 10 (Amendment), Consolidated Financial Statements Investment Entities: Applying the Consolidation Exception (effective from January 1, 2016). This amendment confirms that the exemption from preparing consolidated financial statements continues to be available to a parent entity that is a subsidiary of an investment entity, even if the investment entity measures its interest in all its subsidiaries at fair value in accordance with PFRS 10. The amendment further clarifies that if an investment entity has a subsidiary that is not itself an investment entity and whose main purpose and activities are to provide services that are related to the investment activities of the investment entity parent, the latter shall consolidate that subsidiary.
- (vi) PFRS 9 (2014), *Financial Instruments* (effective from January 1, 2018). This new standard on financial instruments will eventually replace PAS 39 and PFRS 9 (2009, 2010 and 2013 versions). This standard contains, among others, the following:
  - three principal classification categories for financial assets based on the business model on how an entity is managing its financial instruments;
  - an expected loss model in determining impairment of all financial assets that are not measured at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL), which generally depends on whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition of a financial asset; and,
  - a new model on hedge accounting that provides significant improvements principally by aligning hedge accounting more closely with the risk management activities undertaken by entities when hedging their financial and non-financial risk exposures.

In accordance with the financial asset classification principle of PFRS 9 (2014), a financial asset is classified and measured at amortized cost if the asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect the contractual cash flows that represent solely payments of principal and interest (SPPI) on the principal outstanding. Moreover, a financial asset is classified and subsequently measured at fair value through other comprehensive income if it meets the SPPI criterion and is held in a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling the financial assets. All other financial assets are measured at FVTPL.

In addition, PFRS 9 (2014) allows entities to make an irrevocable election to present subsequent changes in the fair value of an equity instrument that is not held for trading in other comprehensive income.

The accounting for embedded derivatives in host contracts that are financial assets is simplified by removing the requirement to consider whether or not they are closely related, and, in most arrangements, does not require separation from the host contract.

For liabilities, the standard retains most of the PAS 39 requirements which include amortized cost accounting for most financial liabilities, with bifurcation of embedded derivatives. The amendment also requires changes in the fair value of an entity's own debt instruments caused by changes in its own credit quality to be recognized in other comprehensive income rather than in profit or loss.

The Group does not expect to implement and adopt PFRS 9 (2014) until its effective date. In addition, management is currently assessing the impact of PFRS 9 (2014) on the consolidated financial statements of the Group and it will conduct a comprehensive study of the potential impact of this standard prior to its mandatory adoption date to assess the impact of all changes.

(vii) Annual Improvements to PFRS. Annual improvements to PFRS (2010-2012 Cycle) and PFRS (2011-2013 Cycle) effective for annual periods beginning on or after July 1, 2014, and to PFRS (2012-2014 Cycle) effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2016, made minor amendments to a number of PFRS. Among those improvements, the following amendments are relevant to the Group but management does not expect those to have material impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements:

#### Annual Improvements to PFRS (2010-2012 Cycle)

(a) PAS 16 (Amendment), *Property, Plant and Equipment*, and PAS 38 (Amendment), *Intangible Assets*. The amendments clarify that when an item of property, plant and equipment, and intangible assets is revalued, the gross carrying amount is adjusted in a manner that is consistent with the revaluation of the carrying amount of the asset.
- (b) PAS 24 (Amendment), *Related Party Disclosures.* The amendment clarifies that an entity providing key management services to a reporting entity is deemed to be a related party of the latter. It also clarifies that the information required to be disclosed in the financial statements are the amounts incurred by the reporting entity for key management personnel services that are provided by a separate management entity and not the amounts of compensation paid or payable by the management entity to its employees or directors.
- (c) PFRS 3 (Amendment), *Business Combinations*. This amendment clarifies that an obligation to pay contingent consideration which meets the definition of a financial instrument is classified as a financial liability or as equity in accordance with PAS 32, *Financial Instruments Presentation*. It also clarifies that all non-equity contingent consideration should be measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period, with changes in fair value recognized in profit or loss.
- (d) PFRS 8 (Amendment), Operating Segments. This amendment requires disclosure of the judgments made by management in applying the aggregation criteria to operating segments. This includes a description of the segments, which have been aggregated and the economic indicators, which have been assessed in determining that the aggregated segments share similar economic characteristics. It further clarifies the requirement to disclose for the reconciliations of segment assets to the entity's assets if that amount is regularly provided to the chief operating decision maker.
- (e) PFRS 13 (Amendment), *Fair Value Measurement*. The amendment in the basis of conclusion of PFRS 13 clarifies that issuing PFRS 13 and amending certain provisions of PFRS 9 and PAS 39 related to discounting of financial instruments did not remove the ability to measure short-term receivables and payables with no stated interest rate on an undiscounted basis, when the effect of not discounting is immaterial.

### Annual Improvements to PFRS (2011-2013 Cycle)

- (a) PFRS 3 (Amendment), *Business Combinations*. The amendment clarifies that PFRS 3 does not apply to the accounting for the formation of any joint arrangement under PFRS 11, *Joint Arrangement*, in the financial statements of the joint arrangement itself.
- (b) PFRS 13 (Amendment), Fair Value Measurement. The amendment clarifies that the scope of the exception for measuring the fair value of a group of financial assets and financial liabilities on a net basis (the portfolio exception) applies to all contracts within the scope of and accounted for in accordance with PAS 39 or PFRS 9, regardless of whether they meet the definition of financial assets or financial liabilities as defined in PAS 32.

(c) PAS 40 (Amendment), *Investment Property*. The amendment clarifies the interrelationship of PFRS 3 and PAS 40 in determining the classification of property as an investment property or owner-occupied property, and explicitly requires an entity to use judgment in determining whether the acquisition of an investment property is an acquisition of an asset or a group of asset in accordance with PAS 40, or a business combination in accordance with PFRS 3.

### Annual Improvements to PFRS (2012-2014 Cycle)

- (a) PAS 19 (Amendment), *Employee Benefits*. The amendment clarifies that the currency and term of the high quality corporate bonds which were used to determine the discount rate for post-employment benefit obligations shall be made consistent with the currency and estimated term of the post-employment benefit obligations.
- (b) PAS 34 (Amendment), Interim Financial Reporting Disclosure of Information "Elsewhere in the Interim Financial Report". The amendment clarifies the meaning of disclosure of information "elsewhere in the interim financial report" and requires the inclusion of a cross-reference from the interim financial statements to the location of this referenced information. The amendment also specifies that this information must be available to users of the interim financial statements on the same terms as the interim financial statements and at the same time, otherwise the interim financial statements will be incomplete.
- (c) PFRS 7 (Amendment), *Financial Instruments Disclosures.* The amendment provides additional guidance to help entities identify the circumstances under which a contract to "service" financial assets is considered to be a continuing involvement in those assets for the purpose of applying the disclosure requirements of PFRS 7. Such circumstances commonly arise when, for example, the servicing is dependent on the amount or timing of cash flows collected from the transferred asset or when a fixed fee is not paid in full due to non-performance of that asset.
- (d) PFRS 7 (Amendment), Financial Instruments Applicability of Amendments to PFRS 7 to Condensed Interim Financial Statements. This amendment clarifies that the additional disclosure required by the recent amendments to PFRS 7 related to offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities is not specifically required for all interim periods. However, the additional disclosure is required to be given in condensed interim financial statements that are prepared in accordance with PAS 34, Interim Financial Reporting, when its inclusion would be necessary in order to meet the general principles of PAS 34.

### 2.03 Basis of Consolidation

The Group's consolidated financial statements comprise the accounts of the Parent Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries, ACIC, ASC and VHC, after elimination of material intercompany transactions. All intercompany assets and liabilities, equity, income, expenses and cash flows relating to transactions between entities under the Group, are eliminated in full on consolidation. Unrealized profits and losses from intercompany transactions that are recognized in assets are also eliminated in full. Intercompany losses that indicate impairment are recognized in the consolidated financial statements.

The financial statements of the subsidiaries are prepared for the same reporting period as the Parent Company, using consistent accounting principles.

Subsidiaries are entities (including structured entities) over which the Parent Company has control. The Parent Company controls an entity when it is exposed, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. Subsidiaries are consolidated from the date the Parent Company obtains control.

The Parent Company reassesses whether or not it controls an entity if facts and circumstances indicate that there are changes to one or more of the three elements of controls indicated above. Accordingly, entities are deconsolidated from the date that control ceases.

The acquisition method is applied to account for acquired subsidiaries. This requires recognizing and measuring the identifiable assets acquired, the liabilities assumed and any non-controlling interest in the acquiree. The consideration transferred for the acquisition of a subsidiary is the fair values of the assets transferred, the liabilities incurred to the former owners of the acquiree and the equity interests issued by the Group, if any. The consideration transferred also includes the fair value of any asset or liability resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement. Acquisition-related costs are expensed as incurred and subsequent change in the fair value of contingent consideration is recognized directly in profit or loss.

Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date. On an acquisition-by-acquisition basis, the Group recognizes any non-controlling interest in the acquiree, either at fair value or at the non-controlling interest's proportionate share of the recognized amounts of acquiree's identifiable net assets.

The excess of the consideration transferred, the amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquiree and the acquisition-date fair value of any existing equity interest in the acquiree over the acquisition-date fair value of identifiable net assets acquired is recognized as goodwill. If the consideration transferred is less than the fair value of the net assets of the subsidiary acquired in the case of a bargain purchase, the difference is recognized directly as gain in profit or loss.

## 2.04 Business Combinations

Business acquisitions are accounted for using the acquisition method of accounting.

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of an acquisition over the fair value of the Group's share of the net identifiable assets of the acquired subsidiary at the date of acquisition. Subsequent to initial recognition, goodwill is measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill is tested annually for impairment and carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses. Impairment losses on goodwill are not reversed.

Negative goodwill which is the excess of the Group's interest in the net fair value of net identifiable assets acquired over acquisition cost is charged directly to income.

For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill is allocated to cash-generating units or groups of cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the business combination in which the goodwill arose. The cash-generating units or groups of cash-generating units are identified according to operating segment.

Gains and losses on the disposal of an interest in a subsidiary include the carrying amount of goodwill relating to it.

If the business combination is achieved in stages, the acquirer is required to remeasure its previously held equity interest in the acquiree at its acquisition-date fair value and recognize the resulting gain or loss, if any, in the profit or loss or other comprehensive income, as appropriate.

Any contingent consideration to be transferred by the Group is recognized at fair value at the acquisition date. Subsequent changes to the fair value of the contingent consideration that is deemed to be an asset or liability is recognized in accordance with PAS 37 either in profit or loss or as a change to other comprehensive income. Contingent consideration that is classified as equity is not remeasured, and its subsequent settlement is accounted for within equity

# 2.05 Business Segments

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the Group's management committee; its chief operating decision-maker. The management committee is responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments.

In identifying its operating segments, management generally follows the Group's products and service lines as disclosed in Note 6, which represent the main products and services provided by the Group.

Each of these operating segments is managed separately as each of these service lines requires different technologies and other resources as well as marketing approaches. All inter-segment transfers are carried out at arm's length prices.

The measurement policies the Group uses for segment reporting under PFRS 8 are the same as those used in its financial statements. There have been no changes from prior periods in the measurement methods used to determine reported segment profit or loss.

## 2.06 Financial Assets

Financial assets, which are recognized when the Group becomes a party to the contractual terms of the financial instruments, include cash and other financial instruments. Financial assets, other than those designated and effective as hedging instruments, are classified into the following categories: financial assets at FVTPL, loans and receivables, held-to-maturity investments and available-for-sale (AFS) financial assets. Financial assets are assigned to the different categories by management on initial recognition, depending on the purpose for which the investments were acquired. The designation of financial assets is re-evaluated at every reporting period at which date a choice of classification or accounting treatment is available, subject to compliance with specific provisions of applicable accounting standards.

Regular purchases and sales of financial assets are recognized on their trade date. All financial assets that are not classified as at FVTPL are initially recognized at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs. Financial assets carried at FVTPL are initially recorded at fair value and transaction costs related to it are recognized in consolidated profit or loss.

A more detailed description of the categories of financial assets relevant to the Group follows:

(a) Financial Assets at FVTPL

This category includes financial assets that are either classified as held for trading or that meets certain conditions and are designated by the entity to be carried at fair value through profit or loss upon initial recognition. All derivatives fall into this category, except for those designated and effective as hedging instruments. Assets in this category are classified as current if they are either held for trading or are expected to be realized within 12 months from the end of the reporting period.

Financial assets at FVTPL are measured at fair value, and changes therein are recognized in profit or loss. Financial assets (except derivatives and financial instruments originally designated as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss) may be reclassified out of FVTPL category if they are no longer held for the purpose of being sold or repurchased in the near term.

## (b) Loans and Receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They arise when the Group provides money, goods or services directly to a debtor with no intention of trading the receivables.

The Group's financial assets categorized as loans and receivables are presented as Cash and Receivables in the consolidated statement of financial position. Cash is defined as cash on hand and demand deposits which are unrestricted and readily available for use in the operations of the Group. Loans and receivables are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method, less impairment loss, if any. Impairment loss is provided when there is objective evidence that the Group will not be able to collect all amounts due to it in accordance with the original terms of the receivables. The amount of the impairment loss is determined as the difference between the assets' carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future credit losses that have not been incurred), discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate or current effective interest rate determined under the contract if the loan has a variable interest rate.

The carrying amount of the asset shall be reduced either directly or through the use of an allowance account. The amount of the loss shall be recognized in profit or loss.

If in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognized (such as an improvement in the debtor's credit rating), the previously recognized impairment loss is reversed by adjusting the allowance account. The amount of the reversal is recognized in the profit or loss.

## (c) AFS Financial Assets

This category includes non-derivative financial assets that are either designated to this category or do not qualify for inclusion in any of the other categories of financial assets. The Group's AFS financial assets include listed equity securities and golf club shares.

All financial assets within this category are subsequently measured at fair value. Gains and losses from changes in fair value are recognized in other comprehensive income, net of any income tax effects, and are reported as part of the Revaluation Reserves account in equity, except for interest and dividend income, impairment losses and foreign exchange differences on monetary assets, which are recognized in profit or loss. When the financial asset is disposed of or is determined to be impaired, the cumulative fair value gains or losses recognized in other comprehensive income is reclassified from equity to profit or loss and is presented as reclassification adjustment within other comprehensive income even though the financial asset has not been derecognized.

Reversal of impairment loss is recognized in the consolidated other comprehensive income, except for investments that are debt securities which are recognized in the consolidated profit or loss only if the reversal can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognized.

All income and expenses, including impairment losses, relating to financial assets that are recognized in profit or loss are presented as part of Finance Income (Costs) in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

For securities that are actively traded in organized financial markets, fair value is determined by reference to stock exchange-quoted market bid prices at the close of business on the reporting period. For investments where there is no quoted market price, fair value is determined by reference to the current market value of another instrument which is substantially the same or is calculated based on the expected cash flows of the underlying net asset base of the investment. Non-compounding interest, dividend income and other cash flows resulting from holding financial assets are recognized in profit or loss when earned, regardless of how the related carrying amount of financial assets is measured.

The financial assets are derecognized when the contractual rights to receive cash flows from the financial instruments expire, or when the financial assets and all substantial risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred. If the Company neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership and continues to control the transferred asset, the Company recognizes its retained interest in the asset and an associated liability for amounts it may have to pay. If the Company retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of a transferred financial asset, the Company continues to recognize the financial asset and also recognizes a collateralized borrowing for the proceeds received.

## 2.07 Offsetting Financial Instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the consolidated 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 assets 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 consolidated statement of financial position. The right of set-off must be available at the end of the reporting period, that is, it is not contingent on future event. It must also be enforceable in the normal course of business, in the event of default, and in the event of insolvency or bankruptcy; and must be legally enforceable for both entity and all counterparties to the financial instruments.

# 2.08 Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation, amortization and impairment in value.

The cost of an asset comprises its purchase price and directly attributable costs of bringing the asset to working condition for its intended use. Expenditures for additions, major improvements and renewals are capitalized; expenditures for repairs and maintenance are charged to expense as incurred.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

Condominium units	15-25 years
Building improvements	5 years
Transportation equipment	5 years
Computer equipment	3-5 years
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	3-5 years

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount (see Note 2.13).

The residual values, estimated useful lives and method of depreciation of property and equipment are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

An item of property and equipment, including the related accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, is derecognized upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of the asset. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the item) is included in the consolidated profit or loss in the year the item is derecognized.

# 2.09 Investment Properties

Investment properties (recognized under Other Assets), accounted for under the cost model, are properties held either to earn rental or for capital appreciation or both, but not for sale in the ordinary course of business, use for rendering of services or for administrative purposes.

Investment properties are measured initially at acquisition cost, including transaction costs.

The cost of an asset comprises its purchase price and directly attributable costs of bringing the asset to working condition for its intended use. Expenditures for additions, major improvements and renewals are capitalized; expenditures for repairs and maintenance are charged to expense as incurred. When assets are sold, retired or otherwise disposed of, their cost and related accumulated depreciation and impairment losses are removed from the accounts and any resulting gain or loss is reflected in consolidated profit or loss for the period.

Depreciation is computed on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets of 25 years.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount (see Note 2.13).

The residual values, estimated useful lives and method of depreciation investment properties are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

Investment properties are derecognized upon disposal or when permanently withdrawn from use and no future economic benefit is expected from its disposal. Any gain or loss on the retirement or disposal of an investment property is recognized in consolidated profit or loss in the year of retirement or disposal.

# 2.10 Prepayments and Other Assets

Prepayments and other assets pertain to other resources controlled by the Group as a result of past events. They are recognized in the financial statements when it is probable that the future economic benefits will flow to the Group and the asset has a cost or value that can be measured reliably.

## 2.11 Intangible Assets

Intangible assets include goodwill, trading right and acquired computer software licenses (presented as part of Other Assets account in the consolidated statement of financial position). The cost of the asset is the amount of cash or cash equivalents paid or the fair value of the other considerations given to acquire an asset at the time of its acquisition or production.

## (a) Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the acquisition cost of the investment over the fair value of identifiable net assets of a subsidiary at date of acquisition. Goodwill is carried at amortized cost up to the date of transition to PFRS less any impairment in value. Goodwill is subject to annual test for impairment whether there is an objective evidence of impairment or not (see Note 2.13).

## (b) Trading Right

Trading right represents the value of the exchange seat which allows the Group to trade in the PSE. Trading right is assessed as having an indefinite useful life and is tested annually for impairment and carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses (see Note 2.13).

(c) Computer Software

Acquired computer software licenses are capitalized on the basis of the costs incurred to acquire and install the specific software. Costs associated with maintaining computer software are expensed as incurred. Capitalized costs are amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of three years as these intangible assets are considered finite (see Note 2.13).

When an intangible asset is disposed of, the gain or loss on disposal is determined as the difference between the proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognized in consolidated profit or loss.

# 2.12 Deferred Oil Exploration Costs

The Group made certain investments in oil exploration projects. The cost of exploration relating to service contract or block area which is still in the exploratory stage are capitalized as Deferred oil exploration costs (shown under the Other Assets account in the consolidated statement of financial position). When a service contract or block area is permanently abandoned, the related deferred oil exploration cost is written off. Service contracts or block areas are considered not permanently abandoned if the service contracts have not yet expired and/or there are ongoing negotiations for further exploration costs is written down to its recoverable amount if the carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount (see Note 2.13).

### 2.13 Impairment of Non-financial Assets

The Group's property and equipment, investment properties, deferred oil exploration costs, goodwill, computer software, trading right and other non-financial assets are subject to impairment testing whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. Intangible assets with an indefinite useful life such as goodwill and trading right are tested for impairment at least annually.

For purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash-generating units). As a result, assets are tested for impairment either individually or at the cash-generating unit level.

Impairment loss is recognized in profit or loss for the amount by which the asset's or cash-generating unit's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amounts which is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. In determining value in use, management estimates the expected future cash flows from each cash-generating unit and determines the suitable interest rate in order to calculate the present value of those cash flows. The data used for impairment testing procedures are directly linked to the Company's latest approved budget, adjusted as necessary to exclude the effects of asset enhancements. Discount factors are determined individually for each cash-generating unit and reflect management's assessment of respective risk profiles, such as market and asset-specific risk factors.

All assets, except goodwill and trading right, are subsequently reassessed for indications that an impairment loss previously recognized may no longer exist and the carrying amount of the asset is adjusted to the recoverable amount resulting in the reversal of the impairment loss. Impairment losses recognized on goodwill are not reversed.

## 2.14 Financial Liabilities

Financial liabilities include interest-bearing loans and borrowings, due to customers and accounts payable and other liabilities (excluding retirement benefit obligation and taxes-related payable).

Financial liabilities are recognized when the Group becomes a party to the contractual terms of the instrument. All interest-related charges are recognized as expense under the caption Finance Costs in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

Interest-bearing loans and borrowings are obtained to support the short-term to long-term funding needs of the Group. They are recognized at proceeds received, net of direct issue costs. Finance charges, including premiums payable on settlement or redemption and direct issue costs, are charged to profit or loss on an accrual basis using the effective interest method and are added to the carrying amount of the instrument to the extent that they are not settled in the period in which they arise.

Accounts payable and other liabilities are recognized initially at their fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost, using effective interest method for maturities of more than one year, less settlement payments.

Financial liabilities are derecognized from the consolidated statement of financial position only when the obligations are extinguished either through discharge, cancellation or expiration. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability derecognized and the consideration paid or payable is recognized in the consolidated profit or loss.

# 2.15 Provisions and Contingencies

Provisions are recognized when present obligations will probably lead to an outflow of economic resources and they can be estimated reliably even if the timing or amount of the outflow may still be uncertain. A present obligation arises from the presence of a legal or constructive commitment that has resulted from past events.

Provisions are measured at the estimated expenditure required to settle the present obligation, based on the most reliable evidence available at the end of the reporting period, including the risks and uncertainties associated with the present obligation. Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. When time value of money is material, long-term provisions are discounted to their present values using a pre-tax rate that reflects market assessments and the risks specific to the obligation. The increase in provision due to passage of time is recognized as interest expense. Provisions are reviewed at the end of each reporting period and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate.

In those cases where the possible outflow of economic resource as a result of present obligations is considered improbable or remote, or the amount to be provided for cannot be measured reliably, no liability is recognized in the consolidated financial statements. Similarly, possible inflows of economic benefits to the Group that do not yet meet the recognition criteria of an asset are considered contingent assets, hence, are not recognized in the consolidated financial statements. On the other hand, any reimbursement that the Group can be virtually certain to collect from a third party with respect to the obligation is recognized as a separate asset not exceeding the amount of the related provision.

# 2.16 Related Party Relationships and Transactions

Related party transactions are transfers of resources, services or obligations between the Company and its related parties, regardless whether a price is charged.

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

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

# 2.17 Equity

Capital stock represents the nominal value of shares that have been issued.

Additional paid-in capital includes any premium received on the issuance of capital stock. Any transaction costs associated with the issuance of shares are deducted from additional paid-in capital, net of any related income tax benefits.

Treasury shares are stated at the cost of reacquiring such shares and are deducted from equity attributable to the Group's equity holders until the shares are cancelled, reissued or disposed of.

Revaluation reserves comprise gains and losses due to the revaluation of AFS financial assets and remeasurements of retirement benefit obligation.

Deficit represents all current and prior period results of operations as reported in the consolidated statement of profit or loss, reduced by the amounts of dividends declared.

# 2.18 Revenue and Expense Recognition

Revenue comprises revenue from rendering of services measured by reference to the fair value of consideration received or receivable by the Group for services rendered, excluding value-added tax (VAT).

Revenue is recognized to the extent that the revenue can be reliably measured; it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Group; and, the costs incurred or to be incurred can be measured reliably. In addition, the following specific recognition criteria must also be met before revenue is recognized:

- (a) Rendering of services (commissions, underwriting fees, financial and management advisory fees) Revenue is recognized when contractually agreed tasks have been substantially rendered.
- (b) Gain on sale of investments Revenue is recognized when the ownership of the securities is transferred to the buyer (at an amount equal to the excess of the selling price over the carrying amount of securities).
- (c) Interest Revenue is recognized as the interest accrues taking into account the effective yield on the assets.
- (d) Rental Revenue is recognized on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Costs and expenses are recognized in the consolidated profit or loss upon utilization of services or at the date they are incurred. All finance costs are reported in profit or loss on an accrual basis, except for borrowing costs capitalized as part of the cost of any qualifying asset (see Note 2.23).

# 2.19 Securities Transactions

Securities transactions (and related commission income and expense, if applicable) are recorded on a transaction date basis.

## 2.20 Leases

- (a) Group as lessee Leases, which do not transfer to the Group substantially all the risks and benefits of ownership of the asset, are classified as operating leases. Operating lease payments are recognized as expense in the consolidated profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Associated costs, such as maintenance and insurance, are expensed as incurred.
- (b) Group as lessor Leases, which do not transfer to the lessee substantially all the risks and benefits of ownership of the asset, are classified as operating leases. Lease income from operating leases is recognized as income in the consolidated profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

The Group determines whether an arrangement is, or contains, a lease based on the substance of the arrangement. It makes an assessment of whether the fulfillment of the arrangement is dependent on the use of a specific asset or assets and the arrangement conveys a right to use the asset.

## 2.21 Foreign Currency Transactions and Translation

The accounting records of the Group are maintained in Philippine pesos. Foreign currency transactions during the year are translated into the functional currency at exchange rates which approximate those prevailing on transaction dates.

Foreign currency gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognized in the consolidated profit or loss.

## 2.22 Employee Benefits

The Group provides post-employment benefits to employees through a defined benefit plan and defined contribution plans, and other employee benefits which are recognized as follows:

## (a) Post-employment Defined Benefits Plan

A defined benefit plan is a post-employment plan that defines an amount of post-employment benefit that an employee will receive on retirement, usually dependent on one or more factors such as age, years of service and salary. The legal obligation for any benefits from this kind of post-employment plan remains with the Group, even if plan assets for funding the defined benefit plan have been acquired. Plan assets may include assets specifically designated to a long-term benefit fund, as well as qualifying insurance policies. The Group's defined benefit post-employment plan covers all regular full-time employees. The pension plan is tax-qualified and non-contributory.

The liability recognized in the statement of financial position for a defined benefit plan is the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the end of the reporting period less the fair value of plan assets. The defined benefit obligation is calculated annually by independent actuaries using the projected unit credit method. The present value of the defined benefit obligation is determined by discounting the estimated future cash outflows for expected benefit payments using a discount rate derived from the interest rates of zero-coupon government bonds as published by Philippine Dealing & Exchange Corporation, that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits will be paid and that have terms to maturity approximating to the terms of the related post-employment liability.

Remeasurements, comprising of actuarial gains and losses arising from experience adjustments and changes in actuarial assumptions and the return on plan assets (excluding amount included in net interest) are reflected immediately in the consolidated statement of financial position with a charge or credit recognized in other comprehensive income in the period in which they arise. Net interest is calculated by applying the discount rate at the beginning of the period, taking account of any changes in the net defined benefit liability or asset during the period as a result of contributions and benefit payments. Net interest is reported as part of Finance Costs or Finance Income account in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

Past-service costs are recognized immediately in profit or loss in the period of a plan amendment or curtailment.

## (b) Post-employment Defined Contribution Plan

A defined contribution plan is a post-employment plan under which the Group pays fixed contributions into an independent entity. The Group has no legal or constructive obligations to pay further contributions after payment of the fixed contribution. The contributions recognized in respect of defined contribution plans are expensed as they fall due. Liabilities and assets may be recognized if underpayment or prepayment has occurred and are included in current liabilities or current assets as they are normally of a short-term nature.

## (c) Compensated Absences

Compensated absences are recognized for the number of paid leave days (including holiday entitlement) remaining at the end of the reporting period. They are included as part of Other under the Accounts Payable and Other Liabilities account (see Note 16) in the consolidated statement of financial position at the undiscounted amount that the Group expects to pay as a result of the unused entitlement.

## 2.23 Borrowing Costs

Borrowing costs are recognized as expenses in the period in which they are incurred, except to the extent that they are capitalized. Borrowing costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset (i.e., an asset that takes a substantial period of time to get ready for its intended use or sale) are capitalized as part of cost of such asset. The capitalization of borrowing costs commences when expenditures for the asset and borrowing costs are being incurred and activities that are necessary to prepare the asset for its intended use or sale are in progress. Capitalization ceases when substantially all such activities are complete.

Investment income earned on the temporary investment of specific borrowings pending their expenditure on qualifying assets is deducted from the borrowing costs eligible for capitalization.

# 2.24 Income Taxes

Tax expense recognized in profit or loss comprises the sum of deferred tax and current tax not recognized in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, if any.

Current tax assets or liabilities comprise those claims from, or obligations to, fiscal authorities relating to the current or prior reporting period, that are uncollected or unpaid at the end of the reporting period. They are calculated using the tax rates and tax laws applicable to the fiscal periods to which they relate, based on the taxable profit for the year. All changes to current tax assets or liabilities are recognized as a component of tax expense in profit or loss.

Deferred tax is accounted for using the liability method, on temporary differences at the end of the reporting period between the tax base of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes. Under the liability method, with certain exceptions, deferred tax liabilities are recognized for all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognized for all deductible temporary differences and the carryforward of unused tax losses and unused tax credits to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences can be utilized. Unrecognized deferred tax assets are reassessed at the end of each reporting period and are recognized to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profit will be available to allow such deferred tax assets to be recovered.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the asset is realized or the liability is settled provided such tax rates have been enacted or substantively enacted at the end of the reporting period.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and reduced to the extent that it is probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be utilized.

The measurement of deferred tax liabilities and assets reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Group expects, at the end of the reporting period, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

Most changes in deferred tax assets or liabilities are recognized as a component of tax expense in profit or loss, except to the extent that it relates to items recognized in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. In this case, the tax is also recognized in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, respectively.

Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset if the Group has a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and the deferred taxes relate to the same entity and the same taxation authority.

# 2.25 Earnings (Loss) Per Share

Earnings (loss) per share is determined by dividing consolidated net profit (loss) by the weighted average number of common shares issued and outstanding during the year.

Diluted earnings per share is computed by adjusting the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding to assume conversion of dilutive potential shares.

# 2.26 Events After the End of the Reporting Period

Any post-year-end event that provides additional information about the Group's financial position at the end of the reporting period (adjusting event) is reflected in the financial statements. Post-year-end events that are not adjusting events, if any, are disclosed when material to the consolidated financial statements.

# 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGMENTS AND ESTIMATES

The preparation of the Group's consolidated financial statements in accordance with PFRS requires management to make judgments and estimates that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and related notes. Judgments and estimates 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. Actual results may ultimately differ from these estimates.

# 3.01 Critical Management Judgments in Applying Accounting Policies

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

## (a) Impairment of AFS Financial Assets

The determination when an investment is other-than-temporarily impaired requires significant judgment. In making this judgment, the Group evaluates, among other factors, the duration and extent to which the fair value of an investment is less than its cost, and the financial health of and near-term business outlook for the investee, including factors such as industry and sector performance, changes in technology and operational and financing cash flows. Future changes in those information and circumstance might significantly affect the carrying amount of the assets.

Allowance for impairment losses on the Group's AFS financial assets amounts to P150.3 million and P144.9 million as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively (see Note 9).

### (b) Distinguishing Operating and Finance Leases

The Group has entered into various lease agreements either as a lessor or lessee. Critical judgment was exercised by management to distinguish each lease agreement as either an operating or finance lease by looking at the transfer or retention of significant risk and rewards of ownership of the properties covered by the agreements. Failure to make the right judgment will result in either overstatement or understatement of assets and liabilities.

### (c) Distinguishing Investment Properties and Owner-occupied Properties

The Group determines whether a property qualifies as investment property. In making its judgment, the Group considers whether the property generates cash flows largely independent of the other assets held by an entity. Owner-occupied properties generate cash flows that are attributable not only to the property but also to other assets used in the production or supply process.

### (d) Recognition of Provisions and Contingencies

Judgment is exercised by management to distinguish the difference between provisions and contingencies. Policies on recognition of provision and contingencies are discussed in Note 2.15 and relevant disclosures are presented in Note 23.

### 3.02 Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The following are the key assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the end of the reporting period, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period:

# (a) Estimating Useful Lives of Property and Equipment, Investment Properties and Computer Software

The Group estimates the useful lives of property and equipment, investment properties and computer software based on the period over which the assets are expected to be available for use. The estimated useful lives of property and equipment, investment properties and computer software are reviewed periodically and are updated if expectations differ from previous estimates due to physical wear and tear, technical and legal or other limits on the use of the assets.

The carrying amounts of property and equipment, investment properties and computer software are analyzed in Notes 12, 13.03 and 13.06, respectively. Based on management's assessment as at December 31, 2014 and 2013, there is no change in the estimated useful lives of property and equipment, investment properties and computer software during those years. Actual results, however, may vary due to changes in estimates brought about by changes in factors mentioned above.

#### (b) Impairment of Receivables

Allowance is made for specific and groups of accounts, where objective evidence of impairment exists. The Group evaluates these accounts based on available facts and circumstances, including, but not limited to, the length of the Group's relationship with the customers, the customers' current credit status, average age of accounts, collection experience and historical loss experience. The methodology and assumptions used in estimating future cash flows are reviewed regularly by the Company to reduce any differences between loss estimates and actual loss experience.

The carrying value of receivables and the analysis of allowance for impairment on such financial assets are shown in Note 10.

### (c) Valuation of Financial Assets Other Than Receivables

The Group carries certain financial assets at fair value, which requires the extensive use of accounting estimates and judgment. Significant components of fair value measurement were determined using verifiable objective evidence such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates, volatility rates. However, the amount of changes in fair value would differ if the Group utilized different valuation methods and assumptions. Any change in fair value of these financial assets would affect the consolidated profit and loss and other comprehensive income. In 2014, 2013 and 2012, most of the Group's financial assets measured at fair value are valued using price quoted in an active market.

The carrying values of the Group's financial assets at FVTPL and AFS financial assets and the amounts of fair value changes recognized during the years on those assets are disclosed in Notes 8 and 9, respectively.

### (d) Determining Realizable Amount of Deferred Tax Assets

The Group reviews its deferred tax assets at the end of each reporting period and reduces the carrying amount 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 carrying values of recognized and unrecognized deferred tax assets as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 are disclosed in Note 21.

### (e) Impairment of Non-financial Assets

In assessing impairment, management estimates the recoverable amount of each asset or a cash-generating unit based on expected future cash flows and uses an interest rate to calculate the present value of those cash flows. Estimation uncertainty relates to assumptions about future operating results and the determination of a suitable discount rate (see Note 2.13). Though management believes that the assumptions used in the estimation of fair values reflected in the consolidated financial statements are appropriate and reasonable, significant changes in these assumptions may materially affect the assessment of recoverable values and any resulting impairment loss could have a material adverse effect on the results of operations.

No impairment loss on non-financial assets was recognized in 2014, 2013 and 2012.

### (f) Valuation of Post-employment Defined Benefit Obligation

The determination of the Group's retirement benefit obligation is dependent on the selection of certain assumptions used by actuaries in calculating such amounts. Those assumptions include, among others, discount rates, expected rate of return on plan assets and salary rate increase. A significant change in any of these actuarial assumptions may generally affect the recognized expense, other comprehensive income or losses and the carrying amount of the post-employment benefit obligation in the next reporting period.

The amounts of retirement benefit obligation and expense and an analysis of the movements in the estimated present value of post-employment benefit, as well as the significant assumptions used in estimating such obligation are presented in Note 18.02.

### (g) Fair Value Measurement for Investment Properties

The Group's investment properties are composed of condominium units carried at cost at the end of the reporting period. The fair value of investment properties as, disclosed in Note 13.03, is determined by reference to market-based evidence, which is the amount for which the assets could be exchanged between a knowledgeable willing buyer and seller in an arm's length transaction as at the valuation date. Such amount is influenced by different factors including the location and specific characteristics of the property (e.g., size, features, and capacity), quantity of comparable properties available in the market, and economic condition and behaviour of the buying parties. A significant change in these elements may affect prices and the value of the assets.

# 4. RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The Group is exposed to a variety of financial risks which result from both its operating, financing and investing activities. The risk management activities at the level of each company in the Group is coordinated with the Parent Company, in close cooperation with the BOD, and focuses on actively securing the Group's short-to-medium-term cash flows by minimizing the exposure to financial markets. Long-term financial investments are managed to generate lasting returns.

The most significant financial risks to which the Group is exposed to are described below and in the succeeding pages.

### 4.01 Interest Rate Risk

The following table illustrates the sensitivity of the Group's profit before tax and equity to a reasonably possible change in the Group's interest-bearing loans and borrowings' interest rates of +/-1.48% in 2014 and +/-1.98% in 2013. These changes are considered to be reasonably possible based on observation of current market conditions. The calculations are based on a change in the average market interest rate for each period, and the financial instruments held at the end of each reporting period that are sensitive to changes in interest rates. All other variables are held constant.

		Effect on Profit before Tax				
		Positive	Negative			
		Change		Change		
2014 (+/-1.48%)	Р	40,023,557	(P	40,023,557)		
2013 (+/-1.98%)		51,592,298	(	51,592,298)		

## 4.02 Foreign Currency Risk

Foreign currency risk arises mainly from potential losses from the changes in the exchange rates of the Group's foreign currency-denominated assets.

The Group seeks to mitigate the effect of its foreign currency exposure by limiting its foreign currency transactions to the extent possible. The Group does not enter into forward contracts or hedging transactions.

The Group's United States (US) dollar-denominated financial instruments pertain only to cash in bank, translated into Philippine pesos at the closing rates, amounting to P615,900 in 2014 and P105,453 in 2013.

The exchange rates used was P44.617:US\$1 and P44.414:US\$1 as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

The table below demonstrates the possible impact of the changes in the exchange rates of the Philippines peso and US dollars on the Group's profit before tax and equity. It assumes a +/-27.87% and +/-23.40% change of the Philippine peso – US dollar exchange rate for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. These percentages have been determined based on the average market volatility in the exchange rates in the previous 12 months, estimated at 99% confidence level, with all other variables held constant.

	_	ositive Change	Negative <u>Change</u>	
2014 (+/- 27.87%) Profit before tax Equity	Р	171,651 120,156	(P (	171,651) 120,156)
2013 (+/- 23.40%) Profit before tax Equity	Р	24,676 17,273	(P (	24,676) 17,273)

The Group's exposures to changes in foreign exchange rates may differ at various periods each year, depending on the volume of foreign currency-denominated transactions; hence, the foregoing effects should not be construed to be representative of the Group's foreign currency exposure at any particular point in time.

## 4.03 Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty may fail to discharge an obligation to the Group. The Group is exposed to this risk for various financial instruments, for example by granting loans and receivables to customers and placing deposits.

The Group continuously monitors defaults of customers and other counterparties, identified either individually or by group, and incorporates this information into its credit risk controls. The Group's policy is to deal only with creditworthy counterparties. In addition, for a significant proportion of sales, advance payments are received to mitigate credit risk.

Generally, the maximum credit risk exposure of financial assets is the carrying amount of the financial assets as shown on the consolidated statements of financial position (or in the detailed analysis provided in the notes to the consolidated financial statements) as summarized below.

	Notes	2014	2013
Cash in banks Receivables – net	7 10	P 114,314,012 1,859,741,250	P 166,553,606 1,879,180,084
		<u>P 1,974,055,262</u>	<u>P_2,045,733,690</u>

The credit risk for cash is considered negligible since the counterparties are reputable banks with high quality external credit ratings. Cash presented in the analysis above do not include cash on hand amounting to P86,621 as of December 31,2014 and 2013. It only includes cash in banks and short-term placements which are insured by the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation up to a maximum coverage of P500,000 for every depositor per banking institution.

Neither Past Due Nor Impaired Past Due but Standard not Individually High Grade Grade Impaired Total December 31, 2014 Cash in bank <u>P 114,314,012</u> P Р Р 114,314,012 -Receivables: Customers/brokers 1,002,599,946 5,127,887 1,007,727,833 -633,765,644 Equity margin loans 633,765,644 6,758,770 Accounts receivable 167,240,650 187,397,257 194,156,027 105,689,193 105,689,193 Due from clearing house Interest receivable 65,141,629 65,141,629 25,500,000 25,500,000 Management fee receivable Notes receivable 5,086,574 92,939,251 98,025,825 Others 14,144,861 14,144,861 Receivables - gross 6,758,770 1,851,927,847 285,464,395 2,144,151,012 Allowance for impairment 284,409,762) ( 284,409,762) Receivables - net 6,758,770 1,851,927,847 1,054,633 1,859,741,250 P 121,072,782 P1,851,927,847 Р 1,054,633 P 1,974,055,262 December 31, 2013 Cash in bank <u>P 166,553,606 P</u> 166,553,606 Р Р Receivables: Customers/brokers 26,759,349 1,004,984,073 25,572,306 1,057,315,728 Equity margin loans 633,765,644 633,765,644 Accounts receivable 3,559,589 208,372,851 211,932,440 107,739,251 107,739,251 Notes receivable 57,854,154 Management fee receivable 57,854,154 29,100,000 29,100,000 Interest receivable Due from clearing house 4,909,141 Others 4,909,141 Receivables - gross 30,318,938 1,847,122,568 225,174,852 2,102,616,358 Allowance for Impairment <u>223,436,274</u>) ( 223,436,274) Receivables - net 30,318,938 1,847,122,568 1,738,578 1,879,180,084 P 196,872,544 P1,847,122,568 Р 1,738,578 P 2,045,733,690

The table below shows the credit quality by class of financial assets as of December 31.

Certain receivables of the Group are partially secured by borrowers' collaterals and customers' stocks traded in the PSE that are held by the Group. Other financial assets are not secured by collateral or other credit enhancements.

Management believes that the amount of past due but not individually impaired receivables are still recoverable as the Group's management has regular communication with the debtors for the settlement of the receivables. In respect of receivables, the Group is not exposed to any significant credit risk exposure to any single counterparty or any group of counterparties having similar characteristics.

### 4.04 Liquidity Risk

The Group manages its liquidity needs by carefully monitoring scheduled debt servicing payments for long-term financial liabilities as well as cash outflows due in a day-to-day business. Liquidity needs are monitored in various time bands, on a day-to-day and week-to-week basis, as well as on the basis of a rolling 30-day projection. Long-term liquidity needs for a six-month and one-year period are identified monthly.

The Group maintains cash to meet its liquidity requirements for up to 60-day periods. Excess cash are invested in time deposits, mutual funds or short-term marketable securities. Funding for long-term liquidity needs is additionally secured by the Group's ability to sell long-term financial assets.

As at December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Group's financial liabilities have contractual maturities which are presented below.

	Cu	rrent	Non-current	
	Within 6 Months	6 to 12 Months	1 to 5 Years	Total
<u>December 31, 2014</u>				
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings Accounts payable and other liabilities (excluding post-employment defined	P 2,353,226,781	P 351,067,592	Р -	P 2,704,294,373
benefit obligation and taxes payable) Due to customers	24,238,541 300,243,157	69,173,236	-	93,411,777 <u>300,243,157</u>
	<u>P2,677,708,479</u>	<u>P 420,240,828</u>	<u>P -</u>	<u>P3,097,949,307</u>
<u>December 31, 2013</u> Interest-bearing loans and borrowings Accounts payable and other liabilities (excluding post-employment defined	P 2,352,488,181	P 252,322,096	P 861,323	P 2,605,671,600
benefit obligation and taxes payable) Due to customers	35,400,170 220,141,921	135,224,053	-	206,024,393 220,141,921
	<u>P 2,608,030,272</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P 861,323</u>	<u>P3,031,837,914</u>

The above contractual maturities reflect the gross cash flows, which may differ from the carrying values of the liabilities at the end of the reporting period.

## 4.05 Other Market Price Risk

The Group's market price risk arises from its investments carried at fair value (financial assets at FVTPL and AFS financial assets). It manages its risk arising from changes in market price by monitoring the changes in the market price of the investments.

The observed volatility rates using standard deviation of the fair values of the Group's investments held at fair value and their impact on the Group's net profit and other comprehensive income as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 are summarized as follows:

			Impact of	f Increase	Impact of	Decrease
	Increase	Decrease	Net Profit	Other Comprehensive Income	Net Profit	Other Comprehensive Income
2014						
Financial assets at FVTPL	+40.64%	-40.64%	P 200,854,332	Р - (	(P 200,854,332)	Р -
AFS financial assets Berjaya Philippines,						
Inc. (BCOR)	+85.25%	-85.25%	-	2,247,967,528	-	( 2,247,967,528 )
Coal Asia Holdings (COAL)	+39.30%	-39.30%	-	495,078	-	( 495,078 )
Premium Leisure Corp. (PLC)	+115.35%	-115.35%	-	6,142,388	-	( 6,142,388 )
Cyber Bay Corp. (CYBR)	+37.37%	-37.37%		2,695,980		(2,695,980_)
			<u>P 200,854,332</u>	<u>P 2,257,300,974</u> (	( <u>P_200,854,332</u> )	( <u>P2,257,300,974</u> )
2013						
Financial assets at FVTPL AFS financial assets Berjaya Philippines,	+11.67%	-11.67%	P 65,090,024	P - (	(P 65,090,024)	Р -
Inc. (BCOR)	+75.44%	-75.44%		1,954,779,583		( <u>1,954,779,583</u> )
			<u>P 65,090,024</u>	<u>P_1,954,779,583</u> (	<u>P 65,090,024</u> )	( <u>P_1,954,779,583</u> )

The investments in listed equity securities (classified as AFS financial assets) are considered long term, strategic investments. In accordance with the Group's policies, no specific hedging activities are undertaken in relation to these investments.

The volatility rates of investment in golf club shares were not presented as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 since the impact of these volatility rates using standard deviation of the golf club shares on the consolidated other comprehensive income would not be significant.

# 5. CATEGORIES AND FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

### 5.01 Carrying Amounts and Fair Values by Category

The cost and fair values of the categories of financial assets and financial liabilities presented in the consolidated statements of financial position are shown below and in the succeeding page.

		20	014	2013		
	Notes	Carrying Amount	Fair Values	Carrying Amount	Fair Values	
Financial assets						
Loans and receivables:						
Cash	7	P 114,400,633	P 114,400,633	P 166,640,227	P 166,640,227	
Receivables – net	10	1,859,741,250	1,859,741,250	1,879,180,084	1,879,180,084	
		1,974,141,883	1,974,141,883	2,045,820,311	2,045,820,311	
Financial assets at FVTPL	8	494,228,180	494,228,180	655,782,861	655,782,861	
AFS financial assets	9	2,659,421,856	2,659,421,856	2,557,207,265	2,557,207,265	
		3,153,650,036	3,153,650,036	3,212,990,126	3,212,990,126	
		<u>P 5,127,791,919</u>	<u>P 5,127,791,919</u>	<u>P 5,258,810,437</u>	<u>P_5,258,810,437</u>	

		20	)14	2013		
	Notes	Carrying Amount	Fair Values	Carrying Amount	Fair Values	
Financial liabilities						
Financial liabilities at amortized cost:						
Interest-bearing loans and						
borrowings	14	P2,704,294,373	P2,704,294,373	P 2,605,671,600	P 2,605,671,600	
Due to customers	15	300,243,157	300,243,157	220,141,921	220,141,921	
Accounts payable and other						
other liabilities	16	93,411,777	93,411,777	206,024,393	206,024,393	
		<u>P 3,097,949,307</u>	<u>P3,097,949,307</u>	<u>P 3,031,837,914</u>	<u>P 3,031,837,914</u>	

## 5.02 Fair Value Hierarchy

In accordance with PFRS 13, the fair value of financial assets and liabilities and non-financial assets which are measured at fair value on a recurring or non-recurring basis and those assets and liabilities not measured at fair value but for which fair value is disclosed in accordance with other relevant PFRS, are categorized into three levels based on the significance of inputs used to measure the fair value. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

- (a) Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that an entity can access at the measurement date;
- (b) Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices); and,
- (c) Level 3: inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

The level within which the asset or liability is classified is determined based on the lowest level of significant input to the fair value measurement.

For purposes of determining the market value at Level 1, a market is regarded as active if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service, or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis.

## 5.03 Financial Instrument Measured at Fair Value

The tables below and in the succeeding page show the fair value hierarchy of the Group's classes of financial assets and financial liabilities measured at fair value in the consolidated statements of financial position on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2014 and 2013.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
<b>December 31, 2014</b> Financial assets at FVTPL AFS financial assets	P 494,228,180 2,659,421,856	P - -	Р - -	P 494,228,180 2,659,421,856
	<u>P 3,153,650,036</u>	<u>P - </u>	<u>P -</u>	<u>P 3,153,650,036</u>

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
December 31, 2013 Financial assets at FVTPL AFS financial assets	P 655,782,861 2,557,207,265	P - -	Р - -	P 655,782,861 2,557,207,265
	<u>P 3,212,990,126</u>	<u>p</u>	<u>P -</u>	<u>P 3,212,990,126</u>

All financial instrument classified as AFS financial assets amounting to P2,659,421,856 and P2,557,207,265 as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, are classified as Level 1 in fair value hierarchy, except for the investments in unquoted equity securities which are measured at cost amounting to P5,348,835 in 2014 because the fair value cannot be reliably measured and therefore are not included in the schedule above (see Note 9).

There were no financial liabilities measured at fair value as of December 31, 2014 and 2013.

# 5.04 Financial Instruments Measured at Amortized Cost for which Fair Value is Disclosed

The tables below and in the succeeding page summarize the fair value hierarchy of the Group's financial assets and financial liabilities which are not measured at fair value in the consolidated statements of financial position but for which fair value is disclosed.

		Decemb	er 31, 2014
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3 Total
Financial assets:			
Cash	P 114,400,633 P	-	P - P 114,400,633
Receivables		-	1,859,741,250 1,859,741,250
	<u>P 114,400,633</u> <u>P</u>	-	<u>P 1,859,741,250</u> <u>P 1,974,141,883</u>
Financial liabilities:			
Interest-bearing loans and			
borrowings	Р - Р	-	P 2,704,294,373 P 2,704,294,373
Due to customers		-	300,243,157 300,243,157
Accounts payable and			
other liabilities		-	93,411,777 93,411,777
	<u>P - P</u>	-	<u>P 3,097,949,307</u> <u>P 3,097,949,307</u>
		Decembe	er 31, 2013
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3 Total
Financial assets:			
Cash	P 166,640,227 P	-	P - P 166,640,227
Receivables		-	1,879,180,084 1,879,180,084
	<u>P 166,640,227</u> P	-	<u>P 1,879,180,084</u> <u>P 2,045,820,311</u>

	December 31, 2013					
		Level 1		Level 2	Level 3	Total
<i>Financial liabilities:</i> Interest-bearing loans and						
borrowings Due to customers	Р	-	Р	-	P 2,605,671,600 P 220,141,921	2,605,671,600 220,141,921
Accounts payable and other liabilities		_		-	206,024,393	206,024,393
	<u>P</u>	_	<u>P</u>	-	<u>P 3,031,837,914</u> P	3,031,837,914

For cash, with fair value included in Level 1, fair value is based on unadjusted quoted amount from the counterparty banks.

The fair values of the financial assets and financial liabilities included in Level 3 above which are not traded in an active market is determined by reference to the current market value of another instrument which is substantially the same after taking into account the related credit risk of counterparties, or is calculated based on the expected cash flows of the underlying net asset base of the instrument.

When the Group uses valuation technique, it maximizes the use of observable market data where it is available and rely as little as possible on entity specific estimates. If all significant inputs required to determine the fair value of an instrument are observable, the instrument is included in Level 2. Otherwise, it is included in Level 3.

## 5.05 Fair Value Measurement of Non-financial Assets

The market value of the Group's investment properties, which consist of condominium units, amounts to P59,969,500 and P27,956,000 as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, based on the market comparable approach that reflects recent transaction prices for similar properties and adjacent properties.

The Level 3 fair value of the condominium units was derived using the observable recent prices of the reference properties and were adjusted for differences in key attributes such as property size, zoning, and accessibility. The most significant input into this valuation approach is the price per square meter; hence, the higher the price per square meter, the higher the fair value of the properties (see Note 13.03).

## 6. SEGMENT REPORTING

The Group's operating businesses are organized and managed separately according to the nature of products and services provided, with each segment representing a strategic business unit that offers different products and serves different markets.

The Group is organized into the following business segments:

(a) Securities brokerage – handles buying and selling of shares of stock, bonds and other securities.

- (b) Investment banking provides services which include underwriting of financial instruments and management fees from financial and management advisory services.
- (c) Leasing and others includes leasing of condominium units and other segment activities, none of which constitute a separately reportable segment.

Transactions between the business segments are on normal commercial terms and conditions.

Funds are ordinarily allocated between segments, resulting in funding cost transfers disclosed in operating income. Interest charged for these funds ranges from 5.0% to 7.0%, 5.0% to 8.3% and 5.0% to 9.30% in 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively (see Note 14).

Inter-segment revenues and expenses also include rentals from the operating leases on condominium units managed by certain segments. There are no other material items of income or expense between the business segments.

Segment assets and liabilities comprise operating assets and liabilities including items such as taxation and borrowings.

The following tables below and in the succeeding page present revenue and profit information regarding industry segments for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 and certain assets and liabilities information regarding industry segments as at December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012.

	December 31, 2014							
	Securities Brokerage	Investment Banking	Leasing and Others Elimination	Group				
Revenues:								
External	P 225,655,569	P 361,181,470	Р 9,600,882 Р -	P 596,437,921				
Inter-segment	846,427	45,572,084	<u>12,365,249</u> ( <u>58,783,759</u> )					
	226,501,996	406,753,554	<u>21,966,131</u> ( <u>58,783,759</u> )	596,437,921				
Expenses:								
External	159,922,235	294,042,119	26,912,361 -	480,876,716				
Inter-segment	54,152,849	79,887,984	- (					
	214,075,084	373,930,103	26,912,361 ( 134,040,833 )	480,876,716				
Profit (loss) before tax	<u>P 12,426,912</u>	32,823,451	( <u>P 4,946,230</u> ) <u>P 75,257,074</u>	<u>P 115,561,205</u>				
Net profit (loss)	<u>P 8,189,344</u>	<u>P 33,149,914</u>	( <u>P 5,669,590</u> ) <u>P 75,257,074</u>	<u>P 110,926,742</u>				
Segment assets	<u>P 914,179,798</u>	<u>P_5,332,852,139</u>	<u>P 502,473,153</u> ( <u>P 1,301,048,725</u> )	<u>P_5,449,456,364</u>				
Segment liabilities	<u>P 584,268,388</u>	<u>P_2,686,118,268</u>	<u>P 355,797,729</u> ( <u>P 467,880,188</u> )	<u>P_3,158,304,197</u>				
Other segment items:								
Capital expenditures	P 1,328,075	Р -	<u>P - P - </u>	P 1,328,075				
Depreciation and amortization	<u>P 10,721,854</u>	<u>P 5,295,924</u>	P 4,631,184 P 280,000	P 20,928,963				

	December 31, 2013					
	Securities Brokerage	Investment Banking	Leasing and Others	Elimination	Group	
Revenues:						
External	P 232,907,892	P 154,166,907	P 13,872,443	Р -	P 400,947,242	
Inter-segment	1,286,322	44,755,148	11,634,079	( <u>57,675,549</u> )		
0	234,194,214	198,922,055	25,506,522	(57,675,549)	400,947,242	
Expenses:						
External	165,623,566	241,561,380	21,206,326	-	412,212,412	
Inter-segment	53,385,724	4,289,825		(		
	219,009,290	245,851,205	21,206,326	(	412,212,412	
Profit (loss) before tax	<u>P 15,184,924</u>	( <u>P 46,929,150</u> )	<u>P 4,300,195</u>	<u>P 16,178,861</u>	( <u>P 11,265,170</u> )	
Net loss	<u>P 10,295,956</u>	( <u>P 45,878,510</u> )	<u>P 4,165,245</u>	<u>P 16,178,861</u>	( <u>P 15,238,448</u> )	
begment assets	<u>P 965,458,377</u>	<u>P_5,649,391,788</u>	<u>P 404,853,619</u>	( <u>P_1,426,644,785</u> )	<u>P 5,593,058,999</u>	
Segment liabilities	<u>P 643,324,912</u>	<u>P_2,703,168,982</u>	<u>P 253,785,895</u>	( <u>P 520,043,875</u> )	<u>P_3,080,235,914</u>	
Other segment items:						
Capital expenditures	<u>P 11,316,095</u>	Р -	Р -	Р -	<u>P 11,316,095</u>	
Depreciation and amortization	P 9.463.560	P 5.564.021	P 4.631.191	P -	P 19,658,769	
			December 31, 2012			
	Securities Brokerage	Investment Banking	December 31, 2012 Leasing and Others	Elimination	Group	
Revenues:		Investment	Leasing	Elimination	Group	
Revenues: External		Investment	Leasing	Elimination_	Group P 329,623,364	
	Brokerage	Investment Banking	Leasing and Others		*	
External	<u>Brokerage</u> P 205,877,059	Investment Banking P 96,104,416	Leasing and Others P 27,641,889	р -		
External	Brokerage P 205,877,059 529,041	Investment Banking P 96,104,416 <u>396,746,505</u>	Leasing and Others P 27,641,889 <u>16,804,150</u>	р (414,079,696)	P 329,623,364	
External Inter-segment	Brokerage   P 205,877,059   529,041 206,406,100   142,226,807 142,226,807	Investment Banking P 96,104,416 <u>396,746,505</u> <u>492,850,921</u> 187,327,662	Leasing and Others P 27,641,889 <u>16,804,150</u>	P(414,079,696) (414,079,696)	P 329,623,364	
External Inter-segment Expenses:	Brokerage   P 205,877,059   529,041 206,406,100   142,226,807 50,656,209	Investment Banking P 96,104,416 <u>396,746,505</u> <u>492,850,921</u> 187,327,662 <u>20,436,306</u>	Leasing and Others P 27,641,889 16,804,150 44,446,039 18,856,492	P - (	P 329,623,364 	
External Inter-segment Expenses: External	Brokerage   P 205,877,059   529,041 206,406,100   142,226,807 142,226,807	Investment Banking P 96,104,416 <u>396,746,505</u> <u>492,850,921</u> 187,327,662	Leasing and Others P 27,641,889 16,804,150 44,446,039	P(414,079,696) (414,079,696)	P 329,623,364	
External Inter-segment Expenses: External	Brokerage   P 205,877,059   529,041 206,406,100   142,226,807 50,656,209	Investment Banking P 96,104,416 <u>396,746,505</u> <u>492,850,921</u> 187,327,662 <u>20,436,306</u>	Leasing and Others P 27,641,889 16,804,150 44,446,039 18,856,492	P - (	P 329,623,364 	
External Inter-segment Expenses: External Inter-segment	Brokerage   P 205,877,059   529,041 206,406,100   142,226,807 50,656,209   192,883,016 192,883,016	Investment Banking P 96,104,416 <u>396,746,505</u> 492,850,921 187,327,662 20,436,306 207,763,968	Leasing and Others P 27,641,889 16,804,150 44,446,039 18,856,492 - 18,856,492	P - (	P 329,623,364 	
External Inter-segment Expenses: External Inter-segment Profit (loss) before tax	Brokerage   P 205,877,059   529,041 206,406,100   142,226,807 50,656,209   192,883,016 192,883,016   P 13,971,048	Investment Banking P 96,104,416 <u>396,746,505</u> 492,850,921 187,327,662 20,436,306 207,763,968 P 285,076,953	Leasing and Others P 27,641,889 16,804,150 44,446,039 18,856,492 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	P - (	P 329,623,364 	
External Inter-segment Expenses: External Inter-segment Profit (loss) before tax Net loss	Brokerage   P 205,877,059   529,041 206,406,100   142,226,807 50,656,209   192,883,016 P   P 13,971,048   P 7,438,246	Investment Banking P 96,104,416 396,746,505 492,850,921 187,327,662 20,436,306 207,763,968 P 285,076,953 P 293,860,510	Leasing and Others P 27,641,889 16,804,150 44,446,039 18,856,492  18,856,492 P 25,589,547 P 25,346,603	P - (	P 329,623,364 	
External Inter-segment Expenses: External Inter-segment Profit (loss) before tax Net loss segment assets Segment liabilities	Brokerage   P 205,877,059   529,041 206,406,100   142,226,807 50,656,209   192,883,016 P   P 13,971,048   P 7,438,246   P 893,128,590	Investment Banking P 96,104,416 396,746,505 492,850,921 187,327,662 20,436,306 207,763,968 P 285,076,953 P 293,860,510 P 5,344,597,873	Leasing and Others P 27,641,889 16,804,150 44,446,039 18,856,492 - 18,856,492 P 25,589,547 P 25,346,603 P 310,761,456	P - (	P 329,623,364 	
External Inter-segment Expenses: External Inter-segment Profit (loss) before tax Net loss Segment assets	Brokerage   P 205,877,059   529,041 206,406,100   142,226,807 50,656,209   192,883,016 P   P 13,971,048   P 7,438,246   P 893,128,590	Investment Banking P 96,104,416 396,746,505 492,850,921 187,327,662 20,436,306 207,763,968 P 285,076,953 P 293,860,510 P 5,344,597,873	Leasing and Others P 27,641,889 16,804,150 44,446,039 18,856,492 - 18,856,492 P 25,589,547 P 25,346,603 P 310,761,456	P - (	P 329,623,364 	

# 7. CASH

This account includes the following:

	2014	2013
Cash in banks Cash on hand	P 114,314,012 86,621	P 166,553,606 86,621
	<u>P 114,400,633</u>	<u>P 166,640,227</u>

The Group maintains a special reserve bank account with a local bank in compliance with the Securities Regulation Code in relation to the securities brokerage business of the Group. The bank account has a balance of P45,416,264 and P119,354,610 as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Foreign currency-denominated cash amounts to P615,900 (US\$13,804) and P105,453 (US\$2,374) as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Cash in banks generally earn interest at rates based on daily bank deposit rates.

# 8. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

The Group's financial assets at FVTPL are composed of equity securities with a total fair value amounting to P494,228,180 and P655,782,861 as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Equity securities include investments in shares of stock of publicly-listed entities which are held solely for trading purposes. These shares are carried at fair value as determined directly by reference to published price quoted in an active market. For investments in shares of stock of publicly-listed entities which are suspended for trading as of the end of the reporting period, the last transacted price before the suspension was used in the determination of their fair value.

In 2014, a certain investment with a carrying amount of P10,697,669 was reclassified from Financial Assets at FVTPL to AFS Financial Assets account as the related shares are no longer held for the purpose of being sold (see Note 9).

The gain on sale of financial assets at FVTPL amounted to P78,766,959 in 2014, P48,536,273 in 2013 and P35,478,265 in 2012. These are presented as part of Gain on Sale of Investments under the Finance Income account in the consolidated statements of profit or loss (see Note 20.01).

The Group recognized changes in fair value of financial assets at FVTPL amounting to P20,727,691 loss in 2014, P19,955,493 loss in 2013 and P23,592,489 gain in 2012. These are presented as part of Finance Income or Finance Costs in the consolidated statements of profit or loss (see Notes 20.01 and 20.02).

# 9. AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE FINANCIAL ASSETS

AFS financial assets pertain to the shares of stock of the following:

	2014	2013
At fair value:		
BCOR	P 2,636,912,056	P2,549,107,265
CYBR	6,860,000	-
PLC	5,325,000	-
COAL	1,324,800	-
Others - club shares	9,000,000	8,100,000
Balance carried forward	<u>P 2,659,421,856</u>	<u>P2,557,207,265</u>

	2014	2013
Balance brought forward	<u>P 2,659,421,856</u>	<u>P2,557,207,265</u>
At cost:		
Universal Rightfield Properties (URP)	144,910,130	144,910,130
Metro Pacific Corporation (MPC)	10,697,669	-
Philippine Central Depository (PCD)	22,800	22,800
	155,630,599	144,932,930
Allowance for impairment	( <u>150,281,764</u> )	( <u>144,932,930</u> )
	5,348,835	
	<u>P 2,664,770,691</u>	<u>P2,557,207,265</u>

The movements of AFS financial assets follow:

-	Note	2014	2013
Balance at beginning of year		P 2,557,207,265	P2,598,351,240
Additions		475,484,978	25,046,250
Reclassification from FVTPL		10,697,669	-
Disposals		( 39,976,826)	( 15,936,296)
Realized fair value gains			
transferred to profit or loss	20.01	( 317,333,803)	( 95,408,304)
Fair value gains (losses)		( 15,959,758)	45,154,375
Impairment loss		( <u>5,348,834</u> )	
Balance at end of year		<u>P 2,664,770,691</u>	<u>P2,557,207,265</u>

Other AFS financial assets pertain to proprietary membership in golf and country club shares.

The fair values of the listed equity securities were determined directly by reference to quoted prices published by the PSE. On the other hand, the fair values of the club shares were determined using the prices published by an SEC-registered club share broker.

Investments in URP and PCD, publicly listed companies whose shares are suspended for trading, were valued at total cost amounting to P144,932,930, and were fully provided with allowance for impairment.

In 2014, the Group's investment in MPC was reclassified out of the FVTPL category as the shares are no longer held for trading (see Note 8). Accordingly, the investment was transferred to AFS financial assets and was provided with an allowance for impairment amounting to P5,348,834. The provision is presented as part of Impairment loss under the Finance Costs account in the 2014 consolidated statement of profit or loss (see Note 20.02).

Fair value gains (losses) on AFS financial assets amounting to (P15,959,758), P45,154,375 and P259,847,206 in 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively, are presented in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income as items that will be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss. Accordingly, as a result of investment disposals, the cumulative fair value gains amounting to P317,333,803, P95,408,304 and P20,305,204 in 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively, were reclassified from equity and are included as part of Gain on sale of investments under the Finance Income account in the consolidated statements of profit or loss (see Note 20.01).

Net cumulative fair value changes on AFS financial assets amount to P2,026,795,476 and P2,360,089,037 as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, and are presented as part of the Revaluation Reserves account in the consolidated statements of financial position (see Note 17.02).

### **10. RECEIVABLES**

The breakdown of this account follows:

	Notes	2014	2013
Customers/brokers	10.02	P 1,007,727,833	P 1,057,315,728
Equity margin loans	10.01	633,765,644	633,765,644
Accounts receivable	10.03,		
	11.02	194,156,027	211,932,440
Due from clearing house		105,689,193	-
Notes receivables	10.04	98,025,825	107,739,251
Interest receivables	10.04	65,141,629	57,854,154
Management fee	11.01	25,500,000	29,100,000
Others	11.03	14,144,862	4,909,141
		2,144,151,012	2,102,616,358
Allowance for impairment		( <u>284,409,762</u> )	( <u>223,436,274</u> )
		<u>P_1,859,741,250</u>	<u>P 1,879,180,084</u>

All receivables of the Group have been reviewed for indications of impairment. Certain receivables were found to be impaired and provisions have been recorded accordingly.

A reconciliation of the allowance for impairment at the beginning and end of 2014 and 2013 is shown below.

	Note	2014	2013
Balance at beginning of year Impairment losses Write-off	20.02	P 223,436,274 71,255,837 ( <u>10,282,349</u> )	P 217,514,424 5,921,850
Balance at end of year		<u>P 284,409,762</u>	<u>P 223,436,274</u>

The maturity profile of the Group's receivables follows:

	2014	2013
Within one year Beyond one year but less than five years	P 1,151,489,896 708,251,354	P1,079,821,035 
	P1.859.741.250	P1.879.180.084

Management believes that the allowance for impairment is adequate to cover any losses from its receivables. The Group is in constant communication with the debtors for the settlement of the receivables. However, during the year, the Group has written-off accounts receivables from certain customers amounting to P10,282,349 whose collection can no longer be reasonably expected, notwithstanding the efforts of management to do so.

## 10.01 Equity Margin Loans

Effective January 1, 2007 and until the BOD reverses the resolution, management decided to stop recognizing interest on equity margin loans by virtue of a board resolution after the Group received requests from its customers for a moratorium on interest charges on equity margin loans. These receivables are secured by certain marketable shares of stock (pledged by certain customers) with a total market value of P580,003,645 and P837,090,393 as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

### 10.02 Receivable from Customers/Brokers

Receivables from customers/brokers result from the Group's securities trading transactions and are normally settled within three days from transaction date. Receivables are subjected to impairment testing based on the present value of the estimated future cash flows.

### 10.03 Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable include a receivable from Kestrel Resources Philippines, Inc. (Kestrel), a third party engaged in purchasing receivables, amounting to P114,019,882 and P116,019,882 as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, which arose from an Assignment of Receivables Agreement executed between the Group and Kestrel on April 12, 2002. Under the agreement, the amount collected by Kestrel including accrued interest, shall be payable to the Group on or before December 31, 2006 which date was subsequently extended to December 31, 2016. These receivables represent the balance of an equity margin loan of a previous customer after deducting a partial settlement through a dacion en pago arrangement, whereby the original debtor transferred to the Group certain condominium units valued at P65,280,000 (see Note 13.03). Under the terms of the assignment, Kestrel grants the Group a call option on all but not part of the receivables, including uncollected but accrued earnings, which have not been collected at the time of the exercise of the call option. The call option is exercisable by the Group any time prior to November 30, 2016. The exercise price of the call option is equal to the uncollected principal of the receivables. The portion of the receivables already collected prior to the exercise of the call option shall constitute the remaining obligation of Kestrel to the Group which is payable on or before December 31, 2016. The call option is considered closely related to its host contract since the exercise price on each exercise date is equivalent to the carrying amount of the host contract.

Management is confident that the receivables will be realized and the original debtor will eventually be able to settle its obligations. Allowance for impairment on receivable from Kestrel amounts to P35,000,000 and P25,000,000 as of December 31, 2014 and 2013. Kestrel made a partial payment of P2,000,000 in 2014 (nil in 2013).

### 10.04 Notes and Interest Receivables

Notes and interest receivables represent outstanding claims from an individual which are due upon demand.

## 11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The summary of the Group's significant transactions with its related parties as of and for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 follows:

		2014	Ļ	2013		
Related Party Category	Note	Amount of Transaction	Outstanding Balance	Amount of Transaction	Outstanding Balance	
Management fees Granting (collections)	11.01	P 40,000,000 I	25,500,000	P 23,121,406	P 29,100,000	
of advances	11.02	( 1,626,995)	4,089,522	900,000	5,716,517	
Lease of properties	11.03	1,362,485	1,956,650	1,362,485	1,678,580	
Key management personnel compensation	11.04	20,783,033	-	22,692,759	-	

All receivables from related parties have been reviewed for indications of impairment. Based on management's assessment, no impairment losses are required to be recognized on these receivables at the end of each reporting period.

## 11.01 Management Fees

The Group earns management fees from Philippine Gaming Management Corporation (PGMC), an entity under common key management personnel, by virtue of the Management Services Agreement (the Agreement) between the Group and PGMC.

Management fees amounted to P40,000,000, P23,121,406 and P68,181,486 in 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and are presented as Management Fees in the consolidated statements of profit or loss. Management fees receivable amounts to P25,500,000 and P29,100,000 as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 and are presented as part of Receivables in the consolidated statements of financial position (see Note 10).

## 11.02 Granting of Advances

The Group grants unsecured interest-bearing loans to employees with interest rates ranging from 12.0% to 12.5%. Receivables from employees as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 amount to P6,569,027 and P5,716,517, respectively. These are presented as part of Accounts Receivables under the Receivables account in the consolidated statements of financial position (see Note 10.03).

Based on management's assessment, advances to employees are not impaired as of December 31, 2014 and 2013.

The Group has a lease agreement with Berjaya Pizza Philippines, Inc. (BPPI), a related party under common key management personnel, covering certain office spaces. Rent income recognized by the Group from this transaction amounted to P1,362,485 in 2014, 2013 and 2012 and is included as part of the Other Income account in the consolidated statements of profit or loss. The outstanding receivable from this transaction amounts to P1,956,650 and P1,678,580 as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, and is included as part of Others under the Receivables account in the statements of financial position (see Note 10).

# 11.04 Key Management Personnel Compensation

Short-term benefits to key management personnel amounted to P17,943,430, P22,692,759 and P21,292,665 in 2014, 2013, and 2012, respectively.

# 12. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

The gross carrying amounts and accumulated depreciation and amortization of property and equipment, at the beginning and end of 2014 and 2013 are shown below.

	Condominium Units	Building Improvements	Transportation Equipment	Computer Equipment	Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	Total
December 31, 2014 Cost Accumulated	P 114,435,714	P 19,300,4411	P 15,782,015	P 17,378,272	P 8,608,296	P 175,504,738
depreciation and amortization	(72,374,318	) (9,633,255 )	(10,270,583)	(14,478,578)	(6,966,916) (	113,723,650)
Net carrying amount	<u>P 42,061,396</u>	<u>P 9,667,186</u>	<u>P 5,511,432</u>	<u>P 2,899,694</u>	<u>P 1,641,380</u>	P 61,781,088
December 31, 2013 Cost Accumulated	P 114,435,714	P 19,080,757	P 16,982,015	P 16,027,158	P 8,284,414	P 174,810,058
depreciation and amortization	(66,676,161	) (8,152,737)	(7,395,256)	(9,629,366)	(5,548,641)(	97,402,161)
Net carrying amount	<u>P 47,759,553</u>	<u>P 10,928,020</u>	<u>P 9,586,759</u>	<u>P 6,397,792</u>	<u>P 2,735,773</u>	P 77,407,897
January 1, 2013 Cost Accumulated	P 114,435,714	P 52,369,380	P 20,270,493	P 71,896,348	P 26,663,636	P 285,635,571
depreciation and amortization	(60,977,999	) (39,887,411 )	(16,451,729)	(	(22,606,823) (	204,719,079)
Net carrying amount	<u>P 53,457,715</u>	<u>P 12,481,969</u>	<u>P 3,818,764</u>	<u>P 7,101,231</u>	<u>P 4,056,813</u>	P 80,916,492

A reconciliation of the carrying amounts at the beginning and end of 2014 and 2013, of property and equipment is shown below.

	Condominium Units	Building Improvements	Transportation Equipment	Computer Equipment	Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	Total
Balance at January 1, 2014, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization Additions Disposals Depreciation and amortization charges	P 47,759,553 - -	P 10,928,020 219,684 -	( 860,000 )	P 6,397,792 945,623 -	P 2,735,773 1 162,768 - (	1,328,075 860,000)
for the year	( <u>5,698,157</u> )	(	(3,215,327)	(4,443,721 )	(1,257,161) (	16,094,884)
Balance at December 31, 2014, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>P 42,061,396</u>	<u>P 9,667,186</u>	<u>P 5,511,432</u>	<u>P 2,899,694</u>	<u>P 1,641,380</u>	<u>2 61,781,088</u>
Balance at January 1, 2013, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization Additions Depreciation and amortization charges for the year	P 53,457,715 - (5,698,162)	P 12,481,969 - (1,553,949)	P 3,818,764 8,656,161	P 7,101,231 2,571,487 (3,274,926)	P 4,056,813 1 88,447 (1,409,487) (	80,916,492 11,316,095 14,824,690)
Balance at December 31, 2013, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>P 47,759,553</u>	<u>P 10,928,020</u>	<u>P 9,586,759</u>	<u>P 6,397,792</u>	<u>P 2,735,773</u> <u>I</u>	2 77,407,897

In 2013, the Group has written-off all fully depreciated computer equipment, leasehold improvements, furniture, fixtures and equipment, and transportation equipment with cost amounting to P58,440,677, P33,288,623, P18,647,699 and P11,944,639, respectively. There were no similar write-offs in 2014 and 2012.

As of December 31, 2014, the cost of fully-depreciated assets that are still in use by the Group amounts to P6,198,333.

In 2014, the Group disposed a certain transportation equipment with a carrying value of P860,000. Such transaction did not result in any gain or loss as the proceeds were equal to the net book value of the asset as at the date of disposal.
#### **13. OTHER ASSETS**

The breakdown of this account follows:

	Р			
12.00	г	117,361,573	Р	109,960,186
13.02		94,159,407		83,911,590
13.01		84,584,951		84,584,951
13.04		15,418,003		15,418,003
13.03		2,007,726		6,431,150
13.05		1,408,000		1,408,000
		328,517		11,153,156
13.06		239,573		650,228
		-		2,961,061
		3,705,371		5,040,939
		319,213,121		321,519,264
(	(	49,260,596)	(	49,260,596)
		·		
(	(	<u>15,418,003</u> )	(	15,418,003)
	Р 2	254,534,522	Р	256,840,665
	13.02 13.01 13.04 13.03 13.05	13.02 13.01 13.04 13.03 13.05 13.06 (	$\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$

# 13.01 Goodwill

Goodwill arose from the acquisition of the three subsidiaries, where the acquisition cost is higher than the fair value of the net assets acquired of each subsidiary. It is subject to annual impairment testing and whenever there is an indication of impairment. The Group did not recognize any impairment loss in 2014, 2013 and 2012.

# 13.02 Creditable Withholding Taxes

This account represents accumulated income tax credits of the Group that remained unapplied as of December 31, 2014 and 2013. These income tax credits will be applied against future income tax liabilities.

# 13.03 Investment Properties

The gross carrying amounts and accumulated depreciation and impairment losses of investment properties at the beginning and end of 2014 and 2013 are shown below.

	December 31, 2014		De	ecember 31, 2013	January 1, 2013	
Cost Accumulated depreciation Accumulated impairment losses	Р (	72,280,000 68,377,596)	Р (	72,280,000 63,954,172)	Р (	72,280,000 59,530,748)
	(	<u>1,894,678</u> )	(	<u>1,894,678</u> )	(	1,894,678)
Net carrying amount	<u>P</u>	2,007,726	<u>P</u>	6,431,150	<u>P</u>	10,854,574

	December 31, 2014		De	ecember 31, 2013	January 1, 2013	
Balance at beginning of year, net of accumulated depreciation and impairment losses Depreciation for the year	P (	6,431,150 4,423,424)	Р (	10,854,574 4,423,424)	Р (	15,277,998 4,423,424)
Balance at end of year, net of accumulated depreciation and impairment losses	<u>P</u>	2,007,726	<u>P</u>	6,431,150	<u>Р</u>	10,854,574

A reconciliation of the carrying amounts at the beginning and end of 2014 and 2013 of investment properties is shown below.

There are no direct operating expenses incurred for the investment properties.

The Group's investment properties are consist mostly of condominium units. These condominium units located in Nasugbu and Batulao, Batangas were acquired and capitalized by the Group as a result of the dacion en pago arrangement with a major customer in exchange for a partial settlement of the latter's loans (see Note 10.03).

The total estimated fair values of the investment properties based on the latest available appraisal report obtained by the Group amounted to P59,969,500 as of December 31, 2014 and P27,956,000 as of December 31, 2013 (see Note 5.05).

#### 13.04 Deferred Oil Exploration Cost

Deferred oil exploration costs represent mainly of costs and related expenses incurred in connection with the Group's participation in the exploration of oil under GSEC-57. The Group believes that while the result of the exploration of the first well indicated that the area covered by the first well may no longer be viable, the potential of the remaining areas is still untested and, thus, future prospects and leads remain valid. In this regard, the consortium applied for its third Non-Exclusive Geophysical Permit which was approved by the Department of Energy on October 31, 1995. The Group's management asserts that the project is still viable and no write-offs have been made by the project proponents. Nonetheless, a full allowance for possible non-recoverability of deferred exploration cost is provided.

#### 13.05 Trading Right

Trading right is assessed as having an indefinite useful life and is carried at cost less accumulated impairment loss. It is tested annually for impairment by comparing its recoverable amount, and recognizing any excess of the carrying amount over the recoverable amount as an impairment loss.

As certified by the PSE, the last transacted price of an exchange right is P8,500,000, which was recorded last December 14, 2011; hence, based from the comparison of the trading right's carrying amount of P1,408,000 as of December 31, 2014, and the recoverable amount, the Group's trading right is not impaired.

#### 13.06 Computer Software

The gross carrying amounts and accumulated amortization at the beginning and end of 2014 and 2013 are shown below.

	December 31,		December 31,		January 1,	
	2014		2013		2013	
Cost	Р	13,389,323	Р	13,389,323	Р	13,389,323
Accumulated amortization	(	<u>13,149,750</u> )	(	<u>12,739,095</u> )	(	12,328,440)
Net carrying amount	<u>P</u>	239,573	<u>P</u>	650,228	<u>P</u>	1,060,883

A reconciliation of the carrying amounts at the beginning and end of 2014 and 2013 of computer software is shown below.

	December 31, 2014		December 31, 2013		January 1, 2013	
Balance at beginning of year, net of accumulated amortization Amortization for the year Additions	P (	650,228 410,655) -	Р (	1,060,883 410,655)	P (	293,675 359,399) 1,126,607
Balance at end of year, net of accumulated amortization	<u>P</u>	239,573	<u>p</u>	650,228	<u>P</u>	1,060,883

# 14. INTEREST-BEARING LOANS AND BORROWINGS

As of December 31, this account consists of:

	2014	2013
Notes payable Bank loans	P 2,633,537,276 70,757,097	P 2,541,162,351 64,509,249
	<u>P 2,704,294,373</u>	<u>P_2,605,671,600</u>

Notes payable represents short-term unsecured loans from various funders bearing annual interest at rates ranging from 5.0% to 7.0%, 5.0% to 8.3% and 5.0% to 9.30% in 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

Management considers the carrying amounts of interest-bearing loans and borrowings recognized in the consolidated statements of financial position to be reasonable approximation of their fair values due to their short duration.

The fair values of long-term financial liabilities have been determined by calculating their present values at the consolidated statements of financial position date using fixed effective market interest rates applicable to the Group. No fair value changes have been included in the consolidated statements of profit or loss as financial liabilities are carried at amortized cost in the consolidated statements of financial position.

The contractual maturities of these interest-bearing loans and borrowings as of December 31 follow:

	2014	2013
Within one year Within two to five years	P 2,704,294,373	P 2,604,813,857 857,743
	<u>P 2,704,294,373</u>	P 2,605,671,600

Interest expenses pertaining to these interest-bearing loans and borrowings, which are presented as part of the Finance Costs account in the consolidated statements of profit or loss, amounted to P184,403,786, P179,213,236 and P153,269,552 in 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively, which include accrued interests of P15,734,400 and P16,144,239, as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, presented as part of Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses under the Accounts Payable and Other Liabilities account in the consolidated statements of financial position (see Notes 16 and 20.02).

#### **15. DUE TO CUSTOMERS**

Due to customers arise from the Group's securities brokerage activities. These are normally settled within three days after the respective trading dates and are all noninterest-bearing. Management considers the carrying amounts recognized in the consolidated statements of financial position to be the reasonable approximation of their fair values. Outstanding balances as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 amount to P300,243,157 and P220,141,921, respectively.

#### **16. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND OTHER LIABILITIES**

This account consists of:

	Notes	2014			2013
Payable to clearing house Post-employment defined		Р	50,000,853	Р	57,796,921
benefit obligation Accounts payable and	18.02		40,838,226		45,860,331
accrued expenses	14		39,411,154		130,741,789
Taxes payable			19,516,664		2,537,669
Dividend payable			1,081,508		5,470,302
Others			2,918,262		12,015,381
		<u>P</u>	153,766,667	<u>P</u>	254,422,393

Management considers the carrying amounts of accounts payable and other liabilities recognized in the consolidated statements of financial position to be reasonable approximation of their fair values due to their short duration.

# 17. EQUITY

# 17.01 Capital Stock and Treasury Shares

As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, these accounts consist of:

Shares	Amount
1,193,200,000	<u>P 1,193,200,000</u>
171,413,600	<u>P 385,670,581</u>
	<u>Shares</u> <u>1,193,200,000</u> <u>171,413,600</u>

## 17.02 Revaluation Reserves

The components and reconciliation of items of other comprehensive income presented in the consolidated statements of changes in equity at their aggregate amount under Revaluation Reserves account, are shown below.

	AFS Financial Assets	Post-employment Benefit <u>Obligation</u>	Total
Balance as of January 1, 2014	<u>P 2,360,089,037</u>	( <u>P 12,431,914</u> )	<u>P 2,347,657,123</u>
Remeasurements of post-employment		537,102	527 102
defined benefit obligation	-	557,102	537,102
Fair value losses on AFS financial assets	( 15,959,758)	-	( 15,959,758)
Fair value gains on disposed AFS financial assets reclassified to profit or loss	( 317,333,803)	_	( 317,333,803)
Tax income	_	158,799	158,799
Other comprehensive gain (loss)	( <u>333,293,561</u> )	695,901	( <u>332,597,660</u> )
Balance as of December 31, 2014	<u>P 2,026,795,476</u>	( <u>P 11,736,013</u> )	<u>P 2,015,059,463</u>
Balance as of January 1, 2013	<u>P 2,410,342,966</u>	( <u>P 14,494,490</u> )	<u>P 2,395,848,476</u>
Remeasurements of post-employment			
defined benefit obligation	-	2,258,779	2,258,779
Fair value gains on AFS financial assets	45,154,375	-	45,154,375
Fair value gains on disposed AFS financial			
assets reclassified to profit or loss	( 95,408,304)	-	( 95,408,304)
Tax expense		(196,203)	(196,203)
Other comprehensive gain (loss)	(50,253,929)	2,062,576	( <u>48,191,353</u> )
Balance as of December 31, 2013	<u>P 2,360,089,037</u>	( <u>P 12,431,914</u> )	<u>P 2,347,657,123</u>

# 17.03 Capital Management Objectives, Policies and Procedures

The Group's capital management objectives are to ensure the Group's ability to continue as a going concern and to provide an adequate return to shareholders.

The Group sets the amount of capital in proportion to its overall financing structure, i.e., equity and financial liabilities. The Group manages the capital structure and makes adjustments to it in light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of the underlying assets. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Group may issue new shares or sell assets to reduce debt.

The Group has existing loans with a local bank and various funders. A reasonable level of debt-to-equity is maintained to properly manage the Group's operations. Presented below is the 2014 and 2013 debt-to-equity ratio of the Group:

	2014	2013		
Total liabilities Total equity	P 3,158,304,197 2,291,152,167	P 3,080,235,914 2,512,823,085		
Debt-to-equity ratio	1.38:1.00	1.23:1.00		

# 17.04 Capital Requirements for ASC

#### 17.04.01 Minimum Capital Requirement - SEC

On November 11, 2004, the SEC approved memorandum Circular No. 16 which provides for the guidelines on the adoption in the Philippines of the Risk-Based Capital Adequacy (RBCA) Framework for all registered broker dealers in accordance with the Securities Regulation Code. These guidelines cover the following risks:

- (a) Position on market risk;
- *(b)* Credit risks such as counterparty, settlement, large exposure and margin financing risks; and,
- (c) Operational risks.

ASC monitors capital on the basis of RBCA ratio and Net Liquid Capital (NLC). RBCA requirement is the minimum level of capital that has to be maintained by firms which are licensed, or securing a broker dealer license, taking into consideration the firm size, complexity and business risk. Such risks that are considered in determining the capital requirement include, among others, Operational, Position and Credit Risk (which include counterparty, large exposure, underwriting, and margin financing risks).

RBCA ratio is the quotient of the NLC and the sum of the requirements for operation risk, credit risk and position or market risk. NLC, on the other hand, represents the equity eligible for NLC adjusted for non-allowable current and non-current assets as described under the circular.

In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, ASC may adjust the amount of dividends paid to shareholders, issue new shares or sell assets to reduce debt.

Under the guidelines set-out by the SEC, all registered brokers dealers should maintain the following RBCA and NLC requirements:

- (a) RBCA ratio of greater than or equal to 1:1.1;
- (b) NLC should be at least P5.0 million or 5.0% of aggregate indebtedness, whichever is higher;
- (c) A dealer who deals only with proprietary shares and does not keep shares in its custody shall maintain a net capital of P2.5 million or 2.5% of aggregate indebtedness, whichever is higher;
- (d) In cases where in order to meet an RBCA ratio of at least 1.1, an NLC higher than P5.0 million is required, the higher NLC shall be maintained; and,
- (e) No broker dealer shall permit its aggregate indebtedness to exceed 2000% of its NLC.

As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, ASC is in compliance with minimum capital requirement set out by the RBCA framework. The Group's RBCA ratio is 171.0% and 143.0% as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

# 17.04.02 Minimum Capital Requirement – Philippine Stock Exchange's Rules Governing Trading Rights and Trading Participants

On May 28, 2009, the SEC approved PSE's Rules Governing Trading Rights and Trading Participants which provides among others the following provisions:

- (a) Trading participants should have a minimum unimpaired paid-up capital (defined as the trading participant's total paid up capital less any deficiency in the retained earnings account) of P20,000,000 effective December 31, 2009, provided further that effective December 31, 2010 and onwards, the minimum unimpaired paid up capital shall be P30,000,000; and,
- (b) Each trading participant shall pledge its trading right to the extent of its full value to secure the payment of all of debts and claims due to the trading participant, the government, PSE and to other trading participants of the PSE and to the Securities Clearing Corporation of the Philippines.

As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the ASC is in compliance with PSE's Rules Governing Trading Rights and Trading Participants.

#### 17.04.03 Retained Earnings Appropriation

Rule 49.1 (B), Reserve Fund of SEC Memorandum Circular No. 16 requires that every broker dealer shall annually appropriate a certain minimum percentage of its audited profit after tax and transfer the same to Appropriated Retained Earnings account. Appropriation shall be 30%, 20% and 10% of profit after tax for broker dealers with unimpaired paid-up capital of between P10,000,000 to P30,000,000; between P30,000,000 to P50,000,000; and above P50,000,000 million, respectively.

No appropriations were made by the Company in 2014 and 2013 since ASC has a deficit amounting to P61,764,403 and P69,653,747 as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

## 17.05 Capital Requirements for ACIC

Under the provisions of Section 8 of RA No. 8366, an Act amending Presidential Decree No. 129, otherwise known as the Investment Houses Law, ACIC is required to maintain a minimum paid-up capital of P300,000,000.

As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, ACIC is in compliance with minimum capital requirement set out by the RA No. 8366.

#### 17.06 Track Record

On November 17, 1994, the SEC approved the listing of the Parent Company's shares totaling 1,193,200,000. The shares were initially issued at an offer price of P1.00 per share. As of December 31, 2014, there are 111 holders of the listed shares equivalent to 100% of the Company's total outstanding shares. Such listed shares closed at P0.85 per share as of December 31, 2014.

# **18. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

#### 18.01 Salaries and Employee Benefits

Details of employee benefits are presented below.

	Note		2014		2013		2012
Salaries and wages Bonuses Retirement benefits Staff benefits Social security costs	18.02	Р	36,522,107 5,442,845 3,612,994 3,416,547 1,154,577	Р	38,198,908 5,464,376 3,504,551 2,606,945 1,006,851	Р	34,858,393 4,569,341 5,776,435 3,343,460 982,166
Other short-term benefits			58,218		103,100		98,500
		<u>P</u>	50,207,288	<u>P</u>	50,884,731	<u>P</u>	49,628,295

#### 18.02 Post-Employment Defined Benefit

#### (a) Characteristics of the Defined Benefit Plan

The Group maintains a tax-qualified and noncontributory retirement plan that is being administered by a trustee bank covering all regular full-time employees. The plan is partially funded as of December 31, 2014 and 2013. Actuarial valuations are made each year to update the post-employment benefit costs and the amount of contributions. The latest actuarial valuation report of the Group's retirement benefit plan as of December 31, 2014 is dated March 24, 2015.

The normal retirement age is 60 with a minimum of 5 years of credited service. Normal retirement benefit is an amount equivalent to 100% of latest monthly salary for every year of credited service, and the manner of payment is lump sum.

#### (b) Explanation of Amounts Presented in the Financial Statements

All amounts presented in the succeeding pages are based on the actuarial valuation report obtained from an independent actuary in 2014. The amounts of post-employment defined benefit obligation recognized and recorded as part of Accounts Payable and Other Liabilities (see Note 16) in the consolidated statements of financial position are determined as follows:

	2014			2013
Present value of the obligation Fair value of plan assets	Р (	52,985,861 12,147,635)	Р (	50,860,331 <u>5,000,000</u> )
	<u>P</u>	40,838,226	<u>P</u>	45,860,331

The movements in present value of the post-employment defined benefit obligation recognized in the books follow:

		2014	2013		
Balance at beginning of year Current service cost Interest cost	Р	50,860,331 3,612,994 2,267,539	Р	46,847,179 3,504,551 2,767,380	
Benefits paid Remeasurements: Actuarial losses (gains) arising from	(	3,733,672)		_	
changes in: Experience adjustments Changes in financial assumptions	(	247,790 269,121)	(	2,357,809 4,616,588)	
	<u>P</u>	<u>52,985,861</u>	P	50,860,331	

The movements in the fair value of plan assets are as follows:

	2014	2013
Balance at beginning of year	P 5,000,000	Р -
Contributions	10,000,000	5,000,000
Benefits paid	( 3,733,672)	) -
Interest income	365,536	-
Remeasurement gain	515,771	
Balance at end of year	<u>P 12,147,635</u>	<u>P 5,000,000</u>

		2014		2013
Cash and cash equivalents Government bonds Unit Investment Trust Funds (UITFs) Others	Р	1,104,221 6,498,985 4,521,349 <u>23,080</u>	Р	5,000,000 - - -
	<u>P</u>	12,147,635	<u>P</u>	5,000,000

The composition of the fair value of plan assets at the end of each reporting period by category is shown below.

The fair value of the above debt securities were determined based on quoted market prices in active markets (classified as Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy).

The plan assets earned a return amounting to P881,307 in 2014 (nil in 2013). As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the plan assets do not comprise any of the Group's own financial instruments.

The components of amounts recognized in consolidated statements profit or loss and in other comprehensive income in respect of the post-employment defined benefit plan are as follows:

		2014		2013		2012
Reported in profit or loss: Current service cost Net interest cost	P	3,612,994 1,902,003	P	3,504,551 2,767,380	Р	5,776,435 <u>8,308</u>
	<u>P</u>	<u>5,514,997</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>6,271,931</u>	<u>P</u>	5,784,743
Reported in other comprehensive income: Actuarial gains (losses) arising from changes in:						
Experience adjustments	(P	247,790)	(P	2,357,809)	Р	-
Financial assumptions Remeasurement gain on	,	269,121		4,616,588		-
plan assets		515,771				_
-		537,102		2,258,779		-
Tax income (expense)		158,799	(	196,203)		
	<u>P</u>	695,901	<u>P</u>	2,062,576	<u>P</u>	

Current service cost is recorded as part of Employee Benefits in the consolidated statements of profit or loss (see Note 18.01).

Net interest cost is presented under the Finance Costs account in the consolidated statements of profit or loss (see Note 20.02).

Amount recognized in other comprehensive income is included and is presented as item that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss.

In determining the retirement benefit obligation, the following actuarial assumptions were used:

	2014	2013	2012
Discount rates	4.32% - 4.92%	4.13% - 4.85%	5.65% - 6.29%
Expected rates of salary increase	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%

Assumptions regarding future mortality are based on published statistics and mortality tables. The average remaining working lives of employees before retirement at the age of 60 is 14.3 years and 17.5 years for males and females, respectively, in 2014, and 13.3 years and 16.5 years for males and females, respectively, in 2013. These assumptions were developed by management with the assistance of an independent actuary. Discount factors are determined close to the end of each reporting period by reference to the interest rates of zero-coupon government bonds with terms to maturity approximating to the terms of the post-employment defined benefit obligation. Other assumptions are based on current actuarial benchmarks and management's historical experience.

#### (c) Risks Associated with the Retirement Plan

#### (i) Interest Rate Risk

The present value of the defined benefit obligation is calculated using a discount rate determined by reference to market yields of government bonds. Generally, a decrease in the interest rate of a reference government bonds will increase the plan obligation. However, this will be partially offset by an increase in the return on the plan's investments in debt securities and if the return on plan asset falls below this rate, it will create a deficit in the plan. Currently, the plan has relatively balanced investment in cash and cash equivalents, debt securities, and UITFs. Due to the long-term nature of the plan obligation, a level of continuing debt securities and UITF investments is an appropriate element of the Group's long-term strategy to manage the plan efficiently.

#### (ii) Longevity and Salary Risks

The present value of the defined benefit obligation is calculated by reference to the best estimate of the mortality of the plan participants both during and after their employment, and to their future salaries. Consequently, increases in the life expectancy and salary of the plan participants will result in an increase in the plan obligation.

#### (iii) Sensitivity Analysis

The following table summarizes the effects of changes in the significant actuarial assumptions used in the determination of the defined benefit obligation as of December 31:

		8						
Discount rate Salary growth rate	+/-1% +/-1%	(P	(P 1,221,697) 1,232,864		1,044,739 917,242)			
			2013					
		*	Post-employm					
		Defined Benefit Obligation						
	Change in	I	ncrease in		Decrease in			
	Assumption	A	ssumption		Assumption			
Discount rate	+/-1%	(P	1,432,811)	Р	1,524,229			
Salary growth rate	+/-1%		1,485,677	(	1,150,094)			

The sensitivity analysis is based on a change in an assumption while holding all other assumptions constant. This analysis may not be representative of the actual change in the defined benefit obligation as it is unlikely that the change in assumptions would occur in isolation of one another as some of the assumptions may be correlated. Furthermore, in presenting the above sensitivity analysis, the present value of the defined benefit obligation has been calculated using the projected unit credit method at the end of the reporting period, which is the same as that applied in calculating the defined benefit obligation recognized in the consolidated statements of financial position.

The methods and types of assumptions used in preparing the sensitivity analysis did not change compared to the previous years.

#### (iv) Asset-liability Matching Strategies

To efficiently manage the retirement plan, the Group ensures that the investment positions are managed in accordance with its asset-liability matching strategy to achieve that long-term investments are in line with the obligations under the retirement scheme. This strategy aims to match the plan assets to the retirement obligations by investing in long-term fixed interest securities (i.e., government bonds) with maturities that match the benefit payments as they fall due and in the appropriate currency. The Group actively monitors how the duration and the expected yield of the investments are matching the expected cash outflows arising from the retirement obligations.

In view of this, investments are made in reasonably diversified portfolio, such that the failure of any single investment would not have a material impact on the overall level of assets. A large portion of the plan assets as of December 31, 2014 consists of debt securities, although the Group also invests in UITFs and cash and cash equivalents.

There has been no change in the Group's strategies in managing the related risks from the previous period.

#### (v) Funding Arrangements and Expected Contributions

The plan is currently underfunded by P40,838,226 based on the latest actuarial valuation. While there are no minimum funding requirement in the country, the size of the underfunding may pose a cash flow risk in about 10 years' time when a significant number of employees is expected to retire.

Management is yet to assess to the amount of contribution for the next reporting period.

The maturity profile of undiscounted expected benefit payments from the plan as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 for the next 20 years are as follows:

	2014	2013
Within one year	P 981,380	P 3,787,119
More than one year to five years	14,475,405	11,673,973
More than five years to 10 years	11,526,709	2,949,271
More than 10 years to 15 years	-	-
More than 15 years to 20 years		11,719,279
Total	<u>P 26,983,494</u>	<u>P 30,129,642</u>

The weighted average duration of the post-employment defined benefit obligation at the end of each reporting period is 8.97 years in 2014.

#### **19. OTHER EXPENSES**

This account consists of:

		2014		2013		2012
Fines and penalties	Р	5,781,734	Р	4,241,470	Р	1,651,918
Repairs and maintenance		2,220,777		1,226,161		1,685,304
Insurance		1,772,866		1,490,736		1,493,355
Condominium dues		1,601,944		2,004,432		1,683,199
Office supplies		1,397,640		1,742,450		2,184,926
Bank charges		208,199		113,245		101,382
Miscellaneous		2,001,668		2,751,768		2,419,396
	р	14 004 020	р	12 570 262	р	11 210 490
	<u>r</u>	14,904,020	<u>P</u>	13,570,202	<u>P</u>	11,219,480

# 20. FINANCE INCOME (COSTS)

The breakdown of this account follows:

# 20.01 Finance Income

	Notes		2014		2013		2012
Gain on sale of investments Interest income Fair value gains on	8,9	Р	396,100,762 123,179	Р	143,944,577 1,138,635	Р	55,783,469 996,842
financial assets at FVTPL	8		-				23,592,489
		<u>P</u>	396,223,941	<u>P</u>	145,083,212	<u>P</u>	80,372,800
20.02 Finance Costs							
	Notes		2014		2013		2012
Interest expense Impairment loss Fair value loss on	14 9, 10	Р	184,403,786 76,604,671	Р	179,213,236 5,921,850	Р	153,269,522 1,349,708
financial assets at FVTPL Net interest cost on	8		20,727,691		19,955,493		-
post-employment defined benefit plan	18.03		1,902,003		2,767,380		8,308
		<u>P</u>	283,638,151	<u>P</u>	207,857,959	<u>P</u>	154,627,538

# 21. TAXES

The components of tax expense (income) reported in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income follow:

		2014		2013		2012
Recognized in profit or loss:						
Regular corporate income tax (RCIT) at 30%	Р	7,684,668	р	14,580,567	р	8,244,047
Minimum corporate income	1	7,004,000	1	11,500,507	1	0,211,017
tax (MCIT) at 2%		1,856,029		2,314,831		2,471,612
Final tax at 20%		1,767,187		73,636		112,720
Final tax at 0.05%		<u>569,167</u>		-		-
Balance brought forward	<u>P</u>	11,877,051	P	16,969,034	P	10,828,379

		2014		2013		2012
Balance carried forward	<u>P</u>	<u>11,877,051</u>	<u>P</u>	16,969,034	<u>P</u>	10,828,379
Deferred tax income relating to origination and reversal of temporary						
differences	(	7,242,588)	(	12,995,756)	(	<u>19,274,154</u> )
	<u>P</u>	4,634,463	<u>P</u>	3,973,278	(	8,445,775)
Recognized in other comprehensive income – Deferred tax expense (income) on actuarial losses (gains) on						
post-employment defined benefit plan	( <u>P</u>	<u> </u>	<u>P</u>	196,203	<u>P</u>	

The reconciliation of tax on pre-tax profit (loss) computed at the applicable statutory rate to tax expense is as follows:

		2014	2013	2012
Tax on pre-tax profit (loss) Adjustments for income	Р	<b>34,668,362</b> (P	3,379,551) (P	5,636,279)
subjected to lower income tax rates Tax effects of:		<b>2,242,646</b> (	36,818) (	56,361)
Non-taxable income Expiration and write-off of	(	98,753,046) (	22,054,372) (	17,996,400)
net operating loss carry over (NOLCO) Unrecognized deferred		57,114,494	19,763,757	19,920,544
tax asset Non-deductible expenses Recognition of previously		6,184,279 4,049,975	-	1,283,855 4,620,008
unrecognized deferred tax assets Applied MCIT	(	872 <b>,</b> 246) ( 	8,794,977) ( <u>459,585</u>	
	<u>P</u>	<b>4,634,463</b> P	<u>3,973,278</u> P	<u>8,445,775</u>

The net deferred tax assets which are presented as part of the Other Assets account in the consolidated statements of financial position as of December 31 relate to the following (see Note 13):

	Statements of Financial Position					
		2014	2013			
NOLCO	Р	<b>54,984,482</b> P	73,590,870			
Allowance for impairment		56,355,296	38,063,250			
Accrued defined benefit obligation		10,180,809	9,868,099			
Fair value gain on investments						
at FVTPL	(	<b>4,369,826)</b> (	10,764,586)			
Unamortized past service cost		1,222,628	196,855			
Actuarial gain (losses)	(	1,135,571)(	1,118,056)			
Accrued short-term employee benefits		123,754	123,754			
MCIT		-	-			

Net deferred tax assets

<u>P 117,361,573</u> <u>P 109,960,186</u>

	Statements of Profit or Loss			
		2014	2013	2012
NOLCO	Р	<b>18,606,388</b> (P	3,842,237)(	16,607,236)
Allowance for impairment	(	18,292,046)	-	-
Accrued defined benefit obligation Fair value gain on investments	(	136,396)	141,094(	791,657)
at FVTPL	(	<b>6,394,760)</b> (	9,816,931)(	1,875,261)
Unamortized past service cost	Ì	1,025,773)	196,855	-
MCIT			325,463	
Deferred tax income	( <u>P</u>	<b>7,242,588</b> )(P	<u>12,995,756</u> )(]	<u>P 19,274,154</u> )
	S	tatements of Oth	er Compreher	sive Income
		2014	2013	2012
Accrued defined benefit obligation	(P	<b>176,396)</b> P	82,881	р _
Actuarial gain (losses)	`	17,515	113,322	
Deferred tax expense (income)	( <u>P</u>	<u>158,799)</u> <u>P</u>	196,203	<u>р_</u>

The details of unrecognized deferred tax assets as of December 31 are summarized below.

	2014				2013			
	_	Amount		Tax Effect		Amount	,	Tax Effect
NOLCO Allowance for impairment losses	Р	138,470,404 96,558,769	Р	41,541,121 28,967,631	Р	17,017,036 96,558,768	Р	5,105,111 28,967,630
Allowance for non-recoverability of deferred oil exploration costs		15,418,003		4,625,401		15,418,003		4,625,401
Retirement benefit obligation		10,687,440		3,206,232		15,318,627		4,595,588
MCIT		6,201,135		6,201,135		6,965,750		6,965,750
Past service cost		2,869,237		860,771		689,720		206,916
Accrued short-term employee benefits		<u>581,750</u>		174,525		581,750		174,525
	Р	270,786,738	Р	85,576,816	Р	152,549,654	Р	50,640,921

Year Incurred	Parent	Subs	idiaries		Balance	End of Availment
2014	P 104,594,961	P 3	8,024,426	Р	142,619,387	2017
2013	78,686,647	2	2,897,364		101,584,011	2016
2012	56,747,029	2	0,801,584		77,548,613	2015
2011	45,791,838	4	4,857,077			2014
	P285,820,475	<u>P 12</u>	6,580,451	Р	321,752,011	

The breakdown of NOLCO, which can be claimed as deductions from future taxable income within three years from the year the taxable loss was incurred, is shown below.

The Group is subject to MCIT which is computed at 2% of gross income, as defined under the tax regulations or RCIT at 30%, whichever is higher. MCIT which is available for offset against future income tax payable for income tax purposes follows:

Year Incurred	Parent	Subsidiaries	Balance	End of Availment
2014 2013 2012 2011	P 1,702,835 1,894,250 2,074,778 2,022,755	P 153,194 134,122 241,956 <u>156,552</u>	P 1,856,029 2,028,372 2,316,734	2017 2016 2015 2014
	<u>P 7,694,618</u>	<u>P 685,824</u>	<u>P 6,201,135</u>	

In 2014, 2013 and 2012, the Group claimed itemized deductions in computing for its income tax due.

#### 22. EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE

Earnings per share amounts for the years ended December 31, are computed as follows:

	Note	<b>2014</b> 2013 2012
Net profit (loss)		<u>P 110,926,742</u> ( <u>P 15,238,448</u> ) ( <u>P 10,341,822</u> )
Divided by the weighted average number of outstanding shares:		
Issued shares	17.01	<b>1,193,200,000</b> 1,193,200,000 1,193,200,000
Treasury shares	17.01	( <u>171,413,600</u> ) ( <u>171,413,600</u> ) ( <u>171,413,600</u> )
Outstanding shares		<b>1,021,786,400</b> 1,021,786,400 1,021,786,400
Earnings (losses) per share		<u>P 0.1086</u> ( <u>P 0.0149</u> ) ( <u>P 0.0101</u> )

As of December 31, 2014, 2013, and 2012, the Group has no outstanding potentially dilutive shares; hence, basic earnings (losses) per share are equal to diluted earnings (losses) per share in the years presented.

#### 23. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

#### 23.01 Legal Claims

The Group is either a defendant or plaintiff in lawsuits and legal actions arising from its various business activities. Management believes that the claims against the Group are either without merit or that the ultimate liability, if any, resulting from lawsuits and legal actions will not materially affect the Group's consolidated financial statements.

#### 23.02 Operating Leases

The Group is a lessor under non-cancellable operating leases covering its condominium units. The leases have terms two years with renewal options. The future minimum rentals receivable under these non-cancellable operating leases as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 amount to P2,724,970.

Total rentals from these operating leases amounted to P1,362,485 in 2014, 2013 and 2012, and are presented as part of the Other Income account in the consolidated statements of profit or loss (see Note 11).

#### 23.03 Others

There are other commitments and contingent liabilities that arise in the normal course of the Group's operations which are not reflected in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. As of December 31, 2014, management is of the opinion that losses, if any, from these events and conditions will not have a material effect on the Group's consolidated financial statements.

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Report of Independent Auditors to Accompany Supplementary Information Required by the Securities and Exchange Commission Filed Separately from the Basic Consolidated Financial Statements

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We have audited, in accordance with Philippine Standards on Auditing, the consolidated financial statements of First Abacus Financial Holdings Corporation and subsidiaries for the year ended December 31, 2014, on which we have rendered our report dated April 8, 2015. Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole. The applicable supplementary information (see List of Supplementary Information) is presented for purposes of additional analysis in compliance with the requirements of the Securities Regulation Code Rule 68, and is not a required part of the basic consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards. Such supplementary information is the responsibility of management. The supplementary information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic consolidated financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole.

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# List of Supplementary Information December 31, 2014

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В	Amounts Receivable from Directors, Officers, Employees, Related Parties, and Principal Stockholders (Other than Related Parties)
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D	Intangible Assets - Other Assets
Е	Long-term Debt
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G	* Guarantees of Securities of Other Issuers
Н	Capital Stock

# **Others Required Information**

Schedule of Selected Financial Performance Indicators as of and for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013

\* Reconciliation of Retained Earnings Available for Dividend Declaration

Schedule of Philippine Financial Reporting Standards and Interpretations Adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Financial Reporting Standards Council as of December 31, 2014

Map Showing the Relationship Between the Parent Company and its Related Entities

\* These schedules and supplementary information are not included as these are not applicable to the Group.

Name of issuing entity and association of each issue	Number of shares or principal amount of bonds or notes	Amount shown on the statement of the financial position	Valued based on the market quotation at reporting date (per share)	Income received and accrued
Investments at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss				
2GO GROUP, INC.	92,926	P 310,373	P 3.34	
8990 HOLDINGS, INC.	392,071	2,791,546	7.12	
A. BROWN COMPANY, INC	291,932	312,367	1.07	
A. SORIANO CORPORATION "A" ABACORE CAPITAL HOLDINGS, INC.	1,818,287.00 1,108,770.64	12,309,803 532,210	6.77 0.48	
ABOITIZ EQUITY VENTURES, INC	1,108,770.04	47,588	52.70	
ABOITIZ POWER CORPORATION	379	16,259	42.90	
ABRA MINING & INDUSTRIAL CORP	513,648,561.00	3,235,986	0.01	
ABS-CBN CORPORATION	34,069	1,584,209	46.50	
ABS-CBN HOLDING CORP PDR	133,557	6,210,401	46.50	
ACESITE (PHILIPPINES) HOTEL CORPORATION	690	759	1.10	
AGRINURTURE, INC.	90,614	190,289	2.10	
ALLIANCE GLOBAL GROUP, INC.	13,055	294,390	22.55	
ALLIANCE SELECT FOODS INTERNATIONAL INC	1,382,863	1,714,750	1.24	
ALSONS CONSOLIDATED RESOURCES	101,644	206,337	2.03	
ANGLO-PHIL HOLDINGS	3,411,540	5,629,041	1.65	
APC GROUP, INC. APEX MINING COMPANY, INC. "A"	8,253,100 2,636,319	5,859,701 7,381,693	0.71 2.80	
APEA MINING COMPANY, INC. A ARANETA PROPERTIES, INC.	2,030,319	685	2.80	
ARTHA LAND CORPORATION	5,002,957	1,300,769	0.26	
ASIA AMALGAMATED HOLDINGS CORP	1,900	2,850	1.50	
ASIA UNITED BANK CORPORATION	23,743	1,638,267	69.00	
ASIABEST GROUP	390.00	3,335	8.55	
ASIAN TERMINAL, INC.	750,919.00	8,650,587	11.52	
ASIATRUST DEVELOPMENT BANK INC	45,023	-	-	
ATLAS CONS MNG & DEVT CORP	1,204,012	12,280,922	10.20	
ATN HOLDINGS, INC.	451,124	1,190,967	2.64	
ATN HOLDINGS, INC.'B'	39,870 298	107,649	2.70 11.02	
ATOK BIG WEDGE MINING CO INC A AYALA CORPORATION "A"	298 462	3,284 320,628	694.00	
AYALA LAND, INC.	4,590	154,683	33.70	
BANCO FILIPINO SA & MO BANK	63	-	-	
BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS	542	50,948	94.00	
BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS	16,320.00	1,534,080	94.00	
BASIC ENERGY CORPORATION	1,721,514	499,239	0.29	
BDO LEASING & FINANCE, INC.	1,552,582	3,338,051	2.15	
BDO UNIBANK, INC.	3,880.00	426,024	109.80	
BELLE CORPORATION	795,975	3,892,318	4.89	
BENGUET CORPConvtible Pref A BENGUET CORPORATION "A"	9 199	127 1,512	14.06	
BENGUET CORPORATION "A"	199	928	7.60 8.00	
BERJAYA PHILIPPINES INC.	1,933,732	55,111,362	28.50	
BERJAYA PHILIPPINES INC.	5,001,000	142,528,500	28.50	
BLOOMBERRY RESORTS CORPORATION	12,763	158,261	12.40	
BOGO MEDELLIN MILLING CO.	18	763	42.40	
BOULEVARD HOLDINGS, INC.	601,348	63,142	0.11	
BRIGHT KINDLE RESOURCES & INVES	520,851	1,739,642	3.34	
CALATA CORPORATION	700	2,135	3.05	
CEBU AIR, INC.	4,132	354,732	85.85	
CEBU HOLDINGS, INC	162,070	836,281	5.16	
CEBU PROPERTY VENT & DEV'T "A" CEBU PROPERTY VENT & DEV'T "B"	12,935	69,978	5.41	
CENTRO ESCOLAR UNIVERSITY	39 67	218 704	5.60 10.50	
CENTRO ESCOLAR UNIVERSITY CENTURY PEAK METALS HOLDINGS CORPORAT	9,982	9,084	0.91	
CENTURY PROPERTIES GROUP INC.	16,227	15,416	0.95	
CHINA BANKING CORPORATION	553	25,991	47.00	
CIRTEK HOLDINGS PHILIPPINES CORPORATION	195	3,705	19.00	
CITY & LAND DEVELOPERS, INC.	608	736	1.21	
CITYLAND DEVELOPMENT CORP "A"	1,915	1,915	1.00	
CITYSTATE SAVINGS BANK, INC.	140	1,957	13.98	
COAL ASIA HOLDINGS INCORPORATED	2,463,700	2,365,152	0.96	
COL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.	70,045	1,067,486	15.24	
CONCEPCION INDUSTRIAL CORP	20	860	43.00	
CONCRETE AGGREGATES CORP "A"	94	4,042 11,010,663	43.00 8.65	
COSCO CAPITAL, INC.	1,272,909			

Name of issuing entity and association of each issue	Number of shares or principal amount of bonds or notes	Amount shown on the statement of the financial position	Valued based on the market quotation at reporting date (per share)	Income receive and accrued
CYBER BAY CORPORATION	11,451,128	5,611,053	0.49	
D&L INDUSTRIES, INC.	8,226	137,045	16.66	
DA VINCI CAPITAL HOLDINGS, INC.	3,791	6,596	1.74	
DFNN, INC.	50,006	355,043	7.10	
DIZON COPPER SILVER MINES, INC DMCI HOLDINGS, INC.	25,822 2,330	163,195 36,581	6.32 15.70	
DOUBLEDRAGON PROPERTIES CORPORATION	2,550	2,198	7.50	
EAST WEST BANKING CORPORATION	19,508	467,217	23.95	
EASYCALL COMM PHILS INC COMMON	26,056	73,738	2.83	
EEI CORPORATION	233,415	2,544,224	10.90	
EMPERADOR INC.	4,532	47,042	10.38	
EMPIRE EAST LAND HOLDINGS, INC	3,744,467	3,370,020	0.90	
ENERGY DEVELOPMENT CORP.	18,028	147,830	8.20	
EURO-MED LAB. PHIL., INC.	258	351	1.36	
EVER-GOTESCO RES. & HOLDINGS EXPORT AND INDUS. BANK, INC."A	1,320,000 5,036,687	267,960	0.20	
F&J PRINCE HOLDINGS CORP.	2,847	9,395	3.30	
FAR EASTERN UNIVERSITY, INC	2,047	22,000	1,000.00	
FEDERAL RES.INVEST GROUP INC.	65	1,079	1,000.00	
FILINVEST DEVELOPMENT CORP.	904,767	3,908,593	4.32	
FILINVEST LAND, INC.	80,513	123,185	1.53	
FILIPINO FUND, INC.	438	3,088	7.05	
FIRST GEN CORPORATION	3,320	84,660	25.50	
FIRST PHIL HOLDINGS CORP "A"	11,755	1,056,775	89.90	
FORUM PACIFIC, INC.	9,505	2,994	0.32	
GEOGRACE RESOURCES,PHILS.,INC. GINEBRA SAN MIGUEL, INC.	19,226,248	7,402,105	0.39	
GLOBAL-ESTATE RESORTS, INC.	50,181 824,385	796,874 1,401,455	15.88 1.70	
GLOBE TELECOM INC, "A"	16	27,680	1,730.00	
GMA HOLDINGS, INC.	336,394	2,270,660	6.75	
GMA NETWORK, INC.	274,603	1,729,999	6.30	
GRAND PLAZA HOTEL CORP(COMMON)	48	1,200	25.00	
GREENERGY HOLDINGS INCORPORATED	4,109,029	2,013,424	0.49	
GT CAPITAL HOLDINGS, INC.	397	409,704	1,032.00	
HOLCIM PHILIPPINES, INC.	51,018	764,250	14.98	
HOUSE OF INVESTMENTS, INC	200,317	1,231,950	6.15	
MPERIAL RESOURCES, INC "A" NTEGRATED MICRO-ELECTRONICS, INC.	70,850 89	315,991 603	4.46 6.77	
NTL CONTAINER TERMINAL SERV	28	3,220	115.00	
ONICS,INC.	2,499,196	1,549,502	0.62	
P E-GAME VENTURES, INC.	1,956	27	0.01	
PEOPLE, INC.	207,187	2,486,244	12.00	
RC PROPERTIES, INC.	950,229	1,415,841	1.49	
-REMIT, INC.	385,136	700,948	1.82	
SLAND INFORMATION & TECH. INC	22,429,572	6,841,019	0.31	
SM COMMUNICATIONS CORP.	83,956	126,774	1.51	
ACKSTONES INC.	641,600	2,508,656	3.91	
G SUMMIT HOLDINGS, INC.	2,005	132,330	66.00 215.00	
OLLIBEE FOODS CORPORATION KEPPEL PHIL HOLDINGS INC "B"	1,005 270	216,075 1,242	215.00 4.60	
KEPPEL PHIL HOLDINGS INC "B KEPPEL PHILS. HOLDINGS INC "A"	51,312	238,601	4.65	
KEPPEL PHILS. PROPERTIES, INC.	2,928	14,113	4.82	
AFARGE REPUBLIC, INC.	768	6,820	8.88	
EISURE & RESORTS WORLD CORP.	26,305	310,399	11.80	
LEPANTO CONSOLIDATED MNG CO A	7,213,933	1,594,279	0.22	
LEPANTO CONSOLIDATED MNG CO B	1,652,357	366,823	0.22	
LIBERTY FLOUR MILLS, INC.	238.00	12,566	52.80	
LIBERTY TELECOM	11,117	23,790	2.14	
MG CHEMICALS CORPORATION	25,045	71,378	2.85	
ODESTAR INVSMT HOLDINGS CORP. OPEZ HOLDINGS CORPORATION	151,086.00	93,673 579 543	0.62 6.70	
ORENZO SHIPPING CORPORATION	86,499 23,708	579,543 28,687	6.70	
T GROUP, INC.	15,090	183,193	1.21	
MABUHAY HOLDINGS CORPORATION	7,500	4,800	0.64	
MABUHAY VINYL CORPORATION	222,130	539,776	2.43	
MACAY HOLDINGS, INC.	122	5,551	45.50	
Macro Asia Corp.(Cobertson)	1,621,832	3,973,488	2.45	

Name of issuing entity and association of each issue	Number of shares or principal amount of bonds or notes	Amount shown on the statement of the financial position	Valued based on the market quotation at reporting date (per share)	Income received and accrued
MAKATI FINANCE CORPORATION	119	337	2.83	
MANILA BULLETIN PUBLISHING COR	51,201	35,841	0.70	
MANILA ELECTRIC COMPANY "A"	8,014	2,051,584	256.00	
MANILA JOCKEY CLUB, INC. MANILA MINING CORPORATION "A"	875 317,800,927	1,794 4,767,014	2.05 0.02	
MANILA MINING CORPORATION "B"	69,460,504	1,041,908	0.02	
MANILA WATER COMPANY, INC.	459.00	13,311	29.00	
MANULIFE FINANCIAL CORP.	129	104,490	810.00	
MARCVENTURES HOLDINGS, INC.	8,711.00	58,364	6.70	
MARSTEEL CONSOLIDATED, INC "A"	690,000	-	-	
MARSTEEL CONSOLIDATED, INC "B" MAX'S/ PANCAKE HOUSE	616,200 50	- 1,228	- 24.55	
MEDCO HOLDINGS, INC.		416	0.42	
MEGAWIDE CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION	11,327	100,697	8.89	
MEGAWORLD CORPORATION	165,077	772,560	4.68	
MEGAWORLD CORPORATION WARRANTS	845,890	3,053,663	3.61	
MEGAWORLD CORPORATION WARRANTS	87,970	351,880	4.00	
MELCO CROWN (PHILIPPINES) RESORTS CORPOF	117,510.00	1,595,786	13.58	
METRO PACIFIC INV'T CORP. METROPOLITAN BANK & TRUST CO	18,721 3,611	86,117 299,713	4.60 83.00	
MELKOPOLITAN BANK & TRUST CO MILLENNIUM GLOBAL HOLDINGS, INC	672,710	245,539	0.37	
MINERALES INDUSTRIAS CORP.	1,057,866	5,606,690	5.30	
MJC INVESTMENTS CORPORATION	1,854	6,229	3.36	
MRC ALLIED, INC.	2,587,429	289,792	0.11	
NATIONAL REINSURANCE CORP.	1,933,883	1,740,495	0.90	
NICKEL ASIA CORPORATION NIHAO MIN. RES. INT'L INC.	1,156 243,753	55,026 560,632	47.60 2.30	
NOW CORPORATION	750	428	0.57	
OMICO CORPORATION	995,038	736,328	0.74	
ORIENTAL PENINSULA RES.GRP.INC	150,656.00	316,378	2.10	
ORIENTAL PET & MINERAL CORP A	88,928,682	1,156,073	0.01	
ORIENTAL PET & MINERAL CORP B	49,364,176	691,098	0.01	
PACIFIC ONLINE SYSTEM CORP. PACIFICA, INC. "A"	916 45,279,689	16,286 1,901,747	17.78 0.04	
PAL HOLDINGS, INC.	35,647	169,680	4.76	
PANASONIC MFG. PHILS., CORP.	461.00	1,853	4.02	
PAXYS, INC.	250,328	750,984	3.00	
PEPSI-COLA PROD. PHIL., INC.	601,312	2,471,392	4.11	
PETROENERGY RESOURCES CORP.	135,144	837,893	6.20	
PETRON CORPORATION PHIL BANK OF COMMUNICATIONS A	2,318 8	24,571 256	10.60 32.00	
PHIL LONG DIS TEL CO "COMMON"	99	287,694	2,906.00	
PHIL. REALTY & HOLDINGS CORP.	10,166,156	4,930,586	0.49	
PHILEX MINING CORP. "A"	207,957.00	1,590,871	7.65	
PHILEX PETROLEUM CORPORATION	162,460	818,798	5.04	
PHILIPPINE BUSINESS BANK	148	2,782	18.80	
PHILIPPINE ESTATES CORPORATION PHILIPPINE H2O VENTURES CORPORA	3,000 1,232	1,095	0.37 4.85	
PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK	1,252	5,975 1,057,040	4.65	
PHILIPPINE RACING CLUB, INC.	192	1,814	9.45	
PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK	27,073	2,869,738	106.00	
PHILIPPINE SEVEN CORPORATION	17	1,437	84.50	
PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE, INC	19	5,658	297.80	
PHILIPPINE TRUST COMPANY PHILWEB CORPORATION	42	3,990 7,386,542	95.00	
PHILWEB CORPORATION PHINMA CORPORATION	757,594 91,133	/,386,542 918,621	9.75 10.08	
PHOENIX PETROLEUM PHIL., INC.	13,111	40,513	3.09	
PICOP RESOURCES, INC	4,401,192		-	
PREMIERE HORIZON ALLIANCE CORPORATION	3,476,126	2,085,676	0.60	
PREMIERE LEISURE CORPORATION	7,720,128	16,443,873	2.13	
PREMIERE LEISURE CORPORATION	2,007,000	4,274,910	2.13	
PRIME MEDIA HOLDINGS, INC.	100,288	139,400	1.39	
PRIME ORION PHILIPPINES, INC. PTFC REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	14,040,064 26	9,687,644 689	0.69 26.50	
PUREGOLD PRICE CLUB, INC.	3,658	141,016	38.55	
REPUBLIC GLASS HLDNGS CORP "A"	4,273	9,871	2.31	
	173,641	869,941	5.01	

Name of issuing entity and association of each issue	Number of shares or principal amount of bonds or notes	Amount shown on the statement of the financial position	Valued based on the market quotation at reporting date (per share)	Income received and accrued
RIZAL COMM'L BANKING CORP "A"	23,705	1,137,840	48.00	
ROBINSONS LAND CORPORATION	7,369	195,279	26.50	
ROBINSONS RETAIL	10,003	757,227	75.70	
ROCKWELL LAND CORPORATION	1,881,964	3,274,617	1.74	
ROXAS AND COMPANY, INC.	2,763	7,432	2.69	
ROXAS HOLDINGS, INC.	167,159	1,119,965	6.70	
SAN MIGUEL CORPORATION "A"	420	30,996	73.80	
SAN MIGUEL CORPORATION SERIES "2-C PREFEF	12	936	78.00	
SAN MIGUEL PUREFOODS COMPANY, INC. A	4,177	868,816	208.00	
SEAFRONT RESOURCES CORP. "A'	74,064	194,788	2.63	
SECURITY BANK CORPORATION	82	12,464	152.00	
SEMIRARA MINING CORPORATION	719	102,098	142.00	
SHANGRILA PROPERTIES, INC.	181,328	598,382	3.30	
SM INVESTMENTS CORPORATION	449	365,935	815.00	
SM PRIME HOLDINGS, INC	43,591	742,791	17.04	
SOC RESOURCES, INC.	201,027	201,027	1.00	
SOLID GROUP, INC.	400,375.00	496,465	1.24	
SOUTHEAST ASIA CEMENT HLDG INC	1,388,682	3,804,989	2.74	
SPLASH CORPORATION	265,851	489,166	1.84	
SSI GROUP INC.	6,300	62,433	9.91	
STA. LUCIA LAND, INC.	93,064	74,451	0.80	
STARMALLS, INC.	473	3,406	7.20	
STI EDUCATION SYSTEMS HOLDINGS, INC.	2,377	1,807	0.76	
SUN LIFE FIN. SERV. OF CANADA	4,651	7,139,285	1,535.00	
SUNTRUST HOME DEVELOPERS, INC.	2,288,497	2,631,772	1.15	
SUPERCITY REALTY DEV'T. CORP.	64,000	25,600	0.40	
SWIFT FOODS, INC	459,587	73,994	0.16	
SWIFT FOODS, INC. CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED	9,741	15,586	1.60	
THE PHILODRILL CORPORATION "A"	29,229,783	526,136	0.02	
TKC STEEL CORP.	133,650	216,513	1.62	
TOP FRONTIER INVESTMENT HOLDING	33.00	4,092	124.00	
TRANS-ASIA OIL AND ENERGY DEVEL	637,078	1,420,684	2.23	
TRANS-ASIA PETROLEUM CORPORATION	5,355	22,491	4.20	
TRANSPACIFIC BROD. GROUP INT'L	797,957	1,643,791	2.06	
TRAVELLERS INTERNATIONAL HOTEL	992	8,134	8.20	
UNIOIL RESOURCES & HOLDINGS COM UNION BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES	4,410,000	1,323,000	0.30	
UNITED PARAGON MINING CORP.	51,700	- 569	66.65 0.01	
UNIVERSAL RIGHTFIELD PROP.		509	0.01	
UNIVERSAL RIGHTFIELD PROP. UNIVERSAL ROBINA CORPORATION	(8,988,420) 22,860	4,480,560	196.00	
UNIVERSAL ROBINA CORPORATION UNIWIDE HOLDINGS, INC.	8,475,036	4,460,500		
VANTAGE EQUITIES, INC.	1,722,249	5,132,302	2.98	
VINTAGE EQUITIES, INC. VICTORIAS MILLING COMPANY, INC	1,722,249	24,755	2.98 4.58	
VICTORIAS MILLING COMPANY, INC VISTA LAND & LIFESCAPES, INC	19,476	140,227	4.38 7.20	
VISTA LAND & LIFESCAPES, INC VITARICH CORPORATION	30,196	24,761	0.82	
VITARICH CORPORATION VIVANT CORPORATION	1,134	24,761 21,546	0.82	
VULCAN INDL & MINING CORP.	3,919,416	6,780,590	1.73	
WATERFRONT PHILIPPINES, INC	1,179,944	448,379	0.38	
WELLEX INDUSTRIES, INC.	7,086	1,878	0.38	
XURPAS INC.	28,300	264,605	9.35	
YEHEY! CORPORATION	236,861	286,602	1.21	
ZUES HOLDINGS, INC.	3,181,294	1,033,921	0.33	
		P 494,228,180		

Schedule A - Financial Assets December 31, 2014

Name of issuing entity and association of each issue	Number of shares or principal amount of bonds or notes		shown on the statement of financial statement	market reporting	based on the quotation at g date (per hare)	Income received and accrued
Available-for-sale Securities						
BERJAYA PHILIPPINES INC.	92,523,230	Р	2,636,912,056	Р	28.50	
COAL ASIA	1,380,000		1,324,800		0.96	
PREMIUM LEISURE CORP	2,500,000		5,325,000		2.13	
CYBER BAY CORP	14,000,000		6,860,000		0.49	
METRO PACIFIC CORPORATION	2,571,555		5,348,835		2.08	
CEBU COUNTRY CLUB	1		5,000,000		5,000,000	
MIMOSA GOLF	1		400,000		400,000	
UNIVERSAL LEISURE CLUB	3		3,000,000		1,000,000	
VALLE VERDE	2		600,000		300,000	

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#### Schedule B - Amounts Receivable from Directors, Officers, Employees, Related Parties, and Principal Stockholders (Other than Related Parties) December 31, 2014

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6		<b>V</b> 1 4 4	Balance at						
Company	Name	Kind of Loan	Beginning of Period	Additions	Amounts Collected	Amounts Written Off	Current	Not Current	Balance at End of Period
ASC	Bernal, Madelyn	Educational	P 16,958	P 40,000	P 38,327				P 18,631
ASC	Casimsiman, Joel	Educational	15,338.74	67,000.00	65,210.48	P - 17,128	р -	р -	17,128
ASC	Casinisinan, joer Cometa, Roel	Educational	6,399.11	35,000.00	32,451.52	8,948			8,948
ASC	Cruz, Elizabeth	Educational	13,600.54	40,000.00	40,000.01	13,601			13,601
ASC	delos Santos, Mari Fritz	Educational	15,000.54	18,000.00	8,865.18	9,135			9,135
ASC	Escraman, Raquel	Educational	13,973.34	35,000.00	36,327.28	12,646			12,646
ASC	Franco, Ramon Neil	Educational	65,891.83	-	65,891.83	12,040			12,040
ASC	Lemen, Gregory	Educational	-	59,401.50	34,217.59	25,184			25,184
ASC	Norega, Ermen	Educational	13,371.38	35,000.00	32,069.16	16,302			16,302
ASC	Orlanda, Pamela	Educational	14,838.63	35,000.00	35,000.00	14,839			14,839
ASC	Sapon, Michelle	Educational	13,973.33	30,000.00	30,000.00	13,973			13,973
ASC	Velasco. Estela	Educational	4,266.07	20,000.00	20,000.00	4,266			4,266
ASC	Villar, Dennis	Educational	-	120,000.00	64,106.69	55,893			55,893
ASC	Agapay, Grace	Emergency	25,000.00	-	14,218.10	10,782			10,782
ASC	Banoc, Estrella	Emergency		38,427.29	19,498.05	18,929			18,929
ASC	Camacho, Sally	Emergency	100,000.00	-	1,963.43	98,037			98,037
ASC	Casimsiman, Joel	Emergency	67,706.76	-	43,435.30	24,271			24,271
ASC	Cometa, Roel	Emergency	-	25,000.00	3,339.31	21,661			21,661
ASC	Cruz, Norlita	Emergency	20,599.07	-	17,131.95	3,467			3,467
ASC	dela Cruz, Maricel	Emergency	5,957.64	40,000.00	23,292.34	22,665			22,665
ASC	Escraman, Raquel	Emergency	27,330.94	80,000.00	43,750.84	63,580			63,580
ASC	Lana, Geraldine	Emergency	19,213.65	-	9,749.04	9,465			9,465
ASC	Marcelo, Ma. Christina	Emergency	-	100,000.00	1,963.43	98,037			98,037
ASC	Norega, Ermen	Emergency	-	12,000.00	4,578.79	7,421			7,421
ASC	Ramos, Nole	Emergency	-	12,000.00	1,602.87	10,397			10,397
ASC	Velasco, Estela	Emergency	18,015.19	-	12,556.94	5,458			5,458
ASC	Villar, Dennis	Emergency	3,785.12	-	-	3,785			3,785
ASC	Franco, Ramon Neil	Housing	2,840,000.00	-	385,000.00	2,455,000			2,455,000
ASC	De Guzman, Cristina	Housing	-	-	-				-
ASC	Fontanilla, Paolo	Car	270,833.33	-	130,000.30	140,833			140,833
ASC	Lazaro, Juanito	Car	411,666.52	-	130,000.11	281,666			281,666
ASC	Lemen, Gregory	Car	57,500.00	-	57,500.00	-			-
ASC	Villar, Dennis	Car	248,525.00	-	120,000.00	128,525			128,525
FAF	Abacan, Erwin	Educational	10,599.02	30,000.00	27,880.20	12,719			12,719
FAF	Patana, Archimedes	Educational	-	35,000.00	18,697.78	16,302			16,302
FAF	Santos, Marilou	Educational	40,801.61	140,000.00	133,199.73	47,602			47,602
FAF	Sarmiento, Christopher	Educational	11,461.19	40,000.00	31,161.59	20,300			20,300
FAF	Castillo, Madonna	Emergency	-	35,000.00	5,688.66	29,311			29,311
FAF	Magno, Rose	Emergency	10,984.64	35,000.00	37,037.03	8,948			8,948
FAF	Dela Cruz, Melanio	Housing	-	820,353.80	45,987.12	774,367			774,367
FAF	Santos, Marilou	Cars	-	600,000.00	37,500.00	562,500			562,500
ACIC	Olavario, Ma. Sheila	Cars	492,916.67	-	130,000.15	362,917			362,917
ACIC	Suganob, Pia Francesca	Cars	624,660.00	-	129,240.00	495,420			495,420
ACIC	Domingo, Gwendalene	Cars	-	650,000.00	75,833.38	574,167			574,167
ACIC	Rosalita, Elnee	Educational	10,149.80	17,000.00	16,957.63	10,192			10,192
ACIC	Ramos, Christine	Educational	26,742.77	60,000.00	63,820.40	22,922			22,922
ACIC	Alajeno, Rachelle	Emergency	15,094.66	-	15,094.66	-			-
ACIC	Ramos, Christine	Emergency	17,251.04	-	17,251.04	-			-
ACIC	Robosa, Nenette	Emergency	39,660.30	30,000.00	69,660.30	-			-
ACIC	Rosalita, Elnee	Emergency	22,036.38	10,000.00	15,200.29	16,836	-		16,836
			P 5,617,103	P 3,344,183	P 2,392,258	P 6,550,396	<u>p</u> -	<u>P -</u>	P 6,569,027

# Schedule C - Accounts Receivable from Related Parties which are Eliminated during the Consolidation of Financial Statements December 31, 2014

				]		Dedu	ctions			Ending	Balan	ce		
Name of Related Party	Balanc Beginning			Additions	Amo	ounts Collected	Amou	nts Written-off		Current	r	Not Current	Balar	ice at End of Year
Abacus Securities Corporation Abacus Capital & Investment Corporation		8,701,419 6,569,577	Р	2,490,070,006 104,366,698.00	Р	2,547,126,808 300,358,854.00	Р	-	Р	851,644,617 577,421.00	Р	-	Р	851,644,617 577,421.00

Description		Beginning Balance	Addi	tions at Cost		rged to Cost d Expense	,	ged to Other ccounts	А	ner Charges additions eductions)	End	ing Balance
Goodwill - net Trading right Computer software	Р	84,584,951 1,408,000 650,228	Р	-	Р	410,655	Р	-	Р	-	Р	84,584,951 1,408,000 239,573
	Р	86,643,179	P	-	Р	410,655	P	-	P	-	P	86,232,524

Schedule D - Intangible Assets - Other Assets the Consolidation of Financial Statements December 31, 2014

Schedule E - Long-term Debt December 31, 2014

Title of Issue and Type of Obligation	Amount Authorized by Indenture	Amount Shown Under Caption "Current Portion of Long-term Debt" in Related Statement of Financial Position	Amount Shown Under Caption "Long-term Debt" in Related Statement of Financial Position
Notes Payable and Bank Loans	P 2,704,294,373	P 2,704,294,373	<u>p -</u>

#### Schedule H - Capital Stock December 31, 2014

				N	umber of shares held l	by
Title of Issue	Number of shares authorized	Number of shares issued and outstanding as shown under the related statement of financial position caption	Number of shares reserved for options, warrants, coversion and other rights	Related parties	Directors, officers and employees	Others
Common shares - P1 par value Authorized - P1,800,000,000 shares 1,193,200,000 shares issued and outstanding	1,800,000,000	1,193,200,000	-	171,413,600	162,008,000	859,778,400
Treasury shares		(171,413,600)		(		
	1,800,000,000	1,021,786,400			162,008,000	859,778,400

# FIRST ABACUS FINANCIAL HOLDINGS CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES Schedule of Financial Indicators As of and for the year ended December 31, 2014 and 2013

	2014	2013
Profitability Ratios		
Net Income	0.02:1	(0,00).1
Total Assets	0.02:1	(0.00):1
Net Income	0.05:1	(0.01).1
Stockholder's Equity	0.05:1	(0.01):1
Debt-to-equity Ratio		
Debt	1.38:1	1.23:1
Equity	1.30;1	1.23.1
Asset to Equity Ratio		
Asset	2.38:1	2.23:1
Equity	2.36.1	2.23.1
Interest Rate Coverage Ratio		
Eearnings Before Interest and Taxes	0.01:1	0.25:1
Interest expense	0.01:1	0.25.1
Current/ Liquidity Ratios		
Current Assets	1.63:1	1.71:1
Current Liabilities	1.03:1	1./1:1
Quick Assets	1.63:1	1.71:1
Current Liabilities	1.05.1	1./1.1
Cash	0.04:1	0.05:1
Current Liabilities	0.07.1	0.05.1

#### FIRST ABACUS FINANCIAL HOLDINGS CORPORATION

#### Schedule of Philippine Financial Reporting Standards and Interpretations Adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Financial Reporting Standards Council as of December 31, 2014

PHILIPPIN	E FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS	Adopted	Not Adopted	Not Applicable
Framework	for the Preparation and Presentation of Financial Statements	а		
Conceptual F	ramework Phase A: Objectives and Qualitative Characteristics	а		
Practice Stat	ement Management Commentary		а	
Philippine F	inancial Reporting Standards (PFRS)			
	First-time Adoption of Philippine Financial Reporting Standards	а		
	Amendments to PFRS 1: Additional Exemptions for First-time Adopters	а		
PFRS 1 (Revised)	Amendment to PFRS 1: Limited Exemption from Comparative PFRS 7 Disclosures for First- time Adopters	а		
. ,	Amendments to PFRS 1: Severe Hyperinflation and Removal of Fixed Date for First-time Adopters	а		
	Amendment to PFRS 1: Government Loans**	а		
	Share-based Payment			а
PFRS 2	Amendments to PFRS 2: Vesting Conditions and Cancellations			а
	Amendments to PFRS 2: Group Cash-settled Share-based Payment Transactions			а
PFRS 3 (Revised)	Business Combinations	а		
PFRS 4	Insurance Contracts			а
PFK54	Amendments to PAS 39 and PFRS 4: Financial Guarantee Contracts			а
PFRS 5	Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations			а
PFRS 6	Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources**	а		
	Financial Instruments: Disclosures	а		
	Amendments to PFRS 7: Transition	а		
	Amendments to PAS 39 and PFRS 7: Reclassification of Financial Assets	а		
	Amendments to PAS 39 and PFRS 7: Reclassification of Financial Assets - Effective Date and Transition	а		
PFRS 7	Amendments to PFRS 7: Improving Disclosures about Financial Instruments	а		
	Amendments to PFRS 7: Disclosures – Transfers of Financial Assets	а		
	Amendments to PFRS 7: Disclosures – Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities	а		
	Amendment to PFRS 7: Mandatory Effective Date of PFRS 9 and Transition Disclosures	а		
PFRS 8	Operating Segments	а		
PFRS 9	Financial Instruments (2014)* (effective January 1, 2018)			а
	Consolidated Financial Statements	а		
	Amendment to PFRS 10: Transition Guidance	а		
PFRS 10	Amendment to PFRS 10: Investment Entities	а		
	Amendment to PFRS 10: Investment Entities – Applying the Consolidation Exception * (effective January 1, 2016)	a       a         a       a         a       a         classification of Financial Assets       a         classification of Financial Assets - Effective Date       a         closures about Financial Instruments       a         closures about Financial Assets       a         Cransfers of Financial Assets       a         Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities       a         ctive Date of PFRS 9 and Transition Disclosures       a         a       a         mary 1, 2018)       a         a       a         dance       a         dance       a         dance       a         dance       a         dance       a         a       a         a       a         a       a         a       a         a       a         a       a         a       a         a       a         a       a         a       a         a       a         a       a         a       a         b       a         a	а	
PFRS 11	Joint Arrangements			а
11 10 11	Amendment to PFRS 11: Transition Guidance			а
	Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities	а		
	Amendment to PFRS 12: Transition Guidance	а		
PFRS 12	Amendment to PFRS 12: Investment Entities	а		
	Amendment to PFRS 10: Investment Entities – Applying the Consolidation Exception * (effective January 1, 2016)	а		
PFRS 13	Fair Value Measurement	а		
PFRS 14	Regulatory Deferral Accounts* (effective January 1, 2018)			а

PHILIPPIN	E FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS	Adopted	Not Adopted	Not Applicable
Philippine A	ccounting Standards (PAS)			
	Presentation of Financial Statements	а		
PAS 1 (Revised)	Amendments to PAS 32 and PAS 1: Puttable Financial Instruments and Obligations Arising on Liquidation	а		
(Revised)	Amendment to PAS 1: Presentation of Items of Other Comprehensive Income	а		
	Amendment to PAS 1: Disclosure Initiative * (effective January 1, 2016)			а
PAS 2	Inventories	а		
PAS 7	Statement of Cash Flows	а		
PAS 8	Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors	а		
PAS 10	Events after the Reporting Period	а		
PAS 11	Construction Contracts			а
<b>DAG 42</b>	Income Taxes	а		
PAS 12	Amendment to PAS 12 - Deferred Tax: Recovery of Underlying Assets	a		
PAS 16	Property, Plant and Equipment	а		
PAS 17	Leases	а		
PAS 18	Revenue	а		
PAS 19	Employee Benefits	а		
(Revised)	Amendment to PAS 19: Defined Benefit Plans - Employee Contributions * (effective July 1, 2014)			а
PAS 20	Accounting for Government Grants and Disclosure of Government Assistance			а
D4.0.04	The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates	а		
PAS 21	Amendment: Net Investment in a Foreign Operation	а		
PAS 23 (Revised)	Borrowing Costs	а		
PAS 24 (Revised)	Related Party Disclosures	а		
PAS 26	Accounting and Reporting by Retirement Benefit Plans	а		
PAS 27 (Revised)	Separate Financial Statements	а		
(Revised)	Amendment to PAS 27: Investment Entities	а		
PAS 28	Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures	а		
(Revised)	Amendment to PAS 28: Investment Entities - Applying the Consolidation Exception* (effective from January 1, 2016)			а
PAS 29	Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies			а
	Financial Instruments: Presentation	а		
PAS 32	Amendments to PAS 32 and PAS 1: Puttable Financial Instruments and Obligations Arising on Liquidation	а		
1 113 32	Amendment to PAS 32: Classification of Rights Issues	а		
	Amendments to PAS 32: Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities	а		

PHILIPPIN	E FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS	Adopted	Not Adopted	Not Applicable
PAS 33	Earnings per Share	а		
PAS 34	Interim Financial Reporting	а		
DAG 26	Impairment of Assets	а		
PAS 36	Amendment to PAS 36: Recoverable Amount Disclosures for Non-financial Assets	а		
PAS 37	Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets	а		
PAS 38	Intangible Assets	а		
	Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement	а		
	Amendments to PAS 39: Transition and Initial Recognition of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities	а		
	Amendments to PAS 39: Cash Flow Hedge Accounting of Forecast Intragroup Transactions	а		
	Amendments to PAS 39: The Fair Value Option	а		
PAS 39	Amendments to PAS 39 and PFRS 4: Financial Guarantee Contracts	а		
FA3 39	Amendments to PAS 39 and PFRS 7: Reclassification of Financial Assets	а		
	Amendments to PAS 39 and PFRS 7: Reclassification of Financial Assets – Effective Date and Transition	а		
	Amendments to Philippine Interpretation IFRIC 9 and PAS 39: Embedded Derivatives	а		
	Amendment to PAS 39: Eligible Hedged Items	а		
	Amendment to PAS 39: Novation of Derivatives and Continuation of Hedge Accounting	а		
PAS 40	Investment Property	а		
PAS 41	Agriculture			а
Philippine I	Interpretations - International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) Changes in Existing Decommissioning, Restoration and Similar Liabilities			
IFRIC 2	Members' Share in Co-operative Entities and Similar Instruments			a
IFRIC 4	Determining Whether an Arrangement Contains a Lease			а
IFRIC 5	Rights to Interests Arising from Decommissioning, Restoration and Environmental Rehabilitation Funds	а		а
IFRIC 6	Liabilities Arising from Participating in a Specific Market - Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment			а
IFRIC 7	Applying the Restatement Approach under PAS 29, Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies			а
	Reassessment of Embedded Derivatives**	а		
IFRIC 9	Amendments to Philippine Interpretation IFRIC-9 and PAS 39: Embedded Derivatives**	а		
IFRIC 10	Interim Financial Reporting and Impairment	а		
IFRIC 12	Service Concession Arrangements			а
IFRIC 13	Customer Loyalty Programmes			а
IFRIC 14	PAS 19 - The Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum Funding Requirements and their Interaction	а		
	Amendments to Philippine Interpretations IFRIC - 14, Prepayments of a Minimum Funding Requirement and their Interaction**	а		
IFRIC 16	Hedges of a Net Investment in a Foreign Operation			а
IFRIC 17	Distributions of Non-cash Assets to Owners**	а		
IFRIC 18	Transfers of Assets from Customers**	а		
IFRIC 19	Extinguishing Financial Liabilities with Equity Instruments**	а		
IFRIC 20	Stripping Costs in the Production Phase of a Surface Mine			а
IFRIC 21	Levies	а		1

PHILIPPI	NE FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS	Adopted	Not Adopted	Not Applicable
Philippine	Interpretations - Standing Interpretations Committee (SIC)			
SIC-7	Introduction of the Euro			а
SIC-10	Government Assistance - No Specific Relation to Operating Activities			а
SIC-13	Jointly Controlled Entities - Non-Monetary Contributions by Venturers			а
SIC-15	Operating Leases - Incentives	а		
SIC-25	Income Taxes - Changes in the Tax Status of an Entity or its Shareholders**	а		
SIC-27	Evaluating the Substance of Transactions Involving the Legal Form of a Lease	а		
SIC-29	Service Concession Arrangements: Disclosures			а
SIC-31	Revenue - Barter Transactions Involving Advertising Services**	а		
SIC-32	Intangible Assets - Web Site Costs**	а		

\* These standards will be effective for periods subsequent to 2014 and are not early adopted by the Group.

\*\* These standards have been adopted in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements but the Group has no significant transactions covered in the years presented.

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Map Showing the Relationships Between the Company and its Related Entities December 31, 2014




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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION SEC Form 17-Q

## QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO THE SECURITIES REGULATIONS CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

- 1. For the quarter period ended : June 30, 2015
- 2. SEC Identification Number : ASO94-001420
- 3. BIR Tax Identification Number : 043-003-507-219
- 4. Exact name of the registrant as specified in its charter: <u>FIRST ABACUS FINANCIAL HOLDINGS CORPORATION</u>
- 5. MANDALUYONG CITY, METRO MANILA PHILIPPINES Province, Country or other jurisdiction of incorporation
- 6. Industry Classification Code or Organization
- 7. Address of principal Office : Unit E-2902D PSE Center, Exchange Road, Pasig City
- 8. Registrant's telephone number, including area code : (632)-634-51-04/10
- 9. Former name, former address, and former fiscal year, if changed since last report <u>Not Applicable</u>
- 10. Securities registered pursuant to Sections 4 and 8 of the SRC

Title of Each Class

Number of Shares of Common Stock Outstanding and Amount of Debt Outstanding

#### Common Stock, P1.00 par value

1,193,200,000 shares

11. Are any or all these securities listed on the Philippine Stock Exchange?

Yes (x) No ( )

12. Check whether the registrant:

(a) has filed all reports required to be filed under Revised Securities Code of the Philippines and 141 of the Corporation Code of the Philippines during the preceding 12 months.

Yes (x) No ( )

(b) Has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes (x) No ( )

## PART I – Financial Statements

## Item 1. Financial Statements

The consolidated financial statements are filed as part of this form 17-Q, companies included in the consolidation are First Abacus Financial Holdings Corporation (FAFHC, the parent company), Abacus Capital and Investment Corporation, Abacus Securities Corporation and the Vista Holdings Corporation.

## Item 2. Management Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

	Pe	Period ended June 30		
			% Change	
	2015	2014	Inc. (Dec.)	
Profit and Loss Data				
Revenues	134,835	137,818	(2%)	
Total Cost and Expenses	167,058	176,319	(5%)	
Net income (loss)	(14,186)	(15,630)	9%	
EBITDA	81,140	93,514	13%	

#### Financial Highlights In thousand pesos except for financial ratios

	Unaudited June 30, 2015	Audited Dec. 31, 2014	% Change Inc. (Dec.)
Balance Sheet Data			
Total Assets	5,347,848	5,449,456	(1.9%)
Total Debt	3,069,416	3,158,304	(2.8%)
Total Stockholders' Equity	2,278,432	2,291,152	(0.6%)

The following are the major performance measures that the Company uses. Analyses are employed by comparison and measurement on a consolidated basis based on the financial date on the periods indicated below:

	Unaudited June 30, 2015	Audited Dec. 31, 2014
Liquidity:		
Current Ratio	1.62:1	1.63:1
Coverage/Solvency ratios:		
Assets to Equity	2.35:1	2.38:1
Debt to Equity Ratio	1.37:1	1.38:1
	June 30	June 30
	2015	2014
Operating Efficiency:		
Revenue Growth – Increase (Decrease)	(2%)	(29.6%)
Profitability – Increase (Decrease)	9%	(185%)

The manner by which the Company calculates the above indicators is as follows:

Key Performance Indicator	Formula	
Current Ratio	Current assets/Current liabilities	
Asset to Equity Ratio	Assets / Total stockholders' equity	
Debt to Equity Ratio	Total liabilities/Total stockholders'	
Revenue Growth	Current period total revenues/Prior period total	
	revenues	
Net Income(loss) Growth	Current Period Net Income/Prior Period Net Income	

A number of macro-economic factors continued to weigh down on the local equities market during the second quarter of the year. As a result of lingering concerns over the economy's lower than expected 5.2% GDP growth rate in the first quarter and weak spending on the part of government, the Philippines was not expected to meet its target growth rate of 7-8% for the year. The overcast horizon signaled volatility in the local equities market ans susceptibility to foreign flow movements on the back of uncertain corporate earnings and the US Federal Reserve's liftoff. There were however indicators of a strong rebound as a result of continuing confidence in the strength of the country's fundamentals and the government's relative success in a number of key indicators, most particularly tax collection and curbing graft and corruption.

The performance of the company for the second quarter and for first semester of the year, mirrored the same trend. The company, however, has succeeded in arresting the downward trend. For the second quarter of 2015, the Company's revenues stood at Php65 million, representing a decrease of Php7.7 million or 10% over the same period last year. Our consolidated revenues for the first half of the year stood at Php135 million, or a decrease of 2% over the Php138 million realized during the same period last year. Brokers commission for the quarter was noted at Php34 million, down by Php6.6 million from the Php40.3 million year-on-year. For the first half of the year total brokers commission rose to Php78 million, an increase of 7.8% over the Php72 million realized for the same period last year. During the quarter, the company realized Php23 million on its sale investments in financial assets at fair value through profit and loss, a decrease of Php2.3 million as compared to the Php25.4 million achieved for the same period last year. As of the second quarter, total gains realized from investment of financial assets was noted at Php23 million, slight decrease from last year's Php25 million.

The Company managed to cut costs and expenses for the quarter, which was noted at Php81 million, lower than the Php91 million recorded for the same period last year. Consolidated costs and expenses for the first half of the year was also lower at Php167 million compared to the Php176 million spent last year. As in the past, a large bulk of operating expenses was allocated for debt servicing in keeping with the company's commitment to honor its obligations.

Summing up the Company's performance for the second quarter of the year, the company is reporting a consolidated net loss of Php6 million, almost comparable to the Php5 million net loss recorded for the same period last year. For the first half of the year, the company contained the consolidated net loss to Php14.2 million, a slight improvement from last year's consolidated loss of Php15.6 million.

During the period under review, there was a decrease noted in the total assets as of the first half of the year amounting to Php101 million, from Php5,449 million in December 2014 to Php5,348 million in June 2015. The decrease were brought about by the collection of our trade receivables amounting to Php57 million and the sale of our financial assets at fair value through profit and loss amounting to Php60 million.

A decrease in total liabilities was also noted during the period amounting to Php89 million bringing total liabilities to Php3,069 million from Php3,158 million. The decrease was brought about by the payment of trade payables and our short term borrowings.

The decrease in stockholders' equity of Php12.7 million was due to the net result of the operation during the quarter and net effect of valuation of our financial assets.

The Company is highly optimistic that its financial performance will improve moving forward on account of more favorable conditions expected in the general operating environment in the next few months and in 2016. The

company has consistently maintained its strong presence in the market all these years and remains in a better position to take advantage of expected upturns in the market.

The Company, however, will continue to keep an effective balance between managing risks and opportunities and will not let its guard down. The Company shall continue to solidify its niches and expand market reach. At the same time, the Company shall continue to be lean without sacrificing ability to provide the best value to customers. As it has continued to do so in the last four years, the Company will keep an eye on outstanding loans, and subsequently, interest cost and expenses. And as in the past, the Company shall draw strength and inspiration from the support and commitment of its various stakeholders.

Aside from the discussions above, there are no material off-balance sheet transactions, arrangements, obligations (including contingent obligations), and other relationships of the company with unconsolidated entities or other persons created during the reporting period.

#### PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

The Company and its Subsidiaries have not known of: Any trends, demands, commitments, events or uncertainties that will have a material impact on the company's liquidity; Any trends, events or uncertainties that are reasonably expected to have a material favorable or unfavorable impact on the operations of the issuer; Any significant elements of income and loss that did not arise from the issuer's continuing operations; The Company and its Subsidiaries have no commitments for capital expenditures.

## SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of The Securities Code of the Philippines, this Quarterly Report has been signed by the following directors/officers in the capacities indicated.

By:

PAULINO S. SOO Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

uch Man JACK T. HUANG President

VICENTE CO CHIEN, JR. Treasurer

## First Abacus Financial Holdings Corp. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Balance Sheets

ASSETS	(Unaudited) June 30 2015	Audited December 31 2014
Cash	<del>₽</del> 72,978,296	₽114,400,633
Financial Assets at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss(Note 4)	459,072,937	494,228,180
Available for Sale Financial Assets(Note 5)	2,664,770,691	2,664,770,691
Receivables(Note 6)	1,802,530,614	1,859,741,250
Property and Equipment (Note 7)	58,624,949	61,781,088
Other Assets(Note 8)	289,870,564	254,534,522
	<b>₽</b> 5,347,848,051	₽5,449,456,364

## LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY

Interest-bearing loans and borrowings(Note 11)	<del>P</del> 2,693,304,098	<del>P</del> 2,704,294,373
Due to customers (Note 9)	262,253,879	300,243,157
Accounts Payable and Other Liabilities (Note 10)	113,857,670	153,766,667
	3,069,415,646	3,158,304,197
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Capital Stock	1,193,200,000	1,193,200,000
Additional Paid In Capital	3,104,800	3,104,800
Treasury stock, at cost (Note 12)	(385,670,581)	(385,670,581)
Changes in fair value of available for sale financial assets	2,016,198,881	2,015,059,463
Deficit	(548,727,733)	(534,541,515)
	2,278,432,407	2,291,152,167
	<del>₽</del> 5,347,848,051	₽5,449,456,364

See Notes to Financial Statements

## FIRST ABACUS FINANCIAL HOLDINGS CORP AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME(LOSS)

			2014		
	2015				
	For the	Year to Date	For the Quarter	Year To Date	
	Quarter April – June	Jan June	April - June	Jan. – June	
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REVENUES					
Commission	43,914,921	<del>₽</del> 77,667,194	<del>P</del> 40,339,625	<del>-P</del> 72,074,346	
Management/Underwriting fees	5,625,516	31,552,516	10,000,000	10,150,000	
Gain on sale of financial assets	23,050,813	23,050,813	25,398,558	55,361,103	
Gain on fair value of financial assets	2,358,778	2,358,778	-	-	
Interest	49,552	126,355	56,408	204,828	
Others	63,366	79,826	8,977	27,616	
-	64,900,298	134,835,482	72,582,911	137,817,893	
COST AND EXPENSES					
Finance Costs	36,336,977	79,499,219	45,197,640	89,364,743	
Salaries and wages	12,024,806	23,109,992	11,638,422	21,913,224	
Commissions	8,640,040	19,917,921	10,644,666	19,367,540	
Taxes and licenses	4,167,546	8,865,068	3,010,322	8,135,361	
Stock exchange and PCD fees	3,998,229	7,890,700	3,701,350	6,111,197	
Depreciation and amortization	3,062,819	6,691,960	6,078,218	11,644,204	
Other operating expenses	12,539,462	21,083,103	10,381,679	19,782,350	
	80,769,879	167,057,963	90,652,297	176,318,619	
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TAX	(15,869,581)	(32,222,481)	(18,069,386	(38,500,726)	
INCOME BENEFIT (TAX)	9,918,585	18,036,263	13,103,908	22,870,113	
NET PROFIT	(5,950,996)	(14,186,218)	(4,965,478)	(15,630,613)	
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)	<del>(P</del> 5,950,996)	(₽14,186,218)	<del>(P</del> 4,965,478)	<del>(P</del> 15,630,613)	

## First Abacus Financial Holdings Corp and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows June 30, 2015

	2015	5	201	4
	For the Quarter	Year to Date	For the Quarter	Year to Date
	April – June	Jan June	April – June	Jan. – June
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Net income(loss)	<del>(P</del> 5,950,996)	( <del>P</del> 14,186,218)	( <del>P</del> 4,965,480)	(₽15,630,613)
Adjustments for				
Finance costs	36,336,977	79,499,219	45,197,640	89,364,743
Depreciation and amortization	3,062,819	6,961,960	6,078,218	11,644,204
Fair value gain in value of financial assets	(3,498,196)	(2,358,778)	3,220,657	-
Loss (gain) in fair value of financial assets	(23,050,813)	(23,050,813)	(25,398,558)	(55,361,103)
Provision for income tax benefit	(18,036,263)	(18,036,263)	(13,103,908)	(22,870,113)
Interest income	(49,552)	(126,355)	(56,803)	(204,828)
Operating income before working capital changes	(11,186,024)		10,972,161	6,942,290
Decrease in financial assets at fair value through profit and loss	31,863,625		62,064,676	162,698,309
Increase in receivables	22,082,809	57,210,636	53,930,873	(130,925,545)
Net increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses	(125,609,436)	(97,665,127)	(73,180,756)	(68,276,546)
Cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(82,849,027)	48,813,095	53,786,954	(29,561,492)
Interest received	49,552	126,355	56,408	204,828
Interest paid	(21,749,594)	(59,732,367)	(48,498,056)	(71,155,339)
	(104,549,069)	(10,792,917)	5,345,306	(100,512,003)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Net (increase) decrease in financial assets	1,466,456	1,466,456	(7,585,053)	(5,838,164)
Net (increase) decrease in property and equipment	(2,846,342)	(3,805,821)	(313,535)	(1,431,369)
Net (increase) decrease in other assets	5,831,210	(17,299,779)	2,106,000	(4,961,684)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	4,451,324	(19,639,144)	(5,792,588)	(12,231,217)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Net loan availments (payments)	60,329,105	(10,990,275)	13,178,988	33,381,864
Net cash provided by (used) financing activities	60,329,105	(10,990,275)	13,178,988	33,381,864
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(39,768,641)	(41,422,337)	12,731,706	(79,361,356)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING	112,746,937	114,400,633	74,547,165	166,640,227
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END	<del>P</del> 72,978,296	<del>₽</del> 72,978,296	₽87,278,871	₽87,278,871
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## First Abacus Financial Holdings Corp and Subsidiaries Statements of Changes in Equity

-		Quarter Ended June 30, 2015	Six Months June 30, 2015	Quarter Ended June 30, 2014	Six Months June 30, 2014
Authorized -1,800,000,000 shares	₽	₽	1,193,200,000 -₽	<u>₽</u>	1,193,200,000
Issued and Outstanding -1,193,200,0 Additional Paid In Capital	000		3,104,800		3,104,800
Treasury Shares			(385,670,581)		(385,670,581)
Changes in Value of Financial Assets	3		2,016,525,922		2,346,971,842
Retained Earnings Balance beginning					
Net income		(5,950,996)	(534,541,515) (14,186,218)	(4,965,478)	(645,468,256) (15,630,613)
Balance at end of quarter			(14,186,218)	(4,965,478)	(661,098,869)
TOTAL EQUITY	P	(5,950,996) <del>P</del>	2,278,432,407 <del>-P</del>	(4,965,478) <del>-P</del>	2,496,507,190

## FIRST ABACUS FINANCIAL HOLDINGS CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2015

## 1. CORPORATE INFORMATION

First Abacus Financial Holdings Corporation ( the "Parent Company") was incorporated in the Philippines and has substantial investments in the following subsidiaries, all of which are incorporated in the Philippines:

	Percentage of Ownership		
	June 30, 2015	Dec. 31, 2014	
Abacus Capital and Investment Corp.	100	100	
Abacus Securities Corporation	100	100	
Vista Holdings Corporation	100	100	

The Parent Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") are primarily involved in investment banking, management advisory services and securities brokerage. The Parent Company's shares of stock are listed at the Philippine Stock Exchange.

## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies that have been used in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements are summarized below. The policies have been consistently applied to all years presented, unless otherwise stated.

#### 2.01 Basis of Preparation of Consolidated Financial Statements

#### (a) Statement of Compliance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards

The consolidated financial statements of the Group have been prepared in accordance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards (PFRS). PFRS are adopted by the Financial Reporting Standards Council from the pronouncements issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB). The consolidated financial statements have been prepared using the measurement bases specified by PFRS for each type of asset, liability, income and expense. The measurement bases are more fully described in the accounting policies that follow.

#### (b) Presentation of Financial Statements

The consolidated financial statements are presented in accordance with Philippine Accounting Standards (PAS) 1, *Presentation of Financial Statements*. The Group presents consolidated statements of comprehensive income separate from the consolidated statements of profit or loss. The Group presents a third statement of financial position as at the beginning of the preceding period when it applies an accounting policy retrospectively, or makes a retrospective restatement or reclassification of items that has a material effect on the information in the consolidated statement of financial position at the beginning of the preceding period. The related notes to the third consolidated statement of financial position are not required to be disclosed.

#### (c) Functional and Presentation Currency

These consolidated financial statements are presented in Philippine pesos, the Group's functional currency, and all values represent absolute amounts except when otherwise indicated.

Items included in the consolidated financial statements of the Group are measured using its functional currency, the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Group operates.

#### 2.02 Basis of Consolidation

The Parent Company obtains and exercises control through voting rights. The Group's consolidated financial statements comprise the accounts of the Parent Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries, ACIC, ASC and VHC, after the elimination of material intercompany transactions. All intercompany balances and transactions with subsidiaries, including income, expenses and dividends, are eliminated in full. Unrealized profits and losses from intercompany transactions that are recognized in assets are also eliminated in full. Intercompany losses that indicate impairment are recognized in the consolidated financial statements. The financial statements of the subsidiaries are prepared for the same reporting period as the Parent Company, using consistent accounting principles. Subsidiaries are entities (including structured entities) over which the Parent Company has control. The Parent Company controls an entity when it is exposed, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. Subsidiaries are consolidated from the date the Parent Company obtains control. The Parent Company reassesses whether or not it controls an entity if facts and circumstances indicate that there are changes to one or more of the three elements of controls indicated above. Accordingly, entities are deconsolidated from the date that control ceases.

The acquisition method is applied to account for acquired subsidiaries. This requires recognizing and measuring the identifiable assets acquired, the liabilities assumed and any noncontrolling interest in the acquiree. The consideration transferred for the acquisition of a subsidiary is the fair values of the assets transferred, the liabilities incurred to the former owners of the acquiree and the equity interests issued by the Group, if any. The consideration transferred also includes the fair value of any asset or liability resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement. Acquisition-related costs are expensed as incurred and subsequent change in the fair value of contingent consideration is recognized directly in profit or loss.

Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date. On an acquisition-by-acquisition basis, the Group recognizes any noncontrolling interest in the acquiree, either at fair value or at the noncontrolling interest's proportionate share of the recognized amounts of acquiree's identifiable net assets.

The excess of the consideration transferred, the amount of any noncontrolling interest in the acquiree and the acquisition-date fair value of any existing equity interest in the acquiree over the acquisition-date fair value of identifiable net assets acquired is recognized as goodwill. If the consideration transferred is less than the fair value of the net assets of the subsidiary acquired in the case of a bargain purchase, the difference is recognized directly as gain in profit or loss.

#### 2.03 Adoption of New and Amended PFRS

#### (a) Effective in 2014 that are Relevant to the Group

In 2014, the Group adopted for the first time the following amendments and interpretation to PFRS that are relevant to the Group and effective for financial statements for the annual period beginning on or after January 1, 2014:

PAS 32 (Amendment) :	Financial Instruments: Presentation – Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities
PAS 36 (Amendment) :	Impairment of Assets – Recoverable Amount Disclosures for Non-financial Assets
PAS 39 (Amendment) :	Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement – Novation of Derivatives and Continuation of Hedge Accounting
PFRS 10, 12 and PAS 27	

(Amendments) :	Consoli	idated Financial Statements, Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities and Separate Financial
		Statements – Exemption from Consolidation for Investment Entities
Philippine Interpretation		Consolitation for investment Endues
International Financial		
Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) 21	:	Levies

Discussed below and in the succeeding page are the relevant information about these amended standards and interpretation.

#### (i) PAS 32 (Amendment), Financial Instruments: Presentation - Offsetting Financial

Assets and Financial Liabilities. The amendment provides guidance to address inconsistencies in applying the criteria for offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities. It clarifies that an entity must currently have a right of setoff that is not contingent on a future event, and must be legally enforceable in the normal course of business; in the event of default; and, in the event of insolvency or bankruptcy of the entity and all of the counterparties. The amendment also clarifies that gross settlement mechanisms (such as through a clearing house) with features that both eliminate credit and liquidity risks and process receivables and payables in a single settlement process, will satisfy the criterion for net settlement. The amendment has been applied retrospectively in accordance with its transitional provisions. The Group's existing offsetting and settlement arrangements for its financial instruments with its counterparties are not affected by the amendment; hence, such did not have an impact on the presentation of financial assets and financial liabilities on the

Group's consolidated financial statements for any periods presented.

(ii) PAS 36 (Amendment), Impairment of Assets – Recoverable Amount Disclosures for Non-financial Assets. The amendment clarifies that disclosure of information about the recoverable amount of individual asset (including goodwill) or a cash-generating unit is required only when an impairment loss has been recognized or reversed during the reporting period. If the recoverable amount is determined based on the asset's or cash-generating unit's fair value less costs of disposal, additional disclosures on fair value measurement required under PFRS 13, Fair Value Measurement, such as, but not limited to, the fair value hierarchy, valuation technique used and key assumptions applied, should be provided in the consolidated financial statements. This amendment did not have a significant impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements as the recoverable amounts of the Group's non-financial assets are determined based on the asset's or cash-generating unit's value in use (see Note 13).

(iii)PAS 39 (Amendment), *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement – Novation of Derivatives and Continuation of Hedge Accounting.* The amendment provides some relief from the requirements on hedge accounting by allowing entities to continue the use of hedge accounting when a derivative is novated to a clearing counterparty resulting in termination or expiration of the original hedging instrument as a consequence of laws and regulations, or the introduction thereof. As the Group neither enters into transactions involving derivative instruments nor does it apply hedge accounting, the amendment did not have any impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements.

(iv) PFRS 10, 12 and PAS 27 (Amendments) – *Exemption from Consolidation for Investment Entities.* The amendments define the term "investment entity" and provide to such an investment entity an exemption from the consolidation of particular subsidiaries and instead require to measure investment in each eligible subsidiary at fair value through profit or loss in accordance with PAS 39 or PFRS 9, *Financial Instruments*, both in its consolidated or separate financial statements, as the case maybe. The amendments also require additional disclosures about the details of the entity's unconsolidated subsidiaries and the nature of its relationship and certain transactions with those subsidiaries. The Group's current consolidated financial statements.

(v) Philippine Interpretation IFRIC 21, Levies. This interpretation clarifies that the obligating event as one of the criteria under PAS 37, Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets, for the recognition of a liability for levy

imposed by a government is the activity described in the relevant legislation that triggers the payment of the levy. Accordingly, the liability is recognized in the financial statements progressively if the obligating event occurs over a period of time and if an obligation is triggered on reaching a minimum threshold, the liability is recognized when that minimum threshold is reached. This amendment had no significant impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements.

#### (b) Effective Subsequent to 2014 but not Adopted Early

There are new amendments and annual improvements to existing standards effective for annual periods subsequent to 2014, which are issued by the FRSC, subject to the approval of the BOA. Management will adopt the following relevant pronouncements in accordance with their transitional provisions and, unless otherwise stated, none of these are expected to have significant impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements:

(i) PAS 19 (Amendment), *Employee Benefits – Defined Benefit Plans – Employee Contributions* (effective from July 1, 2014). The amendment clarifies that if the amount of the contributions from employees or third parties is dependent on the number of years of service, an entity shall attribute the contributions to periods of service using the same attribution method (i.e., either using the plan's contribution formula or on a straight-line basis) for the gross benefit.

(ii) PAS 1 (Amendment), *Presentation of Financial Statements – Disclosure Initiative* (effective from January 1, 2016). The amendment encourages entities to apply professional judgment in presenting and disclosing information in the financial statements. Accordingly, it clarifies that materiality applies to the whole financial statements and an entity shall not reduce the understandability of the financial statements by obscuring material information with immaterial information or by aggregating material items that have different nature or functions. Moreover, the amendment further clarifies that in determining the order of presenting the notes and disclosures, an entity shall consider the understandability and comparability of the financial statements.

(iii) PAS 16 (Amendment), Property, Plant and Equipment, and PAS 38 (Amendment), Intangible Assets – Clarification of Acceptable Methods of Depreciation and Amortization (effective from January 1, 2016). The amendment in PAS 16 clarifies that a depreciation method that is based on revenue that is generated by an activity that includes the use of an asset is not appropriate for property, plant and equipment. In addition, amendment to PAS 38 introduces a rebuttable presumption that an amortization method that is based on the revenue generated by an activity that includes the use of an intangible asset is not appropriate, which can only be overcome in limited circumstances where the intangible asset is expressed as a measure of revenue, or when it can be demonstrated that revenue and the consumption of the economic benefits of an intangible asset are highly correlated. The amendment also provides guidance that the expected future reductions in the selling price of an asset, which may reflect a reduction of the future economic benefits embodied in the asset.

(iv) PFRS 10 (Amendment), Consolidated Financial Statements, and PAS 28 (Amendment), Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures – Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associates or Joint Venture (effective from January 1, 2016). The amendment to PFRS 10 requires full recognition in the investor's financial statements of gains or losses arising on the sale or contribution of assets that constitute a business as defined in PFRS 3, Business Combinations, between an investor and its associate or joint venture. Accordingly, the partial recognition of gains or losses (i.e., to the extent of the unrelated investor's interests in an associate or joint venture) only applies to those sale of contribution of assets that do not constitute a business. Corresponding amendment has been made to PAS 28 to reflect these changes. In addition, PAS 28 has been amended to clarify that when determining whether assets that are sold or contributed constitute a business, an entity shall consider whether the sale or contribution of those assets is part of multiple arrangements that should be accounted for as a single transaction.

#### (v) PFRS 10 (Amendment), Consolidated Financial Statements - Investment Entities:

Applying the Consolidation Exception (effective from January 1, 2016). This amendment confirms that the exemption from preparing consolidated financial statements continues to be available to a parent entity that is a subsidiary of an investment entity, even if the investment entity measures its interest in all its subsidiaries at fair

value in accordance with PFRS 10. The amendment further clarifies that if an investment entity has a subsidiary that is not itself an investment entity and whose main purpose and activities are to provide services that are related to the investment activities of the investment entity parent, the latter shall consolidate that subsidiary.

(vi) PFRS 9 (2014), *Financial Instruments* (effective from January 1, 2018). This newstandard on financial instruments will eventually replace PAS 39 and PFRS 9 (2009, 2010 and 2013 versions).

This standard contains, among others, the following:

three principal classification categories for financial assets based on the business model on how an entity is managing its financial instruments;

an expected loss model in determining impairment of all financial assets that are not measured at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL), which generally depends on whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition of a financial asset; and,

a new model on hedge accounting that provides significant improvements principally by aligning hedge accounting more closely with the risk management activities undertaken by entities when hedging their financial and non-financial risk exposures.

In accordance with the financial asset classification principle of PFRS 9 (2014), a financial asset is classified and measured at amortized cost if the asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect the contractual cash flows that represent solely payments of principal and interest (SPPI) on the principal outstanding. Moreover, a financial asset is classified and subsequently measured at fair value through other comprehensive income if it meets the SPPI criterion and is held in a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling the financial assets. All other financial assets are measured at FVTPL.

In addition, PFRS 9 (2014) allows entities to make an irrevocable election to present subsequent changes in the fair value of an equity instrument that is not held for trading in other comprehensive income. The accounting for embedded derivatives in host contracts that are financial assets is simplified by removing the requirement to consider whether or not they are closely related, and, in most arrangements, does not require separation from the host contract.

For liabilities, the standard retains most of the PAS 39 requirements which include amortized cost accounting for most financial liabilities, with bifurcation of embedded derivatives. The amendment also requires changes in the fair value of an entity's own debt instruments caused by changes in its own credit quality to be recognized in other comprehensive income rather than in profit or loss. The Group does not expect to implement and adopt PFRS 9 (2014) until its effective date. In addition, management is currently assessing the impact of PFRS 9 (2014) on the consolidated financial statements of the Group and it will conduct a comprehensive study of the potential impact of this standard prior to its mandatory adoption date to assess the impact of all changes.

(vii) Annual Improvements to PFRS. Annual improvements to PFRS (2010-2012 Cycle) and PFRS (2011-2013 Cycle) effective for annual periods beginning on or after July 1, 2014, and to PFRS (2012-2014 Cycle) effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2016, made minor amendments to a number of PFRS. Among those improvements, the following amendments are relevant to the Group but management does not expect those to have material impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements:

#### Annual Improvements to PFRS (2010-2012 Cycle)

(a) PAS 16 (Amendment), *Property, Plant and Equipment*, and PAS 38 (Amendment), *Intangible Assets*. The amendments clarify that when an item of property, plant and equipment, and intangible assets is revalued, the gross carrying amount is adjusted in a manner that is consistent with the revaluation of the carrying amount of the asset.

(b) PAS 24 (Amendment), Related Party Disclosures. The amendment clarifies that an entity providing key management services to a reporting entity is deemed to be a related party of the latter. It also clarifies that the

information required to be disclosed in the financial statements are the amounts incurred by the reporting entity for key management personnel services that are provided by a separate management entity and not the amounts of compensation paid or payable by the management entity to its employees or directors.

(c) PFRS 3 (Amendment), Business Combinations. This amendment clarifies that an obligation to pay contingent consideration which meets the definition of a financial instrument is classified as a financial liability or as equity in accordance with PAS 32, Financial Instruments – Presentation. It also clarifies that all non-equity contingent consideration should be measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period, with changes in fair value recognized in profit or loss.

(d) PFRS 8 (Amendment), Operating Segments. This amendment requires disclosure of the judgments made by management in applying the aggregation criteria to operating segments. This includes a description of the segments, which have been aggregated and the economic indicators, which have been assessed in determining that the aggregated segments share similar economic characteristics. It further clarifies the requirement to disclose for the reconciliations of segment assets to the entity's assets if that amount is regularly provided to the chief operating decision maker.

(e) PFRS 13 (Amendment), *Fair Value Measurement*. The amendment in the basis of conclusion of PFRS 13 clarifies that issuing PFRS 13 and amending certain provisions of PFRS 9 and PAS 39 related to discounting of financial instruments did not remove the ability to measure short-term receivables and payables with no stated interest rate on an undiscounted basis, when the effect of not discounting is immaterial.

Annual Improvements to PFRS (2011-2013 Cycle)

- (a) PFRS 3 (Amendment), Business Combinations. The amendment clarifies that PFRS 3 does not apply to the accounting for the formation of any joint arrangement under PFRS 11, Joint Arrangement, in the financial statements of the joint arrangement itself.
- (b) PFRS 13 (Amendment), Fair Value Measurement. The amendment clarifies that the scope of the exception for measuring the fair value of a group of financial assets and financial liabilities on a net basis (the portfolio exception) applies to all contracts within the scope of and accounted for in accordance with PAS 39 or PFRS 9, regardless of whether they meet the definition of financial assets or financial liabilities as defined in PAS 32.
- (c) PAS 40 (Amendment), *Investment Property*. The amendment clarifies the interrelationship of PFRS 3 and PAS 40 in determining the classification of property as an investment property or owner-occupied property, and explicitly requires an entity to use judgment in determining whether the acquisition of an investment property is an acquisition of an asset or a group of asset in accordance with PAS 40, or a business combination in accordance with PFRS 3.

Annnal Improvements to PFRS (2012-2014 Cycle)

(a) PAS 19 (Amendment), *Employee Benefits*. The amendment clarifies that the currency and term of the high quality corporate bonds which were used to determine the discount rate for post-employment benefit obligations shall be made consistent with the currency and estimated term of the post-employment benefit obligations.

- (d) PAS 34 (Amendment), Interim Financial Reporting Disclosure of Information "Elsewhere in the Interim Financial Report". The amendment clarifies the meaning of disclosure of information "elsewhere in the interim financial report" and requires the inclusion of a cross-reference from the interim financial statements to the location of this referenced information. The amendment also specifies that this information must be available to users of the interim financial statements on the same terms as the interim financial statements and at the same time, otherwise the interim financial statements will be incomplete.
- (e) PFRS 7 (Amendment), *Financial Instruments Disclosures*. The amendment provides additional guidance to help entities identify the circumstances under which a contract to "service" financial assets is considered to be a continuing involvement in those assets for the purpose of applying the disclosure requirements of

PFRS 7. Such circumstances commonly arise when, for example, the servicing is dependent on the amount or timing of cash flows collected from the transferred asset or when a fixed fee is not paid in full due to non-performance of that asset.

(f) PFRS 7 (Amendment), Financial Instruments – Applicability of Amendments to PFRS 7 to Condensed Interim Financial Statements. This amendment clarifies that the additional disclosure required by the recent amendments toPFRS 7 related to offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities is not specifically required for all interim periods. However, the additional disclosure is required to be given in condensed interim financial statements that are prepared in accordance with PAS 34, Interim Financial Reporting, when its inclusion would be necessary in order to meet the general principles of PAS 34.

#### **Business Segments**

The Group is organized into the following business segments:

1) Securities brokerage -handles buying and selling of shares of stock, bonds and other securities.

2) Investment banking -provides services which include underwriting of financial instruments and financial advisory services.

3) Others -includes management advisory services and leasing of condominium units, none of which constitutes a separately reportable segment.

Transactions between the business segments are on normal commercial terms and conditions.

Funds are ordinarily allocated between segments, resulting in funding cost transfers disclosed in operating income. Interest charged for these funds is based on the Group's weighted average bank loan rates.

Inter-segment revenues and expenses also include rentals from the operating leases on condominium units managed by certain segments. There are no other material items of income or expense between the business segments.

Segment assets and liabilities comprise operating assets and liabilities including items such as taxation and borrowings.

#### Cash

Cash includes cash on hand and bank deposits which are subject to insignificant risk of changes in value. Cash is initially and subsequently measured at fair value.

#### Financial Assets

Financial assets include cash and financial instruments. The Group classifies its financial assets into the following categories: financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, loans and receivables, held-to-maturity investments and available-for-sale financial assets.

Financial assets are assigned to the different categories by management on initial recognition, depending on the purpose for which the investments were acquired. The designation of financial assets is re-evaluated at every reporting date at which date a choice of classification or accounting treatment is available, subject to compliance with specific provisions of applicable accounting standards.

All financial assets are recognized on their trade date. All financial assets that are not classified as at fair value through profit or loss are initially recognized at fair value, plus transaction costs.

The Group has designated its financial assets into the following categories:

• Financial Assets at Fair Value through Profit or Loss. This category include financial

assets that are either classified as held for trading or are designated by the entity to be carried at fair value through profit or loss upon initial recognition. A financial asset is classified in this category if acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short term or if so designated by management. Derivatives are also categorized as 'held for trading' unless they are designated as hedges.

Subsequent to initial recognition, the financial assets included in this category are measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in profit or loss.

Financial assets originally designated as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss may not subsequently be reclassified.

• Loans and Receivables. Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They arise when the Group provides money, goods or services directly to a debtor with no intention of trading the receivables.

Loans and receivables are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method, less impairment losses. Any change in their value is recognized in profit or loss.

Loans and receivables are presented as Receivables in the consolidated balance sheets.

Impairment loss is provided when there is objective evidence that the Group will not be able to collect all amounts due to it in accordance with the original terms of the receivables. The amount of the impairment loss is determined as the difference between the assets' carrying amount and the present value of estimated cash flows.

• *Availablefor-Sale FinancialAssets.* These include non-derivative financial assets that are either designated to this category or do not qualify for inclusion in any of the other categories of financial assets.

All financial assets within this category are subsequently measured at fair value, unless otherwise disclosed, with changes in value recognized in equity, net of any effects arising from income taxes. Gains and losses arising from securities classified as available-for-sale are recognized in the consolidated statements of income when they are sold or when the investment is impaired

In the case of impairment, any loss previously recognized in equity is transferred to the consolidated statements of income. Losses recognized in the consolidated statements of income on equity investments are not reversed through the consolidated statements of income. Losses recognized in prior period consolidated statements of income resulting from the impairment of debt instruments are reversed through the consolidated statements of income.

For investments that are actively traded in organized financial markets, fair value is determined by reference to quoted market bid prices at the close of business on the consolidated balance sheet date. For investments where there is no quoted market price, fair value is determined by reference to the current market value of another instrument which is substantially the same or is calculated based on the expected cash flows of the underlying net asset base of the investment.

Non-compounding interest and other cash flows resulting from holding financial assets are recognized in profit or loss when earned, except if the probability of the economic benefits associated with the transaction is not certain to the Group and regardless of how the related carrying amount of financial assets is measured.

Derecognition of financial assets occurs when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial instruments expire or are transferred and substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred.

#### Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment in value.

The cost of an asset comprises its purchase price and directly attributable costs of bringing the asset to working condition for its intended use. Expenditures for additions, major improvements and renewals are capitalized; expenditures for repairs and maintenance are charged to expense as incurred. When assets are sold, retired or otherwise disposed of, their cost and related accumulated depreciation and impairment losses are removed from the accounts and any resulting gain or loss is reflected in income for the period.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

Condominium units	15-25 years
Building improvements	5 years
Transportation equipment	5 years
Computer equipment	3 -5 years
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	3-5 years

Leasehold improvements are amortized over the estimated lives of the assets or the term of the lease, whichever is shorter.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the assets carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

The residual values and estimated useful lives of property and equipment are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each consolidated balance sheet date.

An item of property and equipment is derecognized upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of the asset. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the item) is included in the consolidated statements of income in the year the item is derecognized.

### **Investment Properties**

Investment properties pertain to condominium units held for lease and for appreciation in value. The Group adopted the cost model in measuring its investment properties. Accordingly, investment properties are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment in value. The cost of investment properties comprises its purchase price and directly attributable costs. Investment properties are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of 15 to 25 years.

#### Intangible Assets

Intangible assets include goodwill, trading right and acquired computer software licenses. The cost of the asset is the amount of cash or cash equivalents paid or the fair value of the other considerations given to acquire an asset at the time of its acquisition or production.

#### Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of acquisition of the investment over the fair value of identifiable net assets of a subsidiary at date of acquisition. Goodwill is carried at amortized cost up to the date of transition to PFRS less any impairment in value. Goodwill, shown under the Other Assets account in the consolidated balance sheets, is no longer amortized but subject to annual test for impairment whether there is an objective evidence of impairment or not.

## Trading Right

Trading right represents the value of the exchange seat which allows the Group to trade in the PSE. Trading right is assessed as having an indefinite useful life and is tested annually for impairment and carried at cost less accumulated impairment loss

#### Computer Software

Acquired computer software licenses are capitalized on the basis of thee costs incurred to acquire and install the specific software. Costs associated with maintaining computer software are expensed as incurred. Capitalized costs are amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of three years as these intangible assets are considered finite.

#### Deferred Oil Exploration Costs

The Group made certain investments in oil exploration projects. The cost of exploration

relating to service contract or block area which is still in the exploratory stage are capitalized as deferred oil exploration costs (shown under the Other Assets account in the consolidated balance sheets). When a service contract or block area is permanently abandoned, the related deferred oil exploration cost is written off. Service contracts or block areas are considered not permanently abandoned if the service contracts have not yet expired and/or there are ongoing negotiations for further exploration.

#### Impairment of Non-financial Assets

The Group's property and equipment, investment property, deferred oil exploration costs and intangible assets are subject to impairment testing whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. Intangible assets with an indefinite useful life and goodwill are tested for impairment at least annually.

For purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash-generating units). As a result, some assets are tested individually for impairment and some are tested at cash-generating unit level.

An impairment loss is recognized for the amount by which the asset or cash-generating unit's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of fair value, reflecting market conditions less costs to sell and value in use, based on an internal discounted cash flow evaluation. Impairment loss is charged prorata to the other assets in the cash generating unit.

All assets, except Goodwill, are subsequently reassessed for indications that an impairment loss previously recognized may no longer exist and the carrying amount of the asset is adjusted to the recoverable amount resulting in the reversal of the impairment loss. Impairment losses recognized on Goodwill are not reversed.

#### Financial Liabilities

Financial liabilities include interest-bearing loans and borrowings and accounts payable and other liabilities

Financial liabilities are recognized when the Group becomes a party to the contractual agreements of the instrument. All interest related charges are recognized as an expense in the consolidated statements of income.

Interest-bearing loans and borrowings are obtained to support the long-term funding needs of the Group. They are recognized at proceeds received, net of direct issue costs. Finance charges, including premiums payable on settlement or redemption and direct issue costs, are charged to profit or loss on an accrual basis using the effective interest method and are added to the carrying amount of the instrument to the extent that they are not settled in the period in which they arise.

Accounts payable and other liabilities are recognized initially at their nominal value and subsequently measured at amortized cost less settlement payments.

Financial liabilities are derecognized from the consolidated balance sheets only when the obligations are extinguished either through discharge, cancellation or expiration.

#### Provisions

Provisions are recognized when present obligations will probably lead to an outflow of economic resources and they can be estimated reliably even if the timing or amount of the outflow may still be uncertain. A present obligation arises from the presence of a legal or constructive commitment that has resulted from past events, for example, legal disputes or onerous contracts.

Provisions are measured at the estimated expenditure required to settle the present obligation, based on the most reliable evidence available at the consolidated balance sheet date, including the risks and uncertainties associated with the present obligation.

Any reimbursement expected to be received in the course of settlement of the present obligation is recognized, if virtually certain, as a separate asset at an amount not exceeding the balance of the related provision. Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. In addition, long-term provisions are discounted to their present values, where time value of money is material.

Provisions are reviewed at each consolidated balance sheet date and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate.

In those cases where the possible outflow of economic resource as a result of present obligations is considered improbable or remote, or the amount to be provided for cannot be measured reliably, no liability is recognized in the consolidated financial statements.

Probable inflows of economic benefits that do not yet meet the recognition criteria of an asset are considered contingent assets, hence, are not recognized in the consolidated financial statements.

#### **Revenue Recognition**

Revenue is recognized to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Group and the revenue can be reliably measured. The following specific recognition criteria must also be met before revenue is recognized:

Rendering of services (commissions, financial advisory fees and underwriting fees) -when contractually agreed tasks have been substantially rendered.

Interest -as the interest accrues (taking into account the effective yield on the assets).

Dividends -when the stockholders' right to receive the payment is established.

Rental- on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Costs and expenses are recognized in the consolidated statements of income upon utilization of the service or at the date of their origin. Finance costs are reported on an accrual basis.

#### Securities Transactions

Securities transactions of ABSEC (and related commission income and expense, if applicable) are recorded on a transaction date basis.

#### Leases

Company as lessor -Leases, which do not transfer to the Company substantially all the risks and benefits of ownership of the asset are classified as operating leases.

Lease income from operating leases is recognized as income in the statement of income on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Indirect costs incurred by the lessor in negotiating and arranging for an operating lease is added to the carrying amount of the leased asset and recognized as expense over the lease term.

Company as lessee -Operating lease payments are recognized as expense in the consolidated statements of income on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Associated costs, such as maintenance and insurance, are expensed as incurred.

#### Functional Currency and Foreign Currency Transactions

• Functional and Presentation Currency

Items included in the consolidated financial statements of the Group are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (the "functional currency"). The consolidated financial statements are presented in Philippine pesos, which is the Group's functional currency.

#### • Transactions and Balances

The accounting records of the Group are maintained in Philippine pesos. Foreign currency transactions during the year are translated into the functional currency at exchange rates which approximate those prevailing on transaction dates.

Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognized in the consolidated statements of income.

#### **Employee Benefits**

#### • Retirement Benefit Obligation.

The Group has no formal retirement or pension plan, thus, the Group determined its pension liability in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act (RA) 7641 –Retirement Pay Law which relates to a defined benefit pension plan. The liability recognized in the consolidated balance sheets for defined benefit pension plans is the present value of the defined benefit obligation (DBO) at the consolidated balance sheets date less the fair value of plan assets, together with adjustments for unrecognized actuarial gains or losses and past service costs. The DBO is calculated by independent actuaries using the projected-unit-credit method. The present value of the DBO is determined by discounting the estimated future cash outflows using interest rates of high quality corporate bonds that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits will be paid and that have terms to maturity approximating the terms of the related pension liability.

Actuarial gains and losses are not recognized as an expense unless the total unrecognized gain or loss exceeds 10% of the greater of the obligation and related plan assets. The amount exceeding this 10% corridor is charged or credited to profit or loss over the employees' expected average remaining working lives. Actuarial gains and losses within the 10% corridor are disclosed separately. Past-service costs are recognized immediately in the consolidated statements of income unless the changes to the pension plan are conditional on the employees remaining in service for a specified period of time (the vesting period). In this case, the past service costs are amortized on a straight-line basis over the vesting period.

The Group also participates in the defined contribution pension plan managed by the Social Security System. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the Group pays fixed contributions into an independent entity. The Group has no legal or constructive obligations to pay further contributions after payment of the fixed contribution. The contributions recognized in respect of defined contribution plans are expensed as they fall due. Liabilities and assets may be recognized if underpayment or prepayment has occurred and are included in current liabilities or current assets as they are normally of a short-term nature.

#### • Compensated Absences

Compensated absences are recognized for the number of paid leave days (including holiday entitlement) remaining at the consolidated balance sheet date. They are included in Accounts Payable and Other Liabilities account at the undiscounted amount that the Group expects to pay as a result of the unused entitlement.

### Income Taxes

Current income tax assets or liabilities comprise those claims from, or obligations to, fiscal authorities relating to the current or prior reporting period, that are uncollected or unpaid at the consolidated balance sheet date. They are calculated according to the tax rates and tax laws applicable to the fiscal periods to which they relate, based on the taxable profit for the year. All changes to current tax assets or liabilities are recognized as a component of tax expense in the consolidated statements of income.

Deferred tax is provided, using d1e balance sheet liability med1od on temporary differences at the consolidated balance sheet date between the tax base of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes.

Under the balance sheet liability method, with certain exceptions, deferred tax liabilities are recognized for all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognized for all deductible temporary differences and the carry forward of unused tax losses and unused tax credits to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deferred tax asset can be utilized.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each consolidated balance sheet date and reduced to the extent that it is probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be utilized.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realized or the liability is settled, based on tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the consolidated balance sheet date.

Most changes in deferred tax assets or liabilities are recognized as a component of tax expense in the consolidated statements of income. Only changes in deferred tax assets or liabilities that relate to a change in value of assets or liabilities that is charged directly to equity are charged or credited directly to equity.

## Earnings per Share

Earnings per share is determined by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares subscribed and outstanding during the year, after retroactive adjustment for any stock dividend, stock split or reverse stock split declared during the year

## Equity

Capital stock is determined using the nominal value of shares that have been issued. Additional paid-in capital includes any premiums received on the issuance of capital stock. Any transaction costs associated with the issuance of shares are deducted from additional paid-in capital, net of any related income tax benefits.

Treasury stocks are stated at the cost of re-acquiring such shares.

Change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets pertains to the excess or deficiency of mark-to-market valuation of available-for-sale financial assets over the cost of the asset.

Deficit includes all current and prior period results as disclosed in the consolidated statements of income.

## 3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The group's operating business are organized and managed separately according to the nature of products and services provided, with each segment representing a strategic business unit that offers different products and serves different markets.

The following tables present revenues and profit information regarding industry segments for the years ended June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 and certain assets and liabilities information regarding industry segments at June 30, 2015.

June 30, 2015					
	Securities	Investment	Leasing	Elimination	Group
	Brokerage	Banking			
Revenues:					
External	103,135,358	31,656,788	43,337	-	134,835,483
Inter-segment	-	854,821	4,032,980	(4,887,801)	-
Total revenues	103,135,358	32,511,610	4,076,316	(4,887,801)	134,835,482
Expenses					
External	(63,405,294)	(88,272,120)	(15,380,549)	-	(167,057,963)
Inter-segment	(4,887,801)	-	-	(4,887,801)	-
Total expenses	(68,293,095)	(88,272,120)	(15,380,549)	(4,887,801)	(167,057,963)
Operating Income	34,842,262	(55,760,510)	(11,304,233)	-	(32,222,481)
Net income	34,604,881	(37,486,865)	(11,304,233)	-	(14,186,218)
Segment assets	1,426,535,542	5,676,496,523	501,734,832	(2,256,918,846)	5,347,848,051
Segment liabilities	1,062,019,251	3,066,249,517	366,363,643	(1,423,939,475)	3,069,415,646

December 31, 2014					
	Securities Brokerage	Investment Banking	Leasing and Others	Elimination	Group
Revenues:					
External	225,655,569	361,181,470	9,600,882		596,437,921
Inter-segment	846,427	45,572,084	12,365,249	(58,783,759)	-
Total revenues	226,501,996	406,753,554	21,966,131	(58,783,759)	596,437,921
Expenses					
External	159,922,235	294,042,119	26,912,361		480,876,716
Inter-segment	54,152,849	79,887,984	-	(134,040,833)	-
Total expenses	214,075,084	373,930,103	26,912,361	(134,040,833)	480,876,716
Operating income	12,426,912	32,823,451	(4,946,230)	75,257,074	115,561,205
Net Profit ( Loss)	8,189,344	33,149,914	(5,669,590)	75,257,074	110,926,742
Segment assets	914,179,798	5,332,852,139	502,473,153	(1,301,048,725)	5,449,456,364
Segment liabilities	584,268,388	2,686,118,268	355,797,729	(467,880,188)	3,158,304,197

## 4. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT AND LOSS

The account consists of the financial assets held for trading equity securities.

## 3. AVAILABLE FOR SALE FINANCIAL ASSETS

Available for sale financial assets pertain to investment in the shares of stock of the following:

	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
At fair value :		
BCor	₽2,636,912,056	<del>P</del> 2,636,912,056
CYBR	6,860,000	6,860,000
PLC	5,325,000	5,325,000
COAL	1,324,800	1,324,800
Others- Club shares	9,000,000	9,000,000
	2,659,421,856	2,659,421,856
At cost:		
Universal Rightfields Prop.	144,910,128	144,910,130
Metro Pacific Corporation	10,697,669	10,697,669
Philippine Central Depository	22,800	22,800
	155,630,599	155,630,599
Allowance for impairment	(150,281,764)	(150,281,764)
-	5,348,835	5,348,835
	<b>₽</b> 2,664,770,691	₽2,664,770,691

The fair values of available for sale financial assets carried at fair value have been determined directly by reference to published prices in an active market.

### 4. RECEIVABLES

### This account consists of:

	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Customers/brokers	<b>P</b> 1,022,317,180	<b>₽</b> 1,007,727,833
Equities Margin and other loans	580,008,482	633,765,644
Accounts receivable	262,628,850	194,156,027
Notes receivable	92,939,251	98,025,825
Management fee receivable	25,000,000	25,500,000
Interest receivables	65,141,629	65,141,629
Due to clearing house	-	105,689,193
Others	30,430,485	14,144,862
	2,084,548,108	2,144,151,012
Allowance for impairment losses	(282,017,494)	(284,409,762)
	<b>₽</b> 1,802,530,614	₽1,859,741,250

### 5. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

This account consists of Condominium Units, Computer Equipment, Leasehold Improvements, Transportation Equipment, and Furniture and Fixtures. As of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, Property and Equipment amounted to #58.6million and #61.8 million, respectively (net accumulated depreciation).

### 6. OTHER ASSETS

#### The breakdown of this account follows:

	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Deferred tax assets – net	<del>P</del> 140,709,172	<del>P</del> 117,361,573
Creditable withholding taxes	102,796,158	94,159,407
Goodwill	84,584,951	84,584,951
Deferred oil exploration costs	15,418,003	15,418,003
Prepayments	6,853,329	328,517
Trading right	1,408,000	1,408,000
Others	2,779,546	5,952,670
	354,549,160	319,213,121
Allowance for impairment of goodwill	(49,260,596)	(49,260,596)
Allowance for non-recoverability of deferred		
exploration cost	(15,418,003)	(15,418,003)
•	<b>P</b> 289,870,564	₽254,534,522

#### 7. DUE TO CUSTOMERS

Due to customers arise from the Group's securities brokerage activities. These are normally settled within three days after the respective trading dates and are all non-interest bearing. Management considers the carrying amounts recognized in the consolidated statements of financial position to be reasonable approximation of their fair values. Outstanding balances as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 amount to P376,111,549 and P300,243,157, respectively.

#### 8. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES

This account represents the company's current liabilities and payables to trade creditors, clients, pension liabilities, and the accrual of expenses such as interest, taxes, commissions and bonuses.

	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014	
Accounts Payable and accrued expenses	<del>P</del> 65,473,306	<del>P</del> 39,411,154	
Post-employment defined benefit obligation	40,838,226	40,838,226	
Taxes Payable	-	19,516,664	
Payable to clearing house	-	50,000,853	
Dividends payable	-	1,081,508	
Others	7,674,390	2,918,262	
	₽113,857,670	₽153,766,667	

#### 9. INTEREST BEARING LOANS AND BORROWINGS

Loans payable consists of short-term borrowings obtained from local banks and short-term notes payables from various funders. Short-term borrowings bear interest at rates ranging from 4.5% to 7.0% in 2015 and from 5.0% to 8.30% in 2014.

## **10. TREASURY SHARES**

Treasury shares pertain to the Company's stock held by ACIC (Abacus Capital and Investment Corp.) and\* VHC (Vista Holdings Corp.) at cost.

#### 11. FINANCIAL RISK DISCLOSURE

The Group is exposed to a variety of financial risks which result from both its operating, financing and investing activities. The risk management activities at the level of each company in the Group is coordinated with the Parent Company, in close cooperation with the Board of Directors(BDO), and focuses on actively securing the Group's short-to-medium-term cash flows by minimizing the exposure to financial markets. Long-term financial investments are managed to generate lasting returns.

#### Interest Rate Risk

The Group has no significant exposure to changes in market interest rates as most of its short-term financial assets and liabilities are non-interest bearing and its bank loans have fixed annual interest rates.

#### Foreign Currency Risk

Foreign currency risk arises from potential losses form the changes in the exchanges rates of the Group's foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities.

The Groups seek mitigate the effect of its foreign currency exposure by limiting its foreign currency transactions to the extent possible. The Group does not enter into forward contracts or hedging transactions.

The Group's United States (US) dollar-denominated financial instruments, pertains only to cash in bank, translated into Philippine pesos at the closing rates, amounting to **P105,051** in June 2015 and **P105,453** in December 2014.

The exchange rate used are P44.05:US\$1 as of June 30, 2015 and P44.617:US\$1 as of December 31, 2014 .

#### Credit Risk

Generally, the maximum credit risk exposure of financial assets is the carrying amount of the financial assets as shown on the face of the consolidated balance sheets ( or in the detailed analysis provided in the notes to the consolidated financial statements) as summarized below:

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	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Cash in bank	₽ 72,883,296	₽ 114,314,012
Receivables-net	1 <u>,802,530,614</u>	<u>1,859,741,250</u>
	₽1,875,413,910	<b>₽</b> 1,974,055,262
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The Group continuously monitors defaults of customer and other counterparties, identified either individual or by group, and incorporate this information into its credit risk controls. The Group's policy is to deal only with creditworthy counterparties.

As part of group policy, bank deposits and short-term placements are only maintained with reputable financial institutions. For the determination of credit risk, cash do not include the cash on hand amounting P95,000 asof June 30, 2015. The Group's cash in bank is covered by a maximum insurance of P250,000, representing insurance coverage in the depository bank of the Group, as provided for under RA No.9302, Charter of Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Certain receivables of the Group are partially secured by borrowers' collaterals and customer' stocks traded in the PSE that are held by the Group. Other Financial assets are not secured by collateral or other credit enhancements.

Management believes that the amount of the past due or individually impaired receivables, which is shown net of allowance, are still recoverable as the Group's management has regular communication with the debtors for the settlement of the receivables.

In respect of receivables, the Group is not exposed to any significant credit risk exposure to any single counterparty or any group of counterparties having similar characteristics.

### Liquidity Risk

The group manages its liquidity needs by carefully monitoring schedules debt servicing payments for long-term financial liabilities as well as cash outflows due in a day-to-day business. Liquidity needs are monitored in various time bands, on a day-to-day and week-to-week basis, as well as on the basis of rolling 30-day projection. Long-term liquidity needs for a 6-month and one-year period are identified monthly.

The group maintains cash to meet its liquidity requirements for up to 60-day periods. Excess cash are invested in time deposits, mutual funds or short-term marketable securities. Funding for long-term liquidity needs is additionally secured by the Group's ability to sell long-term financial assets.

#### Other Market Risk

The Group's market price risk arises from its investments carried at fair value (financial assets classified as financial assets at fair value through profit and loss and available for sale financial assets). It manages its risk arising from the changes in market price by monitoring the changes in the market price of the investments.

#### 12. CONTINGENCIES

As of June 30, 2015, there are no pending claims and legal actions by third parties against or involving the Company and its subsidiaries arising from the normal course of business which are not reflected in the accompanying financial statements. In the opinion of the Company's management, as of June 30, 2015, liabilities arising from these claims, if any, would not have a material effect on the Company and its subsidiaries when the final resolution of the claims are determined.