

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2022



Cornerstone Credit Union Financial Group Limited
Consolidated Financial Statements
December 31, 2022

Cornerstone Credit Union Financial Group Limited

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Management's Responsibility

To the Members of Cornerstone Credit Union Financial Group Limited:

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the accompanying consolidated financial statements, including responsibility for significant accounting judgments and estimates in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and ensuring that all information in the annual report is consistent with the statements. This responsibility includes selecting appropriate accounting principles and methods, and making decisions affecting the measurement of transactions in which objective judgment is required.

In discharging its responsibilities for the integrity and fairness of the consolidated financial statements, management designs and maintains the necessary accounting systems and related internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are authorized, assets are safeguarded and financial records are properly maintained to provide reliable information for the preparation of consolidated financial statements.

The Board of Directors and Finance and Audit Committee are composed entirely of Directors who are neither management nor employees of the Credit Union. The Board is responsible for overseeing management in the performance of its financial reporting responsibilities, and for approving the financial information included in the annual report. The Finance and Audit Committee has the responsibility of meeting with management, internal auditors, and external auditors to discuss the internal controls over the financial reporting process, auditing matters and financial reporting issues. The Committee is also responsible for recommending the appointment of the Credit Union's external auditors.

MNP LLP is appointed by the members to audit the consolidated financial statements and report directly to them; their report follows. The external auditors have full and free access to, and meet periodically and separately with, both the Committee and management to discuss their audit findings.

March 2, 2023

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Chief Executive Officer

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Chief Financial Officer

To the Members of Cornerstone Credit Union Financial Group Limited:

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Cornerstone Credit Union Financial Group Limited and its subsidiary (the "Credit Union"), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at **December 31, 2022**, and the consolidated statements of comprehensive income, changes in members' equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Credit Union as at **December 31, 2022**, and its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Credit Union in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with International 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.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Credit Union's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Credit Union or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

Independent Auditor's Report *(continued from previous page)*

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Credit Union's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Credit Union's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Credit Union to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Credit Union to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

March 2, 2023

MNP **LLP**

Chartered Professional Accountants

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Cornerstone Credit Union Financial Group Limited

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

As at December 31, 2022

	2022	2021
	<i>(In thousands)</i>	<i>(In thousands)</i>
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents <i>(Note 5)</i>	64,052	74,983
Investments <i>(Note 6)</i>	487,142	512,597
Member loans receivable <i>(Note 7)</i>	1,309,149	1,232,037
Other assets <i>(Note 9)</i>	25,696	6,010
Property, plant and equipment <i>(Note 10)</i>	18,507	19,307
Intangible assets <i>(Note 11)</i>	711	913
	1,905,257	1,845,847
Liabilities		
Member deposits <i>(Note 13)</i>	1,707,357	1,680,870
Other liabilities <i>(Note 15)</i>	16,691	9,449
Membership shares <i>(Note 16)</i>	150	4,723
	1,724,198	1,695,042
Commitments <i>(Note 19), (Note 21)</i>		
Members' equity		
Retained earnings	132,570	102,316
Contributed surplus	48,489	48,489
	181,059	150,805
	1,905,257	1,845,847

Approved on behalf of the Board

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 Director

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 Director

Cornerstone Credit Union Financial Group Limited

Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the year ended December 31, 2022

	2022 <i>(In thousands)</i>	2021 <i>(In thousands)</i>
Interest income		
Member loans	50,192	45,348
Investments	32,475	9,530
	82,667	54,878
Interest expense		
Member deposits	16,208	10,492
Borrowed money	18	4
	16,226	10,496
Gross financial margin	66,441	44,382
Other income	13,614	9,640
	80,055	54,022
Operating expenses		
Personnel	24,564	23,955
Security	1,490	1,370
Organizational	296	242
Occupancy	2,821	2,943
General business	12,300	11,100
	41,471	39,610
Income before provision for impaired loans and provision for (recovery of) income taxes	38,584	14,412
Provision for impaired loans <i>(Note 7)</i>	4,926	3,909
Income before provision for (recovery of) income taxes	33,658	10,503
Provision for (recovery of) income taxes <i>(Note 14)</i>		
Current	3,472	2,591
Deferred	(68)	167
	3,404	2,758
Comprehensive income	30,254	7,745

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

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Consolidated Statement of Changes in Members' Equity

For the year ended December 31, 2022

	<i>Contributed surplus</i>	<i>Retained earnings</i>	<i>Total equity (In thousands)</i>
Balance December 31, 2020	2,379	94,571	96,950
Comprehensive income	-	7,745	7,745
Contributed surplus resulting from business combination	46,110	-	46,110
Balance December 31, 2021	48,489	102,316	150,805
Comprehensive income	-	30,254	30,254
Balance December 31, 2022	48,489	132,570	181,059

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

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Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended December 31, 2022

	2022	2021
	<i>(In thousands)</i>	<i>(In thousands)</i>
Cash provided by (used for) the following activities		
Operating activities		
Interest received from member loans	48,785	45,037
Interest received from investments	9,155	6,482
Other income	13,614	9,640
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	(39,437)	(37,633)
Interest paid on deposits	(14,148)	(10,954)
Net change in member deposits	24,427	86,529
Net change in member loans receivable	(80,631)	(23,364)
Interest paid on borrowings	(18)	(4)
Income taxes paid	(1,524)	(2,501)
	(39,777)	73,232
Financing activities		
Net change in membership shares <i>(Note 16)</i>	(4,573)	(89)
Investing activities		
Net change in investments	29,067	(116,372)
Purchases of property, plant and equipment <i>(Note 10)</i>	(771)	(707)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	158	-
Proceeds from disposal of foreclosed assets	5,000	-
Purchases of intangible assets <i>(Note 11)</i>	(35)	(284)
Cash received from business combination	-	45,511
	33,419	(71,852)
Increase (decrease) in cash resources	(10,931)	1,291
Cash resources, beginning of year	74,983	73,692
Cash resources, end of year	64,052	74,983

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

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1. Reporting entity

Cornerstone Credit Union Financial Group Limited (the "Credit Union") was formed pursuant to the *Credit Union Act 1998* of Saskatchewan ("the Act") and operates 15 Credit Union branches.

The Credit Union serves members and non-members in Arcola, Emerald Park, Grenfell, Indian Head, Ituna, Kelliher, Kipling, Melville, Montmartre, Rose Valley, Tisdale, Vibank, Wolseley, Wynyard, and Yorkton, Saskatchewan and the surrounding communities. The address of the Credit Union's registered office is 64 Broadway Street East, Yorkton, Saskatchewan.

The consolidated financial statements of the Credit Union as at and for the year ended December 31, 2022 comprise the Credit Union and its wholly owned subsidiary CGT Cornerstone Holdings Limited. Together, these entities are referred to as Cornerstone Credit Union Financial Group Limited.

The Credit Union operates as one segment principally in personal and commercial banking in East Central Saskatchewan. Operating branches are similar in terms of products and services provided, methods used to distribute products and services, types of members and the nature of the regulatory environment.

The Credit Union conducts its principal operations through various branches, offering products and services including deposit business, individual lending, and independent business and commercial lending. The deposit business provides a wide range of deposit and investment products and sundry financial services to all members. The lending business provides a variety of credit products and services designed specifically for each particular group of borrowers. Other business comprises business of a corporate nature such as investment, risk management, asset liability management, treasury operations and revenue and expenses not expressly attributed to the business units.

Statement of compliance

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs") and interpretations adopted by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB").

The consolidated financial statements were approved by the Finance and Audit Committee on behalf of the Board of Directors and authorized for issue on March 2, 2023.

2. Change in accounting policies

Standards and Interpretations effective in the current period

The Credit Union adopted amendments to the following standards, effective January 1, 2022. Adoption of these amendments had no effect on the Credit Union's consolidated financial statements.

- IFRS 16 *Leases*
- IAS 37 *Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets*

3. Basis of preparation

Basis of measurement

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared using the historical basis except for the revaluation of certain financial instruments.

Functional and presentation currency

These consolidated financial statements are presented in Canadian dollars, which is the Credit Union's functional currency. All financial information presented in Canadian dollars has been rounded to the nearest thousand.

Significant accounting judgments, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the Credit Union's consolidated financial statements requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities, at the reporting date. These estimates and assumptions have been made using careful judgment; however, uncertainties could result in outcomes that would require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of the asset or liability affected in the future.

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3. Basis of preparation *(Continued from previous page)*

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in comprehensive income in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

COVID-19 pandemic considerations

The Credit Union continues to operate in an uncertain macroeconomic environment. There is inherent uncertainty in estimating the impact that rising interest rates, inflation and supply chain disruptions, in part caused by some countries attempts to combat the spread of COVID-19, will have on the macroeconomic environment. As a result, a heightened level of judgment in estimating expected credit loss continues to be required.

Key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date are discussed below.

By their nature, these estimates are subject to measurement uncertainty, and the effect on the consolidated financial statements from changes in such estimates in future years could be significant.

Classification of financial assets

Classification of financial assets requires management to make judgments regarding the business model under which the Credit Union's financial assets are held and whether contractual cash flows consist solely of payments of principal and interest. Management has determined that the penalty to exercise prepayment features embedded in certain loans made to retail members do not result in payments that are not solely payments of principal and interest because they represent reasonable additional compensation for early termination of the contract.

Key assumptions in determining the allowance for expected credit losses

At each reporting period, financial assets are assessed to determine whether their credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition. In determining whether credit risk has significantly increased, management develops a number of assumptions about the following factors which impact the borrowers' ability to meet debt obligations:

- Expected significant increase in unemployment rates, interest rates
- Declining revenues, working capital deficiencies, increases in balance sheet leverage, liquidity
- Expected or actual changes in internal credit ratings of the borrowers or external credit ratings of the instrument
- The correlation between credit risk on all lending facilities of the same borrower
- Changes in the value of the collateral supporting the obligation or in the quality of third-party guarantees or credit enhancements

Significant judgments, estimates and assumptions are required when calculating the expected credit losses of financial assets. In measuring the 12-month and lifetime expected credit losses, management makes assumptions about prepayments, the timing and extent of missed payments or default events. In addition, management makes assumptions and estimates about the impact that future events may have on the historical data used to measure expected credit losses.

In estimating expected credit losses, the Credit Union develops a number of assumptions as follows:

- The period over which the Credit Union is exposed to credit risk, considering for example, prepayments, extension options, demand features
- The probability-weighted outcome, including identification of scenarios that specify the amount and timing of the cash flows for particular outcomes and the estimated probability of those outcomes
- The risk of default occurring on loans during their expected lives and during the next 12 months after the reporting date
- Expected cash short falls including, recoveries, costs to recover and the effects of any collateral or other credit enhancements
- Estimates of effective interest rates used in incorporating the time value of money
- Effects of the economic changes, such as inflation and rising interest rates, on specific sectors to which the Credit Union has credit exposures

The above assumptions are based on historical information and adjusted for current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions. The Credit Union determines adjustments needed to its historical assumptions by monitoring the correlation of the probability of default and loss rates with the following economic variables:

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3. Basis of preparation *(Continued from previous page)*

Key assumptions in determining the allowance for expected credit losses *(Continued from previous page)*

- Interest rates
- Unemployment rates
- Gross domestic product
- Inflation
- Loan to value ratios
- Housing price indices

The estimate of expected credit losses reflects an unbiased and probability-weighted amount that is determined by evaluating a range of possible outcomes that are neither best-case nor worse-case scenarios. The Credit Union uses judgment to weight these scenarios.

Fair value of unquoted equity instruments

The Credit Union has assessed that the fair values of its unquoted equity instruments, SaskCentral shares and Concentra Bank (a subsidiary of Equitable Bank) shares approximates its cost based on the terms that the equity investments can not be transferred, the shares can not be sold and new shares are issued at par value of all currently held shares.

Hedge accounting

In applying hedge accounting, the Credit Union uses the following key judgments:

1. *An economic relationship exists between the hedged item and the hedging instrument based on a hedge ratio*

The Credit Union uses the same hedge ratio for the hedging relationship as the one that results from the actual quantity of the portfolio of loans (hedged item) and the interest rate swap (hedging instrument). Interest rate swaps (hedging instruments) are specifically transacted to economically hedge the portfolio of loans (hedged items). The fair values of the hedging instruments and the hedged items move in the opposite direction because of the interest rate risk. Therefore, there is an economic relationship between the portfolios of loans (or a portion thereof) and the swaps.

2. *Critical terms of the hedged item and hedging instrument*

The Credit Union assesses at inception and in subsequent periods whether the following critical terms of the hedged item and the hedging instrument have changed.

- Notional amount
- Maturity
- Correlation between 3 month Canadian Dealer Offered Rate ("CDOR") and Prime rate
- Weighted average interest rate

3. *Effect of credit risk*

The Credit Union enters into interest rate swaps as hedging instruments with a highly rated counterparty (Concentra) (e.g. A rated). Therefore, Credit Valuation Adjustment ("CVA") on the hedging instrument is expected to not be material or volatile in a manner to dominate the value changes resulting from the economic relationship.

Further, the Credit Union considers its own credit risk as low (at December 31, 2022 the Credit Union was above policy and target for all capital measures, Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process ("ICAAP") indicated that there was surplus capital based on internal risk assessment and as a consequence, Debit Valuation Adjustment ("DVA") on the hedged item is not expected to dominate the hedge effectiveness assessment.

As interest rate swaps are specifically transacted to economically hedge existing loans, application of hedge accounting will align with the risk management strategy of the Credit Union and therefore, the Credit Union's hedging relationship and risk management objective contributes to executing the overall risk management strategy. For more information, refer to Note 8.

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3. Basis of preparation *(Continued from previous page)*

Impairment of non-financial assets

At each reporting date, the Credit Union assesses whether there are any indicators of impairment for non-financial assets. Non-financial assets that have an indefinite useful life or are not subject to amortization, such as goodwill, are tested annually for impairment or more frequently if impairment indicators exist. Other non-financial assets are tested for impairment if there are indicators that their carrying amounts may not be recoverable.

Deferred taxes

The calculation of deferred tax is based on assumptions, which are subject to uncertainty as to timing and which tax rates are expected to apply when temporary differences reverse. Deferred tax recorded is also subject to uncertainty regarding the magnitude on non-capital losses available for carry forward and of the balances in various tax pools as the corporate tax returns have not been prepared as of the date of financial statement preparation. By their nature, these estimates are subject to measurement uncertainty, and the effect on the consolidated financial statements from changes in such estimates in future years could be material. Further details are contained in Note 14.

Income taxes

The Credit Union periodically assesses its liabilities and contingencies related to income taxes for all years open to audit based on the latest information available. For matters where it is probable that an adjustment will be made, the Credit Union records its best estimate of the tax liability including the related interest and penalties in the current tax provision. Management believes that they have adequately provided for the probable outcome of these matters; however, the final outcome may result in a materially different outcome than the amount included in the tax liabilities.

Useful lives of property, plant, equipment and intangible assets

Estimates must be utilized in evaluating the useful lives of all property, plant, equipment and intangible assets for calculation of the depreciation or amortization for each class of assets. For further discussion of the estimation of useful lives, refer to the headings property, plant and equipment and intangible assets contained in Note 4.

Securitization derecognition

The determination of whether the Credit Union's securitization arrangements qualify for derecognition requires management judgment on the evaluation of the criteria for derecognition. For further discussion of derecognition of securitized assets refer to the securitization heading and related discussion contained in Note 4.

4. Summary of significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements are set out below. The policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Regulations to the Act specify that certain items are required to be disclosed in the consolidated financial statements which are presented at annual meetings of members. It is management's opinion that the disclosures in these consolidated financial statements and notes comply, in all material respects, with the requirements of the Act. Where necessary, reasonable estimates and interpretations have been made in presenting this information.

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Credit Union and its subsidiary.

A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the Credit Union. Control is achieved where the Credit Union is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and it has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee. In assessing control, only rights which give the Credit Union the current ability to direct the relevant activities and that the Credit Union has the practical ability to exercise, are considered.

The results of subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the year are included in these consolidated financial statements from the effective date of acquisition or up to the effective date of disposal, as appropriate.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared using uniform accounting policies for like transactions and other events in similar circumstances. Where necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to ensure consistency with those used by other members of the group.

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4. Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued from previous page)

Basis of consolidation (Continued from previous page)

Any balances, unrealized gains and losses or income and expenses arising from intra-company transactions, are eliminated upon consolidation. Unrealized gains arising from transactions with equity accounted investees are eliminated against the investment to the extent of the Credit Union's interest in the investee. Unrealized losses are eliminated in the same manner as unrealized gains, but only to the extent that there is no evidence of impairment.

Foreign currency translation

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into the functional currency of the Credit Union at exchange rates prevailing at the transaction dates (spot exchange rates). Monetary assets and liabilities are retranslated at the exchange rates at the statement of financial position date. Exchange gains and losses on translation or settlement are recognized in comprehensive income for the current period.

Non-monetary items that are measured at historical cost are translated using the exchange rates at the date of the transaction and non-monetary items that are measured at fair value are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the items' fair value was determined. Translation gains and losses are included in comprehensive income.

Revenue recognition

The following describes the Credit Union's principal activities from which it generates revenue.

Service charge fees, commission and other revenue

The Credit Union generates revenue from the Credit Union providing financial services to its members. Revenue is recognized as services are rendered.

The Credit Union does not have an enforceable right to payment until services are rendered and commission revenue earned when the products are sold.

The amount of revenue recognized on these transactions is based on the price specified in the contract.

The Credit Union applies the practical expedient, whereby the Credit Union does not adjust the promised amount of consideration for the effects of a significant financing component if the Credit Union expects, at contract inception, that the period between when the Credit Union transfers a promised good or service to a customer and when the customer pays for that good or service will be one year or less.

Revenue recognition for items outside the scope of IFRS 15 is included in the financial instruments section of Note 4.

Financial instruments

Financial assets

Recognition and initial measurement

The Credit Union recognizes financial assets when it becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets are measured initially at their fair value plus, in the case of financial assets not subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs that are directly attributable to their acquisition. Transaction costs attributable to the acquisition of financial assets subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss are expensed in profit or loss when incurred.

Classification and subsequent measurement

On initial recognition, financial assets are classified and subsequently measured at amortized cost, fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI") or fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL"). The Credit Union determines the classification of its financial assets, together with any embedded derivatives, based on the business model for managing the financial assets and their contractual cash flow characteristics.

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4. Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued from previous page)

Debt instruments are classified as follows:

- Amortized cost - Assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows where those cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest are measured at amortized cost. Interest revenue is calculated using the effective interest method and gains or losses arising from impairment, foreign exchange and derecognition are recognized in profit or loss. Financial assets measured at amortized cost are comprised of cash equivalents, SaskCentral and Concentra Bank liquidity deposits, Concentra Bank term deposits, portfolio term deposits, member loans receivable and accrued interest thereon, and accounts receivable balances.
- Fair value through other comprehensive income - Assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows and for selling the financial assets, and for which the contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest, are measured at fair value through other comprehensive income. Interest income calculated using the effective interest method and gains or losses arising from impairment and foreign exchange are recognized in profit or loss. All other changes in the carrying amount of the financial assets are recognized in other comprehensive income. Upon derecognition, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognized in other comprehensive income is reclassified to profit or loss. The Credit Union does not hold any financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income.
- Mandatorily at fair value through profit or loss - Assets that do not meet the criteria to be measured at amortized cost, or fair value through other comprehensive income, are measured at fair value through profit or loss. All interest income and changes in the financial assets' carrying amount are recognized in profit or loss. Financial assets mandatorily measured at fair value through profit or loss include cash.
- Designated at fair value through profit or loss – On initial recognition, the Credit Union may irrevocably designate a financial asset to be measured at fair value through profit or loss in order to eliminate or significantly reduce an accounting mismatch that would otherwise arise from measuring assets or liabilities, or recognizing the gains and losses on them, on different bases. All interest income and changes in the financial assets' carrying amount are recognized in profit or loss. The Credit Union does not hold any financial assets designated to be measured at fair value through profit or loss.

The Credit Union measures all equity investments and derivatives at fair value. Changes in fair value are recorded in profit or loss. Equity investments measured at fair value through profit or loss are comprised of other equity investments and shares in SaskCentral and Concentra Bank. Derivatives measured at fair value through profit or loss are comprised of interest rate swap derivatives and index linked derivatives.

Business model assessment

The Credit Union assesses the objective of its business model for holding a financial asset at a level of aggregation which best reflects the way the business is managed and information is provided to management. Information considered in this assessment includes stated policies and objectives and how performance of the portfolio is evaluated.

Contractual cash flow assessment

The cash flows of financial assets are assessed as to whether they are solely payments of principal and interest on the basis of their contractual terms. For this purpose, 'principal' is defined as the fair value of the financial asset on initial recognition. 'Interest' is defined as consideration for the time value of money, the credit risk associated with the principal amount outstanding, and other basic lending risks and costs. In performing this assessment, the Credit Union considers factors that would alter the timing and amount of cash flows such as prepayment and extension features, terms that might limit the Credit Union's claim to cash flows, and any features that modify consideration for the time value of money.

Reclassifications

The Credit Union reclassifies debt instruments only when its business model for managing those financial assets has changed. Reclassifications are applied prospectively from the reclassification date and any previously recognized gains, losses or interest are not restated.

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4. Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued from previous page)

Impairment

The Credit Union recognizes a loss allowance for the expected credit losses associated with its financial assets, other than debt instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss and equity investments, as well as lease receivables, contract assets, and any financial guarantee contracts and loan commitments not measured at fair value through profit or loss. Expected credit losses are measured to reflect a probability-weighted amount, the time value of money, and reasonable and supportable information regarding past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions.

For member loans receivable the Credit Union records a loss allowance equal to the expected credit losses resulting from default events that are possible within the next 12-month period, unless there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition. For those financial assets for which the Credit Union assessed that a significant increase in credit risk has occurred, the Credit Union records a loss allowance equal to the expected credit losses resulting from all possible default events over the assets' contractual lifetime.

The Credit Union applies the simplified approach for accounts receivable that do not contain a significant financing component. Using the simplified approach, the Credit Union records a loss allowance equal to the expected credit losses resulting from all possible default events over the assets' contractual lifetime.

The Credit Union assesses whether a financial asset is credit-impaired at the reporting date. Regular indicators that a financial instrument is credit-impaired include significant financial difficulties as evidenced through borrowing patterns or observed balances in other accounts, breaches of borrowing contracts such as default events or breaches of borrowing covenants, requests to restructure loan payment schedules. For financial assets assessed as credit-impaired at the reporting date, the Credit Union continues to recognize a loss allowance equal to lifetime expected credit losses.

Loss allowances for expected credit losses are presented in the consolidated statement of financial position as follows:

- For financial assets measured at amortized cost, as a deduction from the gross carrying amount of the financial assets;
- For loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts, as a provision; and
- For facilities with both a drawn and undrawn component where the Credit Union cannot separately identify expected credit losses between the two components, as a deduction from the carrying amount of the drawn component. Any excess of the loss allowance over the carrying amount of the drawn component is presented as a provision.

Financial assets are written off when the Credit Union has no reasonable expectations of recovering all or any portion thereof.

Refer to Note 19 for additional information about the Credit Union's credit risk management process, credit risk exposure and the amounts arising from expected credit losses.

Derecognition of financial assets

The Credit Union applies its accounting policies for the derecognition of a financial asset to a part of a financial asset only when:

- The part comprises only specifically identified cash flows from a financial asset;
- The part comprises only a pro-rata share of the cash flows from a financial asset; or
- The part comprises only a pro-rata share of specifically identified cash flows from a financial asset.

In all other situations the Credit Union applies its accounting policies for the derecognition of a financial asset to the entirety of a financial asset.

The Credit Union derecognizes a financial asset when its contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or the financial asset has been transferred under particular circumstances.

For this purpose, a financial asset is transferred if the Credit Union either:

- Transfers the right to receive the contractual cash flows of the financial asset; or

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- Retains the right to receive the contractual cash flows of the financial asset, but assumes an obligation to pay received cash flows in full to one or more third parties without material delay and is prohibited from further selling or transferring the financial asset.

Transferred financial assets are evaluated to determine the extent to which the Credit Union retains the risks and rewards of ownership. When the Credit Union neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, it evaluates whether it has retained control of the financial asset.

Where substantially all risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred, or risks and rewards have neither been transferred nor retained and control of the financial asset has not been retained, the Credit Union derecognizes the financial asset. At the same time, the Credit Union separately recognizes as assets or liabilities the fair value of any rights and obligations created or retained in the transfer. Any difference between the carrying amount measured at the date of recognition and the consideration received is recognized in profit or loss. Such transactions include syndications of member loans.

Where the Credit Union neither transfers nor retains substantially all risks and rewards of ownership and retains control of the transferred financial asset, it continues to recognize the financial asset to the extent of its continuing involvement and also recognizes an associated liability. Both the continuing financial asset and the associated liability are measured on a basis that reflects the rights and obligations that the Credit Union has retained. Income and expenses related to the extent of the Credit Union's continuing involvement in the transferred asset and the associated liability are subsequently recognized. The Credit Union considers member loan securitization to be transfers of assets resulting in continuing involvement.

Modification of financial assets

The Credit Union assesses the modification of terms of a financial asset to evaluate whether its contractual rights to the cash flows from that asset have expired in accordance with the Credit Union's derecognition policy.

When the modifications do not result in derecognition of the financial asset, the gross carrying amount of the financial asset is recalculated with any difference between the previous carrying amount and the new carrying amount recognized in profit or loss. The new gross carrying amount is recalculated as the present value of the modified contractual cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate.

For the purpose of applying the impairment requirements, at each reporting date subsequent to the modification, the Credit Union continues to assess whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk on the modified financial assets from the date of initial recognition.

Financial liabilities

Recognition and initial measurement

The Credit Union recognizes a financial liability when it becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. At initial recognition, the Credit Union measures financial liabilities at their fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to their issuance, with the exception of financial liabilities subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss for which transaction costs are immediately recorded in profit or loss.

Classification and subsequent measurement

Subsequent to initial recognition, all financial liabilities are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method. Interest, gains and losses relating to a financial liability are recognized in profit or loss.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

The Credit Union derecognizes a financial liability only when its contractual obligations are discharged, cancelled or expire.

Derivatives and hedge accounting

Derivatives are initially recognized at fair value on the date the Credit Union becomes party to the provisions of the contract, and are subsequently remeasured at fair value at the end of each reporting period. Changes in the fair value of derivatives not designated as a hedging instrument are recognized in profit or loss.

The Credit Union designates certain derivative financial instruments as the hedging instrument in qualifying hedging relationships in order to better reflect the effect of its risk management activities in the consolidated financial statements.

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Qualifying hedging relationships are those where there is an economic relationship between the hedged item and the hedging instrument, the effect of credit risk does not dominate the value changes that result from that economic relationship, and the hedge ratio of the hedging relationship is the same as that resulting from the actual quantities of the hedging instrument and the hedged item that the Credit Union uses for hedging purposes.

At inception of the hedging relationship, the Credit Union documents the economic relationship between the hedging instrument(s) and the hedged item(s), along with its risk management objective and strategy.

Fair value hedges

The Credit Union uses fair value hedges to hedge its exposure to changes in the fair value of member loans receivable.

Changes in the fair value of the hedging instrument are recognized immediately in profit or loss together with changes in the fair value of the hedged item that are attributable to the risks being hedged.

Where the Credit Union has designated a group of assets and/or liabilities in a fair value hedge, gains and losses are presented in the consolidated statement of financial position as an adjustment to the carrying amount of the respective individual items comprising the group.

When the hedged item is a financial instrument measured at amortized cost, adjustments to the hedged item are amortized to profit or loss. Amortization may begin as soon as a hedging adjustment exists but no later than when the hedged item ceases to be adjusted for hedging gains and losses. Amortization is based on a recalculated effective interest rate calculated at the date that amortization begins.

Rebalancing and discontinuation of hedging relationships

If the hedge ratio for risk management purposes is no longer optimal but the risk management objective remains unchanged and the hedging relationship continues to qualify for hedge accounting, the hedging ratio is rebalanced by adjusting either the volume of the hedging instrument or the volume of the hedged item to realign the hedge ratio with the ratio used for risk management purposes. Hedge ineffectiveness is recognized in profit or loss at the time of rebalancing.

Hedge accounting is discontinued prospectively when the hedging relationship ceases to meet the qualifying criteria, including instances where the hedging instrument expires or is sold, terminated or exercised.

Dividend income

Dividend income is recorded in profit or loss when the Credit Union's right to receive payments is established, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the dividend will flow to the Credit Union, and the amount of the dividend can be measured reliably.

Interest

Interest income and expense are recognized in profit or loss using the effective interest method.

The 'effective interest rate' is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments over the expected life of the financial instrument to the gross carrying amount of the financial asset or the amortized cost of the financial liability. The effective interest rate is calculated considering all contractual terms of the financial instruments, except for the expected credit losses of financial assets.

The 'amortized cost' of a financial asset or financial liability is the amount at which the instrument is measured on initial recognition minus principal repayments, plus or minus any cumulative amortization using the effective interest method of any difference between the initial amount and maturity amount and adjusted for any expected credit loss allowance. The 'gross carrying amount' of a financial asset is the amortized cost of a financial asset before adjusting for any expected credit losses.

Interest income and expense is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of the financial asset (when the asset is not credit-impaired) or the amortized cost of the financial liability.

Where a financial asset has become credit-impaired subsequent to initial recognition, interest income is calculated in subsequent periods by applying the effective interest method to the amortized cost of the financial asset. If the asset subsequently ceases to be credit-impaired, calculation of interest income reverts to the gross basis.

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Offsetting

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset, with the net amount presented in the statement of financial position, when, and only when, the Credit Union has a current and legally enforceable right to set off the recognized amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis or realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Income and expenses are presented on a net basis only when permitted under IFRS, or when arising from a group of similar transactions if the resulting income and expenses are not material.

Collateral

The Credit Union recognizes the proceeds from the sale of any non-cash collateral that has been pledged to it and a liability measured at fair value for its obligation to return the collateral.

If a debtor defaults under the terms of its contract and is no longer entitled to the return of any collateral, the Credit Union recognizes the collateral as an asset initially measured at fair value or, if it has already sold the collateral, derecognizes its obligation to return the collateral.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible into known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value. Cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Credit Union's cash management system.

Investments

Each investment is classified into one of the categories described under financial instruments. The classification dictates the accounting treatment for the carrying value and changes in that value.

SaskCentral and Concentra Bank deposits and shares

SaskCentral and Concentra Bank deposits are measured at amortized cost. Shares are measured at fair value, with adjustments to fair value recognized in profit or loss.

Portfolio investments

Portfolio term deposits are measured at amortized cost.

Investments in equity investments are measured at fair value, with adjustments recognized in profit or loss.

Impairment of non-financial assets

At the end of each reporting period, the Credit Union reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Credit Union estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating units ("CGU") to which the asset belongs. Where a reasonable and consistent basis of allocation can be identified, corporate assets are also allocated to individual CGU's, or otherwise they are allocated to the smallest group of CGU's for which a reasonable and consistent allocation basis can be identified. Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives and intangible assets not yet available for use are tested for impairment at least annually, and whenever there is an indication that the asset may be impaired.

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset or CGU is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset or CGU is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognized immediately in comprehensive income.

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Impairment of non-financial assets (Continued from previous page)

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset or CGU is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognized for the asset or CGU in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognized immediately in comprehensive income.

Securitization

The Credit Union securitizes loan assets, generally through the sale of these assets to third parties. As the Credit Union remains exposed to residual risk and reward through the retention of items such as servicing requirements and the right to excess spread, these assets have not been de-recognized, as the de-recognition criteria have not been met and they continue to be reported on the consolidated statement of financial position. The residual risks associated with these assets are mitigated by the Credit Union's risk policies.

Syndication

The Credit Union syndicates individual assets with various other financial institutions primarily to manage credit risk, create liquidity and manage regulatory capital for the Credit Union. Syndicated loans transfer substantially all the risks and rewards related to the transferred financial assets and are derecognized from the Credit Union's consolidated statement of financial position. All loans syndicated by the Credit Union are on a fully serviced basis. The Credit Union receives fee income for services provided in the servicing of the transferred financial assets.

Foreclosed assets

Foreclosed assets held for sale are initially recorded at the lower of cost and fair value less costs to sell. Cost comprises the balance of the loan at the date on which the Credit Union obtains title to the asset plus subsequent disbursements related to the asset, less any revenues or lease payments received. Foreclosed assets held for sale are subsequently valued at the lower of their carrying amount and fair value less cost to sell. Foreclosed assets are recorded in member loans receivable as outlined in Note 7.

Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Cost includes expenditures that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. When parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items of property, plant and equipment.

All assets having limited useful lives are depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives. Land has an unlimited useful life and is therefore not depreciated. Assets are depreciated from the date of acquisition. Internally constructed assets are depreciated from the time an asset is available for use.

The depreciation rates applicable for each class of asset during the current and comparative period are as follows:

	Years
Buildings and improvements	10-40 years
Automotive	5 years
Furniture and equipment	3-10 years

The residual value, useful life and depreciation method applied to each class of assets are reassessed at each reporting date.

Gains or losses on the disposal of property, plant and equipment will be determined as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset, and recognised in comprehensive income as other operating income or other operating costs, respectively.

Intangible assets

Computer software

The Credit Union's only intangible asset is computer software which is amortized to comprehensive income on a straight-line basis over its estimated useful life of 3 - 10 years. The useful life of computer software will be reviewed on an annual basis and the useful life is altered if estimates have changed significantly.

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Intangible assets *(Continued from previous page)*

Gains or losses on the disposal of intangible assets will be determined as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset, and recognised in comprehensive income as other operating income or other operating costs, respectively.

Income taxes

The Credit Union accounts for income taxes using the asset and liability method. Current and deferred taxes are recognized in comprehensive income except to the extent that the tax is recognized either in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, or the tax arises from a business combination. Under this method, the provision for income taxes is based on the tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Current tax assets and liabilities for the current and prior periods are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the assets are realized or the liabilities are settled.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized where the carrying amount of an asset or liability differs from its tax base, except for taxable temporary differences arising on the initial recognition of goodwill and temporary differences arising on the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction which is not a business combination and at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting or taxable income.

Recognition of deferred tax assets for unused tax losses, tax credits and deductible temporary differences is restricted to those instances where it is probable that future taxable profit will be available which allow the deferred tax asset to be utilized. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realized.

Leases

The Credit Union assesses at inception of a contract, whether the contract is, or contains a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. To assess whether a contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time, the Credit Union assesses whether the customer has the following through the period of use:

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

This policy is applied to contracts entered into, or changed, on or after January 1, 2019.

Where the Credit Union is a lessee in a contract that contains a lease component, the Credit Union allocates the consideration in the contract to each lease component on the basis of the relative stand-alone price of the lease component and the aggregate stand-alone price of the non-lease components.

At the lease commencement date, the Credit Union recognizes a right-of-use asset and a lease liability. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost. The cost of the right-of-use asset is comprised of the initial amount of the lease liability, any lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received, initial direct costs incurred by the Credit Union, and an estimate of the costs to be incurred by the Credit Union in dismantling and removing the underlying asset and restoring the site on which it is located or restoring the underlying asset to the condition required by the terms and conditions of the lease.

After the commencement date, the Credit Union measures right-of-use assets by applying the cost model, whereby the right-of-use asset is measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses and adjusted for any remeasurement of the lease liability. The right-of-use asset is depreciated using the straight-line method from the commencement date to the end of the lease term or the end of the useful life of the right-of-use asset. The estimated useful life of the right-of-use assets are determined on the same basis as those of property, plant and equipment. The determination of the depreciation period is dependent on whether the Credit Union expects that the ownership of the underlying asset will transfer to the Credit Union by the end of the lease term or if the cost of the right-of-use asset reflects that the Credit Union will exercise a purchase option.

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Leases (Continued from previous page)

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments not paid at the lease commencement date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or the Credit Union's incremental borrowing rate, if the interest rate implicit in the lease cannot be readily determined. The lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability comprise of fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments) less any lease incentives receivable, variable lease payments that depend on an index or rate, amounts expected to be payable by the Credit Union under a residual value guarantee, the exercise price of a purchase option that the Credit Union is reasonably certain to exercise, and payment of penalties for terminating the lease if the lease term reflects the Credit Union exercising an option to terminate the lease. After the commencement date, the Credit Union measures the lease liability at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

The Credit Union remeasures the lease liability when there is a change in the lease term, a change in the Credit Union's assessment of an option to purchase the underlying asset, a change in the Credit Union's estimate of amounts expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee, or a change in future lease payments resulting from a change in an index or a rate used to determine those payments. On remeasurement of the lease liability, a corresponding adjustment is made to the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset, or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero.

The Credit Union has elected to not recognize right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for short-term leases of facilities and low value leases. Short-term leases are leases with a term of twelve months or less. Low value leases are leases where the underlying asset has a new value of \$5,000 USD or less. The Credit Union recognizes the lease payments associated with these leases as an expense on either a straight-line basis over the lease term or another systematic basis if that basis is more representative of the pattern of the lessee's benefit.

The Credit Union assesses at lease inception whether a lease should be classified as either an operating lease or a finance lease. A lease is classified as a finance lease if it transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of an underlying asset; otherwise it is classified as an operating lease.

At the commencement date of a finance lease, the Credit Union recognizes assets held under a finance lease as a receivable at an amount equal to the net investment in the lease, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease. The lease payments included in the measurement of the net investment in the lease comprise of payments for the right to use the underlying asset that are not received at the commencement date, including fixed payments less any lease incentives payable, variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, any residual value guarantees provided to the lessor, the exercise price of a purchase option if the lessee is reasonably certain to exercise and payments of penalties for termination of the lease if the lease term reflects the lessee exercising an option to terminate the lease. After the commencement date, the Credit Union recognizes finance income over the lease term, based on a pattern reflecting a constant periodic rate of return on the Credit Union's net investment in the lease.

Lease payments from operating leases are recognized as income on either a straight-line basis or another systematic basis if that basis is more representative of the pattern in which benefit from the use of the underlying asset is diminished.

Employee benefits

The Credit Union's post employment benefit programs consist of a defined contribution plan.

Credit Union contributions to the defined contribution plan are expensed as incurred. Pension benefits of \$1,173 (2021 – \$1,181) were paid to the defined contribution retirement plan during the year.

Membership shares

Shares are classified as liabilities or member equity in accordance with their terms. Shares redeemable at the option of the member, either on demand or on withdrawal from membership, are classified as liabilities. Shares redeemable at the discretion of the Credit Union Board of Directors are classified as equity. Shares redeemable subject to regulatory restrictions are accounted for using the criteria set out in IFRIC 2 *Members' Shares in Cooperative Entities and Similar Instruments*.

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Standards issued but not yet effective

The Credit Union has not yet applied the following new standards, interpretations and amendments to standards that have been issued as at December 31, 2022 but are not yet effective. Unless otherwise stated, the Credit Union does not plan to early adopt any of these new or amended standards and interpretations.

IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements and IFRS Practice Statement 2 Making Materiality Judgements

Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2, issued in February 2021, help entities provide accounting policy disclosures that are more useful to primary users of financial statements by replacing the requirement to disclose “significant” accounting policies with a requirement to disclose “material” accounting policies and providing guidance to explain and demonstrate the application of the four-step materiality process to accounting policy disclosures.

The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023 and are required to be applied prospectively. The Credit Union does not expect these amendments to have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

IAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors

Amendments to IAS 8, issued in February 2021, introduce a new definition of “accounting estimates” to replace the definition of “change in accounting estimates” and also include clarification intended to help entities distinguish changes in accounting policies from changes in accounting estimates.

The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023. The Credit Union does not expect these amendments to have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

5. Cash and cash equivalents

	2022	2021
Cash	15,065	66,483
Cash equivalents	48,987	8,500
	64,052	74,983

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6. Investments

	2022	2021
Measured at fair value through profit or loss		
SaskCentral and Concentra Bank shares	14,353	14,314
Other equity investments	14,534	10,653
	28,887	24,967
Measured at amortized cost		
SaskCentral and Concentra Bank liquidity deposits	157,086	164,464
Concentra Bank term deposits	192,106	196,053
Portfolio term deposits	105,148	125,000
	454,340	485,517
Accrued interest	3,915	2,113
	487,142	512,597

The table below shows the credit risk exposure on investments. Ratings are as provided by Dominion Bond Rating Services ("DBRS") unless otherwise indicated.

	2022	2021
Investment portfolio rating		
AA	184,857	208,737
A	5,000	10,000
A-	45,038	45,000
BBB	233,692	236,041
Unrated	14,640	10,706
	483,227	510,484

Statutory liquidity

Pursuant to Regulations, SaskCentral requires that the Credit Union maintain 10% of its total liabilities in specified liquidity deposits. The provincial regulator for Credit Unions, CUDGC, requires that the Credit Union adhere to these prescribed limits and restrictions. As of December 31, 2022 the Credit Union met the requirement.

Liquidity coverage ratio

The Credit Union has implemented a Liquidity coverage ratio ("LCR") which is a regulatory requirement of CUDGC. The objective of the LCR is to ensure that the Credit Union has an adequate stock of unencumbered high-quality liquid assets ("HQLA") that:

- consists of cash or assets that can be converted into cash at little or no loss of value; and
- meets its liquidity needs for a 30-calendar day stress scenario, by which time it is assumed corrective actions have been taken by the Credit Union and/or CUDGC.

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This stress scenario noted above is viewed as a minimum requirement. The Credit Union conducts additional stress tests to assess the level of liquidity to hold beyond the regulatory minimum, and constructs scenarios that could cause difficulties for specific business activities. Internal stress tests have longer time horizons and results are reported to CUDGC upon request.

The LCR is calculated as the value of the stock in HQLA in stressed conditions divided by the total net cash outflows over the next 30 calendar days.

As at December 31, 2022, the Credit Union is in compliance with regulatory requirements.

7. Member loans receivable

Principal and allowance by loan type:

	2022				
	Principal performing	Principal impaired	Allowance specific	Allowance for expected credit losses	Net carrying value
Agriculture loans	122,418	123	1	202	122,338
Commercial loans	45,565	9,839	1,985	444	52,975
Consumer loans	98,549	16	16	622	97,927
Lines of credit	78,633	-	-	319	78,314
Mortgages	954,632	6,907	6,588	2,680	952,271
	1,299,797	16,885	8,590	4,267	1,303,825
Foreclosed assets	101	-	-	-	101
Accrued interest	4,997	1,303	1,077	-	5,223
Total	1,304,895	18,188	9,667	4,267	1,309,149

	2021				
	Principal performing	Principal impaired	Allowance specific	Allowance for expected credit losses	Net carrying value
Agriculture loans	105,650	223	169	622	105,082
Commercial loans	48,023	10,370	1,560	410	56,423
Consumer loans	83,701	83	83	401	83,300
Lines of credit	81,770	235	185	377	81,443
Mortgages	896,163	8,717	3,796	1,465	899,619
	1,215,307	19,628	5,793	3,275	1,225,867
Foreclosed assets	2,166	-	-	-	2,166
Accrued interest	3,939	955	890	-	4,004
Total	1,221,412	20,583	6,683	3,275	1,232,037

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The allowance for loan impairment changed as follows:

	2022	2021
Balance, beginning of year	9,958	9,794
Allowance acquired through business combinations	-	2,825
Provision for impaired loans	4,926	3,909
	14,884	16,528
Less: accounts written off, net of recoveries	950	6,570
	13,934	9,958

8. Derivatives and hedge accounting

The following disclosures summarize the Credit Union's risk management practices and use of hedge accounting as required by IFRS 7 *Financial Instruments: Disclosures*.

Fair value hedges

Fair value hedges of interest rate risk

Risk management strategy

The Credit Union uses interest rate swaps to hedge its exposure to interest rate risk arising from the changes in the fair value of fixed-rate member loans receivable due to fluctuations in the benchmark interest rate (prime).

The Credit Union uses interest rate swaps to hedge its risk exposure by purchasing swaps on an ad hoc basis to match the specific amount of issuances of member loans receivable that they wish to hedge. The Credit Union uses this strategy to manage interest rate risk and monitors their static gap and interest rate risk measures on a quarterly basis to determine if an interest rate swap purchase would be necessary.

The economic relationship between interest rate swaps and fixed-rate member loans receivable is established by assessing the difference between the hedging instrument interest rate and the rate used by the market to determine pricing of the hedged item and how that difference changes over time. The hedge ratio is determined using the actual amount of fixed-rate loans and advances hedged and the nominal amounts of interest-rate swaps.

Hedge ineffectiveness is expected to arise from deviations between the interest rate reset date of fixed-rate member loans receivable and interest rate swaps.

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8. Derivatives and hedge accounting *(Continued from previous page)*

Amount, timing and uncertainty of cash flows

At year-end, the Credit Union held the following interest rate swaps as hedging instruments in fair value hedges of interest rate risk.

	2022 Maturity
	Greater than 12 months
Hedge of member loans receivable	
Nominal amount in thousands of dollars	15,000
Average fixed interest-rate	2.2
	2021 Maturity
	Greater than 12 months
Hedge of member loans receivable	
Nominal amount in thousands of dollars	15,000
Average fixed interest-rate	2.2

Effects of fair value hedge accounting on financial position and performance

The fair value of the interest rate swap derivative resulted in an asset of \$450 (2021 - liability of \$199) which was included in other assets (2021 - other liabilities \$199). The increase in fair value of \$649 (2021 - increase in fair value of \$540) was charged to profit or loss. There were no adjustments required for ineffectiveness of the hedges in 2022 or 2021.

Concentra required the Credit Union to fund \$65 (2021 - \$65) of the interest rate swap derivative which has been applied to accounts receivable. This has resulted in a net receivable of \$515 (2021 - liability of \$134).

Derivative financial instruments not designated as hedging instruments

The Credit Union has index linked derivatives that either do not qualify or are not designated for hedge accounting. Accordingly, these derivative financial instruments have been measured at fair value, with the related gain recognized in profit or loss. The total fair value of these derivative financial assets and liabilities was \$2,130 (2021 - \$2,156).

9. Other assets

	2022	2021
Accounts receivable	20,214	779
Corporate income tax recoverable	-	289
Prepaid expenses and deposits	1,260	1,212
Deferred tax asset (Note 14)	1,642	1,574
Interest rate swap derivative (Note 8)	450	-
Index linked derivatives (Note 8)	2,130	2,156
	25,696	6,010

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10. Property, plant and equipment

	<i>Land</i>	<i>Buildings and improvements</i>	<i>Automotive</i>	<i>Furniture and equipment</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cost					
Balance at December 31, 2020	1,036	19,005	65	3,351	23,457
Additions	-	202	-	505	707
Disposals	(28)	(883)	-	(380)	(1,291)
Acquisitions through business combinations	724	9,036	64	1,315	11,139
Balance at December 31, 2021	1,732	27,360	129	4,791	34,012
Additions	-	120	91	560	771
Disposals	-	(88)	(82)	(1,265)	(1,435)
Balance at December 31, 2022	1,732	27,392	138	4,086	33,348
Accumulated depreciation					
Balance at December 31, 2020	-	8,843	56	2,890	11,789
Depreciation	-	1,065	12	329	1,406
Disposals	-	(772)	-	(378)	(1,150)
Acquisitions through business combinations	-	1,570	48	1,042	2,660
Balance at December 31, 2021	-	10,706	116	3,883	14,705
Depreciation	-	1,093	25	401	1,519
Disposals	-	(49)	(81)	(1,253)	(1,383)
Balance at December 31, 2022	-	11,750	60	3,031	14,841
Net book value					
At December 31, 2021	1,732	16,654	13	908	19,307
At December 31, 2022	1,732	15,642	78	1,055	18,507

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11. Intangible assets

	2022	2021
Cost	2,981	3,846
Accumulated amortization	(2,270)	(2,933)
	711	913

		Computer software
Cost		
Balance at December 31, 2020		2,889
Acquisition through business combinations		927
Additions		284
Disposals		(254)
Balance at December 31, 2021		3,846
Additions		35
Disposals		(900)
Balance at December 31, 2022		2,981
Accumulated amortization		
Balance at December 31, 2020		2,269
Amortization		111
Disposals		(250)
Acquisition through business combinations		803
Balance at December 31, 2021		2,933
Amortization		236
Disposals		(899)
Balance at December 31, 2022		2,270

12. Line of credit

The Credit Union has an authorized line of credit due on demand, with no fixed repayment date, bearing interest at CDN prime minus 0.5% (5.95% at December 31, 2022) and US prime plus 0.5% (8.00% at December 31, 2022) in the amount of \$33,500 CDN (2021 - \$33,500) and \$1,000 US (2021 - \$1,000) from SaskCentral. As at December 31, 2022, \$nil was advanced (2021 - \$nil was advanced).

Borrowings are secured by a general securities agreement, financial services agreement, and an operating account agreement.

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13. Member deposits

	2022	2021
Chequing, savings, investor savings	1,030,556	1,045,248
Registered savings plans	136,473	138,674
Term deposits	533,505	492,185
Accrued interest	6,823	4,763
	1,707,357	1,680,870

Total deposits include \$6,775 (2021 - \$6,744) denominated in foreign currencies.

Member deposits are subject to the following terms:

- Chequing, savings and investor savings products are due on demand and bear interest at rates up to 4.95% (2021 - 1.00%).
- Registered savings plans are subject to fixed and variable rates of interest up to 5.25% (2021 - 3.75%), with interest payments due monthly, annually or on maturity.
- Term deposits are subject to fixed and variable rates of interest up to 5.50% (2021 - 3.65%), with interest payments due monthly, annually or on maturity.

14. Income tax

Income tax expense recognized in comprehensive income

The applicable tax rate is the aggregate of the federal income tax rate of 15% (2021 - 15%) and the provincial tax rate of 12% (2021 - 12%). Subsidiary income is taxed at a combined rate of 27% (2021 - 27%).

Deferred tax expense (recovery) recognized in comprehensive income

The deferred tax expense (recovery) recognized in comprehensive income for the current year is a result of the following:

	2022	2021
Deferred tax asset		
Property, plant and equipment	(8)	49
Liabilities that are deducted for tax purposes only when paid	237	461
Allowance for impaired loans	1,413	1,064
Net deferred tax asset	1,642	1,574

Net deferred tax asset is reflected in the consolidated statement of financial position as follows

Deferred tax asset	1,642	1,574
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Reconciliation between average effective tax rate and the applicable tax rate

	2022	2021
Applicable tax rate	27.00 %	27.00 %
Saskatchewan Technology Startup Incentive tax credit	- %	(0.13)%
Change in estimates	(0.25)%	2.27 %
Non-taxable dividends and other items	(16.64)%	(2.88)%
Average effective tax rate (tax expense divided by profit before tax)	10.11 %	26.26 %

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15. Other liabilities

	2022	2021
Accounts payable	12,839	7,094
Corporate income tax payable	1,722	-
Interest rate swap derivative (Note 8)	-	199
Index linked derivatives (Note 8)	2,130	2,156
	16,691	9,449

16. Membership shares

Authorized:

Unlimited number of Common shares, at an issue price of \$5.
Unlimited number of Surplus shares, at an issue price of \$1.

	2022	2021
Issued (in thousands):		
30 Common shares (2021 - 30)	150	148
0 Surplus shares (2021 - 4,575)	-	4,575
	150	4,723

All common and surplus shares are classified as liabilities.

When an individual becomes a member of the Credit Union, they are issued a common share at \$5 per share. Each member of the Credit Union has one vote, regardless of the number of common shares held.

Surplus shares are established as a means of returning excess earnings to the members and at the same time increasing the Credit Union's equity base. The Articles of Incorporation for the Credit Union disclose the conditions concerning surplus shares.

During the year, the Credit Union issued 2 (2021 - 12) and redeemed 2 (2021 - 2) common shares, and also issued 0 (2021 - 200) and redeemed 4,575 (2021 - 285) surplus shares. \$Nil (2021 - \$52) of membership shares were acquired on business combination.

17. Related party transactions

Key management compensation of the Credit Union

Key management personnel ("KMP") of the Credit Union are the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Strategy & Innovation Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Risk Officer, Chief People & Governance Officer, Chief Operations & Member Experience Officer, and members of the Board of Directors. KMP remuneration includes the following expenses:

	2022	2021
Salaries and short-term benefits	1,739	1,699

Transactions with key management personnel

The Credit Union, in accordance with its policy, may grant credit to its directors, management and staff at concessional rates of interest on their loans and facilities.

Loans made to KMP are approved under the same lending criteria applicable to members and are included in member loans on the consolidated statement of financial position. There are no loans to KMP that are impaired.

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Directors, management and staff of the Credit Union hold deposit accounts. These accounts are maintained under the same terms and conditions as accounts of other members, and are included in deposit accounts on the consolidated statement of financial position.

There are no benefits or concessional terms and conditions applicable to the family members of KMP.

In the ordinary course of business, the Credit Union provided normal financial services to its wholly-owned subsidiary CGT Cornerstone Holdings Limited on terms similar to those offered to non-related parties.

These loans and deposits were made in the normal course of operations and are measured at the exchange amount, which is the consideration established and agreed to by the related parties.

	2022	2021
Aggregate loans to KMP	6,996	7,006
Aggregate revolving credit facilities to KMP	2,253	1,268
Less: approved and undrawn lines of credit	(1,263)	(1,083)
	7,986	7,191

	2022	2021
During the year the aggregate value of loans approved to KMP amounted to:		
Revolving credit	1,128	370
Mortgages	1,863	731
Loans	162	665
	3,153	1,766

	2022	2021
Income and expense transactions with KMP consisted of:		
Interest earned on loans to KMP	262	261
Total interest paid on deposits to KMP	30	16

	2022	2021
The total value of member deposits from KMP as at the year-end:		
Chequing and demand deposits	4,905	3,577
Term deposits	203	141
Registered plans	315	541
Total value of member deposits due to KMP	5,423	4,259

Directors' fees and expenses

	2022	2021
Directors' expenses	33	25
Meeting, training and conference costs	24	4

Amounts paid to directors range from \$3 (2021 – \$1) to \$27 (2021 – \$21) with an average of \$11 (2021 – \$9).

SaskCentral and Concentra Bank

The Credit Union is a member of SaskCentral, which acts as a depository for surplus funds received from and loans made to credit unions. SaskCentral also provides other services for a fee to the Credit Union and acts in an advisory capacity.

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Up until November 1, 2022, the Credit Union was related to Concentra Bank, which was owned in part by SaskCentral. Concentra Bank provides financial intermediation and trust services to Canadian credit unions and associated commercial and retail customers.

Interest earned on investments during the year ended December 31, 2022 amounted to \$6,426 (2021 - \$4,922).

Dividends received during the year ended December 31, 2022 amounted to \$85 (2022 - \$358).

Interest and stand-by fees paid on borrowings during the year ended December 31, 2022 amounted to \$18 (2021 - \$4).

Payments made for affiliation dues for the year ended December 31, 2022 amounted to \$95 (2021 - \$91).

Celero Solutions

The Credit Union has entered into an agreement with Celero Solutions to provide the delivery of banking system services and the maintenance of the infrastructure needed to ensure uninterrupted delivery of such services. Celero Solutions was formed as a joint venture by the Credit Union Centrals of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba along with Concentra Bank.

18. Capital management

A capital management framework is included in policies and procedures established by the Board of Directors. The Credit Union's objectives when managing capital are to:

- Adhere to regulatory capital requirements as minimum benchmarks;
- Co-ordinate strategic risk management and capital management;
- Develop financial performance targets/budgets/goals;
- Administer a patronage program that is consistent with capital requirements;
- Administer an employee incentive program that is consistent with capital requirements; and
- Develop a growth strategy that is coordinated with capital management requirements.

CUDGC prescribes capital adequacy measures and minimum capital requirements. The capital adequacy rules issued by CUDGC have been based on the Basel II framework, consistent with the financial industry in general.

The Credit Union follows a risk-weighted asset calculation for credit and operational risk. Under this approach, credit unions are required to measure capital adequacy in accordance with instructions for determining risk-adjusted capital and risk-weighted assets, including off-balance sheet commitments. Based on the prescribed risk of each type of asset, a weighting of 0% to 1,250% is assigned. The ratio of regulatory capital to risk-weighted assets is calculated and compared to the standard outlined by CUDGC. Regulatory standards require credit unions to maintain a minimum total eligible capital to risk-weighted assets of 8%, a minimum tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets of 6% and a minimum common equity tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets of 4.5%. In addition to the minimum capital ratios, the Credit Union is required to hold a capital conservation buffer of 2.5%. The capital conservation buffer is designed to avoid breaches of the minimum capital requirement. Eligible capital consists of total tier 1 and tier 2 capital.

Tier 1 capital is defined as a credit union's primary capital and comprises the highest quality of capital elements while tier 2 is secondary capital and falls short of meeting tier 1 requirements for permanence or freedom from mandatory charges. Tier 1 capital consists of two components: common equity tier 1 capital and additional tier 1 capital. Common equity tier 1 capital includes retained earnings, contributed surplus and accumulated other comprehensive income ("AOCI"). Deductions from common equity tier 1 capital include goodwill, intangible assets, deferred tax assets (except those arising from temporary differences), increases in equity capital resulting from securitization transactions, unconsolidated substantial investments and fair value gains/losses on own-use property. Additional tier 1 capital consists of qualifying membership shares and other investment shares issued by the Credit Union that meet the criteria for inclusion in additional tier 1 capital.

Tier 2 capital includes a collective allowance for credit losses to a maximum of 1.25% of risk-weighted assets, subordinated indebtedness, and qualifying membership shares or other investment shares issued by the Credit Union that meet the criteria for inclusion in tier 2 capital and are not included in tier 1 capital.

Regulatory standards also require the Credit Union to maintain a minimum leverage ratio of 5%. This ratio is calculated by dividing eligible capital by total assets less deductions from capital plus specified off-balance sheet exposures. Based on the type of off-balance sheet exposure, a conversion factor is applied to the leverage ratio.

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The Credit Union has adopted a capital plan that conforms to the capital framework and is regularly reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors. The following table compares CUDGC regulatory standards to the Credit Union's board policy for 2022:

	Regulatory standards	Board limits
Total eligible capital to risk-weighted assets	10.50 %	12.50 %
Total tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets	8.50 %	11.50 %
Common equity tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets	7.00 %	11.50 %
Leverage ratio	5.00 %	7.00 %

During the year, the Credit Union complied with all internal and external capital requirements.

The following table summarizes key capital information:

	2022	2021
Eligible capital		
Common equity tier 1 capital	180,348	149,892
Additional tier 1 capital	-	-
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Total tier 1 capital	180,348	149,892
Total tier 2 capital	4,267	7,998
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Total eligible capital	184,615	157,890

Risk-weighted assets

Total eligible capital to risk-weighted assets	15.93 %	14.92 %
Total tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets	15.56 %	14.17 %
Common equity tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets	15.56 %	14.17 %
Leverage ratio	9.45 %	8.27 %

19. Financial instruments

The Credit Union, as part of its operations, carries a number of financial instruments which result in exposure to the following risks: credit risk, market risk, and liquidity risk.

Accordingly, the Credit Union has established avoidance of undue concentrations of risk, hedging of risk exposures, and requirements for collateral to mitigate credit risk as risk management objectives. In seeking to meet these objectives, the Credit Union follows risk management policies approved by its Board of Directors.

The Credit Union's risk management policies and procedures include the following:

- Ensure all activities are consistent with the mission, vision and values of the Credit Union
- Balance risk and return
- Manage credit, market and liquidity risk through preventative and detective controls
- Ensure credit quality is maintained
- Ensure credit, market, and liquidity risk is maintained at acceptable levels
- Diversify risk in transactions, member relationships and loan portfolios
- Price according to risk taken, and
- Using consistent credit risk exposure tools.

Various Board of Directors committees are involved in financial instrument risk management oversight, including the Finance and Audit Committee, Risk Committee and Conduct Review Committee.

There have been no significant changes from the previous year in the Credit Union's risks to which it is exposed or its general policies and procedures for managing risk.

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Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss resulting from the failure of a borrower or counterparty to honour its financial or contractual obligations to the Credit Union. Credit risk primarily arises from member loans receivable.

Risk management process

Credit risk management is integral to the Credit Union's activities. Management and the Board of Directors are responsible for developing and implementing the credit risk management practices of the Credit Union by establishing the relevant policies and procedures. Management carefully monitors and manages the Credit Union's exposure to credit risk by reviewing member credit extension policies and guidelines and reviewing the performance of loan portfolios, including default events and past due status. The risk management process starts at the time of a member credit application and continues until the loan is fully repaid. The primary credit risk management policies and procedures include the following:

- Loan security (collateral) requirements
 - Security valuation processes, including method used to determine the value of real property and personal property when that property is subject to a mortgage or other charge
 - Maximum loan to value ratios where a mortgage or other charge on real or personal property is taken as security
- Borrowing member capacity (repayment ability) requirements
- Borrowing member character requirements
- Limits on aggregate credit exposure per individual and/or related parties
- Limits on concentration of credit risk by loan type, industry and economic sector
- Limits on the types of credit facilities and services offered
- Internal loan approval processes and loan documentation standards
- Loan re-negotiation, extension and renewal processes
- Processes that identify adverse situations and trends, including risks associated with economic, geographic and industry sectors
- Control and monitoring processes including portfolio risk identification and delinquency tolerances
- Timely loan analysis processes to identify, access and manage delinquent and impaired loans
- Collection processes that include action plans for deteriorating loans
- Overdraft control and administration processes
- Loan syndication processes

The Credit Union's credit risk policies, processes and methodologies are reviewed periodically to ensure they remain relevant and effective in managing credit risk.

To meet the needs of its members and to manage its own exposure to fluctuations in interest rates, the Credit Union participates in various commitments and contingent liability contracts. The primary purpose of these contracts is to make funds available for the financing needs of members. These are subject to normal credit standards, financial controls, risk management and monitoring procedures. The contractual amounts of these credit instruments represent the maximum credit risk exposure without taking into account the fair value of any collateral, in the event other parties fail to perform their obligations under these instruments.

The Credit Union makes the following instruments available to its members:

- Guarantees and standby letters of credit representing irrevocable assurances that the Credit Union will pay if a member cannot meet their obligations to a third party
- Commitments to extend credit representing unused portions of authorizations to extend credit in the form of loans (including lines of credit and credit cards), guarantees or letters of credit

The amounts shown on the table below do not necessarily represent future cash requirements since many commitments will expire or terminate without being funded.

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As at year-end, the Credit Union had the following outstanding financial instruments subject to credit risk:

	2022	2021
Unadvanced lines of credit	180,615	169,107
Guarantees and standby letters of credit	3,072	3,327
Commitments to extend credit	45,241	58,373
	228,928	230,807

Inputs, assumptions and techniques

Definition of default and assessments of credit risk

Financial instruments are assessed at each reporting date for a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition. This assessment considers changes in the risk of a default occurring at the reporting date as compared to the date of initial recognition.

The Credit Union considers member loans receivable to be in default when contractual payments are more than 90 days past due or other objective evidence of impairment exists, such as notification from the borrower or breach of major covenants. This definition is consistent with the definitions used for the Credit Union's internal credit risk management practices and has been selected because it most closely aligns the definition of default to the Credit Union's past credit experience, and the covenants placed in standard borrowing contracts. Relatively few financial instruments subsequently return to performing status after a default has occurred under this definition without further intervention on the part of the Credit Union.

Changes in credit risk are assessed on the basis of the risk that a default will occur over the contractual lifetime of the financial instrument rather than based on changes in the amount of expected credit losses or other factors. In making this assessment the Credit Union takes into account all reasonable and supportable information including forward-looking information, available without undue cost or effort in making this assessment. The Credit Union considers past due information of its balances and information about the borrower available through regular commercial dealings, such as requests for loan modifications.

The credit risk of a financial instrument is deemed to have significantly increased since initial recognition when contractual payments have exceeded 30 days past due, or other information becomes available to management (e.g., through the course of regular credit reviews, communication with the borrower or forecasting processes which consider macroeconomic conditions expected to have a future impact on borrowers). The Credit Union considers there not to have been a significant increase in credit risk despite contractual payments being more than 30 days past due when they have interviewed the borrower and determined that payment is forthcoming.

The Credit Union identifies credit-impaired financial assets through regular reviews of past due balances and credit assessments of its members. Credit-impaired financial assets are typically placed on the Credit Union's watch list based on its internal credit risk policies. In making this assessment, the Credit Union considers past due information of its balances and information about the borrower available through regular commercial dealings.

Measurement of expected credit losses

The Credit Union measures expected credit losses for member loans receivable on a group basis. These assets are grouped on the basis of their shared risk characteristics such as loan type (residential mortgages, commercial loans/mortgages, agricultural loans/mortgages, personal loans, and lines of credit). Otherwise, expected credit losses are measured on an individual basis.

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When measuring 12-month and lifetime expected credit losses, the Credit Union utilizes complex modelling, which uses current banking system loan data to assess probability of default, exposure at default, loss given default, and present value calculations. Forward-looking information is incorporated into the determination of expected credit loss by considering regional economic journals and forecasts, collecting information available from regular commercial dealings with its members and other publicly available information and considering the effect such information could have on any assumptions or inputs used in the measurement of expected credit losses, determining significant increases in credit risk or identifying a credit-impaired financial asset.

Significant judgments, estimates and assumptions are required when calculating the expected credit losses of financial assets. In measuring the 12-month and lifetime expected credit losses, management makes assumptions about prepayments, the timing and extent of missed payments or default events. In addition, management makes assumptions and estimates about the impact that future events may have on the historical data used to measure expected credit losses.

The Credit Union has run a number of simulations on its collective allowance, incorporating assumptions about the resulting macroeconomic impacts of inflation and interest rate changes, based on information and facts available at December 31, 2022. The macroeconomic factors that affect the Credit Union's expected credit loss calculations are: Saskatchewan unemployment rates, Saskatchewan Housing Price Index, changes in real gross domestic product, and three-month Bank of Canada bond/Bankers' Acceptance rates. Each factor is forecasted in a base case, a best case and a worst case scenario. Key factors influencing assumptions of the simulations are the uncertainties around lingering effects of COVID-19 including increasing interest rates, inflationary pressures, the quality of credit, and the borrower's future ability to service debt. In addition, our modelling assumes lower than historical recovery on defaulted loans, higher exposure on utilized lines of credit, and increased volatility in mortgage security values and recoveries.

The typical weighting used in the model is 80% base, 10% best and 10% worst case, as the base case is historically the most likely scenario. The December 31, 2022 modelling is based on these weightings.

Management had to use judgment in several areas to assess if the estimate the model calculated was reasonable or if an overlay was needed to increase or decrease the allowance. Commercial sectors expected to be impacted most heavily, and expected to sustain higher long term risks, were analyzed and expected losses adjusted accordingly. At December 31, 2022, management booked overlays of \$97 (2021 - \$561) to increase the allowance.

Write-offs

Financial assets are written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. The Credit Union assesses that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery when the borrower has filed for bankruptcy and the trustee has indicated that no additional funds will be paid. Where information becomes available indicating the Credit Union will receive funds, such amounts are recognized at their fair value.

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Exposure to credit risk

The following table sets out information about the credit quality of financial assets assessed for impairment under IFRS 9. The amounts in the table, unless otherwise indicated, represent the assets' gross carrying amount.

Except as noted below, the gross carrying amount of financial assets and exposure amount of loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts represents the maximum exposure to credit risk for that class of financial asset.

	12-month ECL	2022 Lifetime ECL (not credit impaired)	Lifetime ECL (credit impaired)	Total
Commercial and agricultural loans				
Low risk	148,446	440	10	148,896
Low-average risk	130,786	4,679	16	135,481
Average risk	206,389	2,732	1,472	210,593
Average-high risk	120,359	14,326	85	134,770
High risk	6,507	33,303	18,090	57,900
Total gross carrying amount	612,487	55,480	19,673	687,640
Less: loss allowance	851	2,002	9,641	12,494
Total carrying amount	611,636	53,478	10,032	675,146
Consumer loans				
Low risk	62,935	64	3	63,002
Low-average risk	40,804	571	-	41,375
Average risk	4,153	726	-	4,879
Average-high risk	1,868	1,887	1	3,756
High risk	1,837	3,615	22	5,474
Total gross carrying amount	111,597	6,863	26	118,486
Less: loss allowance	358	341	7	706
Total carrying amount	111,239	6,522	19	117,780
Residential mortgages				
Low risk	247,052	2,384	-	249,436
Low-average risk	124,988	1,955	-	126,943
Average risk	17,971	2,169	-	20,140
Average-high risk	9,264	1,119	-	10,383
High risk	5,932	14,790	46	20,768
Total gross carrying amount	405,207	22,417	46	427,670
Less: loss allowance	428	287	19	734
Total carrying amount	404,779	22,130	27	426,936
TOTAL				
Low risk	458,433	2,888	13	461,334
Low-average risk	296,578	7,205	16	303,799
Average risk	228,513	5,627	1,472	235,612
Average-high risk	131,491	17,332	86	148,909
High risk	14,276	51,708	18,158	84,142
Total gross carrying amount	1,129,291	84,760	19,745	1,233,796
Less: loss allowance	1,637	2,630	9,667	13,934
Total carrying amount	1,127,654	82,130	10,078	1,219,862

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	12-month ECL	2021 Lifetime ECL (not credit impaired)	Lifetime ECL (credit impaired)	Total
Commercial and agricultural loans				
Low risk	131,939	15	14	131,968
Low-average risk	156,855	2,360	26	159,241
Average risk	133,623	2,490	769	136,882
Average-high risk	152,123	28,326	-	180,449
High risk	9,780	13,488	25,328	48,596
Total gross carrying amount	584,320	46,679	26,137	657,136
Less: loss allowance	842	1,461	6,208	8,511
Total carrying amount	583,478	45,218	19,929	648,625
Consumer loans				
Low risk	60,154	8	-	60,162
Low-average risk	31,923	368	-	32,291
Average risk	5,140	350	-	5,490
Average-high risk	1,791	1,514	-	3,305
High risk	1,315	2,670	84	4,069
Total gross carrying amount	100,323	4,910	84	105,317
Less: loss allowance	258	204	80	542
Total carrying amount	100,065	4,706	4	104,775
Residential mortgages				
Low risk	240,446	1,934	-	242,380
Low-average risk	125,843	1,297	209	127,349
Average risk	19,810	540	-	20,350
Average-high risk	10,102	3,369	139	13,610
High risk	5,579	12,079	779	18,437
Total gross carrying amount	401,780	19,219	1,127	422,126
Less: loss allowance	338	172	395	905
Total carrying amount	401,442	19,047	732	421,221
TOTAL				
Low risk	432,539	1,957	14	434,510
Low-average risk	314,621	4,025	235	318,881
Average risk	158,573	3,380	769	162,722
Average-high risk	164,016	33,209	139	197,364
High risk	16,674	28,237	26,191	71,102
Total gross carrying amount	1,086,423	70,808	27,348	1,184,579
Less: loss allowance	1,438	1,837	6,683	9,958
Total carrying amount	1,084,985	68,971	20,665	1,174,621

The gross carrying amount of individual financial assets for which 12-month or lifetime expected credit losses were recognized and for which the Credit Union was unable to allocate to credit risk rating grades as at December 31, 2022 was \$126,296 (2021 – \$113,867) relating to leases, participation loan pools and loan commitments.

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Concentrations of credit risk

Concentration of credit risk exists if a number of borrowers are exposed to similar economic risks by being engaged in similar economic activities or being located in the same geographical region, and indicate the relative sensitivity of the Credit Union's performance to developments affecting a particular segment of borrowers or geographical region. Geographical risk exists for the Credit Union due to its primary service area being Yorkton, Saskatchewan and surrounding areas.

Amounts arising from expected credit losses

Reconciliation of the loss allowance

The following tables show a reconciliation of the opening to the closing balance of the loss allowance by class of financial instrument.

	<i>12-month ECL</i>	<i>Lifetime ECL (not credit impaired)</i>	<i>Lifetime ECL (credit impaired)</i>	<i>Total</i>
Commercial and agricultural loans				
Balance at January 1, 2021	450	1,749	6,058	8,257
Transfer to 12-month ECL	77	(68)	(9)	-
Transfer to lifetime ECL (not credit impaired)	(10)	10	-	-
Transfer to lifetime ECL (credit impaired)	-	(600)	600	-
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	(12)	331	5,154	5,473
New financial assets originated or purchased	385	79	44	508
Derecognized financial assets	(48)	(40)	-	(88)
Write-offs	-	-	(5,639)	(5,639)
Balance at December 31, 2021	842	1,461	6,208	8,511
Transfer to 12-month ECL	115	(115)	-	-
Transfer to lifetime ECL (not credit impaired)	(132)	163	(31)	-
Transfer to lifetime ECL (credit impaired)	-	(2)	2	-
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	(173)	684	4,223	4,734
New financial assets originated or purchased	238	58	44	340
Derecognized financial assets	(39)	(247)	-	(286)
Write-offs	-	-	(805)	(805)
Balance at December 31, 2022	851	2,002	9,641	12,494
Consumer loans				
Balance at January 1, 2021	222	285	128	635
Transfer to 12-month ECL	116	(116)	-	-
Transfer to lifetime ECL (not credit impaired)	(11)	11	-	-
Transfer to lifetime ECL (credit impaired)	-	-	-	-
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	(184)	12	182	10
New financial assets originated or purchased	150	72	-	222
Derecognized financial assets	(35)	(60)	-	(95)
Write-offs	-	-	(230)	(230)
Balance at December 31, 2021	258	204	80	542
Transfer to 12-month ECL	60	(60)	-	-
Transfer to lifetime ECL (not credit impaired)	(21)	21	-	-
Transfer to lifetime ECL (credit impaired)	-	(1)	1	-
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	(78)	118	65	105
New financial assets originated or purchased	179	91	-	270
Derecognized financial assets	(40)	(32)	-	(72)
Write-offs	-	-	(139)	(139)
Balance at December 31, 2022	358	341	7	706

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	12-month ECL	Lifetime ECL (not credit impaired)	Lifetime ECL (credit impaired)	Total
Residential mortgages				
Balance at January 1, 2021	226	186	490	902
Transfer to 12-month ECL	34	(34)	-	-
Transfer to lifetime ECL (not credit impaired)	(5)	5	-	-
Transfer to lifetime ECL (credit impaired)	-	(4)	4	-
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	(65)	(21)	743	657
New financial assets originated or purchased	171	75	-	246
Derecognized financial assets	(23)	(35)	-	(58)
Write-offs	-	-	(842)	(842)
Balance at December 31, 2021	338	172	395	905
Transfer to 12-month ECL	64	(64)	-	-
Transfer to lifetime ECL (not credit impaired)	(17)	17	-	-
Transfer to lifetime ECL (credit impaired)	-	-	-	-
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	(48)	178	(18)	112
New financial assets originated or purchased	119	7	-	126
Derecognized financial assets	(28)	(23)	-	(51)
Write-offs	-	-	(358)	(358)
Balance at December 31, 2022	428	287	19	734

Changes in the gross carrying amount of financial instruments

The following tables explain how significant changes in the gross carrying amount of financial instruments during the year contributed to changes in the loss allowance.

	12-month ECL	2022 Lifetime ECL (not credit impaired)	Lifetime ECL (credit impaired)
Commercial and agricultural loans			
New financial assets originated or purchased	238	58	44
Derecognized financial assets	(39)	(247)	-
Write-offs	-	-	(805)
Consumer loans			
New financial assets originated or purchased	179	91	-
Derecognized financial assets	(40)	(32)	-
Write-offs	-	-	(139)
Residential mortgages			
New financial assets originated or purchased	119	7	-
Derecognized financial assets	(28)	(23)	-
Write-offs	-	-	(358)

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	12-month ECL	2021 Lifetime ECL (not credit impaired)	Lifetime ECL (credit impaired)
Commercial and agricultural loans			
New financial assets originated or purchased	385	79	44
Derecognized financial assets	(48)	(40)	-
Write-offs	-	-	(5,639)
Consumer loans			
New financial assets originated or purchased	150	72	-
Derecognized financial assets	(35)	(60)	-
Write-offs	-	-	(230)
Residential mortgages			
New financial assets originated or purchased	171	75	-
Derecognized financial assets	(23)	(35)	-
Write-offs	-	-	(842)

Financial instruments for which the impairment requirements of IFRS 9 do not apply

The carrying amount of SaskCentral and Concentra Bank shares, as disclosed in Note 7, best represents the Credit Union's maximum exposure to credit risk for those items. The Credit Union holds no collateral or other credit enhancements on these balances.

As at December 31, 2022, the Credit Union held property with a carrying amount of \$101 (2021 - \$2,166), which was obtained during the year by taking possession of collateral held as security on loans and mortgages.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk of loss in value of financial instruments that may arise from changes in market factors such as interest rates, equity prices and credit spreads. The Credit Union's exposure changes depending on market conditions. Market risks that have a significant impact on the Credit Union include fair value risk and interest rate risk.

Market risk arises from changes in interest rates that affect the Credit Union's net interest income. Exposure to this risk directly impacts the Credit Union's income from its loan and deposit portfolios. The Credit Union's objective is to earn an acceptable net return on these portfolios, without taking unreasonable risk, while meeting member owner needs.

Risk measurement

The Credit Union's risk position is measured and monitored each quarter to ensure compliance with policy. Management provides quarterly reports on these matters to the Credit Union's Board of Directors.

Objectives, policies and processes

Management is responsible for managing the Credit Union's interest rate risk, monitoring approved limits and compliance with policies. The Credit Union manages market risk by developing and implementing asset and liability management policies, which are approved and periodically reviewed by the Board of Directors.

The Credit Union's goal is to achieve adequate levels of profitability, liquidity and safety. The Board of Directors reviews the Credit Union's investment and asset liability management policies periodically to ensure they remain relevant and effective in managing and controlling risk.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the sensitivity of the Credit Union's financial condition to movements in interest rates. Cash flow interest rate risk is the risk that the future cash flows of the Credit Union's financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. Fair value interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in prevailing market interest rates. Interest margins reported in comprehensive income may increase or decrease in response to changes in market interest rates. The Credit Union incurs interest rate risk on its loans and other interest bearing financial instruments.

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In managing interest rate risk, the Credit Union relies primarily upon use of asset - liability and interest rate sensitivity simulation models, which is monitored by the Credit Union's finance department and reported to the Asset and Liability Committee ("ALCO") which is responsible for managing interest rate risk. Periodically, the Credit Union may enter into interest rate swaps to adjust the exposure to interest rate risk by modifying the repricing of the Credit Union's financial instruments.

Sensitivity analysis is used to assess the change in value of the Credit Union's financial instruments against a range of incremental basis point changes in interest rates over a twelve month period. Interest rate shock analysis is calculated in a similar manner to sensitivity analysis but involves a more significant change of 100 basis points in interest rates. Sensitivity analysis and interest rate shock analysis are calculated on a quarterly basis and are reported to the ALCO.

Based on current differences between financial assets and financial liabilities as at year-end, the Credit Union estimates that an immediate and sustained 100 basis point increase in interest rates would decrease net interest income by \$15 over the next 12 months while an immediate and sustained 100 basis point decrease in interest rates would increase net interest income by \$13 over the next 12 months.

Other types of interest rate risk are basis risk (the risk of loss arising from changes in the relationship of interest rates which have similar but not identical characteristics; for example, the difference between prime rates and the Canadian Deposit Offering Rate) and prepayment risk (the risk of loss of interest income arising from the early repayment of fixed rate mortgages and loans), both of which are monitored on a regular basis and are reported to the ALCO.

The Credit Union's major source of income is financial margin which is the difference between interest earned on investments and loans to members and interest paid to members on their deposits. The objective of managing the financial margin is to match repricing or maturity dates of loans and investments and member deposits within policy limits. These limits are intended to limit the Credit Union's exposure to changing interest rates and to wide fluctuations of income during periods of changing interest rates. The differential represents the net mismatch between loans and investments and member deposits for those particular maturity dates. Certain items on the statement of financial position, such as non-interest bearing member deposits and equity do not provide interest rate exposure to the Credit Union. These items are reported as non-interest rate sensitive in the table below.

Amounts with variable interest rates, or due on demand, are classified as on demand.

A significant amount of member loans receivable and member deposits can be settled before maturity on payment of a penalty. No adjustment has been made for repayments that may occur prior to maturity.

Interest rate sensitivity

In the table below, the carrying amounts of financial instruments are presented in the periods in which they next reprice to market rates or mature and are summed to show the net interest rate sensitivity gap.

Contractual repricing and maturity

All financial instruments are reported in the schedule below based on the earlier of their contractual repricing date or maturity date. The schedule below does not identify management's expectations of future events where repricing and maturity dates differ from contractual dates.

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	On demand	Within 3 months	Over 3 months to 1 year	Over 1 year to 5 years	Over 5 years	Non-interest sensitive	2022 Total	2021 Total
Assets								
Cash and cash equivalents	56,907	-	-	-	-	7,145	64,052	74,983
Average yield %	4.02	-	-	-	-	-	3.57	0.26
Investments	-	50,045	152,161	254,634	26,386	3,916	487,142	512,597
Average yield %	-	1.40	2.19	1.88	2.77	-	1.96	1.37
Member loans receivable	266,840	97,271	249,759	665,962	22,915	6,402	1,309,149	1,232,037
Average yield %	7.49	3.55	4.19	3.80	4.70	-	4.61	3.53
Accounts receivable	-	-	-	-	-	20,214	20,214	779
Interest rate swap derivative	-	-	-	-	-	450	450	-
Index linked derivatives	-	-	-	-	-	2,130	2,130	2,156
	323,747	147,316	401,920	920,596	49,301	40,257	1,883,137	1,822,552
Liabilities								
Member deposits	656,591	164,144	318,070	174,252	2	394,298	1,707,357	1,680,870
Average yield %	1.92	1.38	3.23	2.88	4.60	-	1.77	0.57
Membership shares	-	-	-	-	-	150	150	4,723
Accounts payable	-	-	-	-	-	12,839	12,839	7,094
Interest rate swap derivative	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	199
Index linked derivatives	-	-	-	-	-	2,130	2,130	2,156
	656,591	164,144	318,070	174,252	2	409,417	1,722,476	1,695,042
Interest rate swap derivative	15,000	-	-	(15,000)	-	-	-	-
Net sensitivity	(317,844)	(16,828)	83,850	731,344	49,299	(369,160)	160,661	127,510

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Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Credit Union cannot meet a demand for cash or fund its obligations as they come due. The Credit Union's management oversees the Credit Union's liquidity risk to ensure the Credit Union has access to enough readily available funds to cover its financial obligations as they come due. The Credit Union's business requires such liquidity for operating and regulatory purposes. Refer to Note 18 for further information about the Credit Union's regulatory requirements.

Liquidity risk is managed through a three tiered structure consisting of the local Credit Union level, the provincial Credit Union level and the national Credit Union level.

Locally, the Credit Union manages its liquidity position from three perspectives:

- Structural liquidity risk, which addresses the risk due to mismatches in effective maturities between assets and liabilities, more specifically the risk of over reliance on short-term liabilities to fund long-term illiquid assets;
- Tactical liquidity risk, which addresses the day-to-day funding requirements that are managed by imposing prudential limits on net fund outflows; and
- Contingent liquidity risk, which assess the impact of sudden stressful events and the Credit Union's responses thereto.

The primary liquidity risk policies and procedures include the following:

- Liquidity risk management framework to measure and control liquidity risk exposure;
- Measurement of cashflows;
- Maintenance of a line of credit and borrowing facility with SaskCentral and others;
- Maintenance of a pool of high quality liquid assets;
- Monitoring of single deposits and sources of deposits;
- Monitoring of term deposits; and
- Contingency planning.

Provincially, SaskCentral manages a statutory liquidity pool of marketable investment securities on behalf of Saskatchewan Credit Unions to facilitate clearing and settlement, daily cash flow management and emergency liquidity support. Nationally, credit union centrals are represented by one central which acts as the Group Clearer, Central 1 Credit Union. The Group Clearer is a member of the Canadian Payments Association and pools provincial cash flows to settle with the Bank of Canada.

The following table details contractual maturities of financial liabilities:

As at December 31, 2022:

	< 1 year	1-2 years	> 2 years	Total
Member deposits	1,540,823	93,046	92,698	1,726,567
Issued financial guarantee contracts	17,491	1,343	1,181	20,015
Accounts payable	12,839	-	-	12,839
Index linked derivatives	682	220	1,228	2,130
Membership shares	-	-	150	150
Total	1,571,835	94,609	95,257	1,761,701

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As at December 31, 2021:

	< 1 year	1-2 years	> 2 years	Total
Member deposits	1,510,236	110,700	76,691	1,697,627
Issued financial guarantee contracts	50,512	954	-	51,466
Accounts payable	7,094	-	-	7,094
Interest rate swap derivative	255	255	45	555
Index linked derivatives	795	439	1,242	2,476
Membership shares	-	-	4,723	4,723
Total	1,568,892	112,348	82,701	1,763,941

The Credit Union manages liquidity risk on a net asset and liability basis. The following tables explain the contractual maturities of financial assets held for the purpose of managing liquidity risk.

As at December 31, 2022:

	< 1 year	1-2 years	> 2 years	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	64,052	-	-	64,052
Investments	213,736	128,335	158,048	500,119
Member loans receivable	652,632	243,485	496,364	1,392,481
Issued financial guarantee contracts	694	694	16,822	18,210
Accounts receivable	20,214	-	-	20,214
Interest rate swap derivative	387	68	-	455
Index linked derivatives	682	220	1,228	2,130
Total	952,397	372,802	672,462	1,997,661

As at December 31, 2021:

	< 1 year	1-2 years	> 2 years	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	74,983	-	-	74,983
Investments	206,476	104,296	216,681	527,453
Member loans receivable	646,076	224,414	424,586	1,295,076
Issued financial guarantee contracts	1,707	1,707	50,832	54,246
Accounts receivable	779	-	-	779
Index linked derivatives	795	439	1,242	2,476
Total	930,816	330,856	693,341	1,955,013

The above tables were prepared using undiscounted contractual maturities of financial assets including interest that will be earned on these amounts.

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Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. In seeking to manage the risks from foreign exchange rate fluctuations, the Credit Union maintains foreign cash balances to approximately offset deposits held in foreign funds.

Foreign currency risk is not considered significant at this time as the Credit Union does not engage in any active trading of foreign currency positions or hold significant excess foreign currency denominated financial investments for an extended period.

20. Fair value measurements

The Credit Union classifies fair value measurements recognized in the statement of financial position using a three-tier fair value hierarchy which prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value as follows:

- Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) are available in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices in active markets that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly
- Level 3: Unobservable inputs for which there is little or no market data and which require the Credit Union to develop its own assumptions

Fair value measurements are classified in the fair value hierarchy based on the lowest level input that is assessed to be significant to that fair value measurement. This assessment requires the use of judgment in considering factors specific to an asset or a liability and may affect the placement of the fair value measurement within the hierarchy.

The Credit Union considers a fair value measurement to have transferred between the levels in the fair value hierarchy on the beginning of the reporting period, the date of the event or change in circumstances that caused the transfer. There were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2, as well as no transfers into or out of Level 3 during the period.

In determining fair value measurements, the Credit Union uses the net present value valuation techniques and inputs consisting of actual balances, actual rates, market rates (for similar instruments) and payment frequency.

Financial assets and financial liabilities measured at fair value

The Credit Union's financial assets and financial liabilities measured at fair value in the consolidated statement of financial position on a recurring basis have been categorized into the fair value hierarchy as follows:

	<i>Fair value</i>	<i>Level 1</i>	<i>Level 2</i>	<i>2022 Level 3</i>
Financial assets				
Cash	15,065	15,065	-	-
Other equity investments	14,534	-	14,534	-
SaskCentral and Concentra Bank shares	14,353	-	-	14,353
Index linked derivatives	2,130	-	2,130	-
Interest rate swap derivative	450	-	450	-
Total financial assets	46,532	15,065	17,114	14,353
Financial liabilities				
Index linked derivatives	2,130	-	2,130	-
Total financial liabilities	2,130	-	2,130	-

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	Fair value	Level 1	Level 2	2021 Level 3
Financial assets				
Cash	66,483	66,483	-	-
Other equity investments	10,653	-	10,653	-
SaskCentral and Concentra Bank shares	14,314	-	-	14,314
Index linked derivatives	2,156	-	2,156	-
Total financial assets	93,606	66,483	12,809	14,314
Financial liabilities				
Interest rate swap derivative	199	-	199	-
Index linked derivatives	2,156	-	2,156	-
Total financial liabilities	2,355	-	2,355	-

All recurring Level 2 fair value measurements use a net present value valuation technique and inputs consisting of actual balances, actual rates, market rates (for similar instruments) and payment frequency.

For fair value measurements of Level 3 SaskCentral and Concentra Bank shares, the Credit Union has assumed that the fair value of the amounts is comparable to their amortized cost, which equals the par value of the shares. The shares are not quoted or traded, however when new shares are offered the price remains the same as the par value of all currently available shares. There was no impact of the measurement on profit or loss for the year.

Financial instruments not measured at fair value

The carrying amount, fair value, and categorization into the fair value hierarchy of all other financial assets and financial liabilities held by the Credit Union and not measured at fair value on the statement of financial position are as follows:

	Carrying amount	Fair Value	Level 1	Level 2	2022 Level 3
Financial assets measured at amortized cost					
Cash equivalents	48,987	48,987	48,987	-	-
Investments	458,254	445,437	-	445,437	-
Member loans receivable	1,309,149	1,268,461	-	1,268,461	-
Account receivable	20,214	20,214	-	20,214	-
Total financial assets	1,836,604	1,783,099	48,987	1,734,112	-
Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost					
Member deposits	1,707,357	1,707,391	-	1,707,391	-
Accounts payable	12,839	12,839	-	12,839	-
Membership shares	150	150	-	-	150
Total financial liabilities	1,720,346	1,720,380	-	1,720,230	150

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	<i>Carrying amount</i>	<i>Fair Value</i>	<i>Level 1</i>	<i>Level 2</i>	<i>Level 3</i>
2021					
Financial assets measured at amortized cost					
Cash equivalents	8,500	8,500	8,500	-	-
Investments	487,630	490,098	-	490,098	-
Member loans receivable	1,232,037	1,223,998	-	1,223,998	-
Accounts receivable	779	779	-	779	-
Total financial assets	1,728,946	1,723,375	8,500	1,714,875	-
Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost					
Member deposits	1,680,870	1,686,944	-	1,686,944	-
Accounts payable	7,094	7,094	-	7,094	-
Membership shares	4,723	4,723	-	-	4,723
Total financial liabilities	1,692,687	1,698,761	-	1,694,038	4,723

Level 2 and Level 3 fair value measurements for financial instruments not measured at fair value

Valuation techniques and inputs for Level 2 and Level 3 fair value measurements are as follows:

- All Level 2 fair value measurements use a net present value valuation technique and inputs consisting of actual balances, actual rates, market rates (for similar instruments) and payment frequency.
- As there is no observable market data for all fair values disclosed and categorized within Level 3 of the hierarchy, the Credit Union has assumed that the fair value of the amounts is comparable to their amortized cost.

21. Commitments

The amounts shown on the table below do not necessarily represent future cash requirements since many commitments will expire or terminate without being funded. As at December 31, 2022, the Credit Union had the following other commitments subject to credit risk:

	2022	2021
Venture Capital cash calls		
APEX III Investment Fund	279	2,304
APEX IV Investment Fund	1,000	-
Westcap MBO II Investment Fund	-	200
Conexus Venture Capital Fund	147	247
Emmertech Fund	325	225
	1,751	2,976

Other commitments

In 2016, the Credit Union entered into a seven year commitment with Celero for the provision of retail banking services. The annual operating fee is calculated based on the average number of outstanding accounts throughout the year. The annual operating fees to December 31, 2022 were \$872 (2021 - \$920) and recorded as an expense. The annual estimated fee to December 31, 2023 is \$907 (2022 - \$872).

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22. Other legal and regulatory risk

Legal and regulatory risk is the risk that the Credit Union has not complied with requirements set out in terms of compliance such as standards of sound business practice, anti-money laundering legislation or their code of conduct/conflict of interest requirements. In seeking to manage these risks, the Credit Union has established policies and procedures and monitors to ensure ongoing compliance.

23. Leases (as lessor)

The Emerald Park Building was acquired through merger on January 1, 2021. It is located in Emerald Park and comprises the Emerald Park Branch as well as administrative offices and meeting rooms. In addition, there are portions that are leased and available for lease. The lessee has obtained the use of the leased space only for a fixed period of time and there is no transfer of the risk and rewards of ownership to the lessee.

The Group leases premises. The future undiscounted lease payments receivable under operating leases after the reporting date are as follows:

	2022
Less than one year	140
One to two years	146
Two to three years	134
Three to four years	95
More than five years	381
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Total undiscounted lease payments receivable	896

24. Canada Emergency Business Account Program

Under the Canada Emergency Business Account ("CEBA") Program, with funding provided by the Government of Canada and Export Development Canada ("EDC") as the Government of Canada's agent, the Credit Union provides loans to its business banking members. In June 2020, eligibility for the CEBA loan program was expanded to include businesses that did not meet the payroll requirements of the initial program but had other eligible non-deferrable expenses. Under the CEBA Program, eligible businesses receive up to \$60,000 interest-free loan until December 31, 2023. If \$40,000 is repaid on or before December 31, 2023, the remaining amount of the loan is eligible for complete forgiveness. If the loan is not repaid by December 31, 2023, it will be extended for an additional 2-year term bearing an interest rate of 5% per annum.

The funding provided to the Credit Union by the Government of Canada in respect of the CEBA Program represents an obligation to pass-through collections on the CEBA loans and is otherwise non-recourse to the Credit Union. Accordingly, the Credit Union is required to remit all collections of principal and interest on the CEBA loans to the Government of Canada but is not required to repay amounts that its members fail to pay or that have been forgiven. The Credit Union receives an administration fee to recover the costs to administer the program for the Government of Canada.

Loans issued under the program are not recognized on the Credit Union's consolidated statement of financial position, as the Credit Union transfers substantially all risks and rewards in respect of the loans to the Government of Canada. As of December 31, 2022, the Credit Union had provided approximately 191 (2021 - 191) members with CEBA loans and had funded approximately \$12 million (2021 - \$12 million) in loans under the program.

25. Comparative figures

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with current year's presentation. Reclassifications done had no impact to comprehensive income.