Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 and independent auditor's opinion

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Shareholders and Supervisory Board of National Settlement Depository

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of National Settlement Depository (hereinafter, the "Organization"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2019, and the statement of profit and loss, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Organization as at 31 December 2019, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (hereinafter, "IFRSs").

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (hereinafter, "ISAs"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Organization in accordance with the *International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (hereinafter, the "IESBA Code") together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the Russian Federation, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report for 2019, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Organization'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 Organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Organization's annual financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the annual 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 ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken based on these annual financial statements.

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the annual 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 Organization'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 Organization'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 annual 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 the auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Organization to cease to continue as a going concern;
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the annual financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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

Report on Procedures Performed in Accordance with Federal Law No. 395-1 On Banks and Banking Activities dated 2 December 1990

Management of the Organization is responsible for compliance with the obligatory ratios established by the Bank of Russia (hereinafter, the "obligatory ratios"), as well as for compliance of the Organization's internal control and risk management systems with the Bank of Russia (hereinafter, the "CBRF") requirements.

In accordance with Article 42 of Federal Law No. 395-1 "On Banks and Banking Activities" dated 2 December 1990 (hereinafter, the "Federal Law"), in the course of our audit of the Organization's annual financial statements for 2019 we performed procedures with respect to the Organization's compliance with the obligatory ratios as at 1 January 2020 and compliance of its internal control and risk management systems with the CBRF requirements.

We have selected and performed procedures based on our judgment, including inquiries, analysis and review of documentation, comparison of the Organization's policies, procedures and methodologies with the CBRF requirements, as well as recalculations, comparisons and reconciliations of numeric values and other information.

We report our findings below:

- 1. With respect to the Organization's compliance with the obligatory ratios: the obligatory ratios as at 1 January 2020 were within the limits established by the CBRF.
 - We have not performed any procedures with respect to the Organization's financial information other than those we considered necessary to express our opinion on whether the annual financial statements of the Organization present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Organization as at 31 December 2019, its financial performance and its cash flows for 2019 in accordance with IFRS and RAS;
- 2. With respect to compliance of the Organization's internal control and risk management systems with the CBRF requirements:
 - (a) In accordance with the requirements and recommendations of the CBRF, as at 31 December 2019 the Organization's internal audit department was accountable to the Organization's Supervisory Board, and the Organization's risk management department was not subordinated or accountable to the departments undertaking the respective risks, heads of the Organization's internal audit and risk management departments meet the qualification requirements set by the CBRF;
 - (b) As at 31 December 2019 the Organization's effective internal policies governing the identification and management of significant risks, including credit, operational, market, liquidity risks, and the performance of stress-testing were approved by the Organization's competent management bodies in accordance with the CBRF requirements and recommendations;
 - (c) As at 31 December 2019 the Organization had a reporting system with regard to the Organization's significant credit, operational, market, liquidity risks and with regard to the Organization's capital;
 - (d) Frequency and sequential order of reports prepared by the Organization's risk management and internal audit departments in 2019 on management of credit, operating, market and liquidity risks were in compliance with the Organization's internal policies; these reports included results of monitoring by the Organization's risk management and internal audit departments of effectiveness of the Organization's respective methodologies and improvement recommendations;
 - (e) As at 31 December 2019 the authority of the Organization's Supervisory Board and the Organization's executive bodies included control over compliance with the risk limits and capital adequacy ratios established by the Organization. In order to control the effectiveness and consistency of application of the Organization's risk management policies, during 2019 the Organization's Supervisory Board and its executive bodies have regularly discussed reports prepared by the risk management and internal audit departments and have considered the proposed corrective measures.

We have carried out procedures with respect to the Organization's internal control and risk management systems solely to report on the findings related to compliance of the Organization's internal control and risk management systems with the CBRF requirements.

Shvetsov Andrei Viktorovich,
Engagement leader

27 March 2020

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The Entity: National Settlement Depository

Certificate of state registration Nº 3294, issued by the Bank of Russia on 27.06.1996

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Primary state registration number: 1027739132563

Certificate of registration in Unified State Register: Nº 77 007811464 of 30.08.2002 issued by Moscow Interdistrict Inspectorate of the Russian Ministry of Taxation Nº 39.

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Certificate of state registration Nº 018.482, issued by the Moscow Registration Chamber on 30.10.1992.

Primary State Registration Number: 1027700425444

Certificate of registration in the Unified State Register Nº 77 004840299 of 13.11.2002, issued by Moscow Interdistrict Inspectorate of the Russian Ministry of Taxation Nº 39.

Member of Self-regulatory organization of auditors Association "Sodruzhestvo", ORNZ 12006020384.

Statement of Profit and Loss for the Year Ended 31 December 2019 (in thousands of Russian Rubles)

	Notes	Year ended 31 December 2019	Year ended 31 December 2018
Fee and commission income	5	6 041 389	5 290 607
Net interest and other finance income	6	1 206 469	1 702 891
Net gain from operations with derivatives at fair value through profit or loss	7	1 274 795	177 192
Net gain on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income		20 907	21 164
Net gain from foreign exchange transactions		4 192	5 400
Other income	8	46 679	42 863
Operating income		8 594 431	7 240 117
Personnel expenses	9	(1 854 510)	(1 673 249)
Administrative and other operating expenses	10	(1 571 446)	(1 407 526)
Commission expenses	11	(717 022)	(684 741)
Profit before tax		4 451 453	3 474 601
Income tax expense	13	(868 722)	(660 047)
Net profit		3 582 731	2 814 554

Chairman of the Executive Board E.V. Astanin

27 March 2020 Moscow Chief Accountant I.E. Veremeenko

27 March 2020 Moscow

Statement of Comprehensive Income for the Year Ended 31 December 2019 (in thousands of Russian Rubles)

	Notes	Year ended 31 December 2019	Year ended 31 December 2018
Net profit		3 582 731	2 814 554
Comprehensive income/(loss) that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss			
Movement in investment revaluation reserve for financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income		137 995	(72.474)
Movement in the credit risk of financial assets at fair value through		137 993	(72 474)
other comprehensive income	12	1 686	(8 792)
Net gain on investments at fair value through other comprehensive		(20.007)	(24.464)
income reclassified to profit or loss Income to relating to items that may be reclassified.	13	(20 907) (23 755)	(21 164) 20 487
Comprehensive income/(loss) that may be reclassified		95 019	
Total comprehensive income		3 677 750	2 732 611

Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2019 (in thousands of Russian Rubles)

	Notes	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
ASSETS		150 005 507	100 015 570
Cash and cash equivalents	14	150 925 527	103 215 579
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	15	25 595	40 771
Due from banks	16	7 693 668	8 304 572
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	17	20 027 604	12 106 377
Property, equipment and right-of-use assets	18	2 561 093	2 594 724
Intangible assets	18	2 332 955	2 267 479
Deferred tax assets	13	112 592	103 883
Other assets	19	739 280	753 596
Total assets		184 418 314	129 386 981
LIABILITIES Balances of market participants Distributions payable to holders of securities Current tax payables	20 21	159 282 722 11 714 145 26 492	92 511 492 24 675 971 29 660
Other liabilities	22	1 167 381	877 549
Total liabilities		172 190 740	118 094 672
EQUITY			
Share capital	23	1 193 982	1 193 982
Share premium	23	1 957 050	1 957 050
Investments revaluation reserve		67 173	(27 846)
Payments based on the shares of the parent company		39 303	24 506
Retained earnings	24	8 970 066	8 144 617
Total equity		12 227 574	11 292 309
Total liabilities and equity		184 418 314	129 386 981

Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 December 2019 (in thousands of Russian Rubles)

	Notes	Year ended 31 December 2019	Year ended 31 December 2018
CASH FLOWS FROM/(USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Profit before tax		4 451 453	3 474 601
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation of property and equipment and amortisation of intangible			
assets	10, 18	805 065	695 657
Net change in fair value of financial assets and liabilities at fair value	20, 20	000 000	
through profit or loss		(6 639)	(578)
Net change of other accrued income/expense		(76 642)	(33 365)
Net change in payments based on the shares of the parent company	9	14 797	23 525
Net change in payments based on the shares of the parent company Net change in interest accruals	9	(426 296)	91 822
Unrealized losses on foreign exchange operations		4 760	17 308
	10	4 760	17 308
Net loss on disposal of property and equipment and intangible assets	10 12		
Change in allowance for expected credit losses	12	3 233	(3 411)
Revaluation of derivatives		7 646	(27 261)
Gain on disposal of financial assets at fair value through other		(22.22	(5.1.1.5.1)
comprehensive income		(20 907)	(21 164)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
(Increase)/decrease in operating assets:			
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		13 770	_
Due from banks		(207 884)	(954 890)
Other assets		(46 044)	(184 809)
Increase/(decrease) in operating liabilities:		(40 044)	(104 003)
		77 718 350	(42 627 652)
Balances of market participants			(42 637 653)
Distributions payable to holders of securities		(12 588 951)	21 087 875
Other liabilities		316 056	(133 895)
Cash flows from/(used in) operating activities before taxation		69 962 261	(18 593 168)
Income tax paid		(904 354)	(609 321)
Cash flows from/(used in) operating activities		69 057 907	(19 202 489)

Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 December 2019 (continued) (in thousands of Russian Rubles)

	Notes	Year ended 31 December 2019	Year ended 31 December 2018
CASH FLOWS FROM/(USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Proceeds from disposal and redemption of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income Purchase of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive		11 147 520	65 606 871
income		(18 499 804)	(61 154 136)
Purchase of intangible assets		(624 482)	(592 622)
Purchase of property and equipment		`(97 641)	(114 107)
Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment and intangible assets		-	1 358
Cash flows used in investing activities		(8 074 407)	3 747 364
CASH FLOWS FROM/(USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES: Dividends paid to the shareholders Cash outflow for lease liabilities	24	(2 757 282) (8 429)	(2 689 523)
Cash flows used in financing activities	24	(2 765 711)	(2 689 523)
Effect of changes in foreign exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents		(10 507 859)	12 789 318
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		47 709 930	(5 355 330)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	14	103 215 626	108 570 956
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	14	150 925 556	103 215 626

Interest received by NSD during the year ended 31 December 2019 amounted to RUB 773 601 thousand (31 December 2018: RUB 1 810 588 thousand).

Statement Statement of Changes in Equity for the Year Ended 31 December 2019 (in thousands of Russian Rubles)

	Share capital	Share premium	Payments based on the shares of the parent company	Invest- ments revalua- tion reserve	Retained earnings	Total equity
31 December 2017	1 193 982	1 957 050	981	-	_	11 225 880
Effect of adoption of IFRS 9	-	-	-	54 097	(54 283)	(186)
1 January 2019 (with IFRS 9 effect)	1 193 982	1 957 050	981	54 097	8 019 584	11 225 694
Net profit for the period Other comprehensive loss for the	-	-	-	-	2 814 554	2 814 554
period	-	-		(81 943)	-	(81 943)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	(81 943)	2 814 554	2 732 611
Dividends declared (Note 24) Payments based on the shares of	-	-	-	-	(2 689 521)	(2 689 521)
the parent company (Note 9)	-	-	23 525	-	-	23 525
31 December 2018	1 193 982	1 957 050	24 506	(27 846)	8 144 617	11 292 309
Net profit for the period	-	-	-	-	3 582 731	3 582 731
Other comprehensive loss for the period	-	-		95 019	-	95 019
Total comprehensive income for the period Dividends declared (Note 24)	-	-	-	95 019	3 582 731 (2 757 282)	3 677 750 (2 757 282)
Payments based on the shares of the parent company (Note 9)	-	-	14 797	-	-	14 797
31 December 2019	1 193 982	1 957 050	39 303	67 173	8 970 066	12 227 574

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2019 (in thousands of Russian Rubles)

1. Organization

National Settlement Depository (hereinafter –"NSD") is the central depository of the Russian Federation, a part of the Moscow Exchange Group. NSD is Russia's national numbering agency and the substitute numbering agency for the CIS, authorized to assign the international ISIN, CFI, as well as Local Operating Unit of a global system of legal entities identification, authorized to assign LEI codes to the legal entities.

In 2010, Non–Banking Credit Organization Closed Joint–Stock Company MOSCOW INTERBANK CURRENCY EXCHANGE SETTLEMENT HOUSE (hereinafter – "MICEX SH") was reorganized by merger with Closed Joint–Stock Company National Depository Center (hereinafter – "NDC"). Simultaneously, the name MICEX SH was changed to National Settlement Depository. On May 31, 2016 at Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of NSD the company's new business name as Joint Stock Company National Settlement Depository was approved to meet revised standards of the Russian Civil Code. The new business name and respective changes to the company's Charter took effect from July 26, 2016, the day the registration authority recorded new version of the Charter.

NSD's activities are carried out based on the following licenses:

- license No.3294 issued by the Central Bank of the Russian Federation (hereinafter "CBR") on 4 August 2016 for banking operations;
- license of professional stock market participant No.045–12042–000100 issued by the Russian Federal Financial Markets Service (hereinafter "FFMS") on 19 February 2009 for depository activities;
- license No.045-00004-000010 issued by FFMS on 20 December 2012 for clearing activities;
- license LSZ No. 0009523, Registration No. 13169 H on 27 September 2013, to provide data encryption services, issued by the Centre for Licensing, Certification and Protection of State Secrets of the Federal Security Service (FSB) of Russia;
- license No.045-01 issued by CBR on 28 December 2016 for repository activities.

NSD functions as an operator of systemically and the nationally important payment system based on the certificate issued by the Bank of Russia on 24 November 2016.

NSD registered address is: 12 Spartakovskaya str., Moscow, 105066, the Russian Federation.

NSD is a subsidiary of Public Joint–Stock Company Moscow Exchange MICEX–RTS (hereinafter – "Moscow Exchange"). As at 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018, the share of ownership comprised 99,997%.

NSD has no affiliates or representative offices within the Russian Federation or abroad.

NSD is located in the Russian Federation.

As at 31 December 2019 NSD had 535 employees (31 December 2018: 526 employees).

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2019 (continued) (in thousands of Russian Rubles)

2. Basis of preparation the Financial Statements

Statement of compliance. These Financial Statements (hereinafter – "financial statements") have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

Basis of presentation. These Financial Statements are presented in thousands of Russian Rubles, unless otherwise indicated. These Financial Statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for certain financial assets and liabilities that have been measured at fair value.

NSD maintains its accounting records in accordance with Russian Accounting Standards ("RAS"). These Financial Statements have been prepared from the statutory-based accounting records and adjusted for the purpose of fair presentation in accordance with IFRS.

The Russian ruble exchange rates applied in the preparation of these Financial Statements are presented below:

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
USD	61,9057	69,4706
EUR	69,3406	79,4605

The Financial Statements approval. The Executive Board approved the financial statements on 27 March 2020.

3. Significant accounting policies

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The accounting policies adopted by NSD in the preparation of these Financial Statements are consistent with those followed in the preparation of NSD's Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2018, except the adoption of IFRS 16 "Leases" effective from 1 January 2019.

In the current period, NSD has adopted all of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the IASB and IFRIC of the IASB that are relevant to its operations and effective for reporting periods beginning on 1 January 2019:

IFKS 10	Leases
Amendments to IFRS 9	Prepayment Features with Negative Compensation
Amendments to IFRS 28	Long-term interests in Associates and Joint Ventures
Amendments to other	Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards 2015-2017 Cycle Amendments
IFRSs	to IFRS 3 Business Combinations, IFRS 11 Joint Arrangements, IAS 12
	Income Taxes and IAS 23 Borrowing Costs
Amendments to IAS 19	Employee Benefits Plan Amendment Curtailment or Settlement
IFRIC 23	Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments

The adoption of these new and revised Standards and Interpretations (except the adoption of IFRS 16 "Leases") has not resulted in significant changes to NSD's accounting policies that have affected the amounts reported for the current or prior years.

The effects of the adoption of IFRS 16 "Leases". In the current period, NSD for the first time has applied IFRS 16 Leases. The date of initial application of IFRS 16 for NSD is 1 January 2019.

IFRS 16 introduces new or amended requirements with respect to lease accounting. It introduces significant change to the lessee accounting by removing the distinction between operating and finance requires and requiring the recognition of a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at commencement for all leases, except for short-term leases and leases of low value assets. Details of these new requirements are described below.

NSD has applied IFRS 16 using modified retrospective approach recognising the cumulative effect of initial application as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings which is zero as right-of-use assets equal lease liabilities. Therefore, comparative information is not restated.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2019 (continued) (in thousands of Russian Rubles)

3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

The change in definition of a lease mainly relates to the concept of control. IFRS 16 determines whether a contract contains a lease on the basis of whether the customer has the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

Impact on the lessee accounting (former operating leases). IFRS 16 changes how NSD accounts for leases previously classified as operating leases under IAS 17, which were off-balance-sheet.

NSD assesses whether a contract is or contains a lease, at inception of the contract. NSD recognizes a right-of-use asset and a corresponding lease liability with respect to all lease arrangements in which it is the lessee, except for short-term leases (defined as leases with lease term of 12 months or less) and leases of low value assets. For these leases, NSD recognizes the lease payments as an operating expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease unless another systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which economic benefits from the leased assets are consumed.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted by using the incremental borrowing rate as the rate implicit in the lease cannot be readily determined. The incremental borrowing rate is determined using the most recent CBR statistics on loan interest rates in the same currency and of the same term.

The lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability comprise:

- (a) fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments), less any lease incentives;
- (b) variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate as at the commencement date;
- (c) amounts expected to be payable by the lessee under residual value guarantees;
- (d) the exercise price of a purchase option if the lessee is reasonably certain to exercise that option; and
- (e) payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the lessee exercising an option to terminate the lease.

The lease liability is presented within Other liabilities in the statement of financial position.

The lease liability is subsequently measured by increasing the carrying amount to reflect interest on the lease liability (using the effective interest method) and by reducing the carrying amount to reflect the lease payments made.

NSD remeasures the lease liability (and makes a corresponding adjustment to the related right-of-use asset) whenever:

- (a) the lease term has changed or there is a change in the assessment of exercise of a purchase option, in which case the lease liability is remeasured by discounting the revised lease payments using a revised discount rate;
- (b) there is a change in future lease payments resulting from a change in an index or a rate used to determine those payments, or a change in expected payment under a guaranteed residual value, in which cases the lease liability is remeasured by discounting the revised lease payments using the initial discount rate (unless the lease payments change is due to a change in a floating interest rate, in which case the revised discount rate is used);
- (c) a lease contract is modified and the lease modification is not accounted for as a separate lease, in which case the lease liability is remeasured by discounting the revised lease payments using a revised discount rate.

The right-of-use asset comprise the initial measurement of the corresponding lease liability, lease payments made at or before the commencement day and any initial direct costs. They are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2019 (continued) (in thousands of Russian Rubles)

3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Whenever the obligation for costs to dismantle and remove a leased asset is incurred or an obligation to restore the site on which it is located or restore the underlying asset to the condition required by the terms of the lease, a provision is recognized and measured under IAS 37 "Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets". The costs are included in the related right-of-use asset, unless those costs are incurred to produce inventories.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated over the shorter period of lease term and useful life of the underlying asset. If a lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset or the cost of the right-of-use asset reflects that NSD expects to exercise a purchase option, the related right-of-use asset is depreciated over the useful life of the underlying asset. The depreciation starts at the commencement date of the lease.

The right-of-use assets are presented within the line property, equipment and rights-of-use assets in the statement of financial position.

NSD applies IAS 36 "Impairment of assets" to determine whether a right-of-use asset is impaired and to account for the impairment.

Variable rents that do not depend on an index or rate are not included in the measurement of the lease liability and the right-of-use asset. The related payments are recognised as an expense in the period in which the event or condition that triggers those payments occurs and are included in the line "administrative and other operating expenses" in the statement of profit and loss.

As a practical expedient, IFRS 16 permits a lessee not to separate non-lease components, and instead account for any lease and associated non-lease components as a single arrangement. NSD has not used this practical expedient.

The application of IFRS 16 has the following impact on the statement of cash flows of NSD:

- (a) short-term lease payments, payments for leases of low-value assets and variable lease payments not included in the measurement of the lease liability are presented as part of operating activities;
- (b) cash payments for the principal portion for lease liability are presented as part of financing activities;
- (c) cash payments for the interest portion for lease liability can be presented as either operating activities of financing activities, as permitted by IAS 7 "Statement of Cash Flows". NSD has opted to include interest paid as part of financing activities.

Under IAS 17 all lease payments were presented as part of cash flows from operating activities.

The adoption of IFRS 16 did not have an impact on net cash flows.

NSD as lessor. IFRS 16 did not change substantially how a lessor accounts for leases. A lessor continues to classify leases as finance or operating leases and account for those two types differently. Whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee, the contract is classified as a finance lease (NSD does not have such contracts). All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Rental income from operating leases is recognised on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

Impact on assets, liabilities and equity as at January 1, 2019. The weighted average lessee's incremental borrowing rate applied to lease liabilities recognised in the statement of financial position at the date of initial application is 8,88%.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2019 (continued) (in thousands of Russian Rubles)

3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Reconciliation of the operating lease commitments to lease liability as at 1 January 2019 is as follows:

	1 January 2019
Lease payments under operating lease	5 461
Future lease payments that are due in periods subject to lease extension options that are	
reasonably certain to be exercised	80 046
Recognition exemption: short-term leases	(1 248)
Future lease payments under IFRS 16	84 259
Effect of discounting	(27 697)
Lease liabilities under IFRS 16	56 562
Right-of-use assets under IFRS 16	56 562

Inflation accounting. The Russian economy was considered hyperinflationary until 31 December 2002. As such, NSD applied IAS 29 *Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies*. The effect of applying IAS 29 is that non–monetary items, including components of equity, were restated to the measuring units current at 31 December 2002 by applying the relevant inflation indices to the historical cost, and that these restated values were used as a basis for accounting in subsequent periods.

Cash and cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, unrestricted balances on correspondent and deposit accounts with banks with maturity up to one business day. Amounts that are subject to restrictions on their availability are not included in cash and cash equivalents.

Financial assets. All financial assets are measured at fair value at initial recognition, including transaction costs, except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss (further – FVTPL). Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets classified as at FVTPL are recognised immediately in profit and loss.

All recognised financial assets that are within the scope of IFRS 9 are required to be subsequently measured at amortised cost (further – AC) or fair value on the basis of the entity's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. Specifically:

- financial assets should be measured at amortised cost if both of the following criteria are met:
 - (a) financial asset is held within a business model with the objective to collect the contractual cash flows, and
 - (b) the contractual cash flows of financial asset are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding (further SPPI);
- financial assets should be measured at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVTOCI) if both of the following criteria are met:
 - (a) financial asset is held within a business model with the objective both to collect the contractual cash flows and to sell the financial assets and
 - (b) the contractual cash flows of financial assets are SPPI;
- all other debt instruments (e.g. debt instruments managed on a fair value basis, or held for sale) and equity investments are subsequently measured at FVTPL.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

An assessment of business models for managing financial assets is performed at the date of initial application of IFRS 9 to determine the classification of a financial asset. The business model is applied prospectively to all financial assets existing at the date of initial application of IFRS 9. An assessment of business models for managing financial assets is fundamental to the classification of a financial asset. NSD determines the business models on the basis that reflects how groups of financial assets are managed together to achieve a particular business objective. NSD's business models do not depend on management's intentions for an individual instrument, therefore the business model assessment is performed at a higher level of aggregation rather than on an instrument-by-instrument basis.

NSD has several business models for managing its financial instruments that reflect how NSD manages its financial assets in order to generate cash flows. NSD's business models determine whether cash flows will result from collecting contractual cash flows, selling financial assets or both.

NSD considers all relevant information available when making the business model assessment. However, this assessment is performed not on the basis of scenarios that NSD does not reasonably expect to occur, such as so-called 'worst case' or 'stress case' scenarios. NSD takes into account the following relevant evidence available such as:

- how the performance of the business model and the financial assets held within that business model are evaluated and reported to NSD's key management personnel;
- the risks that affect the performance of the business model (and the financial assets held within that business model) and, in particular, the way those risks are managed.

At initial recognition of a financial asset, NSD determines whether newly recognised financial asset is part of an existing business model or whether it reflects the commencement of a new business model, if the asset does not match the existing business models. NSD reassesses its business models every reporting period to determine whether they have changed or not since the preceding period.

Debt instruments at amortised cost or at FVTOCI. NSD assesses the classification and measurement of a financial asset based on contractual cash flow characteristics of the asset and NSD's business model for managing the asset.

For an asset to be classified and measured at amortised cost or at FVTOCI, its contractual terms should give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal outstanding (SPPI).

For the purpose of SPPI test, principal is the fair value of the financial asset at initial recognition. That principal amount may change over the life of the financial asset (e.g. if there are repayments of principal). Interest accrued on principal amount outstanding consists of consideration for the time value of money, for the credit risk associated with the principal amount outstanding during a particular period of time and for other basic lending risks and costs, as well as a profit margin. The SPPI assessment is performed in the currency in which the financial asset is denominated.

Contractual cash flows that are SPPI are consistent with a basic lending arrangement. Contractual terms that introduce exposure to risks or volatility in the contractual cash flows that are not related to a basic lending arrangement, such as exposure to changes in equity prices or commodity prices, do not give rise to contractual cash flows that are SPPI. An originated or an acquired financial asset can be a basic lending arrangement irrespective of whether it is a loan in its legal form.

When a debt instrument measured at FVTOCI is derecognised, the cumulative gain/loss previously recognised in OCI is reclassified from equity to profit or loss.

Debt instruments that are subsequently measured at amortised cost or at FVTOCI are subject to impairment.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Financial assets at FVTPL are:

- assets with contractual cash flows that are not SPPI; or/and
- assets that are held in a business model other than held to collect contractual cash flows or held to collect and sell.

NSD does not designate assets at FVTPL using the fair value option.

These assets are measured at fair value, with any gains/losses arising on remeasurement recognised in profit or loss.

Reclassifications. If the business model under which NSD holds financial assets changes, the financial assets affected are reclassified. The classification and measurement requirements related to the new category apply prospectively from the first day of the first reporting period following the change in business model that results in reclassification NSD's financial assets. During the current financial year and previous accounting period there was no change in the business model under which NSD holds financial assets and therefore no reclassifications were made. Changes in contractual cash flows are considered under the accounting policy on Modification and derecognition of financial assets described below.

Impairment. NSD recognises loss allowances for expected credit losses (further – ECLs) on the following financial instruments, not measured at FVTPL:

- due from banks:
- cash and cash equivalents;
- debt securities;
- other financial assets subject to credit risk.

No loss allowances for expected credit losses is recognised on equity investments, financial assets arising from intragroup transactions.

ECLs are required to be measured through a loss allowance at an amount equal to:

- 12-month ECL, i.e. lifetime ECL that result from those possible default events on the financial instrument that are possible within 12 months after the reporting date, (referred to as Stage 1); or
- full lifetime ECL, i.e. lifetime ECL that result from all possible default events over the life of the financial instrument, (referred to as Stage 2 and Stage 3).

Loss allowance for full lifetime ECL is required for a financial instrument if the credit risk attributable to that financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition. For all other financial instruments, ECLs are measured at an amount equal to the 12-month ECL. More details on the determination of a significant increase in credit risk are provided below.

ECLs are a probability-weighted estimate of the present value of potential credit losses. ECLs are measured as the present value of the difference between the cash flows due to NSD under the contract and the cash flows that NSD expects to receive arising from the weighting of multiple future economic scenarios.

NSD measures ECLs on an individual basis or on a collective basis for portfolios of debtors that share similar value and economic risk characteristics.

Definition of default. Critical to the determination of ECLs is the definition of default. The definition of default is used in measuring the amount of ECLs and in the determination of whether the loss allowance is based on 12-month or lifetime ECLs, as default is a component of the probability of default (further -PD) which affects both the measurement of ECLs and the identification of a significant increase in credit risk.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

NSD considers the following as constituting an event of default:

- the counterparty has gone bankrupt;
- a third party has filed a claim with the court to call the counterparty bankrupt and it has been accepted for hearing;
- the counterparty is permanently insolvent, i.e. has obligations to NSD that are past due for over 90 days; or
- the counterparty's license has been revoked.

Significant increase in credit risk. NSD monitors all financial assets that are subject to the impairment requirements to assess whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition. If there has been a significant increase in credit risk NSD will measure the loss allowance based on lifetime ECL.

When assessing whether the credit risk on a financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition, NSD compares the risk of a default occurring to the financial instrument at the reporting date based on the remaining maturity of the instrument with the risk of a default that was anticipated for the remaining maturity at the reporting date when the financial instrument was first recognised. In making this assessment, NSD considers both quantitative and qualitative information that is reasonable, including historical experience and forward-looking information that is available without undue cost or effort, based on NSD's historical experience and expert credit assessment including forward-looking information.

When an asset becomes past due for up to 30 days, and not less than a half of the counterparty's credit ratings issued by international rating agencies declined or internal credit rating declined by 3 grades or more since initial recognition, NSD considers that a significant increase in credit risk has occurred and the asset is in stage 2 of the impairment model, i.e. the loss allowance is measured as the lifetime ECLs.

Probability of default (PD). Multiple economic scenarios form the basis of determination of the probability of default at initial recognition and for the future. It is the weighting of these different scenarios that forms the basis of a weighted average probability of default that is used to determine whether credit risk has significantly increased.

To determine PD NSD uses:

- available data from international rating agencies;
- internal ratings if the data mentioned above is unavailable.

NSD allocates its counterparties to a relevant internal rating depending on their credit quality based on quantitative and qualitative information. The historical PD is identified using a migration matrix, where internal ratings are mapped to the rating scales of international rating agencies for those counterparties that are not rated by international rating agencies.

Modification and derecognition of financial assets. A modification of a financial asset occurs when the contractual terms governing cash flows of a financial asset are renegotiated or otherwise modified between initial recognition and maturity of the financial asset. A modification affects the amount and/or timing of the contractual cash flows either immediately or at a future date.

When a financial asset is modified NSD assesses whether this modification results in derecognition. In accordance with NSD's policy a modification results in derecognition when it gives rise to substantially different terms. To determine whether the modified terms differ substantially from the original contractual terms NSD considers the following qualitative factors:

- (a) contractual cash flows after modification are no longer SPPI;
- (b) change in currency;
- (c) change of counterparty;
- (d) the extent of change in interest rates;
- (e) maturity.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

If these do not clearly indicate a substantial modification, then quantitative assessment is performed to compare the present value of the remaining contractual cash flows under the original terms with the contractual cash flows under the revised terms, both amounts discounted at the original effective interest. If the difference in present value is greater than 10%, NSD deems the arrangement is substantially different leading to derecognition.

In the case when the financial asset is derecognised the loss allowance for ECLs is remeasured at the date of derecognition to determine the net carrying amount of the asset at that date. The difference between this revised carrying amount and the fair value of the new financial asset with the new terms will lead to a gain or loss on derecognition. The new financial asset will have a loss allowance measured based on 12-month ECL except in the eventual occasions where the new asset is considered to be originated-credit impaired. NSD monitors credit risk of modified financial assets by evaluating qualitative and quantitative information.

When the contractual terms of a financial asset are modified and the modification does not result in derecognition, NSD determines whether the credit risk associated with the financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition by comparing:

- the remaining lifetime PD estimated based on data at initial recognition and the original contractual terms; with
- the remaining lifetime PD at the reporting date based on the modified terms.

Where a modification does not lead to derecognition, NSD calculates the modification gain/loss comparing the gross carrying amount before and after the modification (excluding the ECL allowance). Then NSD measures ECL for the modified asset, where the expected cash flows arising from the modified financial asset are included in calculating the expected cash shortfalls from the original asset.

NSD derecognises a financial asset only when the contractual rights to the asset's cash flows expire (including expiry arising from a modification with substantially different terms), or when the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset are transferred to another entity. If NSD neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership and continues to control the transferred asset, NSD recognises its retained interest in the asset and an associated liability for amounts it may have to pay. If NSD retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of a transferred financial asset, NSD continues to recognise the financial asset.

On derecognition of a financial asset in its entirety, the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received and receivable and the cumulative gain/loss that had been recognised in other comprehensive income (further – OCI) and accumulated in equity is recognised in profit or loss. The cumulative gain/loss on equity investment designated as measured at FVTOCI, previously recognised in OCI is not subsequently reclassified to profit or loss.

On derecognition of a financial asset other than in its entirety (e.g. when NSD retains an option to repurchase part of a transferred asset), NSD allocates the previous carrying amount of the financial asset between the part it continues to recognise under continuing involvement, and the part it no longer recognises on the basis of the relative fair values of those parts on the date of the transfer. The difference between the carrying amount allocated to the part that is no longer recognised and the sum of the consideration received for the part no longer recognised and any cumulative gain/loss allocated to it that had been recognised in OCI is recognised in profit or loss. A cumulative gain/loss that had been recognised in OCI is allocated between the part that continues to be recognised and the part that is no longer recognised on the basis of the relative fair values of those parts. This does not apply for equity investments designated as measured at FVTOCI, as the cumulative gain/loss previously recognised in OCI is not subsequently reclassified to profit or loss.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Write-off. Financial assets are written off when NSD has no reasonable expectations of recovering the financial asset (either in its entirety or a portion of it). This is the case when NSD determines that the counterparty does not have assets and/or sources of income that could generate sufficient cash flows to repay the amounts subject to the write-off. A write-off constitutes a derecognition event. NSD may apply enforcement activities to financial assets written off. Recoveries resulting from NSD's enforcement activities will result in impairment gains.

Presentation of allowance for ECL in the statement of financial position. Loss allowances for ECL are presented in the statement of financial position as follows:

- for financial assets measured at amortised cost: as a deduction from the gross carrying amount of the assets;
- for debt instruments measured at FVTOCI: no loss allowance is recognised in the statement of financial position as the carrying amount is at fair value. However, the loss allowance is included as part of the revaluation amount in the investments revaluation reserve.

Financial liabilities at FVTPL. Financial liabilities are classified as at FVTPL when the financial liability is (i) held for trading, or (ii) it is designated as at FVTPL.

A financial liability is classified as held for trading if:

- it has been incurred principally for the purpose of repurchasing it in the near term; or
- on initial recognition it is part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that NSD manages together and has a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking; or
- it is a derivative that is not designated and effective as a hedging instrument.

A financial liability other than a financial liability held for trading or contingent consideration that may be paid by an acquirer as part of a business combination may be designated as at FVTPL upon initial recognition if:

- such designation eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency that would otherwise arise; or
- the financial liability forms part of a group of financial assets or financial liabilities or both, which is managed and its performance is evaluated on a fair value basis, in accordance with NSD's documented risk management or investment strategy, and information about the grouping is provided internally on that basis; or
- it forms part of a contract containing one or more embedded derivatives, and IFRS 9 permits the entire hybrid (combined) contract to be designated as at FVTPL.

Financial liabilities at FVTPL are stated at fair value, with any gains/losses arising on remeasurement recognised in profit or loss to the extent that they are not part of a designated hedging relationship.

Other financial liabilities. Other financial liabilities, including deposits and borrowings, are initially measured at fair value, net of transaction costs. Other financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method (for details of the effective interest method see the Interest income and interest expense section further).

Derecognition of financial liabilities. NSD derecognises financial liabilities when, and only when, NSD's obligations are discharged, cancelled or have expired. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability derecognised and the consideration paid and payable is recognised in profit or loss.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

When NSD exchanges with the existing lender one debt instrument into another one with substantially different terms, such exchange is accounted for as an extinguishment of the original financial liability and the recognition of a new financial liability. Similarly, NSD accounts for substantial modification of terms of an existing liability or part of it as an extinguishment of the original financial liability and the recognition of a new liability. It is assumed that the terms are substantially different if the discounted present value of the cash flows under the new terms, including any fees paid net of any fees received and discounted using the original effective rate is at least 10 per cent different from the discounted present value of the remaining cash flows of the original financial liability. If the modification is not substantial, the difference between: (1) the carrying amount of the liability before the modification; and (2) the present value of the cash flows after modification should be recognised in profit or loss as the modification gain or loss within other gains and losses.

Derivative financial instruments. NSD enters into derivative financial instruments, some of which are held for trading while others are held to manage its exposure to foreign exchange rate risk.

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value at the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured to their fair value at each reporting date. The resulting gain/loss is recognised in profit or loss immediately.

A derivative with a positive fair value is recognised as a financial asset whereas a derivative with a negative fair value is recognised as a financial liability.

Property and equipment. Property and equipment purchased after 1 January 2003 is recognised at initial cost less cumulative Amortisation and accumulated impairment losses (if any). Property and equipment purchased before 1 January 2003 is recognised at initial amount adjusted for inflation less cumulative Amortisation and accumulated impairment losses (if any).

Useful lives of property and equipment. Depreciation is accrued to write down the cost of property and equipment less residual value on a straight–line basis over their useful lives:

Buildings and structures	2%
Furniture and equipment	20-38%
Motor vehicles	14-32%

Freehold land is not depreciated.

Estimated useful lives, carrying amount and depreciation period are reviewed at the end of each reporting period with the effect of any changes in estimate being accounted for on a prospective basis.

Depreciation of assets under construction commences from the date the assets become available for service.

An item of property and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of the asset. Any gain or loss arising on the disposal or retirement of an item of property and equipment is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in profit or loss.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Intangible assets. Intangible assets are carried at acquisition cost less any accumulated Amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. Amortisation is charged on a straight-line basis throughout the useful life of the intangible assets at the annual rates:

Licenses	20%
Trademarks	25%
Computer software	10-50%

Estimated useful lives and Amortisation period are reviewed at the end of each reporting period with the effect of any changes in estimate being accounted for on a prospective basis.

Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives that are acquired separately are carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

Internally developed intangible assets. Development costs that are directly associated with the production of identifiable and unique software products controlled by NSD are capitalized and an internally generated intangible asset is recognised only if it is probable that it will generate economic benefits exceeding costs beyond one year and the development costs can be measured reliably. An internally generated intangible asset is recognised only if NSD has the technical feasibility, resources and intention to complete the development and to use the product. Direct costs include software development employee costs and an appropriate portion of relevant overheads. Expenditure on research activities is recognised as an expense in the period in which it is incurred.

Subsequent expenditure on intangible assets is capitalized only when it increases the future economic benefits embodied in the specific asset to which it relates.

Derecognition of intangible assets. An intangible asset is derecognised on disposal, or when no future economic benefits are expected from use or disposal. Gains or losses arising from derecognition of an intangible asset, measured as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset, and are recognised in profit or loss when the asset is derecognised.

Impairment of tangible and intangible assets. At the end of each reporting period, NSD reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. 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, NSD estimates the recoverable amount of the cash—generating unit to which the asset belongs. Where a reasonable and consistent basis of allocation can be identified, corporate assets are also allocated to individual cash—generating units, or otherwise they are allocated to the smallest group of cash—generating units for which a reasonable and consistent allocation basis can be identified.

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 is 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 a cash–generating unit) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (or a cash–generating unit) is reduced to its recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or a cash-generating unit) 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 recognised for the asset (or a cash-generating unit) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Interest income and interest expense. Interest income and expense for all financial instruments except for those classified as held for trading or those measured or designated as at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL) are recognised in 'Interest and other finance income' in the profit or loss using the effective interest method.

The effective interest rate (EIR) is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash flows of the financial instrument through the expected life of the financial instrument or, where appropriate, a shorter period, to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. The future cash flows are estimated taking into account all the contractual terms of the instrument.

The calculation of the EIR includes all fees and points paid or received between parties to the contract that are incremental and directly attributable to the specific transaction costs, and all other premiums or discounts. For financial assets at FVTPL transaction costs are recognised in profit or loss at initial recognition.

The interest income is calculated by applying the EIR to the gross carrying amount of non-credit impaired financial assets (i.e. at the amortised cost of the financial asset before adjusting for any expected credit loss allowance), or to the amortised cost of financial liabilities. For credit-impaired financial assets the interest income is calculated by applying the EIR to the amortised cost of the credit-impaired financial assets (i.e. the gross carrying amount less the allowance for expected credit losses (ECLs)). For financial assets originated or purchased credit-impaired (POCI) the EIR reflects the ECLs in determining the future cash flows expected to be received from the financial asset.

Fee and commission income and expense. Fee and commission income and expense include fees other than those that are an integral part of EIR (see above). Revenue for services provided over a period is recognised pro rata over the contractual term and consists of commission income on operations with long-term exchange instruments, listing fees, depository fees, and other.

Fee and commission expenses with regards to services are accounted for as the services are received.

Taxation. Income tax expense comprises current and deferred tax.

Current income tax. Current tax expense is calculated based on the statutory taxable income for the year. Taxable profit differs from profit as reported in the statement of comprehensive income by items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. Current income tax liabilities are measured using statutory tax rates introduced before the end of the reporting period.

Deferred income tax. Deferred income taxes are provided for all temporary differences arising between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities recognised in financial accounting and their tax bases. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary differences provided that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences can be utilized. Tax assets and liabilities are not recognised if temporary differences arise from goodwill or from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction (except for business combinations) and affect neither taxable nor accounting profit.

Operating taxes. In the Russian Federation where NSD performs its activity, there are other requirements to accrue and pay taxes other than income tax applicable to NSD's activity. Such taxes are recognised as part of administrative and other operating expense in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Provisions. Provisions are recognised when NSD has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, and it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate of the amount of obligation can be made.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Contingencies. Contingent liabilities are not recognised in the statement of financial position but are disclosed unless the possibility of any outflow in settlement is remote. A contingent asset is not recognised in the statement of financial position but disclosed when an inflow of economic benefits is probable.

Payments based on the shares of the parent company. The Moscow Exchange NSD grants the right to some NSD's employees to purchase equity based instruments of the parent company on the terms settled in individual contracts.

The cost of equity–settled transactions is recognised, together with a corresponding increase in equity within Share–based payments reserve, over the period in which the performance and/or service conditions are fulfilled.

The cumulative expense recognised for equity–settled transactions at each reporting date until the vesting date reflects the extent to which the vesting period has expired and the Moscow Exchange Group's best estimate of the number of equity instruments that will ultimately vest. The income statement expense or credit for a period represents the movement in cumulative expense recognised as at the beginning and end of that period, and is recognised in employee benefits expense (Note 9).

Depository activities. NSD provides depository services to its customers, which include transactions with securities on their depository accounts. Assets accepted and liabilities incurred under the depository activities are not included in NSD's Financial Statements. NSD accepts the operational risk on these activities, but NSD's customers bear the credit and market risks associated with such operations. Revenue for provision of depository services is recognised as services are provided.

Foreign currencies. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the Russian ruble exchange rate as at the reporting date. Transactions in currencies other than functional currency are recorded at the exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Gains or losses from such transactions are included into gains arising from foreign currencies recognised in other income.

New and revised IFRSs in issue but not yet effective. At the date of authorisation of these financial statements, NSD has not applied the following new and revised IFRS Standards that have been issued but are not yet effective:

New or amended standard or interpretation	Effective date – for annual periods beginning on or after
IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts Amendments to IFRS 10 and IAS 28 Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture Amendments to IFRS 3 Definition of business Amendments to IAS 1 and IAS 8 Definition to Material	1 January 2021 Date to be determined by the IASB 1 January 2020 1 January 2020

The management do not expect that the adoption of the Standards listed above will have a material impact on the financial statements of NSD in future periods.

IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts. The new Standard establishes the principles for the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of insurance contracts and supersedes IFRS 4 Insurance Contracts.

The Standard outlines a General Model, which is modified for insurance contracts with direct participation features, described as the Variable Fee Approach. The General Model is simplified if certain criteria are met by measuring the liability for remaining coverage using the Premium Allocation Approach. The General Model will use current assumptions to estimate the amount, timing and uncertainty of future cash flows and it will explicitly measure the cost of that uncertainty, it takes into account market interest rates and the impact of policyholders' options and guarantees.

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3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

The Standard is effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2021, with early application permitted. It is applied retrospectively unless impracticable, in which case the modified retrospective approach or the fair value approach is applied.

For the purpose of the transition requirements, the date of initial application is the start if the annual reporting period in which the entity first applies the Standard, and the transition date is the beginning of the period immediately preceding the date of initial application. The management of NSD do not anticipate that the application of the Standard in the future will have an impact on NSD's financial statements as NSD does not have instruments in scope of this standard.

IFRS 10 and IAS 28 (amendments) Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture. The amendments to IFRS 10 and IAS 28 deal with situations where there is a sale or contribution of assets between an investor and its associate or joint venture. Specifically, the amendments state that gains or losses resulting from the loss of control of a subsidiary that does not contain a business in a transaction with an associate or a joint venture that is accounted for using the equity method, are recognised in the parent's profit or loss only to the extent of the unrelated investors' interests in that associate or joint venture. Similarly, gains and losses resulting from the remeasurement of investments retained in any former subsidiary (that has become an associate or a joint venture that is accounted for using the equity method) to fair value are recognised in the former parent's profit or loss only to the extent of the unrelated investors' interests in the new associate or joint venture.

The effective date of the amendments has yet to be set by the board; however, earlier application of the amendments is permitted. The management of the Company anticipates that the application of these amendments may have an impact on NSD's financial statements in future periods should such transactions arise.

Amendments to IFRS 3 Definition of a Business. The amendments clarify that while businesses usually have outputs, outputs are not required for an integrated set of activities and assets to qualify as a business. To be considered a business an acquired set of activities and assets must include, at a minimum, an input and a substantive process that together significantly contribute to the ability to create outputs. Additional guidance is provided that helps to determine whether a substantive process has been acquired. The amendments introduce an optional concentration test that permits a simplified assessment of whether an acquired set of activities and assets is not a business. Under the optional concentration test, the acquired set of activities and assets is not a business if substantially all of the fair value of the gross assets acquired is concentrated in a single identifiable asset or group of similar assets.

The amendments are applied prospectively to all business combinations and asset acquisitions for which the acquisition date is on or after the first annual reporting period beginning on or after January 1, 2020, with early application permitted. The management of NSD does not expect that the application of these amendments will have an impact on the financial statements of NSD.

Amendments to IAS 1 and IAS 8 Definition of Material. The amendments are intended to make the definition of material in IAS 1 easier to understand and are not intended to alter the underlying concept of materiality in IFRS Standards.

The concept of 'obscuring' material information with immaterial information has been included as part of the new definition.

The threshold for materiality influencing users has been changed from 'could influence' to 'could reasonably be expected to influence'.

The definition of material in IAS 8 has been replaced by a reference to the definition of material in IAS 1. In addition, the IASB amended other Standards and the Conceptual Framework that contain a definition of material or refer to the term 'material' to ensure consistency.

The amendments are applied prospectively for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2020, with earlier application permitted. The management of NSD does not expect that the application of these changes will have an impact on the financial statements of NSD.

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4. Critical accounting judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the process of applying NSD's accounting policies, management is required to make judgments, assumptions and estimates about carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant under certain circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on a regular basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the change affects only the respective period, and in future periods if the change affects both current and future periods.

Key sources of critical accounting judgments

Business model assessment. Classification and measurement of financial assets depends on the results of the SPPI and the business model test. NSD determines the business model at a level that reflects how groups of financial assets are managed together to achieve a particular business objective (for more details refer to Note 3). NSD monitors financial assets measured at amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income that are derecognised prior to their maturity to understand the reason for their disposal and whether the reasons are consistent with the objective of the business for which the asset was held. NSD conducts assessment of whether the business model for which the remaining financial assets are held continues to be appropriate and if it is not appropriate whether there has been a change and so a prospective change to the classification of those assets.

Significant increase of credit risk. As explained in Note 3, expected credit losses are measured as an allowance equal to 12-month ECL for stage 1 assets, or lifetime ECL for stage 2 or stage 3 assets. An asset moves to stage 2 when its credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition. IFRS 9 does not define what constitutes a significant increase in credit risk. In assessing whether the credit risk of an asset has significantly increased NSD takes into account the information listed in Note 3.

Useful lives of fixed and intangible assets. NSD annually reviews the expected useful life of fixed and intangible assets. When determining the useful life of an asset, the following factors are taken into account: expected use of the asset, normal life cycle, technical obsolescence, etc.

Based on the analysis of actual useful lives of intangible assets as at 1 January 2019 NSD adjusted the estimates in relation to remaining useful lives of intangible assets. Changes of useful lives were applied to certain types of software. Should NSD not apply these amendments, amortisation of intangible assets for the year ended 31 December 2019 would be RUB 52 127 thousand lower. Depreciation of intangible assets is disclosed in Note 18.

Deferred income tax assets recognition. The recognised deferred tax assets represent amount of income tax, which may be recovered through future income tax expenses and is recorded in the statement of financial position. Deferred income tax assets are recorded to the extent that realisation of the related tax benefit is probable. The future taxable profits and the amount of tax benefits that are probable in the future are based on management expectations that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Refer to Note 13.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

Probability of default. PD constitutes a key input in measuring ECL. PD is an estimate of the likelihood of default over a given time horizon, the calculation of which includes historical data, assumptions and expectations of future conditions. See Note 29 for more details, including analysis of the sensitivity of the reported ECL to changes in PD resulting from changes in economic drivers.

Loss Given Default. LGD is an estimate of the loss arising on default. It is based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due and those that the lender would expect to receive, taking into account cash flows from collateral and integral credit enhancements. See Note 3 for more details.

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4. Critical accounting judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty (continued)

Impairment of fixed and intangible assets. At the end of each reporting period, NSD assesses the recoverable amount of fixed and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. Regardless of whether there is any indication of impairment, an entity also reviews an intangible asset with an indefinite useful life or an intangible asset that is not yet available for use for impairment at least annually. If the calculated recoverable amount of an asset (CRAA) is lower than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (CAA) is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

Valuation of financial instruments. For financial instruments not traded in an active market, the fair value is determined using appropriate valuation techniques. Such techniques may include:

- using recent arm's length market transactions;
- reference to the current fair value of another instrument that is substantially the same;
- a discounted cash flow analysis or other valuation models.

An analysis of fair values of financial instruments and further details as to how they are measured are provided in Note 28.

Share-based payments. Estimating fair value for share-based payment transactions requires determination of the most appropriate valuation model, which is dependent on the terms and conditions of the grant. This estimate also requires determination of the most appropriate inputs to the valuation model including the expected life of the instrument and volatility and making assumptions about them. The assumptions and models used for estimating fair value for share-based payment transactions are disclosed in Note 9.

5. Fee and commission income

	Year ended 31 December 2019	Year ended 31 December 2018
Depository services	4 608 414	4 334 552
Collateral management services and clearing services	711 721	435 121
Settlement services	495 146	326 271
Information services	95 480	76 459
Sale of technical services	75 529	71 936
Repository services	55 099	46 268
Total fee and commission income	6 041 389	5 290 607

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6. Net interest and other financial income

	Year ended 31 December 2019	Year ended 31 December 2018
Income gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		
Net gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	6 639	578
Total gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	6 639	578
Interest income on financial assets other than at fair value through profit or loss		
Interest income on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	1 125 928	1 438 852
Interest on deposits with the CBR	58 536	87 944
Interest on correspondent and current accounts with other banks	20 018	175 517
Total interest income on financial assets other than at fair value		
through profit or loss	1 204 482	1 702 313
Interest expense on lease liabilities	(4 652)	-
Total net interest and other financial income	1 206 469	1 702 891

7. Net gains from operations with derivatives at fair value through profit or loss

In 2019 and 2018, NSD performed currency swap deals at the currency exchange market of Moscow Exchange Group and on the OTC market for the purpose of liquidity regulation in various currencies and diversification of the profit sources (Note 15).

8. Other income

	Year ended 31 December 2019	Year ended 31 December 2018
Income from lease	28 216 15 405	27 776
Property tax refund Write-off of accounts payables	15 405 276	380
License fee	-	7 150
Movement in allowance for expected credit losses (Note 12)	-	3 411
Other	2 782	4 146
Total other income	46 679	42 863

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9. Personnel expenses

	Year ended 31 December 2019	Year ended 31 December 2018
Personnel expenses except payments based on the shares of the parent		
company	1 534 721	1 396 816
Payroll related taxes	304 992	252 908
Net change in payments based on the shares of the parent company	14 797	23 525
Total personnel expenses	1 854 510	1 673 249

Rights to purchase equity instruments of the parent company granted to some employees give to holders a choice either to only purchase the full number of shares at exercise price or also to sell back shares at the market price for the same ruble value. A majority of the rights vest when the employee continues to be employed by the Moscow Exchange Group at the vesting date. The maximum contractual term of the contracts is three and a half years. The fair value of the rights is measured at the grant date using a binomial model taking into account the terms and conditions upon which the instruments were granted.

The following table illustrates the number and weighted average exercise prices (WAEP), and movements in rights to purchase equity instruments:

·-	Number	WAEP
Outstanding as at 1 January 2018	3 000 000	120,39
Exercised during the year	(400 000)	120,39
Outstanding as at 1 January 2019	2 600 000	120,39
Outstanding as at 31 December 2019	2 600 000	120,39

The weighted average remaining contractual life for the share options outstanding as at 31 December 2019 was 0,48 years (31 December 2018: 1,27 years). New equity rights were not granted during the year ended 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018. The weighted average fair value of equity rights granted during the year ended 31 December 2018 was RUB 120,39. Exercise prices for rights outstanding as at 31 December 2019 were RUB 120,39 (31 December 2018: RUB 120,39).

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10. Administrative and other operating expenses

	Year ended 31 December 2019	Year ended 31 December 2018
Amortisation of intangible assets (Note 18)	617 131	482 124
Maintenance of property and equipment and intangible assets	409 377	373 021
Depreciation of property and equipment (Note 18)	187 934	213 533
Taxes (other than income tax)	125 778	122 909
Professional services	64 582	34 120
Communication and telecommunication	60 235	53 892
Corporate events	24 867	23 902
Insurance	20 624	19 198
Advertising	15 302	14 793
Business trip expenses	14 580	17 328
Write-off of materials and low value equipment	8 024	11 700
Security	7 548	6 809
Charity	3 435	3 928
Charge of allowances for expected credit losses (Note 12)	3 233	-
Stationery	1 888	3 291
Loss on disposal of property, equipment and intangible assets	494	13 070
Rent expenses	_	8 605
Other	6 414	5 303
Total administrative and other operating expenses	1 571 446	1 407 526

Professional services comprise consulting, audit and legal services.

11. Commission expenses

	Year ended 31 December 2019	Year ended 31 December 2018
Negative interest rates expenses on bank cash accounts Depository service commissions Bank commissions Registrar services Other	321 290 315 250 40 751 30 707 9 024	152 146 378 250 43 191 92 275 18 879
Total commission expenses	717 022	684 741

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12. Movement in Allowance for Expected Credit Losses

The information on the movement in the allowance for expected credit losses of NSD for the year ended 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018, is provided below.

			Financial assets at fair value through		
	Cash and cash equivalents	Due from banks	other comprehen- sive income	Other financial assets	Total
Note	14	16		19	
31 December 2017	-	-	-	7 107	7 107
Effect of adoption of IFRS 9	2	-	13 863	2 688	16 553
1 January 2018 (with IFRS 9 effect)	2	-	13 863	9 795	23 660
Net charge/(reversal) for the period	45	-	(8 792)	5 336	(3 411)
31 December 2018 (with IFRS 9 effect)	47	-	5 071	15 131	20 249
Net (reversal)/charge for the period Write-off	(18)	1 -	1 686 -	1 564 (4 892)	3 233 (4 892)
31 December 2019	29	1	6 757	11 803	18 590

Total net reversal of the allowance for expected credit losses of NSD for the year ended 31 December 2019 is included in other operating income within statement of profit or loss (Note 10). Net charge for the year ended 31 December 2018 is included in administrative and other operating expenses within statement of profit and loss (Note 8).

As at 31 December 2019 and 2018, the allowance for expected credit losses of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income is included in investments revaluation reserve. The movement of the allowance is reflected within statement of comprehensive income.

The allowance for expected credit losses of NSD consists of the loss allowance measured at an amount equal to 12-month expected credit losses for Stage 1 assets, and the loss allowance measured at an amount equal to lifetime expected credit losses for Stage 2 and Stage 3 assets. The composition of NSD's financial assets and correspondent allowances for expected credit losses by stages as at 31 December 2019, is provided below.

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12. Movement in Allowance for Expected Credit Losses (continued)

	Cash and cash equivalents	Due from banks	Financial assets at fair value through other comprehen- sive income	Other financial assets	Total
Note	14	16		19	
31 December 2019 Stage 1 assets Stage 2 assets Stage 3 assets	150 925 556 - -	7 693 669 - -	20 027 604 - -	619 312 613 5 810	179 266 141 613 5 810
Total financial assets	150 925 556	7 693 669	20 027 604	625 735	179 272 564
Allowance for Stage 1 assets Allowance for Stage 2 assets Allowance for Stage 3 assets	(29) - -	(1) - -	(6 757) - -	(5 986) (7) (5 810)	(12 773) (7) (5 810)
Total allowance for expected credit losses	(29)	(1)	(6 757)	(11 803)	(18 590)

The composition of NSD's financial assets and correspondent allowances for expected credit losses by stages as at 31 December 2018, is provided below.

	Cash and cash	Due from	Financial assets at fair value through other comprehen-	Other financial	
	equivalents	banks	sive income	assets	Total
Note	14	16		19	
31 December 2018					
Stage 1 assets	103 215 626	8 304 572	12 106 377	537 372	124 163 947
Stage 2 assets	-	-	-	532	532
Stage 3 assets	-	-	-	8 141	8 141
Total financial assets	103 215 626	8 304 572	12 106 377	546 045	124 172 620
Allowance for Stage 1 assets	(47)	-	(5 071)	(6 982)	(12 100)
Allowance for Stage 2 assets	-	-	-	(8)	(8)
Allowance for Stage 3 assets	-	-	-	(8 141)	(8 141)
Total allowance for expected credit losses	(47)	-	(5 071)	(15 131)	(20 249)

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12. Movement in Allowance for Expected Credit Losses (continued)

The tables below analyze information about the significant changes in the gross carrying amount of other financial assets during the period that contributed to changes in the loss allowance as well as the movement of the loss allowance during the 2019:

532 - 2 642 (2 561) -	8 141 - - 2 561 (4 892) 5 810	84 582 (4 892) 625 735
(2 561)	(4 892)	(4 892)
(2 561)	(4 892)	(4 892)
(2 561)	(4 892)	
	(4 892)	
613	<u> </u>	
613	5 810	625 735
613	5 810	625 735
(7)	(E 910)	(11 902)
(7)	(5 810)	(11 803)
8	8 141	15 131
(2)	2 532	5 336
30	-	-
(29)	29	-
(2)	(4 892)	(4 892)
-		
	(29)	

The tables below analyze information about the significant changes in the gross carrying amount of other financial assets during the period that contributed to changes in the loss allowance as well as the movement of the loss allowance during the 2019:

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Gross carrying amount as at 1 January 2018	415 440	639	5 779	421 858
New financial assets originated or purchased less financial assets that have been derecognised due to being				
redeemed or sold	124 187	-	-	124 127
Transfer to Stage 2	(2 255)	2 255	=	-
Transfer to Stage 3	-	(2 362)	2 362	-
Gross carrying amount as at				
31 December 2018	537 372	532	8 141	546 045
Loss allowance as at 31 December				
2018	(5 986)	(7)	(5 810)	(11 803)
Loss allowance as at 1 January 2018	4 007	9	5 779	9 795
Net increase/(decrease) in credit risk	3 006	-	2 330	5 336
Transfer to Stage 2	(31)	31	_	-
Transfer to Stage 3	-	(32)	32	-
Loss allowance as at 31 December				
2018	6 982	8	8 141	15 131
2018	6 982	8	8 141	1

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13. Income tax

NSD calculates current income tax based on the tax accounts maintained and prepared in accordance with the tax regulations of the Russian Federation, which may differ from IFRS.

Deferred taxes reflect the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amount used for tax purposes. Temporary differences relate mostly to different methods of income and expense recognition, as well as to recorded values of certain assets.

The tax rate used for the reconciliations between tax expense and accounting profit is the corporate tax rate of 20% payable by corporate entities in the Russian Federation on taxable profits under the tax law in that jurisdiction.

The analysis of the temporary differences as at 31 December 2019 and 2018 is presented below:

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Tax effect from deductible temporary differences		
Cash and cash equivalents	6	9
Balances of market participants	5 229	-
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	1 974	22 132
Property, equipment and right-of-use assets	12 285	7 664
Other assets	4 282	3 243
Other liabilities	97 386	92 833
Total tax effect from deductible temporary differences	121 162	125 881
Tax effect from taxable temporary differences		
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(4 582)	(764)
Intangible assets	(3 988)	(21 020)
Other assets	-	(214)
Total tax effect from taxable temporary differences	(8 570)	(21 998)
Deferred tax assets	112 592	103 883

Reconciliation of income tax expense and accounting for the year ended 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018 is presented below:

	Year ended 31 December 2019	Year ended 31 December 2018
Profit before income tax	4 451 453	3 474 601
Statutory tax rate	20%	20%
Tax at the statutory tax rate (20%)	890 291	694 920
Tax effect of income taxed at rates different from the statutory tax rate	(63 485)	(74 615)
Tax effect of non-taxable expenses	40 342	39 407
Deferred tax from previously unrecognised temporary differences of a prior		
period	=	374
Adjustments in respect of current income tax of previous years	1 574	(39)
Income tax expense	868 722	660 047
Current income tax expense	899 612	684 184
Adjustments in respect of current income tax of previous years Deferred taxation movement due to origination and reversal of temporary	1 574	(39)
differences	(32 464)	(24 098)
Income tax expense	868 722	660 047

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13. Income tax (continued)

Deferred tax assets are as follows:

	Year ended 31 December 2019	Year ended 31 December 2018
Beginning of the year	103 883	59 298
Change in deferred income tax balances recognised in profit or loss Change in deferred income tax balances recognised in other comprehensive	32 464	24 098
income	(23 755)	20 487
End of the year	112 592	103 883

14. Cash and cash equivalents

The information on cash and cash equivalents as at 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018 is provided below:

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Balances with the CBR Balances with banks:	2 163 126	3 178 121
- Russian Federation	135 825 516	75 145 960
- Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development countries	12 836 261	24 837 340
- other countries	98 678	51 983
Cash on hand	1 975	2 222
Total cash and cash equivalents	150 925 556	103 215 626
Less allowance for expected credit losses (Note 12)	(29)	(47)
Total cash and cash equivalents	150 925 527	103 215 579

As at 31 December 2019 NSD has balances with five counterparties (31 December 2018: four counterparties) each of which is greater than 10% of equity. The total aggregate amount of these balances is RUB 148 478 635 thousand or 98% of total cash and cash equivalents as at 31 December 2019 (31 December 2018: RUB 100 115 694 thousand or 97% of total cash and cash equivalents).

15. Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Derivative financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	19 615	27 660
Shares issued by foreign companies	5 980	6 560
Shares issued by Russian companies	-	6 551
Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	25 595	40 771

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15. Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (continued)

The table below shows the analysis of derivatives at fair value through profit or loss as at 31 December 2019:

	Contractual	Assets Contractual amount positive fa		
	Receivables	Payables	value	value
Currency swaps	10 323 628	(10 304 013)	19 615	-

The table below shows the analysis of derivatives at fair value through profit or loss as at 31 December 2018:

	Contractua	Contractual amount		Liabilities – negative fair
	Receivables	Payables	value	value
Currency swaps	17 497 929	(17 470 668)	27 660	(399)

The negative fair value of derivative financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss in the amount of RUB 399 thousand is included in other liabilities (Note 22).

16. Due from banks

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Account of clearing collective collateral (Guarantee Fund) Other	10 000 7 683 669	10 000 8 294 572
Total due from banks	7 693 669	8 304 572
Less allowance for expected credit losses (Note 12)	(1)	-
Total due from banks	7 693 668	8 304 572

Other funds include blocked correspondent account of NSD in Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., Brussels, which relate to foreign securities (coupon and principal repayments) owned by a US/EU sanctioned client bank and blocked in a correspondent account of NSD with Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., Brussels. Balances of market participants as at 31 December 2019 include account balances of the said client totaling RUB 7 683 669 thousand (31 December 2018: RUB 8 294 572 thousand) (Note 20).

17. Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Bonds issued by the Russian Federation	20 027 604	12 106 377
Total financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	20 027 604	12 106 377

As at 31 December 2019 financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income of RUB 9 347 220 thousand (31 December 2018: RUB 10 981 413 thousand) were included in the "Blocked by the CBR" section of NSD's securities account and could be used as a collateral for NSD's borrowings within the limit set by the CBR (see CBR Regulation No. 4801–U, "On the methods and criteria of collateralized refinancing of credit organizations" dated 22 May 2018).

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18. Property and equipment and intangible assets

	Land	Buildings and other real estate	Furniture and equipment	-	Intangible assets	Intangible assets in develop- ment	Total
Cost							
31 December 2017	94 139	2 684 210	852 665	-	2 716 039	165 140	6 512 193
Additions	-	-	133 742	-	539 909	60 787	734 438
Reclassification Disposals	-	-	(20 681)	-	156 544 (80 013)	(156 548)	(4) (100 694)
31 December 2018	94 139	2 684 210	965 726		3 332 479	69 379	7 145 933
1 January 2019 (with IFRS 16 effect) (Note 3)	94 139	2 684 210	956 726	56 562	3 332 479	69 379	7 202 495
Additions	-	-	97 641	289	531 615	151 297	780 842
Reclassification Disposals	-	-	(32 222)	-	59 249 (19 062)	(59 249) (305)	(51 589)
31 December 2019	94 139	2 684 210	1 031 145	56 851	3 904 281	161 122	7 931 748
Accumulated depreciation and impairment							
31 December 2017	-	344 622	611 536	-	718 181	-	1 674 339
Charge for the period Written off on disposal	-	53 684 -	159 849 (20 340)	-	482 124 (65 926)		695 657 (86 266)
31 December 2018	-	398 306	751 045	-	1 134 379	-	2 283 730
1 January 2019 (with IFRS 16 effect) (Note 3)	-	398 306	751 045	-	1 134 379	-	2 283 730
Charge for the period Written off on disposal	-	53 684 -	128 571 (32 033)	5 679 -	617 131 (19 062)	- -	805 065 (51 095)
31 December 2019	-	451 990	847 583	5 679	1 732 448	-	3 037 700
Net book value							
31 December 2018	94 139	2 285 904	214 681		2 198 100	69 379	4 862 203
31 December 2019	94 139	2 232 220	183 562	51 172	2 171 833	161 122	4 894 048

Intangible assets include computer software, trademarks and licenses.

As at 31 December 2019 NSD's historical cost of fully depreciated property and equipment amounts to RUB 674 463 thousand (31 December 2018: RUB 484 783 thousand).

As at 31 December 2019 NSD's historical cost of fully depreciated intangible assets amounts to RUB 225 466 thousand (31 December 2018: RUB 69 600 thousand).

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19. Other assets

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Other financial assets:		
Services and other accounts receivable	625 705	546 696
Other assets	30	349
Less allowance for expected credit losses (Note 12)	(11 803)	(15 131)
Total other financial assets	613 932	530 914
Other non-financial assets:		
Prepaid expenses	59 916	103 678
Prepaid intangible assets	51 826	110 256
Tax receivable other than income tax	13 606	8 748
Total other assets	739 280	753 596

20. Balances of market participants

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Balances of credit institutions Balances of financial companies Balances of CBR	136 924 155 22 358 367 200	75 647 169 16 864 089 234
Total balances of market participants	159 282 722	92 511 492

As at 31 December 2019 NSD's balances of market participants in the amount of RUB 112 546 163 thousand (71%), (31 December 2018 NSD's balances of market participants in the amount of RUB 72 514 027 thousand (78%)) related to 10 market participants which is a significant concentration.

Balances of market participants as at 31 December 2019 include account balances of the said sanctioned clients banks totaling RUB 7 683 669 thousand (31 December 2018: RUB 8 294 572 thousand) (Note 16).

21. Distributions payable to holders of securities

Distributions payable to holders of securities comprise dividends and coupon amounts received by NSD from the issuers of securities on behalf of customers of NSD, for which NSD provides depository services.

The normal settlement period for distribution of dividends and coupon amounts to its customers is three days. Amounts of dividends and coupons payable to clients are stated at their contractual values.

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22. Other liabilities

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Other financial liabilities:		
Payables for services	148 490	92 597
Lease liabilities	53 074	-
Payroll settlements	47 525	40 195
Derivative financial liabilities (Note 28)	-	399
Other	1 623	997
Total other financial liabilities	250 712	134 188
Other non-financial liabilities:		
Personnel remuneration provision	397 382	385 762
Advances received for depository services	247 443	231 775
Tax agent liabilities regarding distributions payable to holders of securities	170 799	32 319
Taxes payable other than income tax	101 045	93 505
Total other liabilities	1 167 381	877 549

23. Share capital and share premium

As at 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018 NSD's share capital comprised of 1 180 675 ordinary registered shares with par value of RUB 1 000 each.

Share capital is reported in accordance with IAS 29 *Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies*. As at 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018 the share capital including inflation adjustment amounted to RUB 1 193 982 thousand.

Share premium represents an excess of the sale price of NSD's share over their par value. Share premium was formed as a result of a merger of NDC and MICEX SH (Note 1) and sale of shares to the former shareholders of NDC.

24. Retained earnings

During the year ended 31 December 2019, NSD paid dividends on ordinary shares for 2018, which amounted to RUB 2 757 282 thousand (31 December 2018: declared dividends on ordinary share for 2017 in the amount of RUB 2 689 521 thousand and paid RUB 2 689 523 thousand). Dividends for 2018 declared during year ended 31 December 2019 are RUB 2 335,34 per ordinary share (31 December 2018: RUB 2 277,95 per ordinary share).

NSD's distributable reserves are limited to the amount of reserves reported in the statutory financial statements of NSD. Non–distributable reserves comprise a reserve fund, which is created according to the statutory regulations to cover risks, including future losses and other unforeseen risks and contingencies. The reserve fond was formed in accordance with Articles of association of NSD providing for the establishment of a reserve for these purposes of not less than 15% of the share capital NSD according to RAS. As at 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018 reserve fund amounted to RUB 177 101 thousand.

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25. Commitments and contingencies

Legal proceedings – A significant part of NSD's activities are within the Russian Federation. From time to time and in the normal course of business claims against NSD may be received from customers and counterparties. Management believes that no material losses will be incurred by NSD as a result of such claims and accordingly no provisions have been made in these Financial Statements.

Operating environment – Emerging markets such as Russia are subject to different risks than more developed markets, including economic, political and social, and legal and legislative risks. Laws and regulations affecting businesses in Russia continue to change rapidly, tax and regulatory frameworks are subject to varying interpretations. The future economic direction of Russia is heavily influenced by the fiscal and monetary policies adopted by the government, together with developments in the legal, regulatory, and political environment.

Because Russia produces and exports large volumes of oil and gas, its economy is particularly sensitive to the price of oil and gas on the world market. In March 2020 oil prices dropped for more than 40%, which resulted in weakening of Russian Ruble against major currencies.

Starting from 2014, sanctions have been imposed in several packages by the U.S. and the E.U. on certain Russian officials, businessmen and companies. This led to reduced access of the Russian businesses to international capital markets.

The impact of further economic and political developments on future operations and financial position of NSD might be significant.

In addition to that, starting from early 2020 a new coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has begun rapidly spreading all over the world resulting in announcement of the pandemic status by the World Health Organization in March 2020. Responses put in place by many countries to contain the spread of COVID-19 are resulting in significant operational and financial disruption for many companies and have significant impact on global economy and global financial markets. The significance of the effect of COVID-19 on NSD's business largely depends on the duration of the pandemic effects and the impact of new coronavirus spread prevention measures on the world and Russian economy.

Fiduciary activities – NSD provides depositary services to its customers. As at 31 December 2019 and 2018, NSD had customer securities totalling 101 739 bln items and 123 590 bln items, respectively, in its nominal holder accounts.

Taxation – A substantial part of the activities of NSD carried out in the Russian Federation. Some provisions of the Russian tax, currency and customs legislation as at present in force are defined not clearly enough, which frequently leads to different interpretations (that can be applied to the past legal matters), selective and inconsistent application and also in some cases to changes that are hard to predict.

NSD's management interpretation of such legislation as applied to its operations and activity may be challenged by the relevant regional and federal authorities. Recent events within the Russian Federation suggest that the tax authorities may be taking a more assertive position in their interpretation and application of this legislation and assessments. It is therefore possible that transactions and activities of NSD that have not been challenged in the past may be challenged at any time in the future. As a result, significant additional taxes, penalties and interest may be assessed by the relevant authorities. Fiscal periods remain open and subject to review by the tax authorities for a period of three calendar years immediately preceding the year in which the decision to conduct a tax review is taken. Under certain circumstances tax reviews may cover longer periods.

In 2018, amendments were introduced to the Tax Code of the Russian Federation and certain other legislative acts, which provides, among other things, an increase in the general rate of Value Added Tax (VAT) to 20%. The new rates will apply to goods, work, services, and property rights supplied starting from 1 January 2019.

As at 31 December 2019 management believes that its interpretation of the relevant legislation is appropriate and that NSD's tax, currency and customs positions will be sustained.

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25. Commitments and contingencies (continued)

Insurance – NSD has insurance policies from Ingosstrakh Insurance Company. The insurance packages comprise fraud, errors and omissions coverage and a comprehensive liability and crime policy. The comprehensive liability and crime policy has been developed especially for insuring professional risks of clearing houses and central securities depositories. The total coverage level for the packages of insurance is USD 65 million or RUB 4 023 871 thousand at the rate of CBR on the reporting date (31 December 2018: USD 65 million or RUB 4 515 589 thousand at the rate of CBR on the reporting date).

26. Transactions with related parties

Transactions with key management. Key management personnel comprise members of the Supervisory Board, Chairman of the Executive Board and members of the Executive Board. The total remuneration paid to key management personnel includes short–term benefits (salary, bonuses, payroll related taxes, insurance, health care, etc.), long–term benefits and payments based on the shares of the parent company.

Included in the statement of financial position are the following amounts that arose on transactions with key management personnel:

	31 December	31 December	
	2019	2018	
Other liabilities	130 510	103 840	
Payments based on the shares of the parent company	39 303	24 506	

Included in the statement of profit and loss are the following amounts that arose due to transactions with key management personnel:

	Year Ended 31 December 2019	Year Ended 31 December 2018
Short-term employee benefits except payments based on the shares of the		
parent company	198 675	162 527
Payments based on the shares of the parent company	14 797	23 525
Long-term employee benefits	11 445	7 737
Total remuneration of key management personnel	224 917	193 789

Transactions with government-related parties. NSD is a subsidiary of the Moscow Exchange holding 99,997% shares as at 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018.

As at 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018 the Russian Federation exercises significant influence over NSD.

Transactions with state-related entities constitute a significant part of NSD's operations. Such transactions include depository, settlement and repository services, attracting deposits, placement of funds with government-related banks, as well as bonds issued by the Russian Federation or state-related entity.

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26. Transactions with related parties (continued)

According to p.26 (b) of IAS 24 NSD discloses the following significant outstanding balances with government-related entities:

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Cash and cash equivalents Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income Other assets Balances of market participants Distributions payable to holders of securities Other liabilities	2 212 802 20 027 604 272 032 53 682 629 9 354 811 102 275	3 226 244 12 106 377 263 436 18 754 960 22 210 604 102 410

Financial results on operations with government-related entities:

	Year Ended 31 December 2019	Year Ended 31 December 2018
Fee and commission income	2 605 431	2 304 755
Interest and other financial income	1 186 090	1 604 519
Net gain on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	61 427	21 164
Other income	311	(8 778)
Administrative and other operating expenses	(23 307)	(22 693)
Commission expenses	(25 180)	(16 608)

Transactions with Parent company and Moscow Exchange Group. Parent company - Moscow Exchange (controlling shareholder) - provides technical and informational supporting services, as well as representation services to NSD.

The terms and conditions of transactions with related parties are similar to those on which NSD operates with other counterparties.

Included in statement of financial position are the following amounts in respect of significant transactions with related parties:

	31 December 2019		31 December 2018	
	Parent	Other	Parent	Other
Cash and cash equivalents Financial assets at fair value through	-	135 707 588	-	75 056 969
profit or loss	-	19 615	-	17 018
Due from banks	-	10 000	-	10 000
Other assets	2 412	51 322	1 816	30 514
Balances of market participants	433 353	74 899 867	979 463	33 275 096
Other liabilities	72 560	9 227	18 695	446

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26. Transactions with related parties (continued)

Included in the statement of profit and loss are the following amounts in respect of significant transactions with related parties:

	Year Ended 31 December 2019		Year Ended 31 Dec	ember 2018
	Parent	Other	Parent	Other
Fee and commission income	9 740	318 217	7 159	239 137
Interest and other financial income Net gain from operations with derivatives	(4 652)	-	-	-
at fair value through profit or loss	-	1 099 631	-	176 715
Other income Administrative and other operating	11 840	14 002	11 589	13 933
expenses	(69 735)	(12)	(78 428)	(4)
Commission expenses	(8 945)	(94 268)	(10 973)	(7 494)

Net gain from operations with derivatives at fair value through profit or loss with Other related parties doesn't include income from exchange market operations with Central Counterparty for the year ended 31 December 2019 RUB in amount of 175 164 thousand (31 December 2018: RUB 477 thousand).

27. Capital management

NSD's capital management policy is aimed to ensure successful and stable operations and to maximize shareholder's value.

The capital structure of NSD consists of share capital, share premium and retained earnings.

NSD's Executive Board reviews the capital structure annually. As a part of this review, the Executive Board considers changes in the cost of capital and the risks associated with each class of capital. Based on recommendations of the Executive Board NSD balances its overall capital structure through the payment of dividends or new share issues.

The CBR established special requirements for credit institutions and banking groups in respect of the minimum amount of capital adequacy calculated based on RAS financial statements. The CBR requires non–banking credit institutions to maintain a ratio of capital to risk–weighted assets ("capital adequacy ratio") at a level exceeding the minimum ratio of 12%.

Being a professional participant of the securities market, NSD must comply with capital adequacy requirements in respect of minimal amounts of equity.

Capital adequacy ratios for NSD were as follows:

 <u>Equity</u>		Mandatory equity		Capital adeq	uacy ratio
 31 December 2019	31 December 2018	31 December 2019	31 December 2018	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
9 767 801	8 922 348	4 000 000	4 000 000	31,8	27,8

NSD complied with all external capital adequacy requirements.

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28. Fair value measurements

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in conducting operations on a voluntary basis between market participants at the measurement date.

NSD measures fair values for financial assets recorded on the statement of financial position at fair value using the following fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements:

- Level 1: Quoted market prices in an active market (that are unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: Valuation techniques (for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is directly or indirectly observable).
- Level 3: Valuation techniques (for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable).

The foreign currency forward contracts are measured based on observable spot exchange rates and the yield curves of the respective currencies.

The fair value of unquoted equity instruments has been determined based on market approach using price/net assets ratio for similar companies.

The table below analyses financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value as at 31 December 2019, by the level in the fair value hierarchy into which the fair value measurement is categorized:

	31 December 2019			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss Financial assets at fair value through	-	19 615	5 980	25 595
other comprehensive income	20 027 604	-	-	20 027 604

The table below analyses financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value as at 31 December 2018, by the level in the fair value hierarchy into which the fair value measurement is categorized

	31 December 2018			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial assets at fair value through		27.660	12 111	40 771
profit or loss Financial assets at fair value through	-	27 660	13 111	40 771
other comprehensive income	12 106 377	-	-	12 106 377
Derivative financial liabilities	-	(399)	-	(399)

The fair value of cash and cash equivalents, due from banks, other financial assets, balances of market participants and other financial liabilities as at of 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018 refer to level 2 hierarchy of fair value.

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28. Fair value measurements (continued)

The following table shows a reconciliation for six-month period ended 31 December 2019 for fair value measurements in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy:

	assets at fair value through profit or loss
Balance as at 1 January 2018	11 691
Gains reported in profit or loss Foreign exchange	578 842
Balance as at 31 December 2018	13 111
Level 3 securities sold Gains reported in profit or loss Foreign exchange	(13 770) 7 484 (845)
Balance as at 31 December 2019	5 980

Management of NSD considers that the fair value of financial assets and liabilities which are not carried at fair value in the statement of financial position is approximately equal to their carrying value.

29. Risk management policies

Risk management is an integral part of NSD's activities. NSD distinguishes the following significant risks: credit, operational, market, liquidity. Risk management core objectives include identification of sources of risks, measurement of risk levels, development of risk management policies and implementation of risk controls, including setting limits and further compliance with them.

A description of NSD's risk management policies in relation to each significant risk is as follows.

Credit risk. NSD uses credit risk management approaches under requirements of the Russian regulators, based on the best international practices and standards. NSD's assets are exposed to credit risk, which is defined as the risk of losses resulting from a default or improper performance of their obligations to NSD by its counterparties.

The goal of credit risk management is to timely define and efficiently evaluate the level of risk necessary to ensure sustainable growth determined by NSD's development strategy.

The objectives of NSD in credit risk management:

- implement a systemic and enhanced approach to optimize the structure of the assets in order to limit credit risk level;
- enhance the competitive advantages of NSD through implementation of more precise risk measures;
- maintain stability during the introduction of new complex products and services.

NSD controls credit risk by setting limits on a counterparty and groups of related counterparties. Credit risk limits are set on the basis of a comprehensive and in–depth evaluation of the counterparty's financial conditions, analysis of the macroeconomic environment of counterparties' activities, the level of information transparency, business reputation and other financial and non–financial factors. NSD has developed and constantly improves an internal ratings system, providing a prudent assessment of its counterparties and the level of accepted credit risk.

Credit risk limits are approved by authorized bodies. Credit risk limits are monitored and reviewed on a regular basis. Also NSD constantly monitors the concentration of credit risk in compliance with applicable prudential requirements.

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29. Risk management policies (continued)

To reduce credit risk NSD applies specific requirements to the financial conditions of its counterparties.

As explained in Note 3, NSD monitors all financial assets that are subject to impairment requirements to assess whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition. If there has been a significant increase in credit risk NSD will measure the loss allowance based on lifetime rather than 12-month ECL.

NSD uses forward-looking information that is available without undue cost or effort in its assessment of significant increase of credit risk as well as in its measurement of ECL. NSD employs experts who use external and internal information to generate a 'base case' scenario of future forecast of relevant economic variables. The external information used includes economic data and forecasts published by governmental bodies and monetary authorities.

The base case scenario is the single most-likely outcome and consists of information used by NSD for strategic planning and budgeting. NSD has identified and documented key drivers of credit risk and credit losses for each portfolio of financial instruments and, using a statistical analysis of historical data, has estimated relationships between macro-economic variables and credit risk and credit losses.

The table below summarizes the principal macroeconomic indicators included in the economic scenarios used as at 31 December 2019 for the years 2020-2022, for Russia which is the country where NSD operates and therefore is the country that has a material impact in ECLs.

	2019	2020	2021
GDP growth	1,9%	3,1%	3,2%
Consumer price index	3,0%	4,0%	4,0%
Average nominal wage growth	2,4%	2,2%	2,4%
Money supply growth	9,5%	9,5%	9,5%
USD/RUB rate	63,90	66,10	66,50

Predicted relationships between the key indicators and default and loss rates on various portfolios of financial assets have been developed based on analyzing historical data over the past 5 years.

NSD has performed a sensitivity analysis on how ECL on the main portfolios will change if the key assumptions used to calculate ECL change by a certain percentage. The table below outlines the total ECL per portfolio as at 31 December 2019 if the assumptions used to measure ECL remain as expected (amount as presented in the statement of financial position), as well as if each of the key assumptions used change by plus or minus a certain percentage. The changes are applied in isolation for illustrative purposes, in order to develop the estimate of expected credit losses. In reality there will be interdependencies between the various economic inputs and the exposure to sensitivity will vary across the economic scenarios.

	As expected	Average PD	ECL Cum
	-3,0%	4,20%	18 042
GDP	-	4,32%	18 590
	+3,0%	4,45%	19 137
	-3,0%	3,86%	16 598
Consumer price index	-	4,32%	18 590
	+3,0%	4,79%	20 582
	-3,0%	4,34%	18 664
Average nominal wage	-	4,32%	18 590
	+3,0%	4,31%	18 516
	-5,0%	4,35%	18 714
Money supply	-	4,32%	18 590
	+5,0%	4,29%	18 466
	-15,0%	4,03%	17 321
USD/RUB rate	· -	4,32%	18 590
	+15,0%	4,62%	19 859

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29. Risk management policies (continued)

As at 31 December 2019 and 2018, NSD has no modified financial assets as a result of NSD's forbearance activities and no amounts outstanding on financial assets that were written off during the reporting period and are still subject to enforcement activity.

Maximum credit risk exposure. NSD's maximum exposure to credit risk equals to the carrying value of financial assets exposed to credit risk.

As at 31 December 2019 included into other assets are overdue receivables of RUB 6 422 thousand (31 December 2018: RUB 11 850 thousand).

Financial assets are classified according to the current credit ratings issued by international rating agencies (Fitch Ratings, Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investor Services). The highest possible rating is AAA. Investment grade financial assets have ratings from AAA to BBB-. Financial assets, which have ratings lower than BBB-, are classed as speculative grade.

As at 31 December 2019 and 2018, balances with the CBR are classified at the sovereign credit rating level of the Russian Federation.

Tables below do not include equity instruments.

The following table details the credit ratings of other financial assets held by NSD as at 31 December 2019:

	AA	A	ВВВ	less BBB-	Not rated	31 Decem- ber 2019 Total
FINANCIAL ASSETS:						
Cash and cash equivalents	10 7407 980	1 571 734	138 559 300	29 606	21 932	150 923 552
Financial assets at fair value						
through profit or loss	-	-	19 615	-	-	19 615
Due from banks	7 683 668	-	10 000	-	-	7 693 668
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive						
income	_	_	20 027 604	_	_	20 027 604
Other financial assets	32 515	3	229 934	113 591	237 889	613 932

As at 31 December 2018:

		_				31 Decem- ber 2018
	AA	A	ВВВ	less BBB-	Not rated	Total
FINANCIAL ASSETS:						
Cash and cash equivalents Financial assets at fair value	19 187 497	5 649 833	78 288 821	78 461	8 745	103 213 357
through profit or loss	-	-	17 018	-	10 642	27 660
Due from banks Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive	8 294 572	-	10 000	-	-	8 304 572
income	-	-	-	12 106 377	-	12 106 377
Other financial assets	135	118	59 570	267 857	203 234	530 914

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29. Risk management policies (continued)

Geographical concentration. The geographical concentration of NSD assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2019:

	Russian Federation	OECD countries	Non-OECD countries	31 December 2019 Total
FINANCIAL ASSETS:				
Cash and cash equivalents	137 990 591	12 836 258	98 678	150 925 527
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	19 615	5 980	-	25 595
Due from banks	10 000	7 683 668	-	7 693 668
Financial assets at fair value through other				
comprehensive income	20 027 604	-	-	20 027 604
Other financial assets	575 577	36 365	1 990	613 932
Total financial assets	158 623 387	20 562 271	100 668	179 286 326
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES:				
Balances of market participants	158 136 448	708 382	437 892	159 282 722
Distributions payable to holders of securities	11 184 005	380 528	149 612	11 714 145
Other financial liabilities	180 758	69 842	112	250 712
Total financial liabilities	169 501 211	1 158 752	587 616	171 247 579

As at 31 December 2018:

	Russian Federation	OECD countries	Non-OECD countries	31 December 2018 Total
FINANCIAL ASSETS:				
Cash and cash equivalents	78 326 266	24 837 330	51 983	103 215 579
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	34 211	6 560	-	40 771
Due from banks	10 000	8 294 572	-	8 304 572
Financial assets at fair value through other				
comprehensive income	12 106 377		_	12 106 377
Other financial assets	503 975	25 475	1 464	530 914
Total financial assets	90 980 829	33 163 937	53 447	124 198 213
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES:				
Balances of market participants	91 408 395	622 595	480 502	92 511 492
Distributions payable to holders of securities	8 311 262	16 277 875	86 834	24 675 971
Other financial liabilities	79 679	54 255	254	134 188
Total financial liabilities	97 799 336	16 954 725	567 590	117 321 651

As at 31 December 2019, the balances with OECD counterparties include the following balances with OECD subsidiaries of Russian companies:

- other assets in the amount of RUB 793 thousand (31 December 2018: RUB 164 thousand);
- balances of market participants in the amount of RUB 660 352 thousand (31 December 2018: RUB 385 956 thousand);
- distributions payable to holders of securities in the amount of RUB 1 501 thousand (31 December 2018: RUB 14 674 385 thousand).

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29. Risk management policies (continued)

Liquidity risk. Liquidity risk is the risk of facing the situation where available funds are insufficient to meet current financial liabilities. The main purpose of liquidity management is to ensure NSD's ability to perform its obligations not only under normal market conditions but also in cases of unforeseen emergencies without suffering unacceptable losses or risk of damaging its business reputation.

NSD's liquidity management procedures cover various forms of liquidity risk:

- operating liquidity risk arising from the inability to timely meet its current obligations due to the existing structure of current cash credits and debits (operating analysis and control of liquidity);
- risk of mismatch between the amounts and dates of repayment of claims and obligations analysis and assessment of prospective liquidity (GAP analysis);
- risk of unforeseen claims on liquidity, i.e. the consequences of the risk that unforeseen future events may claim more resources than allocated for this purpose (stress testing).

Liquidity risk management plays an important role in the whole risk management system and includes such procedures as: forecasting/monitoring payment flow and liquidity ratios, planning measures to recover the required liquidity level considering unfavorable and crisis situations, ensuring an optimal structure of assets in accordance with the resource base, taking into account the maturities of fund sources and their volumes when allocating assets to financial instruments.

According to Russian laws and internal regulations, NSD is entitled to make investments in accordance with the limits stipulated by mandatory regulations.

In this respect NSD places temporarily available funds on accounts and deposits with banks, debt securities issued by the Russian Government, deposits with the CBR maturing within 30 calendar days and bonds issued by the CBR. Amounts of deposits placed with the CBR and bonds issued by the CBR are determined on a daily basis within the limits established by decision of the Supervisory Board of NSD. Thus, NSD controls liquidity risk by placement of temporarily available funds in risk–free assets or those exposed to minimal risk.

The liquidity position is controlled on a daily basis in accordance with the internal regulations.

Management expects that the cash flows from certain financial assets will be different from their contractual terms either because NSD has the discretionary ability to manage the cash flows or because past experience indicates that cash flows will differ from contractual terms.

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29. Risk management policies (continued)

In the tables below the financial assets and liabilities are presented on a discounted basis and are based on their expected cash flows.

The presentation below is based upon the information provided internally to key management personnel of NSD.

	Up to 1 month	1 month to 3 months	3 months to 1 year	More 1 year	Maturity undefined	31 Decem- ber 2019 Total
FINANCIAL ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	150 925 527	_	-	_	-	150 925 527
Financial assets at fair value						
through profit or loss	19 615	-	-	-	5 980	25 595
Due from banks	-	-	-	10 000	7 683 668	7 693 668
Financial assets at fair value						
through other comprehensive						
income	20 027 604		-	-	-	20 027 604
Other financial assets	582 845	31 087	-	-	=	613 932
Total financial assets	171 555 591	31 087	-	10 000	7 689 648	179 286 326
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES						
	454 500 050				7 600 660	159 282
Balances of market participants	151 599 053	-	-	-	7 683 669	722
Distributions payable to holders of securities	11 714 145					11 714 145
Other financial liabilities	11 714 145	15 681	54 811	49 028	-	11 714 145 250 712
Other imancial habilities	131 192	15 081	54 811	49 028		250 /12
Total financial liabilities	163 444 390	15 681	54 811	49 028	7 683 669	171 247 579
Liquidity gap	8 111 201	15 406	(54 811)	(39 028)	5 979	
Cumulative liquidity gap	8 111 201	8 126 607	8 071 796	8 032 768	8 038 747	•

As at 31 December 2019 NSD entered into a series of currency swaps with settlements with a maturity of up to 1 month. The analysis of requirements and obligations under such transactions is presented in Note 15.

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29. Risk management policies (continued)

	Up to 1 month	1 month to 3 months	3 months to 1 year	More 1 year	Maturity undefined	31 December 2018 Total
FINANCIAL ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	103 215 579	_	-	_	_	103 215 579
Financial assets at fair value	27.660				12.111	40 774
through profit or loss Due from banks	27 660	_	_	10 000	13 111 8 294 572	40 771 8 304 572
Financial assets at fair value	_	_	_	10 000	0 254 372	8 304 372
through other comprehensive						
income	12 106 377	-	-	-	-	12 106 377
Other financial assets	530 914	-	-	-	-	530 914
Total financial assets	115 880 530	-	-	10 000	8 307 683	124 198 213
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES						
Balances of market participants	84 216 920	-	-	-	8 294 575	92 511 492
Distributions payable to holders						
of securities	24 675 971		-	-	-	24 675 971
Other financial liabilities	90 658	7 187	19 071	17 272	=	134 188
Total financial liabilities	108 983 549	7 187	19 071	17 272	13 111	117 321 651
Liquidity gap	6 896 981	(7 187)	(19 071)	(7 272)	13 111	
Cumulative liquidity gap	6 896 981	6 889 794	6 870 723	6 863 451	6 876 562	

As at 31 December 2018 NSD entered into a series of currency swaps with settlements with a maturity of up to 1 month. The analysis of requirements and obligations under such transactions is presented in Note 15.

Undiscounted cash flows on financial liabilities are approximately equal to cash flows presented in the analysis of liquidity risk above.

Market risk. Market risk is the risk of losses due to changes in market variables such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates, and prices of financial instruments.

Interest rate risk. Interest rate risk is the risk of changes in interest income or the financial instruments price due to the interest rate changes.

NSD's result is exposed to the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates on its financial positions and cash flows. Interest margin may increase, decrease or lead to losses as a result of unexpected movements.

NSD's management is responsible for asset-liability management.

The Risk Management Department are responsible for interest rate risk management.

In order to measure the impact of interest rate risk on the fair value of financial instruments NSD conducts periodic assessments of potential losses, which may be triggered by negative changes in market environment. The Risk Management Department conducts periodic monitoring of the current financial results of NSD, assesses the sensitivity of the impact of interest rate risk on portfolio fair value and income.

The majority of NSD's transactions is represented by fixed income instruments, and hence the contractual maturity dates are also the dates of changes in interest rates.

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29. Risk management policies (continued)

The impact of changes in fair value of financial assets on the income, losses and equity is conducted based on the interest rates existing as at 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018, and reasonably possible changes of 150 bps. Corresponding negative and positive results shown in the following table:

	As at 31 Decem	As at 31 December 2019			
	Net profit	Equity	Net profit	Equity	
150 bp rise	-	(169 880)	-	(164 193)	
150 bp fall	-	175 232	-	167 762	

Currency risk. Currency risk is the risk of changes in financial instruments value due to the exchange rates fluctuations. The financial position and cash flows of NSD are subject to the influence of such fluctuations. The main source of currency risk are open foreign currency positions. NSD maintain control over the currency risk through monitoring of open foreign currency positions.

As at 31 December 2019, NSD had the following positions in different currencies:

	RUB	USD	EUR	Other currencies	31 Decem- ber 2019 Total
ETNANCIAL ACCETO					
FINANCIAL ASSETS: Cash and cash equivalents Financial assets at fair value through	26 151 057	77 039 170	45 865 208	1 870 092	150 925 527
profit or loss	_	_	5 980	_	5 980
Due from banks Financial assets at fair value through	895 014	6 796 253	2 401	-	7 693 668
other comprehensive income Other financial assets	20 027 604 612 985	- 947	-	-	20 027 604 613 932
Total financial assets	47 686 660	83 836 370	45 873 589	1 870 092	179 266 711
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES:					
Balances of market participants Distributions payable to holders of	38 515 501	83 404 028	35 548 642	1 814 551	159 282 722
securities	11 266 166	400 053	-	47 926	11 714 145
Other financial liabilities	180 715	22 492	47 338	167	250 712
Total financial liabilities	49 962 382	83 826 573	35 595 980	1 862 644	171 547 579
Derivatives	10 323 628	-	(10 304 013)	-	19 615
Open position	8 047 906	9 797	(26 404)	7 448	

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29. Risk management policies (continued)

As at 31 December 2018, NSD had the following positions in different currencies:

				Other	31 Decem- ber 2018
	RUB	USD	EUR	currencies	Total
FINANCIAL ASSETS:					
Cash and cash equivalents	29 181 931	56 531 164	17 046 087	456 397	103 215 579
Financial assets at fair value through					
profit or loss	6 551	=	6 560	=	13 111
Due from banks	848 296	7 456 276	-	-	8 304 572
Financial assets at fair value through					
other comprehensive income	12 106 377	-	-	-	12 106 377
Other financial assets	530 548	170	196	-	530 914
Total financial assets	42 673 703	63 987 610	17 052 843	456 397	124 170 553
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES:					
Balances of market participants Distributions payable to holders of	33 746 263	47 697 676	10 626 875	440 678	92 511 492
securities	8 309 386	16 303 753	61 301	1 351	24 675 971
Other financial liabilities	79 322	15 199	38 425	843	133 789
Total financial liabilities	42 134 971	64 016 628	10 726 601	443 052	117 810 791
Derivatives	6 356 441	27 660	(6 356 840)	-	27 261
Open position	6 895 173	(1 358)	(30 598)	13 345	

In addition to projecting and analysing its earnings and debt profile by currency, NSD reviews sensitivities to movements in exchange rates, which are appropriate to market conditions. NSD has considered movements in the Euro and the US Dollar rates over the year ended 31 December 2019 and 2018 and has concluded that the following movements in rates are reasonable levels to measure the risk of NSD:

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018	
Movement in USD/RUB rate	25%	15%	
Movement in EUR/RUB rate	25%	20%	

The following table presents the analysis of NSD's sensitivity to reasonably possible change in the US dollar and euro against the Russian ruble:

	As at 31 Decemb	As at 31 December 2019		
	USD	EUR	USD	EUR
	25%	25%	6%	16%
Ruble appreciation	(1 959)	5 281	(163)	4 896
Ruble depreciation	1 959	(5 281)	163	(4 896)

Limitations of sensitivity analysis. The above tables demonstrate the effect of a change in a key assumption while other assumptions remain unchanged. In reality, there is a correlation between the assumptions and other factors. It should also be noted that these sensitivities might be non–linear thus, the results should not be interpolated or extrapolated.

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29. Risk management policies (continued)

The sensitivity analysis does not take into consideration that NSD's assets and liabilities are actively managed. Additionally NSD's financial position may vary at the time that any actual market movement occurs. For example, NSD's financial risks management strategy is aimed at managing the exposure to market fluctuation. In the event of sharp negative fluctuations of prices on the securities market, management actions could include selling investments, changing trade portfolio structure and taking other protective actions. Consequently, changes in assumptions may have no effect on liabilities while significantly influencing assets recorded at fair value in the statement of financial position. In these circumstances, different measurement bases for assets and liabilities may lead to significant equity fluctuations.

Other limitations of the above sensitivity analysis include the use of hypothetical market movements to demonstrate potential risk that only represent NSD's view of future market changes that cannot be predicted with any certainty. Another assumption is that all interest rates change in a similar way.

Price risk. Price risk is the risk of potential losses as a result of adverse changes in the value of financial instruments.

The basis for assessing price risk is the value of securities that are measured at fair value through profit and loss and available for sale.

The procedure for calculating indicators that characterize the magnitude of price risk is determined by the Financial Risk Assessment Method of NSD, approved by NSD's Executive Board.

If there is a portfolio of securities that are sensitive to changes in market value, a sensitivity analysis is made to the possible changes in market value, which will coincide with the sensitivity of changes in interest rates (Note 29 Interest Rate Risk).

In order to manage price risk, limits on investments in financial market instruments, limits on the maximum loss from investing in financial market instruments and other limits, as appropriate, may be established.

In March 2020, there were significant fluctuations in financial markets, accompanied by a decline in the ruble against major foreign currencies. NSD's management does not expect these events to have a significant impact on the company's financial results.

Operational risk. Operational risk is the risk of direct or indirect losses arising from a wide variety of risk events associated with the internal processes, personnel, technology and infrastructure, and from external factors (other than credit, market and liquidity risks) such as those arising from legal and regulatory requirements and generally accepted standards of corporate behaviour or IT failure.

Effective operational risk management helps to balance mitigation of financial losses and reputation delusion with the overall cost effectiveness and redundant control procedures that restrict initiative and creativity.

NSD's Supervisory Board has overall responsibility for the oversight of operational risk management, reviewing risk management policies and procedures. The risk assessment, reporting and control procedures vary by exposure type, but share a common methodology developed and updated periodically by the risk management personnel.

Both external and internal risk factors are identified and managed throughout the business units within their functional duties. The primary responsibility for the implementation of controls to address operational risk is assigned to management within each business unit.

Operational risk factors include:

- performers error at any stage of the operation, including in manual or automated data processing;
- faults and failures in the hardware and software, i.e. disrupt the normal functioning of computer systems and (or) communication systems supporting the main activities of NSD;
- loss of information, disclosure of confidential information, unauthorized access to information technology resources.

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30. Events after the Reporting Date

In March 2020, there was a significant decline in the exchange rate of the Russian ruble against the main foreign currencies, as well as decline in the market quotes of government bonds of the Russian Federation.

During the period of these fluctuations NSD maintained the value of open currency position at the level of less than 0.5% of the regulatory value of own funds (capital) and did not have the need to sell the government bonds portfolio.

In this regard, management assesses the impact of these events on NSD's financial position as insignificant.