

4FINANCE HOLDING S.A. REPORTS RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021

*Solid FY 2021 performance with net profit of €33.0 million and Adjusted EBITDA of €108.2 million
Growth in net receivables in H2 in both online and banking businesses, driven by strong loan issuance
Medium-term capital structure in place following successful 5-year EUR bond issue*

25 February 2022. 4finance Holding S.A. (the 'Group' or '4finance'), one of Europe's largest digital consumer lending groups, today announces unaudited consolidated results for the twelve months ending 31 December 2021 (the 'Period').

Operational Highlights

- Customer repayment dynamics continue to be good, with fundamental asset quality metrics stable across the business.
- Online loan issuance volume of €221.4 million in Q4 2021, up 16% year-on-year, and closely tracking Q3 levels despite the reintroduction of Covid-related restrictions in most markets in the winter. Demand for credit remained good, with issuance driven by continued strong performance in Poland and further growth in Spain.
- In November, the Group's loan issuance since inception surpassed the €9 billion milestone.
- Near-prime portfolio development aligned with ability to fund those loans via TBI Bank. During 2021, over €20 million of Lithuanian near-prime loans were sold to TBI Bank.
- TBI Bank loan issuance volume during the Period grew by 50% year-on-year to €523.4 million from €349.8 million in the prior year period, with increased issuance in all products.

Financial Highlights

- Interest income of €296.0 million in the Period, down 4% from €307.9 million in the prior year period. Interest income of €80.1 million for the fourth quarter is 4% up QoQ and 13% year-on-year. Interest income from continuing products has grown every quarter since Covid impact in Q2 2020.
- The cost to income ratio for 2021 improved to 55.4% vs 56.9% in the prior year. Cost discipline and operational efficiency remain in focus both in online business as well as at TBI, where the income growth outpaces the increase in costs.
- Good fundamental asset quality indicators, disciplined lending and an active NPL debt sales market resulted in a significant reduction in net impairment charges (down 36% YoY) and cost of risk (9.0% for the Period vs 14.2% in the prior year period).
- Adjusted EBITDA was €108.2 million for the Period, up 44% year-on-year, delivering 37% annual adjusted EBITDA margin vs 24% in the prior year period. The full interest coverage ratio as of the date of this report is 2.6x.
- Post-provision operating profit for the Period was €61.2 million, benefiting from the 36% year-on-year reduction in net impairment charges, with a profit before tax of €52.3 million.
- Net receivables totaled €658.1 million as of 31 December 2021, up 25.0% during the year. During the quarter, TBI Bank grew net receivables another 7% and the online business portfolio increased 1% QoQ.
- Improved overall gross NPL ratio at 11.3% as of 31 December 2021 (12.7% for online), compared with 17.0% as of 31 December 2020 (19.2% for online). TBI NPL ratio has improved significantly at 10.7% as of 31 December 2021, compared with 15.7% as of 31 December 2020.

Liquidity and funding

- Strong liquidity position, with €80.1 million of cash in the online business at the end of the Period.
- Strong capital position at TBI Bank (22.9% capital adequacy ratio) despite continued growth in risk weighted assets. Tier 2 debt is now registered with BNB and is included in capital and liquidity ratios. Use of an updated approach (ASA) to calculating operational risk in Q4 has also improved capital ratios.
- Completion of bond refinancing process in October, with new issue of 5-year EUR bonds raising €175.0 million to redeem the remaining USD 200.0 million bonds. Balanced medium-term capital structure in place, with two bond issues of similar sizes, in euros, maturing in February 2025 and October 2026.

Kieran Donnelly, CEO of 4finance, commented:

“Customer demand for credit accelerated in the second half of the year, taking us past the €9bn loan issuance milestone and helping to deliver our highest EBITDA margin in years. We are emerging from the pandemic with a leaner business, a continued focus on cost efficiency, a robust cash position and secure funding. TBI Bank continues to grow the reach of its business organically, and as a Group we have successfully scaled up sales of near prime loans to the bank.

“I want to thank all our staff for their hard work in delivering these strong operational and financial results. We have good foundations for growth in 2022 as people continue to value a safe, regulated option for convenient credit.”

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Conference call

A conference call with management to discuss these results is scheduled for **Wednesday, 2 March at 15:00 UK time**. To register, please visit www.4finance.com.

The conference call will be recorded for transcription and reference purposes. For those participating in the Q&A session, please note that name and institution details provided in the call registration process may appear in the transcript of the conference call that will be made available at www.4finance.com.

About 4finance

Established in 2008, 4finance is one of Europe’s largest digital consumer lending groups with operations in 9 countries.

Leveraging a high degree of automation and data-driven insights across all aspects of the business, 4finance has grown rapidly, issuing over €9 billion since inception in single payment loans, instalment loans and lines of credit.

4finance operates a portfolio of market leading brands, through which, as a responsible lender, the firm offers simple, convenient and transparent products to millions of customers who are typically underserved by conventional providers.

4finance has group offices in Riga (Latvia), London and Luxembourg, and currently operates in 9 countries in Europe. The Group also offers deposits, in addition to consumer and SME loans through its TBI Bank subsidiary, an EU licensed institution with operations primarily in Bulgaria and Romania.

Forward looking statements

Certain statements in this document are “forward-looking statements”. These statements are based on management's current expectations and are subject to uncertainty and changes in circumstances. Actual results may differ materially from those included in these statements.

Rounding

Some numerical figures included in this report have been subject to rounding adjustments. Accordingly, numerical figures shown for the same category presented in different tables may vary slightly, and numerical figures shown as totals in certain tables may not be an arithmetic aggregation of the figures that precede them.

Inside information

This announcement contains inside information as stipulated under the Market Abuse Regulation.

	Year Ended 31 December 2021	Year Ended 31 December 2020	Year Ended 31 December 2019
Capitalisation			
Net receivables (€m) ⁽¹⁾	658.1	526.4	578.9
Total assets (€m)	1,057.5	949.7	973.1
Total equity (€m)	177.9	150.0	165.8
Equity / assets	16.8%	15.8%	17.0%
Tangible common equity / tangible assets ⁽²⁾	13.6%	11.6%	10.9%
Equity / net receivables ⁽³⁾	27.0%	28.5%	28.6%
Adjusted interest coverage ⁽⁴⁾	2.6x	1.8x	2.4x
TBI Bank consolidated capital adequacy ⁽⁵⁾	22.9%	19.4%	18.9%
Profitability			
Net interest margin: ⁽⁶⁾			
- Online	65.7 %	60.3 %	81.3 %
- TBI Bank	22.9 %	24.0 %	24.8 %
- Overall group	37.1 %	39.7 %	54.5 %
Cost / income ratio ⁽⁷⁾	55.4 %	56.9 %	51.3 %
Post-provision operating profit margin ⁽⁸⁾	20.7 %	7.0 %	15.2 %
Normalised Profit before tax margin ⁽⁹⁾	18.2 %	2.2 %	11.4 %
Normalised Return on average equity ⁽¹⁰⁾	21.1 %	(10.1)%	16.1 %
Normalised Return on average assets ⁽¹¹⁾	3.5 %	(1.7)%	2.6 %
Asset quality			
Cost of risk: ⁽¹²⁾			
- Online	15.4 %	24.2 %	27.5 %
- TBI Bank	5.7 %	6.1 %	4.6 %
- Overall group	9.0 %	14.2 %	17.1 %
Net impairment / interest income ⁽¹³⁾	21.2 %	31.7 %	29.0 %
Gross NPL ratio: ⁽¹⁴⁾			
- Online	12.7 %	19.2 %	24.9 %
- TBI Bank	10.7 %	15.7 %	16.2 %
- Overall group	11.3 %	17.0 %	20.7 %
Overall group NPL coverage ratio ⁽¹⁵⁾	108.9 %	106.0 %	102.0 %
Loan loss reserve / gross receivables, %	12.3 %	18.1 %	21.1 %

Definitions and Notes below. For further definitions please see the appendix. For quarterly asset quality ratios please see page 18.

Normalised ratios are adjusted to remove the effect of non-recurring items, net FX and one-off adjustments to intangible assets.

(1) Gross receivables (including accrued interest) less impairment provisions

(2) Tangible equity is Total Equity less Intangible Assets. Tangible Assets are Total Assets less Intangible Assets

(3) Total equity / net customer receivables (including accrued interest)

(4) Adjusted EBITDA / interest expense for the relevant period (n.b. not equal to the full covenant coverage ratio calculation)

(5) TBI Bank (Tier One Capital + Tier Two Capital) / Risk weighted assets (calculated according to the prevailing regulations of the BNB)

(6) Annualised net interest income / average gross loan principal

(7) Operating costs / operating income (revenue)

(8) Post-provision operating profit (which does not include non-recurring items, net FX and D&A) / interest income

(9) Profit before tax / interest income

(10) Annualised profit from continuing operations / average equity (total equity as of the start and end of each period divided by two)

(11) Annualised profit from continuing operations / average assets (total assets as of the start and end of each period divided by two)

(12) Annualised net impairment charges / average gross receivables (total gross receivables as of the start and end of each period divided by two)

(13) Net impairment charges on loans and receivables / interest income

(14) Non-performing receivables (including accrued interest) with a delay of over 90 days / gross receivables (including accrued interest)

(15) Overall receivables allowance account / non-performing receivables

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Income Statement

The table below sets out the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss for the twelve months ending 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2020. Additional reference information on the historic quarterly development of our income statement is shown in the appendix. Please note that non-recurring, net FX and D&A items are shown lower down the income statement to better reflect operating results.

	12 months to 31 December		
	2021 (unaudited)	2020 (unaudited)	% change
	<i>(in millions of €)</i>		
Interest Income	296.0	307.9	(4) %
Interest Expense	(47.5)	(50.1)	(5) %
Net Interest Income	248.5	257.9	(4) %
Net F&C Income	19.8	8.9	+122 %
Other operating income	9.6	10.3	(7) %
Non-Interest Income	29.4	19.2	+53 %
Operating Income (Revenue)	277.9	277.1	0 %
Total operating costs	(153.9)	(157.7)	(2) %
Pre-provision operating profit	124.0	119.4	+4 %
Net impairment charges	(62.8)	(97.7)	(36) %
Post-provision operating profit	61.2	21.7	+182 %
Depreciation and amortisation	(7.2)	(14.9)	(51) %
Non-recurring income/(expense)	3.0	2.3	+26 %
Net FX gain/(loss)	(3.7)	(5.7)	(36) %
One-off adjustments to intangible assets	(1.0)	(3.9)	(74) %
Profit/(loss) before tax	52.3	(0.4)	nm
Income tax expense	(19.3)	(24.6)	(22) %
Net profit/(loss) after tax	33.0	(25.0)	nm

Interest income

The table below shows key drivers of interest income, *i.e.* business volumes and interest rates.

	12 months to 31 December		
	2021	2020	% change
	<i>(in millions of €, except percentages)</i>		
Online lending			
Total value of loan principal issued	836.2	728.8	+15 %
Average net receivables, of which:	184.6	220.1	(16) %
- Principal	176.2	204.4	
- Accrued interest	8.4	15.7	
Annualised interest income yield on net portfolio ⁽¹⁾	106 %	104 %	
Interest income from online lending	186.1	212.2	(12) %
Banking operations			
Average net receivables, of which:	407.7	332.6	+23 %
- Principal	398.4	324.2	
- Accrued interest	9.3	8.4	
Annualised interest income yield on net portfolio ⁽¹⁾	28 %	30 %	
Interest income from banking operations ⁽²⁾	109.9	95.7	+15 %

Notes: (1) Yields are based on interest income divided by average net loan principal only

(2) See appendix for full TBI Bank income statement

Interest income for the Period was €296.0 million, a 4% decrease compared with €307.9 million for the twelve months ending 31 December 2020. The reduction in interest income from online lending was 12%, reflecting the 16% decrease in the

average balance of net receivables and a lower average interest yield. Quarterly interest income from current online markets has increased by 4% QoQ.

TBI Bank's loan book has continued to grow, particularly in Romania, with an increase of 23% in average net receivables year-on-year. Its consumer lending (cash lending, point-of-sale lending and credit cards) has average product APRs between 20% and 50% and SME loans with average interest rates of approximately 8-16% p.a.. TBI Bank also generates separate income, which is reported in either the 'net fee and commission' and 'other operating income' lines.

Interest expense

Interest expense for the Period was €47.5 million, a decrease of 5% compared with €50.1 million for the twelve months ending 31 December 2020. The lower interest expense year-on-year reflects the bond buybacks since the start of 2020, partly offset by the growth in deposits at TBI Bank. The one-off gains from bond buybacks at a discount, and other accounting impacts from the bond refinancing in 2021, are reflected in the 'non-recurring income/expense' line to show a more consistent 'interest expense' result.

Non-interest income

Non-interest income for the period was €29.4 million, a 53% increase compared with €19.2 million reported for the twelve months ending 31 December 2020. The net fee and commission income generated by TBI Bank, primarily fees from insurance sales to its customers, was up 122% year-on-year. Other operating income is mainly derived from related party loans.

Total operating costs

Total operating costs reported for the Period were €153.9 million, a 2% decrease compared with €157.7 million reported for the twelve months ending 31 December 2020. The year-on-year decrease reflects an ongoing focus on cost discipline, the wind-downs of certain products/markets and the Group's response to Covid. Savings in the online business were achieved year-on-year in all cost categories, with the only slight increase in marketing expenses. Overall personnel spend was 3% below that in 2020, with growth in TBI and reductions of over 17% in online. IT expenses in the period were 22% lower year-on-year, reflecting optimisation of costs and structure. Marketing spend was increased year-on-year, with further investment in Q4 which is a seasonally important quarter. Costs in TBI Bank were 19% up year-on-year, in line with its business growth and investment in strategic initiatives.

The table below sets out a breakdown of the Group's total operating costs. Depreciation and amortisation amounts, which include some rental lease amounts per IFRS 16, are shown as a separate line on the income statement.

	12 months to 31 December	
	2021	2020
	<i>(in millions of €)</i>	
Personnel costs	80.1	82.3
Marketing and sponsorship	29.8	26.2
IT expenses (including R&D)	11.6	14.8
Legal and consulting	9.3	7.8
Application processing costs	4.4	5.2
Communication expenses	3.8	4.0
Taxes	1.9	1.8
Bank services	3.1	3.3
Debt collection costs	2.3	3.5
Rent and utilities	1.5	1.8
Travel	0.9	1.0
Other	5.3	6.1
Total	153.9	157.7
- TBI Bank	57.9	48.4
- 4finance 'online' business	96.0	109.3
Total Employees		
- Online	710	865
- TBI Bank	1,592	1,432
- Overall group	2,302	2,297

For the twelve months of 2021 and 2020, marketing and sponsorship costs accounted for 19% and 17% respectively, and personnel costs accounted for 52% and 52%, respectively, of total operating costs. The cost to income ratio for the Period was 55.4%, a decrease from 56.9% for the prior year period, driven by the reduced operating costs year-on-year and a pick-up in revenue in H2 2021.

Net impairment charges on loans and receivables

Net impairment charges for the Period were €62.8 million, compared with €97.7 million for the twelve months ending 31 December 2020. Gross impairment charges reduced significantly vs twelve months ending 31 December 2020 reflecting better asset quality indicators across the business and the lower average balance of receivables in the online segment. The external debt sale market normalised during 2021, allowing a return to the Group's standard strategy of 'forward flow' and ad hoc debt sales for its non-performing loans. This contributed to strong net gains on portfolio sales in the Period (mainly in Q1) and also lower regular impairments on portfolios where forward flow agreements have been established. Whilst some debt sales were made in Q4, the group opted to reschedule certain sales (eg in Poland and Denmark) until the new year.

	12 months to 31 December	
	2021	2020
	<i>(in millions of €)</i>	
Impairment charges on loans	91.0	121.0
Over provision on debt portfolio (portfolio sale net gains)	(17.5)	(11.6)
Recovery from written-off loans	(10.7)	(11.7)
Net impairment charges	62.8	97.7

Overall net impairment charges represented 21% of interest income for the Period, a substantial decrease from 32% last year, helping the Group's overall margin profile. The net impairment charges for the online business compared to average online gross receivables, *i.e.* cost of risk, decreased to 15% in the Period from 24% last year. The increased cost of risk ratio in the second half of 2021 reflected a normalisation compared to the relatively low ratios reported in H1, an increase in loan issuance to new-to-business customers and the timing of certain debt sales.

Non-recurring income/(expense) and IT intangible asset adjustments

For the fourth quarter, the Group had net non-recurring expense of €1.8 million. This included €1.0 million non-cash write-offs of IT intangible assets, mainly in connection with the decision to cease new lending in Denmark, and a €1.6 million technical accounting expense from USD bond derecognition when this was repaid.

Net FX gain/(loss)

Foreign exchange movements resulted in a net loss of €3.7 million for the Period, mainly from PLN and RON depreciation as well as USD appreciation against EUR. In the prior year period there was a net FX loss of €5.7 million.

Profit/(loss) before tax

For the reasons stated above, the Group made a profit before tax for the Period of €52.3 million, compared with a loss of €0.4 million for the twelve months ending 31 December 2020.

Corporate income tax

The Group's corporate income tax expense was €19.3 million for the Period, compared with €24.6 million for the twelve months ending 31 December 2020. The following table sets out a breakdown of the Group's corporate income tax. The Q4 charge includes provision in Poland for payments of €2.4 million which must be made in order to proceed with an appeal against the findings of a historic tax audit. Ultimately, the Group does not expect to be liable for the tax.

	12 months to 31 December	
	2021	2020
	<i>(in millions of €)</i>	
Current tax	12.9	10.6
Deferred tax	6.4	14.0
Total	19.3	24.6

Profit/(loss) for the period

For the reasons stated above, the profit for the Period was €33.0 million, compared with a loss of €25.0 million for the twelve months ending 31 December 2020.

Other financial data – EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA

	Year Ended 31 December 2021	Year Ended 31 December 2020	Year Ended 31 December 2019
	<i>(in millions of €)</i>		
Profit/(loss) for the period	33.0	(25.0)	28.4
Income tax expense	19.3	24.6	22.3
Interest expense	47.5	50.1	56.8
Depreciation and amortisation	7.2	14.9	16.5
EBITDA	107.0	64.5	124.0
Adjustments	1.2	10.5	(0.3)
Adjusted EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	108.2	75.0	123.7

	Year Ended 31 December 2021	Year Ended 31 December 2020	Year Ended 31 December 2019
	<i>(in millions of €)</i>		
Summary breakdown of Adjustments to EBITDA			
Net FX impact	3.7	5.7	(4.8)
One-off costs and other prescribed adjustments	(3.4)	0.9	3.0
One-off write-down of intangible assets	1.0	3.9	1.5
Total	1.2	10.5	(0.3)

Other financial data – Interest Coverage Ratio

The calculation of the interest coverage ratio for the Group's bonds is shown below. For further details on methodology, please refer to the Q2 2020 results report. The covenants are on an 'incurrence' rather than 'maintenance' basis, so the ratio having been below the 2.0x incurrence threshold in some prior periods only restricted certain specified actions (such as dividend payments or allowed parameters of incurrence of indebtedness).

	As of the date of this report (in millions of €)
Pro-forma last 4 quarters Adjusted EBITDA	108.3
Pro-forma last 4 quarters Fixed Charges	41.5
Bond covenant interest coverage ratio	2.6x

Note: (1) Adjusted EBITDA is a non-IFRS measure that represents EBITDA (profit for the period plus tax, plus interest expense, plus depreciation and amortisation) as adjusted by income/loss from discontinued operations, non-cash gains and losses attributable to movement in the mark-to-market valuation of hedging obligations under IFRS, goodwill write-offs and certain other one-off or non-cash items. Adjusted EBITDA, as presented in this report, may not be comparable to similarly-titled measures that are reported by other companies due to differences in the way these measures are calculated. Additional limitations prescribed in the EUR 2026 bonds limiting TBI Bank contribution to Adjusted EBITDA not reflected here.

Balance Sheet

The table below sets out the Group's condensed consolidated statement of its financial position.

	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
	<i>(in millions of €)</i>	
Cash and cash equivalents, of which:	180.0	154.2
- Online	80.1	80.5
- TBI bank	99.9	73.6
Placements with other banks	16.9	10.3
Gross receivables due from customers	750.7	642.5
Allowance for impairment	(92.5)	(116.1)
Net receivables due from customers, of which:	658.1	526.4
- Principal	640.0	509.1
- Accrued Interest	18.1	17.3
Net investments in finance leases	2.0	4.2
Net loans to related parties	59.0	59.3
Property and equipment	18.1	17.1
Financial investments	52.8	81.3
Prepaid expenses	3.5	4.1
Tax assets	5.8	18.7
Deferred tax assets	12.5	18.6
Intangible IT assets	11.5	10.1
Goodwill	15.9	15.9
Other assets	21.4	29.4
Total assets	1,057.5	949.7
Loans and borrowings	313.0	325.9
Deposits from customers	482.1	383.2
Deposits from banks	6.7	16.0
Income tax liabilities	4.3	3.1
Other liabilities	73.6	71.5
Total liabilities	879.6	799.7
Share capital	35.8	35.8
Retained earnings	169.8	140.6
Reserves	(27.7)	(26.4)
Total equity	177.9	150.0
Total shareholders' equity and liabilities	1,057.5	949.7

Assets

The Group had total assets of €1,057.5 million as of 31 December 2021, compared with €949.7 million as of 31 December 2020. The main changes during the Period were increase in net receivables due from customers, cash and cash equivalents, and placements with other banks at TBI Bank and decrease in Financial investments.

Loan portfolio

As of 31 December 2021, the Group's net receivables equaled €658.1 million, compared with €526.4 million as of 31 December 2020, representing an increase of €131.7 million, or 25%, with the majority of growth coming from the bank. TBI Bank contributed €463.8 million of net receivables, including fair value adjustments. Further information on the TBI Bank portfolio is available in the appendix, including its finance leases which are shown as a separate balance sheet line item.

The following section includes a summary of the Group's overall loan portfolio, both online (mainly funded outside of TBI Bank) and banking (funded by TBI Bank). Additional reference information on the historic quarterly development of our online portfolio, split by product, is also shown in the appendix.

Overview of the Group's loan portfolio

The following table sets out the classification of the Group's loan portfolio in terms of performing and non-performing loans (*i.e.* those more than 90 days past due). The 'online' figures in this section as of 31 December 2021 include €21.1 million of net receivables owned by TBI Bank (€2.7 million as of 31 December 2020), *i.e.* the Group's Bulgarian online lending business and Polish & Lithuanian receivables sold to the bank.

	31 December 2021				31 December 2020			
	Gross Amount	Impairment allowance	Net Amount	% of Gross Amount	Gross Amount	Impairment allowance	Net Amount	% of Gross Amount
	(in millions of €, except percentages)				(in millions of €, except percentages)			
Online originated receivables								
Performing	206.4	(18.8)	187.7	87.3 %	193.1	(21.6)	171.5	80.8 %
Non-performing ⁽¹⁾	29.9	(23.2)	6.7	12.7 %	46.0	(42.8)	3.3	19.2 %
Online total	236.3	(42.0)	194.4	100.0 %	239.1	(64.4)	174.8	100.0 %
Of which, funded at TBI Bank	22.5	(1.4)	21.1		4.8	(2.1)	2.7	
TBI Bank receivables								
Performing	459.3	(19.2)	440.1	89.3 %	339.9	(14.8)	325.1	84.3 %
Non-performing ⁽¹⁾	55.0	(31.4)	23.7	10.7 %	63.5	(36.9)	26.6	15.7 %
TBI Bank total	514.3	(50.6)	463.8	100.0 %	403.4	(51.7)	351.7	100.0 %
Overall receivables								
Performing	665.7	(38.0)	627.7	88.7 %	533.0	(36.4)	496.6	83.0 %
Non-performing ⁽¹⁾	85.0	(54.6)	30.4	11.3 %	109.5	(79.7)	29.8	17.0 %
Overall total	750.7	(92.5)	658.1	100.0 %	642.5	(116.1)	526.4	100.0 %

Note: (1) Non-performing amounts are over 90 days past due (and, for TBI Bank, shown on a customer level basis)

Online loan portfolio by product

This section presents further detail on the online portfolio and classification by product. The following table shows the Group's performing online gross loan portfolio by product. The Near Prime classification includes the Group's lower APR instalment loan products in Latvia, Lithuania and Denmark.

	31 December 2021		31 December 2020	
	Amount	% of Portfolio	Amount	% of Portfolio
Online performing gross portfolio by product:	(in millions of €, except percentages)			
Single Payment Loans	91.4	44.3 %	76.6	39.7 %
Minimum to pay	29.6	14.4 %	24.8	12.9 %
Instalment Loans	30.6	14.8 %	44.4	23.0 %
Near Prime ⁽¹⁾	54.7	26.5 %	47.2	24.5 %
Total online gross performing portfolio	206.4	100.0 %	193.1	100.0 %

Notes: (1) Includes the Group's lower APR instalment loan products in Latvia (Vivus), Lithuania (Vivus) and Denmark (Vivus)

Online non-performing loan portfolio

As of 31 December 2021, the Group's non-performing online portfolio was €29.9 million, a decrease of €16.1 million since 31 December 2020. The gross NPL ratio was 12.7% for online receivables as of 31 December 2021, compared to 19.2% as of 31 December 2020. The NPL ratio has reduced year-on-year as a result of increased new loan issuance, debt sales and improvement in the asset quality of the portfolio.

The Group accrues interest whilst it is probable it will be received (typically up to 90 DPD for instalment loans). Non-performing accrued interest was €3.2 million, or 11%, of non-performing receivables. Penalties and delay fees are not accrued as receivables and are only recognised as income when payment is received.

The following table sets out an analysis of the Group's online NPL receivables by product.

	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
	<i>(in millions of €, except percentages)</i>	
Non-performing online portfolio by product:		
Single Payment Loans	20.1	19.9
Minimum to pay	2.9	9.8
Instalment Loans	4.3	13.0
Near Prime	2.6	3.3
Total non-performing online portfolio	29.9	46.0
Allowance for NPL receivables / non-performing receivables	78 %	93 %
Overall receivables allowance / NPL receivables	140 %	140 %
Average Loss Given Default rate	61 %	74 %

Other assets

A breakdown of the Group's other assets is presented in the table below. The 'derivative' and 'FX hedging - funds on margin' lines relate mainly to the Group's EUR/PLN and EUR/CZK currency hedges (and USD/EUR for year end 2020).

	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
	<i>(in millions of €)</i>	
Receivables from suppliers	5.0	3.3
Non-current assets held for sale	4.7	3.9
Investments in associates	1.4	2.1
Derivatives	2.1	2.1
Security deposits	0.9	0.9
FX hedging - funds on margin	0.5	12.3
Other non-customer receivables	6.9	4.8
Total	21.4	29.4

Liabilities

The Group had total liabilities of €879.6 million as of 31 December 2021, compared with €799.7 million as of 31 December 2020, representing an increase of €79.9 million.

Loans and borrowings

As of 31 December 2021, the Group had loans and borrowings of €313.0 million, compared with €325.9 million as of 31 December 2020. The Group's loans and borrowings accounted for 36% of total liabilities as of 31 December 2021 and 41% of total liabilities as of 31 December 2020. The following table sets out the loans and borrowings by type.

In October 2021 the Group's USD bonds were refinanced with a new issue of 5-year EUR bonds. The Group also closed out its USD/EUR hedges alongside the refinancing. The Group currently holds €10.6 million of its EUR 2026 bonds and €0.9m of its EUR 2025 bonds in treasury.

	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
	<i>(in millions of €)</i>	
EUR 2026 bonds	159.0	—
EUR 2025 bonds	143.8	143.9
USD bonds	—	181.9
Other	10.1	0.1
Total loans and borrowings ⁽¹⁾	313.0	325.9

Note: (1) Includes accrued but unpaid interest, net of capitalised issuance costs and Notes owned by the Group

In May 2016, 4finance S.A. issued €100.0 million of 11.25% 5 year notes (the '*EUR 2025 bonds*'). The EUR bonds are listed on the Prime Standard regulated market segment of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange. In November 2016, a further €50.0 million of EUR bonds were issued at par. Following a bondholder vote, in August 2021 the maturity of the EUR bonds was extended to February 2025, with other changes including a call structure that declines to par over time (currently 104%) and interest to become payable quarterly from November 2021 onwards.

In October 2021, 4finance S.A. issued €175.0 million of 10.75% 5 year notes (the '*EUR 2026 bonds*'). The bonds are intended to be listed on the Oslo Stock Exchange and will mature in October 2026. The proceeds from the new issue were used to repay the Group's outstanding \$200 million USD bonds.

Customer deposits

As of 31 December 2021, the Group had total customer deposits of €482.1 million, all of which are now at TBI Bank, at an average all-in cost of approximately 1.6%. The 4spar deposit business in Sweden was closed in Q4 2021 in line with local regulations. Further details of TBI Bank's deposits are presented in the appendix.

Other liabilities

A breakdown of the Group's other liabilities is presented in the table below.

	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
	<i>(in millions of €, except percentages)</i>	
Accrued expenses	20.5	13.4
Lease liabilities (IFRS 16)	10.2	9.6
Accounts payable to suppliers	6.6	6.9
FX hedging liability	3.8	10.6
Taxes payable	3.1	7.0
Provisions for unused vacations	1.8	2.0
Other liabilities	27.6	22.0
Total	73.6	71.5

Equity

As of 31 December 2021, the Group's total equity amounted to €177.9 million, compared with €150.0 million as of 31 December 2020, representing an increase of €27.9 million, or 19%. The Group's equity to assets ratio as of 31 December 2021 was 17%.

The equity to net receivables ratio as of 31 December 2021 was 27%, reflecting the Group's strong capitalisation, with good headroom to bond covenants.

Off-balance sheet arrangements

The Group's total off-balance sheet commitments as of 31 December 2021 were €53.3 million. This represents TBI Bank's undrawn lending commitments of €53.0 million and financial guarantees €0.2 million. The Group no longer has any material Line of Credit products with undrawn limits in its online business. The Group also enters into currency hedging transactions which may result in additional off-balance sheet assets or liabilities, but are designed to limit overall exposure to currency movements.

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the Period

	12 months to 31 December	
	2021	2020
	<i>(in millions of €)</i>	
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit /(loss) before taxes	52.3	(0.4)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and amortisation	7.3	14.8
Impairment of goodwill and intangible assets	(0.4)	0.6
Net loss on foreign exchange from borrowings and other monetary items	11.3	(4.5)
Impairment losses on loans	91.0	121.0
Reversal of provision on debt portfolio sales	(17.6)	(11.6)
Write-off and disposal of intangible and property and equipment assets	0.7	4.7
Interest income from non-customers loans	(7.5)	(8.1)
Interest expense on loans and borrowings and deposits from customers	47.4	50.1
Non-recurring finance (income)	(5.1)	(11.3)
Other non-cash items, including gain/loss on disposals	(1.8)	5.2
Profit before adjustments for the effect of changes to current assets and short-term liabilities	177.5	160.6
Adjustments for:		
Change in financial instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	(3.1)	7.4
(Increase) in other assets (including TBI statutory reserve, placements & leases)	(17.6)	(4.3)
Increase / (Decrease) in accounts payable to suppliers, contractors and other creditors	10.6	(8.9)
Operating cash flow before movements in portfolio and deposits	167.4	154.7
Increase in loans due from customers	(240.7)	(92.1)
Proceeds from sale of portfolio	35.8	28.0
Increase in deposits (customer and bank deposits)	90.3	63.9
Deposit interest payments	(7.9)	(5.6)
Gross cash flows from operating activities	44.9	149.0
Corporate income tax (paid), net of refunds received	(1.4)	(15.0)
Net cash flows from operating activities	43.5	133.9
Cash flows used in investing activities		
Purchase of property and equipment and intangible assets	(5.8)	(6.5)
Net cash from (Purchase) / Sale of financial instruments	24.4	(21.2)
Other loans issued	(1.9)	—
Interest received from related parties	7.0	9.2
Disposal of subsidiaries, net of cash disposed	(0.4)	(1.0)
(Acquisition) / Sale of equity investments	5.0	(1.4)
Acquisition of non-controlling interests	—	(0.4)
Net cash flows from / (used in) investing activities	28.3	(21.2)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Loans received and notes issued	10.0	0.1
Repayment and repurchase of loans and notes	(32.8)	(35.3)
Interest payments	(33.1)	(39.7)
Costs of notes issuance/amendment	(5.5)	(1.0)
FX hedging margin	7.1	(11.0)
Payment of lease liabilities	(3.8)	(4.2)
Net cash flows used in financing activities	(58.0)	(91.0)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	13.8	21.7
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	120.6	98.5
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash	(0.2)	0.4
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	134.2	120.6
TBI Bank minimum statutory reserve	45.8	33.6
Total cash on hand and cash at central banks	180.0	154.2

Net cash flows from operating activities in the Period were €43.5 million, less than €133.9 million in the same period last year, mainly due to significantly higher levels of net loan issuance. Net cash flows from investing activities were €28.3 million in the Period, mainly due to sale and purchase of financial instruments and sale of equity investments. The Group's cash flows used in financing activities include the repurchases of its bonds, issue of subordinated debt by TBI Bank and net cash from FX hedging. The bond refinancing in Q4 essentially replaced USD 200 million bonds with EUR 175 million bonds with minimal net cash flow.

TBI Bank Appendix: Income Statement, Balance Sheet and Key Ratios

The Group finalised the purchase of TBI Bank EAD ('TBI Bank'), via the acquisition of TBIF Financial Services B.V., in August 2016. Presented here for illustration and reference are TBI Bank's results for the twelve months ending 31 December 2021 and twelve months ending 31 December 2020.

Income statement

The table below sets out the consolidated income statement for TBI Bank, presented on the same basis as the Group's income statement for ease of comparison.

	12 months to 31 December	
	2021	2020
	<i>(in millions of €)</i>	
Interest Income	109.7	93.5
Interest Expense	(6.9)	(4.9)
Net Interest Income	102.8	88.6
Net F&C Income	19.8	9.1
Other operating income	2.2	1.6
Non-Interest Income	22.0	10.7
Operating Income	124.8	99.3
Total operating costs	(58.7)	(49.2)
Pre-provision operating profit	66.1	50.1
Net impairment charges	(26.1)	(22.9)
Post-provision operating profit	40.0	27.2
Depreciation and amortisation	(3.6)	(2.0)
Non-recurring income/(expense)	1.4	0.9
Net FX gain/(loss)	(1.8)	(2.8)
Pre-tax profit	36.0	23.2
Income tax expense	(5.7)	(3.8)
Net profit after tax	30.3	19.3

Balance sheet

The table below sets out the statement of financial position for TBI Bank. For the purpose of consolidation with the Group's balance sheet, the fair values assessed as part of the Group's updated goodwill calculation under IFRS are used, rather than the book values presented below.

	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
	<i>(in millions of €)</i>	
Cash and cash equivalents	106.5	75.3
Placements with other banks	16.9	10.3
Gross receivables due from customers	541.7	405.9
Allowance for impairment	(51.9)	(52.6)
Net receivables due from customers	489.8	353.3
Net investments in finance leases	2.6	4.9
Property and equipment	12.1	10.6
Financial assets	54.6	80.8
Tax assets	1.6	2.0
Prepaid expenses	1.8	1.4
Intangible assets	8.5	6.6
Other assets	15.7	10.5
Total assets	709.9	555.6
Loans and borrowings	10.1	0.0
Deposits from customers	488.6	374.9
Deposits from banks	6.7	16.0
Corporate income tax payable	0.8	—
Other liabilities	39.4	29.2
Total liabilities	545.7	420.1
Share capital	41.7	41.7
Retained earnings	123.2	92.5
Reserves	(0.7)	1.2
Total equity	164.2	135.4
Total shareholders' equity and liabilities	709.9	555.6

Financial assets include mainly government and other bonds held by TBI Bank for liquidity management purposes. These balances were reduced in Q4 to support growth in customer receivables.

Loan portfolio

Below are TBI Bank's receivables, including accrued interest, split by consumer and SME customers.

	31 December 2021	31 December 2020	% Change
	<i>(in millions of €)</i>		
Gross receivables by type			
Consumer	449.8	333.8	35 %
SME (including financial leases)	94.9	77.3	23 %
Total gross receivables	544.6	411.1	32 %
Provisions	(52.2)	(53.0)	(2) %
Total net receivables	492.4	358.1	38 %

As of 31 December 2021, consumer loans made up 83% of TBI Bank's gross loans (81% as of 31 December 2020). Of the overall net loan portfolio, 61% comes from Romania and 35% from Bulgaria, with the remainder from purchased online portfolios (Lithuania & Poland).

The non-performing receivables ratios for the Period by loan type are shown below.

	Consumer	SME (incl. leases)	Overall
Non-performing receivables to gross receivables ratio	10.7 %	16.0 %	11.7 %
Provision coverage ⁽¹⁾	107.7 %	24.4 %	86.6 %

Note: (1) In addition to provisions, the SME receivables are backed by collateral with average loan-to-value of c.50%.

Customer deposits

TBI Bank's customer deposits and current accounts by client and type are shown below.

	31 December 2021	31 December 2020	% Change
	<i>(in millions of €)</i>		
Customer accounts of consumers	436.7	341.4	28 %
- Current accounts	49.2	33.1	48 %
- Term deposits	387.5	308.3	26 %
Customer accounts of SMEs	52.0	33.4	55 %
- Current accounts	28.6	17.9	60 %
- Term deposits	23.4	15.5	50 %

TBI Bank increased deposits and liquidity again in Q4 2021 to support business growth. The average interest rate paid on term deposits varies by type and currency, ranging from 0.05% to 4.0%. Deposit costs (excluding the state deposit guarantee fund annual charge) were 1.4% for the Period.

Capital and liquidity ratios

TBI Bank continues to have a strong capital and liquidity position. The table below shows TBI Bank's statutory capital and liquidity ratios as of 31 December 2021. The bank's inaugural Tier 2 issuance in July 2021 was registered with the BNB in Q4, so it is now included in formal capital for these ratios. The approach to calculating risk weighted assets for operational risk was updated in Q4, moving to the Alternative Standardised Approach method, which reduced RWA usage. The Bulgarian National Bank's minimum capital adequacy ratio requirement applicable for TBI Bank is 14.75%.

	Standalone	Consolidated
Common equity Tier 1 ratio	22.9 %	22.9 %
Capital adequacy ratio	22.9 %	22.9 %
Liquidity ratio	32.5 %	
Liquidity coverage ratio	318.3 %	376.0 %

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For ease of reference, a summary income statement by quarter is presented below.

Income statement

<i>(in millions of €)</i>	Q4 2019	Q1 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2020	Q4 2020	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Q3 2021	Q4 2021
Interest Income	104.8	96.6	70.4	70.3	70.6	69.4	69.3	77.2	80.1
Interest Expense	(13.0)	(13.1)	(12.5)	(12.3)	(12.2)	(12.2)	(11.9)	(11.9)	(11.5)
Net Interest Income	91.9	83.5	57.9	58.0	58.4	57.2	57.4	65.3	68.6
Net F&C Income	2.8	2.4	1.5	2.7	2.3	3.0	3.7	6.2	6.9
Other operating income	2.3	2.3	2.7	2.9	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.4
Non-Interest Income	5.2	4.7	4.2	5.6	4.8	5.4	6.1	8.5	9.4
Operating Income	97.0	88.2	62.2	63.6	63.2	62.6	63.5	73.8	77.9
Total operating costs	(49.4)	(46.7)	(39.8)	(36.5)	(34.7)	(36.9)	(37.7)	(38.6)	(40.7)
Pre-provision operating profit	47.6	41.5	22.4	27.0	28.5	25.8	25.8	35.2	37.2
Net impairment charges	(30.5)	(31.2)	(26.4)	(21.1)	(19.0)	(12.2)	(12.2)	(16.9)	(21.5)
Post-provision operating profit	17.1	10.3	(4.0)	6.0	9.5	13.6	13.7	18.3	15.6
Depreciation and amortisation	(4.9)	(3.2)	(3.8)	(3.8)	(4.1)	(1.8)	(1.7)	(1.7)	(2.0)
Non-recurring income/(expense)	(0.8)	(3.5)	6.1	1.8	(2.1)	0.7	(0.1)	3.2	(0.9)
Net FX	2.0	(3.4)	(0.6)	(2.9)	1.1	(2.7)	0.9	(0.5)	(1.2)
One-off adj. of intangible assets	(1.1)	—	—	(0.6)	(3.2)	—	—	—	(1.0)
Pre-tax profit	12.3	0.2	(2.4)	0.5	1.2	9.7	12.7	19.3	10.6
Income tax expense	(4.9)	(2.7)	(4.6)	(6.6)	(10.8)	(4.1)	(4.0)	(5.5)	(5.7)
Net profit after tax	7.4	(2.5)	(6.9)	(6.1)	(9.5)	5.6	8.7	13.8	4.9
EBITDA	30.2	16.5	14.0	16.5	17.5	23.7	26.4	32.9	24.0
Adjusted EBITDA	30.0	23.3	10.0	18.8	23.0	25.1	26.2	29.8	27.2

Loan issuance

(in millions of €)

Total value of online loans issued	238.5	214.4	139.2	184.7	190.4	189.6	200.0	225.3	221.4
Single Payment Loans ⁽¹⁾	162.3	148.3	92.2	138.3	150.3	152.9	162.7	180.5	182.5
Instalment Loans	21.2	16.7	8.2	16.7	13.7	12.2	13.5	18.3	14.6
Near-prime Loans	8.4	11.2	10.7	13.2	11.7	10.4	9.1	9.1	9.8
Minimum to pay	46.6	38.2	28.1	16.6	14.8	14.1	14.7	17.3	14.5
Total value of TBI Bank loans issued	103.3	77.1	73.1	94.8	104.7	109.6	120.6	146.5	146.7
SME	13.4	8.7	6.3	14.4	15.3	19.2	18.9	23.2	19.3
Consumer	89.8	68.4	66.8	80.4	89.4	90.4	101.7	123.3	127.5

Notes: (1) Includes vivus.bg online business in Bulgaria.

Loan portfolio (receivables, including accrued interest)

(in millions of €)	Q1 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2020	Q4 2020	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Q3 2021	Q4 2021
Single payment loans ⁽¹⁾								
- Performing	100.8	71.4	76.4	76.6	79.1	86.0	91.5	91.4
- NPL ⁽²⁾	44.1	40.5	19.4	19.9	15.7	16.2	17.4	20.1
- Total gross receivables	145.0	111.9	95.8	96.6	94.8	102.2	108.9	111.5
- Provisions	(55.6)	(46.1)	(26.8)	(28.7)	(25.0)	(25.5)	(27.7)	(29.2)
- Net receivables	89.3	65.9	69.0	67.8	69.8	76.6	81.1	82.3
- Gross NPL ratio	30.4 %	36.2 %	20.3 %	20.6 %	16.6 %	15.8 %	15.9 %	18.0 %
Instalment loans								
- Performing	77.2	59.8	53.7	44.4	35.0	32.8	34.9	30.6
- NPL ⁽²⁾	36.9	35.6	27.6	13.0	11.2	8.6	6.3	4.3
- Total gross receivables	114.1	95.3	81.3	57.4	46.2	41.5	41.2	34.9
- Provisions	(41.0)	(36.0)	(29.5)	(18.6)	(13.5)	(10.1)	(7.7)	(6.1)
- Net receivables	73.1	59.4	51.8	38.9	32.7	31.4	33.5	28.9
- Gross NPL ratio	32.3 %	37.3 %	33.9 %	22.7 %	24.2 %	20.8 %	15.2 %	12.2 %
Minimum to pay								
- Performing	42.2	37.3	29.5	24.8	24.0	26.4	29.7	29.6
- NPL ⁽²⁾	15.3	14.2	13.0	9.8	7.2	4.6	2.6	2.9
- Total gross receivables	57.5	51.5	42.5	34.6	31.2	30.9	32.4	32.5
- Provisions	(16.7)	(15.1)	(14.7)	(11.1)	(7.7)	(4.8)	(2.8)	(2.7)
- Net receivables	40.8	36.4	27.8	23.5	23.5	26.2	29.6	29.9
- Gross NPL ratio	26.6 %	27.6 %	30.6 %	28.2 %	23.0 %	14.7 %	8.2 %	8.9 %
Near Prime loans								
- Performing	35.1	39.0	43.0	47.2	49.0	47.5	49.5	54.7
- NPL ⁽²⁾	4.4	5.7	5.5	3.3	3.3	2.9	2.7	2.6
- Total gross receivables	39.4	44.7	48.5	50.5	52.4	50.5	52.2	57.4
- Provisions	(5.3)	(7.9)	(8.3)	(6.0)	(6.4)	(5.6)	(4.2)	(4.0)
- Net receivables	34.1	36.8	40.2	44.5	46.0	44.9	48.0	53.3
- Gross NPL ratio	11.1 %	12.8 %	11.3 %	6.5 %	6.4 %	5.8 %	5.1 %	4.6 %
Total Online receivables								
- Performing	255.3	207.4	202.6	193.1	187.1	192.7	205.7	206.4
- NPL ⁽²⁾	100.6	96.0	65.5	46.0	37.4	32.3	28.9	29.9
- Total gross receivables	355.9	303.5	268.0	239.1	224.6	225.0	234.6	236.3
- Provisions	(118.7)	(105.0)	(79.2)	(64.4)	(52.6)	(45.9)	(42.4)	(42.0)
- Net receivables	237.3	198.5	188.8	174.8	172.0	179.1	192.2	194.4
- Gross NPL ratio	28.3 %	31.6 %	24.4 %	19.2 %	16.7 %	14.4 %	12.3 %	12.7 %
TBI Bank								
- Performing	292.7	290.0	313.2	339.9	352.5	376.2	419.7	459.3
- NPL ⁽²⁾	55.6	61.3	62.4	63.5	57.2	64.4	71.8	55.0
- Total gross receivables	348.2	351.3	375.6	403.4	409.7	440.6	491.5	514.3
- Provisions	(42.9)	(47.6)	(49.3)	(51.7)	(48.5)	(52.4)	(56.2)	(50.6)
- Net receivables	305.3	303.7	326.3	351.7	361.1	388.1	435.2	463.8
- Gross NPL ratio	16.0 %	17.5 %	16.6 %	15.7 %	14.0 %	14.6 %	14.6 %	10.7 %

Notes: (1) Single Payment Loan portfolio includes vivus.bg online business in Bulgaria.

(2) Non-performing amounts that are over 90 days past due (and, for TBI, shown on a customer level basis)

DEFINITIONS

Active customers – Online lending customers with open loans that are up to 30 days past due

Adjusted EBITDA – a non-IFRS measure that represents EBITDA (profit for the period plus tax, plus interest expense, plus depreciation and amortisation) as adjusted by income/loss from discontinued operations, non-cash gains and losses attributable to movement in the mark-to-market valuation of hedging obligations under IFRS, goodwill write-offs and certain other one-off or non-cash items. Adjusted EBITDA, as presented here, may not be comparable to similarly-titled measures that are reported by other companies due to differences in the way these measures are calculated. Further details of covenant adjustments can be found in the relevant bond prospectuses, available on our website www.4finance.com

Adjusted interest coverage – Adjusted EBITDA / interest expense for the relevant period (n.b. not equal to the full covenant coverage ratio calculation)

Cost of risk – Annualised net impairment charges / average gross receivables (total gross receivables as of the start and end of each period divided by two)

Cost/income ratio – Operating costs / operating income (revenue)

Equity/assets ratio – Total equity / total assets

Equity/net receivables – Total equity / net customer receivables (including accrued interest)

Gross NPL ratio – Non-performing receivables (including accrued interest) with a delay of over 90 days / gross receivables (including accrued interest)

Gross receivables – Total amount receivable from customers, including principal and accrued interest, after deduction of deferred income

Intangible assets – consists of deferred tax assets, intangible IT assets and goodwill

Interest income – Interest and similar income generated from our customer loan portfolio

Loss given default – Loss on non-performing receivables (*i.e.* 1 - recovery rate) based on recoveries during the appropriate time window for the specific product, reduced by costs of collection, discounted at the weighted average effective interest rate

Net effective annualised yield – annualised interest income (excluding penalties) / average net loan principal

Net impairment to interest income ratio – Net impairment charges on loans and receivables / interest income

Net interest margin – Annualised net interest income / average gross loan principal (total gross loan principal as of the start and end of each period divided by two)

Net receivables – Gross receivables (including accrued interest) less impairment provisions

Non-performing loans (NPLs) – Loan principal or receivables (as applicable) that are over 90 days past due

Normalised – Adjusted to remove the effect of non-recurring items, net FX and one-off adjustments to intangible assets, and for 2018 ratios only, adjusted to reflect the opening balance of 2018 balance sheet after IFRS 9 effects

Overall provision coverage – Allowance account for provisions / non-performing receivables

Profit before tax margin – Profit before tax / interest income

Return on average assets – Annualised profit from continuing operations / average assets (total assets as of the start and end of each period divided by two)

Return on average equity – Annualised profit from continuing operations / average equity (total equity as of the start and end of each period divided by two)

Tangible equity – Total equity minus intangible assets

TBI Bank capital adequacy ratio – (Tier One Capital + Tier Two Capital) / risk weighted assets (calculated according to the prevailing regulations of the Bulgarian National Bank)

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Recent developments include significant and material information about the Group's development and any changes since its last quarterly report that was published on 16 November 2021.

Acquisitions and disposals

In December, all shares of Brabank ASA owned by 4finance Holding S.A. (Luxembourg) and TBI Bank EAD (Bulgaria) were sold for total amount of €5.0 million.

Regulatory changes

In Denmark: while the Group continues to seek constructive engagement with the Consumer Ombudsman and other local authorities regarding its post-regulation products, the Group decided in January to cease the offering of loans to customers. 4finance will continue with servicing and collection/monetisation activities on the existing portfolio.

In Poland: various proposals to revise the caps for non-interest costs in Poland continue to be debated in parliament, however the potential timing and outcome of this process is unclear.

The Group is engaged with the revision of the EU Consumer Credit Directive at multiple levels. Having been part of the consultation process, as the Directive moves through the committee stages in the European Parliament the Group continues to engage directly at the European level, at the local level through membership of lending and fintech associations and through broad industry initiatives.

Financing

The Group made further market repurchases of €3.0 million notional of its EUR 2026 bonds in December, taking the Group's treasury holdings to €10.6 million of its EUR 2026 bonds and €0.9m of its EUR 2025 bonds.

As outlined in the EUR 2025 bond refinancing process in summer 2021, the Group offered EUR 2025 bond investors a put option in February 2022 for up to EUR 15 million at par. No requests were received during the notice period, so no bonds were repurchased.

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