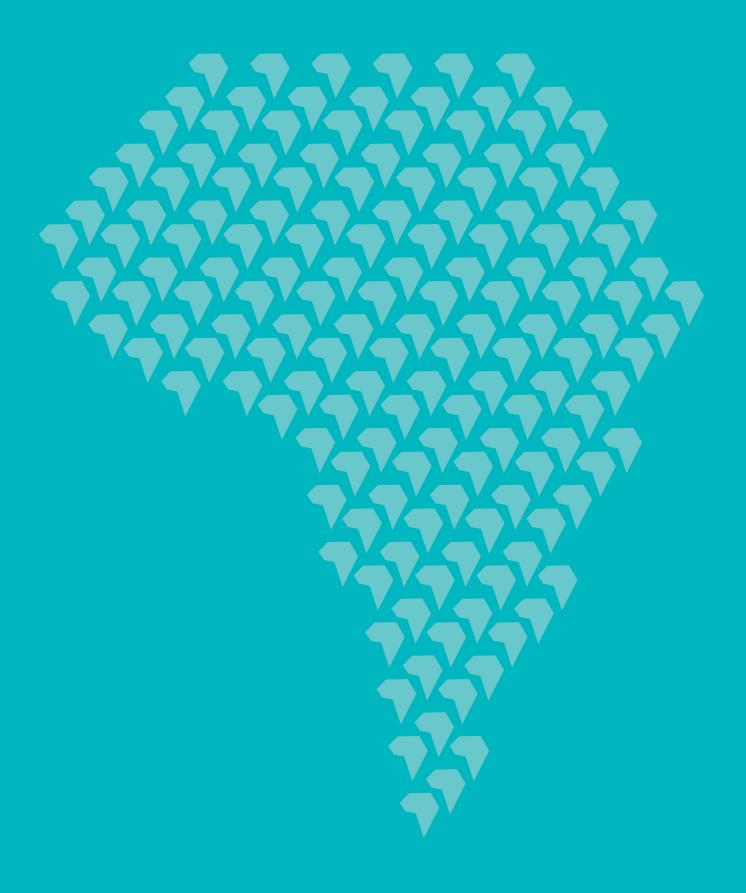
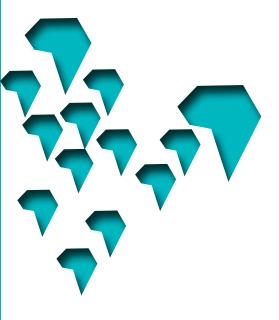


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BANK OF AFRICA's wholehearted commitment to its stakeholders is best illustrated by the exemplary manner in which it has responded to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Moroccan government, as instructed by His Majesty King Mohammed VI, has introduced strong and rapid measures in response to this unprecedented situation and its consequences.

As one of Morocco's major banking groups, BANK OF AFRICA's response to the national emergency has been robust, contributing MAD1 billion to the special fund set up to manage the pandemic.

Targeted support has been provided to the domestic economy, particularly small and medium-sized enterprises, with more than MAD 14 billion of additional funding set aside, specific measures adopted, and products adapted to meet the needs of our customers.

As well as implementing exceptional measures to protect our employees and customers, we activated a business continuity plan so as to mitigate the impact from the crisis on our various businesses.

BANK OF AFRICA has demonstrated a high level of resilience, a solid business model and sound strategic choices.

We continued to grow our business in 2020 with outstanding consolidated loans up 4% at MAD 194 billion. Customer savings also held up well with total consolidated deposits up 2% at MAD 207 billion at 31 December 2020. This strong performance in terms of loan and deposit growth was reflected in BANK OF AFRICA's operational performance, with consolidated net banking income up 1% at MAD 14 billion.

BANK OF AFRICA's reputation as a pioneer in digital banking, a catalyst for financial and social inclusion, and a banking group which is resolutely turned towards the future, was further enhanced in 2020 with the introduction of new scalable remote banking services. Our personal, professional and corporate banking customers, both in Morocco and in African countries, benefited from having a variety of channels available to them to be able to carry out their day-to-day banking transactions. An extensive range of straightforward, flexible and innovative solutions is now available, in a context in which remote banking services have become vital.

Longer term, post-COVID, banks will be required to adapt their business model.

Whereas the challenges of sustainable development and social responsibility were once a simple aspiration, they are now a global priority. Very early on, BANK OF AFRICA made a conscious decision to incorporate such considerations within its development strategy and prioritise them, becoming the first African signatory to the UNEP FI's Statement of Commitment by Financial Institutions on the Environment and Sustainable Development and adopting the UN's Principles for Responsible Banking. We are now fully committed to helping our customers and our institutional partners meet the future challenges of our African continent by funding growth, social inclusion and sustainable economic development.

In this regard, the *Intelaka* Programme launched by His Majesty Mohammed VI promoting entrepreneurship is a blueprint for banks when it comes to engaging with entrepreneurs and those youngsters wanting to set up a business, by providing not only financial but also non-financial support.

2020 was clearly a year in which BANK OF AFRICA delivered a strong performance across a wide range of businesses, demonstrating its solid fundamentals, a constantly improving environmental footprint and a positive social impact with regard to its stakeholders.

Our goal, which drives the daily actions of BANK OF AFRICA's entire staff, remains unchanged, which is to enhance the African continent's reputation and ensure that it emerges as a leader in sustainable development and positive impact finance.

> Othman BENJELLOUN Chairman & Chief Executive Officer

BANK OF AFRICA

BANK OF AFRICA A GROUP UNDERGOING A GRADUAL TRANSFORMATION OVER TIME

- BANK OF AFRICA today
- Contributing to the African continent's economic and social development for more than 60 years
- Shareholder structure
- A member of O CAPITAL GROUP, a leading international group with multiple business lines
- High value-added businesses and extensive geographical coverage
- A pan-African vocation
- A socially responsible and committed banking group

A GROUP UNDERGOING A GRADUAL TRANSFORMATION OVER TIME

BANK OF AFRICA TODAY

BANK OF AFRICA is a multi-national banking group with multiple business lines. Established in 1959 by Royal Decree as 'Banque Marocaine du Commerce Extérieur', the Group has undergone a considerable transformation over the past 60 years, becoming 'BANK OF AFRICA' in 2020. Its universal banking model enables it to leverage its expertise and know-how in the pursuit of innovation, progress and excellence. With one of the continent's most extensive banking networks and a global outreach, BANK OF AFRICA'S longstanding ambition is to contribute to Africa's emergence and ensure that the 21st century belongs to the continent.

BANK OF AFRICA, A GROUP WITH STRONG VALUES

Adopting a global outlook and capitalising on its longstanding reputation as a major contributor to the Kingdom's development, BANK OF AFRICA Group's values system is based on tolerance and altruism. Its success lies in its multiculturalist identity. BANK OF AFRICA Group's women and men are driven by a common identity. They are proud to be working at a leading international group with multiple business lines and a common set of values. Their actions are fully aligned with those of their customers, partners and suppliers. They continuously strive to foster high quality relationships with customers, adopting a disciplined approach to business practice and a highly developed sense of integrity.

Over and above its stature as a pan-African banking group, BANK OF AFRICA Group works hand in hand with public and private sector institutions in those countries in which it has operations, actively contributing to those countries' economic development and providing their citizens with access to banking services.



BANK OF AFRICA

CONTRIBUTING TO THE AFRICAN CONTINENT'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR MORE THAN 60 YEARS

1959-1994 A BANK WITH GLOBAL ASPIRATIONS IS BORN

Banque Marocaine du Commerce Extérieur was founded in 1959 at the instigation of His Majesty, the late King Mohammed V, to promote Morocco's overseas trade.

1995-2006

A UNIVERSAL BANK TO SUPPORT MOROCCO'S DEVELOPMENT

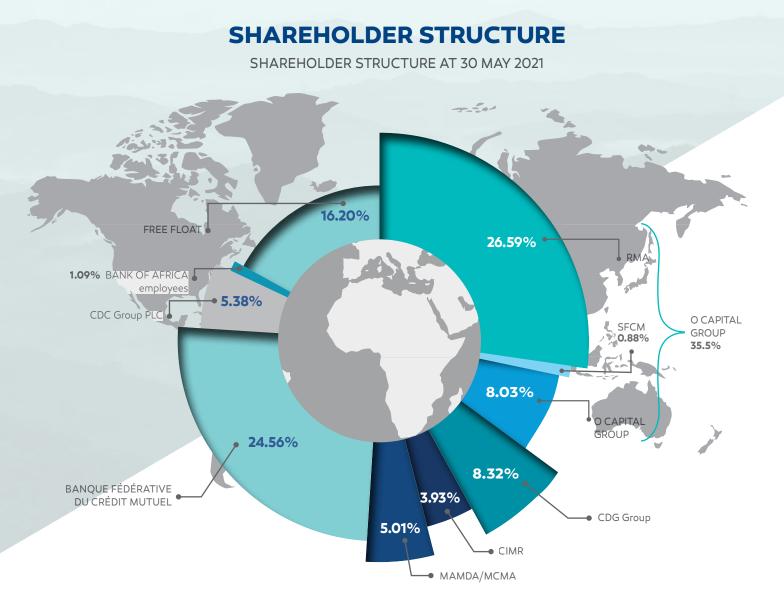
After being privatised in 1995, Banque Marocaine du Commerce Extérieur became a subsidiary of FinanceCom Group, itself becoming O CAPITAL GROUP in 2021. This milestone proved to be a turning-point in its history since it enabled it to expand its business portfolio. Leveraging its expertise as a specialist international trade bank, BANK OF AFRICA adopted a universal banking business model and rapidly began to play a major role in the Kingdom's economic development.

BANK OF AFRICA accelerated the development of its international operations by establishing a large number of subsidiaries in both Africa and Europe.

2007-2020 PAN-AFRICAN AND INTERNATIONAL AMBITIONS

With the African continent showing significant growth potential, BANK OF AFRICA is fulfilling its aspirations of becoming a pan-African bank with an international outlook. A series of acquisitions has underlined the Group's longstanding commitment to the continent.

Bolstered by its overseas success, BANK OF AFRICA has continued to expand, establishing operations in China via a branch office in support of Africa's development. The Bank recently changed its corporate name to 'BANK OF AFRICA', a natural choice. The Group has emerged as one of Africa's key economic and financial institutions with a powerful network and operations in 20 countries across the continent's five main regions. A GROUP UNDERGOING A GRADUAL TRANSFORMATION OVER TIME



INTRODUCING THE GROUP'S MAIN SHAREHOLDERS

RMA

One of North Africa's leading insurance companies, a solid yet ambitious player, leveraging its extensive distribution network and constantly focusing on innovation.

<u>O</u> CAPITAL GROUP

A leading Moroccan industrial and financial group with operations in a variety of high growth sectors, resulting from a merger between FinanceCom and Mezian Benjelloun Holdings, becoming <u>O</u> Capital Group.

CDG GROUP

A Moroccan public institution whose purpose is to invest in and support large-scale projects aimed at bolstering Morocco's economic development and infrastructure.

BFCM – CRÉDIT MUTUEL GROUP – ALLIANCE FÉDÉRALE

BFCM is a leading banking group with operations in France and overseas and businesses ranging from retail banking and bank-insurance to bank card operations.

CDC GROUP PLC

The UK's leading development finance institution with an investment portfolio of more than USD 6 billion. Its main focus is to invest in businesses in Africa. BANK OF AFRICA

A MEMBER OF O CAPITAL GROUP **A LEADING INTERNATIONAL GROUP** WITH MULTIPLE BUSINESS LINES

BANK OF AFRICA is a subsidiary of O CAPITAL GROUP, a private sector Moroccan group, resulting from a merger between FinanceCom and Mezian Benjelloun Holdings. O CAPITAL GROUP's corporate name, which derives from the first name initial of its founder as well as the 'Enso' Asian calligraphy character, embodies its global outlook and solidity whilst suggesting a sense of movement and creativity, hallmarks of its corporate identity.

O CAPITAL GROUP owns a diversified portfolio of businesses in complementary high-growth industries. This portfolio is structured around 5 divisions – core business, growth drivers, private equity, real estate and international.

O CAPITAL GROUP, which advocates optimism and aspiration as core values, firmly believes that its human capital is its greatest asset. It is a group that has constantly reinvented itself, one that is able to anticipate change in an ever-evolving world so as to embrace the future with confidence and invest in new strategic businesses.

O CAPITAL GROUP

- BANK OF AFRICA A universal bank and Morocco's 3rd private sector bank , with a 12.5% share of the loan market and a 13% share of the deposit market.

- RMA One of Morocco's leading insurance companies with a 13% market share.

- MEDI TELECOM /

ORANGE MAROC Morocco's second telecoms operator, providing mobile telephone, mobile internet and fixed line telephone services to 17 million subscribers at 31 December 2020.

GROWTH DRIVERS

- GREEN OF AFRICA

Company specialising in investment in renewable energy. - CTM

An industry leader in Morocco's passenger transport. interurban mobility and messaging sectors.

- ADAROUCH RANCH Africa's largest bovine breeder.

- BIO BEEF

Morocco's leading red meat slaughtering, cutting and processing operation and compliant with ONSSA's hygiene standards.

- FINATECH A holding company specialising in new information technologies structured around two business lines : - Energie & Infrastructure: - Systems & Technologies

Morocco's leading low-cost airline.

- BRICO INVEST DIY equipment and home improvement retail chain.

REAL ESTATE AND

- ARGAN INVEST Division managing <u>O CAPITAL GROUP's</u> investment funds.

- CAP ESTATE

The Group's real estate subsidiary capitalised at MAD 225 million.

- REVLY'S

A joint venture between O CAPITAL GROUP and Aman Resort specialising in funding tourism projects and owner of the Amanjena Hotel in Marrakech.

-VILLAJENA

Real estate company owning a dozen or so hectares of land in Marrakech with a view to developing Aman-branded villas.

- RISMA

Morocco's leading hotel group and owner of 27 hotels managed by the Accor hotel chain in Morocco.

- O TOWER

Joint venture between BANK OF AFRICA, RMA and O CAPITAL GROUP, overseeing the Mohamed VI Tower project.

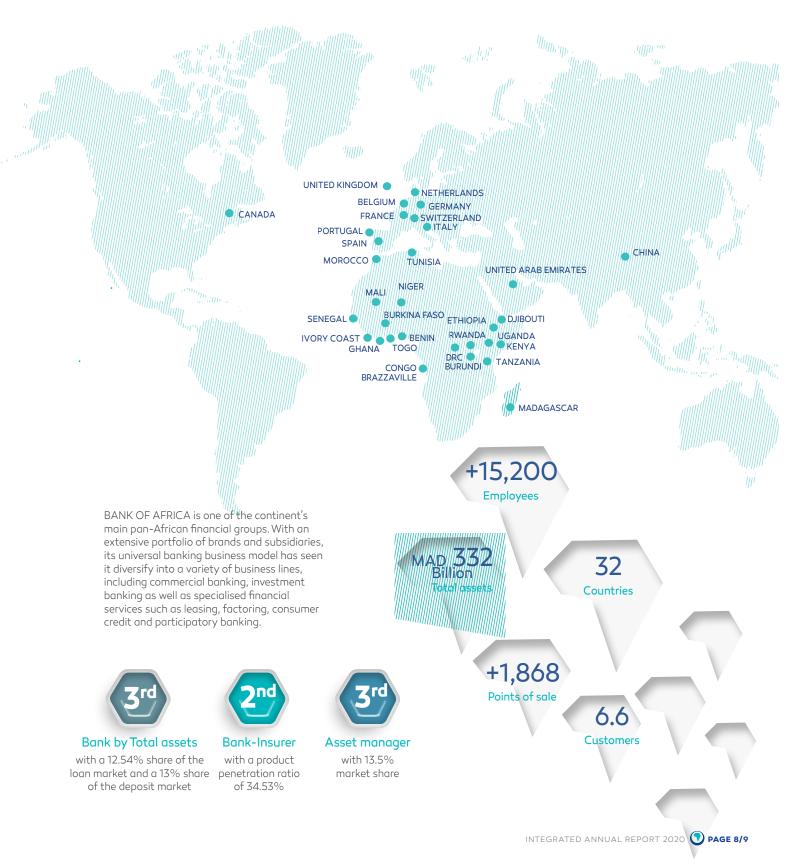
- O CAPITAL EUROPE Subsidiary overseeing the Group's asset management and real estate companies around the world.





A GROUP UNDERGOING A GRADUAL TRANSFORMATION OVER TIME

HIGH VALUE-ADDED BUSINESSES AND EXTENSIVE GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE



SYNERGIES BENEFITING BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ACROSS THE CONTINENT

BOA GROUP BANK OF AFRICA

Synergies generated in a number of operational areas including finance, risk management, consolidation, audit, compliance, training and IT.

BOA GROUP SALAFIN

Solution acquired for managing loan recovery by amicable settlement and by litigation for retail and corporate customers. Comprehensive car finance system introduced.

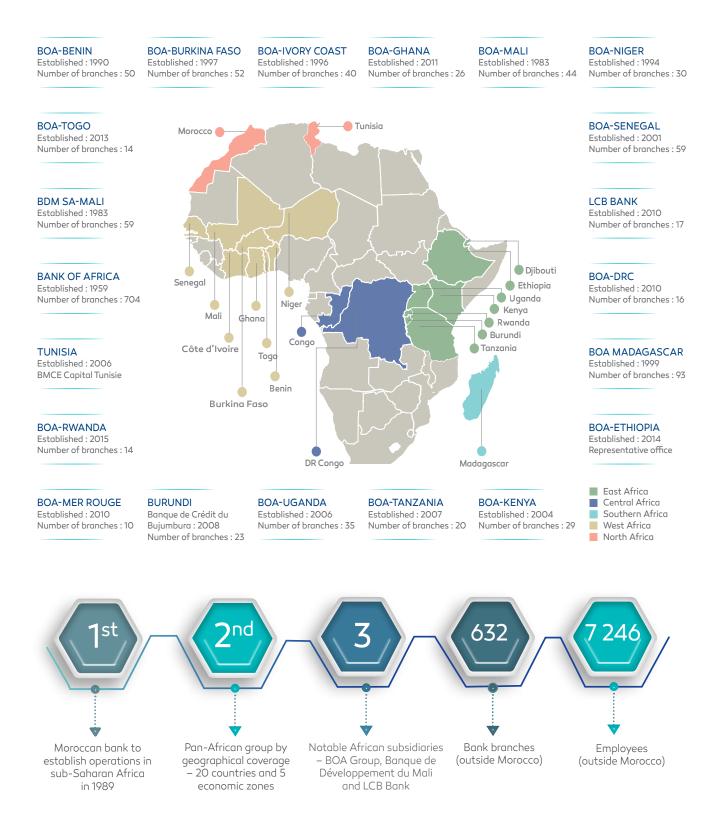
BOA GROUP BMCE CAPITAL

Joint venture with BMCE Capital, encompassing advisory, securities brokerage and asset management services.



A PAN-AFRICAN VOCATION

BANK OF AFRICA is today one of Morocco's leading banking groups. It has the most extensive international and African network with 1,800 branches in 32 countries in Africa, Europe, Asia and North America. The Group employs more than 15,200 staff around the world, serving just under 6.6 million customers.



A SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE AND COMMITTED BANKING GROUP

BANK OF AFRICA Group's strong commitment to environmental issues and to social and societal responsibility began more than 25 years ago with its BMCE Bank Foundation. Today, BMCE Bank Foundation continues to innovate and implement educational, environmental and community development programmes, while providing significant support to African start-ups.

BMCE BANK FOUNDATION SUPPORTING EDUCATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN AFRICA



In addition to the initiatives and undertakings of its Foundations, BANK OF AFRICA has established a team of CSR and sustainable development professionals which ensures that environmental and social criteria are incorporated within the Bank's decision-making processes The Bank intends to remain at the cutting edge as far as these issues are concerned, responding positively to major international initiatives and adopting best international standards. BANK OF AFRICA has acquired a reputation in Morocco and around the world for its leadership and performance in environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG).

BANK OF AFRICA COMMITTED TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND CSR FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS

	BANK OF AFRICA the first African signatory in 2000 to UNEP FI's Statement of Commitment by Financial Institutions on the Environment and Sustainable Development.
<pre>(f) IFC</pre>	Environmental and Social (E&S) Risk Management System adopted in conjunction with the IFC in 2008.
EQUATOR PRINCIPLES	Equator Principles (EP) voluntarily adopted by BANK OF AFRICA in May 2010. These provide a framework for determining, assessing and managing environmental and social (E&S) risks in funded projects of USD 10 million or more.
Global Compact	United Nations Global Compact signed by BANK OF AFRICA, underlining its support for the ten principles relating to human rights, social and labour standards, environmental protection and combating corruption. First report, 'Communication on Progress' published online in October 2017 after obtaining 'Global Compact Active COPs' status in 2016.
In Francial Institutions	BANK OF AFRICA's commitment to climate action is underlined by joining the 'Mainstreaming Climate Action within Financial Institutions' initiative in 2016.
	Founding member of Principles for Responsible Banking in 2019 and Principles for Positive Impact Finance in 2017.
	BANK OF AFRICA the first African bank to support China's 'Green Investment Principles for the Belt and Road (GIP)' initiative.
vigequiris	BANK OF AFRICA ranked amongst the top global companies rated by Vigeo Eiris (4,880 in total) and 1 st out of 90 in the banking sector – 'Retail & Specialised Banks – Emerging Markets' category. BANK OF AFRICA awarded an A1+ (Advanced level) rating, retaining its status as 'Top Performer CSR' in 2020 for the 7 th consecutive year.
REserved H Rest A VERMA Desines	BANK OF AFRICA's ISO 14001 certification for environmental management successfully renewed for the 9 th consecutive year with the scope of certification extended to the Bank's Environmental and Social Management System. OHSAS 18001 certification of the occupational health and safety risk management renewed for the 3 rd consecutive year. The Group's Anti-Bribery Management System awarded ISO 37001 international certification.
SAFE GUARD	COVID-19 prevention SafeGuard label awarded by Veritas Group, underlining the Group's overseas social undertakings as well as reassuring stakeholders about the effectiveness of its business recovery plan, consistent with global health, hygiene and safety standards.
And a second sec	BANK OF AFRICA an award-winner for the 7 th consecutive year at the 2020 Arabia CSR Awards in Dubai in the Financial Services category
European Bank European Bank	BANK OF AFRICA named 'Most Active Partner Bank in Morocco in 2019' by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) in respect of its Trade Facilitation Programme.

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GOVERNANCE

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- A robust and committed governance system

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- A highly rigorous compliance system
- CSR at the heart of governance
- Regular risk assessment

A ROBUST AND COMMITTED GOVERNANCE SYSTEM

Given the scale of its business activities and its wide-ranging commitments and aspirations, BANK OF AFRICA's governance model not only meets the legal and regulatory requirements of domestic and international regulatory authorities but also strives to reach exemplary standards, as part of a process of ongoing improvement. Furthermore, given its strategic role within the domestic and African economies and its determination to protect the interests of its stakeholders, the Group has adopted a robust governance system with effective control procedures that ensure that its business model is sustainable.



BANK OF AFRICA's governance system is underpinned by various decision-making and supervisory bodies as well as specialised committees which are responsible for ensuring that the Group's main strategic and operational policies are properly implemented.

GOVERNANCE CHARTER

Consistent with its reputation as a responsible organisation within its industry, BANK OF AFRICA was one of the first institutions to adopt a Governance Charter, drawn up in accordance with Bank Al-Maghrib's regulatory provisions. This Charter defines the powers of each body, where those powers stop and how they interact. The Charter enables BANK OF AFRICA to more effectively organise the functioning and the decisionmaking processes of its most important decision-making bodies – the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, the Board of Directors and Corporate Governance.



Brian C. McK. HENDERSON Nezha LAHRICHI Abdou BENSOUDA Brahim BENJELLOUN-TOUIMI Myriem BOUAZZAOUI

THE BOARD COMPRISES **14 DIRECTORS, FOUR OF WHOM ARE INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS***

OTHMAN BENJELLOUN

- BANK OF AFRICA Group's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
 Date initially appointed : 1995¹
 Current term of office : 2019-2025

RMA

- Represented by Zouheir Bensaid
- Date initially appointed : 1994
 Current term of office : 2019-2025
- **BANQUE FÉDÉRATIVE DU CREDIT MUTUEL -CRÉDIT MUTUEL GROUP - ALLIANCE FÉDÉRALE**
- Represented by Lucien Miara
- Date initially appointed : 2005 Current term of office : 2020-2026

CAISSE DE DÉPÔT ET DE GESTION

- Represented byr Abdellatif Zaghnoun
- Date initially appointed² : 2010 Current term of office : 2016-2022

O CAPITAL GROUP

- Represented by Hicham El Amrani
 Date initially appointed : 2021³
 Current term of office : 2021-2027

AZEDDINE GUESSOUS

- Intuitu Personae
- Date initially appointed : 2017⁴
 Current term of office : 2017-2023

CDC LIMITED

- Represented by Marc Beaujean
 Date initially appointed : 2019
 Current term of office : 2019-2024

MOHAMED KABBAJ

- Independent Director
- Date initially appointed : 2021⁵
 Current term of office : 2021-2027

FRANÇOIS HENROT

- Independent Director
- Date initially appointed : 2016 Current term of office : 2016-2022

BRIAN C. MCK. HENDERSON

- Independent Director • Date initially appointed : 2016
- Current term of office : 2016-2022

NEZHA LAHRICHI

- Independent Director
- Date initially appointed : 2021
 Current term of office : 2021-2027

ABDOU BENSOUDA

- Intuitu Personae
- Date initially appointed : 2018
 Current term of office : 2018-2024

BRAHIM BENJELLOUN - TOUIMI

- Deputy Chief Executive Officer and BOA Group's Chairman
- Date initially appointed : 2004
 Current term of office : 2016-2022

MYRIEM BOUAZZAOUI

• Intuitu Personae

Date initially appointedt : 2021
Current term of office : 2021-2027

For each term of office, the year corresponds to that in which the Annual General Meeting is held to rule on the previous year's financial statements.
 CDG had a seat on BANK OF AFRICA's Board of Directors from 1966 to 1997 and was then reappointed at the Annual General Meeting of 26 May 2010.
 O Capital Group is the result of the merger-absorption in May 2021 of FinanceCom by the Holding Paniallym Marian FinanceCom on the Beard from 2001 to 2001.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors' primary responsibility is to maintain a balance between shareholders' interests and growth prospects, between long- term value creation and depositor protection.

This body is responsible for strategic planning, determining and managing risk, internal control, governance and the Corporate Social Responsibility Charter.

BANK OF AFRICA's Board of Directors is renowned for taking a collegial approach to decision making and for its mix of domestic and international banking and finance experts.

Like other internationally listed companies, BANK OF AFRICA has adopted Internal Rules that define the Board of Directors' *modus operandi*, thereby enhancing the Bank's credibility and stature vis-a- vis each of its stakeholders. These Internal Rules specify :

- 1- The composition and responsibilities of the Board of Directors ;
- 2- The Board of Directors' modus operandi ;
- 3- The Specialised Committees that report directly to the Board ;
- 4- The rules of ethics and professional conduct that apply to Directors (Ethics Charter for Directors).

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES



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DIRECTORS

88% ATTENDANCE RATE

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INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS

SPECIALISED COMMITTEES REPORTING TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Governance, Appointments and Remuneration Committee

Non-executive directors **50%**

Group Risks Committee No. of meetings in 2020 8 Attendance rate **100%** Non-executive directors

50%

Control Committee No. of meetings in 2020 8 Attendance rate 96% Non-executive directors 67%

Group Audit and Internal

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER Mr OTHMAN BENJELLOUN

SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Mr Brahim BENJELLOUN-TOUIMI Board Member & Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Mr Driss BENJELLOUN Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Group Finance

Mr M'Fadel EL HALAISSI

Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Financial Engineering, Debt Collection and Specific Assignments Mr Mounir CHRAIBI Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Group Operations

Mr Omar TAZI Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Banking in Morocco

Mr Mohammed AGOUMI

Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for International Coordination

Mr Khalid LAABI Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Group Risks

Mr Khalid NASR Head of the Corporate & Investment Banking Division



A COMMITMENT TO PROMOTING THE REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN IN THE WORKPLACE

• 12 women on the Board of Directors of BANK OF AFRICA subsidiaries

•2 women on the Board of Directors of BANK OF AFRICAA

• 4 female Deputy CEOs of BANK OF AFRICA

After bolstering women's representation on its management bodies in 2019 with the appointment of three women as Deputy CEOs, BANK OF AFRICA has since appointed a number of women with recognised expertise in management and governance to its Board of Directors. This is just the latest step in a success story which has seen women successfully integrated within BANK OF AFRICA and its subsidiaries, which now have 14 female directors and 4 female Deputy CEOs.

A HIGHLY RIGOROUS COMPLIANCE SYSTEM

BANK OF AFRICA is committed to complying scrupulously with legal and regulatory requirements and has extremely high standards when it comes to compliance. Its entire operations are regularly checked against Group Compliance policy, ensuring that financial and banking industry regulations are strictly complied with. The Group's Compliance policy, which underpins its corporate culture, extends to each of the Group's subsidiaries. Group Compliance, which works closely with the risk management function, plays a key role in ensuring that all stakeholders, particularly BANK OF AFRICA's customers, are fully protected.

In 2020, the Group continued to play its role in combating money laundering and terrorism financing, complying with FATCA legislation and ensuring the highest standards in ethics and professional conduct. In this regard, the Bank continued to exchange information with its partners, Bank Al-Maghrib, UTRF, AMMC, CNDP and the IRS in the US, foreign correspondent banks as well as its network of branches and business centres.

BANK OF AFRICA has also initiated a number of cornerstone projects in response to changes in money laundering (AML-CFT) regulatory requirements. These projects and solutions will enable it to continue to improve know-yourcustomer (KYC) systems, bolster its control strategy and carry out risk assessment.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

The General Data Protection Regulation, approved by the European Parliament April 2016 and applicable since May 2018, consists of protecting individuals with regard to the processing of their personal data, promoting a secure digital environment and enabling digital services to be developed.

After carrying out a number of initial projects to ensure that its European subsidiaries were fully compliant and given the need to comply with extra-territorial regulations, in early 2020, BANK OF AFRICA embarked on a project to upgrade systems at both the parent and subsidiary levels.

CSR **AT THE HEART OF** GOVERNANCE

The Group bolstered CSR governance in 2019 by establishing an Environmental, Social and Sustainability (ESS) Committee. This new committee enables environmental, social and governance (ESG) aspects to be incorporated within the Group's governance system, thereby ensuring that sustainability is fully embedded within its organisational structure.

The ESS Committee's main responsibilities consist of :

- Ensuring that the Environmental. Social and Gender action plan is implemented across the Group:
- Ensuring that ES risk management practices within the Group are effective ;
- Developing and supervising Impact Finance performance indicators;
- Supervising sustainable development and CSR global undertakings.



- Board Member and Deputy Chief Executive Officer
- Head of Group Risks
- Deputy Chief Executive Officer, responsible for Group Governance and Development
- Deputy Chief Executive Officer, responsible for Group Human Capital - Head of Group Coordination
- Head of Sustainable Development & CSR ESS Committee Secretary
- Secretary General, BOA Group
- Group Head of Environmental and Social Risks, BOA Group
 Head of ESG Impact, CDC Group
 Executive, Gender Equality & Women's Economic Empowerment, CDC Group
 - Executive, Development Impact (Investments), CDC Group

• SD & CSR team

coordinators • BOA ES Risk Manager

• Country SD & CSR

• BANK OF AFRICA CSR

Internal CSR auditors

GAP/head office functions

- Quarterly meetings · Group-level monitoring of the environmental,
- social and gender action plan's implementation
- Ensure that E&S risk management practices within the Group are effective
- Develop and oversee performance indicators relating to Impact Finance
- Oversee overall sustainable development
- and CSR undertakings

IMPLEMENTATION AND COORDINATION, METHODOLOGY MONITORING OF THE ES RISK MONITORING AND REPORTING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM • ES team • Loan Commitments Analysis Division (PASE) Credit Risk Committee Corporate network

• Private client network

Grassroots ESMS implementation

ESMS monitorina

- Ensure that the CSR Charter is implemented consistently at subsidiary level
- Assist and support subsidiaries in implementing the Charter
- Consolidate SD & CSR results at Group level
- Oversee the setting up of sustainable financing facilities
- Coordinate implementation of the Charter at subsidiary level
- Report on SS & CSR results at subsidiary level
- Ensure that half-yearly appraisals are carried out in relation to the CSR reference framework
- Draw up action plans and monitor their implementation based on the results
- of internal and external appraisals (Vigeo Eiris) and benchmarks
- Draw up, input and share the SD & CSR table of indicators for each undertaking
- Prepare non-financial reporting aspects

REGULAR RISK ASSESSMENT

BANK OF AFRICA's approach to risk management is consistent with professional and regulatory standards, international rules and recommendations issued by supervisory authorities.

The main risks identified are credit risk, market risk, operational risk and country risk.

As part of its governance system, the Group Risks Committee met frequently during the year to assess the latest developments regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and preempt its impact on the operations of the Bank and its subsidiaries.

RISK CONTROL SYSTEM

GROUP RISK GOVERNANCE GENERAL MANAGEMENT

Group Risks Committee Audit and Internal Control Committees

BODIES

General Management Committee

Group Risk Steering and Management Committee Group ALM Committee

CREDIT COMMITTEES

Senior Credit Committee Regional Credit Committee

Loan Commitments Monitoring Committee (CSE)

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BANK OF AFRICA

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VALUE CREATION **& POSITIVE IMPACT FINANCE**

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- Business model enabling the Group to generate economic and social M. Analitt value across the continent

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- CSR policy and strategy

- BMCE Bank Foundation

- VALUE CREATION & POSITIVE IMPACT FINANCE

BUSINESS MODEL ENABLING THE GROUP TO GENERATE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL VALUE ACROSS THE CONTINENT

BANK OF AFRICA, UNRIVALLED PAN-AFRICAN COVERAGE

With operations in 20 countries in Africa and more than 1,400 branches, BANK OF AFRICA has the most extensive territorial coverage on the continent. Its operations encompass Africa's various regions and different economic and monetary systems..

A PAN-AFRICAN GROUP WITH A GLOBAL OUTLOOK

Very early on, BANK OF AFRICA made overseas expansion a key priority of its growth strategy. Today, BANK OF AFRICA has operations in some of the major global financial capitals. It also stands out from its peers after establishing operations in China, one of only a handful of African groups to set up in that country.



A MULTI-FACETED COMMITMENT TO THE CONTINENT'S DEVELOPMENT

Given its extensive coverage and the breadth of its expertise, BANK OF AFRICA has made Africa's development one of its strategic priorities. These are embodied in a number of strategic initiatives ranging from responsible finance for economic development, to financial and social inclusion as well as the many initiatives implemented by BMCE Bank Foundation.

SOLID EXPERTISE AND ROBUST BUSINESS LINE PLATFORMS

After successfully diversifying its operations and leveraging their respective expertise, BANK OF AFRICA has developed potential synergies which provide strong impetus to regional initiatives, consistent with the Group's undertakings in terms of sustainable and responsible development.

CSR POLICY AND STRATEGY

CSR STRATEGY FOCUSING ON KEY PRIORITIES

For more than 25 years, BANK OF AFRICA has been committed to and contributed to initiatives promoting economic and social development, initially via BMCE Bank Foundation and subsequently via a proactive and ambitious CSR strategy.

BANK OF AFRICA has been at the forefront of banking institutions in Morocco and Africa in embracing CSR undertakings as growth drivers and catalysts for value generation. Adopting a concerted approach involving internal departments, non-financial performance experts and independent third parties, BANK OF AFRICA is entirely empathetic to the needs of each of its stakeholders and regularly assesses their expectations.

Materiality analysis is a key component in drawing up CSR strategy. It enables the Group to identify the environmental, social and governmental challenges that it faces while taking into account stakeholders' expectations and the challenges facing the Bank in its day-to-day operations.

EFFICIENT METHODOLOGY FOR IDENTIFYING AND APPRAISING ISSUES

A number of workshops were organised by the Group which enabled it to produce a map of the key issues faced by each stakeholder and then to prioritise their relative importance. The strategic relevance of ESG aspects was appraised at two levels – their relative importance to stakeholders and their influence on BANK OF AFRICA's business.

This process of consulting, listening to and working alongside its stakeholders enabled the Group to map 51 major CSR issues at 3 levels of importance, broken down under 6 core CSR policy headings. These constitute the backbone of BANK OF AFRICA's CSR strategy. In 2020, an extensive review of all issues was carried out without any major change to the materiality matrix.

As well as being involved in a number of international sustainable development initiatives at the highest level, BANK OF AFRICA is inspired by internationally recognised frameworks such as the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, Principles for Responsible Banking and Principles for Responsible Investment.

A structured 4-stage process used to appraise the extent to which issues are relevant:

Potential commitments and goals are identified

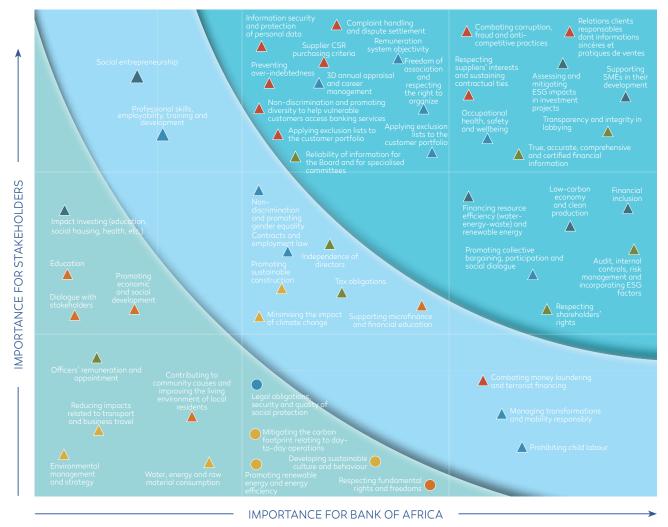
Group CSR policy

The chosen commitments and goals are formally adopted The extent to which the commitments are important to stakeholders is appraised

The extent to which the commitments are relevant to the Group is appraised

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CSR CHARTER'S 6 UNDERTAKINGS





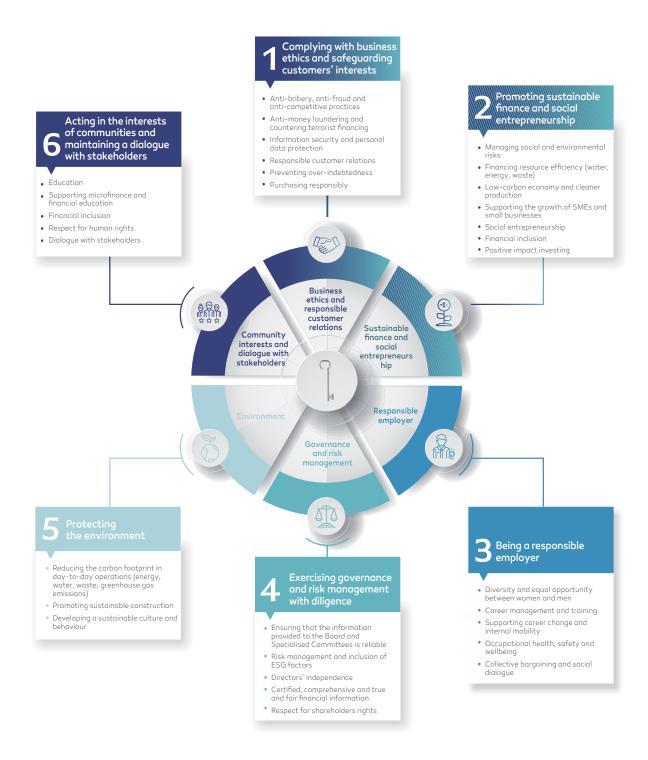
customer relations

Environment A Community interest and dialogue with stakeholders

VITAL GOALS VERY IMPORTANT GOALS IMPORTANT GOALS

A FORMAL APPROACH TO CSR IN THE FORM OF A CHARTER UNDERPINNED BY 6 UNDERTAKINGS

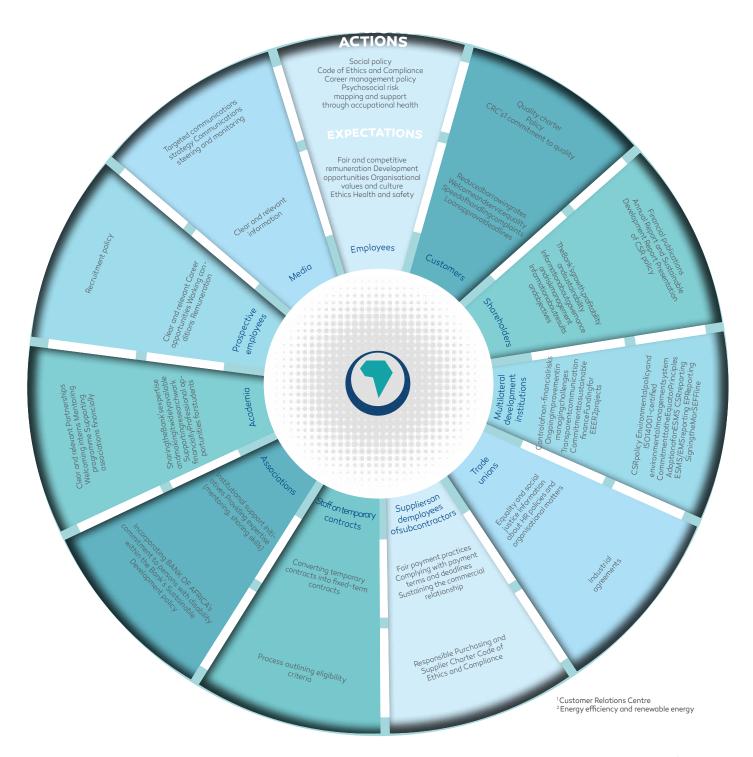
BANK OF AFRICA's Social Responsibility Charter is the result of a joint consultative process and a desire to ensure that its day-to-day business operations are aligned with its CSR undertakings. The Charter provides a clear response to the various ethical, environmental and social issues that it faces. With each subsidiary contributing actively to the Charter's undertakings, BANK OF AFRICA is able to ensure that its operations are sustainable and that it makes a positive impact.



SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL UNDERTAKINGS DRAWN UP IN CONCERTATION WITH THE GROUP'S STAKEHOLDERS

BANK OF AFRICA maintains an ongoing dialogue with its stakeholders to ensure that its actions are consistent with their expectations and undertakings.

BANK OF AFRICA identified 11 major categories of stakeholder with whom it was quick to engage in a constructive and ongoing dialogue. These include customers, employees, suppliers and subcontractors, academia, multilateral development institutions, the financial community, shareholders, civil society as well as associations with whom BANK OF AFRICA has a relationship.



BANK OF AFRICA



HUMAN CAPITAL AT THE VERY CORE OF THE GROUP'S CSR STRATEGY

As a responsible employer that is attentive to its employees, BANK OF AFRICA has adopted, through its Human Resources policy, a number of measures designed to support their development. Whether through the training programmes provided by BANK OF AFRICA ACADEMY for developing banking-related or managerial skills or the myriad of internal transfer opportunities domestically or overseas, BANK OF AFRICA ensures that its employees' skills development and careers are managed in the best possible way.

Consistent with its ethical and socially responsible values, BANK OF AFRICA ensures that it promotes equal opportunity, non-discrimination and diversity within its workforce. Operating procedures and rules have been drawn up by the Group's Human Resources department to ensure that the Group complies with such values when recruiting, promoting and remunerating employees.

BANK OF AFRICA's commitment to its staff has led the institution to actively promote female employment in recent years. The percentage of women employed by the Bank has gradually risen, reaching a little over 40% in 2020. BANK OF AFRICA has introduced a Gender Action Plan to accelerate the process and achieve gender parity, consistent with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

As part of its efforts to promote equal opportunity, BANK OF AFRICA also fosters diversity by positively encouraging the recruitment and integration of disabled persons.

RESPONSIBLE PURCHASING WITH REGARD TO PARTNERS

With a strong desire to contribute to a more sustainable and responsible world, BANK OF AFRICA has implemented a Responsible Purchasing Charter which aims to promote principles related to human rights, labour law, environmental protection and combating corruption. Based on an appraisal system, the institution's supplier-partners are encouraged to gradually improve their standards in line with current business practice. BANK OF AFRICA's purchasing process has been ISO 9001:2015-certified since 2018.

Consistent with its Responsible Purchasing policy and its role as a major institution within the domestic economy, BANK OF AFRICA endeavours to include SMEs and small businesses in its purchasing decisions with a view to boosting domestic economic growth. Local SMEs and small businesses are encouraged to submit an application whenever the Group announces a request for tender and to develop a sustainable partnership with the Group. This policy is designed to diversify the supplier pool and increase the number of Group suppliers whilst reducing suppliers' financial dependency.

BANK OF AFRICA, A MAJOR PLAYER IN SUSTAINABLE FINANCE

BANK OF AFRICA is convinced that it has an important role to play in the economic development of those countries in which it has operations. As a result, it has adopted sustainable finance principles, initially, as a socially committed pioneer in responsible finance and subsequently, as a pan-African banking group and partner to international sustainable development institutions at the continental level.

BANK OF AFRICA, a pioneer in responsible finance, adopted the Equator Principles (EP) in May 2010, thereby providing a framework for incorporating environmental and social (E&S) risks in funded projects. After signing the Positive Impact Manifesto in October 2015, the Group underlined it ongoing commitment to sustainable finance by becoming a member of the Positive Impact Finance Initiative in 2017, before publicly supporting the recommendations of the TCFD, the G20 Climate Task Force, in 2018.

BANK OF AFRICA has acquired a reputation as a leading institution in responsible finance in Morocco and on the continent, with financial and non-financial support provided for green investment and an ongoing commitment to promoting energy transition and social inclusion. Leveraging its solid undertakings' framework and its extensive range of institutional partners in responsible finance, BANK OF AFRICA has introduced a variety of funding mechanisms for every type of business in Africa, enabling businesses to finance their projects in renewable energy, energy efficiency, waste management and recovery, sanitation and wastewater treatment as well as providing funding for Africa's female entrepreneurs.

BANK OF AFRICA, partnering the economy's energy transition

BANK OF AFRICA's *CAP Energie* financing facility enables customers to borrow up to EUR 65 million under the Moroccan Sustainable Energy Financing Facility (MorSEFF). This facility is arranged in partnership with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the French Development Agency (AFD) and Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW). *CAP Energie* provides up to MAD 150 million of funding and technical assistance to businesses that wish to invest in energy-efficient or renewable energy projects.

BANK OF AFRICA is also partnering the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and the Green Climate Fund, a United Nations' global financing platform, as part of the Green Value Chain (GVC) programme. This facility, which combines technical assistance and subsidies alongside a EUR 10 million financing line, is designed to support SMEs with their energy efficiency and resource optimisation projects and enable them to integrate into regional value chains.

CAP Valoris, building a circular economy

In partnership with the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the FMO, BANK OF AFRICA is providing businesses with a EUR 20 million credit line for solid waste management, waste collection, recycling and recovery.

CAP Bleu, financing water resource management

The *CAP Bleu* programme, launched in 2019 and subsequently relaxed in 2020 due to the pandemic, is a credit line offered by the Bank enabling the Kingdom's water resources to be managed intelligently. In partnership with the French Development Agency (AFD) and the European Investment Bank (EIB), BANK OF AFRICA set up *CAP Bleu*, a EUR 20 million financing facility for private and public sectors enterprises from a variety of business sectors but whose core business is related to water, especially agriculture, piped drinking water and sanitation, real estate and hospitality.



THE FRENCH REPUBLIC'S LEGION D'HONNEUR

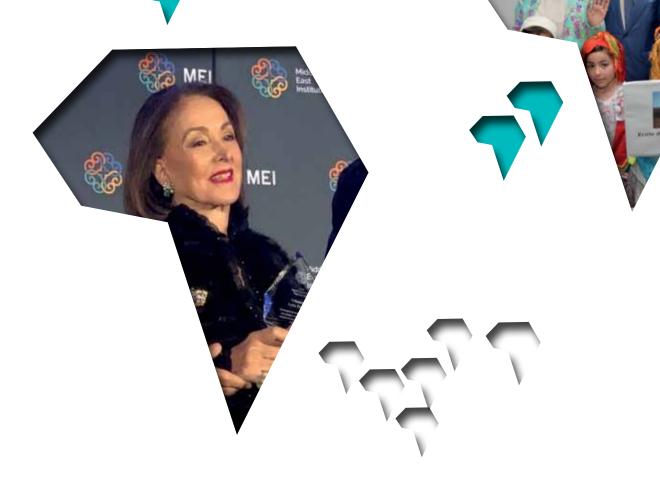
Dr Leïla Mezian-Benjelloun, BMCE Bank Foundation's Chair, was awarded the Officer medal of the French Republic's *Légion d'Honneur* Tuesday 3 March 2020 in Rabat. This decoration was presented to her by France's Ambassador to Morocco, Mrs Hélène Le Gal, at a ceremony attended by several Moroccan and French dignitaries from the diplomatic, political and business world.

AFRICAN-NESS AWARD

Dr Leila Mezian Benjelloun was honoured to receive the African-ness Award 2020 in recognition of her initiative, commitment and contribution to acknowledging the dignity of African men and women around the world. The African-ness Award was presented to her 23 November 2020 at the 'ICESCO Day for Africa – Perspectives and Potential', organised jointly by ICESCO and the African-ness Award Foundation.

PHONORARY PRESIDENT OF TEACH FOR MOROCCO

Dr Leila Mezian Benjelloun has accepted an invitation to become Teach for Morocco's Honorary President.





BMCE BANK FOUNDATION, AN UNRIVALLED COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT

BANK OF AFRICA Group's commitment to the Kingdom's economic and social development is underpinned by a deep-seated belief that education plays a vital role in economic, social and cultural development. Established in 1995, its Foundation's primary aim is to support the actions of the public authorities in combating illiteracy, pupil drop-out and young girls not attending school. With this in mind, BMCE Bank Foundation for Education and the Environment provides pragmatic and long-term solutions to the challenges of providing education in the Kingdom's underprivileged areas and in those countries in which the Group has operations. Its actions are aimed at improving access to education and combating insecurity as a result of educational inequality in an era of digital development.

Through its flagship Medersat.com programme which focuses on pre-school and primary education, more than 10,000 children in Morocco and sub-Saharan Africa are provided with an education.

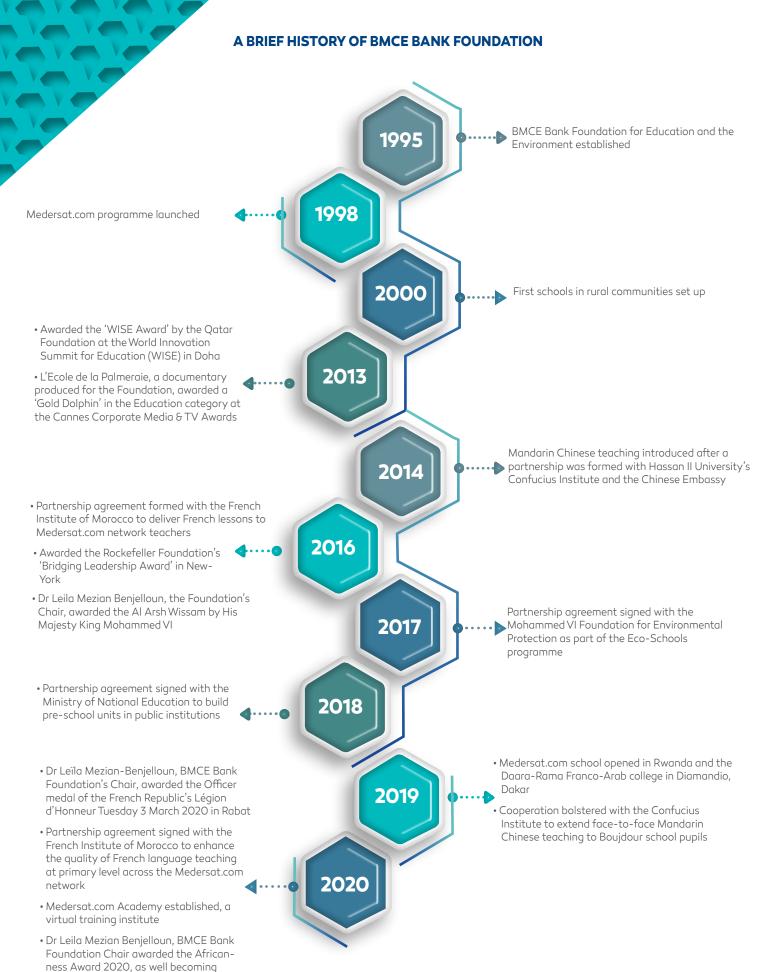
The Foundation's educational programme, which espouses values such as tolerance, modernity and open-mindedness, encourages foreign language learning as well as promoting the use of mother tongues such as Tamazight.

This ground-breaking initiative in Morocco has been made possible as a result of a number of partnerships. These include those with Hassan II University's Confucius Institute and the Chinese Embassy for Mandarin Chinese teaching, the French Institute in Morocco for high-quality French teaching and the Royal Institute for Berber Culture (IRCAM), renowned for its expertise in teaching Tamazight.

BMCE Bank Foundation's commitment to environmental causes was further highlighted in the Eco-Schools programme, in partnership with the Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection. In addition to incorporating environmental aspects into the construction of schools, the Eco-Schools programme is an educational project that raises pupils' awareness about sustainable development and invites them to adopt eco-friendly behaviour in their daily lives.

BMCE BANK FOUNDATION'S STRATEGIC PRIORITIES





Honorary Chair of Teach for Morocco

BMCE BANK FOUNDATION IN 2020

PUPILS CONTINUING TO RECEIVE AN EDUCATION DESPITE THE PANDEMIC

The particular context of 2020 saw distance learning adopted as an alternative learning platform across the Kingdom. This phenomenon underlined further educational inequalities, primarily due to a growing digital divide resulting from a lack of technological equipment in homes and sometimes non-existent network coverage. The quality of distance learning has also been hindered by a lack of teaching experience and a shortage of appropriate support mechanisms. This situation is a further reminder of the extent to which BMCE Bank Foundation's commitment is vital to building equitable access to knowledge.

During the pandemic, Medersat.com network schools have adapted their way of working to be able to continue to educate their pupils. In schools with smaller pupil numbers and where conditions allowed for social distancing, the mode of teaching remained face-to-face teaching. In schools with larger pupil numbers, teaching was organised on an alternate face- to-face basis.

All network schools benefited from specific measures to prevent contamination and the spread of the virus. In addition to social distancing measures, temperature checks at the school gate as well as shifting entry and exit times to limit the number of students and teachers mixing, a protocol was put in place to ensure regular disinfection and handwashing, the compulsory wearing of masks and the continuous disinfection of school premises, with classrooms and common use areas permanently ventilated. All pupils and teachers were provided with appropriate hygiene products and protective kits to ensure that that they were protected. Despite such unprecedented circumstances, the 2019-20 school year ended with a pass rate of 97.69% for those students moving on to higher education.



MEDERSAT.COM ACADEMY, OVERCOMING THE STAFF TRAINING CHALLENGE

In response to a lack of teacher training during the global pandemic, BMCE Bank Foundation for Education and the Environment created Medersat.com Academy, a virtual training institute. The initial aim of this institute is to provide teacher training and qualification in digital format. Subsequently, the institute aims to digitise practices and teaching in network schools.

BMCE Bank Foundation is one of the pioneers in digital education with the Medersat. com network beginning to introduce digital technology into its classrooms as long ago as 2007 with the introduction of interactive whiteboards and the use of videoconferencing to teach Mandarin Chinese.

PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION BOLSTERED ACROSS THE MEDERSAT.COM NETWORK

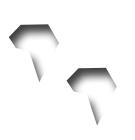
BMCE Bank Foundation endeavours to enable as many pupils as possible to gain access to knowledge, opening 18 middle section pre-school classes in Medersat.com network schools. This initiative was carried out in response to the Royal Appeal to make preschool education widely accessible and in partnership with Teach For Morocco, of which Dr Leila Mezian Benjelloun is Honorary President. Teach For Morocco is the Moroccan representative for Teach For All, a New Yorkbased international NGO.

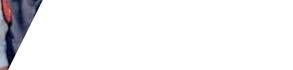
Since 5 October 2020, 500 pupils aged 4-5 years have been taught in the middle section of preschool. The teachers assigned to this project received training by distance learning in August and September 2020, organised in partnership with BMCE Bank Foundation as part of the Summer Institute programme.

Despite the restrictions imposed due to the pandemic and a temporary halt to building and renovation projects, the Foundation continued to support the Ministry of National Education by building and equipping preschool units within state schools. Four preschool classrooms were delivered in two schools in Témara, under the jurisdiction of the Rabat-Salé-Kénitra local education authority. The Foundation also began work on building twenty preschool classrooms in state schools coming under the jurisdiction of the Al Hoceima province local education authority. At the start of the 2020-2021 school year, a new Medersat.com unit opened in the municipality of Kétama, Al Hoceima province.

Construction work on the new Medersat. com Djibouti school suffered a three-month interruption due to the introduction of precautionary healthcare measures. Work is scheduled for completion in first half 2021.

In 2020, maintenance work was carried out at four schools.





STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS SIGNED

BMCE Bank Foundation, relentless in its pursuit of excellence, strives to ensure that its Medersat.com network schools enjoy an optimal environment to be able to provide the best possible educational experience. In addition to the strategic partnership between BMCE Bank Foundation for Education and the Environment and the Ministry of National Education to build schools and manage human resources as part of the Medersat.com programme, BMCE Bank Foundation has also teamed up with the following Moroccan and overseas partners :

FRENCH INSTITUTE OF MOROCCO

The main aims of the partnership agreement signed 13 February 2020, between BMCE Bank Foundation and the French Institute of Morocco, are to support French language learning for pupils at the Foundation's Medersat.com network schools, support the training of supervisors by pooling best professional practices, contribute to developing a supervisory framework and enhance French language skills in BMCE Bank Foundation schools. Through this partnership, the Foundation also aims to develop a digital training programme for supervisory staff which can be delivered digitally, promote teaching staff enrolment in distance learning courses and encourage teachers and supervisory staff across the entire Medersat. com network to communicate with each other by fostering inter-school ties.

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AGREEMENT WITH TEACH FOR MOROCCO

Under the terms of the partnership agreement signed 8 February 2020 with Teach for Morocco, BMCE Bank Foundation will be provided with the necessary human resources to deliver a preschool education in eighteen Medersat.com network schools. Teach for Morocco will provide training and follow-up for those teachers working in these schools. Teach for Morocco is a member of Teach for All, a New York-based international NGO.

AGREEMENT WITH THE MOHAMMED VI FOUNDATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The renewal of the partnership agreement between BMCE Bank Foundation for Education and the Environment and the Mohammed VI Foundation for the Protection of the Environment is designed to foster closer ties with a view to raising awareness, promoting and fostering an eco-friendly culture and helping network schools obtain the Eco-School Label.

PARTNERING THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE

BMCE Bank Foundation was the Official Sponsor of the 26th International Publishing and Book Fair organised by the Ministry of Culture held 6-16 February 2020 at the Casablanca Fairs and Exhibitions Centre.



GOALS AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Provide fresh impetus to retail banking and corporate banking
- Develop new growth drivers
- Accelerate Digital Banking
- Ensure that Africa benefits from the Group's international growth strategy
- Bolster SME coverage in Africa
- Emphasise sustainable development

GOALS & STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Driven by a deep-seated desire to contribute to the continent's development, BANK OF AFRICA has drawn up a set of strategic priorities that take into account current trends within the banking industry as well as learning from the various experiences brought about by the pandemic in 2020. Additional growth drivers include improving operational efficiency and bolstering risk management and recovery systems.

PROVIDE FRESH IMPETUS TO RETAIL BANKING AND CORPORATE BANKING

With an unrivalled regional network across Africa, BANK OF AFRICA is determined to leverage its expertise in providing funding and support to retail banking as well as corporate banking customers. With an extensive branch network and a vast array of remote banking services resulting from digital innovations, BANK OF AFRICA has managed to foster close ties with its customers. As a result, it has grown its market share not only in Morocco but in Africa.

DEVELOP NEW GROWTH DRIVERS

As part of a process of ongoing development, BANK OF AFRICA is constantly looking for new sources of growth to consolidate its position as a multi-business pan-African banking group with a global outlook. Leveraging its close ties with international partners, BANK OF AFRICA is developing financing facilities which can have a strong economic, social and environmental impact.



ACCELERATE DIGITAL BANKING

In order to meet the challenges arising from the profound changes taking place in the banking industry and a growing challenge from e-banking competitors, BANK OF AFRICA has implemented an ambitious 'Digital Transformation Programme'. This is basically aimed at improving customer experience across all distribution channels and improving the operational efficiency of each business line by digitising front-to-back-office business processes. Achieving these two goals will further underline BANK OF AFRICA's growing reputation as a digital innovation leader in banking and non-banking services whilst enabling it to explore new revenue sources through innovative business models.

By 2030, BANK OF AFRICA aims to become a pan-African group with operations in more than 25 countries, a leader in social and environmental responsibility and a catalyst for positive impact finance to promote trade and investment across the continent and serve Africans around the world.

To fulfil its ambitions, BANK OF AFRICA is able to leverage its extensive banking network in 20 countries in Africa, its leadership in a number of key markets (Morocco, WAEMU zone) and its universal banking knowhow with a strong value proposition in the Corporate Banking, SME Banking and Professional Banking market segments.

ENSURE THAT AFRICA BENEFITS FROM THE GROUP'S INTERNATIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY

BANK OF AFRICA has built an outwardlooking organisation underpinned by high levels of expertise of the Moroccan and African markets. Thanks to the complementary nature of its businesses in the 32 countries in which it has operations and its presence in some of the world's major financial centres – London, Paris, Zurich, Dubai and Shanghai – BANK OF AFRICA aims to offer large enterprises in Africa, Europe and Asia its expertise in corporate banking and trade finance. Its unique profile on the continent and its extensive geographical coverage are just some of its attributes that should enable it to fulfil its aspirations.

BOLSTER COVERAGE OF SMES IN AFRICA

BANK OF AFRICA is convinced of the importance of the SME ecosystem to Africa's development. As a result, it is committed to supporting African businesses through tailormade financing packages and to monitoring those businesses appropriately, to ensure that the SME sector plays a fundamental role in the development of the African economy. In addition, risk management systems will be further bolstered, and synergies developed between BANK OF AFRICA's various business entities.

EMPHASISE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Sustainable development, which has historically played an essential role in BANK OF AFRICA's development and which permeates its corporate culture, remains one of its strategic priorities. By building on its achievements of recent years and by continuing to enhance its reputation as a key player in positive impact finance, BANK OF AFRICA aims to add a fresh dimension to its social, societal and environmental undertakings. This approach, which is embraced by every Group subsidiary, is consistent with BMCE Bank Foundation's various initiatives.

BANK OF AFRICA's Positive Impact Portfolio Analysis approach will enable it to steer its portfolio of loan commitments, optimise their positive impact whilst mitigating their potential negative impact.

PERFORMANCE **& ACHIEVEMENTS**

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- BANK OF AFRICA and its ecosystem
- Accelerated digital transformation benefiting customers
- BANK OF AFRICA fully supportive of the domestic
- economy to counter the effects of the pandemic
- Results resilient despite the pandemic

PERFORMANCE & ACHIEVEMENTS

BANK OF AFRICA AND ITS ECOSYSTEM IN 2020

With events in 2020 dominated by the COVID-19 pandemic, economies around the world saw a sharp slowdown. A number of regions, including Africa, proved relatively resilient. Given the broader context, however, the banking sector was directly impacted by economic weakness with both investment and consumer spending contracting and the financial situation of a number of countries deteriorating. 2020 saw high financial market volatility due to disruptions in supply circuits and poor visibility during the year as to when the crisis might end.

Prior to 2020, the banking industry had seen a series of regulatory measures introduced aimed at bolstering the fundamentals of banks' and financial institutions in a number countries including Morocco. The challenging operating environment also underlined the solidity of Morocco's financial system and that of its institutions which, supported by the country's banking authority, Bank Al-Maghrib, were successfully met.

Furthermore, the Bank's business lines have undergone a transformation due to the development of digital banking. The various innovations made have proved a real asset in managing the business in a context of reduced mobility due to the pandemic.

In what was an unprecedented year, BANK OF AFRICA's solid fundamentals and appropriate strategic choices in terms of geographic diversification were underlined, so too, its astuteness in the technological choices made previously.



ACCELERATED DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION **BENEFITING CUSTOMERS**

The successful digitisation of BANK OF AFRICA's operations was one of the highlights of 2020 and received a boost with new customer needs emerging. During the vear. BANK OF AFRICA consolidated its status as an industry leader and a digital banking pioneer with a number of major innovations which enabled customers to subscribe online for an array of banking and non-banking services such as mortgage loans, consumer loans, assistance contracts for retail customers and cash loans for corporate customers. The functionality of the BMCE Direct Mobile application was enhanced during the year, enabling customers to consult their savings contracts online.

A revamped Agence Directe, which saw efficiency gains during the year, has been transformed into a genuine vehicle for attracting new customers. The process of opening accounts remotely was simplified, resulting in improved customer experience.

In addition, BANK OF AFRICA merged its Cash Management and Trade platforms to offer corporate customers a unique interface and a more streamlined and secure customer experience. 2020 also saw *Credit Business Online* launched, an interactive solution enabling business customers to make loan applications and renew or consult existing credit lines. The *BMCE Direct Entreprise* app now enables customers to access their banking documentation directly and execute their transactions and pay invoices free of charge.



BANK OF AFRICA FULLY SUPPORTIVE OF THE DOMESTIC ECONOMY TO COUNTER THE EFFECTS OF THE PANDEMIC



Ever faithful to its values as a socially responsible and committed banking group, BANK OF AFRICA has done its utmost to provide immediate and effective support to customers and the public authorities in those countries in which it has operations. BANK OF AFRICA activated its Business Continuity Plan at the very outset of the pandemic to ensure that operations ran smoothly, especially at branch level and across its ATM network. Dedicated crisis management units were also set up to meet customer requests to defer loan repayments and access social security benefits via ATMs.

BANK OF AFRICA's engagement is best illustrated by its response to the appeal from His Majesty, which saw it contribute MAD 1 billion to the special fund for managing the COVID-19 pandemic.

In response to a slowing economy due to the effects of the pandemic and with a number of business sectors registering a complete halt in business activity, BANK OF AFRICA introduced a series of financing solutions for businesses backed by a guarantee provided by the Caisse Centrale de Garantie (CCG). These include *Damane Oxygène* and *Damane Relance* and their equivalents for small businesses. During such a challenging period, BANK OF AFRICA has provided support to more than 10,000 Moroccan small businesses with MAD 12 billion of funding.

For those customers particularly affected by the effects of the pandemic, BANK OF AFRICA agreed to suspend loan repayments as well as providing a number of its remote banking services free of charge.



Contribution to the COVID-19 Fund MAD 1 Billion

> Loan repayment deferrals Customers benefiting : 63 000 Outstandings : MAD 11 Billion

DAMANE OXYGÈNE Number of Ioans : 5 593 Outstandings : MAD 846 Million DAMANE RELANCE Number of loans : 3 867 Outstandings : MAD 968 Million

RESULTS RESILIENT DESPITE THE PANDEMIC

TARGETED SUPPORT FOR THE BUSINESS SECTOR

Whilst the disruptions caused by the pandemic had a dampening effect on the recently strong momentum generated by BANK OF AFRICA in the entrepreneur market segment, the Bank's domestic network provided MAD 289 million of funding to more than 1,900 entrepreneurs as part of the *'INTELAKA'* Integrated Business Support and Financing Programme.

The focus was on female-run business startups and entrepreneurs during the year with the launch of the *Women in Business* package. As well as allocating sizeable funds, *Women in Business* supports customers through a variety of training programmes organised by the Bank's Economic Intelligence Centre.

Entrepreneurship was also promoted as part of the nationwide rollout of the *Blue Space* incubator network aimed at young entrepreneurs wanting to set up a business. The young entrepreneurs receive a personalised follow-up in the form of mentoring and training.

STRONG SALES MOMENTUM IN THE PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL BANKING SEGMENT

In 2020, BANK OF AFRICA continued to develop its portfolio of Personal and Professional Banking customers by entering into a number of partnership agreements with trade union and other representative organisations. Within the Personal Banking segment, a package for civil servants was expanded during the year whilst a number of agreements were signed with government departments.

SOLID GROWTH AND PERFORMANCE BY INVESTMENT BANKING

Progress was made by BANK OF AFRICA's investment banking businesses in 2020, despite the pandemic. This was due to the division activating its Business Continuity Plan, enabling the various business lines to deal with the operational challenges posed by the pandemic and engineer a gradual recovery in business activity.



By continuing to operate as normally as possible and by focusing on innovation and business development, BMCE Capital saw its revenues rise by 10% to MAD 1.2 billion while gross operating income increased by 18% to MAD 946 million.

2020 was also a year of innovation for BMCE Capital with the launch of *BK Financial Bot,* Morocco's first specialised investment banking chatbot. This chatbot enables clients to receive, instantly and securely, key information about transactions and their mutual fund investments via WhatsApp. In 2020, BMCE Capital also launched *CAP'Innov,* an in-company innovation programme.

The investment banking business also earned distinction in 2020 in two other ways. Whilst BMCE Capital Asset Management in Tunisia obtained ISO 9001:2015 certification, BMCE Capital Conseil received the Single Deal Local Advisor award at the Private Equity Africa 2020 Awards, in recognition of its role as advisor to one of Morocco's leading private healthcare providers



DEVELOPING AND MOBILISING SPECIALISED FINANCIAL SERVICES

The synergies-based business model adopted by BANK OF AFRICA has enabled it to continue to grow its Specialised Financial Services activities and implement a number of strategic initiatives, despite the unprecedented context of 2020.

Synergies bolstered with Salafin

In 2020, SALAFIN demonstrated the effectiveness of developing synergies with BANK OF AFRICA's other subsidiaries and businesses, which included managing maturity extensions and loan deferrals on behalf of the Bank's consumer loan and mortgage customers. SALAFIN also introduced several online management and monitoring platforms such as the new Collect online debt recovery solution as well as the IMÉDI@T console for processing online consumer loan applications.

Working closely with other Group subsidiaries, SALAFIN introduced a vehicle finance product in partnership with BOA Kenya as well as a loan product distributed by the Damane Cash network.

In 2020, SALAFIN's net banking income stood at MAD 338 million, down 13.9% compared to 2019.

Positive performance by Maghrebail

In 2020, Maghrebail continued to grow its business and support its customers whilst ensuring financial stability. With a market share of 24.2% at 31 December 2020, Maghrebail saw net banking income grow by 2.23% year-on-year to MAD 392.5 million.

Maroc Factoring – Business line Centre of Excellence

Despite the knock-on effect from the pandemic on its order book, Maroc Factoring's factoring portfolio registered growth of 3% (excluding imports) to MAD 861 million.

Similarly, factoring receivables grew by 2%. However, the slowdown in overall business activity saw Maroc Factoring post parent net income of MAD 3 million, down 24% versus 2019.

BTI Bank – A new business development strategy

BTI Bank, the Group's specialised participatory finance subsidiary adopted a new business development strategy aimed at gaining market share by extending its product range and diversifying its funding sources.

BTI Bank saw outstanding customer loans rise by 2.66% to MAD 319 million. However, as a result of the pandemic and the resulting cash withdrawals experienced by the entire participatory finance industry, customer deposits fell by 28% to MAD 96 million in 2020.

ROBUST GROWTH IN INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS DESPITE THE CRISIS

A resilient performance by BOA Group despite the challenging environment

BOA Group's regional diversification strategy and its solid fundamentals, built up over several years, enabled it to meet the challenges of 2020 and register growth in its main indicators. Although Africa's economies have proved relatively resilient, currency depreciation has had an impact on the performance of their banking sectors.

In what was an unprecedented context, BOA Group saw deposits grow by 6.1% to EUR 6.2 million in 2020. Strong top-line growth was reflected at the operating level with net banking income up 5.7% to MAD 574 million. This was due to an improvement in net interest income and an increase in revenues from available-for-sale securities.

BOA Group's efforts at operational efficiency enabled it to control costs, with the cost-toincome ratio improving significantly to 57.9% at 31 December 2021.

Consolidated net income, however, was impacted by an increase in the cost of risk, falling by 8.6% to EUR 102.7 million.

BANK OF AFRICA Europe seeing strong profit growth with good cost control at BMCE Bank International London PLC

BMCE Bank Europe was able to take advantage of the high volatility on global financial markets and the ensuing cuts in central bank interest rates as well as minimising the impact on its performance from a slowdown in foreign trade transactions. Net income growth of 11.3% to EUR 10.3 million would suggest that BANK OF AFRICA was fully justified in reorganising its business operations in recent years.

Furthermore, given the unusual doublewhammy of Brexit and the effects of a fullblown pandemic in the United Kingdom, the Group's London-based subsidiary was obliged to adopt a cost reduction plan (-4.8%) to limit the decline in earnings. Net income came in at GBP 1.7 million at 31 December 2020 versus GBP 2.9 million in 2019.

Strong top-line growth at BANK OF AFRICA Shanghai Branch

Consistent with its goal of establishing itself as partner to Chinese corporations and as a catalyst for economic and trade relations between China and Africa, BANK OF AFRICA Shanghai Branch attracted a high level of interest from businesses on both the Asian and African continents. In 2020, it appraised more than 179 investment projects worth USD 650 million.

After making a successful start to operations and given its chosen market positioning, BANK OF AFRICA Shanghai Branch is increasingly popular with both Chinese and African businesses thanks to an array of well-adapted financing solutions that leverage the Group's various synergies.

BOA Group Net banking income +5.7% BANK OF AFRICA Shanghai Branch USD 650 million of funding applications

BANK OF AFRICA Europe Net income +11.3%



BANK OF AFRICA Top Performer RSE 2020



4.11 CO₂ Footprint per Employee

A POSITIVE IMPACT WITH REGARD TO OUR STAKEHOLDERS

BANK OF AFRICA's commitment and contribution to economic and social development for more than 25 years has earned it a reputation as a pioneer in Morocco and Africa.

Drawing on internationally recognised frameworks such as the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, Principles for Responsible Banking and Principles for Responsible Investment, BANK OF AFRICA delivered a strong performance in 2020, resulting in a number of domestic and international awards.

Complying with the highest international standards

In 2020, BANK OF AFRICA was named 'Top Performer' by VIGEO EIRIS, a non-financial rating agency, one of only 14 of Morocco's 44 leading listed companies to earn this recognition. The Bank, which saw its score improve compared to 2019, topped the rankings among 95 emerging markets banks. It was ranked 2nd among 851 companies across the region, all sectors combined, and 47th among 4,842 companies from around the world, when rankings were published in June 2020. This award, obtained for the 7th consecutive year, underlines BANK OF AFRICA's growing reputation, under the leadership of its Chairman, Mr Othman Benjelloun, as a leading international group when it comes to positive impact sustainable and inclusive finance.

BANK OF AFRICA's nomination as 'Top Performer CSR Morocco' proved just reward for the efforts of each business line within the Group to implement the Group's Social Responsibility Charter's 6 undertakings. Sociétale du Groupe.

BANK OF AFRICA'S sustainability rating by Vigeo Eiris, 1st in Morocco and in the top 2% of companies rated around the world

BANK OF AFRICA was also ranked in the top 2% of all global companies rated by Vigeo Eiris (4,880 in total) and 1st among 90 in the banking sector – 'Retail & Specialised Banks – Emerging Markets' category – as per the first corporate sustainability rating undertaken in Morocco. BANK OF AFRICA was also awarded an A1+ rating (Advanced level) based on an overall score of 64/100, again underlining its reputation as a leader in CSR.

First bank in Morocco to be awarded the SafeGuard hygiene excellence and safety label by Bureau Veritas Group

This label illustrates the Bank's commitment to safeguarding the health and safety of employees and customers in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. It also underlines the Group's commitment to corporate social responsibility internationally as well as reassuring stakeholders as to the effectiveness of its business continuity plan in accordance with global health standards. The labelling project focused on four specific COVID-prevention measures – taking appropriate medical precautions, introducing screens barriers, adapting and disinfecting workspaces and transport, and reorganising working practices.

95%

Percentage of local companies mandated by the Bank across all projects



PERFORMANCE CONSISTENT WITH THE UNDERTAKINGS GIVEN BY THE INSTITUTION

UNDERTAKING 1: COMPLYING WITH BUSINESS ETHICS AND SAFEGUARDING CUSTOMERS' INTERESTS

BANK OF AFRICA operates in an industry in which fairness in business dealings, integrity and transparency are vital to the smooth running of the business. That is why the Group takes every step to prevent corruption and conflicts of interest, combat fraud and comply with competition rules. Its ethical undertakings also encompass combating tax evasion, money laundering and terrorism financing.

Ethics and professional conduct

In accordance with the relevant requirements, BANK OF AFRICA duly filed its ethics activity reports with the Moroccan Capital Markets Authority. In addition to these reports, the Authority was provided with an updated list of persons with insider knowledge in accordance with agreed procedures. Furthermore, the periodic reporting statements relating to transactions by insiders did not reveal any anomaly nor any atypical or suspicious transaction.

Bolstering and embedding the compliance system across the entire Group

Consistent with its compliance-related undertakings and after completing the initial rollout of the Convergence project in 2019, BANK OF AFRICA has continued to bolster its compliance systems at Group level with a number of initiatives.

Measuring systems efficiency

BANK OF AFRICA Group appointed an international consulting firm to conduct an independent review of its AML-CFT system, with a focus on sub-Saharan subsidiaries. The review focused on a variety of system components with effectiveness testing carried out on a panel of pre- selected subsidiaries. A number of initiatives were implemented to bolster these subsidiaries' compliance systems.

Support and assistance

BANK OF AFRICA's Group Compliance provided assistance to subsidiaries as they endeavoured to bolster their customer and transaction monitoring systems. A number of cornerstone initiatives were completed with others now underway. These include updating the body of standards in response to the various recommendations made in the wake of in-company and external audits and bolstering European subsidiaries' systems for screening customers and their transactions as part of the process of carrying out FATCA due diligence (e.g. certification and reporting to the IRS).

Subsidiaries have also been asked to implement an anti-bribery management system based on the parent company's system, which has itself been certified in accordance with the ISO 37001 anti-bribery management standard.

Lastly, Group Compliance made its subsidiaries aware of the need to resize their Compliance teams to ensure that the newly implemented systems are efficient and to improve compliance activity performance indicators.

Compliance community seminar

To foster a culture of dialogue and sharing across the Group's various subsidiaries, BANK OF AFRICA organised the 4th Compliance Community seminar held in February 2020. The international expert who was the guest speaker at this year's seminar shared his experience of a variety of compliance-related issues with the subsidiaries' Compliance Officers.

Know your customer (KYC)

2020 saw the ongoing implementation of the project to outsource prospective customer checks to the Operation Global Services (OGS) subsidiary. The revamped KYC value chain now enables the Bank to automate the account opening process and make it more secure.

This solution was piloted at a number of branches from February 2020 and has been rolled out on a gradual basis. The results of this pilot phase have shown a significant improvement in the quality of the KYC process.





AML-CFT Risk assessment

In accordance with existing regulations, BANK OF AFRICA conducts an annual analysis and assessment of the AML-CFT risks for different customer categories, countries or geographic zones as well as products, services, operations and distribution channels. In conducting this analysis, all relevant risk factors are assessed prior to determining the overall risk level.

The assessment methodology was shared with all the Group's subsidiaries and a simulation was carried out at the Compliance seminar in February 2020 in which all Compliance Officers participated.

Transaction Monitoring

In 2020, despite the sense of crisis as a result of the global pandemic, Group Compliance managed to process, in real time, every alert generated from screening incoming and outgoing SWIFT messages and alerts relating to account openings. It also monitored customer transactions with the help of specialised screening solutions.

Compliance with US FATCA Legislation

As part of the process of complying with US FATCA legislation, FATCA reports were filed with the US tax authorities for all eligible subsidiaries ahead of the reporting deadlines. In 2020, three new subsidiaries registered with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) (US tax authorities) – LCB Bank, BOA Madagascar and BOA Rwanda. At 31 December 2020, from a total of 23 subsidiaries, 70% or 16 subsidiaries had been certified. The 7 remaining subsidiaries will be certified in 2021 in accordance with the IRS-imposed certification.

Anti-bribery Management System (SMAC) ISO 37001-certified

In 2019, the Group's anti-bribery management system was awarded ISO 37001 certification which certifies that all procedures and controls have been adopted to mitigate the potential corruption risks to which the Bank is exposed. A communications campaign was conducted for all stakeholders to raise awareness and provide training about corruption risk. BANK OF AFRICA is playing a pioneering role in combating corruption as the first banking group in Africa to obtain this award. The Group has since rolled out the system at subsidiary level which is adapted to meet local regulatory requirements.

This certification, which is renewed annually, will impact four Group subsidiaries, three of which are in Africa and one Europe in 2020 and 2021.

A certified quality management system

BANK OF AFRICA was the first Moroccan bank to obtain ISO 9001 certification in the early 2000s. The Bank has had its ISO 9001:2015 certificate renewed for the following activities: Bankcards, Securities, Overseas, Project Finance, Bank-Insurance, Loans to retail customers and Human capital. These certifications were renewed by Bureau Veritas Certification (BVC), an international certification organisation, on completion of audits carried out by BVC.



UNDERTAKING 2 : PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE FINANCE AND SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

BANK OF AFRICA – A key player in positive impact finance

In 2020, BANK OF AFRICA contributed to UNEP FI's first report on sustainable finance in the Arab world, entitled 'Promoting Sustainable Finance and Climate in the Arab Region'. The Group adopted the Equator Principles (EP) in May 2010, providing it with a suitable framework for incorporating environmental, climate-related and social risks in funded projects.

In signing the Positive Impact Manifesto in October 2015 and then becoming a member of the Positive Impact Finance Initiative in 2017, the Group accelerated its commitment to sustainable finance. BANK OF AFRICA is committed to conducting impact analysis of its entire portfolio and adopting an impactbased approach to economic development by identifying and monitoring environmental, climate-related and social impacts.

The aim of this kind of analysis is to enable the Bank to set ambitious goals when it comes to increasing its positive impacts and reducing the negative ones. Attaining these goals requires a combination of commitments towards its customers. That means encouraging them to embrace transition and innovation as well as making adjustments to the portfolio i.e. gradually reducing or even eliminating some business activities.

GREEN BOND

In 2016, BANK OF AFRICA became the first Moroccan bank to issue a green bond, formerly classified as a 'positive impact bond', which raised MAD 500 million via a public offering on the domestic market for investment in renewable energy.

SECOND PARTY OPINION

Vigeo Eiris' second party opinion enables investors to gain an insight into a funded project's sustainability and impact, the ESG performance of the issuing company, BANK OF AFRICA and the degree of compatibility between the two. In just a few years, BANK OF AFRICA has emerged as a genuine leader in responsible and inclusive finance. Underlining its status as a pioneer, in 2018, the Bank became the first in Africa to publicly support the recommendations of the TCFD, the G20 Climate Task Force, and has already started to incorporate climate risks within its governance system, strategy and funding.

The initial results of the Positive Impact Portfolio Analysis conducted by BANK OF AFRICA enabled the Bank to assess the impact from a specific part of its Ioan portfolio whilst ensuring that subsidiaries were fully compliant with the sustainable development priorities of those countries in which the Group has operations.

In 2020, a climate finance training programme was rolled out at Group level in partnership with IFC involving BOA subsidiaries in sub-Saharan Africa as well as BBI London and the Shanghai branch office. This capped the Bank's efforts at incorporating sustainable finance at Group level.

CAP BLEU

BANK OF AFRICA has developed an exclusive offer in partnership with the AFD and the EIB, enabling Moroccan companies to finance water treatment and sanitation projects. The Cap Bleu credit line offers an attractive interest rate with free technical assistance also provided.

EBRD'S GEFF PROGRAMME

BANK OF AFRICA is an investor in a mechanism set up in partnership with the Green Climate Fund (GCF) designed to help businesses fund, via local banks, investment in sustainable energy, particularly energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

ARABIA CSR AWARDS

For the 7th consecutive year, BANK OF AFRICA was an award-winner at the CSR Arabia Awards. This label provides global recognition of its cutting-edge approach to sustainable development and CSR.

Green Bond

BANK OF AFRICA has published its annual Green Bond impact report on the <u>www.ir-bankofafrica.ma</u> website. This report demonstrates the Bank's sustained and well-documented commitment to funding energy transition projects.

In 2020, close cooperation with the IFC enabled BANK OF AFRICA to add further credibility to its project-related climate finance data. The funds raised from BANK OF AFRICA's areen bond issue were helped fund the Khalladi wind farm, a 120 MW facility located in the Tangier region. The wind farm intends to supply competitively priced clean energy to a number of large industrial companies operating primarily in Morocco's cement industry. MAD 1.7 billion has been invested in this wind farm, developed by ACWA Power in partnership with ARIF, an investment fund. The money raised to finance this investment has come entirely from the private sector with ACWA Power and ARIF providing equity finance and long-term debt from the EBRD in partnership with the Clean Technology Fund (CTF) and BANK OF AFRICA.

In 2020, Vigeo Eiris, a non-financial rating agency, was appointed to provide an updated independent opinion as to the extent to which sustainability factors were taken into account by BANK OF AFRICA in designing and managing its green bond. This independent opinion once again confirmed that BANK OF AFRICA is managing its Green Bond effectively.

BANK OF AFRICA GROUP UNDERGOING A GRADUAL TRANSFORMATION INTO A BANK WHICH MAXIMISES ITS POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT, SOCIETY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

After adopting UNEP FI's Positive Impact initiative, in 2020, BANK OF AFRICA made considerable progress in its commitment to sustainable development when financing development projects. 2020 heralded a major change in the way in which BANK OF AFRICA appraises environmental, social and societal responsibility aspects in managing its loan portfolio. The focus is now on continuously assessing the extent to which E&S risks impact its various loan commitments. During the year, BANK OF AFRICA also bolstered the different measures and systems adopted to promote positive impact finance through four main areas of development :

 Increase specialised loans having a positive environmental or social impact, promoting inclusion and supporting small businesses and SMEs

• Support the domestic economy and introduce specific loan packages to support small businesses and SMEs

 Systematically carry out an assessment of the potential positive and negative aspects when deciding on whether to approve an investment loan by the Group

 Undertake an overall analysis of the loan portfolio in Morocco using the Portfolio Impact Analysis Tool for Banks developed by UNEP-FI.



Increase specialised loans having a positive environmental or social impact, promoting inclusion and supporting small businesses and SMES

As a major supporter of Morocco's energy strategy which aims to generate 30% of the Kingdom's power from renewable energy sources as well as improving the energy efficiency of the business sector, BANK OF AFRICA's *Cap Energie* financing facility is targeted at private sector corporations and state-owned enterprises. Four wind power projects have been financed to date with a total capacity of 808 MGW.

Taza wind
farmBoujdour wind
farm87 MGW301 MGWAcwa Poser
KhalladiTarfaya wind
farm120 MGW300 MGW

In 2020, BANK OF AFRICA's Large Enterprises division's *Cap Valoris* financing facility, together with measures to support the circular economy, helped finance a number of projects including a waste sorting and recovery plant in Marrakech.

BANK OF AFRICA has also allocated funding and support for conserving water resources. In 2020, the *Cap Bleu* financing line, in partnership with AFD and the EIB, provided funding to Société d'Eau Dessalée d'Agadir (SEDA), a desalination plant designed to produce 400,000 m³ of water per day for drinking and irrigation purposes. A sustainable development approach has been adopted for this project, which uses renewable energy sources to meet its needs.

The *Cap Bleu* financing line has also helped finance drinking water purification projects for AMENDIS and REDAL, public utilities responsible for providing drinking water and electricity in the Tangier-Tétouan-Al Hoceima and Rabat-Salé-Kénitra regions respectively. Despite the backdrop of the pandemic, BANK OF AFRICA has continued to implement its roadmap promoting financial inclusion, both in terms of the *Women In Business* programme and in providing financial support for high social impact projects. Significant progress was made in 2020 in financing social infrastructure, such as the Mohamed VI University of Health Sciences, the *Cité Universitaire* in Casablanca and the International University of Rabat.

BANK OF AFRICA also won plaudits for its financing of the Mazagan urban hub and projects to electrify rural areas and the city of Dakhla.

Supporting the domestic economy and offering specific credit lines in support of small businesses

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, BANK OF AFRICA has endeavoured to support small businesses by introducing a number of appropriate funding vehicles. BANK OF AFRICA's wholehearted commitment has enabled its small business customers to counter the negative effects of the crisis and mitigate the latter's impact on their business.

Systematically carry out an appraisal of the potential positive and negative aspects when deciding on whether to approve an investment loan by the Group

Impact analysis is carried out for all investment loans, an approach that enables BANK OF AFRICA to develop a genuine dialogue with customers. It also helps improve the quality of the portfolio in terms of environmental and social aspects. To ensure that each appraisal is carried out effectively, each loan application is processed either by the sales force or by the subsidiary's ES risk expert based on its environmental and social complexity.

After identifying and appraising the positive and negative impacts of each loan application, the Bank will assign :

- An initial 'positive impact' rating after identifying and qualifying the project's positive impact in terms of economic, environmental and social criteria

- A second 'negative E&S risks' rating after identifying the project's negative environmental and social aspects and the measures taken by the customer to mitigate these risks.

To ensure that these measures were properly implemented, BANK OF AFRICA ran a major training programme over a 3-month period, reaching out to 443 users with an 81% participation rate. Thanks to these efforts, more than 103 loan applications were submitted for E&S risk assessment as follows :

Breakdown by number of loan dossiers and by loan amount

56%

25%

Analysis not required

Analysis carried out by ES team
Analysis carried out by network

As well as adopting an E&S appraisal approach, BANK OF AFRICA leverages the Equator Principles framework which it adopted in 2010. This has enabled it to establish effective Group-wide processes in order to avoid, reduce and mitigate the negative E&S impacts for funded projects or corporate loans.

In addition, as part of its Group General Risks policy, BANK OF AFRICA has initiated a process for identifying physical climate risks in managing its overall loan portfolio. The Bank has set up a Climate Risks Working Group with the support of UNEP FI following a decision taken by the ESS Committee. Furthermore, an initial process to identify the Project Finance portfolio's transition risks was carried out by using the UNEP FI's Transition Check solution.



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BANK OF AFRICA – A leading player in social entrepreneurship

Financial inclusion and support for business start-ups

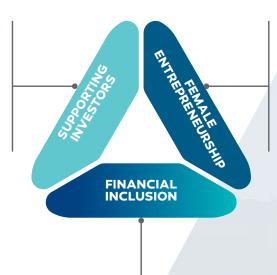
In 2020, BANK OF AFRICA, which is fully supportive of the financial inclusion strategy promoted by His Majesty King Mohammed VI, adopted a proactive approach to the INTELAKA programme targeting eligible business start-ups. The Bank has supported a variety of INTELAKA projects including a community of more than 80 horse-drawn carriage drivers in Marrakech. By registering on the national register for self- employed persons, they were able to benefit from the BOA INTELAKA offer. This initiative provided them with a formal framework to conduct their business as well as giving them access to financial support.

In July 2020, an initiative was launched at the Diour Chioukh shopping complex in Khenifra which saw street vendors provided with business premises under the National Human Development Initiative (INDH). This initiative, which is part of a socio-economic support programme, saw 211 bank accounts opened at BANK OF AFRICA. BANK OF AFRICA took part in a presentation of the INTELAKA Integrated Business Support and Financing programme at a special event organised by the Safi Chamber of Handicrafts. This seminar was attended by a number of craftsmen from Safi. Following this BOA INTELAKA promotional event, 160 applications were received to register on the national register for self- employed persons and 15 INTELAKA applications were processed.

In partnership with the Khouribga Al Wahda Young Entrepreneurs Association, a meeting with 52 self-employed business start-ups was organised which resulted in 17 registrations on the national register for self-employed persons, 11 account openings and 14 BOA INTELAKA applications.

In Kasbat Ait Ben Haddou, a rural district a few kilometres from Ouarzazate, an event was organised for local craftsmen to promote the Al Moustatmir Al Qarawi BOA INTELAKA offer. This grassroots initiative resulted in a number signing up for *Hissabi Pro*, registering on the register of self-employed persons and initiating the BOA INTELAKA credit application process in support of business start-ups in the Kasbat Ait Ben Haddou village.

BANK OF AFRICA's commitment extends to every sector of the economy as illustrated by its *Damane Relance* and *CAP TPE* credit facilities. BANK OF AFRICA has once again demonstrated its willingness and readiness to support the domestic economy as one of the Kingdom's major financial intermediaries.



Fully supportive of the financial inclusion strategy promoted by His Majesty King Mohammed VI, which is also a major priority for the Bank, BANK OF AFRICA proactively engaged in its *INTELAKA* programme in 2020. In partnership with the EBRD, BANK OF AFRICA launched Women in Business, a EUR 20 million credit line for female entrepreneurs.

PERFORMANCE & ACHIEVEMENTS



Contributing to the UNESCO study on financial inclusion

Consistent with its vocation as a socially responsible bank, BANK OF AFRICA contributed to a study on financial inclusion co-published by UNESCO, the European Financial Management Association (EFMA), Ecole des Ponts Business School and Wavestone. 'Financial Inclusion: New Ambitions for 2020' aims to establish an overview of the financial sector's considerable scope for action on the corporate social responsibility front.

Several eco-responsible initiatives by financial institutions were reviewed in this study. The Group's leadership in this area was highlighted with praise reserved for its many corporate social responsibility initiatives and its endeavours to promote financial inclusion. This study also revealed an increase in the number of support initiatives by major financial institutions that have had a direct positive impact on entrepreneurs and SMEs.

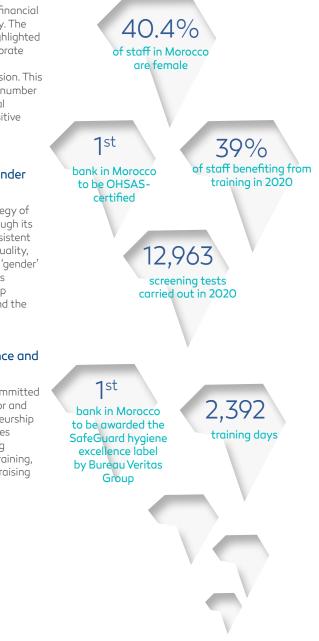
Female entrepreneurship and gender equality

BANK OF AFRICA is pursuing its strategy of supporting women entrepreneurs through its 'Women in Business' programme. Consistent with its policy of promoting gender equality, BANK OF AFRICA has implemented a 'gender' roadmap as well as endorsing Women's Empowerment Principles, a partnership initiative established by UN Women and the UN Global Compact.

Increased non-financial assistance and support for small businesses

BANK OF AFRICA, which is heavily committed to supporting the small business sector and entrepreneurs, launched its Entrepreneurship Observatory in 2009. The latter involves a three-pronged approach to providing non-financial support in the form of training, mentoring and networking, as well as raising awareness about entrepreneurship. Each year, advice and training are provided to 15,000 would-be entrepreneurs and youngsters wanting to set up their own business.

BANK OF AFRICA, in partnership with the EBRD, also launched *Women Entrepreneur,* the first product specifically for women entrepreneurs offering a training programme and a subsidised rate of interest.



UNDERTAKING 3 : BEING A RESPONSIBLE EMPLOYER, ATTENTIVE TO ITS EMPLOYEES AND SUPPORTING THEIR DEVELOPMENT

Human capital lies at the very core of BMCE Bank of Africa's corporate strategy. The Bank strives for collective, social and responsible development. The Bank's state-of-the-art HR system is underpinned by solid principles and fundamentals, cemented by a strong corporate culture.

Career management emphasising skills development for every employee

As a responsible employer that is attentive to its employees, BANK OF AFRICA has adopted, through its Human Resources policy, a number of measures that promote its employees' personal and professional development. Whether through the training courses provided by BANK OF AFRICA ACADEMY focusing on developing banking-related and managerial skills or the various possibilities for internal transfer within Morocco or overseas, BANK OF AFRICA ensures that its employees' skills and careers are managed as best as possible.

Skills development is carried out through in-person training or distance learning, experience-sharing among colleagues and self-study via daily management-related situations as well as new assignments. In 2020, 916 internal transfers were recorded at BANK OF AFRICA, which resulted in either a change in business line or post in what was a sideways move or a promotion.

In 2020, 39% of the workforce benefited from at least one training initiative. More than 100 training courses were offered i.e. around 2,392 training days. Since a state of emergency was officially declared in Morocco, training activity has been temporarily suspended. A revamp of all business line training courses has been initiated.

Keen on employing youngsters and recruiting people with special needs

The Bank is committed to employing recently qualified graduates and strives to make it easier for them to get their first job, primarily through internships.

In 2020, nearly 400 students from different universities, OFPPT institutes and graduate colleges, 65% of whom were young women, were offered internships by the Bank's different business units.

Nearly 80% of BANK OF AFRICA's employees are under the age of 45 with 38.5 years being the average age of staff in Morocco.

The institution also promotes diversity by positively encouraging the recruitment and integration of disabled persons. Each year, it participates in a number of events and forums specifically organised for people with special needs.

Measures underlining a strong commitment to gender equality

As part of its social commitment to promoting female employment, BANK OF AFRICA has continued to see an increase in the ratio of female staff to total Bank employees in Morocco. This ratio stood at 40.4% in 2020 versus 40.2% in 2019.

In 2020, BANK OF AFRICA decided to prioritise its Gender Action Plan in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals with the aim of achieving gender parity within the Group's overall workforce, its managerial functions and on its governance bodies.

The Bank also aims to promote women's financial inclusion through specific products and to protect women's fundamental rights more extensively.

Social security cover of a high standard

BANK OF AFRICA ensures that it complies with social security regulations and with labour law. The Bank's social security cover goes well beyond the regulatory framework, providing employees with additional social security and retirement benefits such as a topup pension, and a solidarity fund. The Bank's health and social unit enables each employee to benefit from preventive measures, annual health check-ups and vaccination campaigns. A number of management initiatives were carried out in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. These included implementing hygiene, prevention and disinfection measures at head office and across the branch network.

To ensure that preventive measures were applied, officers were appointed to liaise with regional representatives whilst COVID-19 cases and contact cases were monitored on a daily basis. As a result, 12,963 screening tests were carried out during the year.

The Group is fully aware that occupational well-being is a performance driver, which is why it implemented a cornerstone initiative to reduce psychosocial risks and manage workplace stress.

An innovative programme promoting intrapreneurship and skills enhancement

Launched at the end of 2019, the In'Pulse Programme is intended to be an in-company innovation programme. Adopting a flexible approach, it aims to pool knowledge within the organisation, foster a sense of creativity amongst employees and involve them in high-impact projects.

The programme is open to any BANK OF AFRICA Group employee with an innovative project idea that might be transformed into an actual project and be used as a growth driver or as a means of enabling the Group to stand out from its peers. Throughout their entire 'intrapreneur' experience, project owners benefit from a bespoke support programme consisting of bootcamps and training provided by entrepreneurs, business line experts and experienced entrepreneurs. The selected project owners then undergo an in-company incubation programme to bring their ideas to fruition. Four innovative projects were chosen in the programme's first year which are currently being incubated.

The second edition is nearing completion with nearly 20 projects selected. The third edition was launched in April 2021.

UNDERTAKING 4 : EXERCISING GOVERNANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT WITH DILIGENCE

Governance

Given the scale of its business activities and its wide-ranging commitments and ambitions, BANK OF AFRICA's governance model not only meets the legal and regulatory requirements of domestic and international regulatory authorities but also strives to reach exemplary standards, as part of a process of ongoing improvement. Furthermore, given its strategic role within the domestic and African economies and a determination to protect the interests of its stakeholders, the Group has adopted a solid governance system and effective control procedures that ensure that its business model is sustainable.

BANK OF AFRICA's governance system is underpinned by various decision-making and supervisory bodies as well as specialised committees which are responsible for ensuring that the Group's main strategic and operational policies are properly implemented.

The Board of Directors, whose primary responsibility is to maintain a balance between shareholders' interests and growth prospects, long-term value creation and depositor protection, is made up of 14 directors.

Among these 14 directors, two are women, one of whom is an independent director alongside three other independent directors.

The Governance, Appointments and Remuneration Committee, the Group Risks Committee and the Group Audit and Internal Control Committee are tasked with ensuring sustainability, managing risk proactively and carrying out operational control at Group level.

Risk Management

BANK OF AFRICA's approach to risk management is consistent with professional and regulatory standards, international rules and recommendations issued by supervisory authorities. The main risks identified are credit risk, market risk, operational risk and country risk.

BANK OF AFRICA ensures that it is complies at all times with Bank Al Maghrib's regulatory requirements and those of the various supervisory authorities of the countries in which it has operations.

Risk management and monitoring are carried out entirely independently of each of BANK OF AFRICA's operational entities, ensuring that information is independent, objective and comprehensive and that the Group's risk appetite is appropriately aligned to corporate strategy.

UNDERTAKING 5 : PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT AND REDUCING THE CARBON FOOTPRINT ACROSS THE GROUP

BANK OF AFRICA carries out its 4th carbon assessment

As part of ongoing efforts to promote climate action, BANK OF AFRICA has undertaken to voluntarily conduct an inventory of its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions every two years which consists of monitoring trends in the Bank's overall carbon footprint by comparison with the first assessment carried out in 2015, drawing up a roadmap for mitigating and/or offsetting GHG emissions and measuring the effectiveness of the reduction initiatives implemented. The 2020 carbon assessment was carried out in April 2021 and took into account the main direct and indirect emission categories. The latter primarily refer to different types of energy consumption, investments and leased assets, purchases, cash-in-transit, business travel and end-of-life treatment.

In terms of results, this latest carbon assessment underlined the Bank's efforts to protect the environment. Overall CO₂ emissions fell by 25% in 2020 by comparison with 2018, largely due to the impact from the COVID-19 pandemic which resulted in many employees working from home and to restrictions in business travel.

	2018	2019	2020	
Energy consumption in kWh	24 610 710	23 847 440	22 964 602	
CO_2 emissions per employee in T CO_2 eq.	5.16	5.16	4.11	
Waste assessment				
Paper and archives (t)	53	34	48	
IT equipment (units)	579	667	887	
Cooking oils (kg)	867	990	0	
Cartridges (kg)	3 860	3 548	2 779	
Maintenance (kg)	1643	2 120	1400	

1 GHG emissions were calculated in accordance with ISO 14064-1 and 14069 standards and with the help of the GHG assessment solution adopted in 2013 by the Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection, which is modelled on the carbon assessment method developed by the French Environment and Energy Management Agency (ADEME).

25%

Reduction in the Bank's

GHG emissions

GHG emissions in 2020

2049



20%

ISO 14001 certification renewed

As part of its commitment to managing environmental impacts, BANK OF AFRICA's ongoing contribution to the collective effort to combat global warming resulted in its ISO 14001 certification being renewed in 2020. Bureau Veritas, the consulting firm responsible for certification renewal, commended Management's commitment to continuously improve its system, the setting up of a Group Environmental, Social and Sustainability (ESS) Committee which resulted in improved ESS performance and the Bank's commitment to funding projects with a positive environmental impact.

Reducing our buildings' carbon footprint

BANK OF AFRICA has implemented a sustainable construction policy which applies to renovation and construction projects for buildings and new sites.

The HQE-certified BANK OF AFRICA Academy building was designed in such a way so as to reduce the impact from construction on the environment while providing occupants with a healthy and comfortable indoor environment. This multi-criteria approach combines eco- construction and eco-management with comfort and health in mind.

Raising awareness and training in sustainable development

BANK OF AFRICA is committed to an ambitious environmental and energy policy. Over and above its main implementation priorities, the Bank is keen to foster a culture and awareness of issues relating to sustainable development at Group level. Various training initiatives and internal campaigns are regularly implemented to encourage employees to adopt good habits and behaviour.

UNDERTAKING 6 : ACTING IN THE INTERESTS OF COMMUNITIES AND MAINTAINING A DIALOGUE WITH STAKEHOLDERS

In addition to BMCE Bank Foundation's very strong commitment to education, BANK OF AFRICA participates in and supports numerous events as a socially engaged institution that is committed to each of its stakeholders.

Partnership with Nahda Zénata Association

An annual partnership agreement was signed with the Nahda Zénata Association to finance the association's entire cultural, social, environmental and sports programme for 2020 in the Casablanca-Settat region. This programme is focused on four initiatives aimed at providing support to individuals and families in difficult circumstances. In 2020, eye tests were carried out and spectacles distributed to 200 children and 150 women in the towns of Aïn Harrouda and Chellalate. Around 1,400 food parcels were distributed to families affected by COVID-19. A circumcision campaign saw 270 children from disadvantaged families circumcised from Aïn Harrouda, Challalate and Sidi Moussa Al Majdoub as well as the children of sub-Saharan migrant families. This partnership again underlines the Bank's endeavours in addressing social problems and its tireless work in supporting associations and civil society.



BOA Group's screening campaign

To celebrate International Women's Day, in partnership with Junior Chamber International, BANK OF AFRICA, for the 5th consecutive year, renewed its breast and cervical cancer screening operations in underprivileged communities. In 2020, subsidiaries in Benin, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Mali, Niger and Senegal participated in the initiative. Over the past 5 years, more than 24,000 women have been screened, around 5% of whom have required further medical attention. Breast cancer is the leading killer of African women whilst cervical cancer is the second most common cancer. Almost 80% of deaths occur in low-income countries, where access to testing and treatment is challenging.

Sidaction campaign

BANK OF AFRICA took part in the 8th AIDS solidarity campaign held in December 2020, of which His Majesty King Mohammed VI is Royal Patron. Following the event, BANK OF AFRICA collected donations in cash, by transfer, as well as by cheque via its banking network, branches and business centres across the Kingdom. To ensure that this large-scale public-spirited event ran smoothly, a multi-channel mechanism was set up to encourage and facilitate regular donor support. As a result, all those wanting to make a donation to such a worthy cause could do so using electronic platforms such as ATMs and BMCE Direct and via a specific bank account.

Promoting women's handicrafts

Entirely consistent with its desire to promote rural development through education and inclusion, BMCE Bank Foundation for Education and the Environment, under the leadership of its Chair, Dr Leila Mezian Benjelloun, organised, 9 March 2020, an exhibition showcasing the handicrafts of Moroccan women in rural areas, especially from the Tangier-Tétouan-Al Hoceima region. To celebrate International Women's Day, this exhibition was held at BANK OF AFRICA's head office and organised in partnership with Mrs Marga Crespo, Director of Innovarte, a consulting firm. The proceeds from this exhibition were donated to low-income women in rural areas. This sales exhibition gave visitors an opportunity to discover and appreciate handicrafts reflecting the rich tradition and cultural heritage of the Kingdom's different regions as well as the exceptional talent and creativity of women from rural areas, whose *savoir-faire* has been inherited from forebears and passed down from generation to generation.

Official sponsor of the international Publishing and Book Fair

As in preceding years, BMCE Bank Foundation for Education and the Environment was the Official Sponsor of the 26th International Publishing and Book Fair (SIEL) held 6-16 February 2020 at the Casablanca International Fair. It was an opportunity for the Foundation to present and showcase Medersat.com's innovative educational programme and highlight its educational and cultural activities through films, brochures, magazines and textbooks.

This event was marked by the visit of Dr Leila Mezian Benjelloun, the Foundation's Chair, who was welcomed by Mrs Latifa Mouftaqir, Director of Libraries and Archives and by Mr Mohammed Bekkali, Director of the Casablanca International Fair. After visiting the Foundation's stand, Dr Leila Mezian Benjelloun spent some time visiting the stands of this year's guest countries, France, Spain, Canada, China and Mauritania. The Foundation also took this opportunity to organise a cultural visit for pupils of the Medersat. com Bouskoura school. BANK OF AFRICA

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OUTLOOK

BANK OF AFRICA Group has drawn up a Strategic Development Plan for the 2019-21 period aimed at bolstering its domestic and international operations. Its development vision is structured around 6 strategic priorities, in addition to other growth drivers :



To be sufficiently capitalised to be able to implement its strategic development plan, the Bank bolstered its capital base with MAD 3.6 billion raised in 2019 and a further MAD 793 million in 2020, with shareholders given the option of converting their dividends into equity.

Furthermore, as part of a real estate securitisation transaction, BANK OF AFRICA set up a Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) to optimise its balance sheet. The net impact was MAD 304 million.



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METHODOLOGY

BANK OF AFRICA has chosen to publish an integrated annual report for the second consecutive year. This decision underlines a desire to report its achievements in a context of sustainability and shared value.

Methodology and materiality

This report is inspired by the globally accepted integrated reporting framework of the International Integrated Reporting Council's (IIRC). Its preparation has involved BANK OF AFRICA's internal resources as well as various experts and partners of the Group. The figures are sourced from BANK OF AFRICA's internal reporting processes and from indicators audited by the competent bodies.

Target audience

The integrated annual report is aimed at each of BANK OF AFRICA's stakeholders, including investors, shareholders, customers and partners. It is also intended as a showcase for associations, NGOs and civil society organisations.



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GOVERNANCE **REPORT**

- Board of Directors

- Corporate Governance

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THE BOARD COMPRISES 14 DIRECTORS, FOUR OF WHOM ARE INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS*

OTHMAN BENJELLOUN

- BANK OF AFRICA Group's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
 Date initially appointed : 1995¹
 Current term of office : 2019-2025

RMA

- Represented by Zouheir Bensaid
- Date initially appointed : 1994 • Current term of office : 2019-2025

BANQUE FÉDÉRATIVE DU CREDIT MUTUEL -

- **CRÉDIT MUTUEL GROUP ALLIANCE FÉDÉRALE**
- Represented by Lucien Miara
- Date initially appointed : 2005 Current term of office : 2020-2026

CAISSE DE DÉPÔT ET DE GESTION

- Represented byr Abdellatif Zaghnoun
 Date initially appointed² : 2010
 Current term of office : 2016-2022

O CAPITAL GROUP

- Represented by Hicham El Amrani
 Date initially appointed : 2021³
 Current term of office : 2021-2027

AZEDDINE GUESSOUS

- Intuitu Personae
- Date initially appointed : 2017⁴
 Current term of office : 2017-2023

CDC LIMITED

- Represented by Marc Beaujean
- Date initially appointed : 2019 Current term of office : 2019-2024

MOHAMED KABBAJ

- Independent Director
 Date initially appointed : 2021⁵
 Current term of office : 2021-2027

FRANCOIS HENROT

- Independent Director
 Date initially appointed : 2016
 Current term of office : 2016-2022

BRIAN C. MCK. HENDERSON

- Independent Director
 Date initially appointed : 2016
- Current term of office : 2016-2022

NEZHA LAHRICHI

- Independent Director
- Date initially appointed : 2021
- Current term of office : 2021-2027

ABDOU BENSOUDA

- Intuitu Personae
- Date initially appointed : 2018
 Current term of office : 2018-2024

BRAHIM BENJELLOUN - TOUIMI

- Deputy Chief Executive Officer and BOA Group's Chairman
- Date initially appointed : 2004
 Current term of office : 2016-2022

MYRIEM BOUAZZAOUI

Intuitu Personae

- Date initially appointedt : 2021
 Current term of office : 2021-2027

(1) For each term of office, the year corresponds to that in which the Annual General Meeting is held to rule on For each term of office, the year corresponds to that in which the Annual General Meeting is held to rule on the previous year's financial statements.
 CDG had a seat on BANK OF AFRICA's Board of Directors from 1966 to 1997 and was then reappointed at the Annual General Meeting of 26 May 2010.
 O Capital Group is the result of the merger-absorption in May 2021 of FinanceCom by the Holding Benjelloun Mezian, FinanceCom sat on the Board from 2001 to 2021.
 Mr Azeddine GUESSOUS sat on the Board as an Intuitu Personae Director from 2005 to 2008, then as RMA's permanent representative before being appointed again as an Intuitu Personae Director in 2017. (5) Mr Mohamed KABBAJ was a Director of the Bank between 1997 and 2000.

DIRECTORS' FEES

In consideration of their contribution to the Board of Directors and the Specialised Committees, each Director receives Directors' fees. The overall amount allocated for Directors' fees is set annually by the Annual General Meeting, upon the proposal of the Board of Directors.

	31/12/2020*		31/12/2019*			
MAD thousands	GROSS amount	Tax withheld	Net amount paid	GROSS amount	Tax withheld	Net amount paid
Morocco-domiciled individuals and legal entities	3 842	992	2 850	3 842	992	2 850
Foreign-domiciled individuals and legal entities	3 235	485	2 750	3 235	485	2 750
TOTAL	7 077	1 477	5 600	7077	1477	5 600

(*) Previous year's Directors' fees.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' APPRAISAL PROCESS

An annual self-appraisal regarding the structure, powers, remit and functioning of the Board of Directors is carried out by each Director.

This process is overseen by the Governance, Appointments and Remuneration Committee, a body reporting directly to the Board of Directors and comprising independent and non-executive Directors. The work of the Board is appraised on the basis of an individual questionnaire comprising thirty or so questions relating to the composition of the Board and the Specialised Committees, meeting frequency, the quality of the minutes, the Board discussions, the documentation made available to the Directors and timeframes, the choice of topics on the agenda including CSR-related matters etc.

On completing the self-appraisal process, a summary report of the results of the appraisal is submitted to the Board of Directors and an action plan drawn up.

The self-appraisal questionnaire, which is drawn up by the Governance, Appointments and Remuneration Committee, is frequently updated to take into account any regulatory changes, Board meeting discussions and recommendations made in previous questionnaires.

SPECIALISED COMMITTEES REPORTING TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS*

	No. of meetings	8
Group Risks Committee	No. of members	8
	Independence	50%
	Attendance rate	100%
	No. of meetings	8
Group Audit and Internal Control Committee	No. of members	6
	Independence	67%
	Attendance rate	96%
Governance, Appointments	Number of meetings	4
and Remuneration Committee	Independence	50%

*Prevailing composition of Specialised Committees in 2020

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – MAIN INDICATORS 2020

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - MAIN INDICATORS 2020

No. of Board members	13
No. of Board meetings	5
Overall attendance rate	88%

INDEPENDENCE CRITERIA

BANK OF AFRICA complies with the regulatory requirements regarding independence criteria as stipulated in Bank Al-Maghrib Circular 5/W/2016.

GOVERNANCE, APPOINTMENTS AND REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

COMPOSITION

CHAIRMAN

Mr François Henrot, Independent Director

STANDING MEMBERS

- Mr Azeddine Guessous, Intuitu Personae Director
- CDC Limited, represented by Mr Marc Beaujean
- Mr Brian Henderson, Independent Director

INVITED MEMBERS

The Corporate Governance, Appointments and Remuneration Committee may invite, at its discretion, any member or nonmember of BANK OF AFRICA or of its Group, depending on the items on the agenda for discussion, including those matters to be dealt with by committees in relation to agreements, appointments or remuneration.

WORK OF THE GOVERNANCE, APPOINTMENTS AND REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

Given the unprecedented situation faced by the Group in 2020 due to the pandemic, an unprecedentedly high number of meetings have been held by the Group Audit and Internal Control Committee and by the Group Risks Committee to assess and anticipate the effects of the pandemic. The focus has been on stress tests as well as ensuring that the main financial and risk management indicators were regularly monitored.

During 2020, discussions between the members of the Governance, Appointments and Remuneration Committee focused largely on reviewing and amending the latter's operating charter as well as on the founding principles of the Group's integration model in addition to the key aspects of its implementation, particularly by means of the Convergence Programme.

GROUP RISKS COMMITTEE

COMPOSITION* - June 2021

CHAIRMAN

Mr Brian Henderson, Independent Director

STANDING MEMBERS

- RMA, represented by Mr Zouheir Bensaid
- <u>O</u> Capital Group represented by Mr Hicham El Amrani
- Mr Azeddine Guessous, Intuitu Personae Director
- CDC Limited, represented by Mr Marc Beaujean
- Mr François Henrot, Independent Director
- Mrs Nezha Lahrichi, Independent Director

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

- Deputy Chief Executive Officer
- Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Group Finance
- Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Group Risks
- Adviser to General Management
- Group General Controller
- Deputy Managing Director responsible for Finance & Investments

INVITED MEMBERS

The Committee may invite any person who is a member of the Group's management or any manager whose responsibilities fall within its remit, depending on the items for discussion on the Committee's agenda.

COMMITTEE SECRETARY

Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Group Risks

WORK OF THE GROUP RISKS COMMITTEE

In 2020, the Group Risks Committee met on as many as 8 occasions to assess the unprecedented situation resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and to anticipate its impact on the Bank and on the Group.

In this regard, the Committee acknowledged the support measures taken by the regulatory authority, Bank Al Maghrib and by the Professional Association of Moroccan Banks in dealing with the COVID-19 crisis. It also bolstered steering of the Group's subsidiaries by, among other things, introducing a set of management indicators for managing the crisis at Group level. The Committee also closely monitored customer applications for the government-backed *Damane Oxygène* products.

Committee work focused on capital use, risk indicator monitoring, the Internal Disaster Recovery Plan, the ICAAP system, regulatory ratio simulations, the system for managing and monitoring country risk limits, the cost of risk, stress tests, nonoperating real estate assets, subsidiaries' prudential situation and monitoring matters relating to regulatory authorities' assignments.

In accordance with regulatory requirements, the Committee approved the Internal Disaster Recovery Plan (PRCI) and the Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (ICAAP) report for 2020.

The Committee also regularly monitors how recommendations made at previous Committee meetings are handled.

*Change in composition in June 2021 following the resignation of two foreign independent directors, Messrs Philippe De Fontaine Vive and Christian de Boissieu.

GROUP AUDIT AND INTERNAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

COMPOSITION* - June 2021

CHAIRMAN

Mr Mohamed Kabbaj, Independent Director

STANDING MEMBERS

- RMA, represented by Mr Zouheir Bensaid
- Mr Azeddine Guessous, Intuitu Personae Director
- Mr François Henrot, Independent Director
- Mr Brian Henderson, Independent Director

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

- Deputy Chief Executive Officer
- Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Group Finance
- Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Group Risks
- Adviser to General Management
- Group General Controller
- Deputy Managing Director responsible for Finance & Investments

INVITED MEMBERS

- External auditors ;
- Heads of Permanent Control and Compliance ;
- The Committee may invite any person who is a member of the management or any manager whose responsibilities fall within its remit, depending on the items for discussion on the Committee's agenda.

COMMITTEE SECRETARY

BANK OF AFRICA - BMCE GROUP'S GENERAL INSPECTOR

*Change in composition in June 2021 following the resignation of two foreign independent directors, Messrs Philippe De Fontaine Vive and Christian de Boissieu.

WORK OF THE GROUP AUDIT AND INTERNAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

The Group CACI met on 8 occasions in 2020.

Committee work focused primarily on the health crisis resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the Group, particularly the financial performance of the Bank and of the Group in 2020 and 2021.

The main issues dealt with included reviewing BANK OF AFRICA Group's consolidated and parent financial performance, reviewing the Statutory Auditors' Report, monitoring implementation of the strategy for managing non-operating real estate assets and practicalities associated with contributing operating assets to a REIT.

As far as internal control was concerned, the 2020 consolidated Audit Plan was appraised in the context of the pandemic. The Committee's operating charter was also reviewed in accordance with the provisions of Bank Al-Maghrib's Circular No. 4/W/2018, which sets out the operating terms and conditions of the Audit Committee responsible for monitoring and appraising implementation of internal control systems.

In addition, the Group CACI monitored correspondence with Bank Al-Maghrib, particularly the latter's recommendations regarding the accounting treatment for COVID-19-related aid as well as the Statutory Auditors' recommendations. It also acknowledged the crisis management system introduced in the context of the operational Business Continuity Plan.

With Statutory Auditors' terms of office scheduled to expire at the 2020 AGM, the Committee acknowledged that Bank Al-Maghrib had no objection to KPMG being reappointed for a 3rd consecutive time and Grant Thornton replacing Ernst & Young.

The Committee noted that the IT risk management system had been bolstered during the pandemic in Morocco and in Africa.

As far as compliance was concerned, the Group CACI reviewed the Group's anti-money laundering (AML/CFT) system as well as measures taken to bolster Group Compliance.

The Committee also monitored the progress made by a number of the Group's subsidiaries.

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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OTHMAN BENJELLOUN

SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Mr BRAHIM BENJELLOUN-TOUIMI Board Member and Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Mr DRISS BENJELLOUN Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Group Finance

Mr M'FADEL EL HALAISSI Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Financial Engineering, Debt Collection and Specific Assignments

Mr MOUNIR CHRAIBI Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Group Operations Mr OMAR TAZI Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Banking in Morocco

Mr MOHAMMED AGOUMI Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Group Risks

Mr KHALID LAABI Directeur Général Délégué, en charge des Risques Groupe

Mr KHALID NASR Head of the Corporate & Investment Banking Division

CHAIRMAN'S COMMITTEE

COMPOSITION

CHAIRMAN Mr OTHMAN BENJELLOUN Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

VICE -CHAIRMAN

Mr Azeddine Guessous Administrateur *intuitu personae*

MEMBRES

Mr Brahim BENJELLOUN-TOUIMI Board Member and Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Mr Driss BENJELLOUN Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Group Finance

Mr Amine BOUABID Chief Executive Officer of BOA Group

Mr Mounir CHRAIBI Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Group Operations

Mr Khalid LAABI Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Group Risks

Mr Khalid NASR Head of the Corporate & Investment Banking Division

Mr Omar TAZI Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Banking in Morocco

WORK OF THE CHAIRMAN'S COMMITTEE

Chaired by Mr Othman Benjelloun, the Chairman's Committee, established 1 December 2020, is responsible for approving the Group's strategy, ensuring that it is executed and monitoring its performance. Whenever necessary, this body will also have to prioritise between the operational, transversal or critical issues concerning the Group. The Chairman's Committee meets at least once every fortnight and as often as necessary, at the request of one of its members.

GROUP GENERAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

COMPOSITION

CHAIRMAN

Deputy Chief Executive Officer

STANDING MEMBERS

- Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Group Finance
- Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Financial Engineering, Debt Collection and Specific Assignments
- Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Group Operations
- Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible
- for Banking in Morocco
- Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for International Coordination
- Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Group Risks
- Chief Executive Officer of BOA Group
- Head of the Corporate & Investment Banking Division
- Adviser to General Management
- Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Group General Control
- Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Finance & Investments
- Deputy Chief Executive Officer,
- Group Governance and Development

COMMITTEE SECRETARY

Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Group Governance and Development

WORK OF THE GROUP GENERAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The General Management Committee meets weekly.

Faced with a health crisis like none other before, Senior Management was fully mobilised in 2020, introducing a series of measures aimed at shoring up the Bank's resilience. These were designed to combat the effects of the current pandemic as well as ensuring the best possible conditions to enable each business line to continue to perform effectively.

At an organisational level, this mobilisation also involved setting up a Group Crisis Management Committee as an offshoot of the General Management Committee which, in addition to the regular Wednesday meeting, also met on Mondays and Fridays during the entire lockdown period. The baton was then handed over to the Group Recovery Committee to provide fresh impetus.

Among the key issues reviewed during the 45 regular meetings were discussions about optimising the return on capital, improving operational efficiency by accelerating the Group's digital transformation and bolstering commercial effectiveness by launching new counter-cyclical products.

As far as the issue of capital was concerned, the Committee has been fully mobilised to manage the use of capital more effectively and ensure optimal allocation in a context in which the Bank is endeavouring to bolster its capital base, reduce general operating expenses and prioritise initiatives at loan recovery and at cleaning up the loan portfolio. On the commercial front, the Bank has taken a proactive approach by launching counter-cyclical products and introducing support measures, introduced by the public authorities at the very start of the pandemic. *Damane Oxygène* and *Damane Relance* are loans backed by guarantees from the Caisse Centrale de Garantie that do not use up much capital. At the end of 2020, nearly MAD 9 billion of loans had been authorised, with more than MAD 6.5 disbursed, in addition to loan repayment deferrals to support households.

The Bank also adopted a commercial strategy for corporate customers that was specifically aimed at supporting a high-quality clientele with a lower risk profile.

Alongside each of the initiatives implemented, enhancements were made to the system for monitoring and modelling trends in macroeconomic indicators.

In addition, a variety of digital transformation projects were accelerated at the outbreak of the pandemic. Customer experience was further improved as a result whilst new revenue sources are being developed.

Furthermore, particular attention was paid to the latest developments at a number of Group subsidiaries in Morocco and in sub-Saharan Africa, for which specific action plans have been drawn up.

In addition, protecting Bank employees and safeguarding their health were core priorities of the crisis management system during and after the lockdown period with health and safety procedures bolstered. From the end of June 2020, a plan was implemented to gradually resume operations. A number of major projects were initiated with the Bank reorganising working practices and encouraging some employees to work from home, raising awareness around health and safety risks and supporting change.

The so-called 'COVID' policy adopted by the Bank with regard to its human capital was widely commended with the Bank being awarded the SafeGuard Hygiene Excellence and Safety Label from Bureau Veritas. The label provides confirmation that the Bank has met stringent requirements in minimising the onsite risk of the virus spreading and is adhering to best-in-class hygiene and safety protocols.

OPERATING COMMITTEE

COMPOSITION

CHAIRMAN

Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Group Operations

STANDING MEMBERS

- Group General Control
- Personal and Professional Banking
- SME Banking
- Group Human Capital
- Technology Processes and Group Organisation
- Group Permanent Control
- Casa North Regional Division
- Casa South Regional Division
- Governance and Management
- Global Services Operations
- Group Risk Management

COMMITTEE SECRETARY

Group Quality

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

In addition to the above standing members, associate members include all divisional and departmental heads. They attend meetings to discuss issues that they have submitted to the Operating Committee for deliberation.

WORK OF THE OPERATING COMMITTEE/BCP COMMITTEE

In 2020, the Operating Committee met on 6 occasions prior to handing over the baton to the BCP Committee in March when the government introduced a series of support measures. The BCP Committee met on 94 occasions.

The Operating Committee dealt with a range of issues during the 6 sessions including paying vehicle tax via BMCE Direct, suspending loans in the wake of a court decision, reviewing the release order process, assessing the impact of having activated the 'cash management' BCP in response to strike action taken by staff at service provider Brink's in January 2020, assessing Level 1 of the collateral notification process based on digitised documents and proposing to expand it to Level 2, potentially introducing a control system for approving small business loans and an electronic national register for security rights in movable property.

This Committee oversees a number of the Bank's business units such as Technology, Group Processes & Organisation, Group Human Capital, Group Logistics, Banking in Morocco, Group General Control, Group Risk, Eurafric Information, Global Services Operations. It is responsible for ensuring and coordinating the uninterrupted functioning of the Group's core business operations by mitigating the risk of loss in the event of any serious interruption and organising any technology-related aspects requested by the Bank during the pandemic. All decisions taken by the BCP Committee must be approved by the Bank's General Management Committee.

With the government declaring financial services as 'critical' during the pandemic, bank branches remained open throughout the entire

lockdown period. A number of measures resulting from the BCP strategy were therefore implemented to ensure business continuity, despite the virus' high infection rate around the country.

The COVID-19 business continuity strategy, adopted in the context of this crisis, is structured around the following :

- Preventive logistical measures adopted providing maximum protection for employees who might happen to come into contact with someone infected with the virus as well as reducing the risk of the virus spreading: distributing hydro-alcoholic gels and protective masks which are either disposable or washable by all staff, systematically disinfecting contaminated sites, installing plexiglass in bank branches in addition to tightening access controls, especially temperature checks.
- Working practices adapted in accordance with government guidelines, allowing some staff to work from home with priority given to vulnerable employees, reducing on-site staff numbers, tightening hygiene rules and introducing barrier measures, as well as ensuring effective employee communication regarding these measures.
- BCP processes reviewed for bank branches and business centres to reduce the time taken to close disaster-stricken branches and ensure service continuity for customers whilst the digitisation of customer signatures has enabled branches and business centres to conduct business remotely.
- Ongoing coordination with critical subsidiaries to ensure that their BCP is aligned with the Group's BCP strategy critical organisation, working from home etc.
- Customers encouraged to use remote channels and accelerating digital transformation.

GROUP INTERNAL CONTROL COORDINATION COMMITTEE

COMPOSITION

CHAIRMAN

Chairman of the Group General Management Committee and, in his absence, the Group General Controller

STANDING MEMBERS

- Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Group Finance
- Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Group Operations
- Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Group Risks
- Group General Controller
- Deputy Chief Executive Officer, responsible for Finance & Investments
- Deputy Chief Executive Officer, responsible for Group Compliance
- Head of Group Permanent Control

COMMITTEE SECRETARY

Deputy Chief Executive Officer, responsible for Group Compliance

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

- Head of Subsidiaries' Risk, Internal Control and Compliance functions, depending on the items on the Committee's agenda for discussion.
- Group Governance and Development division
- The Committee may invite, at its discretion, any member or non-member of BANK OF AFRICA or of the Group, depending on the items on the Committee's agenda for discussion

WORK OF THE GROUP INTERNAL CONTROL COODINATION COMMITTEE

The Group Internal Control Coordination Committee met on 4 occasions in 2020.

As part of its work and in accordance with its commitment to place greater emphasis on control and compliance at subsidiary level, the Committee acknowledged the ongoing improvement in the compliance systems of a number of Group subsidiaries. It expected this trend to continue given the acquisition of new software solutions and the ongoing implementation of a variety of key compliancerelated projects.

The Committee also took note of the new Common Reporting Standard for the automatic exchange of information for tax purposes and asked for the related compliance work to be initiated. It also oversaw the process of monitoring the European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) compliance project.

In addition, the Committee reviewed the latest developments in the project to automate the exchange of data with the Financial Intelligence Unit, the goal being to continuously improve the process.

Another major matter dealt with by the Committee related to the revamp of the Know Your Customer value chain with the aim of enhancing performance.

Furthermore, the Committee continued to monitor the permanent control function by reviewing the results of control operations and initiating corrective action where necessary.

GROUP RISK STEERING AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

COMPOSITION

CHAIRMAN

Deputy Chief Executive Officer

STANDING MEMBERS

- Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Group Finance
- Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Financial Engineering, Debt Collection and Specific Assignments
- Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Group Operations
- Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Banking in Morocco
- Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for International Coordination
- Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Group Risks
- Chief Executive Officer of BOA Group
- Head of Corporate & Investment Banking Division
- Adviser to General Management
- Group General Controller
- \bullet Deputy Chief Executive Officer, responsible for Finance & Investments.

COMMITTEE SECRETARY

• Head of Group Risk Management.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

- The Chairmen and Chief Executive Officers of the subsidiary in question
- Any other person in connection with the item for discussion by the Committee

WORK OF THE GROUP RISK STEERING AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Group Risk Steering and Management Committee met as an offshoot of the General Management Committee on 8 occasions in 2020.

The main issues dealt with at its meetings included reviewing credit, market, operational and country risk indicators at both the parent and consolidated levels, reviewing the sensitivity of market operations to interest rate changes, reviewing processes for setting and monitoring country limits, reviewing and approving overall risk limits for 2020, prudential capital adequacy ratios, monitoring credit customers placed on the Watch List, reviewing the Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (ICAAP) Report and the Internal Disaster Recovery Plan submitted to the regulatory authority, Bank Al Maghrib and their rollout at sub-Saharan African subsidiaries as well as monitoring the recommendations made at previous committee meetings and those made by the regulatory authority, Bank Al Maghrib.

Against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on banking activity, the work of the Group Steering and Risk Management Committee focused to a large extent on the 'Stress Tests' impact study analysing the impact from an economic recession on BANK OF AFRICA's loan-loss experience and capital adequacy, the allocation of capital, capital optimisation measures, the situation of non-operating real estate assets, the drawing up of a risk indicator matrix, sector limits and post-COVID Groups.

Lastly, the Group Risk Steering and Management Committee also ensured that support measures taken by the Economic Monitoring Committee, in concert with Bank Al Maghrib and the Professional Association of Moroccan Banks (GPBM) for dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, were disseminated.

GROUP ALM COMMITTEE

COMPOSITION

CHAIRMAN

• Deputy Chief Executive Officer

STANDING MEMBERS

- Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Group Finance
- Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Banking in Morocco
- Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for International Coordination
- Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Group Risks
- Head of Corporate & Investment Banking Division
- Adviser to General Management
- Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Finance & Investments

COMMITTEE SECRETARY

• Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Finance & Investments

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

- Head of Group ALM
- Heads of Group subsidiaries or their appointed proxies, depending on the items on the agenda for discussion
- Any person, at the Committee's discretion, depending on the items on the agenda for discussion

WORK OF THE GROUP ALM COMMITTEE

In 2020, the Group ALM Committee, an offshoot of the General Management Committee, regularly monitored issues relating to balance sheet/ALM management, particularly in the context of its work on stress-tests against the backdrop of the pandemic.

As a result, in such a context, the Committee discussed (i) impact simulations on financial year 2020 performance, in terms of trends in loans and deposits, refinancing and the liquidity coverage ratio, (ii) the situation in terms of MAD and foreign currency liquidity balances of the Bank and of some subsidiaries, particularly overseas subsidiaries, (iii) estimates of the impact of loan repayment deferrals in the context of providing support for households. In addition, the Committee continued its work on balance sheet optimisation, particularly the project to contribute operating assets to a REIT. It also examined the liquidity situation of the Group's participatory banking subsidiary.

ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

COMPOSITION

CHAIRMAN

• Deputy Chief Executive Officer, BANK OF AFRICA

STANDING MEMBERS

BANK OF AFRICA BMCE Group

- Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Group Finance
- Deputy Chief Executive Officer, responsible for Group Governance and Development
- Deputy Chief Executive Officer, responsible for Group Human Capital
- Head of Sustainable Development & CSE
- Head of Group Coordination

• BOA Group

- Secretary General (Group)
- Head of Social and Environmental Risks (Group)
- CDC Group
- Head of Social and Environmental Responsibility

COMMITTEE SECRETARY

Head of Sustainable Development & CSR

WORK OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

The Environmental and Social Sustainability (ESS) Committee met on 3 occasions in 2020.

In matters relating to environmental and social sustainability, the Committee reviewed a number of issues including the progress made on implementing the environmental and social risk management system by the Bank and its subsidiaries, management of operational risk exposure with regard to the European Development Finance Institutions' exclusion list and the development of new positive impact financial products and services.

Against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, the Committee approved a list prioritising measurable and significant goals and indicators for improving overall CSR performance. Accordingly, the Committee introduced the SafeGuard label to ensure employee health and safety and a roadmap to promote gender equality in the workplace and the economic empowerment of women, by implementing appropriate programmes and products.

In addition, the Committee continued to monitor the progress made on rolling out the CSR Charter at each of the Group's subsidiaries.

REMUNERATION OF THE MAIN OFFICERS (MAD thousands)

	Dec 20	Dec 19
Short-term benefits	26 048	24 878
Post-retirement benefits	2 870	1956
Other long-term benefits	6 383	6 383

It is worth noting that short-term employee benefits relate to the fixed remuneration, inclusive of employer social security contributions, received by Officers in 2020.

Post-retirement benefits relate to outstanding leave reimbursed should an employee leave the company, while termination benefits include end-of-career bonuses and long-service awards payable to those in question on leaving the company.

OFFICERS' BORROWINGS (MAD thousands)

	Dec 20	Dec 19
A. Short-term outstanding loans	64 423	56 019
B. Outstanding property loans	20 716	17 764
TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS	85 139	73 783

BIOGRAPHIES BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Mr Othman BENJELLOUN is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of BANK OF AFRICA Group, formerly Banque Marocaine du Commerce Extérieur, which was privatised in 1995, Chairman of O Capital Group Holdings, Chairman of Royale Marocaine d'Assurance and Chairman of Medi Telecom Orange.

He has been the Chairman of the Professional Association of Moroccan Banks (GPBM) since 1995 and was Chairman of the Union of North African Banks from 2007 to 2009.

Mr BENJELLOUN is the founder of BMCE Bank Foundation, which has two main aims :

APPOINTMENTS LIST

Mr OTHMAN BENJELLOUN CHAIRMAN & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF BANK OF AFRICA

- Education, primarily combating illiteracy by building and managing community schools in rural areas in Morocco and Africa.

- Environmental protection.

Mr BENJELLOUN was appointed as Chancellor of Al Akhawayn University of Ifrane between 1998 and January 2004 by His Majesty the late King Hassan II. In 2007, he was awarded an Honorary Fellowship by King's College, London.

Since 1981, he has been an Adviser to the Washington-based Center for Strategic International Studies (CSIS) that was formerly overseen by Dr Henry Kissinger. In 2013, the CSIS conferred upon him the prestigious title of Honorary Trustee.

Mr BENJELLOUN has received a number of decorations including Officer of the Order of the Throne by His Majesty the late King

Hassan II and Commander of the Order of the Polar Star by His Majesty the King of Sweden.

Other distinctions include Commander of the National Order of the Republic of Senegal, Commander by Number of the Order of Isabella the Catholic by His Majesty King Juan Carlos of Spain, Commander of France's Order of Arts and Letters and, more recently, Commander of the Order of the Grand Star by the Republic of Djibouti.

On7 April 2010, Mr BENJELLOUN was elevated to the rank of Commander of the Order of the Throne by his Majesty King Mohammed VI.

Born in 1932 in Casablanca, he is a graduate of École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne in Switzerland. Mr BENJELLOUN is married to Dr Leïla Mezian Benjelloun, an ophthalmologist. They have two children, Dounia and Kamal.

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer	Chairman of the Board of Directors	Chairman of the Supervisory Board	Director	Other appointments
O Capital Group	BMCE International Holdings (B.I.H)	Financière Yacout ¹	Argan Invest	Manager of Abbas Benjelloun Holdings (H.A.B)
FinanceCom Afrique	Medi Telecom	Saida Star Auto²	Casablanca Finance City Authority	Chairman of the Professional Association of Moroccan Banks (GPBM)
Cap d'Argent	M.B.T		O CAPITAL EUROPE	Chairman of the Othman Benjelloun
Cap Estate	Revly's Marrakech		Maghrebail	Foundation
Internationale de Financement	RMA		MEDI 1 Radio ³	Chairman of the Mezian Benjelloun Foundation for Science and Education
et de Participation (INTERFINA)	RMA Alternative Investments		Société Marocaine de Gestion des Fonds de Garantie	
O Tower Ranch Adarouch	RMA Asset Management	des Dépôts Bancaires		
Société Financière du Crédit du	RMA Capital			
Maghreb (S.F.C.M)	<i>RMA Mandates</i> Société			
	d'Aménagement Tanger Tech			

1. Also, representative of <u>O</u> Capital Group 2. Also, representative of Abbas Benjelloun Holdings (H.A.B.) 3. <u>O</u> Capital Group's representative



Mr Zouheir BENSAID is currently CEO of RMA, the insurance arm of O Capital Group, of which he was Deputy Chief Executive Officer between January 2005 and December 2014. He sits on the Boards of several companies including BANK OF AFRICA Group, Maghrebail, RISMA, LYDEC, CTM and other Group subsidiaries, as well as being a member of several audit committees.

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Mr ZOUHEIR BENSAID I RMA's Permanent Representative

Mr Zouheir BENSAID has a wealth of experience spanning more than 36 years of the banking, financial and manufacturing industries. In the mid '80s, after assuming responsibility for financial institutions at CITIBANK Maghreb, he spearheaded the expansion of ABN AMRO's branch network.

In 1994, after a three-year period in which he headed up an agri-business, Mr Zouheir BENSAID returned to the financial sector and played an active role in reforming Morocco's capital markets.

He became Chief Executive Officer of Maroc Inter Titres (MIT), BMCE Bank's brokerage firm, where he oversaw the latter's first capital-raising transactions as well as being involved in privatisations and initial public offerings on the Moroccan Stock Exchange.

Mr Zouheir BENSAID was Vice- Chairman of the Professional Association of Brokerage Firms (APSB) between 1996 and 1998. Between 1998 and 1999, he was Chairman of the Casablanca Stock Exchange, overseeing the development and modernisation of Morocco's capital markets.

A former student of Cornell, Mr Zouheir BENSAID graduated in Finance from the University of Nevada in 1985. He is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honour Society.

Chairman	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer	Chairman of the Board of Directors	Chief Operating Officer	Director	Co-Manager
RMA Capital International	Medium Finance RMA Asset Management Abidjan RMA Casa Anfa RMA Elan	Infra Invest RMA Assistance RMA Investment Partners	RMA RMA Alternative Investments RMA Asset Management	Air Arabia Argan Invest Cap Estate CFG CTM	Terrasses de l'Océan Villajena
			RMA Capital RMA Mandates MBT	DBM Media Group ¹ Decrow Capital EurAfric	
			IVIDI	Information O Capital Group O Capital Europe	
				Finatech Lydec Maghrebail Mutandis	
				Mutandis Automobile Mutatis O'Tower	
			Revly's² Risma Saemog		
	1. O Capital Group's represe 2. RMA's representative			Saemog T Capital Tanger Med Zones Villa Roosevelt	

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Mr LUCIEN MIARA I Banque Fédérative du Crédit Mutuel's Permanent Representative

Mr Lucien MIARA is Banque Fédérative du Crédit Mutuel's Permanent Representative.

Mr Lucien MIARA has been the Chairman of Fédération du Crédit Mutuel Méditerranéen and Caisse Régionale du Crédit Mutuel Méditerranéen since 2014.

He began his career at Crédit Mutuel du Centre in 1973 before moving to Crédit Mutuel Méditerranée in 1978. From 1995 to 2014, he was Chief Executive of Crédit Mutuel Méditerranéen.

He is a technology graduate of the University of Nice Alpes Maritime with an elective in corporate administration.

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Chairman of the Board of Directors	Director	Member of the Supervisory Board	Non-Voting Director
Fédération du Crédit Mutuel Méditerranéen Caisse régionale du Crédit Mutuel Méditerranéen Caisse de Crédit Mutuel Saint- Laurent du Var Caisse de Crédit Mutuel Tarascon Caisse de Crédit Mutuel Sainte-Maxime Cogolin Caisse de Crédit Mutuel Saint Cyr-sur-Mer	Assurance du Crédit Mutuel Vie SAM ¹ Assurance du Crédit Mutuel Vie SA ¹	Euro-Information Production	Crédit Industriel et Commercial Caisse Fédérale de Crédit Mutuel
Caisse de Crédit Mutuel Marseille Prado Camefi			

1. CRCM Méditerranéen's representative



Mr Abdellatif ZAGHNOUN has been Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Caisse de Dépôt et de Gestion since 2015.

After graduating in 1982 from the Ecole Mohammedia des Ingénieurs with a

Mr ABDELLATIF ZAGHNOUN I Caisse de Dépôt et de Gestion's Permanent Representative

specialisation in mining, Abdellatif ZAGHNOUN began his career at the Office Chérifien des Phosphates (OCP), where he held a number of positions of responsibility until 2004.

In 2004, he was appointed as head of the Directorate General of Customs and Indirect Taxes.

In 2007, Mr ZAGHNOUN became Vice-Chairman of the World Customs Organization (WCO) and Chairman of the WCO MENA region. In 2008, he was appointed as Chairman of the World Customs Organization's Audit Committee. In 2010, he became Director-General of the Directorate General of Taxes.

In January 2015, Mr ZAGHNOUN was appointed by His Majesty as Chief Executive Officer of the Caisse de Dépôt et de Gestion (CDG).

Mr Abdellatif ZAGHNOUN is married and has 3 children.

APPOINTMENTS LIST

Chairman of the Board of Directors	Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors	Chairman of the Supervisory Board	Member of the Supervisory Board	Director
CDG Capital CDG Développement CDG INVEST CGI Fipar Holding Foncière Chellah FONDATION AHLY FONDATION AHLY FONDATION CDG Institut Marocain des Administrateurs MADAEF NOVEC PATRILOG SAZ SCR Société d'Aménagement Ryad Société de Développement de Saidia Société d'Aménagement et de Promotion de la Station de Taghazout	CIMAR Société Marocaine de Valorisation des Kasbahs SONADAC	Université Internationale de Rabat MEDZ	Tanger Med Special Agency - TMSA	CIH BARID AL MAGHRIB Casablanca Finance City Authority - CFCA MEDITELECOM ORANGE Tanger Med Port Authority -TMPA- 1 Fonds Marocain de Placement - FMP - Oued Chbika Development - OCD - Al Omrane Holding
AUDA 1. CDG's permanent repres	sentative			

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Mr Hicham EL AMRANI has more than 25 years' experience of private equity investment, financing and corporate strategy across a wide range of industries.

When FinanceCom was founded in 2001, subsequently becoming <u>O</u> Capital Group following the merger with Mezian Benjelloun Holdings in May 2021, Mr EL AMRANI assumed responsibility for the Technologies & Telecommunications division.

Mr HICHAM EL AMRANI I O Capital Group's Permanent Representative

Appointed as Director of Strategy & Development between 2005 and 2008, Mr EL AMRANI was subsequently promoted to the post of Deputy Chief Executive Officer in 2008. He then went on to become the holding company's Chief Executive Officer in June 2010. He has been responsible for adopting best practice in steering the performance of the various entities within the holding company's portfolio.

He also spearheaded a number of M&A deals, LBOs and restructurings as part of a process of rationalising the holding company's portfolio and reducing debt.

In 2009, Mr EL AMRANI coordinated the process that enabled Portugal Télécom and Téléfonica to acquire a stake in Medi Telecom and the sale of a 40% stake in this company to Orange in 2010. He is a Director

and standing member of Medi Telecom-Orange's various governing bodies.

In addition to these roles, Mr EL AMRANI is a Director of RMA, CTM, Risma, Air Arabia, Finatech, Colliers International Morocco and Chairman of the Audit Committee of Air Arabia Morocco, Meditel, RISMA and CTM.

Mr Hicham EL AMRANI is an engineering graduate of Ecole Hassania des Travaux Publics and holds an MBA and a Graduate Certificate in Manufacturing and Service Management from Southern New Hampshire University, Singularity University's Executive Program and Yale University's Leadership Executive Program.

Born in 1973, Mr EL AMRANI is married and has two children.

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors	Member of the Executive Board	Director	Other appointments
3. Argan Invest's permo	rmanent representative anent representative	DBM Media Group (ex-Africa Teldis & Communication)	Financière Yacout Saida Star Auto	O Capital Group Air Arabia Maroc Brico Invest ² Colliers International Maroc ³ CTM CTM Messagerie FinanceCom Afrique ² O Capital Europe Medi Telecom ORANGE O Tower ² INTERFINA ¹ Revly's ⁴ RMA SFCM ² BLACKPEARL FINANCE CAP D'ARGENT ⁵ DBM Media Group -ex-Africa Teldis & Communication- FINATECH GROUP	Member of RISMA's Supervisory Board Members of AIR ARABIA MAROC's Audit Committee Member of BANK OF AFRICA's Group Risk Committee Member of CTM's Audit Committee Member of CTM's HR Committee Chairman of CTM's Strategy Committee MEDITELECOM's Audit Committee Member of MEDITELECOM's HR Committee Member of RISMA's Audit Committee Member of RISMA's Audit Committee
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Mr Azeddine GUESSOUS has been Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Maghrébail since 2004.

He also sits on the Boards of a number of companies including RMA, BANK OF AFRICA (formerly BMCE Bank), BOA Group, BANK OF AFRICA Europe (formerly BMCE Bank International Madrid), Al Mada, Sonasid, Lydec and Imperial Tobacco Maroc. He is also a director of Al Akhawayn University.

Mr AZEDDINE GUESSOUS I Intuitu Personae Director

Between 2010 and 2012, Mr GUESSOUS was Chairman of Risma's Supervisory Board. In 2001, he became Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Al Watanya, an insurance company and, in 1995, Caisse Interprofessionnelle Marocaine de Retraite (CIMR).

Between 1978 and 1994, Mr GUESSOUS held a number of senior government positions including Minister of Trade, Industry and Tourism in 1978, Minister responsible for relations with the European Economic Community in 1985 and Morocco's Ambassador to Spain between 1986 and 1995.

Mr GUESSOUS has received a number of decorations including Officer of the Order of Wissam, Spain's Order of Civil Merit and Grand Cross, France's National Order of Merit and the Order of the British Empire.

Mr GUESSOUS was born in 1941.

APPOINTMENTS LIST

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Director
ANK OF AFRICA EUROPE (Ex BMCE Bank International Madrid)
BOA GROUP
RMA
SETTAVEX
LYDEC
AL MADA
SONASID
RISMA
MAROCAINE DES TABACS
ALMA PACK
ALMA BAT
AL AKHAWAYN



Mr Marc BEAUJEAN is the founder, in 2019, and principal partner of Beaujean & Partners, a strategic consulting firm specialising in banking and insurance. He is also Chief Executive Officer of Atlantic Financial Group SA since 1 January 2021.

From 1993 to 2012, he was Senior Partner and Director at McKinsey & Co, with responsibility for developing customer relationships in North Africa and in Western Europe – France, Belgium, Switzerland and Luxembourg – in retail banking, private banking, investment funds, life insurance and non-life insurance.

From 1997 to 2014, Mr BEAUJEAN was co-founder and non-executive Director at Geneva-based BlueOrchard, now one of the world's leading inclusive finance institutions



specialising in micro-finance. The firm was recently sold to Schroders Asset Management. One of his main responsibilities was strategic thinking and partnerships.

From 2012 to 2018, he was Executive Director at P&V Assurances, Belgium, a systemically important financial institution as defined by the European Central Bank. As Director of Operations, which included overseeing IT and Human Resources, he was responsible for redesigning the group's core insurance systems and for transformation programmes in general.

From 2018 to 2020, he was Chief Operating Officer of CBP Quilvest, a Luxembourg-based private bank.

Mr BEAUJEAN is also a co-investor in Profinpar, a EUR 40 million fund specialising in financing the growth, transmission and optimisation of mature SMEs with development potential. He was also a lecturer at HEC Liège between 2010 and 2020. Born in 1965, Mr BEAUJEAN holds an MBA from Columbia Business School and a Bachelor of Business Administration from Liège's School of Business Administration.

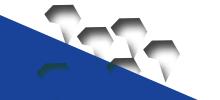
APPOINTMENTS LIST

Director

BOA Group SA¹

Banque Internationale Arabe de Tunisie²

1 CDC's representative 2 Independent Director



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Mr Mohamed KABBAJ is currently Chancellor of the Euromed University of Fez. He formerly served as Minister of Finance and Foreign Investment, overseeing implementation of vital financial reforms resulting in the modernisation and deregulation of the banking system.

As Minister, he also oversaw the successful privatisation, in 1995, of Banque Marocaine du Commerce Extérieur, which attracted investment from a consortium of Moroccan and foreign institutional and financial

Mr MOHAMED KABBAJ I Independent Director

investors led by Royale Marocaine d'Assurance.

Mr KABBAJ is a graduate of the prestigious École Française Polytechnique and the École Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées in Paris. He also has a Diploma in Advanced Studies in Econometrics from the Sorbonne, Paris. He had a long and successful career as head of various departments at the Ministry of Public Works prior to becoming Minister. As such, he represented the contracting authority and the prime contractor for many of the country's infrastructure projects.

From 2000 to 2005, he was Adviser to His Majesty King Mohammed VI, before being appointed Governor of the Greater Casablanca region for nearly 4 years.

Previous socio-professional appointments include two terms as Member of Parliament from 1993 to 2003, Chairman of several foundations and associations, including the Spirit of Fez Foundation, Fez-Saiss, the Fez Festival of World Sacred Music and Chairman of Lafarge Holcim Maroc, the Development Committee of the IMF and the World Bank. He was also a Member of Lafarge International Group's Advisory Board, Coordinator of the Permanent Interministerial Committee of State-owned Enterprises and Chairman of the Watch Committee of State-owned Enterprises as well as Vice-Chancellor of Al Akhawayn University.



Mr François HENROT is a leading figure in the world of European finance.

He has held several important positions within the Rothschild Group, including that of Chairman of the investment bank and Vice-Chairman of Rothschild & Co.'s Supervisory Board, of which he was a Director until 2020 and is currently a non-voting member. He is also an Advisory Director and Vice-Chairman of the Board of Rexel, a global leader in

Mr FRANÇOIS HENROT | Independent Director

the distribution of low-voltage electrical products, Chairman of the Board of COPEBA, a Belgian privately held investment company.

Mr HENROT began his career in the public sector at France's Council of State and then at the Directorate General for Telecommunications before moving to the private sector with Compagnie Financière de Paribas and, for the past 20 years, Rothschild Group.

Having a keen interest in cultural and philanthropic affairs, Mr HENROT was Chairman of France's Ecole Nationale Superieure des Arts Décoratifs and a member of the Association pour le Rayonnement de l'Opéra de Paris until 2015. He is responsible for reviving the Evian Musical Encounters Festival, founded by Mstislav Rostropovich and is currently Chairman of the Bordeaux International String Quartet Competition.

In the field of medicine, Mr HENROT has actively contributed for more than 12 years to the work of the Brain and Spine Institute (ICM).

He has co-authored a number of works including The Banker and the Philosopher, which deals with the 2007-08 financial crisis.

Born in 1949, Mr François HENROT is a graduate of Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA) and Stanford University.

APPOINTMENTS LIST

Chairman of the Board of Directors	Member of the Supervisory Board
Cobepa (Belgique)	Rexel SA



Mr Brian C. McK. HENDERSON is the Founding Partner of Henderson International Advisors, LLC.

During a career spanning 43 years in international banking, he has forged significant client relationships in both the private and public sectors as well as acquiring expertise in management and corporate governance.

At Merrill Lynch, where he spent a large part of his career, Mr HENDERSON held several positions of responsibility including

APPOINTMENTS LIST

Mr BRIAN MCK HENDERSON I Independent Director

Executive Assistant to the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Vice- Chairman of Merrill Lynch Europe, Middle East and Africa and Chairman of the Global Public Sector division.

He also served as Chairman of Prime Merrill S.p.a Italy and as member of the Board of Merrill Lynch South Africa Pty Ltd.

Mr HENDERSON began his career at Chase Manhattan Bank where he held a number of important positions within the Group's European Institutions division, including Vice-Chairman and Director of the sub-Saharan Africa region as well as within the Investment Banking division. He was also a Board member of Banque Ivoirienne du Développement Industriel and Chase Bank Cameroon SA as well as being Vice-President and Treasurer of the Atlantic Council of the United States. He is currently non-executive Chairman of Augustea Bunge Maritime Ltd., Malta, Advisor to Cremades & Calvo Sotelo, Madrid and Senior Advisor to Rockefeller Capital Management.

His civic engagements include those of Chairman of the Chatham House Foundation, Honouring Nations' Board of Governors, American Indian Economic Development at Harvard University's JFK School of Government and Director of the Fort Apache Heritage Foundation.

Mr HENDERSON holds a Bachelor of Science degree in International Economic Relations from Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service, Washington DC.

Director Non-Executive Vice-Chairman Advisor Senior Advisor Founding Partner Chairman Fort Apache Augustea Bunge Middle East Cremades & Calvo Rockefeller Capital Henderson Heritage Maritime Ltd., Malta institute – Sotelo, Madrid Management International Foundation Washington Advisors, LLC Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development, Honoring Nations

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BIOGRAPHIES INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR



Mrs Nezha LAHRICHI holds a State Doctorate in Economics, the first awarded to a woman in Morocco. She began her career in academia and research as Professor of Higher Education, specialising in domestic and international monetary and financial economics. She was concurrently a member of the Centre Marocain de Conjoncture, an economics think tank.

After acting as special advisor to three Prime Ministers with responsibility for economic and financial affairs, Mrs LAHRICHI was then initially entrusted with the responsibility of heading up Société Marocaine d'Assurance à l'Exportation (SMAEX) as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, a post that enabled her to gain experience of the credit insurance and risk business.

Mrs NEZHA LAHRICHI | Independent Director

After time spent as a member of parliament, her second responsibility was to chair the National Foreign Trade Council. The latter's transformation into an observatory was the catalyst for establishing a business intelligence and strategic planning system.

Mrs LAHRICHI was Director of the National Telecommunications Regulatory Agency (ANRT) for two terms of office. She also sat for 10 years on the National Savings and Investment Council (CNME) as well as being a member of the Caisse de Dépôt et de Gestion's supervisory committee as the Prime Minister's representative.

The majority of her publications, categorised by theme, may be accessed on her website <u>www.nezhalahrichi.com</u>.



Mr BENSOUDA has more than 25 years' experience across a number of disciplines including asset management, private equity, mergers & acquisitions and corporate restructuring.

He is currently Chief Executive Officer of <u>O</u> CAPITAL EUROPE, a company which steers <u>O</u> Capital Group's overseas asset management and investment advisory operations.

Mr ABDOU BENSOUDA I Intuitu Personae Director

Since 2008, Mr BENSOUDA has held a number of positions of responsibility within <u>O</u> Capital Group including that of Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of Finatech Group, a systems integrator specialising in digital and energy infrastructure.

Prior to this, he was a founding partner of Finaventures Advisors in California where he helped set up a technology fund in partnership with TL Ventures, an asset management company. His experience in private equity dates back to 1995 in New York.

He began his career at Westinghouse where he worked as an engineer and project leader.

Mr BENSOUDA has a degree in information systems engineering from Boston University and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) specialising in finance and entrepreneurship from Babson College, Massachusetts.

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Chairman of the Board of Directors	Chairman	Vice-Chairman	Director	Manager
Olkad Group	FinanceCom Capital FinanceCom Europe	FinanceCom Green Investments	O Capital Group ¹ Decrow Capital Africa Investments Holdings Argan Infrastructure Fund Infra Invest Argan Infra Dounia Productions BANK OF AFRICA Bridges for Africa Finatech Group Green of Africa	FCOMI-L SCI FinanceCom Global Strategic Holdings B4A Advisory
			1. Chief Executive Officer	INUAL REPORT 2020 🕥 PAGE 90

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As such, he is a member of the Chairman's Committee, Chairman of the General Management Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Senior Credit Committee.

As part of BANK OF AFRICA Group's international strategy, Mr Brahim BENJELLOUN-TOUIMI is Chairman of BOA Group, a banking group in which BANK OF AFRICA Group has a stake of just under 73%, with operations in 17 countries in Africa. He is also Director of the Group's European banking subsidiaries.

Mr BRAHIM BENJELLOUN-TOUIMI | Board Member and Deputy Chief Executive Officer

As far as his other posts are concerned, he is Chairman or Director of a number of Group companies in Morocco, in investment banking, specialised financial services – factoring, consumer credit, leasing and loan recovery – and insurance brokerage.

Within the framework of strategic partnerships with reference shareholders, Mr Brahim BENJELLOUN-TOUIMI is a Director of RMA, an insurance company and of Q Capital Group, its holding company. He is also Chairman of the Supervisory Board of EurAfric Information, a technology company and Director of Euro Information France, a technology subsidiary of Crédit Mutuel Group – Alliance Fédérale.

Reflecting the Group's commitment to corporate social responsibility, Mr Brahim BENJELLOUN-TOUIMI is a Director of BMCE Bank Foundation for Education and the Protection of the Environment. He also sits on the Board of Proparco, a development finance institution as well as being a Director of the Casablanca Stock Exchange.

Born in 1960, Mr Brahim BENJELLOUN-TOUIMI is a Doctor of Money, Finance and Banking from Université Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne. He began his career in financial markets in France and went on to become Head of Research within the Securities division at one of France's leading investment banks. He joined BANK OF AFRICA in 1990. He is married and has 3 children.

APPOINTMENTS LIST

Chairman of the Board of Directors	Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors	Chairman of the Supervisory Board	Director
BMCE ASSURANCES	BTI BANK	EURAFRIC INFORMATION	BANK OF AFRICA ¹
BMCE EUROSERVICES		BMCE CAPITAL	RMA
BOA GROUP		SALAFIN	O Capital Group
BOA WEST AFRICA		MAROC FACTORING	FONDATION BMCE BANK
		OPERATIONS GLOBAL SERVICES	EURO INFORMATION FRANCE
			BMCE BANK INTERNATIONAL UK
			BMCE INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS
			BANK OF AFRICA EUROP (Ex BMCE Bank Internation Madrid)
			MAGHREBAIL
			RM EXPERTS
			PROPARCO ²
Deputy Chief Executive Officer			O TOWER
. BANK OF AFRICA Group's repre	esentative		SOCIETE D'AMENAGEMEI TANGER TECH

BOURSE DE CASABLANCA ²



After obtaining a science-based high school diploma with honours in 1993 at the Lycée Descartes in Rabat, Myriem BOUAZZAOUI continued her studies at the University of Paris IX Dauphine, obtaining a Master's in Management Sciences – Finance with honours in 1998.

Mrs MYRIEM BOUAZZAOUI I Intuitu Personae Director

On returning to Morocco in 1999, she joined BMCE BANK Group's portfolio management subsidiary as an Equity Portfolio Manager, then as Head of Investment Management.

Whilst working at the company, Mrs BOUAZZAOUI obtained, in 1999, the certificate of financial analyst from the French Society of Financial Analysts (SFAF) and then, in 2000, the French Diploma of Accounting and Finance (DECF).

In 2007, she was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the BMCE Capital Gestion Privée subsidiary, which she has managed since it was founded. She also became a Member of BMCE Capital's Executive Board in 2013. At the end of 2018, Mrs Myriem BOUAZZAOUI was appointed Managing Director of BMCE Capital Gestion, taking over the management of BMCE Capital's Asset & Wealth Management division.

APPOINTMENTS LIST

Director	Chair of the Board of Directors	Member of the Executive Board
BMCE Capital Gestion ¹	BMCE Capital Asset Management	BMCE Capital
BMCE Capital Gestion Privée	-Tunisie-	
BMCE Capital Solutions		
BMCE Capital Investments		
BOA Capital Holding		
BMCE Capital Securities -Tunisie-		
BOA Capital Asset Management -Côte d'Ivoire-		
BMCE Capital Research ²		
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BIOGRAPHIES SENIOR MANAGEMENT



Mr Driss BENJELLOUN is Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Group Finance at BANK OF AFRICA.

He is also a Director of BANK OF AFRICA Group subsidiaries including BMCE Capital, Banque de Développement du Mali, Salafin and until recently, BOA Group, BOA Benin and BOA Madagascar.

Mr DRISS BENJELLOUN | Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Group Finance

After joining BANK OF AFRICA Group in 1986, Mr Driss BENJELLOUN was asked to oversee the project to set up a Management Control entity aimed at improving the steering of operations. In 1990, he assumed responsibility for a project to set up an Audit and Management Control department. After BMCE Bank was privatised in 1995, Mr Driss BENJELLOUN became Head of the Banking Production division.

In 1998, he was appointed as Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for a number of departments that make up the Bank's Group Support division – Banking Production, Information Systems, Organisation, General Services and Security. In 2003, Mr Driss BENJELLOUN became Head of the Group Financial Division with a remit to integrate BANK OF AFRICA's various subsidiaries in Morocco, Europe and Africa. He also helped to restructure Banque de Developpement du Mali and steered the latter's merger with Banque Malienne de Crédits et de Dépôts.

Mr BENJELLOUN is a Doctor of Finance from Université Paris Dauphine in addition to having a postgraduate diploma in accounting.



Mr M'Fadel EL HALAISSI, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, has been responsible for the Financial Engineering, Debt Collection and Special Assignments division since January 2019. His main responsibilities include hands-on management of the Bank's portfolio of sub-standard and nonperforming loans, carrying out specific assignments mandated by the Chairman and representing the Bank at a number of subsidiaries.

Mr M'FADEL EL HALAISSI I Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Financial Engineering, Debt Collection & Specific Assignments

Previously, Mr M'fadel EL HALAISSI was Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Corporate Banking, Morocco. This division, which comes under General Management's remit, brings together corporate customers, SMEs and Large Enterprises. This specific responsibility for corporate banking was entrusted to him after a career spanning more than 25 years at BANK OF AFRICA, in credit, investment finance, loan restructuring and long-term financing solutions.

On joining BMCE Bank, he was entrusted with the responsibility of setting up the investment loans restructuring department. He subsequently went on to become Head of the Investment and Corporate Markets division in 1998. In April 2002, he was appointed as Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Corporate Banking, a division which was then subsequently expanded to include overseas operations.

Mr M'fadel EL HALAISSI is a Doctor of Economics from Lille University. He is married and has 2 children.



Mr Mounir CHRAIBI is Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Group Operations. He joined BANK OF AFRICA in 2010.

Mr Mounir CHRAIBI is responsible for BANK OF AFRICA Group's technology, legal affairs, logistics, quality and banking processing departments.

As such, he oversees strategic projects such as designing its Banking and Insurance information systems (SIBEA), converging the information systems of BANK OF AFRICA's domestic and overseas subsidiaries, spinning-off the Bank's back-office operations and managing the Bank's digital transformation project.

Mr MOUNIR CHRAIBI I Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Group Operations

Mr CHRAIBI is Chairman of the Board of BMCE Immobilier, a subsidiary responsible for proactively managing BANK OF AFRICA's non-operating real estate portfolio and Chairman of the Board of Damancash, a Morocco-based payment institution. Since 2020, he has chaired the Morocco mobile payment services economic interest group (GP2M).

Mr CHRAIBI sits on the Board of Royale Marocaine d'Assurance (RMA), as well as being a Director of BANK AL-TAMWEEL WA AL-INMA (BTI Bank) and BMCE Euroservices. He is also a Director of O TOWER and BMCE Capital Real Estate.

He began his career in 1987 as Project Manager of Crédit du Maroc's information systems master plan and then, from 1989 to 1994, was made Head of Organisation and Information Systems of the Office d'Exploitation des Ports. In 1994, he was appointed as Chief Executive Officer of the Office de la Formation Professionnelle et de la Promotion du Travail and then, in 2001, as Chief Executive Officer of the Caisse Nationale de la Sécurité Sociale.

In 2005, Mr CHRAIBI was appointed as Governor of the Marrakesh Tensift Al Haouz region which, during his tenure, attracted a high level of private sector investment and oversaw the launch of several major flagship public projects.

Mr Mounir CHRAIBI is a graduate engineer of Ecole Polytechnique de Paris and Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Télécommunications de Paris. He was decorated Commander of the Order of Al Arsh Wissam by His Majesty the King in 2008. He is also a Commander of Belgium's Order of Leopold.



Mr Omar TAZI is Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Banking in Morocco which, since January 2019, encompasses (i) Personal and Professional Banking which, in turn, incorporates a pool of specialised marketing competencies organised by market segment – Personal Banking, Professional Banking, Private Banking and



Mr OMAR TAZI I Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Banking in Morocco

Migrant Banking – the BMCE Euroservices subsidiary, a payments institution and Multi-channel banking and (ii) SME Banking which encompasses Investment, Financial Engineering and Corporate Banking as well as (iii) the 8 Regional Divisions.

Previously, Mr Omar TAZI was Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Personal and Professional Banking.

Mr Omar TAZI began his career at the Banque de Développement du Canada. In 1992, he joined Wafa Bank as Head of Treasury.

From 1993 to 2005, Mr Omar TAZI held a number of posts of responsibility within Société Générale Maroc, including Head of the Specialised Finance and Industrial Research Division, Head of the retail, professional and corporate banking network and then Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Retail Banking.

During this period, he was also Director, Vice Chairman or Chairman of a number of Société Générale subsidiaries, including its leasing, consumer credit, securities brokerage, asset management and insurance subsidiaries.

From 2005 to 2010, Mr Omar TAZI was Chief Executive Officer of AFMA Group.

Mr Omar TAZI joined BANK OF AFRICA Group in June 2011 with a remit to boost retail banking operations and improve the effectiveness of the Bank's sales force.

Mr Omar TAZI holds a master's degree in finance from the University of Sherbrooke, Canada.

BIOGRAPHIES SENIOR MANAGEMENT



Mr Mohammed AGOUMI is Deputy Chief Executive Officer of BANK OF AFRICA with responsibility for Coordinating Overseas Operations.

As such, he is responsible for coordinating the Group's various overseas subsidiaries and, in some cases, has direct responsibility for them. He also has direct responsibility for each of the Group's European corporate entities and its offshore network in Morocco

Mr MOHAMMED AGOUMI | Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Coordinating Overseas Operations

as well as the BANK OF AFRICA Shanghai Branch. He is also responsible for Banque de Développement du Mali.

Mr AGOUMI chairs BANK OF AFRICA Europe's Board of Directors (formerly BMCE Bank International Madrid) and is a member of the board of Banque de Developpement du Mali.

He joined BANK OF AFRICA Group in 2012, after a long international career in audit and consulting.

Prior to that, he held a number of functions and positions of responsibility at Credit Agricole France Group (CASA). He was appointed Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Le Crédit Lyonnais (LCL) in 2006 and was a member of CASA Group's Executive Committee. He was responsible for operations, strategy and the Loan Commitments Division. In 2008, he was appointed to CASA Group's Executive Committee with responsibility for overseeing the Group's overseas development.

In 2010, he founded Europa Corporate Business Group (ECBG). He is also the Chairman of ECBG's Moroccan subsidiary, Financing Access Morocco.

Mr Mohammed AGOUMI is a graduate of ESSEC (1979) and holds a DEA in Mathematical Economics and Econometrics (1980). He qualified as a chartered accountant in Paris in 1993 and taught for two years at ESSEC.



Khalid LAABI, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, has been responsible, since January 2019, for Group Risks, which encompasses risk management, risk analysis and monitoring loan commitments.

In 2018, Mr Khalid LAABI was appointed as Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Group General Control.

Mr LAABI has a wealth of experience acquired over more than 35 years within the Group, during which he has held a number of positions of responsibility, including Director of inspection of central services,

Mr KHALID LAABI I Deputy Chief Executive Officer responsible for Group Risks

the branch network and the overseas network and Chief Director responsible for the Audit and General Inspection Division.

As far as his functions are concerned, he is Associate Member and Secretary of the Group Risks Committee, Associate Member of the Group Audit and Internal Control Committee and Member of the Group Internal Control Coordination Committee.

He is also a Permanent Member of the Audit and Risks Committees of several BANK OF AFRICA Group subsidiaries, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa, as well as being a Director of BTI Bank, the Group's participatory banking subsidiary, Director of BOA Holding, Maroc Factoring and RM Experts, the Group's subsidiary responsible for loan recovery. Since 2015, Mr LAABI has overseen implementation of the Convergence Programme for the Internal Control functions within 25 subsidiaries. This is a major programme aimed at structuring the Group.

In addition, he is a highly regarded keynote conference speaker, sharing his expertise on a wide range of subjects including finance, risk management, internal audit, internal control and compliance.

Mr Khalid LAABI is an Economic Science graduate specialising in The Theory of the Firm. He has undertaken training in a variety of disciplines, both in Morocco and overseas. He is married and has two children.



Mr Khalid NASR is Head of BANK OF AFRICA's Corporate & Investment Banking business. He is also Chairman of the Supervisory Board of BMCE Capital, the Group's investment banking subsidiary.

As such, he is a member of BANK OF AFRICA Group's Chairman's Committee and General Management Committee. He also holds a number of directorships at Group entities such as Director of BOA Group, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of BOA Capital and Director of Maghrebail.

M. KHALID NASR I Head of the Corporate & Investment Banking Division

Mr Khalid NASR has more than 25 years' experience of finance, the majority of which has been spent in senior management positions. He began his career in France at one of Europe's leading insurance companies. After gaining experience in capital markets at a Moroccan bank, Mr Khalid NASR then joined BMCE Capital when it was founded in 1998. He was responsible for developing its capital markets businesses as Head of Fixed Income Trading and then, from 2005, as Head of the Dealing Room.

In 2010, Mr Khalid NASR was appointed Chairman of BMCE Capital's Supervisory Board, overseeing the entire Investment Banking business – Capital Markets, Asset Management, Private Portfolio Management, Financial Advisory, Custody, Securities Brokerage, Financial Research and Securitisation. Since January 2019, Mr Khalid NASR has been responsible for BANK OF AFRICA's Corporate & Investment Banking division.

Mr Khalid NASR holds an Executive MBA from ESSEC Business School, Paris, a Master's in Finance from ESC Marseilles and a Master's in Mathematics from Marseilles' Saint Charles University. He is also the holder of a number of certificates in specialised disciplines such as Asset & Liability Management (ALM) and Market Risk Management.

Born in 1967, Mr Khalid NASR is married and has three children.



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RISK MANAGEMENT

RISK MANAGEMENT ORGANISATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Board of Directors' responsibilities with regard to controlling the risks related to the Bank's operations include reviewing the systems implemented by General Management to manage these risks to ensure that it complies with the applicable requirements relating to regulations, companies, transferable securities and other legal obligations. As a result, BANK OF AFRICA has set up a risk management system that is underpinned by a number of governance bodies as well as bodies responsible for day-to-day management.

The following bodies are involved in managing and monitoring the risks of the Bank and the Group – the Group Risks Committee, the Group CACI, the General Management Committee, the Credit Committees, the Committee for Monitoring Accounts Showing Anomalies and Downgrading and the Group Risk Steering and Management Committee.



Furthermore, Group General Control is tasked with carrying out inspection and audit missions at the Group's various operational entities in Morocco and abroad.

The Risk function is entirely independent of any of the Group's operational functions and business entities so as to ensure that the information provided to senior management regarding the Group's risk situation is independent, objective and comprehensive.

It also ensures that the risk management system is efficient, exhaustive and homogeneous and that the level of risk assumed is consistent with the Group's corporate strategy, in particular, the strategic goals and the resources of the Group and of its business entities.

The Group and its business entities also ensure ongoing compliance with the regulatory requirements decreed by Bank Al Maghrib as well as those required by local central banks.

Group Risks General Management, through its Group Risk Management Divisions, Loan Commitments Analysis, Loan Commitments Monitoring and Africa Counterparty Risk and Cross-Departmental Projects, with the support of the Group's business entities, ensures that risks are managed and monitored in addition to reviewing credit approval procedures. The Group Risks Division is responsible for managing risk by actively contributing to:

- Determining BANK OF AFRICA Group's risk policy
- Establishing a risk control system
- Determining and managing the credit approval and monitoring processes.

CREDIT RISK

Credit risk is the risk of customers not repaying their obligations toward the Bank in full or within the allotted time, resulting in potential losses for the Bank. It is the broadest risk category and may be correlated with other risk categories.

Decision-making system

The Group has adopted a dual approach to the credit approval process as follows:

A standardised approach for commonplace products intended for retail customers, which may be implemented in two ways:

- Use of a self-check form with formatted acceptance criteria forming the basis of the risk assessment. This self-check form outlines the credit approval terms and checks that credit standards are complied with and adhered to.
- A delegation system by which credit approval decisions are delegated to different levels of power. This ensures consistency in decision-making in the credit approval process and a high level of integrity from the person to whom powers have been delegated. Each credit application is processed by subordinate entities prior to its approval by the duly responsible decision-making entity.

An individualised approach based on the particular characteristics and requirements of corporates based on three fundamental principles:

 The management of the loan portfolio, which provides Senior Management with sufficient information to be able to assess the customer's risk profile

- The delegation of authority to intuitu personae individuals on the basis of their experience, judgement, competence, and professional training
- The balance of powers, with an offer of credit made based on the judgment of at least three persons ('Troika' principle).

For certain risk levels, approval must be sought from the Senior Credit Committee or the Major Loan Commitments Committee (CGE). It is also worth noting that Group General Control provides additional independent control of credit quality and ensures that procedures have been complied with.

Similarly, Group Risks General Management independently monitors and maintains a high quality of risk management and ensures that internal rules and procedures are complied with.

The level of approval required is generally determined by the amount offered to the customer, the customer's rating, whether the loan needs to be approved by a business sector specialist, whether a reliable loan guarantee has been provided and the loan's maturity date.

Portfolio diversification

The diversification of the loan portfolio remains an ongoing priority of Group risk policy. Potential concentration by counterparty or by business sector must be regularly reviewed and, if necessary, corrective action taken to enable the exposure to be managed proactively.

As a result, concentration limits are introduced and reviewed every six months for business sectors as well as for economic interest groups. Also, regular reports are sent to Bank Al-Maghrib, including a report on the Bank's risk division ratio.

Monitoring and steering

Group Risks General Management is responsible for carrying out missions to prevent and monitor credit risks on a continuous basis at BANK OF AFRICA Group level.

This type of preventive management, which is a key function within the risk management process, consists of pre-empting situations in which there has been a deterioration in the risk outlook and making the appropriate adjustments.

In carrying out this function, Group Risks General Management is required to:

- Monitor loan commitments' regularity – compliance with the initially stated purpose of the loan and with credit limits, investigating payment incidents, reviewing loans in arrears etc.
- Detect loans exhibiting persistent signs of weakness
- Monitor, in partnership with the network, any developments in relation to the main risks incurred (problem loans, the largest or most sensitive loan commitments)

Non-performing loans

On carrying out a monthly review of its portfolio and an analysis of high-risk accounts, each subsidiary reviews its regulatory loan classification as required by local regulatory requirements.

This review is finalised by the Committees for Monitoring Accounts Showing Anomalies and Downgrading on the recommendation of each entity's Risk function. The decisions taken by these committees are implemented by executing and monitoring the transfer of these accounts from the 'healthy' to the 'non-performing, requires provisioning' category. Provisioning is checked and monitored by Group General Control, the external auditors and the Group Risks Committee.

New credit application



- Determine which loans are eligible for downgrading as required by regulations governing nonperforming loans
- Monitor credit risk indicators on a continuous basis, including healthy loans, sensitive loans and nonperforming loans, stating loan-loss provisions, the non-performing loan ratio and the loan-loss coverage ratio.

Internal rating system

An internal rating system for businesses – large enterprises and SMEs – is employed by the commercial network. Similarly, the Bank has a specialised decisionmaking system for approving consumer credit for retail customers. This has been integrated into the Bank's credit decision-making information systems.

BANK OF AFRICA also uses scorebased matrices for Moroccans living abroad, professional customers and small businesses. These matrices are also integrated into the Bank's information systems.

MARKET RISK

Market risk, defined as the risk of loss on balance sheet and offbalance sheet positions resulting from adverse changes in market prices, includes:

- Interest rate risk
- Equity risk
- Foreign currency risk
- Commodity risk.

And two types of credit risk relating to market transactions:

- Counterparty risk
- Settlement risk.

BANK OF AFRICA Group's market risk management system is structured around two main aspects:

LIMITS

Counterparty limits on market transactions

The approval process for counterparty limits and applications to overrun those limits in market transactions is governed within BANK OF AFRICA Group via a system of delegation of powers within a framework of procedures specific to each counterparty type.

Limits are set beforehand for market transactions in accordance with a scheme of delegation based on the troika principle.

Market limits

In order to control market risk within BANK OF AFRICA Group and to diversify the trading portfolio, a set of market limits has been jointly adopted. These limits reflect the Group's risk profile and help it steer market risk effectively by arbitrating between the various market activities. BANK OF AFRICA Group's set of market limits comprises the following:

- Stop-loss limits
- Position limits
- VaR limits
- Trading limits.

Risk indicators

A variety of risk indicators, reflecting the level of exposure to market risk, are used by BANK OF AFRICA Group:

Overall value-at-Risk (VaR) and by asset class

Value-at-Risk is a technique used to quantify overall market risk. It helps to quantify the risk incurred by calculating the potential loss over a given time horizon and the degree of probability.

Stress-testing by risk factor

BANK OF AFRICA Group conducts stress tests in order to evaluate the vulnerability of the Group's trading portfolio under extreme scenarios. Stress tests encompass every component of the trading portfolio by simulating all risk factors that might impact it.

OVERALL LIQUIDITY AND INTEREST RATE RISK

In order to maintain balance sheet stability in a context of asset growth, the system adopted by BANK OF AFRICA for managing liquidity and interest rate risks is designed to:

- Ensure earnings stability when interest rates change, thereby maintaining net interest income and optimising the economic value of equity
- Ensure an adequate level of liquidity, thereby enabling the Bank to meet its obligations at any given time and protect it from any eventual crisis
- Ensure that the risk inherent in its foreign exchange positions does not have a negative impact on the Bank's profit margins
- Steer the Bank's strategy in such a way as to be able to take full advantage of growth opportunities available in the market.

Liquidity Risk

The Bank's strategy in terms of liquidity risk management aims to ensure that its financing mix is adapted to its growth ambitions to enable it to successfully expand its operations in a stable manner.

Liquidity risk is the risk of the Bank being unable to fulfil its commitments in the event of unforeseen cash or collateral requirements by using its liquid assets.

Such an event may be due to reasons other than liquidity, for example, significant losses that result from defaulting counterparties or due to adverse changes in market conditions. There are two major sources of liquidity risk:

• The institution's inability to raise the required funds to deal with unexpected situations in the short term, such as a massive deposit withdrawal or a maximum drawdown of off- balance sheet commitments

• A mismatch of assets and liabilities or the financing of medium- or longterm assets by short-term liabilities.

An acceptable liquidity level is a level that enables the Bank to finance asset growth and to fulfil its commitments when they are due, thereby protecting the Bank from any eventual crisis.

Two indicators are used to evaluate the Bank's liquidity profile:

• The Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR), in line with the Basel III standard

• The profile of static periodic or cumulative gaps over a 12-month horizon.

The method of periodic or cumulative gaps in dirhams and in foreign currencies helps measure the level of liquidity risk incurred by the Bank over the short, medium and long term. This method is used to estimate asset-liability mismatches over different time periods and determine an appropriate hedging strategy.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that future changes in interest rates have a negative impact on the Bank's profitability.

Changes in interest rates also impact the net present value of expected cash flows. The extent to which the economic value of assets and liabilities is impacted will depend on the sensitivity of the various components of the balance sheet to changes in interest rates.

Interest rate risk is measured by conducting simulation-based stress tests under a scenario in which interest rates are raised by 200 basis points as recommended by the Basel Committee.

The Bank's strategy in terms of interest rate risk management is aimed to ensuring earnings stability when interest rates change, thereby maintaining net interest income and optimising the economic value of equity.

Changes in interest rates may negatively impact net interest income and result in the Bank significantly undershooting its initial projections.

In order to counter such risks, the ALM department regularly steers the Bank's strategy by establishing rules for matching assets and liabilities by maturity and by defining a maximum tolerance departure threshold for net interest income by comparison with projected net banking income.

The method of periodic or cumulative gaps in dirhams and in foreign currencies helps measure the level of interest rate risk incurred by the Bank over the short, medium and long term. This method is used to estimate assetliability mismatches over different time periods and determine an appropriate hedging strategy.

OPERATIONAL RISK

Operational risk relates to the possibility of incurring a loss as a result of a failing internal procedure, systems failure, human error or an external event.

The primary goal of BANK OF AFRICA - BMCE Group's operational risk management system is to reduce exposure to operational risks, optimise monitoring processes and bolster its control system.

The internal system for measuring operational risks is closely linked to the Group's day-to-day risk management process via risk events collection, mapping operational risks and Key Risk Indicators (K.R.I).

A specific operational risk management organisational structure has been put in place based on operational risk intermediaries.

These include Operational Risk Correspondents – Business Lines and Subsidiaries (CRO), Operational Risk Coordinators (CORO) and Operational Risk Liaison Officers (RRO).

Several types of attitude may be envisaged to manage operational risks:

- Reinforce checks
- Hedge risks, especially via insurance contracts
- Avoid risks, in particular, by redeploying activities
- Draw up business continuity plans

BANK OF AFRICA - BMCE Group has a control policy, resulting in a significant reduction in operational risks. However, in terms of operational risk management, over and above its risk control policy, the Group is at liberty to find the best possible solution on a case-by-case basis, depending on the different types of risks.

Additionally, the Group has insurance policies to mitigate risks such as damage to office buildings, fraud, theft of valuable items and third-party liability cover etc.

Governance of operational risks within BMCE Bank Group is

organised by three operational risk Committees:

- Operational Risk Monitoring Committee
- Operational Risk (Subsidiaries) Committee
- Group Operational Risk Committee.

These committees are tasked with periodically:

- Reviewing changes in operational risk exposure and in the environment for controlling the risks
- Identifying the main risk areas in terms of business activity and risk type
- Determining the preventive and corrective action required to mitigate the level of risk
- Reviewing the amount of capital to be allocated to operational risks, the cost of preventive action required and the insurance cost.

Business Continuity Plan

The Business Continuity Plan is a response to the rising demand to minimise the impact in the event of any interruption to the Bank's operations. This is due to a growing reliance on the resources underpinning those operations, including human, IT or logistical resources.

The Plan comprises a set of measures and procedures aimed at ensuring that the Bank, under different crisis scenarios such as a major shock, is able to maintain essential services in fail-soft mode on a temporary basis, prior to the planned resumption of normal operations.

The environment, climate change and social responsibility

Underpinning BANK OF AFRICA Group's management framework relating to its undertakings regarding the environment, climate change and social responsibility is a set of values and an underlying commitment to respecting human rights and the environment. This framework has been adopted by each of the Group's banking and banking-related subsidiaries. It should also be noted that this framework applies to all financial products and services offered by the Bank.

As a result, BANK OF AFRICA Group factors sustainable development considerations and goals into its commercial approach and manages the environmental, climate-related and social risks associated with its commercial commitments.

Risks arising from environmental, climate-related and social (ECS) factors are inherent in any financial transaction. They translate into financial, legal, collateral-related or reputational impacts on the Bank.

The ECS risk identification, measurement and internal analysis systems are now tied in with the day-to-day operational risk management process.

COUNTRY RISK

Country risk refers to the possibility that a sovereign counterparty in a given country, as well as other counterparties in this country, is unable to or refuses to fulfil its foreign obligations due to sociopolitical, economic or financial reasons. The Group's country risk management system, which is described in detail in its country risk management policy, is underpinned by the following aspects:

- Identifying country risk
- Calculating exposure for each country and on a consolidated basis
- Drawing up a country risk profile including a country risk rating
- Assigning country limits
- Reporting and alerts
- Provisioning.

The process of monitoring the Group's country risk exposure is carried out by a monthly report from overseas subsidiaries to Group Risk Management.

STRESS TESTING

Stress testing consists of analysing a variety of scenarios in light of extreme shocks that might impact the Group's business activities and its credit, market and country risk profiles. It has a dual purpose – to bolster risk measurement systems so as to enable the Bank to anticipate and pre-empt potential risk situations and to allocate capital more effectively.

Stress testing is a fundamental component of BANK OF AFRICA Group's risk management policy. As such, stress tests are carried out regularly in addition to the requirement instigated by the regulatory authority to file halfyearly reports.

ICAAP SYSEM

The Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (ICAAP) is a process for assessing internal capital adequacy. Its purpose is to ensure that the Bank, on a continuous basis, has adequate internal capital in relation to its risk profile.

There are 3 main aspects to ICAAP:

- Determining and steering BANK OF AFRICA SA's risk appetite
- Identifying and steering risks
- As well as establishing a capital buffer aimed at mitigating Pillar 2 risks (interest rate risk, liquidity risk, concentration risk, compliance risk etc.)

The Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (ICAAP) enables the Bank to define a capital structure, dynamic projections of solvency ratios and additional capital requirements.

To complement this process, the Bank carries out simulations and stress tests based on various criteria to assess the impact of risk factors on its resilience in terms of capital.

The introduction of a risk appetite framework has been achieved by incorporating two frames of reference:

- A risk appetite framework which defines the governance and organisational scheme and the process for defining and presenting the Bank's risk appetite
- A risk appetite statement which, consistent with the Group's development strategy, defines the risk appetite aspects which reflect the Bank's risk profile.

These aspects have been broken down into quantitative indicators with related thresholds.

The Risk Department ensures that the risk appetite system is properly aligned to the capital allocation process and limits system.

As far as the Group's main risks are concerned, the Group's risk appetite is governed by limits and alert thresholds. These indicators ensure that the Group is well-positioned to meet its target values and reach its goals in terms of profitability.

INTERNAL CRISIS RECOVERY PLAN (PRCI)

In response to new measures introduced under Bank Al Maghrib's Circular 4/W/2017 relating to the introduction of an Internal Crisis Recovery (PRCI), BANK OF AFRICA has taken the necessary steps to comply with this regulation.

The purpose of this prevention system is to assess BANK OF AFRICA Group's resilience, as a systemic institution, in the event of an extreme crisis and to identify the key drivers to restore its viability in terms of solvency, liquidity, asset quality and profitability. The various risks to which the group is exposed are also covered by this PRCI. These include credit risk, market risk, country risk, balance sheet risk, operational risk, cybercrime risk, non-compliance risk and reputational risk.

As a result, a taxonomy of the Group's risks has been developed in conjunction with the ICAAP system, with more robust internal stress tests based on extreme but plausible scenarios covering every category of risk to which the Group is exposed.