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FORM 20-F
(Mark One)
REGISTRATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
OR
ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017
OR
TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACTOR 1934
Commission file number: 1-14554
BANCO SANTANDER-CHILE

(d/b/a Santander and Banco Santander)

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

SANTANDER-CHILE BANK

(d/b/a Santander and Banco Santander) (Translation of Registrant's name into English)

Chile

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

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Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class

American Depositary Shares ("ADS"), each representing the right to receive 400 Shares of Common Stock without par value Shares of Common Stock, without par value*

Name of each exchange on which registered

New York Stock Exchange

New York Stock Exchange

^{*}Santander-Chile's shares of common stock are not listed for trading, but only in connection with the registration of the American Depositary Shares pursuant to the requirements of the New York Stock Exchange.

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:
None (Title of Class)
Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act:
None (Title of Class)
The number of outstanding shares of each class of common stock of Banco Santander-Chile at December 31, 2017, was:
188,446,126,794 Shares of Common Stock, without par value
Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.
Yes No
If this report is an annual or transition report, indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
Yes No
Note – Checking the box above will not relieve any registrant required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 from their obligations under those Sections.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was
required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or an emerging growth company. See definition of "accelerated filer," "large accelerated filer" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large Accelerated Filer Accelerated Filer Non-accelerated Filer Emerging Growth Company

If an emerging growth company that prepares its financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards† provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

† The term "new or revised financial accounting standard" refers to any update issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board to its Accounting Standards Codification after April 5, 2012.

Indicate by check mark which basis of accounting the registrant has used to prepare the financial statements included in this filing:

U.S. GAAP International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board

Other

If "Other" has been checked in response to the previous question, indicate by check mark which financial statement item the registrant has elected to follow.

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If this is an annual report, indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes No

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

We have made statements in this Annual Report on Form 20-F that constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements appear throughout this report and include statements regarding our intent, belief or current expectations regarding:

regarding:	
	asset growth and alternative sources of funding
	growth of our fee-based business
·	financing plans
·	impact of competition
	impact of regulation
·	exposure to market risks including:
	interest rate risk
·	foreign exchange risk
	equity price risk
	projected capital expenditures
	liquidity
	trends affecting:

our financial condition

our results of operation

The sections of this Annual Report which contain forward-looking statements include, without limitation, "Item 3. Key Information—Risk Factors," "Item 4. Information on the Company—B. Business Overview—Competition," "Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects," "Item 8. Financial Information—A. Consolidated Statements and Other Financial Information—Legal Proceedings," and "Item 11. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk." Our forward-looking statements also may be identified by words such as "believes," "expects," "anticipates," "projects," "intends," "should," "could," "may," "seeks," "aim," "combined," "estimates," "probability," "risk," "VaR," "target," "goal," "objective, expressions.

You should understand that the following important factors, in addition to those discussed elsewhere in this Annual Report and in the documents which are incorporated by reference, could affect our future results and could cause those results or other outcomes to differ materially from those expressed in our forward-looking statements:

changes in capital markets in general that may affect policies or attitudes towards lending to Chile or Chilean companies;

changes in economic conditions;

the monetary and interest rate policies of Central Bank (as defined below);

· inflation;

· deflation;

· unemployment;

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· increases in defaults by our customers and impairment losses;
decreases in deposits;
· customer loss or revenue loss;
· unanticipated turbulence in interest rates;
· movements in foreign exchange rates;
· movements in equity prices or other rates or prices;
the effects of non-linear market behavior that cannot be captured by linear statistical models, such as the VaR model we use;
· changes in Chilean and foreign laws and regulations;
· changes in taxes;
competition, changes in competition and pricing environments;
our inability to hedge certain risks economically;
· the adequacy of loss allowances;
technological changes;
· changes in consumer spending and saving habits;
· changes in demographics, consumer spending, investment or saving habits;
· increased costs;

unanticipated increases in financing and other costs or the inability to obtain additional debt or equity financing on attractive terms;

· changes in, or failure to comply with, banking regulations;	
· acquisitions or restructurings of businesses that may not perform in accordance with our expectation	ons;
our ability to successfully market and sell additional services to our existing customers;	
disruptions in client service;	
damage to our reputation;	
· natural disasters;	
· implementation of new technologies;	
· the Group's exposure to operational losses (e.g., failed internal or external processes, people and system	s); and
an inaccurate or ineffective client segmentation model.	
You should not place undue reliance on such statements, which speak only as of the date at which they were the forward-looking statements contained in this report speak only as of the date of this Annual Report, and	

You should not place undue reliance on such statements, which speak only as of the date at which they were made. The forward-looking statements contained in this report speak only as of the date of this Annual Report, and we do not undertake to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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CERTAIN TERMS AND CONVENTIONS

As used in this annual report (the "Annual Report"), "Santander-Chile", "the Bank", "we," "our" and "us" or similar terms reference Santander-Chile together with its consolidated subsidiaries.

When we refer to "Santander Spain," we refer to our parent company, Banco Santander, S.A. References to "the Group," "Santander Group" or "Grupo Santander" mean the worldwide operations of the Santander Spain conglomerate, as indirectly controlled by Santander Spain and its consolidated subsidiaries, including Santander-Chile.

As used in this Annual Report, the term "billion" means one thousand million (1,000,000,000).

In this Annual Report, references to "\$", "U.S.\$", "U.S. dollars" and "dollars" are to United States dollars; references to "Chilean pesos," "pesos" or "Ch\$" are to Chilean pesos; references to "CHF" or "CHF\$" are to Swiss francs; references to "Cl or "CNY\$" are to Chinese yuan renminbi); and references to "UF" are to *Unidades de Fomento*. The UF is an inflation-indexed Chilean monetary unit with a value in Chilean pesos that changes daily to reflect changes in the official Consumer Price Index ("CPI") of the *Instituto Nacional de Estadísticas* (the Chilean National Institute of Statistics) for the previous month. See "Item 3. Key Information—A. Selected Financial Data—Exchange Rates" for information regarding exchange rates.

As used in this Annual Report, the terms "write-offs" and "charge-offs" are synonyms.

In this Annual Report, references to the Audit Committee are to the Bank's Comité de Directores y Auditoría.

In this Annual Report, references to "BIS" are to the Bank for International Settlement, and references to "BIS ratio" are to the capital adequacy ratio as calculated in accordance with the Basel Capital Accord. References to the "Central Bank" are to the *Banco Central de Chile*. References to the SBIF are to the Superintendency of Banks and Financial Institutions.

Certain figures included in this Annual Report have been subject to rounding adjustments. Accordingly, figures shown as totals in certain tables may not be an arithmetic aggregation of the figures that precede them.

PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Santander-Chile is a Chilean bank and maintains its financial books and records in Chilean pesos and prepares its consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"). Any reference to IFRS in this document is to IFRS as issued by the IASB.

As required by local regulations, our locally filed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Compendium of Accounting Standards issued by the SBIF the Chilean regulatory agency ("Chilean Bank GAAP"). Therefore, our locally filed consolidated financial statements have been adjusted to IFRS in order to comply with the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). Chilean Bank GAAP principles are substantially similar to IFRS but there are some exceptions. For further details and a discussion of the main differences between Chilean Bank GAAP and IFRS, see "Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—Accounting Standards Applied in 2017."

This Annual Report contains our consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2017 and 2016 and for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015 (the "Audited Consolidated Financial Statements"). Such Audited Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with IFRS as issued by the IASB, and have been audited by the independent registered public accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers Consultores Auditores SpA for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 and by the independent registered accounting firm Deloitte Auditores y Consultores Limitada for the year ended December 31, 2015. See page F-2 of the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the 2017 and 2016 audit report issued by PricewaterhouseCoopers Consultores Auditores SpA and page F-4 of the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the 2015 audit report issued by Deloitte Auditores y Consultores Limitada. The Audited Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared from accounting records maintained by the Bank and its subsidiaries.

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The notes to the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements form an integral part of the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements and contain additional information and narrative descriptions or details of these financial statements.

We have formatted our financial information according to the classification format for banks in Chile for purposes of IFRS. We have not reclassified the line items to comply with Article 9 of Regulation S-X. Article 9 is a regulation of the SEC that contains formatting requirements for bank holding company financial statements.

Functional and Presentation Currency

The Chilean peso is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Bank operates and the currency that influences its structure of costs and revenues, and in accordance with International Accounting Standard 21 – *The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates* has been defined as the functional and presentation currency. Accordingly, all balances and transactions denominated in currencies other than the Chilean peso are treated as "foreign currency." See "Note 1—Summary of Significant Accounting Principles—e) Functional and presentation currency."

For presentational purposes, we have translated Chilean pesos (Ch\$) into U.S. dollars (U.S.\$) using the rate as indicated below under "Exchange Rates," for the financial information included in this Annual Report.

Loans

Unless otherwise specified, all references herein (except in the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements) to loans are to loans and financial leases before deduction for loan loss allowance, and, except as otherwise specified, all market share data presented herein is based on information published periodically by the SBIF. Non-performing loans include the entire principal amount and accrued but unpaid interest on loans for which either principal or interest is past-due for 90 days or more. Restructured loans for which no payments are past-due are not ordinarily classified as non-performing loans. See "Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—C. Selected Statistical Information—Classification of Loan Portfolio Based on the Borrower's Payment Performance."

Under IFRS, a loan is evaluated on each financial statement reporting date to determine whether objective evidence of impairment exists. A loan will be impaired if, and only if, objective evidence of impairment exists as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the loan, and such event or events have an impact on the estimated future cash flows of such loan that can be reliably estimated. It may not be possible to identify a single event that was the individual cause of the impairment.

An impairment loss relating to an individually significant loan recorded at amortized cost which has experienced objective evidence of impairment is calculated as the difference between the recorded amount of the asset and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate.

Those loans individually assessed for impairment and found not to be individually impaired are included in the loans collectively assessed for impairment (so that the collective assessment includes both the remainder of the loans not individually assessed and those not found to be individually impaired) where grouping of such loans on a collective basis is performed using similar credit characteristics.

The reversal of an impairment loss occurs only if it can be objectively related to an event occurring after the initial impairment loss was recorded. In the case of loans recorded at amortized cost, the reversal is recorded in income. See "Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—C. Selected Statistical Information—Analysis of Loan Loss Allowances."

Outstanding loans and the related percentages of our loan portfolio consisting of corporate and consumer loans in the section entitled "Item 4. Information on the Company—B. Business Overview" are categorized based on the nature of the borrower. Outstanding loans and related percentages of our loan portfolio consisting of corporate and consumer loans in the section entitled "Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—C. Selected Statistical Information" are categorized in accordance with the reporting requirements of the SBIF, which are based on the type and term of loans. This disclosure is consistent with IFRS.

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Effect of Rounding

Certain figures included in this Annual Report and in the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements have been rounded up for ease of presentation. Percentage figures included in this Annual Report have not in all cases been calculated on the basis of such rounded figures but on the basis of such amounts prior to rounding. For this reason, certain percentage amounts in this Annual Report may vary from those obtained by performing the same calculations using the figures in the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements. Certain other amounts that appear in this Annual Report may not sum due to rounding.

Economic and Market Data

In this Annual Report, unless otherwise indicated, all macroeconomic data related to the Chilean economy is based on information published by the Central Bank, and all market share and other data related to the Chilean financial system is based on information published by the SBIF and our analysis of such information. Information regarding the consolidated risk index of the Chilean financial system as a whole is not available.

Exchange Rates

This Annual Report contains translations of certain Chilean peso amounts into U.S. dollars at specified rates solely for the convenience of the reader. These translations should not be construed as representations that the Chilean peso amounts actually represent such U.S. dollar amounts, were converted from U.S. dollars at the rate indicated in preparing the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements, could be converted into U.S. dollars at the rate indicated, were converted or will be converted at all.

Unless otherwise indicated, all U.S. dollar amounts at any year end, for any period have been translated from Chilean pesos based on the interbank market rate published by Reuters at 1:30 pm on the last business day of the period. On December 31, 2017 and 2016, the exchange rate in the Informal Exchange Market as published by Reuters at 1:30 pm on these days was Ch\$616.85 and Ch\$666.00 respectively, or 0.26% more and 0.19% less, respectively, than the observed exchange rate published by the Central Bank for such date of Ch\$615.22 and Ch\$667.29 respectively, per U.S.\$1.00. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York does not report a noon buying rate for the Chilean peso. For more information on the observed exchange rate, see "Item 3. Key Information—A. Selected Financial Data—Exchange Rates" of the Annual Report.

As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, one UF was equivalent to Ch\$26,798.14 and Ch\$26,347.98, respectively. The U.S. dollar equivalent of one UF was U.S.\$43.56 as of December 31, 2017, using the observed exchange rate reported

by the Central Bank as of December 30, 2017 of Ch\$39.49 per U.S.\$1.00.

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PART I
ITEM 1. IDENTITY OF DIRECTORS, SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND ADVISERS
Not applicable.
ITEM 2. OFFER STATISTICS AND EXPECTED TIMETABLE
Not applicable.
ITEM 3. KEY INFORMATION
A. Selected Financial Data
The following table presents selected historical financial information for Santander-Chile as of the dates and for each of the periods indicated. Financial information for Santander-Chile as of and for the years ended December 31, 2017,
2016, 2015, 2014, and 2013 has been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with IFRS. In the F-pages of this Annual Report on Form 20-F, our audited financial statements as of
December 31, 2017 and 2016 and for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015 are presented. The audited financial statements for 2014 and 2013 are not included in this document, but they can be found in our previous
Annual Reports on Form 20-F. These consolidated financial statements differ in some respects from our locally filed financial statements as of and for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014 and 2013 prepared in
accordance with Chilean Bank GAAP. See "Item 4. Information on the Company—Differences between IFRS and Chilean Bank GAAP."
The following table should be read in conjunction with, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, our Audited
Consolidated Financial Statements appearing elsewhere in this Annual Report.
As of and for the years ended December 31,
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In Ch\$ millions (2)

In U.S.\$ thousands(1)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT						
OF INCOME DATA (IFRS)						
Net interest income	2,150,751	1,326,691	1,281,366	1,255,206	1,317,104	1,076,762
Net fee and commission income	452,400	279,063	254,424	237,627	227,283	229,836
Financial transactions, net (3)	210,346	129,752	140,358	145,499	112,565	124,437
Other operating income	100,537	62,016	6,427	6,439	6,545	88,155
Net operating profit before provision for loan losses	2,914,034	1,797,522	1,682,575	1,644,771	1,663,497	1,519,190
Provision for loan losses	(489,998)	(302,255)	(342,083)	(399,277)	(354,903)	(371,462)
Net operating profit	2,424,036	1,495,267	1,340,492	1,245,494	1,308,594	1,147,728
Total operating expenses	(1,262,787)	(778,950)	(756,041)	(719,958)	(683,819)	(610,191)
Operating income	1,161,249	716,317	584,451	525,536	624,775	537,537
Income from investments in associates and other companies	6,425	3,963	3,012	2,588	2,165	1,422
Income before tax	1,167,674	720,280	587,463	528,124	626,940	538,959
Income tax expense	(235,116)	(145,031)	(109,031)	(76,395)	(51,050)	(94,530)
Net income for the year	932,558	575,249	478,432	451,729	575,890	444,429
Net income for the period attributable						
to:						
Equity holders of the Bank	912,379	562,801	476,067	448,466	569,910	442,294
Non-controlling interests	20,180	12,448	2,365	3,263	5,980	2,135
Net income attributable to Equity holders of the Bank per share	4.84	2.99	2.53	2.38	3.02	2.35
Net income attributable to Equity holders of the Bank per ADS	2,280.87	1,406.96	1,010.51	951.92	1,208.00	938.83
Weighted-average shares outstanding (in millions)	188,446.10	188,446.10	188,446.1	188,446.1	188,446.1	188,446.1
Weighted-average ADS outstanding (in millions)	471.1	471.1	471.1	471.1	471.1	471.1

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	As of and for the years ended December 31, 2017 2017 2016 2015 2014 2013							
	In U.S.\$ In Ch\$ millions (2)							
CONSOLIDATED								
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL								
POSITION DATA (IFRS)								
Cash and deposits in banks	2,355,389	1,452,922	2,279,389	2,064,806	1,608,888	1,571,810		
Cash items in process of collection	1,083,156	668,145	495,283	724,521	531,373	604,077		
Trading investments	787,446	485,736	396,987	324,271	774,815	287,567		
Investments under resale agreements	-	-	6,736	2,463	-	17,469		
Financial derivative contracts Interbank loans, net	3,629,159 262,970	2,238,647 162,213	2,500,782 268,672	3,205,926 9,711	2,727,563 11,942	1,494,018 124,954		
Loans and accounts receivable from customers, net	43,402,033	26,772,544	26,147,154	24,528,745	22,196,390	20,320,874		
Available-for-sale investments	4,173,699	2,574,546	3,388,906	2,044,411	1,651,598	1,700,993		
Investments in associates and other companies	44,719	27,585	23,780	20,309	17,914	9,681		
Intangible assets Property, plant, and equipment	102,487 393,203	63,219 242,547	58,085 257,379	51,137 240,659	40,983 211,561	66,703 180,215		
Current taxes	-	-	-	-	2,241	1,643		
Deferred taxes	601,590	371,091	359,600	320,527	272,118	227,285		
Other assets	1,239,215	764,410	847,272	1,100,174	927,961	514,938		
TOTAL ASSETS	58,075,066	35,823,605	37,030,025	34,637,660	30,975,347	27,122,227		
Deposits and other demand liabilities	12,593,282	7,768,166	7,539,315	7,356,121	6,480,497	5,620,763		
Cash items in process of being cleared	789,051	486,726	288,473	462,157	281,259	276,379		
Obligations under repurchase agreements	434,564	268,061	212,437	143,689	392,126	208,972		
Time deposits and other time liabilities	19,314,169	11,913,945	13,151,709	12,182,767	10,413,940	9,675,272		
Financial derivative contracts	3,468,409	2,139,488	2,292,161	2,862,606	2,561,384	1,291,785		
Interbank borrowing s	2,753,274	1,698,357	1,916,368	1,307,574	1,231,601	1,682,377		
Issued debt instruments	11,499,802	7,093,653	7,326,372	5,957,095	5,785,112	5,198,658		
Other financial liabilities	392,364	242,030	240,016	220,527	205,125	189,781		
Current taxes	10,432	6,435	29,294	17,796	1,077	50,242		
Deferred taxes	15,665	9,663	7,686	3,906	7,631	26,753		
Provisions	492,499	303,798	292,210	274,998	285,970	217,310		
Other liabilities	1,208,338	745,363	795,785	1,045,869	654,557	311,479		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	52,971,849	32,675,685	34,091,826	31,835,105	28,300,279	24,749,771		
Capital	1,444,927	891,303	891,303	891,303	891,303	891,303		
Reserves	2,888,576	1,781,818	1,640,112	1,527,893	1,307,761	1,130,991		

Valuation adjustments	(3,748)	(2,312)	6,640	1,288	25,600	(5,964)
Retained earnings	705,566	435,228	370,803	351,890	417,321	327,622
Attributable to Equity holders of the Bank	5,035,321	3,106,037	2,908,858	2,772,374	2,641,985	2,343,952
Non-controlling interest	67,898	41,883	29,341	30,181	33,083	28,504
TOTAL EQUITY (4)	5,103,219	3,147,920	2,938,199	2,802,555	2,675,068	2,372,456
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	58,075,068	35,823,605	37,030,025	34,637,660	30,975,347	27,122,227
EQUITY						

	As of and for the years ended December 31,				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
CONSOLIDATED RATIOS					
(IFRS)					
Profitability and performance:					
Net interest margin (5)	4.3 %	4.3 %	4.4 %	4.9 %	4.6 %
Return on average total assets (6)	1.6 %	1.4 %	1.3 %	1.8 %	1.6 %
Return on average equity (7)	19.2%	16.8%	16.0%	21.4%	18.9%
Capital:					
Average equity as a percentage of average total assets (8)	8.5 %	8.1 %	8.2 %	8.2 %	8.7 %
Total liabilities as a multiple of equity (9)	10.4	11.6	11.4	10.6	10.4
Credit Quality:					
Non-performing loans as a percentage of total loans (10)	2.3 %	2.1 %	2.5 %	2.8 %	2.9 %
Allowance for loan losses as percentage of total loans	2.9 %	2.9 %	3.0 %	2.9 %	2.9 %
Operating Ratios:					
Operating expenses /operating revenue (11)	44.3%	44.9%	43.8%	41.1%	40.2%
Operating expenses /average total assets	2.3 %	2.1 %	2.1 %	2.1 %	2.3 %

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	As of a	and f	for the	year	s ended	Dec	ember	31,		
	2017		2016		2015		2014		2013	
OTHER DATA										
CPI Inflation Rate (12)	2.3	%	2.7	%	4.4	%	4.7	%	3.0	%
Revaluation (devaluation) rate (Ch\$/U.S.\$) at year end (12)	7.8	%	5.7	%	(16.5	%)	(16.0	%)	(9.4	%)
Number of employees at period end	11,06	8	11,35	4	11,723	3	11,478	3	11,51	6
Number of branches and offices at period end	385		423		471		474		493	

Amounts stated in U.S. dollars at and for the year ended December 31, 2017 have been translated from Chilean (1) pesos at the interbank market exchange rate of Ch\$616.85 = U.S.\$1.00 as of December 31, 2017 based on the interbank market rate published by Reuters at 1:30 pm on the last business day of the period.

- (2) Except per share data, percentages and ratios, share numbers, employee numbers and branch numbers.
 - (3) Net income (expense) from financial operations and net foreign exchange gain.
- (4) Total equity includes equity attributable to Equity holders of the Bank plus non-controlling interests.
- (5) Net interest income divided by average interest earning assets (as presented in "Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects— C. Selected Statistical Information").
- (6) Net income for the year divided by average total assets (as presented in "Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects— C. Selected Statistical Information").
- (7) Net income for the year divided by average equity (as presented in "Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—C. Selected Statistical Information").
- (8) This ratio is calculated using total average equity (as presented in "Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects— C. Selected Statistical Information") including non-controlling interest.
 - (9) Total liabilities divided by equity.
- Non-performing loans include the aggregate unpaid principal and accrued but unpaid interest on all loans with at least one installment over 90 days past-due.

The efficiency ratio is equal to operating expenses over operating income. Operating expenses includes personnel salaries and expenses, administrative expenses, depreciation and amortization, impairment and other operating expenses. Operating income includes net interest income, net fee and commission income, net income from financial operations (net trading income), foreign exchange gain, net and other operating income.

(12) Based on information published by the Central Bank.

Exchange Rates

Chile has two currency markets, the *Mercado Cambiario Formal*, or the Formal Exchange Market, and the *Mercado Cambiario Informal*, or the Informal Exchange Market. According to Law 18,840, the organic law of the Central Bank and the Central Bank Act (*Ley Orgánica Constitucional del Banco Central de Chile*), the Central Bank determines which purchases and sales of foreign currencies must be carried out in the Formal Exchange Market. Pursuant to Central Bank regulations currently in effect, all payments, remittances or transfers of foreign currency abroad which are required to be effected through the Formal Exchange Market may be effected with foreign currency procured outside the Formal Exchange Market. The Formal Exchange Market is comprised of the banks and other entities so authorized by the Central Bank. The Informal Exchange Market is comprised of entities that are not expressly authorized to operate in the Formal Exchange Market, such as certain foreign exchange houses and travel agencies, among others. The Central Bank is empowered to require that certain purchases and sales of foreign currencies be carried out on the Formal Exchange Market. The conversion from pesos to U.S. dollars of all payments and distributions with respect to the ADSs described in this Annual Report must be transacted at the spot market rate in the Formal Exchange Market.

Both the Formal and Informal Exchange Markets are driven by free market forces. Current regulations require that the Central Bank be informed of certain transactions and that they be effected through the Formal Exchange Market. In order to keep the average exchange rate within certain limits, the Central Bank may intervene by buying or selling foreign currency on the Formal Exchange Market.

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The U.S.\$ Observed Exchange Rate (dólar observado), which is reported by the Central Bank and published daily in the Chilean newspapers, is the weighted average exchange rate of the previous business day's transactions in the Formal Exchange Market. The Central Bank has the power to intervene by buying or selling foreign currency on the Formal Exchange Market to attempt to maintain the Observed Exchange Rate within a desired range. Even though the Central Bank is authorized to carry out its transactions at the Observed Exchange Rate, it generally uses spot rates for its transactions. Other banks generally carry out authorized transactions at spot rates as well.

Purchases and sales of foreign currencies may be legally carried out in the Informal Exchange Market. The Informal Exchange Market reflects transactions carried out at informal exchange rates by entities not expressly authorized to operate in the Formal Exchange Market. There are no limits imposed on the extent to which the rate of exchange in the Informal Exchange Market can fluctuate above or below the Observed Exchange Rate. In recent years, the variation between the Observed Exchange Rate and the Informal Exchange Rate has not been significant. On December 31, 2016 and 2017 the exchange rate in the Informal Exchange Market as published by Reuters at 1:30 pm on these days was Ch\$666.00 and Ch\$616.85 respectively, or 0.19% less and 0.26% more, respectively, than the Central Bank's published observed exchange rate for such date of Ch\$667.29 and Ch\$615.22, respectively, per U.S.\$1.00.

The following table sets forth the annual low, high, average and period-end observed exchange rate for U.S. dollars for each of the following periods, as reported by the Central Bank. We make no representation that the Chilean peso or the U.S. dollar amounts referred to herein actually represent, could have been or could be converted into U.S. dollars or Chilean pesos, as the case may be, at the rates indicated, at any particular rate or at all. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York does not report a noon buying rate for pesos.

Daily Observed	Exchange	Rate Ch\$ Per
U.S.\$(1)		

Year	Low(2)	High(2)	Average(3)	Period End
2013	466.50	533.95	495.09	523.76
2014	524.61	621.41	570.01	607.38
2015	597.10	715.66	654.25	707.34
2016	645.22	730.31	676.83	667.29
2017	615.22	679.05	649.33	615.22

Daily Observed Exchange	Rate	Ch\$	Per
U.S.\$(1)			

	$0.5.\phi(1)$			
Month	Low(2)	High(2)	Average(3)	Period End
October 2017	651.65	670.88	663.92	651.65
November 2017	650.72	679.24	666.12	675.48

December 2017	649.40	677.11	667.17	667.29
January 2018	599.33	614.75	605.53	604.42
February 2018	588.28	603.25	597.01	589.15
March 2018 (through March 22, 2017)	593.61	609.58	602.47	607.23

Source: Central Bank.

- (1) Nominal figures.
- (2) Exchange rates are the actual low and high, on a day-by-day basis for each period.
 - (3) The average of monthly average rates during the year.

Dividends

Under the current General Banking Law, a Chilean bank may only pay a single dividend per year (i.e., interim dividends are not permitted). Santander-Chile's annual dividend is proposed by its Board of Directors and is approved by the shareholders at the annual ordinary shareholders' meeting held the year following that in which the dividend is generated. For example, the 2017 dividend must be proposed and approved during the first four months of 2018. Following shareholder approval, the proposed dividend is declared and paid. Historically, the dividend for a particular year has been declared and paid no later than one month following the shareholders' meeting. Dividends

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are paid to shareholders of record on the fifth day preceding the date set for payment of the dividend. The applicable record dates for the payment of dividends to holders of ADSs will, to the extent practicable, be the same.

Under the General Banking Law, a bank must distribute cash dividends in respect of any fiscal year in an amount equal to at least 30% of its net income for that year, as long as the dividend does not result in the infringement of minimum capital requirements. The balances of our distributable net income are generally retained for use in our business (including for the maintenance of any required legal reserves). Although our Board of Directors currently intends to pay regular annual dividends, the amount of dividend payments will depend upon, among other factors, our then current level of earnings, capital and legal reserve requirements, as well as market conditions, and there can be no assurance as to the amount or timing of future dividends.

Dividends payable to holders of ADSs are net of foreign currency conversion expenses of The Bank of New York Mellon, as depositary (the "Depositary") and will be subject to the Chilean withholding tax currently at the rate of 35% (subject to credits in certain cases as described in "Item 10. Additional Information—E. Taxation—Material Tax Consequences of Owning Shares of Our Common Stock or ADSs").

Under the Foreign Investment Contract (as defined herein), the Depositary, on behalf of ADS holders, is granted access to the Formal Exchange Market to convert cash dividends from Chilean pesos to U.S. dollars and to pay such U.S. dollars to ADS holders outside Chile, net of taxes, and no separate registration by ADS holders is required. In the past, Chilean law required that holders of shares of Chilean companies who were not residents of Chile to register as foreign investors under one of the foreign investment regimes contemplated by Chilean law in order to have dividends, sale proceeds or other amounts with respect to their shares remitted outside Chile through the Formal Exchange Market. On April 19, 2001, the Central Bank deregulated the Exchange Market and eliminated the need to obtain approval from the Central Bank in order to remit dividends, but at the same time this eliminated the possibility of accessing the Formal Exchange Market. These changes do not affect the current Foreign Investment Contract, which was signed prior to April 19, 2001, which grants access to the Formal Exchange Market with prior approval of the Central Bank. See "Item 10. Additional Information—D. Exchange Controls."

The following table presents dividends declared and paid by us in nominal terms in the past four years:

Year	Ch\$	Dividend U.S.\$ millions (2)	Per share	Per ADS U.S.\$/ADS (4)	% over earnings (5)	
2014	265,156	476.0	1.41	1.01	60	60
2015	330,198	540.4	1.75	1.15	60	58
2016	336,659	503.7	1.79	1.07	75	75
2017	330,646	496.5	1.75	1.05	70	69

(1) Millions of nominal pesos.	
Millions of U.S.\$ using the observed exchange rate of the day the dividend was approved at the annual shareholders' meeting.	
(3) Calculated on the basis of 188,446 million shares.	
Dividend in U.S.\$ million divided by the number of ADS, which was calculated on the basis of 400 shares per ADS.	
Calculated by dividing dividend paid in the year by net income attributable to the equity holders of the Bank for previous year under Chilean Bank GAAP. This is the payment ratio determined by shareholders.	the
(6) Calculated by dividing dividend paid in the year by net income attributable to the equity holders of the Bank for previous year under IFRS.	the
B. Capitalization and Indebtedness	
Not applicable.	
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C. Reasons for the Offer and Use of Proceeds
Not applicable.
D. Risk Factors
You should carefully consider the following risk factors, which should be read in conjunction with all the other information presented in this Annual Report. The risks and uncertainties described below are not the only ones that we face. Additional risks and uncertainties that we do not know about or that we currently think are immaterial may also impair our business operations. Any of the following risks, if they actually occur, could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations, prospects and financial condition.
We are subject to market risks that are presented both in this subsection and in "Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects" and "Item 11. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk."
Risks Associated with Our Business
We are vulnerable to disruptions and volatility in the global financial markets.
Global economic conditions deteriorated significantly between 2007 and 2009, and many countries fell into recession. Many major financial institutions, including some of the world's largest global commercial banks, investment banks, mortgage lenders, mortgage guarantors and insurance companies experienced, and some continue to experience, significant difficulties. Around the world, there were runs on deposits at several financial institutions, numerous institutions sought additional capital or were assisted by governments, and many lenders and institutional investors reduced or ceased providing funding to borrowers (including to other financial institutions).
In particular, we face, among others, the following risks related to the economic downturn:

Reduced demand for our products and services.

Increased regulation of our industry. Compliance with such regulation will continue to increase our costs and may affect the pricing for our products and services, increase our conduct and regulatory risks to non-compliance and limit our ability to pursue business opportunities.

Inability of our borrowers to timely or fully comply with their existing obligations. Macroeconomic shocks may negatively impact the household income of our retail customers and may adversely affect the recoverability of our retail loans, resulting in increased loan losses.

The process we use to estimate losses inherent in our credit exposure requires complex judgments, including forecasts of economic conditions and how these economic conditions might impair the ability of our borrowers to repay their loans. The degree of uncertainty concerning economic conditions may adversely affect the accuracy of our estimates, which may, in turn, impact the reliability of the process and the sufficiency of our loan loss allowances.

• The value and liquidity of the portfolio of investment securities that we hold may be adversely affected.

Any worsening of global economic conditions may delay the recovery of the international financial industry and impact our financial condition and results of operations.

An economic slowdown or recession would have a negative impact on our business and results of operations. A return to volatile conditions in the global financial markets could have a material adverse effect on us, including on our ability to access capital and liquidity on financial terms acceptable to us, if at all. If capital markets financing ceases to become available, or becomes excessively expensive, we may be forced to raise the rates we pay on deposits to attract more customers and become unable to maintain certain liability maturities. Any such increase in capital markets funding availability or costs or in deposit rates could have a material adverse effect on our interest margins and liquidity.

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Additionally, the results of the 2016 United States presidential and congressional elections generated volatility in the global capital and currency markets and created uncertainty about the relationship between the United States and its major trade partners. The uncertainty persists in relation to the United States trade policy, in particular the renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement and a further protectionist shift.

If all or some of the foregoing risks were to materialize, this could have a material adverse effect on our financing availability and terms and, more generally, on our results, financial condition and prospects.

Credit, market and liquidity risk may have an adverse effect on our credit ratings and our cost of funds. Any downgrade in Chile's, our controlling shareholders or our credit rating would likely increase our cost of funding, require us to post additional collateral or take other actions under some of our derivative contracts and adversely affect our interest margins and results of operations.

Credit ratings affect the cost and other terms upon which we are able to obtain funding. Rating agencies regularly evaluate us, and their ratings of our debt are based on a number of factors, including our financial strength and conditions affecting the financial services industry generally. In addition, due to the methodology of the main rating agencies, our credit rating is affected by the rating of Chile's sovereign debt. If Chile's sovereign debt is downgraded, our credit rating would also likely be downgraded by an equivalent amount.

In August 2017, Fitch downgraded our main ratings from A+ to A following a similar action on the sovereign rating of the Republic of Chile. Standard and Poor's Ratings Services ("S&P") placed the Bank's ratings on Outlook Negative in August 2017 and re-affirmed this rating and outlook in November 2017. Currently Moody's has a negative outlook on the Republic of Chile's sovereign rating and on our rating as well.

In addition, our ratings may be adversely affected by any downgrade in the ratings of our parent company, Santander Spain. The long-term debt of Santander Spain is currently rated investment grade by the major rating agencies: A3 (stable) by Moody's, A- (positive) by S&P and A- (stable) by Fitch Ratings Ltd. ("Fitch").

Any downgrade in our debt credit ratings would likely increase our borrowing costs and require us to post additional collateral or take other actions under some of our derivative contracts, and could limit our access to capital markets and adversely affect our commercial business. For example, a ratings downgrade could adversely affect our ability to sell or market certain of our products, engage in certain longer-term and derivatives transactions and retain our customers, particularly customers who need a minimum rating threshold in order to invest. In addition, under the terms of certain of our derivative contracts and other financial commitments we may be required to maintain a minimum credit rating or terminate such contracts or post collateral. Any of these results of a ratings downgrade could reduce our liquidity and have an adverse effect on us, including our operating results and financial condition.

While certain potential impacts of these downgrades are contractual and quantifiable, the full consequences of a credit rating downgrade are inherently uncertain, as they depend upon numerous dynamic, complex and inter-related factors and assumptions, including market conditions at the time of any downgrade, whether any downgrade of our long-term credit rating precipitates downgrades to our short-term credit rating, and assumptions about the potential behaviors of various customers, investors and counterparties. Actual outflows could be higher or lower than the preceding hypothetical examples, depending upon certain factors including which credit rating agency downgrades our credit rating, any management or restructuring actions that could be taken to reduce cash outflows and the potential liquidity impact from loss of unsecured funding (such as from money market funds) or loss of secured funding capacity. Although unsecured and secured funding stresses are included in our stress testing scenarios and a portion of our total liquid assets is held against these risks, a credit rating downgrade could still have a material adverse effect on us.

In addition, if we were required to cancel our derivatives contracts with certain counterparties and were unable to replace such contracts, our market risk profile could be altered.

There can be no assurance that the rating agencies will maintain the current ratings or outlooks. Failure to maintain favorable ratings and outlooks could increase our cost of funding and adversely affect interest margins, which could have a material adverse effect on us.

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Increased competition, including from non-traditional providers of banking services such as financial technology providers, and industry consolidation may adversely affect our results of operations.

The Chilean market for financial services is highly competitive. We compete with other private sector Chilean and non-Chilean banks, with Banco del Estado de Chile, the principal government-owned sector bank, with department stores and with larger supermarket chains that make consumer loans and sell other financial products to a large portion of the Chilean population. The lower to middle-income segments of the Chilean population and the small- and midsized corporate segments have become the target markets of several banks and competition in these segments may increase. In addition, there has been a trend towards consolidation in the Chilean banking industry in recent years, which has created larger and stronger banks with which we must now compete. There can be no assurance that this increased competition will not adversely affect our growth prospects, and therefore our operations. We also face competition from non-bank (such as department stores, insurance companies, *cajas de compensación* and *cooperativas*) and non-finance competitors (principally department stores and larger supermarket chains) with respect to some of our credit products, such as credit cards, consumer loans and insurance brokerage. In addition, we face competition from non-bank finance competitors, such as leasing, factoring and automobile finance companies, with respect to credit products, and from mutual funds, pension funds and insurance companies with respect to savings products.

Non-traditional providers of banking services, such as internet based e-commerce providers, mobile telephone companies and internet search engines may offer and/or increase their offerings of financial products and services directly to customers. These non-traditional providers of banking services currently have an advantage over traditional providers because they are not subject to banking regulation. Several of these competitors may have long operating histories, large customer bases, strong brand recognition and significant financial, marketing and other resources. They may adopt more aggressive pricing and rates and devote more resources to technology, infrastructure and marketing. New competitors may enter the market or existing competitors may adjust their services with unique product or service offerings or approaches to providing banking services. If we are unable to successfully compete with current and new competitors, or if we are unable to anticipate and adapt our offerings to changing banking industry trends, including technological changes, our business may be adversely affected. In addition, our failure to effectively anticipate or adapt to emerging technologies or changes in customer behavior, including among younger customers, could delay or prevent our access to new digital-based markets, which would in turn have an adverse effect on our competitive position and business.

The rise in customer use of internet and mobile banking platforms in recent years could negatively impact our investments in bank premises, equipment and personnel for our branch network. The persistence or acceleration of this shift in demand towards internet and mobile banking may necessitate changes to our retail distribution strategy, which may include closing and/or selling certain branches and restructuring our remaining branches and work force. These actions could lead to losses on these assets and may lead to increased expenditures to renovate, reconfigure or close a number of our remaining branches or to otherwise reform our retail distribution channel. Furthermore, our failure to swiftly and effectively implement such changes to our distribution strategy could have an adverse effect our competitive position.

Increasing competition could also require that we increase our rates offered on deposits or lower the rates we charge on loans, which could also have a material adverse effect on us, including our profitability. It may also negatively affect our business results and prospects by, among other things, limiting our ability to increase our customer base and expand our operations and increasing competition for investment opportunities.

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If our customer service levels were perceived by the market to be materially below those of our competitor financial institutions, we could lose existing and potential business. If we are not successful in retaining and strengthening customer relationships, we may lose market share, incur losses on some or all of our activities or fail to attract new deposits or retain existing deposits, which could have a material adverse effect on our operating results, financial condition and prospects.

Our ability to maintain our competitive position depends, in part, on the success of new products and services we offer our clients and our ability to continue offering products and services from third parties, and we may not be able to manage various risks we face as we expand our range of products and services that could have a material adverse effect on us.

The success of our operations and our profitability depends, in part, on the success of new products and services we offer our clients and our ability to continue offering products and services from third parties. However, we cannot guarantee that our new products and services will be responsive to client demands, or that they will be successful. In addition, our clients' needs or desires may change over time, and such changes may render our products and services obsolete, outdated or unattractive and we may not be able to develop new products that meet our clients' changing needs. Our success is also dependent on our ability to anticipate and leverage new and existing technologies that may have an impact on products and services in the banking industry. Technological changes may further intensify and complicate the competitive landscape and influence client behavior. If we cannot respond in a timely fashion to the changing needs of our clients, we may lose clients, which could in turn materially and adversely affect us.

As we expand the range of our products and services, some of which may be at an early stage of development in the markets of certain regions where we operate, we will be exposed to new and potentially increasingly complex risks and development expenses in those markets, with respect to which our experience and the experience of our partners may not be sufficient. Our employees and our risk management systems may not be sufficient to enable us to properly manage such risks. In addition, the cost of developing products that are not launched is likely to affect our results of operations. Any or all of these factors, individually or collectively, could have a material adverse effect on us.

Our strong position in the credit card market is in part due to our credit card co-branding agreement with Chile's largest airline. This agreement expires in August 2020 and no assurance can be given that it will be renewed, which may materially and adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition in the credit card business.

While we have successfully increased our customer service levels in recent years, should these levels ever be perceived by the market to be materially below those of our competitor financial institutions, we could lose existing and potential business. If we are not successful in retaining and strengthening customer relationships, we may lose market share, incur losses on some or all of our activities or fail to attract new deposits or retain existing deposits, which could have a material adverse effect on our operating results, financial condition and prospects.

The financial problems faced by our customers could adversely affect us.

Market turmoil and economic recession could materially and adversely affect the liquidity, credit ratings, businesses and/or financial conditions of our borrowers, which could in turn increase our non-performing loan ratios, impair our loan and other financial assets and result in decreased demand for borrowings in general. In addition, our customers may further significantly decrease their risk tolerance to non-deposit investments such as stocks, bonds and mutual funds, which would adversely affect our fee and commission income. We may also be adversely affected by the negative effects of the heightened regulatory environment on our customers due to the high costs associated with regulatory compliance and proceedings. Any of the conditions described above could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We may generate lower revenues from fee and commission based businesses.

The fees and commissions that we earn from the different banking and other financial services that we provide represent a significant source of our revenues. Our customers may significantly decrease their risk tolerance to non-deposit investments such as stocks, bonds and mutual funds for a number of reasons, including a market downturn, which would adversely affect us, including our fee and commission income.

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Banco Santander Chile sold its asset management business in 2013 and signed a management service agreement for a 10 year-period with the acquirer of this business in which we sell asset management funds on their behalf. Therefore, even in the absence of a market downturn, below-market performance by the mutual funds of the firm we broker for may result in a reduction in revenue we receive from selling asset management funds and adversely affect our results of operations.

Market conditions have resulted, and could result, in material changes to the estimated fair values of our financial assets. Negative fair value adjustments could have a material adverse effect on our operating results, financial condition and prospects.

In the recent past, financial markets have been subject to significant stress resulting in steep falls in perceived or actual financial asset values, particularly due to volatility in global financial markets and the resulting widening of credit spreads. We have material exposures to securities, loans and other investments that are recorded at fair value and are therefore exposed to potential negative fair value adjustments. Asset valuations in future periods, reflecting then-prevailing market conditions, may result in negative changes in the fair values of our financial assets and these may also translate into increased impairments. In addition, the value ultimately realized by us on disposal may be lower than the current fair value. Any of these factors could require us to record negative fair value adjustments, which may have a material adverse effect on our operating results, financial condition or prospects.

In addition, to the extent that fair values are determined using financial valuation models, such values may be inaccurate or subject to change, as the data used by such models may not be available or may become unavailable due to changes in market conditions, particularly for illiquid assets, and particularly in times of economic instability. In such circumstances, our valuation methodologies require us to make assumptions, judgments and estimates in order to establish fair value, and reliable assumptions are difficult to make and are inherently uncertain and valuation models are complex, making them inherently imperfect predictors of actual results. Any consequential impairments or write-downs could have a material adverse effect on our operating results, financial condition and prospects.

The credit quality of our loan portfolio may deteriorate and our loan loss reserves could be insufficient to cover our actual loan losses, which could have a material adverse effect on us.

Risks arising from changes in credit quality and the recoverability of loans and amounts due from counterparties are inherent in a wide range of our businesses. Non-performing or low credit quality loans have in the past negatively impacted our results of operations and could do so in the future. In particular, the amount of our reported non-performing loans may increase in the future as a result of growth in our total loan portfolio, including as a result of loan portfolios that we may acquire in the future (the credit quality of which may turn out to be worse than we had anticipated), or factors beyond our control, such as adverse changes in the credit quality of our borrowers and counterparties or a general deterioration in economic conditions in Chile or in global economic and political conditions. If we were unable to control the level of our non-performing or poor credit quality loans, this could have a material adverse effect on us.

As of December 31, 2017, our non-performing loans were Ch\$633,461 million, and the ratio of our non-performing loans to total loans was 2.3%. As of December 31, 2017, our allowance for loan losses was Ch\$791,157 million, and the ratio of our allowance for loan losses to total loans was 2.9%. For additional information on our asset quality, see "Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—C. Selected Statistical Information—Classification of Loan Portfolio Based on the Borrower's Payment Performance."

Our allowance for loan losses is based on our current assessment of and expectations concerning various factors affecting us, including the quality of our loan portfolio. These factors include, among other things, our borrowers' financial condition, repayment abilities and repayment intentions, the realizable value of any collateral, the prospects for support from any guarantor, Chile's economy, government macroeconomic policies, interest rates and the legal and regulatory environment. As the 2008 financial crisis has demonstrated, many of these factors are beyond our control. In addition, as these factors evolve, the models we use to determine the appropriate level of allowance for loan losses and other assets require recalibration, which can lead to increased provision expense. See "Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—A. Operating Results—Results of Operations for the Years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015—Provision for loan losses, net of recoveries."

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As a result, there is no precise method for predicting loan and credit losses, and we cannot assure you that our allowance for loan losses will be sufficient in the future to cover actual loan and credit losses. If our assessment of and expectations concerning the above-mentioned factors differ from actual developments, if the quality of our total loan portfolio deteriorates, for any reason, including the increase in lending to individuals and small and medium enterprises, the volume increase in the consumer loan portfolio and the introduction of new products, or if the future actual losses exceed our estimates of incurred losses, we may be required to increase our provisions and allowance for loan losses, which may adversely affect us. If we are unable to control or reduce the level of our non-performing or poor credit quality loans, this could have a material adverse effect on us.

The value of the collateral securing our loans may not be sufficient, and we may be unable to realize the full value of the collateral securing our loan portfolio.

The value of the collateral securing our loan portfolio may fluctuate or decline due to factors beyond our control, including macroeconomic factors affecting Chile's economy. The value of the collateral securing our loan portfolio may be adversely affected by force majeure events, such as natural disasters, particularly in locations where a significant portion of our loan portfolio is composed of real estate loans. Natural disasters such as earthquakes and floods may cause widespread damage, which could impair the asset quality of our loan portfolio and could have an adverse impact on Chile's economy. The real estate market is particularly vulnerable in the current economic climate and this may affect us, as real estate represents a significant portion of the collateral securing our residential mortgage loan portfolio. We may also not have sufficiently recent information on the value of collateral, which may result in an inaccurate assessment for impairment losses of our loans secured by such collateral. If any of the above were to occur, we may need to make additional provisions to cover actual impairment losses of our loans, which may materially and adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

The growth of our loan portfolio may expose us to increased loan losses. Our exposure to individuals and small and mid-sized businesses could lead to higher levels of past due loans, allowances for loan losses and charge-offs.

The further expansion of our loan portfolio (particularly in the consumer, small- and mid-sized companies and real estate segments) can be expected to expose us to a higher level of loan losses and require us to establish higher levels of provisions for loan losses. See "Note 8—Interbank Loans" and "Note 9—Loans and Accounts Receivables from Customers' in our Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for a description and presentation of our loan portfolio as well as "Item 5-Selected Statistical Information—Loan Portfolio."

Retail customers represent 69.4% of the value of the total loan portfolio as of December 31, 2017. As part of our business strategy, we seek to increase lending and other services to retail clients, which are more likely to be adversely affected by downturns in the Chilean economy. In addition, as of December 31, 2017, our residential mortgage loan portfolio totaled Ch\$9,096,895 million, representing 32.8% of our total loans. See "Note 9—Loans and Accounts Receivables from Customers" in our Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for a description and presentation of our residential mortgage loan portfolio. If the economy and real estate market in Chile experience a significant

downturn, this could materially adversely affect the liquidity, businesses and financial conditions of our customers, which may in turn cause us to experience higher levels of past-due loans, thereby resulting in higher provisions for loan losses and subsequent charge-offs. This may materially and adversely affect our asset quality, results of operations and financial condition.

The growth rate of our loan portfolio may be affected by economic turmoil, which could also lead to a contraction in our loan portfolio.

There can be no assurance that our loan portfolio will continue to grow at similar rates to the historical growth rate described above. A reversal of the rate of growth of the Chilean economy, a slowdown in the growth of customer demand, an increase in market competition or changes in governmental regulations could adversely affect the rate of growth of our loan portfolio and our risk index and, accordingly, increase our required allowances for loan losses. An economic turmoil could materially adversely affect the liquidity, businesses and financial condition of our customers as well as lead to a general decline in consumer spending and a rise in unemployment. All this could in turn lead to decreased demand for borrowings in general.

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Our financial results are constantly exposed to market risk. We are subject to fluctuations in interest rates and other market risks, which may materially and adversely affect us and our profitability.

Market risk refers to the probability of variations in our net interest income or in the market value of our assets and liabilities due to volatility of interest rate, inflation, exchange rate or equity price. Changes in interest rates affect the following areas, among others, of our business:

net interest income;

the volume of loans originated;

credit spreads;

the market value of our securities holdings;

the value of our loans and deposits; and

• the value of our derivatives transactions.

Interest rates are sensitive to many factors beyond our control, including increased regulation of the financial sector, the reserve policies of the Central Bank, deregulation of the financial sector in Chile, monetary policies and domestic and international economic and political conditions. Variations in interest rates could affect the interest earned on our assets and interest paid on our borrowings, thereby affecting our net interest income, which comprises the majority of our revenue, reducing our growth rate and potentially resulting in losses. Interest rate variations could adversely affect us, including our net interest income, reducing our growth rate or even resulting in losses. When interest rates rise, we may be required to pay higher interest on our floating-rate borrowings while interest earned on our predominately fixed-rate assets may not rise as quickly, which could cause profits to grow at a reduced rate or decline in some parts of our portfolio.

Increases in interest rates may reduce the volume of loans we originate. Sustained high interest rates have historically discouraged customers from borrowing and have resulted in increased delinquencies in outstanding loans and deterioration in the quality of assets. Increases in interest rates may reduce the value of our financial assets and may reduce gains or require us to record losses on sales of our loans or securities.

If interest rates decrease, although this is likely to decrease our funding costs, it is likely to adversely impact the income we receive from our investments in securities as well as loans with similar maturities. In addition, we may also experience increased delinquencies in a low interest rate environment when such an environment is accompanied by high unemployment and recessionary conditions.

The market value of a security with a fixed interest rate generally decreases when the prevailing interest rates rise, which may have an adverse effect on our earnings and financial condition. In addition, we may incur costs as we implement strategies to reduce interest rate exposure in the future (which, in turn, will impact our results). The market value of an obligation with a floating interest rate can be adversely affected when interest rates increase, due to a lag in the implementation of repricing terms or an inability to refinance at lower rates.

We are also exposed to foreign exchange rate risk as a result of mismatches between assets and liabilities denominated in different currencies. Fluctuations in the exchange rate between currencies may negatively affect our earnings and value of our assets and securities. Therefore, while the Bank seeks to avoid significant mismatches between assets and liabilities due to foreign currency exposure, from time to time, we may have mismatches. "See Item 11. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure About Market Risks—E. Market Risks—Foreign exchange fluctuations."

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Failure to successfully implement and continue to improve our risk management policies, procedures and methods, including our credit risk management system, could materially and adversely affect us, and we may be exposed to unidentified or unanticipated risks.

The management of risk is an integral part of our activities. We seek to monitor and manage our risk exposure through a variety of separate but complementary financial, credit, market, operational, compliance and legal reporting systems. While we employ a broad and diversified set of risk monitoring and risk mitigation techniques, such techniques and strategies may not be fully effective in mitigating our risk exposure in all economic market environments or against all types of risk, including risks that we fail to identify or anticipate.

Some of our qualitative tools and metrics for managing risk are based upon our use of observed historical market behavior. We apply statistical and other tools to these observations to arrive at quantifications of our risk exposures. These qualitative tools and metrics may fail to predict future risk exposures. These risk exposures could, for example, arise from factors we did not anticipate or correctly evaluate in our statistical models. This would limit our ability to manage our risks. Our losses thus could be significantly greater than the historical measures indicate. In addition, our quantified modeling does not take all risks into account. Our more qualitative approach to managing those risks could prove insufficient, exposing us to material unanticipated losses. We could face adverse consequences as a result of decisions, which may lead to actions by management, based on models that are poorly developed, implemented or used, or as a result of the modelled outcome being misunderstood or the use of such information for purposes for which it was not designed. In addition, if existing or potential customers or counterparties believe our risk management is inadequate, they could take their business elsewhere or seek to limit their transactions with us. This could have a material adverse effect on our reputation, operating results, financial condition and prospects.

As a commercial bank, one of the main types of risks inherent in our business is credit risk. For example, an important feature of our credit risk management system is to employ an internal credit rating system to assess the particular risk profile of a customer. As this process involves detailed analyses of the customer, taking into account both quantitative and qualitative factors, it is subject to human or IT systems errors. In exercising their judgment on current or future credit risk behavior of our customers, our employees may not always be able to assign an accurate credit rating, which may result in our exposure to higher credit risks than indicated by our risk rating system.

Failure to effectively implement, consistently monitor or continuously refine our credit risk management system may result in an increase in the level of non-performing loans and a higher risk exposure for us, which could have a material adverse effect on us.

The effectiveness of our credit risk management is affected by the quality and scope of information available in Chile.

In assessing customers' creditworthiness, we rely largely on the credit information available from our own internal databases, the SBIF, Directorio de Información Comercial (Dicom) en Capital, a Chilean nationwide credit bureau, and other sources. Due to limitations in the availability of information and the developing information infrastructure in Chile, our assessment of credit risk associated with a particular customer may not be based on complete, accurate or reliable information. In addition, although we have been improving our credit scoring systems to better assess borrowers' credit risk profiles, we cannot assure you that our credit scoring systems will collect complete or accurate information reflecting the actual behavior of customers or that their credit risk can be assessed correctly. Without complete, accurate and reliable information, we will have to rely on other publicly available resources and our internal resources, which may not be effective. As a result, our ability to effectively manage our credit risk and subsequently our loan loss allowances may be materially adversely affected.

Liquidity and funding risks are inherent in our business and could have a material adverse effect on us.

Liquidity risk is the risk that we either do not have available sufficient financial resources to meet our obligations as they fall due or can secure them only at excessive cost. This risk is inherent in any retail and commercial banking business and can be heightened by a number of enterprise-specific factors, including over-reliance on a particular source of funding, changes in credit ratings or market-wide phenomena such as market dislocation. While we implement liquidity management processes to seek to mitigate and control these risks, unforeseen systemic market factors make it difficult to eliminate completely these risks. Continued constraints in the supply of liquidity, including in inter-bank lending, has affected and may materially and adversely affect the cost of

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funding our business, and extreme liquidity constraints may affect our current operations and our ability to fulfill regulatory liquidity requirements as well as limit growth possibilities.

Increases in prevailing market interest rates and in our credit spreads can significantly increase the cost of our funding. Changes in our credit spreads may be influenced by market perceptions of our creditworthiness. Changes to interest rates and our credit spreads occur continuously and may be unpredictable and highly volatile.

We rely, and will continue to rely, primarily on commercial deposits to fund lending activities. The ongoing availability of this type of funding is sensitive to a variety of factors outside our control, such as general economic conditions and the confidence of commercial depositors in the economy and in the financial services industry, and the availability and extent of deposit guarantees, as well as competition between banks or with other products, such as mutual funds, for deposits. Any of these factors could significantly increase the amount of commercial deposit withdrawals in a short period of time, thereby reducing our ability to access commercial deposit funding on appropriate terms, or at all, in the future. If these circumstances were to arise, this could have a material adverse effect on our operating results, financial condition and prospects.

We anticipate that our customers will continue, in the near future, to make short-term deposits (particularly demand deposits and short-term time deposits), and we intend to maintain our emphasis on the use of banking deposits as a source of funds. As of December 31, 2017, 99.1% of our customer deposits had remaining maturities of one year or less, or were payable on demand. A significant portion of our assets have longer maturities, resulting in a mismatch between the maturities of liabilities and the maturities of assets. Historically, one of our principal sources of funds has been time deposits. Time deposits represented 33.3% and 35.5% of our total liabilities and equity as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The Chilean time deposit market is concentrated given the importance in size of various large institutional investors such as pension funds and corporations relative to the total size of the economy. As of December 31, 2017, the Bank's top 20 time deposits represented 29.7% of total time deposits, or 9.9% of total liabilities and equity, and totaled U.S.\$5.7 billion. No assurance can be given that future economic stability in the Chilean market will not negatively affect our ability to continue funding our business or to maintain our current levels of funding without incurring increased funding costs, a reduction in the term of funding instruments or the liquidation of certain assets. If this were to happen, we could be materially adversely affected.

The short-term nature of this funding source could cause liquidity problems for us in the future if deposits are not made in the volumes we expect or are not renewed. If a substantial number of our depositors withdraw their demand deposits or do not roll over their time deposits upon maturity, we may be materially and adversely affected.

Central banks have taken extraordinary measures to increase liquidity in the financial markets as a response to the financial crisis. If current facilities were rapidly removed or significantly reduced, this could have an adverse effect on our ability to access liquidity and on our funding costs.

We cannot assure that in the event of a sudden or unexpected shortage of funds in the banking system, we will be able to maintain levels of funding without incurring high funding costs, a reduction in the term of funding instruments or the liquidation of certain assets. If this were to happen, we could be materially adversely affected.

We are subject to regulatory capital and liquidity requirements that could limit our operations, and changes to these requirements may further limit and adversely affect our operating results, financial condition and prospects.

Chilean banks are required by the General Banking Law to maintain regulatory capital of at least 8% of risk-weighted assets, net of required loan loss allowance and deductions, and paid-in capital and reserves ("core capital") of at least 3% of total assets, net of required loan loss allowances. As we are the result of the merger between two predecessors with a relevant market share in the Chilean market, we are currently required to maintain a minimum regulatory capital to risk-weighted assets ratio of 11%. As of December 31, 2017, the ratio of regulatory capital to risk-weighted assets, net of loan loss allowance and deductions, was 13.9% and the core capital ratio was 11.0%. Certain developments could affect our ability to continue to satisfy the current capital adequacy requirements applicable to us, including:

the increase of risk-weighted assets as a result of the expansion of our business or regulatory changes;

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the failure to increase our capital correspondingly;

losses resulting from a deterioration in our asset quality;

declines in the value of our investment instrument portfolio;

changes in accounting standards;

- changes in provisioning guidelines that are charged directly against our equity or net income; and
- · changes in the guidelines regarding the calculation of the capital adequacy ratios of banks in Chile.

In June 2017 a proposed bill that changes the General Banking Law in Chile was sent to the Chilean Congress for discussion. The bill proposes the creation of a new regulatory body for the financial system as well as new capital regulation for banks in Chile in line with Basel III standards. The bill proposes to adopt the guidelines set forth under the Basel III Capital Accord with adjustments incorporated by the SBIF. These changes should be approved by the Chilean Congress in 2018 or 2019. Following this approval, Chilean banks will most likely have to fully comply with Basel III requirements by 2024.

In 2017, Law 21,000 created the *Comisio n para el Mercado Financiero* or Financial Market Commission (FMC). The FMC would become the sole supervisor for the Chilean financial system overseeing insurance companies, companies with publicly traded securities, credit unions, credit card and prepaid card issuers, and eventually banks. It will be the responsibility of this commission to ensure the proper functioning, development and stability of the financial market, facilitating the participation of market agents and defending public faith in the financial markets. To do so, it must maintain a general and systemic vision of the market, considering the interests of investors and policyholders. It shall also be responsible for ensuring that the persons or entities audited, from their initiation until the end of their liquidation, comply with the laws, regulations, statutes and other provisions that govern them.

The Commission will be in charge of a Council, which will be composed of five members, who are appointed and are subject to the following rules:

- A Commissioner appointed by the President of the Republic, of recognized professional or academic prestige in matters related to the financial system, which will have the character of President of the Commission.
- ·Four commissioners appointed by the President of the Republic, from among persons of recognized professional or academic prestige in matters related to the financial system, by supreme decree issued through the Ministry of

Finance, after ratification of the Senate by the four sevenths of its members in exercise, in session specially convened for that purpose.

The Council's responsibilities include regulation, sanctioning and the definition of general supervision policies. In addition, there will be a prosecutor in charge of investigations and the Chairman will be responsible for supervision. The FMC will act in coordination with the Chilean Central Bank (BCCh).

The date of entry into operation of the Commission for the Financial Market was December 14, 2017. The Superintendency of Securities and Insurance was eliminated on January 15, 2018 and all functions of this Superintendency were absorbed by the FMC. Once the new General Banking Law is passed the SBIF will also be absorbed by the FMC. All current SBIF attributions would be transferred to the FMC.

According to the New Banking Law being discussed in congress minimum capital requirements would increase in terms of amount and quality. Total Regulatory Capital remains at 8% of risk-weighted assets which would include credit, market and operational risk. Minimum Tier 1 capital increases from 4.5% to 6% of risk-weighted assets, of which up to 1.5% may be Additional Tier 1 (AT1) either in the form of preferred shares or perpetual bonds, both of which may be convertible to common equity. The FMC will establish the conditions and requirements for the issuance of perpetual bonds and preferred equity. Tier 2 capital will be set at 2% of risk-weighted assets. Additional capital demands are incorporated through a Conservation Buffer of 2.5% of risk-weighted assets, setting a Total Equity Requirement of 10.5% of risk-weighted assets. As well, the BCCh may set an additional Counter Cyclical

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Buffer of up to 2.5% of risk-weighted assets with agreement from the FMC. Both buffers must be comprised of core capital. The FMC, with agreement from the BCCh, may impose additional capital requirements for Systemically Important Banks (SIB) of between 1-3.5% of risk-weighted assets. The FMC will have to establish the criteria to assess which banks are considered as SIBs. It is probable that we would be classified as a SIB. The following table sets forth a comparison between the current regulatory capital demands, and those proposed by the SBIF.

Capital requirements: Basel III, current GBL and new proposed requirements					
	Capital categories	Current Law	Proposed Bill		
	(% over risk weighted assets)				
	(1) Total Tier 1 Capital (2+3)	4.5	6		
	(2) Basic Capital	4.5	4.5		
	(3) Additional Tier 1 Capital	_	1.5		
	(AT1)		1.3		
	(4) Tier 2 Capital	3.5	2		
	(5) Total Regulatory Capital (1+4)	8	8		
	(6) Conservation Buffer	2% over regulatory capital in order to be classified in Category A solvency.	2.5		
	(7) Total Equity Requirement (5+6)	8	10.5		
	(8) Counter Cyclical Buffer	_	up to 2.5 Between 1 -		
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Up to 6% in case of a merger

(9) SIB* Requirement

According to initial estimates of the impact of market risk on regulatory capital, published by the SBIF for informational purposes only, our ratio of regulatory capital to risk-weighted assets, net of loan loss allowance and deductions, including an initial estimate of the adjustments for market risk was 12.3% as of December 31, 2017. No assurance can be given that the adoption of the Basel III capital requirements will not have a material impact on our capitalization ratio.

The proposed bill also incorporates Pillar II capital requirements with the objective of assuring an adequate management of risk. The FMC will have the power to impose additional regulatory capital demands of up to 4% of risk-weighted assets, either Tier I or Tier II, if it determines that the previous capital levels and buffers are not enough for a financial institution. The FMC will be responsible for establishing weightings for risk-weighted assets as a separate regulation based on the implementation of standard models, subject to agreement from the BCCh. The FMC will have until December 31 of the next year in which the bill is passed to establish the weightings. Nevertheless, banks will be allowed to use internal models to define risk-weighted assets, subject to approval from the FMC with agreement from the BCCh, in which case calculated requirements will have to be within the limits set by the FMC.

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^{*} Systemically Important Banks

We may also be required to raise additional capital in the future in order to maintain our capital adequacy ratios above the minimum required levels. Our ability to raise additional capital may be limited by numerous factors, including: our future financial condition, results of operations and cash flows; any necessary government regulatory approvals; our credit ratings; general market conditions for capital raising activities by commercial banks and other financial institutions; and domestic and international economic, political and other conditions. If we require additional capital in the future, we cannot assure you that we will be able to obtain such capital on favorable terms, in a timely manner or at all. Furthermore, the SBIF may increase the minimum capital adequacy requirements applicable to us. Accordingly, although we currently meet the applicable capital adequacy requirements, we may face difficulties in meeting these requirements in the future. If we fail to meet the capital adequacy requirements, we

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may be required to take corrective actions. These measures could materially and adversely affect our business reputation, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, if we are unable to raise sufficient capital in a timely manner, the growth of our loan portfolio and other risk-weighted assets may be restricted, and we may face significant challenges in implementing our business strategy. As a result, our prospects, results of operations and financial condition could be materially and adversely affected.

The SBIF and the Central Bank published new liquidity standards in 2015 and ratios that must be implemented and calculated by all banks. These will eventually replace the current regulatory limits imposed by the SBIF and the Central Bank described above. These new liquidity standards are in line with those established in Basel III. The most important liquidity ratios that will eventually be adopted by Chilean banks are:

Liability concentration per institutional and wholesale counterparty. Banks will have to calculate the percentage of their liabilities coming from institutional and wholesale counterparties, including ratios regarding renovation, renewals, restructurings, maturity and product concentration of these counterparties.

Liquidity coverage ratio (LCR), which measures the percentage of liquid Assets over net cash outflows. The new guidelines also define liquid assets and the formulas for calculating net cash outflows.

Net Stable Funding Ratio (NSFR) which will measure a bank's available stable funding relative to its required stable funding. Both concepts are also defined in the new regulations.

Beginning on March 30, 2016, banks began reporting these ratios to the Central Bank and the SBIF. The evolution of these indicators is still being monitored and adjustments to the required ratios could be made. The final limits and results should begin to be published by the end of 2018 or 2019. The initial limits banks must meet in order to comply with these new ratios have not been published yet. For this reason, we cannot yet determine the effect that the implementation of these models will have on our business. Such effect could be material and adverse if it materially increases the liquidity we are required to maintain.

We are subject to regulatory risk, or the risk of not being able to meet all of the applicable regulatory requirements and guidelines.

As a financial institution, we are subject to extensive regulation, inspections, examinations, inquiries, audits and other regulatory requirements by Chilean regulatory authorities, which materially affect our businesses. We cannot assure you that we will be able to meet all of the applicable regulatory requirements and guidelines, or that we will not be subject to sanctions, fines, restrictions on our business or other penalties in the future as a result of noncompliance. If sanctions, fines, restrictions on our business or other penalties are imposed on us for failure to comply with applicable requirements, guidelines or regulations, our business, financial condition, results of operations and our reputation and ability to engage in business may be materially and adversely affected.

Changes in regulations may also cause us to face increased compliance costs and limitations on our ability to pursue certain business opportunities and provide certain products and services. As some of the banking laws and regulations have been recently adopted, the manner in which those laws and related regulations are applied to the operations of financial institutions is still evolving. Moreover, to the extent these recently adopted regulations are implemented inconsistently in the various jurisdictions in which we operate, it may face higher compliance costs. No assurance can be given generally that laws or regulations will be adopted, enforced or interpreted in a manner that will not have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

Modifications to reserve requirements may affect our business.

Deposits are subject to a reserve requirement of 9.0% for demand deposits and 3.6% for time deposits (with terms of less than one year). The Central Bank has statutory authority to require banks to maintain reserves of up to an average of 40.0% for demand deposits and up to 20.0% for time deposits (irrespective, in each case, of the currency in which these deposits are denominated) to implement monetary policy. In addition, to the extent that the aggregate amount of the following types of liabilities exceeds 2.5 times the amount of a bank's regulatory capital, a bank must maintain a 100% reserve against them: demand deposits, deposits in checking accounts, obligations payable on sight incurred in the ordinary course of business and, in general, all deposits unconditionally payable immediately. If the Central Bank were to increase reserve requirements, this could lead to lower loan growth and have a negative effect on our business.

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Our business could be affected if its capital is not managed effectively or if changes limiting our ability to manage our capital position are adopted.

Effective management of our capital position is important to our ability to operate our business, to continue to grow organically and to pursue our business strategy. However, in response to the global financial crisis, a number of changes to the regulatory capital framework have been adopted or continue to be considered. As these and other changes are implemented or future changes are considered or adopted that limit our ability to manage our balance sheet and capital resources effectively or to access funding on commercially acceptable terms, we may experience a material adverse effect on our financial condition and regulatory capital position.

Changes to the pension fund system may affect the funding mix of the Bank

The current pension fund system dates from the 1980s when pension saving went from being state-funded to private funds which require Chilean employees to set aside 10% of their wages. While the system is widely regarded as a success, the demographics of the Chilean society have changed and there have been some modifications to the system. As of December 31, 2017, the Chilean pension fund management companies (*Administradora de Fondos de Pensión*, or "AFPs") had US\$7,521 million invested in the Bank via equity, deposits and fixed income. There is no assurance that in the future there will not be significant reforms that may affect our funding mix which may have an adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

The legal restrictions on the exposure of Chilean pension funds to different asset classes may affect our access to funding.

Chilean regulations impose a series of restrictions on how Chilean pension fund management companies (*Administradora de Fondos de Pensión*, or "AFPs") may allocate their assets. In the particular case of financial issuers' there are three restrictions, each involving different assets and different limits determined by the amount of assets in each fund and the market and book value of the issuer's equity. As a consequence, limits vary within funds of AFPs and issuers. According to our estimates in December 2017, the AFPs still had the possibility of being able to invest another US\$11,425 million in the Bank via equity, deposits and fixed income. If the exposure of any AFP to Santander-Chile exceeds the regulatory limits, we would need to seek alternative sources of funding, which could be more expensive and, as a consequence, may have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

Our financial statements are based in part on assumptions and estimates which, if inaccurate, could cause material misstatement of the results of our operations and financial position.

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Due to the inherent uncertainty in making estimates, actual results reported in future periods may be based upon amounts which differ from those estimates. Estimates, judgments and assumptions are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimate is revised and in any future periods affected. The accounting policies deemed critical to our results and financial position, based upon materiality and significant judgments and estimates, include impairment of loans, valuation of financial instruments, valuation of derivatives, impairment of available-for-sale financial assets, deferred tax assets and liabilities and provisions contingent liabilities.

If the judgment, estimates and assumptions we use in preparing our consolidated financial statements are subsequently found to be incorrect, there could be a material effect on our results of operations and a corresponding effect on our funding requirements and capital ratios.

Changes in accounting standards could impact reported earnings.

The accounting standard setters and other regulatory bodies periodically change the financial accounting and reporting standards that govern the preparation of our consolidated financial statements. For example, IFRS 9 will be adopted as of January 1, 2018 and will establish a new impairment model of expected loss and make changes to the classification and measurement requirements for financial assets and liabilities. In addition, IFRS 16, to be adopted as of January 1, 2019, specifies new standards for recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of leases. Changes made to accounting standards can materially impact how we record and report our financial

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condition and results of operations. In some cases, we could be required to apply a new or revised standard retroactively, resulting in the restatement of prior period financial statements. For further information about developments in financial accounting and reporting standards, see Note 1 to our Audited Consolidated Financial Statements.

We are subject to review by taxing authorities, and an incorrect interpretation by us of tax laws and regulations may have a material adverse effect on us.

The preparation of our tax returns requires the use of estimates and interpretations of complex tax laws and regulations and is subject to review by taxing authorities.

We are subject to the income tax laws of Chile and certain foreign countries. These tax laws are complex and subject to different interpretations by the taxpayer and relevant governmental taxing authorities, which are sometimes subject to prolonged evaluation periods until a final resolution is reached. In establishing a provision for income tax expense and filing returns, we must make judgments and interpretations about the application of these inherently complex tax laws.

If the judgment, estimates and assumptions we use in preparing our tax returns are subsequently found to be incorrect, there could be a material adverse effect on our results of operations. In some jurisdictions, the interpretations of the taxing authorities are unpredictable and frequently involve litigation, which introduces further uncertainty and risk as to tax expense.

Disclosure controls and procedures over financial reporting may not prevent or detect all errors or acts of fraud.

Disclosure controls and procedures over financial reporting are designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the company in reports filed or submitted under the Securities Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to management, and recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms.

These disclosure controls and procedures have inherent limitations, which include the possibility that judgments in decision-making can be faulty and that breakdowns can occur because of errors or mistakes. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by any unauthorized override of the controls. Consequently, our businesses are exposed to risk from potential non-compliance with policies, employee misconduct or negligence and fraud, which could result in regulatory sanctions, civil claims and serious reputational or financial harm. In recent years, a number of multinational financial institutions have suffered material losses due to the actions of 'rogue traders' or other employees. It is not

always possible to deter employee misconduct and the precautions we take to prevent and detect this activity may not always be effective. Accordingly, because of the inherent limitations in the control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

We engage in transactions with related parties that others may not consider to be on an arm's-length basis.

We and our affiliates have entered into a number of services agreements pursuant to which we render services, such as administrative, accounting, finance, treasury, legal services and others.

Chilean law applicable to public companies and financial groups and institutions and our bylaws provide for several procedures designed to ensure that the transactions entered into with or among our financial subsidiaries and/or affiliates do not deviate from prevailing market conditions for those types of transactions, including the requirement that our board of directors approve such transactions. Furthermore, all significant related party transactions must be approved by the Audit Committee and the Board. These significant transactions are also reported in our annual shareholders meeting. Please see Note 34 of our Audited Consolidated Financial Statements and "Item 7. Major Shareholders and Related Party Transactions."

We are likely to continue to engage in transactions with our affiliates. Future conflicts of interests between us and any of affiliates, or among our affiliates, may arise, which conflicts are not required to be and may not be resolved in our favor.

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Any failure to effectively improve or upgrade our information technology infrastructure and management information systems in a timely manner or any failure to successfully implement new IT regulations could have a material adverse effect on us.

Our ability to remain competitive depends in part on our ability to upgrade our information technology on a timely and cost-effective basis. We must continually make significant investments and improvements in our information technology infrastructure in order to remain competitive. We cannot assure you that in the future we will be able to maintain the level of capital expenditures necessary to support the improvement or upgrading of our information technology infrastructure. Any failure to effectively improve or upgrade our information technology infrastructure and management information systems in a timely manner could have a material adverse effect on us.

In addition, several new regulations are defining how to manage cyber risks and technology risks, how to report a data breach, and how the supervisory process should work, among others. These regulations are quite fragmented in terms of definitions, scope and applicability. A failure to successfully implement all or some of these new global and local regulations, that in some cases have severe sanctions regimes, could have a material adverse effect on us.

Risks relating to data collection, processing and storage systems and security are inherent in our business.

Like other financial institutions, we manage and hold confidential personal information of customers in the conduct of our banking operations, as well as a large number of assets. Accordingly, our business depends on the ability to process a large number of transactions efficiently and accurately, and on our ability to rely on our digital technologies, computer and email services, software and networks, as well as on the secure processing, storage and transmission of confidential sensitive personal data and other information using our computer systems and networks. The proper functioning of financial control, accounting or other data collection and processing systems is critical to our businesses and to our ability to compete effectively. Losses can result from inadequate personnel, inadequate or failed internal control processes and systems, or from external events that interrupt normal business operations. We also face the risk that the design of our controls and procedures prove to be inadequate or are circumvented such that our data and/or client records are incomplete, not recoverable or not securely stored. Although we work with our clients, vendors, service providers, counterparties and other third parties to develop secure data and information processing, storage and transmission capabilities to prevent against information security risk, we routinely manage personal, confidential and proprietary information by electronic means, and we may be the target of attempted cyber-attack. If we cannot maintain an effective and secure electronic data and information, management and processing system or we fail to maintain complete physical and electronic records, this could result in regulatory sanctions and serious reputational or financial harm to us.

We take protective measures and continuously monitor and develop our systems to protect our technology infrastructure, data and information from misappropriation or corruption, but our systems, software and networks nevertheless may be vulnerable to unauthorized access, misuse, computer viruses or other malicious code and other events that could have a security impact. An interception, misuse or mishandling of personal, confidential or

proprietary information sent to or received from a client, vendor, service provider, counterparty or third party could result in legal liability, regulatory action, reputational harm and financial loss. There can be no absolute assurance that we will not suffer material losses from operational risk in the future, including those relating to any security breaches.

We have seen in recent years computer systems of companies and organizations being targeted, not only by cyber criminals, but also by activists and rogue states. We have been and continue to be subject to a range of cyber-attacks, such as denial of service, malware and phishing. Cyber-attacks could give rise to the loss of significant amounts of customer data and other sensitive information, as well as significant levels of liquid assets (including cash). In addition, cyber-attacks could disrupt our electronic systems used to service our customers. As attempted attacks continue to evolve in scope and sophistication, we may incur significant costs in order to modify or enhance our protective measures against such attacks, or to investigate or remediate any vulnerability or resulting breach, or in communicating cyber-attacks to our customers. If we fail to effectively manage our cyber security risk, e.g. by failing to update our systems and processes in response to new threats, this could harm our reputation and adversely affect our operating results, financial condition and prospects through the payment of customer compensation, regulatory penalties and fines and/or through the loss of assets. In addition, we may also be impacted by cyber-attacks against national critical infrastructures of the countries where we operate; for example, the telecommunications network. Our information technology systems are dependent on such national critical

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infrastructure and any cyber-attack against such critical infrastructure could negatively affect our ability to service our customers. As we do not operate such national critical infrastructure, we have limited ability to protect our information technology systems from the adverse effects of such a cyber-attack. For further information see "Item 11. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk—2. Non-financial risks—Cyber-security and data security plans."

Although we have procedures and controls to safeguard personal information in our possession, unauthorized disclosures could subject us to legal actions and administrative sanctions as well as damages and reputational harm that could materially and adversely affect our operating results, financial condition and prospects. Further, our business is exposed to risk from potential non-compliance with policies, employee misconduct or negligence and fraud, which could result in regulatory sanctions and serious reputational or financial harm. It is not always possible to deter or prevent employee misconduct, and the precautions we take to detect and prevent this activity may not always be effective. In addition, we may be required to report events related to information security issues (including any cyber security issues), events where customer information may be compromised, unauthorized access and other security breaches, to the relevant regulatory authorities. Any material disruption or slowdown of our systems could cause information, including data related to customer requests, to be lost or to be delivered to our clients with delays or errors, which could reduce demand for our services and products, could produce customer claims and could materially and adversely affect us.

We rely on third parties and affiliates for important products and services.

Third party vendors and certain affiliated companies provide key components of our business infrastructure such as loan and deposit servicing systems, back office and business process support, information technology production and support, internet connections and network access. Relying on these third parties and affiliated companies can be a source of operational and regulatory risk to us, including with respect to security breaches affecting such parties. We are also subject to risk with respect to security breaches affecting the vendors and other parties that interact with these service providers. As our interconnectivity with these third parties and affiliated companies increases, we increasingly face the risk of operational failure with respect to their systems. We may be required to take steps to protect the integrity of our operational systems, thereby increasing our operational costs and potentially decreasing customer satisfaction. In addition, any problems caused by these third parties or affiliated companies, including as a result of them not providing us their services for any reason, or performing their services poorly, could adversely affect our ability to deliver products and services to customers and otherwise conduct our business, which could lead to reputational damage and regulatory investigations and intervention. Replacing these third party vendors could also entail significant delays and expense. Further, the operational and regulatory risk we face as a result of these arrangements may be increased to the extent that we restructure such arrangements. Any restructuring could involve significant expense to us and entail significant delivery and execution risk which could have a material adverse effect on our business, operations and financial condition.

Damage to our reputation could cause harm to our business prospects.

Maintaining a positive reputation is critical to protect our brand, attract and retain customers, investors and employees and conduct business transactions with counterparties. Damage to our reputation can therefore cause significant harm to our business and prospects. Harm to our reputation can arise from numerous sources, including, among others, employee misconduct, including the possibility of fraud perpetrated by our employees, litigation or regulatory enforcement, failure to deliver minimum standards of service and quality, compliance failures, unethical behavior, and the activities of customers and counterparties. Further, negative publicity regarding us may result in harm to our prospects.

Actions by the financial services industry generally or by certain members of, or individuals in, the industry can also affect our reputation. For example, the role played by financial services firms in the financial crisis and the seeming shift toward increasing regulatory supervision and enforcement has caused public perception of us and others in the financial services industry to decline.

We could suffer significant reputational harm if we fail to identify and manage potential conflicts of interest properly. The failure, or perceived failure, to adequately address conflicts of interest could affect the willingness of clients to deal with us, or give rise to litigation or enforcement actions against us. Therefore, there can be no assurance that conflicts of interest will not arise in the future that could cause material harm to us.

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We rely on recruiting, retaining and developing appropriate senior management and skilled personnel.

Our continued success depends in part on the continued service of key members of our senior executive team and other key employees. The ability to continue to attract, train, motivate and retain highly qualified and talented professionals is a key element of our strategy. The successful implementation of our strategy and culture depends on the availability of skilled and appropriate management, both at our head office and at each of our business units. If we or one of our business units or other functions fails to staff its operations appropriately or loses one or more of its key senior executives or other key employees and fails to replace them in a satisfactory and timely manner, our business, financial condition and results of operations, including control and operational risks, may be adversely affected.

In addition, the financial industry has and may continue to experience more stringent regulation of employee compensation, which could have an adverse effect on our ability to hire or retain the most qualified employees. If we fail or are unable to attract and appropriately train, motivate and retain qualified professionals, our business may also be adversely affected.

We may not be able to detect or prevent money laundering and other financial crime activities fully or on a timely basis, which could expose us to additional liability and could have a material adverse effect on us.

We are required to comply with applicable anti-money laundering ("AML"), anti-terrorism, anti-bribery and corruption, sanctions and other laws and regulations applicable to us. These laws and regulations require us, among other things, to conduct full customer due diligence (including sanctions and politically-exposed person screening), keep our customer, account and transaction information up to date and have implemented financial crime policies and procedures detailing what is required from those responsible. We are also required to conduct AML training for our employees and to report suspicious transactions and activity to appropriate law enforcement following full investigation by our AML team.

Financial crime has become the subject of enhanced regulatory scrutiny and supervision by regulators globally. AML, anti-bribery and corruption and sanctions laws and regulations are increasingly complex and detailed. Compliance with these laws and regulations requires automated systems, sophisticated monitoring and skilled compliance personnel.

We have developed policies and procedures aimed at detecting and preventing the use of our banking network for money laundering and other financial crime related activities. However, emerging technologies, such as cryptocurrencies and blockchain, could limit our ability to track the movement of funds. Our ability to comply with the legal requirements depends on our ability to improve detection and reporting capabilities and reduce variation in control processes and oversight accountability. These require implementation and embedding within our business effective controls and monitoring, which in turn requires on-going changes to systems and operational activities.

Financial crime is continually evolving and, as noted is subject to increasingly stringent regulatory oversight and focus. This requires proactive and adaptable responses from us so that we are able to deter threats and criminality effectively. Even known threats can never be fully eliminated, and there will be instances where we may be used by other parties to engage in money laundering and other illegal or improper activities. In addition, we rely heavily on our employees to assist us by spotting such activities and reporting them, and our employees have varying degrees of experience in recognizing criminal tactics and understanding the level of sophistication of criminal organizations. Where we outsource any of our customer due diligence, customer screening or anti financial crime operations, we remain responsible and accountable for full compliance and any breaches. If we are unable to apply the necessary scrutiny and oversight of third parties to whom we outsource certain tasks and processes, there remains a risk of regulatory breach.

If we are unable to fully comply with applicable laws, regulations and expectations, our regulators and relevant law enforcement agencies have the ability and authority to impose significant fines and other penalties on us, including requiring a complete review of our business systems, day-to-day supervision by external consultants and ultimately the revocation of our banking license.

The reputational damage to our business and global brand would be severe if we were found to have breached AML, anti-bribery and corruption or sanctions requirements. Our reputation could also suffer if we are unable to protect our customers' bank products and services from being used by criminals for illegal or improper purposes.

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In addition, while we review our relevant counterparties' internal policies and procedures with respect to such matters, we, to a large degree, rely upon our relevant counterparties to maintain and properly apply their own appropriate compliance procedures and internal policies. Such measures, procedures and internal policies may not be completely effective in preventing third parties from using our (and our relevant counterparties') services as a conduit for illicit purposes (including illegal cash operations) without our (and our relevant counterparties') knowledge. If we are associated with, or even accused of being associated with, breaches of AML, anti-terrorism or sanctions requirements, our reputation could suffer and/or we could become subject to fines, sanctions and/or legal enforcement (including being added to "black lists" that would prohibit certain parties from engaging in transactions with us), any one of which could have a material adverse effect on our operating results, financial condition and prospects.

Any such risks could have a material adverse effect on our operating results, financial condition and prospects.

We are exposed to risk of loss from legal and regulatory proceedings.

We face risk of loss from legal and regulatory proceedings, including tax proceedings, that could subject us to monetary judgments, regulatory enforcement actions, fines and penalties. The current regulatory and tax enforcement environment in the jurisdictions in which we operate reflects an increased supervisory focus on enforcement, combined with uncertainty about the evolution of the regulatory regime, and may lead to material operational and compliance costs.

We are from time to time subject to certain regulatory investigations and civil and tax claims and party to certain legal proceedings incidental to the normal course of our business, including in connection with conflicts of interest, lending activities, relationships with our employees and other commercial or tax matters. In view of the inherent difficulty of predicting the outcome of legal matters, particularly where the claimants seek very large or indeterminate damages, or where the cases present novel legal theories, involve a large number of parties or are in the early stages of investigation, discovery, we cannot state with confidence what the eventual outcome of these pending matters will be or what the eventual loss, fines or penalties related to each pending matter may be. The amount of our reserves in respect of these matters is substantially less than the total amount of the claims asserted against us and in light of the uncertainties involved in such claims and proceedings, there is no assurance that the ultimate resolution of these matters will not significantly exceed the reserves currently accrued by us. As a result, the outcome of a particular matter may be material to our operating results for a particular period.

We are subject to market, operational and other related risks associated with our derivative transactions that could have a material adverse effect on us.

We enter into derivative transactions for trading purposes as well as for hedging purposes. We are subject to market, credit and operational risks associated with these transactions, including basis risk (the risk of loss associated with

variations in the spread between the asset yield and the funding and/or hedge cost) and credit or default risk (the risk of insolvency or other inability of the counterparty to a particular transaction to perform its obligations thereunder, including providing sufficient collateral).

Market practices and documentation for derivative transactions in Chile may differ from those in other countries. For example, documentation may not incorporate terms and conditions of derivatives transactions as commonly understood in other countries. In addition, the execution and performance of these transactions depend on our ability to maintain adequate control and administration systems. Moreover, our ability to adequately monitor, analyze and report derivative transactions continues to depend, largely, on our information technology systems. These factors further increase the risks associated with these transactions and could have a material adverse effect on us.

We are subject to counterparty risk in our banking business.

We are exposed to counterparty risk in addition to credit risks associated with lending activities. Counterparty risk may arise from, for example, investing in securities of third parties, entering into derivative contracts under which counterparties have obligations to make payments to us or executing securities, futures, currency or commodity trades from proprietary trading activities that fail to settle at the required time due to non-delivery by the counterparty or systems failure by clearing agents, clearing houses or other financial intermediaries.

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We routinely transact with counterparties in the financial services industry, including brokers and dealers, commercial banks, investment banks, mutual funds, hedge funds and other institutional clients. Defaults by, and even rumors or questions about the solvency of, certain financial institutions and the financial services industry generally have led to market-wide liquidity problems and could lead to losses or defaults by other institutions. Many of the routine transactions we enter into expose us to significant credit risk in the event of default by one of our significant counterparties.

Our loan and investment portfolios are subject to risk of prepayment, which could have a material adverse effect on us.

Our fixed rate loan and investment portfolios are subject to prepayment risk, which results from the ability of a borrower or issuer to pay a debt obligation prior to maturity. Generally, in a declining interest rate environment, prepayment activity increases, which reduces the weighted average lives of our earning assets and could have a material adverse effect on us. We would also be required to amortize net premiums into income over a shorter period of time, thereby reducing the corresponding asset yield and net interest income. Prepayment risk also has a significant adverse impact on credit card and collateralized mortgage loans, since prepayments could shorten the weighted average life of these assets, which may result in a mismatch in our funding obligations and reinvestment at lower yields. Prepayment risk is inherent to our commercial activity and an increase in prepayments could have a material adverse effect on us.

A significant deterioration in economic conditions may make it more difficult for us to continue funding our business on favorable terms with institutional investors.

Large denominations of funding from time deposits from institutional investors may, under some circumstances, be a less stable source of funding than savings and bonds, such as during periods of significant changes in market interest rates for these types of deposit products and any resulting increased competition for such funds. As of December 31, 2017, short-term funding from institutional investors as defined by our Asset and Liability Committee totaled US\$ 3.4 billion or 5.9% of total liabilities and equity. Significant future market instability in global markets, specifically the Eurozone and the U.S., may negatively affect our ability to continue funding our business or maintain our current levels of funding without incurring higher funding costs or having to liquidate certain assets.

If we are unable to manage the growth of our operations, this could have an adverse impact on our profitability.

We allocate management and planning resources to develop strategic plans for organic growth, and to identify possible acquisitions and disposals and areas for restructuring our businesses. From time to time, we evaluate acquisition and partnership opportunities that we believe offer additional value to our shareholders and are consistent with our business strategy. However, we may not be able to identify suitable acquisition or partnership candidates, and

our ability to benefit from any such acquisitions and partnerships will depend in part on our successful integration of those businesses. Any such integration entails significant risks such as unforeseen difficulties in integrating operations and systems and unexpected liabilities or contingencies relating to the acquired businesses, including legal claims. We can give no assurances that our expectations with regard to integration and synergies will materialize. We also cannot provide assurance that we will, in all cases, be able to manage our growth effectively or deliver our strategic growth objectives. Challenges that may result from our strategic growth decisions include our ability to:

provide assurance that we will, in all cases, be able to manage our growth effectively or deliver our strategic growth objectives. Challenges that may result from our strategic growth decisions include our ability to:				
· manage efficiently the operations and employees of expanding businesses;				
· maintain or grow our existing customer base;				
assess the value, strengths and weaknesses of investment or acquisition candidates, including local regulation that can reduce or eliminate expected synergies;				
· finance strategic investments or acquisitions;				
· align our current information technology systems adequately with those of an enlarged group;				
apply our risk management policy effectively to an enlarged group; and				
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manage a growing number of entities without over-committing management or losing key personnel.

Any failure to manage growth effectively could have a material adverse effect on our operating results, financial condition and prospects.

In addition, any acquisition or venture could result in the loss of key employees and inconsistencies in standards, controls, procedures and policies.

Moreover, the success of the acquisition or venture will at least in part be subject to a number of political, economic and other factors that are beyond our control. Any of these factors, individually or collectively, could have a material adverse effect on us.

Risks Relating to Chile

Our growth, asset quality and profitability may be adversely affected by macroeconomic and political conditions in Chile.

A substantial number of our loans are to borrowers doing business in Chile. Chile's economy has experienced significant volatility in recent decades, characterized, in some cases, by slow or regressive growth, declining investment and hyperinflation. This volatility resulted in fluctuations in the levels of deposits and in the relative economic strength of various segments of the economies to which we lend. The Chilean economy may not continue to grow at similar rates as in the past or future developments may negatively affect Chile's overall levels of economic activity.

Negative and fluctuating economic conditions, such as slowing or negative growth and a changing interest rate and inflationary environment, impact our profitability by causing lending margins to decrease and credit quality to decline and leading to decreased demand for higher margin products and services. Negative and fluctuating economic conditions in Chile could also result in government defaults on public debt. This could affect us in two ways: directly, through portfolio losses, and indirectly, through instabilities that a default in public debt could cause to the banking system as a whole, particularly since commercial banks' exposure to government debt is high in Chile.

Our revenues are also subject to risk of loss from unfavorable political and diplomatic developments, social instability, and changes in governmental policies, including expropriation, nationalization, international ownership legislation, interest-rate caps and tax policies.

The recent fall and subsequent fluctuation in oil prices may give rise to volatility in the global financial markets and further economic instability in oil-dependent regions, such as Chile. In addition, the ability of borrowers in or exposed to the oil sector has been and may be further adversely affected by such price fluctuations.

Our growth, asset quality and profitability may be adversely affected by volatile macroeconomic and political conditions in Chile.

Any material change to United States trade policy with respect to Chile could have a material adverse effect on the economy, which could in turn materially harm our financial condition and results of operations.

Portions of our loan portfolio are subject to risks relating to force majeure events and any such event could materially adversely affect our operating results.

Chile lies on the Nazca tectonic plate, making it one of the world's most seismically active regions. Our financial and operating performance may be adversely affected by force majeure events, such as natural disasters, particularly in locations where a significant portion of our loan portfolio is composed of real estate loans. Natural disasters such as earthquakes and floods may cause widespread damage which could impair the asset quality of our loan portfolio and could have an adverse impact on the economy of the affected region.

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Changes in taxes, including the corporate tax rate, in Chile may have an adverse effect on us and our clients.

The Chilean Government enacted in 2014 and again in 2016 a reform to the tax and other assessment regimes to which we are subject in order to finance greater expenditure in education. The most important changes approved were:

A corporation such as Banco Santander Chile with a majority of shareholders that are incorporated entities is obliged to adhere to the *sistema integrado parcial* (SIP or partially integrated tax system). The statutory tax rate rose to 25.5% in 2017 and will rise to 27% in 2018 and onward, with personal taxes paid on a dividend basis, therefore retaining some benefits for shareholders of companies that reinvest profits.

2. The Taxable Profits Fund (FUT), a mechanism that gives shareholders tax exemptions on reinvested profits, will be eliminated in fiscal 2018.

3. Decree-Law 600, which gives foreign investors certain tax and other guarantees, will be replaced by a new law, yet to be designed.

- 4. The maximum personal income tax rate will be reduced from 40% to 35%, starting in 2018.
 - 5. An increase in stamp tax from 0.45% to 0.8% in 2016.
- 6. Lowering of VAT exemption for construction of houses up to 2,000 UF to 225 UF per dwelling.
 - 7. Charge VAT tax on real estate transactions beginning in 2016. VAT tax is 19% in Chile.
- 8. Extension of certain tax benefits and simplified accounting for companies with annual sales lower than 50,000 UF.
- 9. Withholding tax on dividends paid to ADR holders remains unchanged at 35% with the statutory corporate tax rate paid by the company still available as credit to the withholding tax.

In general, these reforms may have an adverse effect on the growth rate of mortgage loans and could slow down the rate of economic growth if tax receipts are not spent efficiently or for their intended purposes. We cannot predict at this time if these reforms will have a material impact on our business or clients or if further tax reforms will be implemented in the future. Banco Santander Chile's effective corporate tax rate should rise in the future, which may have an adverse impact on our results of operations. Please see "Item 10—Additional information—E. Taxation" for more information regarding the impacts of this tax reform on ADR holders.

Developments in other countries may affect us, including the prices for our securities.

The prices of securities issued by Chilean companies, including banks, are influenced to varying degrees by economic and market considerations in other countries. We cannot assure you that future developments in or affecting the Chilean economy, including consequences of economic difficulties in other markets, will not materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations.

We are exposed to risks related to the weakness and volatility of the economic and political situation in Asia, the United States, Europe (including Spain, where Santander Spain, our controlling shareholder, is based), Brazil, Argentina and other nations. Although economic conditions in Europe and the United States may differ significantly from economic conditions in Chile, investors' reactions to developments in these other countries may have an adverse effect on the market value of securities of Chilean issuers. In particular, investor perceptions of the risks associated with our securities may be affected by perception of risk conditions in Spain.

If these nations' economic conditions deteriorate, the economy in Chile, as both a neighboring country and a trading partner, could also be affected and could experience slower growth than in recent years, with possible adverse impact on our borrowers and counterparties. If this were to occur, we would potentially need to increase our allowances for loan losses, thus affecting our financial results, our results of operations and the price of our securities. As of December 31, 2017, approximately 3.6% of our assets were held abroad. There can be no assurance that the ongoing effects of the global financial crisis will not negatively impact growth, consumption,

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unemployment, investment and the price of exports in Chile. Crises and political uncertainties in other Latin American countries could also have an adverse effect on Chile, the price of our securities or our business.

Chile has considerable economic ties with China, the United States and Europe. In 2017, approximately 27.5% of Chile's exports went to China, mainly copper. China's economy has grown at a strong pace in recent times, but a slowdown in economic activity in China may affect Chile's GDP and export growth as well as the price of copper, which is Chile's main export. Chile exported approximately 14.4% of total exports to the United States and 14.9% to Europe in 2017.

Chile is also involved in an international litigation with Bolivia regarding maritime borders. We cannot assure you that crises and political uncertainty in other Latin American countries will not have an adverse effect on Chile, the price of our securities or our business.

Fluctuations in the rate of inflation may affect our results of operations.

High levels of inflation in Chile could adversely affect the Chilean economy and have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Extended periods of deflation could also have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. In 2009, Chile experienced deflation of 1.4% as the global economy contracted. In 2017, CPI inflation was 2.3% compared to 2.7% in 2016.

Our assets and liabilities are denominated in Chilean pesos, UF and foreign currencies. The UF is revalued in monthly cycles. On each day in the period beginning on the tenth day of any given month through the ninth day of the succeeding month, the nominal peso value of the UF is indexed up (or down in the event of deflation) in order to reflect a proportionate amount of the change in the Chilean Consumer Price Index during the prior calendar month. For more information regarding the UF, see "Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—A. Operating Results—Impact of Inflation." Although we benefit from inflation in Chile due to the current structure of our assets and liabilities (*i.e.*, a significant portion of our loans are indexed to the inflation rate, but there are no corresponding features in deposits, or other funding sources that would increase the size of our funding base), there can be no assurance that our business, financial condition and result of operations in the future will not be adversely affected by changing levels of inflation, including from extended periods of inflation that adversely affect economic growth or periods of deflation.

Any change in the methodology of how the CPI index or the UF is calculated could also adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Currency fluctuations could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations and the value of our securities.

Any future changes in the value of the Chilean peso against the U.S. dollar will affect the U.S. dollar value of our securities. The Chilean peso has been subject to large devaluations and appreciations in the past and could be subject to significant fluctuations in the future. Our results of operations may be affected by fluctuations in the exchange rates between the peso and the dollar despite our policy and Chilean regulations relating to the general avoidance of material exchange rate exposure. In order to avoid material exchange rate exposure, we enter into forward exchange transactions. The following table shows the value of the Chilean peso relative to the U.S. dollar as reported by the Central Bank at year end for the last five years and the devaluation or appreciation of the peso relative to the U.S. dollar in each of those years.

Year	Exchange rate (Ch\$) at year end	Devaluat (Appreci (%)	
2013	523.76	9.4	
2014	607.38	16.0	
2015	707.34	16.5	
2016	667.29	(5.7)
2017	615.22	(7.8)
2018 (through March 22, 2018)	607.23	(1.3)
Source: Central Bank.			

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We may decide to change our policy regarding exchange rate exposure. Regulations that limit such exposures may also be amended or eliminated. Greater exchange rate risk will increase our exposure to the devaluation of the peso, and any such devaluation may impair our capacity to service foreign currency obligations and may, therefore, materially and adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations. Notwithstanding the existence of general policies and regulations that limit material exchange rate exposures, the economic policies of the Chilean government and any future fluctuations of the peso against the dollar could affect our financial condition and results of operations.

We are subject to substantial regulation and regulatory and governmental oversight which could adversely affect our business, operations and financial condition.

As a financial institution, we are subject to extensive regulation, which materially affects our businesses. The statutes, regulations and policies to which we are subject may be changed at any time. In addition, the interpretation and the application by regulators of the laws and regulations to which we are subject may also change from time to time. In the wake of the global financial crisis, the financial services industry continues to experience significant financial regulatory reform in jurisdictions outside of Chile that directly or indirectly affect our business, including Spain, the European Union, the United States, Latin America and other jurisdictions. Changes to current legislation and their implementation through regulation (including additional capital, leverage, funding, liquidity and tax requirements), policies (including fiscal and monetary policies established by central banks and financial regulators, and changes to global trade policies), and other legal and regulatory actions may impose additional regulatory burden on Santander Group, including Santander-Chile, in these jurisdictions. The manner in which these laws and related regulations are applied to the operations of financial institutions is still evolving. Moreover, to the extent these recently adopted regulations are implemented inconsistently in the various jurisdictions in which we operate we may face higher compliance costs.

Any legislative or regulatory actions and any required changes to our business operations resulting from such legislation and regulations, as well as any deficiencies in our compliance with such legislation and regulation, could result in significant loss of revenue, limit our ability to pursue business opportunities in which we might otherwise consider engaging and provide certain products and services, affect the value of assets that we hold, require us to increase our prices and therefore reduce demand for our products, impose additional compliance and other costs on us or otherwise adversely affect our businesses. In particular, legislative or regulatory actions resulting in enhanced prudential standards, in particular with respect to capital and liquidity, could impose a significant regulatory burden on the Bank or on its bank subsidiaries and could limit the bank subsidiaries' ability to distribute capital and liquidity to the Bank, thereby negatively impacting the Bank, Future liquidity standards could require the Bank to maintain a greater proportion of its assets in highly-liquid but lower-yielding financial instruments, which would negatively affect its net interest margin. Moreover, the Bank's regulatory authorities, as part of their supervisory function, periodically review the Bank's allowance for loan losses. Such regulators may require the Bank to increase its allowance for loan losses or to recognize further losses. Any such additional provisions for loan losses, as required by these regulatory agencies, whose views may differ from those of the Bank's management, could have an adverse effect on the Bank's earnings and financial condition. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that future changes in regulations or in their interpretation or application will not adversely affect us.

The wide range of regulations, actions and proposals which most significantly affect the Bank, or which could most significantly affect the Bank in the future, relate to capital requirements, funding and liquidity and regulatory reforms in Chile, and are discussed in further detail below. These and other regulatory reforms adopted or proposed in the wake of the financial crisis have increased and may continue to materially increase our operating costs and negatively impact our business model. Furthermore, regulatory authorities have substantial discretion in how to regulate banks, and this discretion, and the means available to the regulators, have been increasing during recent years. Regulation may be imposed on an ad hoc basis by governments and regulators in response to a crisis. In addition, the volume, granularity, frequency and scale of regulatory and other reporting requirements necessitate a clear data strategy to enable consistent data aggregation, reporting and management. Inadequate management information systems or processes, including those relating to risk data aggregation and risk reporting, could lead to a failure to meet regulatory reporting requirements or other internal or external information demands and we may face supervisory measures as a result.

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The main regulations and regulatory and governmental oversight that can adversely impact us include but are not limited to the following (see more details on "Item 4. Information on the Company—B. Business Overview—Regulation and Supervision"):

We are subject to regulation by the SBIF and by the Central Bank with regard to certain matters, including reserve requirements, interest rates, foreign exchange mismatches and market risks. Chilean laws, regulations, policies and interpretations of laws relating to the banking sector and financial institutions are continually evolving and changing. Any new reforms could result in increased competition in the industry and thus may have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

Pursuant to the General Banking Law, all Chilean banks may, subject to the approval of the SBIF, engage in certain businesses other than commercial banking depending on the risk associated with such business and their financial strength. Such additional businesses include securities brokerage, mutual fund management, securitization, insurance brokerage, leasing, factoring, financial advisory, custody and transportation of securities, loan collection and financial services. The General Banking Law also applies to the Chilean banking system a modified version of the capital adequacy guidelines issued by the Basel Committee on Banking Regulation and Supervisory Practices and limits the discretion of the SBIF to deny new banking licenses. There can be no assurance that regulators will not in the future impose more restrictive limitations on the activities of banks, including us. Any such change could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or results of operations.

Historically, Chilean banks have not paid interest on amounts deposited in checking accounts. We have begun to pay interest on some checking accounts under certain conditions. If competition or other factors lead us to pay higher interest rates on checking accounts, to relax the conditions under which we pay interest or to increase the number of checking accounts on which we pay interest, any such change could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or results of operations.

On November 20, 2013, the Chilean Congress approved new legislation to reduce the maximum rates that can be charged on loans. This new legislation is aimed at loans of less than UF50 (US\$2,178) and between UF50 and UF 200 (U.S.\$8,712) and with a term of more than 90 days, and thus includes consumer loans in installments, lines of credit and credit card lines. Previously, the maximum interest rate for loans of less than UF 200 and with a term of more than 90 days was calculated as the average rate of all transactions undertaken within the banking industry over the previous month of loans of less than UF 200 and with a term of more than 90 days, multiplied by a factor of 1.5. The objective was to lower the maximum rate to a level closer to the average interest rate for loans between UF 200 (US\$8,712) to UF 5,000 (US\$2,17,793) plus 14%, unless the flow of new loans in the industry decreases by 10%-20%, in which case the reduction will be partially or completely suspended until the next period. The average and maximum rates are published daily by the SBIF. By year-end 2017, the maximum rate for loans equal or lower than UF 50 (US\$2,178) was 35.82%. The maximum rate for loans between UF 50 (US\$2,178) and UF 200 (US\$8,712) was 28.82%.

The SBIF and the Ministry of Finance have drafted a new General Banking Law that is expected to be approval by the Chilean Congress in 2018. Among other things, the new banking law is expected to include clearer guidelines for the adoption of Basel III regulations in Chile and new regulations regarding the SBIF's corporate governance and its absorption by the newly created Comité de Mercado Financiero (CMF).

A change in labor laws in Chile or a worsening of labor relations in the Bank could impact our business.

As of December 31, 2017, on a consolidated basis, we had 11,068 employees. We have traditionally enjoyed good relations with our employees and their unions. Of the total headcount of us and our subsidiaries, 8,206 or 74.1% were unionized as of December 31, 2017. In February 2018, a new collective bargaining agreement was signed with the main unions ahead of schedule, which will come into effect on September 1, 2018 and which expires on August 31, 2021, though it may also be renegotiated ahead of schedule with the consent of management and the union. We generally apply the terms of our collective bargaining agreement to unionized and non-unionized employees. We have traditionally had good relations with our employees and their unions, but we cannot assure you that in the future, a strengthening of cross-industry labor movements will not materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations.

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Congress passed a new labor law in 2016 that became effective April 1, 2017. The main points included in this law are:

Expands the scope of collective bargaining. Currently some groups of workers are excluded from the collective bargaining process.

Expands workers ability to switch unions and gives workers the same rights under a collective bargaining agreement if they affiliate themselves post-negotiations.

Expand the right to greater information of unions including the wages of each worker included in a collective bargaining agreement.

Simplifies the standard collective bargaining process.

Collective bargaining agreements must last maximum three years instead of four.

Eliminate the ability of the employer to replace workers on strike and establishes minimum service guidelines that workers must respect.

Establishes the current collective bargaining agreement as the bargaining floor for future collective bargaining agreements.

Amplifies the matters that can be negotiated in collective bargaining.

Greater hours for training of union representatives.

Strengthen the participation of women in unions.

The Bank currently has a high unionization level and good labor relations. At this time, we are unable to estimate the impact these new regulations will have on labor relations and costs. The current project may also suffer additional modification will being discussed in Congress.

These and any additional legislative or regulatory actions in Chile, Spain, the European Union, the United States or other countries, and any required changes to our business operations resulting from such legislation and regulations, could result in reduced capital availability, significant loss of revenue, limit our ability to continue organic growth

(including increased lending), pursue business opportunities in which we might otherwise consider engaging and provide certain products and services, affect the value of assets that we hold, require us to increase our prices and therefore reduce demand for our products, impose additional costs on us or otherwise adversely affect our businesses. Accordingly, we cannot provide assurance that any such new legislation or regulations would not have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition in the future.

Our corporate disclosure may differ from disclosure regularly published by issuers of securities in other countries, including the United States.

Issuers of securities in Chile are required to make public disclosures that are different from, and that may be reported under presentations that are not consistent with, disclosures required in other countries, including the United States. In particular, as a Chilean regulated financial institution, we are required to submit to the SBIF on a monthly basis unaudited consolidated balance sheets and income statements, excluding any note disclosure, prepared in accordance with Chilean Bank GAAP as issued by the SBIF. This disclosure differs in a number of significant respects from generally accepted accounting principles in the United States and information generally available in the United States with respect to U.S. financial institutions or IFRS. In addition, as a foreign private issuer, we are not subject to the same disclosure requirements in the United States as a domestic U.S. registrant under the Exchange Act, including the requirements to prepare and issue quarterly reports, the proxy rules applicable to domestic U.S. registrants under Section 14 of the Exchange Act or the insider reporting and short-swing profit rules under Section 16 of the Exchange Act. Accordingly, the information about us available to you will not be the same as the information available to shareholders of a U.S. company and may be reported in a manner that you are not familiar with.

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Chile imposes controls on foreign investment and repatriation of investments that may affect your investment in, and earnings from, our ADSs.

Equity investments in Chile by persons who are not Chilean residents have generally been subject to various exchange control regulations, which restrict the repatriation of the investments and earnings therefrom. In April 2001, the Central Bank eliminated the regulations that affected foreign investors, except that investors are still required to provide the Central Bank with information relating to equity investments and conduct such operations within Chile's Formal Exchange Market. The ADSs are subject to a contract, dated May 17, 1994, among the Depositary, us and the Central Bank (the "Foreign Investment Contract") that remains in full force and effect. The ADSs continue to be governed by the provisions of the Foreign Investment Contract subject to the regulations in existence prior to April 2001. The Foreign Investment Contract grants the Depositary and the holders of the ADSs access to the Formal Exchange Market, which permits the Depositary to remit dividends it receives from us to the holders of the ADSs. The Foreign Investment Contract also permits ADS holders to repatriate the proceeds from the sale of shares of our common stock withdrawn from the ADR facility, or that have been received free of payment as a consequence of spin offs, mergers, capital increases, wind ups, share dividends or preemptive rights transfers, enabling them to acquire the foreign currency necessary to repatriate earnings from such investments. Pursuant to Chilean law, the Foreign Investment Contract cannot be amended unilaterally by the Central Bank, and there are judicial precedents (although not binding with respect to future judicial decisions) indicating that contracts of this type may not be abrogated by future legislative changes or resolutions of the Advisory Council of the Central Bank. Holders of shares of our common stock, except for shares of our common stock withdrawn from the ADS facility or received in the manner described above, are not entitled to the benefits of the Foreign Investment Contract, may not have access to the Formal Exchange Market, and may have restrictions on their ability to repatriate investments in shares of our common stock and earnings therefrom.

Holders of ADSs are entitled to receive dividends on the underlying shares to the same extent as the holders of shares. Dividends received by holders of ADSs will be paid net of foreign currency exchange fees and expenses of the Depositary and will be subject to Chilean withholding tax, currently imposed at a rate of 37.0% (subject to credits in certain cases). If for any reason, including changes in Chilean law, the Depositary were unable to convert Chilean pesos to U.S. dollars, investors would receive dividends and other distributions, if any, in Chilean pesos.

We cannot assure you that additional Chilean restrictions applicable to holders of our ADSs, the disposition of the shares underlying them or the repatriation of the proceeds from such disposition or the payment of dividends will not be imposed in the future, nor can we advise you as to the duration or impact of such restrictions if imposed.

Investors may find it difficult to enforce civil liabilities against us or our directors, officers and controlling persons.

We are a Chilean corporation. None of our directors are residents of the United States and most of our executive officers reside outside of the United States. In addition, a substantial portion of our assets and the assets of our directors and executive officers are located outside the United States. Although we have appointed an agent for service

of process in any action against us in the United States with respect to our ADSs, none of our directors, officers or controlling persons has consented to service of process in the United States or to the jurisdiction of any United States court. As a result, it may be difficult for investors to effect service of process within the United States on such persons.

It may also be difficult for ADS holders to enforce in the United States or in Chilean courts money judgments obtained in United States courts against us or our directors and executive officers based on civil liability provisions of the U.S. federal securities laws. If a U.S. court grants a final money judgment in an action based on the civil liability provisions of the federal securities laws of the United States, enforceability of this money judgment in Chile will be subject to the obtaining of the relevant "exequatur" (*i.e.*, recognition and enforcement of the foreign judgment) according to Chilean civil procedure law currently in force, and consequently, subject to the satisfaction of certain factors. The most important of these factors are the existence of reciprocity, the absence of a conflicting judgment by a Chilean court relating to the same parties and arising from the same facts and circumstances and the Chilean courts' determination that the U.S. courts had jurisdiction, that process was appropriately served on the defendant and that enforcement would not violate Chilean public policy. Failure to satisfy any of such requirements may result in non-enforcement of your rights.

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Risks Relating to Our Controlling Shareholder and our ADSs

Our controlling shareholder has a great deal of influence over our business and its interests could conflict with yours.

Santander Spain, our controlling shareholder, controls Santander-Chile through its holdings in Teatinos Siglo XXI Inversiones S.A. and Santander Chile Holding S.A., which are controlled subsidiaries. Santander Spain has control over 67.18% of our shares and actual participation, excluding non-controlling shareholders that participate in Santander Chile Holding, S.A. of 67.06%.

Due to its share ownership, our controlling shareholder has the ability to control us and our subsidiaries, including the ability to:

- elect the majority of the directors and exercise control over our company and subsidiaries;
 - cause the appointment of our principal officers;
 - · declare the payment of any dividends;
 - agree to sell or otherwise transfer its controlling stake in us; and

determine the outcome of substantially all actions requiring shareholder approval, including amendments of our bylaws, transactions with related parties, corporate reorganizations, acquisitions and disposals of assets and issuance of additional equity securities, if any.

In December 2012, primarily in response to the requirements of the European Banking Authority, the Bank of Spain and regulators in various jurisdictions, Santander Spain adopted a corporate governance framework (*Marco de Gobierno Interno del Grupo Santander*). The purpose of the framework is to organize and standardize the corporate governance practices of Santander Spain and its most significant subsidiaries, including us. (Our Board of Directors approved the adoption of this corporate governance framework in July 2013,) subject to certain overarching principles, such as the precedence of applicable laws and regulations over the framework to the extent they are in conflict. See "Item 16G. Corporate Governance." Our adoption of this framework may increase Santander Spain's control over us.

We operate as a stand-alone subsidiary within the Santander Group. Our controlling shareholder has no liability for our banking operations, except for the amount of its holdings of our capital stock. The interests of Santander Spain may differ from the interests of our other shareholders, and the concentration of control in Santander Spain may differ from the interests of our other shareholders, and the concentration of control in Santander Spain will limit other shareholders' ability to influence corporate matters. As a result, we may take actions that our other shareholders do not view as beneficial.

Our status as a controlled company and a foreign private issuer exempts us from certain of the corporate governance standards of the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"), limiting the protections afforded to investors.

We are a "controlled company" and a "foreign private issuer" within the meaning of the NYSE corporate governance standards. Under the NYSE rules, a controlled company is exempt from certain NYSE corporate governance requirements. In addition, a foreign private issuer may elect to comply with the practice of its home country and not to comply with certain NYSE corporate governance requirements, including the requirements that (1) a majority of the board of directors consist of independent directors, (2) a nominating and corporate governance committee be established that is composed entirely of independent directors and has a written charter addressing the committee's purpose and responsibilities, (3) a compensation committee be established that is composed entirely of independent directors and has a written charter addressing the committee's purpose and responsibilities and (4) an annual performance evaluation of the nominating and corporate governance and compensation committees be undertaken. Although we have similar practices, they do not entirely conform to the NYSE requirements for U.S. issuers; therefore we currently use these exemptions and intend to continue using them. Accordingly, you will not have the same protections afforded to shareholders of companies that are subject to all NYSE corporate governance requirements.

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There may be a lack of liquidity and market for our shares and ADSs.

Our ADSs are listed and traded on the NYSE. Our common stock is listed and traded on the Santiago Stock Exchange, the Chile Electronic Stock Exchange and the Valparaiso Stock Exchange, which we refer to collectively as the Chilean Stock Exchanges, although the trading market for the common stock is small by international standards. At December 31, 2017, we had 188,446,126,794 shares of common stock outstanding. The Chilean securities markets are substantially smaller, less liquid and more volatile than major securities markets in the United States. According to Article 14 of the Ley de Mercado de Valores, Ley No. 18,045, or the Chilean Securities Market Law, the Superintendencia de Valores y Seguros, or the Superintendency of Securities and Insurance, may suspend the offer, quotation or trading of shares of any company listed on one or more Chilean Stock Exchanges for up to 30 days if, in its opinion, such suspension is necessary to protect investors or is justified for reasons of public interest. Such suspension may be extended for up to 120 days. If, at the expiration of the extension, the circumstances giving rise to the original suspension have not changed, the Superintendency of Securities and Insurance will then cancel the relevant listing in the registry of securities. In addition, the Santiago Stock Exchange may inquire as to any movement in the price of any securities in excess of 10% and suspend trading in such securities for a day if it deems necessary.

Although our common stock is traded on the Chilean Stock Exchanges, there can be no assurance that a liquid trading market for our common stock will continue to exist. Approximately 33.0% of our outstanding common stock is held by the public (*i.e.*, shareholders other than Santander Spain and its affiliates), including our shares that are represented by ADSs trading on the NYSE. A limited trading market in general and our concentrated ownership in particular may impair the ability of an ADS holder to sell in the Chilean market shares of common stock obtained upon withdrawal of such shares from the ADR facility in the amount and at the price and time such holder desires, and could increase the volatility of the price of the ADSs.

You may be unable to exercise preemptive rights.

The Ley Sobre Sociedades Anónimas, Ley No. 18,046 and the Reglamento de Sociedades Anónimas, which we refer to collectively as the Chilean Companies Law, and applicable regulations require that whenever we issue new common stock for cash, we grant preemptive rights to all of our shareholders (including holders of ADSs), giving them the right to purchase a sufficient number of shares to maintain their existing ownership percentage. Such an offering would not be possible in the United States unless a registration statement under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act"), as amended, were effective with respect to such rights and common stock or an exemption from the registration requirements thereunder were available.

Since we are not obligated to make a registration statement available with respect to such rights and the common stock, you may not be able to exercise your preemptive rights in the United States. If a registration statement is not filed or an applicable exemption is not available under U.S. securities law, the Depositary will sell such holders' preemptive rights and distribute the proceeds thereof if a premium can be recognized over the cost of any such sale.

As a holder of ADSs you will have different shareholders' rights than in the United States and certain other jurisdictions.

Our corporate affairs are governed by our estatutos, or by-laws, and the laws of Chile, which may differ from the legal principles that would apply if we were incorporated in a jurisdiction in the United States or in certain other jurisdictions outside Chile. Under Chilean corporate law, you may have fewer and less well-defined rights to protect your interests than under the laws of other jurisdictions outside Chile. For example, under legislation applicable to Chilean banks, our shareholders would not be entitled to appraisal rights in the event of a merger or other business combination undertaken by us.

Although Chilean corporate law imposes restrictions on insider trading and price manipulation, the form of these regulations and the manner of their enforcement may differ from that in the U.S. securities markets or markets in certain other jurisdictions. In addition, in Chile, self-dealing and the preservation of shareholder interests may be regulated differently, which could potentially disadvantage you as a holder of the shares underlying ADSs.

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Holders of ADSs may find it difficult to exercise voting rights at our shareholders' meetings.

Holders of ADSs will not be our direct shareholders and will be unable to enforce directly the rights of shareholders under our by-laws and the laws of Chile. Holders of ADSs may exercise voting rights with respect to the common stock represented by ADSs only in accordance with the deposit agreement governing the ADSs. Holders of ADSs will face practical limitations in exercising their voting rights because of the additional steps involved in our communications with ADS holders. Holders of our common stock will be able to exercise their voting rights by attending a shareholders' meeting in person or voting by proxy. By contrast, holders of ADSs will receive notice of a shareholders' meeting by mail from the Depositary following our notice to the Depositary requesting the Depository to do so. To exercise their voting rights, holders of ADSs must instruct the Depositary on a timely basis on how they wish to vote. This voting process necessarily will take longer for holders of ADSs than for holders of our common stock. If the Depositary fails to receive timely voting instructions for all or part of the ADSs, the Depositary will assume that the holders of those ADSs are instructing it to give a discretionary proxy to a person designated by us to vote their ADSs, except in limited circumstances.

Holders of ADSs also may not receive the voting materials in time to instruct the Depositary to vote the common stock underlying their ADSs. In addition, the Depositary and its agents are not responsible for failing to carry out voting instructions of the holders of ADSs or for the manner of carrying out those voting instructions. Accordingly, holders of ADSs may not be able to exercise voting rights, and they will have little, if any, recourse if the common stocks underlying their ADSs are not voted as requested.

ADS holders may be subject to additional risks related to holding ADSs rather than shares.

Because ADS holders do not hold their shares directly, they are subject to the following additional risks, among others:

·as an ADS holder, you may not be able to exercise the same shareholder rights as a direct holder of ordinary shares;

we and the Depositary may amend or terminate the deposit agreement without the ADS holders' consent in a manner that could prejudice ADS holders or that could affect the ability of ADS holders to transfer ADSs; and

the Depositary may take or be required to take actions under the Deposit Agreement that may have adverse consequences for some ADS holders in their particular circumstances.

ITEM 4. INFORMATION ON THE COMPANY

 A. History and Development of the Co 	ompany
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Overview

We are the largest bank in Chile in terms of total assets and loans. As of December 31, 2017, we had total assets of Ch\$35,823,605 million (U.S.\$58,075 million), outstanding loans, net of allowances for loan losses of Ch\$ 26,772,544 million (U.S.\$43,402 million), total deposits of Ch\$19,682,111 million (U.S.\$31,907 million) and equity of Ch\$3,147,920 million (U.S.\$5,103 million). As of December 31, 2017, we employed 11,068 people. We have a leading presence in all the major business segments in Chile, and the largest distribution network with national coverage spanning across all the country. We offer unique transaction capabilities to clients through our 385 branches and 926 ATMs. Our headquarters are located in Santiago and we operate in every major region of Chile.

We provide a broad range of commercial and retail banking services to our customers, including Chilean peso and foreign currency denominated loans to finance a variety of commercial transactions, trade, foreign currency forward contracts and credit lines and a variety of retail banking services, including mortgage financing. We seek to offer our customers a wide range of products while providing high levels of service. In addition to our traditional banking operations, we offer a variety of financial services, including financial leasing, financial advisory services, mutual fund management, securities brokerage, insurance brokerage and investment management.

The legal predecessor of Santander-Chile was Banco Santiago ("Santiago"). Old Santander-Chile was established as a subsidiary of Santander Spain in 1978. On August 1, 2002, Santiago and Old Santander Chile merged, whereby the latter ceased to exist and Santander-Chile (formerly known as Santiago) being the surviving entity.

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Our principal executive offices are located at Bandera 140, 20th floor, Santiago, Chile. Our telephone number is +562-320-2000 and our website is www.santander.cl. None of the information contained on our website is incorporated by reference into, or forms part of, this Annual Report. Our agent for service of process in the United States is Puglisi & Associates, 850 Library Ave., Suite 204, Newark, DE 19711.

Relationship with Santander Spain

We believe that our relationship with our controlling shareholder, Santander Spain, offers us a significant competitive advantage over our peer Chilean banks. Santander Spain, our parent company, is one of the largest financial groups in Brazil and the rest of Latin America, in terms of total assets measured on a regional basis. It is the largest financial group in Spain and is a major player elsewhere in Europe, including the United Kingdom, Poland and Portugal, where it is the third-largest banking group. Through Santander Consumer, it also operates a leading consumer finance franchise in the United States, as well as in Germany, Italy, Spain, and several other European countries.

Our relationship with Santander Spain provides us with access to the group's client base, while its multinational focus allows us to offer international solutions to our clients' financial needs. We also have the benefit of selectively borrowing from Santander Spain's product offerings in other countries, as well as of its know-how in systems management. We believe that our relationship with Santander Spain will also enhance our ability to manage credit and market risks by adopting policies and knowledge developed by Santander Spain. In addition, our internal auditing function has been strengthened as a result of the addition of an internal auditing department that concurrently reports directly to our Audit Committee and the audit committee of Santander Spain. We believe that this structure leads to improved monitoring and control of our exposure to operational risks.

Santander Spain's support of Santander-Chile includes the assignment of managerial personnel to key supervisory areas of Santander-Chile, such as risks, auditing, accounting and financial control. Santander-Chile does not pay any management or other fees to Santander Spain in connection with these support services.

Recent Event

During the Ordinary Board Meeting of Banco Santander Chile, held on March 27, 2018, the following matters were agreed upon:

1.

Due to the resignation of the directors Mr. Roberto Méndez Torres and Mr. Roberto Zahler Mayanz, as of this date, the Board has announced the appointment of Mr. Félix de Vicente Mingo and Mr. Alfonso Gómez Morales, who will be incorporated as independent directors.

2. Mr. Orlando Poblete Iturrate has been appointed as First Vice President and Mr. Oscar Von Chrismar Carvajal as the Second Vice President.

B. Business Overview

We have 385 total branches, 276 of which are operated under the Santander brand name, with the remaining branches under certain specialty brand names, including 51 under the Select brand name, 7 specialized branches for the Middle Market and 31 as auxiliary and payment centers. During 2017, we also opened 20 Santander Workcafés and completed the process of closing all branches under the Santander Banefe brand name. We provide a full range of financial services to corporate and individual customers. We divide our clients into the following groups: (i) Retail banking, (ii) Middle-market, (iii) Global Corporate Banking and (iv) Corporate Activities ("Other").

The Bank has the reportable segments noted below (see "Segmentation Criteria" for further information):

Retail Banking

Consists of individuals and small to middle-sized entities (SMEs) with annual sales less than Ch\$1,200 million (U.S.\$1.9 million). This segment gives customers a variety of services, including consumer loans, credit cards, auto loans, commercial loans, foreign exchange, mortgage loans, debit cards, checking accounts, savings products, mutual funds, stock brokerage, and insurance brokerage. Additionally, the SME clients are offered government-guaranteed loans, leasing and factoring.

Middle-market

This segment serves companies and large corporations with annual sales exceeding Ch\$1,200 million (U.S.\$1.9 million). It also serves institutions such as universities, government entities, local and regional governments and companies engaged in the real estate industry who carry out projects to sell properties to third parties and annual sales exceeding Ch\$800 million (U.S.\$1.3 million) with no upper limit. The companies within this segment have access to many products including commercial loans, leasing, factoring, foreign trade, credit cards, mortgage loans, checking accounts, transactional services, treasury services, financial consulting, savings products, mutual funds,

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and insurance brokerage. Also, companies in the real estate industry are offered specialized services to finance projects, chiefly residential, with the aim of expanding sales of mortgage loans.

Global Corporate Banking

This segment consists of foreign and domestic multinational companies with sales over Ch\$10,000 million (U.S.\$16.2 million). The companies within this segment have access to many products including commercial loans, leasing, factoring, foreign trade, credit cards, mortgage loans, checking accounts, transactional services, treasury services, financial consulting, investments, savings products, mutual funds and insurance brokerage.

This segment also consists of a Treasury Division which provides sophisticated financial products, mainly to companies in the Middle-market segment and Global Corporate Banking. These include products such as short-term financing and fund raising, brokerage services, derivatives, securitization and other tailor-made products. The Treasury Division may act as broker to transactions and also manages the Bank's trading fixed income portfolio.

Corporate Activities ("Other")

This segment mainly includes our Financial Management Division, which develops global management functions, including managing inflation rate risk, foreign currency gaps, interest rate risk and liquidity risk. Liquidity risk is managed mainly through wholesale deposits, debt issuances and the Bank's available-for-sale portfolio. This segment also manages capital allocation by unit. These activities usually result in a negative contribution to income.

In addition, this segment encompasses all the intra-segment income and all the activities not assigned to a given segment or product with customers.

The segments' accounting policies are those described in the summary of accounting policies. The Bank earns most of its income in the form of interest income, fee and commission income and income from financial operations. To evaluate a segment's financial performance and make decisions regarding the resources to be assigned to segments, the Chief Operating Decision Maker (CODM) bases his or her assessment on the segment's interest income, fee and commission income, and expenses.

The tables below show the Bank's results by reporting segment for the year ended December 31, 2017, in addition to the corresponding balances of loans and accounts receivable from customers:

For the year ended December 31, 2017

	Loans and accounts receivable from customers (1) Ch\$mn	Net interest income	Net fee and commission income	Financial transactions net (2)	Provision for loan losses	Support expenses (3)	Segment`s net contribution
Retail Banking Middle-market Global Corporate Banking Other Total	19,223,169 6,775,734 1,633,796 83,215 27,725,914	970,332 264,663 100,808 (9,112) 1,326,691	206,449 36,280 27,626 8,708 279,063	20,595 13,751 50,714 44,692 129,752	(293,956) (19,235) 6,440 4,496 (302,255)	(534,970) (91,882) (62,685) (15,356) (704,893)	368,450 203,577 122,903 33,428 728,358
Other operating income Other operating expenses and impairment Income from investments							62,016 (74,057)
in associates and other companies Income tax expense Net income for the year							3,963 (145,031) 575,249

- (1) Corresponds to loans and accounts receivable from customers, without deducting their allowances for loan losses.
- (2) Corresponds to the sum of the net income from financial operations and the foreign exchange profit or loss.
- (3) Corresponds to the sum of personnel salaries and expenses, administrative expenses, depreciation and amortization.

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Operations through Subsidiaries

Today, the General Banking Law permits us to directly provide the leasing and financial advisory services that we could formerly offer only through our subsidiaries, to offer investment advisory services outside of Chile and to undertake activities that we could not formerly offer directly or through subsidiaries, such as factoring, securitization, foreign investment funds, custody and transport of securities and insurance brokerage services. For the twelve–month period ended December 31, 2017, our subsidiaries collectively accounted for 1.2% of our total consolidated assets.

		Percent	ownersh	nip share	As of D	ecember	31,			
		2017			2016			2015		
Name of the Subsidiary	Main activity	Direct	Indirect	Total	Direct	Indirect	Total	Direct	Indirect	Total
·		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Santander Corredora de Seguros Limitada	Insurance brokerage	99.75	0.01	99.76	99.75	0.01	99.76	99.75	0.01	99.76
Santander	Financial									
Corredores de Bolsa	instruments	50.59	0.41	51.00	50.59	0.41	51.00	50.59	0.41	51.00
Limitada(*)	brokerage									
Santander Agente de Valores Limitada	Securities brokerage	99.03	-	99.03	99.03	-	99.03	99.03	-	99.03
Santander S.A.	Purchase of credits									
Sociedad	and issuance of debt	99.64	-	99.64	99.64	-	99.64	99.64	-	99.64
Securitizadora	instruments									

The following companies have been consolidated based on the determination that they are controlled by the Bank, in accordance with IFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements:

- Santander Gestión de Recaudación y Cobranza Limitada (collection services)
- Bansa Santander S.A. (management of repossessed assets and leasing of properties)

^(*) On June 19, 2015, Santander Corredores de Bolsa Limitada, our stock brokerage company changed its corporate structure to that of a limited liability company.

During 2015, Multinegocios S.A. (management of sales force), Servicios Administrativos y Financieros Limitada (management of sales force) and Multiservicios de Negocios Limitada (call center) have ceased rendering sales services to the Bank and the Bank no longer controls their relevant activities. Therefore, as of June 30, 2015, these entities have been excluded from our consolidated results.

In September 2017, Bansa Santander S.A. celebrated a legal cession of rights, which generated an income of Ch\$20,663 million before tax (Ch\$15,197 million net of taxes).

Competition

Overview

The Chilean financial services market consists of a variety of largely distinct sectors. The most important sector, commercial banking, includes a number of privately-owned banks and one public-sector bank, Banco del Estado de Chile (which operates within the same legal and regulatory framework as the private sector banks). The private-sector banks include local banks and a number of foreign-owned banks operating in Chile. The Chilean banking system is comprised of 20 banks, including one public-sector bank. The four largest banks accounted for 64.8% of all outstanding loans by Chilean financial institutions as of December 31, 2017 (excluding assets held abroad by Chilean banks).

The Chilean banking system has experienced increased competition in recent years, largely due to consolidation in the industry and new legislation. We also face competition from non-bank and non-finance competitors, principally department stores, credit unions and *cajas de compensación* (private, non-profitable corporations whose aim is to administer social welfare benefits, including payroll loans, to their members) with respect to some of our credit products, such as credit cards, consumer loans and insurance brokerage. In addition, we face competition from non-bank finance competitors, such as leasing, factoring and automobile finance companies, with respect to credit products, and mutual funds, pension funds and insurance companies, with respect to savings products. Currently, banks continue to be the main suppliers of leasing, factoring and mutual funds, and the insurance sales business has grown rapidly.

All the competition data in the following sections is based on Chilean Bank GAAP.

The following tables set out certain statistics comparing our market position to that of our peer group, defined as the five largest banks in Chile in terms of total loans as of December 31, 2017 (excluding assets held by Chilean banks abroad).

As of
December 31,
2017,
unless
otherwise
noted
Market
Share
Rank

Commercial loans

17.1% 2

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Consumer loans	22.4%	1
Residential mortgage loans	20.7%	1
Total loans	19.0%	1
Deposits	17.3%	2
Credit card issued	15.5%	1
Checking accounts (1)	25.1%	1
Branches ⁽¹⁾	17.7%	1

Source: SBIF

(1) As of November 2017, the latest available information

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Loans

As of December 31, 2017, our loan portfolio was the largest among Chilean banks. Our loan portfolio, including interbank loans, represented 19.0% of the market for loans in the Chilean financial system as of such date. The following table sets forth our and our peer group's market shares in terms of loans (excluding assets held by Chilean banks abroad).

1 21 2017

	As of December 31, 2017						
	(Chilean Bank GAAP)						
Loans	Ch\$ million	U.S.\$ million	Market Share				
Santander-Chile	27,725,914	44,948	19.0 %				
Banco de Chile	25,848,904	41,905	17.7 %				
Banco del Estado de Chile	21,740,780	35,245	14.9 %				
Banco de Crédito e Inversiones	19,512,480	31,632	13.3 %				
Itaú Corpbanca	15,405,121	24,974	10.5 %				
Scotiabank Chile	10,448,237	16,938	7.1 %				
BBVA, Chile	9,724,985	15,766	6.6 %				
Others	15,843,909	25,685	10.8 %				
Chilean financial system	146,250,331	237,092	100.0%				

Source: SBIF

Deposits

We had a 17.3% market share in deposits, ranking second among banks in Chile as of December 31, 2017. Deposit market share is based on total time and demand deposits as of the respective dates. The following table sets forth our and our peer group's market shares in terms of deposits (excluding assets held by Chilean banks abroad).

	As of December 31, 2017			
	(Chilean Bank	(GAAP)		
Danagita	Ch\$ million	U.S.\$	Market	
Deposits	CII\$ IIIIIIOII	million	Share	
Banco del Estado de Chile	23,016,163	37,312	20.2 %	
Santander-Chile	19,682,111	31,907	17.3 %	
Banco de Chile	18,983,484	30,775	16.6 %	

Banco de Crédito e Inversiones	14,525,225	23,547	12.7	%
Itaú Corpbanca	9,832,856	15,940	8.6	%
Scotiabank Chile	7,024,759	11,388	6.2	%
BBVA, Chile	6,810,027	11,040	6.0	%
Others	14,173,043	22,976	12.4	%
Chilean financial system	114,047,668	184,887	100.0)%

Source: SBIF.

Total equity

With Ch\$3,108,063 million (U.S.\$5,039 million) in equity in Chilean Bank GAAP as of December 31, 2017, we were the second largest commercial bank in Chile in terms of shareholders' equity. The following table sets forth our and our peer group's shareholders' equity.

	As of December 31, 2017				
	(Chilean Ban	nk GAAP)			
Total Equity	Ch\$ million	U.S.\$	Market		
Total Equity	Ciiş iiiiiioii	million	Share		
Itaú Corpbanca	3,399,830	5,512	18.3 %		
Santander-Chile	3,108,063	5,039	16.7 %		
Banco de Chile	3,105,715	5,035	16.7 %		
Banco de Crédito e Inversiones	2,728,286	4,423	14.7 %		
Banco del Estado de Chile	1,654,457	2,682	8.9 %		
Scotiabank Chile	993,995	1,611	5.3 %		
BBVA, Chile	902,368	1,463	4.8 %		
Others	2,713,215	4,399	14.6 %		
Chilean financial system	18,605,929	30,163	100.0%		

Source: SBIF.

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Efficiency

As of December 31, 2017, we were the most efficient bank in our peer group. The following table sets forth our and our peer group's efficiency ratio (defined as operating expenses as a percentage of operating revenue, which is the aggregate of net interest income, fees and income from services (net), net gains from mark-to-market and trading, exchange differences (net) and other operating income (net)) in each case under Chilean Bank GAAP.

Efficiency ratio as defined by the SBIF	As of Decem 31, 20 (Chilea Bank GAAP	17 an
Santander-Chile	43.0	%
Banco de Chile	45.8	%
Banco de Crédito e Inversiones	53.5	%
Scotiabank Chile	51.5	%
BBVA, Chile	53.4	%
Banco del Estado de Chile	63.8	%
Itaú Corpbanca	67.9	%
Chilean financial system	52.6	%

Source: SBIF.

Net income for the period attributable to equity holders

In 2017, we were the second largest bank in Chile in terms of net income attributable to shareholders of Ch\$564,815 million (U.S.\$916 million) measured under Chilean Bank GAAP. The following table sets forth our and our peer group's net income.

As of December 31, 2017 (Chilean Bank GAAP) Ch\$ U.S.\$ Market Net income attributable to equity holders million million Share Banco de Chile 576,012 934 26.1 % Santander-Chile 564,815 916 25.6 % Banco de Crédito e Inversiones 371,403 602 16.9 % Banco del Estado de Chile 120,501 195 5.5 % BBVA, Chile 106,006 172 4.8 % Scotiabank Chile 103,299 167 4.7 % Itaú Corpbanca 57,447 93 2.6 % Others 361,807 16.4 % 587 Chilean financial system 2,203,843 3,573 100.0%

Source: SBIF.

Return on equity

As of December 31, 2017, we were the most profitable bank in our peer group (as measured by return on period-end equity under Chilean Bank GAAP) and the fourth most capitalized bank as measured by the Chilean BIS ratio. The following table sets forth our and our peer group's return on average equity and BIS ratio.

Santander-Chile 18.6 % 13.5 % Banco de Chile 18.5 % 14.5 % Banco de Crédito e Inversiones 13.6 % 13.3 % Banco del Estado de Chile 8.0 % 11.0 % BBVA, Chile 11.8 % 12.1 % Itaú Corpbanca 1.6 % 14.4 % Scotiabank Chile 11.5 % 10.9 % Chilean Financial System 12.0 % 13.6 %		Return on period-end equity as of December 31, 2017 (Chilean Bank GAAP)	of as of November
Banco de Crédito e Inversiones 13.6 % 13.3 % Banco del Estado de Chile 8.0 % 11.0 % BBVA, Chile 11.8 % 12.1 % Itaú Corpbanca 1.6 % 14.4 % Scotiabank Chile 11.5 % 10.9 %	Santander-Chile	18.6 %	13.5 %
Banco del Estado de Chile 8.0 % 11.0 % BBVA, Chile 11.8 % 12.1 % Itaú Corpbanca 1.6 % 14.4 % Scotiabank Chile 11.5 % 10.9 %	Banco de Chile	18.5 %	14.5 %
BBVA, Chile 11.8 % 12.1 % Itaú Corpbanca 1.6 % 14.4 % Scotiabank Chile 11.5 % 10.9 %	Banco de Crédito e Inversiones	13.6 %	13.3 %
Itaú Corpbanca 1.6 % 14.4 % Scotiabank Chile 11.5 % 10.9 %	Banco del Estado de Chile	8.0 %	11.0 %
Scotiabank Chile 11.5 % 10.9 %	BBVA, Chile	11.8 %	12.1 %
	Itaú Corpbanca	1.6 %	14.4 %
Chilean Financial System 12.0 % 13.6 %	Scotiabank Chile	11.5 %	10.9 %
	Chilean Financial System	12.0 %	13.6 %

Source: SBIF.

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As of December 31, 2017, we had the second-highest non-performing loan to loan ratio in our peer group. The following table sets forth our and our peer group's non-performing loan ratio as defined by the SBIF as of December 31, 2017.

	Non-performing loans / total loans ⁽¹⁾ as of December 31, 2017	
	(Chilean Bank	
	GAAP)	
Santander-Chile	2.30	%
Banco de Chile	1.19	%
Banco de Crédito e Inversiones	1.41	%
Banco del Estado de Chile	3.09	%
BBVA, Chile	1.18	%
Itaú Corpbanca	2.26	%
Scotiabank Chile	2.41	%
Chilean financial system	1.95	%

Source: SBIF.

(1) Excluding interbank loans.

Regulation and Supervision

General

In Chile, only banks may maintain checking accounts for their customers, conduct foreign trade operations, and, together with non-banking financial institutions, accept time deposits. The principal authorities that regulate financial institutions in Chile are the SBIF and the Central Bank. Chilean banks are primarily subject to the General Banking Law, and secondarily subject, to the extent not inconsistent with this statute, the provisions of the Chilean Companies Law governing public corporations, except for certain provisions which are expressly excluded.

The modern Chilean banking system dates from 1925 and has been characterized by periods of substantial regulation and state intervention, as well as periods of deregulation. The most recent period of deregulation commenced in 1975 and culminated in the adoption of a series of amendments to General Banking Law. That law, amended most recently in 2001, granted additional powers to banks, including general underwriting powers for new issues of certain debt and equity securities and the power to create subsidiaries to engage in activities related to banking, such as brokerage, investment advisory and mutual fund services, administration of investment funds, factoring, securitization products and financial leasing services.

The Central Bank

The Central Bank is an autonomous legal entity created by the Chilean Constitution. It is subject to the Chilean Constitution and its own *ley orgánica constitucional*, or organic constitutional law. To the extent not inconsistent with the Chilean Constitution or the Central Bank's organic constitutional law, the Central Bank is also subject to private sector laws (but in no event is it subject to the laws applicable to the public sector). It is directed and administered by a Board of Directors composed of five members designated by the President of Chile, subject to the approval of the Chilean Senate.

The legal purpose of the Central Bank is to maintain the stability of the Chilean peso and the orderly functioning of Chile's internal and external payment systems. The Central Bank's powers include setting reserve requirements, regulating the amount of money and credit in circulation, establishing regulations and guidelines regarding finance companies, foreign exchange (including the Formal Exchange Market) and banks' deposit-taking activities.

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The SBIF

Banks are supervised and controlled by the SBIF, an independent Chilean governmental agency. The SBIF authorizes the creation of new banks and has broad powers to interpret and enforce legal and regulatory requirements applicable to banks and financial companies. Furthermore, in cases of noncompliance with such legal and regulatory requirements, the SBIF has the ability to impose sanctions. In extreme cases, it can appoint, with the prior approval of the Board of Directors of the Central Bank, a provisional administrator to manage a bank. It must also approve any amendment to a bank's by-laws or any increase in its capital.

The SBIF examines all banks from time to time, generally at least once a year. Banks are also required to submit their financial statements monthly to the SBIF, and a bank's financial statements are published at least four times a year in a newspaper with countrywide coverage. In addition, banks are required to provide extensive information regarding their operations at various periodic intervals to the SBIF. A bank's annual financial statements and the opinion of its independent auditors must also be submitted to the SBIF.

Any person wishing to acquire, directly or indirectly, 10.0% or more of the share capital of a bank must obtain the prior approval of the SBIF. Absent such approval, the acquirer of shares so acquired will not have the right to vote. The SBIF may only refuse to grant its approval, based on specific grounds set forth in the General Banking Law.

According to Article 35bis of the General Banking Law, the prior authorization of the SBIF is required for:

- the merger of two or more banks;
- the acquisition of all or a substantial portion of a bank's assets and liabilities by another bank;
 - the control by the same person, or controlling group, of two or more banks; or
- a substantial increase in the existing control of a bank by a controlling shareholder of that bank.

Such prior authorization is required solely when the acquiring bank or the resulting group of banks would own a significant market share in loans, defined by the SBIF to be more than 15.0% of all loans in the Chilean banking system. The intended purchase, merger or expansion may be denied by the SBIF; or, if the acquiring bank or resulting group would own a market share in loans determined to be more than 20.0% of all loans in the Chilean banking system, the purchase, merger or expansion may be conditioned on one or more of the following:

•that the bank or banks maintain regulatory capital higher than 8.0% and up to 14.0% of their risk-weighted assets;

that the technical reserve established in Article 65 of the General Banking Law be applicable when deposits exceed one and a half times the resulting bank's paid-in capital and reserves; or

that the margin for interbank loans be reduced to 20.0% of the resulting bank's regulatory capital.

If the acquiring bank or resulting group would own a market share in loans determined by the SBIF to be more than 15.0% but less than 20.0%, the authorization will be conditioned on the bank or banks maintaining a regulatory capital not lower than 10.0% of their risks-weighted assets for the period specified by the SBIF, which may not be less than one year. The calculation of the risk-weighted assets is based on a five-category risk classification system applied to a bank's assets that is based on the Basel Committee recommendations.

Pursuant to the regulations of the SBIF, the following ownership disclosures are required:

a bank is required to inform the SBIF of the identity of any person owning, directly or indirectly, 5.0% or more of such banks' shares;

holders of ADSs must disclose to the Depositary the identity of beneficial owners of ADSs registered under such holders' names;

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the Depositary is required to notify the bank as to the identity of beneficial owners of ADSs which such Depositary has registered and the bank, in turn, is required to notify the SBIF as to the identity of the beneficial owners of the ADSs representing 5.0% or more of such banks' shares; and

bank shareholders who individually hold 10.0% or more of a bank's capital stock and who are controlling shareholders must periodically inform the SBIF of their financial condition.

Financial Market Commission

In 2017, Law 21,000 created the *Comisio n para el Mercado Financiero* or Financial Market Commission (FMC). The FMC would become the sole supervisor for the Chilean financial system overseeing insurance companies, companies with publicly traded securities, credit unions, credit card and prepaid card issuers, and eventually banks. It will be the responsibility of this commission to ensure the proper functioning, development and stability of the financial market, facilitating the participation of market agents and defending public faith in the financial markets. To do so, it must maintain a general and systemic vision of the market, considering the interests of investors and policyholders. Likewise, it shall be responsible for ensuring that the persons or entities audited, from their initiation until the end of their liquidation, comply with the laws, regulations, statutes and other provisions that govern them.

The Commission will be in charge of a Council, which will be composed of five members, who are appointed and are subject to the following rules:

A Commissioner appointed by the President of the Republic, of recognized professional or academic prestige in matters related to the financial system, which will have the character of President of the Commission.

Four commissioners appointed by the President of the Republic, from among persons of recognized professional or academic prestige in matters related to the financial system, by supreme decree issued through the Ministry of Finance, after ratification of the Senate by the four sevenths of its members in exercise, in session specially convened for that purpose.

The Council's responsibilities include regulation, sanctioning and the definition of general supervision policies. In addition, there will be a prosecutor in charge of investigations and the Chairman will be responsible for supervision. The FMC will act in coordination with the Chilean Central Bank (BCCh).

The date of entry into operation of the Commission for the Financial Market was December 14, 2017. The Superintendency of Securities and Insurance will be eliminated on January 15, 2018 and all functions of this Superintendency will be absorbed by the FMC. Once the new General Banking Law is passed the SBIF will also be absorbed by the FMC. All current SBIF attributions would be transferred to the FMC.

Limitations on Types of Activities

Chilean banks can only conduct those activities allowed by the General Banking Law: making loans, accepting deposits and, subject to limitations, making investments and performing financial services. Investments are restricted to real estate for the bank's own use, gold, foreign exchange and debt securities. Through subsidiaries, banks may also engage in other specific financial service activities such as securities brokerage services, equity investments, securities, mutual fund management, investment fund management, financial advisory and leasing activities. Subject to specific limitations and the prior approval of the SBIF and the Central Bank, Chilean banks may own majority or non-controlling interests in foreign banks.

Since June 1, 2002, Chilean banks are allowed to offer a new checking account product that pays interest. The SBIF also stated that these accounts may be subject to minimum balance limits and different interest rates depending on average balances held in the account and that banks may also charge fees for the use of this new product. For banks with a solvency score of less than A, the Central Bank has also imposed additional caps to the interest rate that can be paid.

On June 5, 2007, pursuant to Law 20.190, new regulations became effective authorizing banks to enter into transactions involving a wider range of derivatives, such as futures, options, swaps, forwards and other derivative

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instruments or contracts subject to specific limitations established by the Central Bank of Chile. Previously, banks were able to enter into transactions involving derivatives, but subject to more restrictive guidelines.

Deposit Insurance

The Chilean government guarantees up to 90.0% of the principal amount of certain time and demand deposits and savings accounts held by natural persons with a maximum value of UF120 per person (Ch\$3,215,777 or U.S.\$5,227 as of December 31, 2017) per calendar year in the entire financial system.

Reserve Requirements

Deposits are subject to a reserve requirement of 9.0% for demand deposits and 3.6% for time deposits (with terms of less than one year). For purposes of calculating the reserve obligation, banks are authorized to deduct daily from their foreign currency denominated liabilities, the balance in foreign currency of certain loans and financial investments held outside of Chile, the most relevant of which include:

- · cash clearance account, which should be deducted from demand deposit for calculating reserve requirement;
 - · certain payment orders issued by pension providers; and
- the amount set aside for "technical reserve" (as described below), which can be deducted from reserve requirement.

The Central Bank has statutory authority to require banks to maintain reserves of up to an average of 40.0% for demand deposits and up to 20.0% for time deposits (irrespective, in each case, of the currency in which they are denominated) to implement monetary policy. In addition, to the extent that the aggregate amount of the following types of liabilities exceeds 2.5 times the amount of a bank's regulatory capital, a bank must maintain a 100.0% "technical reserve" against them: demand deposits, deposits in checking accounts, or obligations payable on sight incurred in the ordinary course of business, and in general all deposits unconditionally payable immediately but excluding interbank demand deposits.

Minimum Capital

Under the General Banking Law, a bank is required to have a minimum of UF800,000 (approximately Ch\$21,439 million or U.S.\$34.8 million as of December 31, 2017) of paid-in capital and reserves, calculated in accordance with Chilean Bank GAAP, regulatory capital of at least 8.0% of its risk weighted assets, net of required allowances, and paid in capital and reserves of at least 3.0% of its total assets, net of required allowances, as calculated in accordance with Chilean Bank GAAP.

Regulatory capital is defined as the aggregate of:

a bank's paid-in capital and reserves, excluding capital attributable to subsidiaries and foreign branches or *capital* básico;

its subordinated bonds, valued at their placement price (but decreasing by 20.0% for each year during the period commencing six years prior to maturity), for an amount up to 50.0% of its core capital; and

its voluntary allowances for loan losses for an amount of up to 1.25% of risk weighted-assets.

Capital Adequacy Requirements

According to the General Banking Law, each bank should have regulatory capital of at least 8.0% of its risk-weighted assets, net of required allowances. The calculation of risk weighted assets is based on a five-category risk classification system for bank assets that is based on the Basel Committee recommendations. The SBIF is expected to implement in 2017 the Basel III capital standards in Chile, which will includes the implementation of capital limits with market risk and operational risk-weighted assets. These changes must be approved by the Chilean Congress, as it involves a modification to the General Banking Law.

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Banks should also have *capital básico*, or core capital, of at least 3.0% of their total assets, net of allowances. Core capital is defined to include shareholders' equity.

Within the scope of Basel III in Chile, further changes in regulation may occur. See "Item 3. Key Information—D. Risk Factors—Risks Relating to Chile—We are subject to substantial regulation and regulatory and governmental oversight which could adversely affect our business, operations and financial condition."

Lending Limits

Under the General Banking Law, Chilean banks are subject to certain lending limits, including the following material limits:

A bank may not extend to any entity or individual (or any one group of related entities), except for another financial institution, directly or indirectly, unsecured credit in an amount that exceeds 10.0% of the bank's regulatory capital, or in an amount that exceeds 30.0% of its regulatory capital if the excess over 10.0% is secured by certain assets with a value equal to or higher than such excess. These limits were raised from 5.0% and 25.0%, respectively, in 2007 by the *Reformas al Mercado de Capitales II* (also known as MK2). In the case of financing infrastructure projects built by government concession, the 10.0% ceiling for unsecured credits is raised to 15.0% if secured by a pledge over the concession, or if granted by two or more banks or finance companies which have executed a credit agreement with the builder or holder of the concession;

- a bank may not extend loans to another financial institution subject to the General Banking Law in an aggregate amount exceeding 30.0% of its regulatory capital;
- a bank may not directly or indirectly grant a loan whose purpose is to allow an individual or entity to acquire shares of the lender bank;
- a bank may not lend, directly or indirectly, to a director or any other person who has the power to act on behalf of the bank; and
 - a bank may not grant loans to related parties (including holders of more than 1.0% of its shares) on more favorable terms than those generally offered to non-related parties. Loans granted to related parties are subject to the limitations described in the first bullet point above. In addition, the aggregate amount of loans to related parties may not exceed a bank's regulatory capital.

In addition, the General Banking Law limits the aggregate amount of loans that a bank may grant to its employees to 1.5% of its regulatory capital, and provides that no individual employee may receive loans in excess of 10.0% of this 1.5% limit. Notwithstanding these limitations, a bank may grant to each of its employees a single residential mortgage loan for personal use during such employee's term of employment.

Allowance for Loan Losses

Chilean banks are required to provide to the SBIF detailed information regarding their loan portfolio on a monthly basis. The SBIF examines and evaluates each financial institution's credit management process, including its compliance with the loan classification guidelines. Banks are classified into four categories: 1, 2, 3 and 4. Each bank's category depends on the models and methods used by the bank to classify its loan portfolio, as determined by the SBIF. Category 1 banks are those banks whose methods and models are satisfactory to the SBIF. Category 1 banks will be entitled to continue using the same methods and models they currently have in place. A bank classified as a category 2 bank will have to maintain the minimum levels of reserves established by the SBIF while its Board of Directors will be made aware of the problems detected by the SBIF and required to take steps to correct them. Banks classified as categories 3 and 4 will have to maintain the minimum levels of reserves established by the SBIF until they are authorized by the SBIF to do otherwise. Santander-Chile is categorized as a "Category 1" bank.

Differences between IFRS and Chilean Bank GAAP

As stated above, Chilean Bank GAAP, as prescribed by the Compendium of Accounting Standards (the "Compendium"), differs in certain respects from IFRS. The main differences that should be considered by an investor are the following:

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Suspension of Income Recognition on Accrual Basis

In accordance with the Compendium, financial institutions must suspend recognition of income on an accrual basis in their statements of income for certain loans included in the impaired portfolio. IFRS does not allow the suspension of accrual of interest on financial assets for which an impairment loss has been determined. This difference does not materially impact our Audited Consolidated Financial Statements.

Charge-offs and Accounts Receivable

The Compendium requires companies to establish deadlines for the charge-off of loans and accounts receivable. IFRS does not require any such deadline for charge-offs. A charge-off due to impairment would be recorded, if and only if, all efforts at collection of the loan or account receivable had been exhausted. Accordingly, this difference does not materially impact our Audited Consolidated Financial Statements.

Assets Received In Lieu of Payment

The Compendium requires that the initial value of assets received in lieu of payment be the value agreed upon with a debtor as a result of the loan settlement or the value awarded in an auction, as applicable. These assets are required to be written off one year after their acquisition, if the assets have not been previously disposed of. IFRS requires that assets received in lieu of payment be initially accounted for at fair value. Subsequently, asset valuation depends on the classification provided by the entity for that type of asset. No deadline is established for charging-off an asset. The Bank has adjusted the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements accordingly.

Loan loss allowances

The main difference between Chilean bank GAAP and IFRS regarding loan loss allowances is that under Chilean Bank GAAP, these are calculated based on specific guidelines set by the SBIF, which are in turn based on an expected losses approach, and under IFRS, we use an incurred loss approach. The Bank has adjusted the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements accordingly. The SBIF has announced that it will not be adopting IFRS 9 in 2018. The most significant impact of IFRS 9 on the Bank's financial statements arises from the new impairment requirements. Impairment losses will increase and become more volatile for financial instruments in the scope of the IFRS 9 impairment model. Based on the assessment undertaken to date, the total estimated adjustment (net of tax) of the adoption of IFRS 9 on the opening balance on the Bank's equity at 1 January 2018 is Ch\$82,454 million (net of tax).

Provisions for country risk and for contingent loan risk

Under Chilean GAAP, the Bank provisions for country risk to cover the risk taken when holding or committing resources with any foreign country. These allowances are established according to country risk classifications established by the SBIF and therefore are not in accordance with IFRS as issued by the IASB. Our Audited Consolidated Financial Statements have been adjusted accordingly.

Also under Chilean GAAP, the Bank has established allowances related to the undrawn available credit lines and contingent loans in accordance with the SBIF. As IFRS only permits allowances following its internal models based on incurred debt, the Bank has adjusted the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements accordingly.

These differences do not materially impact our financial statements.

Deferred taxes

The Bank records, when appropriate, deferred tax assets and liabilities for the estimated future tax effects attributable to differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities and their tax bases. Due to the adjustments made to the consolidated financial statements, we adjust deferred taxes accordingly.

Provision for mandatory dividends

This provision is made in accordance with the Bank's internal policy, pursuant to which at least 30% of net income for the period is distributed, except in the case of a contrary resolution adopted at the respective

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shareholders' meeting by unanimous vote of the outstanding shares. While the Bank uses the same policy under Chilean GAAP and IFRS, the net income used to calculate the provision is adjusted in accordance with IFRS principles, however for the distribution of dividends, the Bank uses the net income according to Chilean GAAP.

Capital Markets

Under the General Banking Law, banks in Chile may purchase, sell, place, underwrite and act as paying agents with respect to certain debt securities. Likewise, banks in Chile may place and underwrite certain equity securities. Bank subsidiaries may also engage in debt placement and dealing, equity issuance advice and securities brokerage, as well as in financial leasing, mutual fund and investment fund administration, investment advisory services and merger and acquisition services. These subsidiaries are regulated by the SBIF and, in some cases, also by the Superintendency of Securities and Insurance, the regulator of the Chilean securities market, open-stock corporations and insurance companies.

Legal Provisions Regarding Banking Institutions with Economic Difficulties

The General Banking Law provides that if specified adverse circumstances exist at any bank, its Board of Directors must correct the situation within 30 days from the date of receipt of the relevant financial statements. If the Board of Directors is unable to do so, it must call a special shareholders' meeting to increase the capital of the bank by the amount necessary to return the bank to financial stability. If the shareholders reject the capital increase, or if it is not effected within the term and in the manner agreed to at the meeting, or if the SBIF does not approve the Board of Directors' proposal, the bank will be barred from increasing its loan portfolio beyond that stated in the financial statements presented to the Board of Directors and from making any further investments in any instrument other than in instruments issued by the Central Bank. In such a case, or in the event that a bank is unable to make timely payment in respect of its obligations, or if a bank is under provisional administration of the SBIF, the General Banking Law provides that the bank may receive a two-year term loan from another bank. The terms and conditions of such a loan must be approved by the directors of both banks, as well as by the SBIF, but need not be submitted to the borrowing bank's shareholders for their approval. In any event, a creditor bank cannot grant interbank loans to an insolvent bank in an amount exceeding 25.0% of the creditor bank's regulatory capital. The Board of Directors of a bank that is unable to make timely payment of its obligations must present a reorganization plan to its creditors in order to capitalize the credits, extend their respective terms, condone debts or take other measures for the payment of the debts. If the Board of Directors of a bank submits a reorganization plan to its creditors and such arrangement is approved, all subordinated debt issued by the bank, whether or not matured, will be converted by operation of law into common stock in the amount required for the ratio of regulatory capital to risk-weighted assets to be not lower than 12.0%. If a bank fails to pay an obligation, it must notify the SBIF, which shall determine if the bank is solvent.

Dissolution and Liquidation of Banks

The SBIF may establish that a bank should be liquidated for the benefit of its depositors or other creditors when such bank does not have the necessary solvency to continue its operations. In such case, the SBIF must revoke a bank's authorization to exist and order its mandatory liquidation, subject to agreement by the Central Bank. The SBIF must also revoke a bank's authorization if the reorganization plan of such bank has been rejected twice. The resolution by the SBIF must state the reason for ordering the liquidation and must name a liquidator, unless the SBIF assumes this responsibility. When a liquidation is declared, all checking accounts and other demand deposits received in the ordinary course of business, are required to be paid by using existing funds of the bank, its deposits with the Central Bank or its investments in instruments that represent its reserves. If these funds are insufficient to pay these obligations, the liquidator may seize the rest of the bank's assets, as needed. If necessary and in specified circumstances, the Central Bank will lend the bank the funds necessary to pay these obligations. Any such loans are preferential to any claims of other creditors of the liquidated bank.

Obligations Denominated in Foreign Currencies

Santander-Chile must also comply with various regulatory and internal limits regarding exposure to movements in foreign exchange rates (See "Item 11. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk").

Loans and Investments in Foreign Securities

Under current Chilean banking regulations, banks in Chile may grant loans to foreign individuals and entities and invest in certain securities of foreign issuers. Banks may grant commercial loans and foreign trade loans, and

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can buy loans granted by banks abroad. Banks in Chile may also invest in debt securities traded in formal secondary markets. Such debt securities must be (1) securities issued or guaranteed by foreign sovereign states or their central banks or other foreign or international financial entities, and (2) bonds issued by foreign companies. If the sum of investment in foreign securities and loans granted outside of Chile surpasses 70.0% of regulatory capital, the amount that exceeds 70.0% is subject to a mandatory reserve of 100.0%.

Table 1

Rating Agency	Short Term	Long Term
Moody's	P2	Baa3
Standard and Poor's	A3	BBB-
Fitch	F2	BBB-
Dominion Bond Rating (DBRS)	R-2	BBB (low)

In the event that the sum of: (a) loans granted abroad that are not to subsidiaries of Chilean companies, and that have a rating of BB- or less and do not trade on a foreign stock exchange, and (b) the investments in foreign securities which have a rating that is below that indicated in Table 1 above, but is equal to or exceeds the ratings mentioned in the Table 2 below and exceeds 20.0% (and 30.0% for banks with a BIS ratio equal or exceeding 10% of the regulatory capital of such bank), the excess is subject to a mandatory reserve of 100.0%.

Table 2

Rating Agency	Short Terr	n Long Term
Moody's	P2	Ba3
Standard and Poor's	A-2	BB-
Fitch	F2	BB-
Dominion Bond Rating (DBRS)	R-2	BB (low)

In addition, banks may invest in foreign securities whose ratings are equal or exceeds those mentioned in Table 3 below for an additional amount equal to 70% of their regulatory capital. This limit constitutes an additional margin and is not subject to the 100% mandatory reserve.

Additionally, a Chilean bank may invest in foreign securities whose rating is equal to or exceeds those mentioned in Table 3 below in: (i) demand deposits with foreign banks, including overnight deposits in a single entity; and (ii) securities issued or guaranteed by sovereign states or their central banks or securities issued or guaranteed by foreign entities within the Chilean State, though investment will be subject to the limits by issuer up to 30.0% and 50.0%, respectively, of the regulatory capital of the Chilean bank that makes the investment. If these foreign securities do not

have a rating, the individual limit will be 10.0% of regulatory capital.

Table 3

Rating Agency Short Term Long Term Moody's P1 Aa3
Standard and Poor's A1+ AAFitch F1+ AA-

DBRS R-1 (high) AA(low)

Moreover, the sum of all demand deposits with foreign banks, including overnight deposits to related parties, as defined by the Central Bank and the SBIF, cannot surpass 25.0% of a bank's regulatory capital. This limit excludes foreign branches of Chilean banks or their subsidiaries, but must include amounts deposited by these entities in related parties abroad.

Chilean banks may only invest in equity securities of foreign banks and certain other foreign companies which may be affiliates of the bank or which would be complementary to the bank's business if such companies were incorporated in Chile.

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United States Supervision and Regulation

Financial Regulatory Reform

Banking statutes and regulations are continually under review by the United States Congress. In addition to laws and regulations, the U.S. bank regulatory agencies may issue policy statements, interpretive letters and similar written guidance. Many changes have occurred as a result of the Dodd-Frank Act and its implementing regulations, most of which are now in place. More recently, President Trump issued an executive order in 2017 that sets forth principles for financial regulatory and legislative reform, and the Republican majority in Congress has also suggested an agenda for financial legislative reform. It is too early to assess whether there will be any major changes in the regulatory environment or merely a rebalancing of the post-financial crisis framework, but we will monitor these developments and assess their impact on our operations, if any.

Volcker Rule

Section 13 of the U.S. Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended, and its implementing rules, (collectively, the "Volcker Rule") prohibit "banking entities" from engaging in certain forms of proprietary trading or from sponsoring or investing in "covered funds," in each case subject to certain exceptions. The Volcker Rule also limits the ability of banking entities and their affiliates to enter into certain transactions with covered funds with which they or their affiliates have certain relationships. Banking entities such as Santander-Chile and Santander Spain were required to bring their activities and investments into compliance with the requirements of the Volcker Rule by the end of the conformance period applicable to each requirement. Santander Spain has assessed how the Volcker Rule affects its businesses and subsidiaries, including Santander-Chile, and has brought its activities into compliance. The Group has adopted processes to establish, maintain, enforce, review and test the compliance program designed to achieve and maintain compliance with the Volcker Rule. The Volcker Rule contains exclusions and certain exemptions for market-making, hedging, underwriting, trading in U.S. government and agency obligations, as well as certain foreign government obligations, and trading solely outside the United States, and also permits certain ownership interests in certain types of funds to be retained. Santander Spain and its non-U.S. banking organization subsidiaries, including Santander-Chile, are largely able to continue their activities outside the United States in reliance on the "solely outside the U.S." exemptions from the Volcker Rule. Those exemptions generally exempt proprietary trading, and sponsoring or investing in covered funds if, among other restrictions, the essential actions take place outside the United States and any transactions are not with U.S. persons.

On July 21, 2017 the five regulatory agencies charged with implementing the Volcker Rule announced the coordination of reviews of the treatment of certain foreign funds that are investment funds organized and offered outside of the United States and that are excluded from the definition of covered fund under the agencies' implementing regulations. Also in July 2017, the Federal Reserve issued guidelines for banking entities seeking an extension to conform certain "seeding" investments in covered funds to the requirements of the Volcker Rule.

The Volcker Rule and its implementing regulations are currently subject to financial reform developments in the United States, including a notice issued by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency requesting public comment on potential changes to the regulations implementing the Volcker Rule and seeking specific recommendations on how the Volcker Rule regulations could be tailored in certain focus areas to enhance their effectiveness. Santander Spain will continue to monitor these developments and assess their impact on its operations, including those of Santander-Chile, as necessary.

U.S. Anti-Money Laundering, Anti-Terrorist Financing, and Foreign Corrupt Practices Act Regulations

The Bank, as a foreign private issuer whose securities are registered under the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, is subject to the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (the "FCPA"). The FCPA generally prohibits such issuers and their directors, officers, employees and agents from using any means or instrumentality of U.S. interstate commerce in furtherance of any offer or payment of money to any foreign official or political party for the purpose of influencing a decision of such person in order to obtain or retain business. It also requires that the issuer maintain books and records and a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that accountability of assets is maintained and accurate financial statements can be prepared. Penalties, fines and imprisonment of the Bank's officers and/or directors can be imposed for violations of the FCPA.

Furthermore, the Bank is subject to a variety of U.S. anti-money laundering and anti-terrorist financing laws and regulations, such as the Bank Secrecy Act of 1970, as amended, and the USA PATRIOT ACT of 2001, as amended, and a violation of such laws and regulations may result in substantial penalties, fines and imprisonment of the Bank's officers and/or directors.

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Disclosure pursuant to Section 219 of the Iran threat reduction and Syria human rights act

Pursuant to Section 219 of the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012, which added Section 13(r) to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), an issuer is required to disclose in its annual or quarterly reports, as applicable, whether it or any of its affiliates knowingly engaged in certain activities, transactions or dealings relating to Iran or with individuals or entities designated pursuant to certain Executive Orders. Disclosure is generally required even where the activities, transactions or dealings were conducted in compliance with applicable law.

The following activities are disclosed in response to Section 13(r) with respect to affiliates of Santander UK within the Group. During the period covered by this annual report:

- (a) Santander UK holds two savings accounts and one current account for two customers resident in the UK who are currently designated by the US under the Specially Designated Global Terrorist (SDGT) sanctions program. Revenues and profits generated by Santander UK on these accounts in the year ended December 31, 2017 were negligible relative to the overall profits of Banco Santander SA.
- (b) Santander UK holds two frozen current accounts for two UK nationals who are designated by the US under the SDGT sanctions program. The accounts held by each customer have been frozen since their designation and have remained frozen through 2017. The accounts are in arrears (£1,844.73 in debit combined) and are currently being managed by Santander UK Collections & Recoveries department. No revenues or profits were generated by Santander UK on these accounts in the year ended December 31, 2017.
- (c) On September 6, 2017, Santander Brasil received a payment order in an amount of €1,603.00 in favor of a Brazilian recipient from an entity based in Turkey. Upon receipt of the supporting documentation, Santander Brasil became aware of the fact that the ultimate payer was actually Iran Water and Electrical Equipments Engineering Co., an entity based in Iran and controlled by the Iranian government. Santander Brasil therefore declined to process the transaction. The intended recipient of the funds obtained an order from the Court of Justice of the State of São Paulo (Tribunal de Justiça Estado de São Paulo) requiring Santander Brasil to process the payment. Santander Brasil complied with the court order and processed the payment accordingly. Revenues and profits generated by Santander Brasil on this transaction in the year ended December 31, 2017 were negligible relative to the overall profits of Banco Santander, S.A.

The Group also has certain legacy performance guarantees for the benefit of Bank Sepah and Bank Mellat (stand-by letters of credit to guarantee the obligations – either under tender documents or under contracting agreements – of

contractors who participated in public bids in Iran) that were in place prior to April 27, 2007.

In the aggregate, all of the transactions described above resulted in gross revenues and net profits in the year ended December 31, 2017, which were negligible relative to the overall revenues and profits of Banco Santander, S.A. The Group has undertaken significant steps to withdraw from the Iranian market such as closing its representative office in Iran and ceasing all banking activities therein, including correspondent relationships, deposit taking from Iranian entities and issuing export letters of credit, except for the legacy transactions described above. The Group is not contractually permitted to cancel these arrangements without either (i) paying the guaranteed amount (in the case of the performance guarantees), or (ii) forfeiting the outstanding amounts due to it (in the case of the export credits). As such, the Group intends to continue to provide the guarantees and hold these assets in accordance with company policy and applicable laws.

C. Organizational Structure

Santander Spain controls Santander-Chile through its holdings in Teatinos Siglo XXI Inversiones S.A. and Santander Chile Holding S.A. which are controlled subsidiaries. Santander Spain control over 67.18% of our shares and actual participation when excluding non-controlling interests participating in Santander Chile Holding S.A. of 67.06%.

Shareholder	Number of Shares	Percentage
Santander Chile Holding S.A.	66,822,519,695	35.46
Teatinos Siglo XXI Inversiones S.A.	59,770,481,573	31.72
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D. Property, Plant and Equipment

We are domiciled in Chile and own our principal executive offices located at Bandera 140, 20th floor, Santiago, Chile. At December 31, 2017, we owned the locations at which 24.9% of our branches were located. The remaining branches operate at rented locations. We believe that our existing physical facilities are adequate for our needs.

Main properties as of December 31, 2017	Number
Central Offices	
Owned	4
Rented	5
Total	9
Branches	
Owned	96
Rented	289
Total	385
Other property(1)	
Owned	54
Rented	5
Total	59

(1) Consists mainly of parking lots, mini-branches and property owned by our subsidiaries.

ITEM 4A. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

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ITEM 5. OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW AND PROSPECTS

Accounting Standards Applied in 2017

Santander-Chile is a Chilean bank and maintains its financial books and records in Chilean pesos and prepares its consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRS as issued by the IASB in order to comply with requirements of the SEC. As required by the General Banking Law, which subjects Chilean banks to the regulatory supervision of the SBIF, and which mandates that Chilean banks abide by the accounting standards stipulated by the SBIF, our locally-filed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Chilean Bank GAAP as issued by the SBIF. The accounting principles issued by the SBIF are substantially similar to IFRS but there are some exceptions, as described in Item 4. Therefore, our locally-filed consolidated financial statements have been adjusted according to IFRS as issued by the IASB.

Critical Accounting Policies

Our consolidated financial statements include various estimates and assumptions, including but not limited to the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses, estimates of the fair value of certain financial instruments and the selection of useful lives of certain assets.

We evaluate these estimates and assumptions on an ongoing basis. Management bases its estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on various other factors that it believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results in future periods could differ from those estimates and assumptions, and if these differences were significant enough, our reported results of operations would be affected materially. We believe that the following are the most critical judgment areas or involve a higher degree of complexity in the application of the accounting policies that currently affect our financial condition and results of operations.

Allowance for loan losses

The Bank records its allowances following its internal models for the recording of incurred losses. These models have been approved by the Board. To establish impairment losses, the Bank carries out an evaluation of outstanding loans and accounts receivable from customers, as detailed below:

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Individual assessment of debtors: when debtors are recorded as individually significant, *i.e.*, when they have significant debt levels or, even for those that do not have these levels, could be classified in a group of financial assets with similar credit risk features and who, due to the size, complexity or level of exposure, require detailed information. See "Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—C. Selected Statistical Information—Classification of Loan Portfolio—Classification of Loan Portfolio—Credit Approval: Loans approved on an individual basis" and "Note 1—Summary of Significant Accounting Policies—(p) Provisions for loan losses" of our Audited Consolidated Financial Statements.

Group assessment of debtors: when there is no evidence of impairment for individually-assessed debtors and debtors with loans grouped collectively—whether or not significant—the Bank groups debtors with similar credit risk features and assesses them for impairment. Debtors individually assessed for impairment and for whom a loss due to impairment has been recorded, are not included in the group assessment of impairment. See "Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—C. Selected Statistical Information—Classification of Loan Portfolio—Classification of Loan Portfolio—Credit Approval: Loans approved on a group basis" and "Note 1—Summary of Significant Accounting Policies—(p) Provisions for loan losses" of our Audited Consolidated Financial Statements.

Valuation of financial instruments

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or that would be paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. IFRS 13 provides a hierarchy that separates the inputs and/or valuation technique assumptions used to measure the fair value of financial instruments. The hierarchy reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurement.

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The hierarchy gives the highest priority to (unadjusted) quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs. The Bank uses valuation techniques appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, maximizing the use of relevant observable inputs and minimizing the use of unobservable inputs.

For financial instruments with no available market prices, fair values are estimated using recent transactions in analogous instruments, and in the absence thereof, the present values or other valuation techniques based on mathematical valuation models sufficiently accepted by the international financial community. In the use of these models, consideration is given to the specific particularities of the asset or liability to be valued, and especially to the different kinds of risks associated with the asset or liability.

These techniques are significantly influenced by the assumptions used, including the discount rate, the estimates of future cash flows and prepayment expectations. See "Note 36— Fair value of financial assets and liabilities" in our Audited Consolidated Financial Statements.

Derivative activities

Derivatives are measured at fair value on the statement of financial position and the net unrealized gain (loss) on derivatives is classified as a separate line item within the income statement. Under IFRS, banks must mark-to-market derivatives. Within the fair value of derivatives are included Credit Valuation Adjustment (CVA) and Debit Valuation Adjustment (DVA), all with the objective that the fair value of each instrument includes the credit risk of its counterparty and Bank's own risk. The CVA is a valuation adjustment to OTC derivatives as a result of the risk associated with the credit exposure assumed by each counterparty in each future period. The DVA is a valuation adjustment similar to the CVA but, in this case, it arises as a result of the Bank's own risk assumed by its counterparties. The following inputs are used to calculate the CVA and DVA:

Expected exposure: Including for each transaction the mark-to-market (MtM) value plus an add-on for the potential future exposure for each period. Mitigating factors such as collateral and netting agreements are taken into account, as well as a temporary impairment factor for derivatives with interim payments.

LGD: percentage of final loss assumed in a counterparty credit event/default.

Probability of default: for cases where there is no market information, proxies based on comparable companies in the same industry and with the same external rating as the counterparty, are used.

Discount factor curve.

Impairment of available-for-sale financial assets,

Available for sale financial assets are evaluated for impairment throughout the year and at each reporting date in order to assess whether events or changes in circumstances indicate that these assets are impaired, such as an adverse change in business climate or observable market data, indicate that these assets may be impaired. If there is objective evidence of an impairment of an asset, an impairment test is performed by comparing the investments' recoverable amount, which is the higher of its value in use and fair value less costs to sell, with its carrying amount.

The Bank evaluates available-for-sale financial assets with unrealized losses as of the end of each period and concludes if these were impaired. This review consists of evaluating the economic reasons for any declines, the credit ratings of the securities' issuers, and the Bank's intention and ability to hold the securities until the unrealized loss is recovered. See "Note 10— Available for sale investments" in our Audited Consolidated Financial Statements.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities

The Bank records, when appropriate, deferred tax assets and liabilities for the estimated future tax effects attributable to differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities and their tax bases. The measurement of deferred tax assets and liabilities is based on the tax rate, in accordance with the applicable tax laws, using the tax rate that applies to the period when the deferred asset and liability will be settled. The future effects of changes in tax legislation or tax rates are recorded in deferred taxes beginning on the date on which the law is enacted or substantially enacted. See "Note 14—Current and deferred taxes" of our Audited Consolidated Financial Statements.

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Provisions - contingent liabilities

Provisions related to contingencies associated to pending signature of contracts, potential clients and other administrative claims, operational risk arise from financial transactions, potential property tax associated to leasing contracts are quantified using the best available information of uncertain future events that are not wholly within control of the Bank. These are reviewed and adjusted at each reporting date. See "Note 20—Provisions" of our Audited Consolidated Financial Statements.

A. Operating Results

Chilean Economy

All of our operations and substantially all of our customers are located in Chile. Accordingly, our financial condition and results of operations are substantially dependent upon economic conditions prevailing in Chile. In 2017, the Chilean economy grew approximately 1.5% compared to 1.3% in 2016 and 2.3% in 2015. In the same period, the Central Bank of Chile reported that internal demand increased 3.1% compared to an increase of 1.3% in 2016 and an increase of 2.5% in 2015. The growth of internal demand was led by growth of total consumption, which was up 2.7% while growth in the mining sector contracted due to low levels of investment in this sector despite a recovery in copper prices.

As of December 2017, the unemployment rate was 6.4% compared to 6.1% in 2016 and 5.8% in 2015. The exchange rate appreciated in 2017 by 7.8% compared to an appreciation of 5.7% in 2016. As a result of this appreciation of the peso, CPI inflation reached 2.3% in 2017 compared to 2.7% in 2016 and 4.4% in 2015. Given the slower economic growth in 2016 and the lower inflation rate, the Central Bank reduced its mandatory policy rate to 2.5% during 2017. Economic activity is expected to increase by approximately 3.5% in 2018, led by a higher level of investment fueled by a growing world economy.

The growth of the Chilean banking sector evolved in line with overall economic developments, with an increase in the volume of loans and deposits. Total loans as of December 31, 2017 in the Chilean financial system were Ch\$146,250,331 million (U.S.\$237 billion), excluding loans held by subsidiaries of Chilean banks abroad, grew 4.3% in 2017. Total customer deposits (defined as time deposits plus checking accounts), excluding deposits held by subsidiaries of Chilean banks abroad grew 3.8% in 2017 and totaled Ch\$114,047,668 million (U.S.\$185 billion) as of December 31, 2017. The non-performing loan (defined as loans with an installment that is at least 90 days past-due) to total loans ratio remained stable at year end for both 2017 and 2016 at 1.9%.

Impact of inflation

Our assets and liabilities are denominated in Chilean pesos, Unidades de Fomento (UF) and foreign currencies. Inflation impacts our results of operations as some loan and deposit products are contracted in UF. The UF is revalued in monthly cycles. Each day in the period beginning on the tenth day of the current month through the ninth day of the succeeding month, the nominal peso value of the UF is indexed up (or down in the event of deflation) in order to reflect a proportionate amount of the change in the Chilean Consumer Price Index during the prior calendar month. One UF equaled Ch\$26,798.14 at December 31, 2017, Ch\$26,347.98 at December 31, 2016 and Ch\$25,629.09 at December 31, 2015. High levels of inflation in Chile could adversely affect the Chilean economy and could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Negative inflation rates also negatively impact our results. Inflation measured as the annual variation of the UF was 1.7% in 2017, 2.8% in 2016 and 4.1% in 2015. There can be no assurance that Chilean inflation will not change significantly from the current level. Although we currently benefit from moderate levels of inflation, due to the current structure of our assets and liabilities (i.e., a significant portion of our loans are indexed to the inflation rate, but there are significantly less features in deposits and other funding sources that would increase the size of our funding base), there can be no assurance that our business, financial condition and result of operations in the future will not be adversely affected by changing levels of inflation. In summary:

UF-denominated assets and liabilities. The effect of any changes in the nominal peso value of our UF-denominated interest earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities is reflected in our results of operations as an increase (or decrease, in the event of deflation) in interest income and expense, respectively. Our net interest income will be positively affected by an inflationary environment to the extent that our average UF-denominated interest earning assets exceed our average UF-denominated interest-bearing liabilities. Our net interest income will be positively affected by deflation in any period in which our average UF-denominated interest-bearing liabilities exceed our average UF-denominated interest earning assets. Our net interest income will be negatively affected in a deflationary environment if our average UF-denominated interest earning assets exceed our average UF-denominated interest-bearing liabilities.

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Inflation and interest rate hedge. A key component of our asset and liability policy is the management of interest rate risk. The Bank's assets generally have a longer maturity than our liabilities. As the Bank's mortgage portfolio grows, the maturity gap tends to rise as these loans, which are contracted in UF, have a longer maturity than the average maturity of our funding base. As most of our long term financial instruments and mortgage loans are contracted in UF and most of our deposits are in nominal pesos, the rise in mortgage lending increases the Bank's exposure to inflation and to interest rate risk. The size of this gap is limited by internal and regulatory guidelines in order to avoid excessive potential losses due to strong shifts in interest rates. In order to keep this duration gap below regulatory limits, the Bank issues long term bonds denominated in UF or interest rate swaps. The financial cost of the bonds and the efficient part of these hedges is recorded as net interest income. In 2017, the loss from the swaps taken in order to hedge mainly for inflation and interest rate risk and included in net interest income totaled a gain of Ch\$15,408 million compared to a loss of Ch\$42,420 million in 2016 and of Ch\$107,867 million in 2015. The average gap between our interest earnings assets and total liabilities linked to the inflation, including hedging, was Ch\$4,340,626 million in 2017, Ch\$4,659,534 million in 2016 and Ch\$3,507,250 million in 2015. Therefore, our sensitivity to a 100 basis point shift in UF inflation considering our year end gap would be approximately Ch\$43 billion.

The financial impact of the gap between our interest earning assets and liabilities denominated in UFs including hedges was in the results of the Bank Ch\$73,050 million in 2017, Ch\$133,702 million in 2016 and Ch\$130,666 million in 2015. The 45.4% decrease in the results from our UF gap was due to a lower UF inflation rate in 2017 compared to 2016, which was managed by a lower UF gap.

	As of Dec	ember 31,	% Change % Change				
Impact of inflation on net interest income	2017	2016	2015	2017/2016 2016/2015			
	(in million	s of Ch\$)					
Results from UF GAP (1)	73,050	133,702	130,666	(45.4 %) 2.3 %			
Annual UF inflation	1.7 %	2.8 %	4.1 %				

(1) UF GAP is net interest income from asset and liabilities denominated in UFs and include the results from hedging the size of this gap via interest rate swaps.

Peso-denominated assets and liabilities. Interest rates prevailing in Chile during any period primarily reflect the inflation rate during the period and the expectations of future inflation. The sensitivity of our peso-denominated interest earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities to changes to such prevailing rates varies. See "Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—A. Operating Results—Interest Rates." We maintain a substantial amount of non-interest-bearing peso-denominated demand deposits. Because such deposits are not sensitive to inflation, any decline in the rate of inflation would adversely affect our net interest margin on inflation indexed assets funded with such deposits, and any increase in the rate of inflation would increase the net interest margin on such assets. The ratio of the average of such demand deposits and average shareholder's equity to average interest-earning assets was 29.8%, 29.0%, and 29.9% for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016, and 2015, respectively.

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Interest Rates

Interest rates earned and paid on our assets and liabilities reflect, to a certain degree, inflation, expectations regarding inflation, changes in short term interest rates set by the Central Bank and movements in long term real rates. The Central Bank manages short term interest rates based on its objectives of balancing low inflation and economic growth. Because our liabilities are generally re-priced sooner than our assets, changes in the rate of inflation or short-term rates in the economy are reflected in the rates of interest paid by us on our liabilities before such changes are reflected in the rates of interest earned by us on our assets. Therefore, when short term interest rates fall, our net interest margin is positively impacted, but when short term rates increase, our interest margin is negatively affected. At the same time, our net interest margin tends to be adversely affected in the short term by a decrease in inflation rates since generally our UF-denominated assets exceed our UF-denominated liabilities. See "Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—A. Operating Results—Impact of Inflation—Peso-denominated assets and liabilities." An increase in long term rates has a positive effect on our net interest margin, because our interest earning assets generally have longer terms than our interest-bearing liabilities. In addition, because our peso-denominated liabilities have relatively short re-pricing periods, they are generally more responsive to changes in inflation or short-term rates than our UF-denominated liabilities. As a result, during periods when or expected inflation exceeds the previous period's inflation, customers often switch funds from UF-denominated deposits to peso-denominated deposits, which generally bear higher interest rates, thereby adversely affecting our net interest margin.

Foreign Exchange Fluctuations

The Chilean government's economic policies and any future changes in the value of the Chilean peso against the U.S. dollar could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations. The Chilean peso has been subject to significant devaluation in the past and may be subject to significant fluctuations in the future. The Central Bank exchange rate appreciated 7.8% in 2017 and 5.7% in 2016. See "Item 3. Key Information—A. Selected Financial Data—Exchange Rates." A significant portion of our assets and liabilities are denominated in foreign currencies, principally the U.S. dollar, and we historically have maintained and may continue to maintain material gaps between the balances of such assets and liabilities. Our current strategy is not to maintain a significant difference between the balances of our assets and liabilities in foreign currencies. In 2017, 2016 and 2015, the Bank, usually in its spot position, held more liabilities than assets in foreign currencies, mainly the U.S. dollar, as a result of an ample supply of U.S. dollar deposits from companies that receive export revenues, foreign correspondent bank loans and bonds issued abroad. This difference is usually hedged using forwards and cross-currency swaps. Including derivatives, the Bank seeks to run no foreign currency risk in its non-trading balance sheet. Because such assets and liabilities, as well as interest earned or paid on such assets and liabilities, and gains and losses realized upon the sale of such assets, are translated to Chilean pesos in preparing our financial statements, our reported income is affected by changes in the value of the Chilean peso relative to foreign currencies (principally the U.S. dollar). The translation gain or loss over assets and liabilities (excluding derivatives held for trading) and derivatives accounted under hedge accounting standards are included as foreign exchange transactions in the income statement. The translation and mark-to-market of foreign currency derivatives held for trading is recognized as a gain or loss in the net results from mark-to-market and trading. See "Item 11. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk—E. Market Risks—Foreign exchange fluctuations" for more detail on the Bank's exposure to foreign currency.

The Bank also uses a sensitivity analysis with both internal limits and regulatory limits to seek to manage the potential loss in net interest income resulting from fluctuations of interest rates on U.S. dollar denominated assets and liabilities and a VaR model to limit foreign currency trading risk.

We also set an absolute limit on the size of Santander-Chile's consolidated net foreign currency trading position. As of December 31, 2017, the net difference between assets and liabilities in foreign currency was a net asset position of U.S.\$186.4 million. The average gap, be it a net asset or liability position in foreign currency, in 2017 was U.S.\$92.3 million. Both figures include derivatives used to hedge foreign currency risk. See "Item 11. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk—Volume limits." The limit on the size of the net foreign currency position is determined by the Asset and Liability Committee and is calculated and monitored by our Market Risk and Control Department.

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Segmentation criteria

The accounting policies used to determine the Bank's income and expenses by reporting segment are the same as those described in the summary of accounting policies in "Note 1—Summary of Significant Accounting Policies" of the Bank's Consolidated Financial Statements, and are customized to meet the needs of the Bank's management. The Bank earns most of its income in the form of interest income, fee and commission income and income from financial operations.

To evaluate a segment's financial performance and make decisions regarding the resources to be assigned to segments, the Chief Operating Decision Maker (CODM) bases his or her assessment on the segment's interest income, fee and commission income, and expenses. The Bank's reporting segments have three Chief Operating Decision Makers: (i) Director of Retail banking, (ii) the Director of the Middle-market segment and (iii) the Director of Global corporate banking, each of which report to our Chief Executive Officer. All reporting segment information is presented following this structure.

Under IFRS 8, the Bank has aggregated operating segments with similar economic characteristics according to the aggregation criteria specified in the standard. A reporting segment consists of clients that are offered differentiated but, considering how their performance is measured, homogenous services based on IFRS 8 aggregation criteria, thus they form part of the same reporting segment. The clients included in each business segment are constantly revised and reclassified if a client no longer meets the criteria for the segment they are in and transferred to a different CODM. Therefore, variations of loan volumes and profit and loss items reflect business trends as well as client migration effects. Overall, this aggregation has no significant impact on the understanding of the nature and effects of the Bank's business activities and the economic environment.

The Bank's reportable segments are (i) Retail banking, (ii) Middle-market, (iii) Global Corporate Banking and (iv) Corporate Activities ("Other"). See "Note 3—Reporting Segments" of our Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for more information.

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Results of Operations for the Years Ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015

The following discussion is based upon and should be read in conjunction with the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements. The Audited Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with IFRS as issued by the IASB. The following table sets forth the principal components of our net income for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015.

	2017	2017	2016	2015				
CONSOLIDATED INCOME	(ThU.S.\$)(1)	(Ch\$ million	1)		% Chai	_	% Cha	_
STATEMENT DATA	(1110.15.4)(1)	(Chy mimor	-)		2017/20	016	2016/2	015
IFRS:								
Interest income and expense								
Interest income	3,337,028	2,058,446	2,137,044	2,085,988	(3.7	%)	2.4	%
Interest expense	(1,186,277)	(731,755)	(855,678)	(830,782)	(14.5	%)	3.0	%
Net interest income	2,150,751	1,326,691	1,281,366	1,255,206	3.5	%	2.1	%
Fees and income from services								
Fees and commission income	738,523	455,558	431,184	402,900	5.7	%	7.0	%
Fees and commission expense	(286,123)	(176,495)	(176,760)	(165,273)	(0.1	%)	7.0	%
Total net fees and commission income	452,400	279,063	254,424	237,627	9.7	%	7.1	%
Financial transactions, net								
Net income (expense) from financial operations	4,533	2,796	(367,034)	(457,897)	(100.8	%)	(19.8	%)
Net foreign exchange gain	205,813	126,956	507,392	603,396	(75.0	%)	(15.9	%)
Financial transactions, net	210,346	129,752	140,358	145,499	(7.6	%)	(3.5)	%)
Other operating income	100,537	62,016	6,427	6,439	864.9	%	(0.2)	%)
Net operating profit before provision for loan losses	2,914,034	1,797,522	1,682,575	1,644,771	6.8	%	2.3	%
Provision for loan losses	(489,998)	(302,255)	(342,083)	(399,277)	(11.6	%)	(14.3	%)
Net operating profit	2,424,036	1,495,267	1,340,492	1,245,494	11.5	%	7.6	%
Operating expenses								
Personnel salaries and expenses	(643,539)	(396,967)	(395,133)	(387,063)	0.5	%	2.1	%
Administrative expenses	(373,029)	(230,103)	(226,413)	(220,531)	1.6	%	2.7	%
Depreciation and amortization	(126,162)	(77,823)	(65,359)	(53,614)	19.1	%	21.9	%
Impairment of property, plant and equipment	(9,150)	(5,644)	(234)	(21)	2312.0) %	1014.3	3 %
Other operating expenses	(110,907)	(68,413)	(68,902)	(58,729)	(0.7	%)	17.3	%
Total operating expenses	(1,262,787)	(778,950)	(756,041)	(719,958)	3.0	%	5.0	%
Net Operating income	1,161,249	716,317	584,451	525,536	22.6	%	11.2	%
Income from investments in associates and other companies	6,425	3,963	3,012	2,588	31.6	%	16.4	%
Income before tax	1,167,674	720,280	587,463	528,124	22.6	%	11.2	%
Income tax expense	(235,116)	(145,031)	(109,031)	(76,395)	33.0	%	42.7	%
Consolidated Net income for the year	932,558	575,249	478,432	451,729	20.2	%	5.9	%
Net income for the year attributable to:	20-,000	5.2,217	,	,,,,,,	_~	, 0	,	, .
Equity holders of the Bank	912,379	562,801	476,067	448,466	18.2	%	6.2	%

Non-controlling interests 20,180 12,448 2,365 3,263 426.3 % (27.5 %)

Amounts stated in U.S. dollars at and for the year ended December 31, 2017 have been translated from Chilean (1) pesos at the exchange rate of Ch\$616.85 = U.S.\$1.00 as of December 31, 2017. See "Item 3. Key Information—A. Selected Financial Data—Exchange Rates" for more information on exchange rate.

Results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016. Consolidated net income for the year ended December 31, 2017 increased 20.2% to Ch\$575,249 million. Our return on annualized average equity was 19.2% in 2017 compared to 16.8% in 2016.

In 2017, *net operating profit before loan losses* was Ch\$1,797,522 million, an increase of 6.8% compared to 2016. Our net interest income increased 3.5% to Ch\$1,326,691 million in 2017 compared to 2016.

Our *net interest income* increased 3.5% in 2017 compared to 2016. Our net interest margin remained stable at 4.3% in 2017 compared to 2016. The negative impact of lower inflation was offset by a higher yielding loan mix and lower funding costs as short-term interest rates declined in the year.

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Net fees and commission income increased 9.7% to Ch\$279,063 million in the twelve-month period ended December 31, 2017 compared to the same period in 2016. In 2017, the Bank continued to experience positive client base and product usage growth. Fees from Retail banking increased 4.9% in 2017 compared to 2016. Total retail clients with a checking account increased 5.6% to 896,144. This has led to high fee growth among retail bank clients, especially cards, insurance brokerage, brokerage of asset management products and checking accounts. The 17.6% increase in fees from the Middle-market segment was mainly due to the positive expansion of business volumes in this segment from greater client loyalty and product usage. Also, this segment's client base grew as SME clients graduated into this segment. Fees from the Global corporate banking segment increased 10.2% in 2017 compared to 2016, mainly due to cash management services, financial advisory and investment banking fees.

Total financial transactions, net, which is the sum of net income from financial operations and foreign exchange gain (loss), totaled Ch\$129,752 million in the year ended December 31, 2017, a decrease of 7.6% compared to the same period in 2016. These results include the results of our Treasury Division's transactions with customers, as well as the results of our non-client treasury operations, mainly the Financial Management Division. Client treasury services totaled Ch\$82,039 million, a decrease of 8.6% compared to 2016. The results from client treasury products and market-making mainly include the results from the sale of derivatives, foreign exchange and fixed income instruments to our client base. In 2017, the results from client treasury products decreased 2.0%. The appreciation of the peso and lower market volatility led to lower demand for hedging from our Corporate and Middle-market clients. The results from market-making with client services decreased 23.7% in 2017, mainly due to a decrease in business volumes of tailor-made treasury services and cash management sold to specific corporate clients. These results may vary year-to-year as some large operations with corporate clients may not be repeated in subsequent years.

The results from non-client treasury income decreased 5.7% and totaled a gain of Ch\$47,713 million in 2017 compared to Ch\$50,572 million in 2016. These results include the income from sale of loans, including charged-off loans, proprietary trading and the results from our Financial Management Division. In 2017, income from the Bank's Financial Management Division decreased 3.1% to Ch\$45,018 million. This decrease in results was mainly due to lower realized gains from our available-for-sale portfolio.

Other operating income totaled a gain of Ch\$62,016 million in the year ended December 31, 2017, a 864.9% increase compared to 2016 mainly due to (i) an increase of 100.2% in the income from the assets received in lieu of payment and the recovery of assets previously charged-off, which totaled Ch\$ 3,330 million in 2017 (ii) a reversal of provisions for non-credit contingencies and (iii) an extraordinary income from the sale of property for Ch\$20,663 million from the sale of repossessed assets by Bansa S.A., a company that is consolidated by the Bank due to control, but not owned. For the purposes of consolidation, this one-time income forms part of the net income attributable to minority interest and has no impact on net income attributable to shareholders or shareholders' equity.

Provisions for loan losses, net of recoveries totaled Ch\$302,255 million in 2017 and decreased 11.6% compared to the amount of provisions recorded in 2016. Net provisions expense from retail banking decreased 9.2% in 2017 compared to 2016. This is in line with our strategy of focusing on higher income clients, net of risk for loans for individuals which has led to less provisions for loan losses and the reversal of provision due to the calibration of the consumer provisioning model. This was partially offset by the negative impact of slower economic growth and rising

unemployment on consumer asset quality and the greater provision expense recognized in commercial loans analyzed on a group basis due to the recalibration of the provisioning model.

Net provision expense from the Middle-market segment decreased by 28.1% in 2017 due to the improvement in asset quality, compensated by an increase of 5.9% in the loan portfolio.

Net provision expense from Global corporate banking totaled a release of provisions of Ch\$6,440 million, a 15.0% decrease from the release of provisions in 2016 due to a 23.0% decrease in the loan portfolio in this segment as the Bank focused on non-lending products, such as cash management, that generate a higher return than lending in this segment.

As a result of the factors mentioned above, *net operating profit* increased 11.5% in 2017 compared to 2016 and totaled Ch\$1,495,267 million.

Operating expenses in the year ended December 31, 2017 increased 3.0% compared to the corresponding period in 2016. The efficiency ratio was 44.3% in 2017, 44.9% in 2016 and 43.8% in 2015.

The 0.5% increase in personnel salaries and expenses was below the CPI inflation of 2.3%, even though all salaries are indexed to inflation pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement. This was mainly due to the 2.5% reduction in headcount in December 2017.

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Administrative expenses increased 1.6% in the year ended December 31, 2017 compared to the corresponding period in 2016, mainly due to IT investments to develop the Bank's digital platform, which is allowing the Bank to consolidate the branches and create efficiencies in the long term. This has led to a 11.3% decrease in the number of branches in the period. The Bank has also been reducing the ATM network from 1,295 to 926.

Depreciation and amortization expense increased 19.1% in 2017 compared to 2016 and totaled Ch\$77,823 million. This expense is in line with the greater investments in software, hardware and other equipment that the Bank has invested in as it modernizes its branch network and systems. This has also led to an increase in impairment charges to Ch\$5,644 million in 2017 compared to Ch\$234 million in 2016 mainly related to obsolete fixed asset in remodeled branches.

Other operating expenses were Ch\$68,413 million in 2017, a 0.7% decrease compared to 2016. This was mainly due to lower operational charge-offs.

Total income tax expense by the Bank in 2017 totaled Ch\$145,031 million, a 33.0% increase compared to 2016. The Bank paid an effective tax rate of 20.1% in 2017 compared to 18.6% in 2016. The higher effective tax rate was mainly due to the fact that the statutory corporate tax rate increased from 24.0% in 2016 to 25.5% in 2017.

Net interest income

	Year ended December 31,						% Change			
	2017		2016		2015		2017/2016		2016/2015	
	(in millions	of	Ch\$, except	per	centages)					
Retail banking	970,332		931,105		873,026		4.2	%	6.7	%
Middle-market	264,663		244,960		229,812		8.0	%	6.6	%
Total commercial banking	1,234,995		1,176,065		1,102,838		5.0	%	6.6	%
Global corporate banking	100,808		95,105		85,553		6.0	%	11.2	%
Total reporting segments	1,335,803		1,271,170		1,188,391		5.1	%	7.0	%
Other (1)	(9,112)	10,196		66,815		(189.	4%)	(84.7	%)
Net interest income	1,326,691		1,281,366		1,255,206		3.5	%	2.1	%
Average interest-earning assets	30,595,059	9	29,671,31	1	28,523,00	5	3.1	%	4.0	%
Average non-interest-bearing demand deposits	6,117,644		5,753,622		5,719,889		6.3	%	0.6	%
Net interest margin (2)	4.34	%	4.32	%	4.40	%				
Average shareholders' equity and average										
non-interest-bearing demand deposits to total	29.8	%	29.0	%	29.9	%				
average interest-earning assets										

Consists mainly of net interest income from the Financial Management Division and the cost of funding our fixed income trading portfolio. Each segment obtains funding from its clients. Any surplus deposits are transferred to the Financial Management Division, which in turn makes such excess available to other areas that need funding. The Financial Management Division also sells the funds it obtains in the institutional funding market at a transfer price equal to the market price of the funds. This segment also includes intra-segment income and activities not assigned to a given segment or product line.

(2) Net interest margin is net interest income divided by average interest-earning assets.

For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 our net interest income totaled Ch\$1,326,691 million in the year ended December 31, 2017, an increase of 3.5% from Ch\$1,281,366 million in 2016. Average interest earning assets increased 3.1% in the same period, driven mainly by lending in the Retail banking and Middle-market segments. While net interest income from our reporting segments grew 5.1% during 2017 driven by loan growth, a higher yielding loan mix and cheaper funding mix, the total net interest margin remained stable at 4.3% due to the lower UF inflation in 2017. Because the Bank has more interest earning assets indexed to the UF than interest bearing liabilities, any decline in inflation adversely affects our net interest margin. The lower inflation rate in 2017 compared to 2016 caused our average nominal interest rate earned on interest earning assets indexed to the UF to decrease from 6.6% in 2016 to 5.4% in 2017.

The average nominal interest rate for interest earning assets denominated in pesos decreased from 9.9% in 2016 to 9.6% in 2017 due to the decrease in the Central Bank's short-term rate during the year which also led to a lower cost of funding with the average nominal rate for interest bearing liabilities denominated in pesos decreasing from 4.7% in 2016 to 3.6% in 2017.

Average nominal interest rate earned on interest earning assets	2017	2016	2015
Ch\$	9.6%	9.9%	9.6%
UF	5.4%	6.6%	7.6%
Foreign currencies	2.7%	2.1%	1.8%
Total	6.7%	7.2%	7.3%

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The average rate paid on our interest bearing liabilities decreased to 3.3% in 2017 from 3.9% in 2016. This was mainly due to a lower rate paid on UF denominated liabilities as a result of the lower UF inflation in the year, which decreased to 4.4% in 2017 compared to 5.6% in 2016. This partially offset the negative impact of inflation on the interest earning assets. The decrease in the average rate paid on interest bearing liabilities was also due to the effect of the decrease in the short term central bank rates on peso denominated liabilities.

Average nominal interest rate paid on interest bearing liabilities	2017	2016	2015
Ch\$	3.6%	4.7%	4.4%
UF	4.4%	5.6%	7.2%
Foreign currencies	1.5%	1.1%	1.3%
Total	3.3%	3.9%	4.0%

The changes in net interest income by segment in 2017 as compared to 2016 were as follows:

Net interest income from Retail banking increased 4.2%, mainly as a result of the 3.3% increase in loan volumes in this segment, lower funding costs and an increase in the average yield obtained over consumer loans from 13.9% in 2016 to 14.9% in 2017.

Net interest income from the Middle-market segment increased 8.0% in 2016, higher than the loan growth of 5.9% in this segment due to improvements in funding costs. Loan growth has been more selective, focusing on the potential return net of risk with a focus on cash management which is positive for margin growth, such as the spread between the rate on deposits and the Central Bank rate.

The focus for Global corporate banking was on growth of non-lending products especially cash management which generates a higher return than lending in this segment. This led to an increase in net interest income of 6.0% in 2017 despite a 23.0% decrease in loan volumes as a result of lower loan demand due to the slower economy and the Bank avoiding growth in low yielding loans.

Other net interest income consists mainly of net interest income from the Bank's ALCO, which includes the available-for-sale investment portfolio, deposits in the Central Bank, the financial cost of supporting our cash position and investment portfolio for trading, the interest income from which is recognized as net income from financial operations and not interest income. The result of the Bank's inflation gap is also included in this line. The net interest income included as "other" decreased from a gain of Ch\$10,196 million in 2016 to a loss of Ch\$9,112 million in 2017. This was due to the lower inflation rate in 2017. As the Bank has more assets than liabilities linked to inflation when inflation decreases, margins also decrease. Other interest income also includes the cost of liquidity which is a net interest expense for the Bank.

The following table shows our balances of loans and accounts receivable from customers and interbank loans by segment at the dates indicated.

	At December	% Change							
	2017	2016	2017/2016/2016/201						
	(in millions of Ch\$, except percentages)								
Retail banking	19,223,169	18,604,936	17,034,707	3.3	% 9.2	%			
Middle-market	6,775,734	6,396,376	6,006,282	5.9	% 6.5	%			
Global corporate banking	1,633,796	2,121,513	2,178,643	(23.09)	%) (2.6	%)			
Other (1)	83,215	83,606	81,125	$(0.5 \ 9)$	%) 3.1	%			
Total loans	27,715,914	27,206,431	25,300,757	1.9	% 7.5	%			

(1) Includes interbank loans.

For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015. Our net interest income totaled Ch\$1,281,366 million in the year ended December 31, 2016, an increase of 2.1% from Ch\$1,255,206 million in 2015. Average interest earning assets increased 4.0% in the same period, driven mainly by lending in the Retail banking and Middle-market segments. While interest income from our reporting segments grew 7.0% during 2016, net interest margin in 2016

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decreased to 4.3% compared to 4.4% in 2015 due to the lower UF inflation in 2016. Because the Bank has more interest earning assets indexed to the UF than interest bearing liabilities, the lower inflation rate in 2016 compared to 2015 caused our average nominal interest rate earned on interest earning assets indexed to the UF to decrease from 7.6% in 2015 to 6.6% in 2016.

The average nominal interest rate for interest earning assets denominated in pesos increased from 9.6% in 2015 to 9.9% in 2016, while the average nominal rate for interest bearing liabilities denominated in pesos also increased from 4.4% in 2015 to 4.7% in 2016.

The average rate paid on our interest bearing liabilities decreased to 3.9% in 2016 from 4.0% in 2015. This was mainly due to a lower rate paid on UF denominated liabilities as a result of the lower UF inflation in the year, which decreased to 5.6% in 2016 compared to 7.2% in 2015. This partially offset the negative impact of inflation on the interest earning assets.

The changes in net interest income by segment in 2016 as compared to 2015 were as follows:

Net interest income from Retail banking increased 6.7%, mainly as a result of the 9.2% increase in loan volumes in this segment. The Bank focused growth in the high end of this segment in order to focus on margins net of risks, especially considering that in 2016 economic growth continued to slow. As a result, the highest growing loan product was residential mortgage loans that have a lower yield compared to other retail loans.

Net interest income from the Middle-market segment increased 6.6% in 2016, mainly as a result of stable loan growth of 6.5% in this segment. Loan growth has been more selective, focusing on the potential return net of risk with a focus on non-lending products which are positive for margin growth, such as the spread between the rate on deposits and the Central Bank rate.

The focus for Global corporate banking was on growth of non-lending products especially cash management which generates a higher return than lending in this segment. This led to an increase in net interest income of 11.2% in 2016 despite a 2.6% decrease in loan volumes.

Other net interest income consists mainly of net interest income from the Bank's ALCO, which includes the available-for-sale investment portfolio, deposits in the Central Bank, the financial cost of supporting our cash position and investment portfolio for trading, the interest income from which is recognized as net income from financial operations and not interest income. The result of the Bank's inflation gap is also included in this line. The net interest income included as "other" decreased from a gain of Ch\$66,815 million in 2015 to a gain of Ch\$10,196 million in 2016. This was due to the lower inflation rate in 2016 and lower interest income from the Bank's liquidity position as well as the gradual introduction of Basel III liquidity requirements, which led the Bank to take more investments with higher liquidity and shorter maturities that have a lower yield.

Fee and commission income

For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016. Net fees and commission income increased 9.7% to Ch\$279,063 million in the twelve-month period ended December 31, 2017 compared to the same period in 2016. The following table sets forth certain components of our income from services (net of fees paid to third parties directly connected to providing those services, principally fees relating to credit card processing and ATM network administration) in the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016, and 2015.

	Year ende	ed Decembe	% Change								
	2017	2016	2015	2017/2016/2016/20		2015					
(in millions of Ch\$)											
Credit, debit and ATM cards	51,982	52,057	46,066	(0.1 %)	13.0	%					
Collections	44,312	31,376	30,399	41.2 %	3.2	%					
Insurance brokerage	36,430	40,882	39,252	(10.9%)	4.2	%					
Letters of credit	33,882	35,911	35,276	(5.7 %)	1.8	%					
Checking accounts	31,901	31,540	30,291	1.1 %	4.1	%					
Custody and brokerage services	9,232	8,358	8,685	10.5 %	(3.8	%)					
Lines of credit	7,413	5,754	6,597	28.8 %	(12.8	%)					
Others	63,911	48,546	41,061	31.7 %	18.2	%					
Total fees and commission income, net	279,063	254,424	237,627	9.7 %	7.1	%					

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Fees from credit, debit and ATM cards decreased slightly by 0.1% in 2017, reflecting the reductions made to the ATM network during the period. This was partially offset by the positive growth of the usage of the Bank's credit and debit cards. Active credit cards totaled 1.9 million by year-end 2017 with monetary purchases increasing by 6.8% in the year.

Fees from collections increased by 41.2% in 2017 compared to 2016 due to a growth in loan volumes, particularly in mortgage loans. This line item includes, among other items, fees collected on behalf of insurance companies for fire and earthquake insurance that are mandatory with mortgage loans for which we negotiated better terms with the insurance providers during the year.

Insurance brokerage fees decreased 10.9% due to more competition and a slower economy.

Fees from letters of credit and other contingent operations decreased 5.7% in 2017, mainly due to less international and foreign trade financing business with clients during the year.

Fees from checking accounts increased 1.1% in 2017 compared to 2016. This was mainly due to a rise in the Bank's checking account base. The number of clients with a checking account increased 5.6% to 896,144. Combined with this an increase in corporate cash management services also boosted fee growth in this product.

Brokerage and custody fees increased 10.5% in 2017 as compared to 2016 due to higher trading volumes in local equity market during 2017.

Fees from lines of credit increased 28.8% due to greater cross-selling of this product among checking account holders.

The rise in other fee income of 31.7% in 2017 compared to 2016 was mainly due to higher fees from the brokerage of asset management services. In December 2013, our Asset Management business was sold. The Bank is no longer in the asset management business, but serves as an exclusive broker for Santander Asset Management, the acquirer of our asset management business. In 2017, asset management brokerage fees totaled Ch\$43,331 million and increased 13.3% compared to 2016. Other fees also include fees from our Global corporate banking segment, which include financial advisory and investment banking.

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated our fee income broken down by segment and sub-segment for the periods indicated:

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	Year ende	% Cha	nge	% Change							
	2017	2016	2015	2017/2016		2016/2015					
(in millions of Ch\$)											
Retail banking	206,449	196,845	190,380	4.9	%	3.4	%				
Middle-market	36,280	30,851	28,537	17.6	%	8.1	%				
Global corporate banking	27,626	25,077	15,231	10.2	%	64.6	%%				
Other	8,708	1,651	3,479	427.4	%	(52.5	(%)				
Total fees and commission income, net	279,063	254,424	237,627	9.7	%	7.1	%				

Fees from Retail banking increased 4.9% in 2017 compared to 2016. Total retail clients with a checking account increased 5.6% to 896,144. In 2017, the Bank continued to experience positive client base and product growth that drove fee growth in various products. Internally, we measure the quantity of products that a client uses and identify them as a loyal customer when they meet certain internal criteria for their segment. Client loyalty continues to rise in retail banking, especially among high income earners, which was the area we focused on growing given the low growth environment. Loyal individual customers (clients with >4 products plus minimum usage and profitability

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levels) in the high-income segment grew 9.5% during 2017. This has led to high fee growth among retail bank clients, especially cards, insurance brokerage, brokerage of asset management products and checking accounts.

The 17.6% increase in fees from the Middle-market segment was mainly due to the positive expansion of business volumes in this segment from greater client loyalty and product usage. Loyal SME and Middle market companies, defined by client size using a point system that depends on the number of products, usage of products and income net of risk, rose 3.9% in 2017. This segment's client base also grew as SME clients graduated into this segment.

Fees from the Global corporate banking segment increased 10.2% in 2017 compared to 2016, mainly due to cash management services, financial advisory and investment banking fees.

Fees in Other increased 427.4% from Ch\$1,651 million in 2016 to Ch\$8,708 million in 2017 due to a higher rebate paid by insurance companies we broker for after a successful renegotiation of terms and conditions with them.

For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015. Net fees and commission income increased 7.1% to Ch\$254,424 million in the twelve-month period ended December 31, 2016 compared to the same period in 2015. In 2016, the Bank continued to experience positive client base and product growth that drove fee growth in various products. Internally, we measure the quantity of products that a client uses and identify them as a loyal customer when they meet certain internal criteria for their segment. For example, loyal individual customers use four products and have a minimum profitability level and a minimum usage indicator. For SMEs and Middle-market customers, cross-selling is differentiated by client size using a point system that depends on the number of products, usage of products and income net of risk. According to this measurement, the number of loyal high-income clients increased 6.5% and the number of loyal SMEs and middle-market clients increased by 13.8% during 2016.

Fees from credit, debit and ATM cards increased by 13.0% in 2016, reflecting the positive growth of the usage of the Bank's credit and debit cards. Active credit cards totaled 2,002,998 as of November 2016, the latest market data available, and increased 3.3% compared to the same period in 2015. In the second half of 2015, our contract with Redbank, an ATM services provider, was renegotiated, which led to higher interbank fees charged for ATM usage for the second half of 2015 and the year 2016.

Fees from collections increased by 3.2% in 2016 compared to 2015 due to a growth in loan volumes, particularly in mortgage loans. This line item includes, among other items, fees collected on behalf of insurance companies for fire and earthquake insurance that are mandatory with mortgage loans.

Insurance brokerage fees increased 4.2% due to higher sales volume from cross-selling of insurance products to customers.

Fees from letters of credit and other contingent operations increased 1.8% in 2016. This increase was mainly due to growth of our international and foreign trade financing businesses with clients.

Fees from checking accounts increased 4.1% in 2016 compared to 2015. This was mainly due to a rise in the Bank's checking account base. The amount of retail banking clients with a checking account rose 4.3% in 2016, totaling 844,971. Combined with this an increase in corporate cash management services also boosted fee growth in this product.

Brokerage and custody fees decreased 3.8% in 2016 as compared to 2015 due to weak trading volumes in local equity market during 2016.

Fees from lines of credit decreased 12.8% as there was a switch from clients using credit lines to credit cards and other facilities offered by online banking.

The rise in other fee income of 18.2% in 2016 compared to 2015 was mainly due to higher fees from the brokerage of asset management services. In December 2013, our Asset Management business was sold. The Bank is no longer in the asset management business, but serves as an exclusive broker for Santander Asset Management, the acquirer of our asset management business. In 2016, asset management brokerage fees totaled Ch\$38,244 million and increased 5.7% compared to 2015. Other fees also include fees from our Global corporate banking segment. The positive growth of our client loyalty in this segment led to higher advisory fees in global transactional banking.

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Fees from Retail banking increased 3.4% in 2016 compared to 2015. Since mid-2013, the Bank has been executing a profound overhaul of its Client Relationship Management (CRM) systems, client service and other changes to its commercial team front-office functions, which has continued to increase product sales and usage. This has led to high fee growth among retail bank clients, especially cards, insurance brokerage, brokerage of asset management products and checking accounts. Total retail clients reached 3.58 million at year-end 2016 and total retail clients with a checking account increased 4.3% to 844,971. Loyal retail clients increased 7.7% to 600,132 by year-end 2016.

The 8.1% increase in fees from the Middle-market segment was mainly due to the positive expansion of business volumes in this segment from greater client loyalty and product usage.

Fees from the Global corporate banking segment increased 64.6% in 2016 compared to 2015. In 2016, the Bank won an important share of the investment banking, cash management and advisory services for the large projects being developed in Chile.

Fees in Other decreased 52.5% from Ch\$3,479 million in 2015 to Ch\$1,651 million in 2016 due to distributing more fee and commission income among segments.

Financial transactions, net

The following table sets forth information regarding our income (loss) from financial transactions for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015.

	Year ende	d December	% Change	% Change				
	2017	2016	2015	2017/2016	2016/2015			
(in millions of Ch\$)								
Net income from financial operations	2,796	(367,034)	(457,897)	100.8 %	19.8 %			
Foreign exchange gain, net	126,956	507,392	603,396	(75.0 %)	(15.9 %)			
Total financial transactions, net	129,752	140,358	145,499	(7.6 %)	(3.5 %)			

For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016. Total financial transactions, net, which is the sum of net income from financial operations and foreign exchange gain, totaled Ch\$129,752 million in the year ended December 31, 2017, a decrease of 7.6% compared to the same period in 2016. These results include the results of our Treasury Division's trading business and financial transactions with customers, as well as the results of our Financial Management Division.

Internal Bank policy does not allow significant foreign currency mismatches and requires that the results included in Total financial transactions, net include not only the market-to-market of our foreign currency spot position, but also the results of the derivatives used to hedge currency risk. The mark-to-market of our spot position is included in the line item Foreign exchange gain, net along with the effect of those derivatives accounted for under hedge accounting rules. The derivatives used to hedge foreign currency risk but which are classified as trading are included in the line item Net income from financial operations. For more details regarding our management and exposure to foreign currency risk, see "Item 11. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk—E. Market Risks—Market risk management— Market risk – local and foreign financial management."

The results from net income (loss) from financial operations totaled a gain of Ch\$2,796 million in 2016 compared to a loss of Ch\$367,034 million in 2016.

	Year ende	% Cha	nge	% Change			
	2017 2016 2015		2017/2016		2016/201	5	
	(in million	ns of Ch\$)					
Derivatives classified as trading	(18,974)	(395,209)	(503,981)	95.2	%	21.6	%
Trading investments	10,008	18,229	21,505	(45.1	%)	(15.2)	%)
Sale of loans	6,040	4,190	863	44.2	%	385.5	%
Available-for-sale instruments sales	8,956	14,598	23,655	(38.6	%)	(38.3	%)
Other results	(3,234)	(8,842)	61	63.4	%	(14,595.	1%)
Net income (loss) from financial operations	2,796	(367,034)	(457,897)	100.8	%	19.8	%

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The income from financial operations in 2017 compared to a loss in 2016 was mainly due to:

Lesser losses in the sub-item derivatives classified as trading. In 2017, the average yearly exchange rate appreciated 4.1% compared to a depreciation of 3.5% in 2016 with the appreciation of the peso mainly occurring at year-end 2017. Movements in foreign currency affect this line item because it includes the valuation adjustments of our derivatives classified as trading. We use derivatives classified as trading, mainly forwards and cross-currency

- (i) swaps, to hedge the net foreign currency spot position between short-term assets and short-term liabilities. On average, the Bank has more short-term assets, such as U.S. dollars invested in overnight, than short-term deposits in U.S. dollars, so we usually have a short-term foreign currency liability hedge position classified as trading. The average exchange rate appreciated 4.1% in 2017, producing a lower loss in derivatives classified as trading especially at year-end 2017 when the peso appreciated strongly against the U.S. dollar.
- The 45.1% lower gain from trading investments was mainly due to the lower UF inflation rate in 2017 compared to 2016. In this line item the mark-to-market and interest income of the trading fixed income portfolio are recognized. In 2017, the lower UF inflation decreased interest from this portfolio, which is mainly comprised of Central Bank instruments denominated in UF.
- The results from our available-for-sale portfolio decreased 38.6% in 2017 compared to 2016 due to lower realized gains from our available for sale portfolio.

The loss in other results of Ch\$3,234 million in 2017 was due to results from the partial repurchase of senior (iv) bonds during the year. See Note 18 – issued debt instruments and other financial liabilities – b) Senior bonds in the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements.

The net result from foreign exchange transactions totaled a gain of Ch\$126,956 million in 2017 compared to Ch\$507,392 million in 2016.

	Year ended December 31, 2017 2016 2015 (in millions of Ch\$)			% Change % Change 2017/2016 2016/20			
Net profit or loss from foreign currency exchange differences	113,115	116,117	(197,875)	(2.6	%)	158.7 %	
Hedge-accounting derivatives	22,933	399,875	777,254	(94.3	%)	(48.6 %)	
Translation gains and losses over assets and liabilities indexed to foreign currencies, net	(9,092)	(8,600)	24,017	5.7	%	(135.8 %)	
Net results from foreign exchange gain	126,956	507,392	603,396	(75.0	%)	(15.9 %)	

Included in these results is the sub-item Net profit or loss from foreign currency exchange differences which totaled a gain of Ch\$113,115 million in 2017 compared to Ch\$116,117 million in 2016. This result includes the mark-to-market of the Bank's spot position and results from our client foreign currency business, such as currency transactions and

market making. The lower market- making FX transactions and the appreciation of the peso lowered this result.

Results from the sub-item hedge-accounting derivative are mainly comprised of the mark-to-market of derivatives that are used to mainly hedge the foreign currency risk of our long-term foreign currency funding. Therefore, we generally have a net foreign currency position in our hedge-accounting derivatives. These are mainly cross-currency swaps that are accounted under hedge accounting rules. These derivatives produced a gain of Ch\$22,933 million in 2017. This gain was lower than in 2016 due to the appreciation of the peso in 4Q17.

Finally, the Bank has some assets and liabilities that are in Chilean pesos, but indexed to foreign currency. This position produced a translation loss in 2017 of Ch\$9,092 million. This exposure is also hedged.

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In order to more easily compare the results from financial transactions, net, we present the following table that separates the results by lines of business for 2017, 2016 and 2015.

	Year ende	er 31,	% Change				
	2017	2017 2016 2015		2017/2	016	2016/2015	
	(in million	ns of Ch\$)					
Client treasury products	61,156	62,404	60,995	(2.0)	%)	2.3	%
Market-making with clients	20,883	27,382	22,850	(23.7	%)	19.8	%
Client treasury services	82,039	89,786	83,845	(8.6)	%)	7.1	%
Sale of loans and charged-off loans	6,040	4,190	863	44.2	%	3 85.5%)
Proprietary trading and CVA adjustments	(3,345)	(94)	(567)	3458	3%	83.5	%
Financial Management Division and others (1)	45,018	46,475	61,358	(3.1	%)	(24.3	%)
Non-client treasury income (loss)	47,713	50,572	61,654	(5.7	%)	(18.0	%)
Total financial transactions, net	129,752	140,358	145,499	(7.6	%)	(3.5	%)

The Financial Management Division manages the structural interest rate risk, the structural position in inflation-indexed assets and liabilities, capital requirements and liquidity levels. The aim of the Financial (1)Management Division is to provide stability and continuity in our net interest income from commercial activities, and to ensure that we comply with internal and regulatory limits regarding liquidity, regulatory capital, reserve requirements and market risk.

Client treasury services totaled Ch\$82,039 million, a decrease of 8.6% compared to 2016. The results from client treasury products and market-making mainly include the results from the sale of derivatives, foreign exchange and fixed income instruments to our client base. In 2017, the results from client treasury products decreased 2.0%. The appreciation of the peso and lower market volatility led to lower demand for hedging from our Corporate and Middle-market clients. The results from market-making with client services decreased 23.7% in 2017, mainly due to a decrease in business volumes of tailor-made treasury services and cash management sold to specific corporate clients. These results may vary year-to-year as some large operations with corporate clients may not be repeated in subsequent years.

The results from non-client treasury income decreased 5.7% and totaled a gain of Ch\$47,713 million in 2017 compared to Ch\$50,572 million in 2016. These results include the income from sale of loans, including charged-off loans, proprietary trading and the results from our Financial Management Division.

The results from the sale of loans increased to Ch\$6,040 million in 2017. The results from proprietary trading and Credit Value Adjustments totaled a loss of Ch\$3,345 million. This was mainly due to a higher loss from CVA adjustments of our derivative portfolio, which totaled Ch\$2,821 million. This is included in this line item, since the CVA generated by derivatives taken for hedging and on behalf of clients is not part of client income or part of

Financial Management's profit and loss. Since year-end 2012, the Bank no longer has a proprietary trading area and the results from proprietary trading are from residual positions that are being closed.

In 2017, income from the Bank's Financial Management Division decreased 3.1% to Ch\$45,018 million. This department manages the structural interest rate risk, the structural position in inflation-indexed assets and liabilities, capital requirements and liquidity levels. The aim of the Financial Management Division is to provide stability and continuity in our net interest income from commercial activities, and to ensure that we comply with internal and regulatory limits regarding liquidity, regulatory capital, reserve requirements and market risk. This decrease in results was mainly due to lower realized gains from our available-for-sale portfolio. The results from Financial Management Division also include the offset of the foreign currency exposure hedging on provision expenses for loans denominated in U.S. dollars. As the peso appreciated against the dollar, this lowered the provision expense for our loans in U.S. dollars and had a corresponding offset loss recognized by financial management in this line.

For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015. Total financial transactions, net, which is the sum of net income from financial operations and foreign exchange gain, totaled Ch\$140,358 million in the year ended December 31, 2016, a decrease of 3.5% compared to the same period in 2015. These results include the results of our Treasury Division's trading business and financial transactions with customers, as well as the results of our Financial Management Division.

The results from net income (loss) from financial operations totaled a loss of Ch\$367,034 million in 2016 compared to a loss of Ch\$457,897 million in 2015.

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The lower loss from financial operations in 2016 compared to 2015 was mainly due to:

Lesser losses in the sub-item derivatives classified as trading. In 2016, the average yearly exchange rate depreciated 3.5% compared to 14.8% in 2015. Movements in foreign currency affect this line item because it includes the valuation adjustments of our derivatives classified as trading. We use derivatives classified as trading, mainly forwards and cross-currency swaps, to hedge the net foreign currency spot position between short-term assets and liabilities. On average, the Bank has more short-term assets, such as U.S. dollars invested in overnight, than short-term deposits in U.S. dollars. The average exchange rate depreciated 3.5% in 2016, producing a loss in derivatives classified as trading. This loss was lower than in 2015, since the average depreciation rate was lower in 2016 against 2015.

The 15.2% lower gain from trading investments was mainly due to the lower UF inflation rate in 2016 compared to 2015. In this line item the mark-to-market and interest income of the trading fixed income portfolio are recognized. In 2016, the lower UF inflation decreased interest from this portfolio, which is mainly comprised of Central Bank instruments denominated in UF.

The results from our available-for-sale portfolio decreased 38.3% in 2016 compared to 2015. The results for 2015 (vii) were very high due to gains realized when interest rates fell abruptly in the first quarter of 2015; this situation was not repeated in 2016.

The loss in other results of Ch\$8,842 million in 2016 was due to the effect of depreciation in the average (viii) exchange rate on the partial repurchase of senior bonds during the year. See Note 18 – issued debt instruments and other financial liabilities – b) Senior bonds in the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements.

The net result from foreign exchange transactions totaled a gain of Ch\$507,392 million in 2016 compared to Ch\$603,396 million in 2015.

Included in these results is the sub-item Net profit or loss from foreign currency exchange differences which totaled a gain of Ch\$116,117 million in 2016 compared to a loss of Ch\$197,875 million in 2015. This result includes the mark-to-market of the Bank's spot position and results from our client foreign currency business, such as currency transactions and market making. The lower rate of average depreciation of the peso in 2016 compared to 2015 and the increase in client currency transactions resulted in a higher result in this sub-item compared to 2015.

Results from the sub-item hedge-accounting derivative that are used to hedge the foreign currency risk of our long-term foreign currency funding. These are mainly cross-currency swaps that are accounted under hedge accounting rules. These derivatives produced a gain of Ch\$399,875 million in 2016 attributable to the average depreciation of the peso in the year. This gain was lower than in 2015 due to the lower rate of depreciation in 2016 compared to 2015.

Finally, the Bank has some assets and liabilities that are in Chilean pesos, but indexed to foreign currency. This position produced a translation loss in 2016 of Ch\$8,600 million. This exposure is also hedged.

Client treasury services totaled Ch\$89,786 million, a gain of 7.1% compared to 2015. The results from Santander Global Connect and market-making mainly include the results from the sale of derivatives, foreign exchange and fixed income instruments to our client base. In 2016, the results from Santander Global Connect increased 2.3%. The depreciation of the peso and high market volatility led to a larger demand for hedging from our Corporate and Middle-market clients, driving this income line. The results from market-making with client services increased 19.8% in 2015, mainly due to a growth in business volumes of tailor-made treasury services and cash management sold to specific corporate clients. These results may vary year-to-year as some large operations with corporate clients may not be repeated in subsequent years.

The results from non-client treasury income decreased 18.0% and totaled a gain of Ch\$50,572 million in 2016 compared to Ch\$61,654 million in 2015. These results include the income from sale of loans, including charged-off loans, proprietary trading and the results from our Financial Management Division.

The results from the sale of loans increased to Ch\$4,190 million in 2016. The results from proprietary trading totaled a loss of Ch\$94 million. Since year-end 2012, the Bank no longer has a proprietary trading area and these results are from residual positions that are being closed.

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In 2016, income from the Bank's Financial Management Division decreased 24.3% to Ch\$46,475 million. This department manages the structural interest rate risk, the structural position in inflation-indexed assets and liabilities, capital requirements and liquidity levels. The aim of the Financial Management Division is to provide stability and continuity in our net interest income from commercial activities, and to ensure that we comply with internal and regulatory limits regarding liquidity, regulatory capital, reserve requirements and market risk. This decrease in results was mainly due to lower realized gains from our available-for-sale portfolio. The results from our available-for-sale portfolio decreased 38.3% in 2016 compared to 2015 and totaled Ch\$14,598 million due to the significant decrease in long-term interest rates in the first quarter of 2015. The results from Financial Management Division also include the offset of the foreign currency exposure hedging on provision expenses for loans denominated in U.S. dollars.

Other operating income

	Year end 31,	ed Dece	mber	% Change	% Change	
	2017 2016 2015			2017/2016	2016/2015	
	(In millio	ons of Ch	n\$)			
Income from assets received in lieu of payment	3,330	1,663	2,455	100.2 %	-32,3 %	
Net results from sale of investment in other companies	-	-	617	%	%	
Operational leases (as lessor)	264	519	708	(49.1 %)	(26.7 %)	
Gain on sale of Bank property, plant and equipment	23,229	2,017	381	1051,7 %	429.4 %	
Compensation from insurance companies due to damages	1,237	1,530	435	(19.2 %)	251.7 %	
Other	33,956	698	1,843	77,2 %	(62.1 %)	
Sub-total other income	58,686	4,764	3,984	1,131.9%	19,6 %	
Total other operating income	62,016	6,427	6,439	864.9 %	(0.2 %)	

For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016. Total other operating income increased by 864.9% in 2017 compared to 2016 and totaled a gain of Ch\$62,016 million mainly due to (i) an increase in the income from the assets received in lieu of payment and the recovery of assets previously charged-off (ii) a reversal of provisions for non-credit contingencies and (iii) an extraordinary income from the sale of property for Ch\$20,663 million from the sale of repossessed assets by Bansa S.A. Bansa is a company that is consolidated by the Bank due to control in accordance with IFRS 10. For the purposes of consolidation, this one-time income forms part of the net income attributable to non-controlling interest and has no impact on net income attributable to shareholders or shareholders' equity.

For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015. Total other operating income fell by 0.2% in 2016 compared to 2015 and totaled a gain of Ch\$6,427 million mainly due to less income from assets received in lieu of payment partially offset by a larger gain from the sale of property as a result of the consolidation of our branch network. Also during 2016, there was a greater gain from the compensation from insurance companies due to damages claimed from natural disasters such as earthquakes.

Provision for loan losses

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, certain information relating to our provision for loan losses.

	Year ended December 31,						% Change % Change			
	2017		2016		2015		2017/2	2016	2016/2	2015
	(in millions of Ch\$)									
Provision for loan losses	(370,083)	(409,159)	(454,462)	(9.6	%)	(10.0	%)
Charge-off of loans analyzed on an individual basis	(15,699)	(11,222)	(12,955)	39.9	%	13.4	%
Recoveries on loans previously charged-off	83,527		78,298		68,140		6.7	%	14.9	%
Provision for loan losses, net	(302,255)	(342,083)	(399,277)	(11.6	%)	(14.3	%)
Year end loans (1)	27,725,91	4	27,206,43	1	25,300,75	7	1.9	%	7.5	%
Non-performing loans (2)	633,461		564,131		643,468		12.3	%	(12.3	%)
Impaired loans (3)	1,803,173		1,615,441		1,669,340		11.6	%	(3.2)	%)
Allowance for loan losses (4)	791,157		790,605		762,301		0.1	%	3.7	%
Impaired loans / Year end loans (5)	6.50	%	5.94	%	6.60	%				
Non-performing loans / Year end loans (2)	2.28	%	2.07	%	2.54	%				
Allowances for loan losses / Total loans	2.85	%	2.91	%	3.01	%				
Coverage ratio non-performing loans (5)	124.89	%	140.15	%	118.47	%				
Non-performing loans / Year end loans (2)	2.28	%	2.07	%	2.54	%				
Allowances for loan losses / Total loans	2.85	%	2.91	%	3.01	%				
Coverage ratio non-performing loans (5)	124.89	%	140.15	%	118.47	%				

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- Loans and accounts receivable from customers, including Ch\$162,685 million in 2017, Ch\$272,807 million in 2016 and Ch\$10,877 million in 2015 in interbank loans.
- Non-performing loans include the aggregate unpaid principal and accrued but unpaid interest on all loans with at least one installment at least 90 days past-due.
 - Impaired loans include: (a) for loans individually evaluated for impairment: (i) the carrying amount of all loans to clients that are rated C1 through C4, D1 and D2 and (ii) the carrying amount of all loans to an individual client with at least one non-performing loan (which is not a residential mortgage loan past due less than 90 days),
- (3) regardless of category; and (b) for loans collectively evaluated for impairment, the carrying amount of all loans to a client, when at least one loan to that client is not performing or has been renegotiated. See "Note 9—Loans and Accounts Receivables from Customers—(a) Loans and accounts receivables from customers" in the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements.
- (4) Allowance for loan losses for loans and accounts receivable from customers, including Ch\$472 million in 2017, Ch\$4,135 million in 2016 and Ch\$1,166 million in 2015 in allowance for loan losses for interbank loans.
 - (5) Calculated as allowance for loan losses divided by non-performing loans.

For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016. Provisions for loan losses, net totaled Ch\$302,255 million in 2017 and decreased 11.6% compared to the amount of provisions recorded in 2016.

Provision for loan losses, which includes the full amount of provisions recognized as a result of loan growth and change in risk classification as well as the net result of provisions and charge-offs of loans analyzed on a group basis, totaled Ch\$370,083 million in 2017 compared to Ch\$409,159 million in 2016 and decreased 9.6%. The following table breaks down provision for loans losses by loan product for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015.

	Year ende	d December	% Change			
	2017	2016	2015	2017/2010	2016/2015	
	(in millions	of Ch\$)				
Interbank loans	3,663	(2,969)	(1,165)	%	%	
Commercial loans	(136,923)	(137.242)	(197.247)	(0.2 %)	(30.4 %)	

Mortgage loans	(32,194)	(16,646)	(27,168)	93.4 %	(38.7	%)
Consumer loans	(205,949)	(249,754)	(230,811)	(17.5%)	8.2	%
Contingent loans	1,320	(2,548)	1,929	%		%
Total ⁽¹⁾	(370,083)	(409,159)	(454,462)	(9.6 %)	(10.0)	%)

(1) Includes the full amount of provisions recognized as a result of loan growth and change in risk classification as well as the net result of provisions and charge-offs of loans analyzed on a group basis

The provision expense for loan loss for commercial loans decreased from Ch\$137,242 million in 2016 to Ch\$136,923 million in 2017. The non-performing loan ratio of commercial loans reached 2.6% in 2017 compared to 2.3% in 2016 and the impaired loan ratio increased from 6.7% in 2016 to 7.3% in 2017. This can be explained by the 23.0% decrease in loan volumes in GCB, which have practically no non-performing loans and also the negative effects of a low growth economic environment over commercial loans, especially in the SME portfolio.

At the same time during September 2017, and as part of the normal process of updating the provisioning model for loans analyzed on a group basis, the Bank calibrated these models, incorporating a greater historical depth, including a recession period, thus strengthening the parameters of probability of default and loss given default. This calibration resulted in an increase in provisions associated with commercial loans analyzed on group basis of Ch\$9,040 million.

Provisions for mortgage loans increased by 93.4% to Ch\$32,194 million in 2017 compared to Ch\$16,646 million in 2016. The non-performing ratio for mortgage loans increased to 1.8% in 2015 from 1.7% in 2016, however, the impaired mortgage loans ratio went up from 4.6% in 2016 to 4.4% in 2017.

At the same time during September 2017, and as part of the normal process of updating the provisioning model for loans analyzed on a group basis, the Bank calibrated the provisioning model for mortgage loans, incorporating a greater historical depth, including a recession period, thus strengthening the parameters of probability of default and loss given default. This calibration resulted in an increase in provisions associated with mortgage loans of Ch\$8,161 million.

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The provision expense for consumer loans decreased 17.5%. During September 2017, and as part of the normal process of updating the provisioning model for loans analyzed on a group basis, the Bank recalibrated these models, resulting in a decrease in provisions associated with consumer loans in the amount of Ch\$19,499 million. Excluding this, the decrease in provision expense from consumer loans was 9.7%. This reduction was mainly due to the continued process of lowering our exposure to Santander Banefe, the brand aimed at the lower end of the consumer market, and increasing exposure to high-income earners. This was partially offset by the negative impact of slower economic growth and rising unemployment on consumer asset quality. The consumer non-performing loans ratio was 2.3% in 2017 compared to 2.2% in 2016. The impaired consumer loan ratio increased from 6.5% in 2016 to 7.2% in 2017.

For a description of the provisions related to our consumer loans, residential mortgage loans and commercial loans analyzed on a group basis, please see "Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—C. Selected Statistical Information—Classification of Loan Portfolio—Classification of Loan Portfolio—Loans analyzed on a group basis—Allowances for residential mortgage loans" and "—Loans analyzed on a group basis."

Additionally, the provisions for interbank loans totaled a reversal of Ch\$3,663 million. This was due to the decline in interbank loans in the year.

Recoveries on loans previously charged-off increased 6.7% in 2017 compared to 2016. This was due to higher recoveries from charged-off commercial loans mainly due to improved recovery efforts. The following table shows recoveries of loans previously charged-off by type of loan.

	Year ended December 31,			% Cha	ange	% Change			
	2017	2016	2015	2017/	2016	2016/2	2015		
	(in millions of Ch\$)								
Recovery of loans previously charged-off									
Consumer loans	39,972	41,072	35,565	(2.7	%)	15.5	%		
Residential mortgage loans	10,942	10,041	6,543	9.0	%	53.5	%		
Commercial loans	32,613	27,185	26,032	20.0	%	4.4	%		
Total recoveries	83,527	78,298	68,140	6.7	%	14.9	%		

In some instances, we will sell a portfolio of charged-off loans to a third party. Gain (loss) on these charged-off loans is recognized as net income from financial transactions as disclosed in "Note 27—Profit and Loss from Financial Operations" of our Audited Consolidated Financial Statements. The following table sets forth information about our sale of charged-off loans for the year ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015.

Year ended % Change % Change

2017 2016 2015 2017/2016 2016/2015 (in millions of Ch\$)

Gains (losses) on sale of loans previously charged-off

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The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, our net provision expense broken down by business segment:

	Year ended	December	% Change	% Change				
	2017 2016 2015			2017/2016 2016/20				
	(in millions of Ch\$)							
Retail banking	(293,956)	(323,888)	(332,657)	(9.2 %)	(2.6 %)			
Middle-market	(19,235)	(26,748)	(26,147)	(28.1 %)	2.3 %			
Global corporate banking	6,440	7,579	(28,426)	(15.0 %)	%			
Other	4,496	974	(12,047)	%	%			
Total provisions, net	(302,255)	(342,083)	(399,277)	(11.6 %)	(14.3 %)			
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Net provisions expense from retail banking decreased 9.2% in 2017 compared to 2016. This is in line with our strategy of focusing on higher income clients, net of risk for loans for individuals which has led to less provisions for loan losses and the reversal of provision due to the calibration of our consumer provisioning model described above. This was partially offset by the negative impact of slower economic growth and rising unemployment on consumer asset quality and the greater provision expense recognized in commercial loans analyzed on a group basis due to the recalibration of the provisioning model.

Net provision expense from the Middle-market segment decreased by 28.1% in 2017 due to the improvement in asset quality, compensated by an increase of 5.9% in the loan portfolio.

Net provision expense from Global corporate banking totaled a release of provisions of Ch\$6,440 million, a 15.0% decrease from the release of provisions in 2016 due to a 23.0% decrease in the loan portfolio in this segment as the Bank focused on non-lending products, such as cash management, that generate a higher return than lending in this segment.

Total provisions, net included in Others reached a gain of Ch\$4,496 million compared to Ch\$974 million. In Other provision expense, we mainly include the impact of the fluctuation of the exchange rate on our provision expense. When the peso appreciates, the amount of provisions set aside for these loans translated to local currency decreases. In 2017 the average appreciation of the peso was 4.1%, compared to the depreciation in 2016 of 3.5%, leading to a greater release of provisions. This impact has a corresponding hedge recognized in the results from financial transactions and for this reason it is not assigned to any reporting segment.

We believe that our loan loss allowances are currently adequate for all known and estimated incurred losses.

For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015. Provisions for loan losses, net of recoveries totaled Ch\$342,083 million in 2015 and decreased 14.3% compared to the amount of provisions recorded in 2015.

Provision for loan losses, which includes the full amount of provisions recognized as a result of loan growth and change in risk classification as well as the net result of provisions and charge-offs of loans analyzed on a group basis, totaled Ch\$409,159 million in 2016 compared to Ch\$454,462 million in 2015 and decreased 10.0%.

In general, there was a decrease in the provision expense for commercial loans due to improving asset quality. Non-performing loans as a percentage of the loan portfolio decreased from 2.5% in 2015 to 2.1% in 2016 and the non-performing loans coverage ratio increased from 118.5% to 140.2%. This environment also led to a decrease in the loans charged-off during 2016 to Ch\$11,222 million.

The provision expense for loan loss for commercial loans decreased from Ch\$197,247 million in 2015 to Ch\$137,242 million in 2016. This was mainly due to an improvement in asset quality in commercial loans. The non-performing loan ratio of commercial loans reached 2.3% in 2016 compared to 2.6% in 2015. This improvement in asset quality was due to two factors. First, the NPL ratio among small to middle-sized entities in retail banking decreased from 6.8% in 2015 to 5.8% in 2016. Second, there was an improvement in asset quality among loans evaluated on an individual basis, which resulted in a provision expense of Ch\$17,819 million in 2016 compared to an expense of Ch\$78,354 million in 2015. This was due to (i) a 2.6% decrease in loan volumes in global corporate banking, (ii) an unusually high provision expense in 2015 for specific corporate clients that were downgraded and (iii) an increase in 2016 in the number of clients that either improved their risk status or paid their loans.

Provisions for mortgage loans decreased by 38.7% from Ch\$27,168 million in 2015 compared to Ch\$16,646 million in 2016. During 2016, the Bank lowered its exposure to the lower end of the market and lowered the loan-to-value of residential mortgages at origination, which led to an improvement in mortgage loan asset quality and in April 2016 the mortgage loan allowance model was recalibrated resulting in a decrease in mortgage loan allowance of approximately Ch\$3,500 million. The Bank also focused mortgage loan growth on higher income earners with less risk and, as a result, mortgage loans for high income earners grew 10.3% in 2016. The non-performing ratio for mortgage loans decreased from 2.1% in 2015 to 1.7% in 2016 and the impaired mortgage loans ratio also improved from 5.1% in 2015 to 4.6% in 2016.

The provision expense for consumer loans increased 8.2% during 2016, primarily attributable to growth of 7.1% in the loan portfolio in 2016. During 2016, the Bank lowered its exposure to the lower end of the consumer market and restricted renegotiations for consumer clients presenting payment difficulties, which led to an increase in

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charge-offs in 2016 and improvements in consumer loan asset quality. This was partially offset by recoveries from loans previously charged-off that increased from Ch\$35,565 million in 2015 to Ch\$41,072 million in 2016. The consumer non-performing loans ratio was 2.2% in 2016 compared to 2.7% in 2015 and the impaired consumer loan ratio decreased from 8.9% in 2015 to 6.5% in 2016.

Recoveries on loans previously charged-off increased 14.9% in 2016 compared to 2015. This was due to higher recoveries from charged-off consumer and residential mortgage loans mainly due to improved recovery efforts.

For a description of the provisions related to our residential mortgage loans and commercial loans analyzed on a group basis, please see "Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—C. Selected Statistical Information—Classification of Loan Portfolio—Classification of Loan Portfolio—Loans analyzed on a group basis—Allowances for residential mortgage loans" and "—Loans analyzed on a group basis—Small and mid-sized commercia loans."

Additionally, the provisions for interbank loans increased in 2016 to Ch\$2,969 million, mainly due to the growth in the loan portfolio. In 2016, the Bank granted loans to Chinese banks due to Chilean foreign trade with China. See "Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—C. Selected Statistical Information-Classification of Loan Portfolio—Foreign Assets and loans." The contingent loans in 2016 registered a provision expense of Ch\$2,548 million in 2016 compared to a release of Ch\$1,929 million in 2015, due to an increase in preapproval of available credit lines.

In some instances, we will sell a portfolio of charged-off loans to a third party. Gain (loss) on these charged-off loans is recognized as net income from financial transactions as disclosed in "Note 27—Profit and Loss from Financial Operations" of our Audited Consolidated Financial Statements.

Net provisions expense from retail banking decreased 2.6% in 2016 compared to 2015. This is in line with our strategy of focusing on higher income clients, net of risk for loans for individuals and SMEs, which has led to better asset quality in the loan portfolio.

Net provision expense from the Middle-market segment was stable in 2016, increasing 2.3% compared to 2015 due to an increase of 6.5% in the loan portfolio.

Net provision expense from Global corporate banking totaled a release of provisions of Ch\$7,579 million, a 126.7% decrease from 2015 due to the significant increase of provisions in 2015 for specific clients that were downgraded and that in 2016 either improved their risk status or paid their loans.

Total provisions, net included in Others reached a gain of Ch\$974 million compared to the loss of Ch\$12,047 million. In Other provision expense, we mainly include the impact of the fluctuation of the exchange rate on our provision expense. Of our total loan book, 12.1% is in foreign currency, mainly in U.S. dollars and consisting of short-term foreign trade loans. When the peso depreciates, the amount of provisions set aside for these loans translated to local currency rises. In 2016 the average depreciation of the peso was 3.5%, considerably less than the depreciation in 2015 of 14.8%. This impact has a corresponding hedge recognized in the results from financial transactions and for this reason it is not assigned to any reporting segment.

Operating expenses

The following table sets forth information regarding our operating expenses in the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015.

	Year ended	December 31	% Change		% Change			
	2017	2016	2015	2017/2	016	2016/20)15	
	(in millions of Ch\$)							
Personnel salaries and expenses	(396,967)	(395,133)	(387,063)	0.5	%	2.1	%	
Administrative expenses	(230,103)	(226,413)	(220,531)	1.6	%	2.7	%	
Depreciation and amortization	(77,823)	(65,359)	(53,614)	19.1	%	21.9	%	
Impairment	(5,644)	(234)	(21)	2312.0)%	1014.3	%	
Other operating expenses	(68,413)	(68,902)	(58,729)	(0.7)	%)	17.3	%	
Total operating expenses	(778,950)	(756,041)	(719,958)	3.0	%	5.0	%	
Efficiency ratio(1)	44.3 %	44.9 %	43.8 %					

⁽¹⁾ The efficiency ratio is the ratio of total operating expenses to total operating income. Total operating income consists of net interest income, fee income, financial transactions, net and other operating income.

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For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016. Operating expenses in the year ended December 31, 2017 increased 3.0% compared to the corresponding period in 2016. The efficiency ratio was 44.3% in 2017, 44.9% in 2016 and 43.8% in 2015.

The 0.5% increase in personnel salaries and expenses was below the CPI inflation of 2.3%, even though all salaries are indexed to inflation pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement. This was mainly due to the 2.5% reduction in headcount to 11,068 employees in December 2017, in line with the Bank's strategy of reducing mid-upper level management levels and the sales force.

Administrative expenses increased 1.6% in the year ended December 31, 2017 compared to the corresponding period in 2016, mainly due to IT investments to develop the Bank's digital platform, which is allowing the Bank to consolidate the branches and create efficiencies in the long term. In 2016, the Bank began to transform the branch network, adopting two main formats (i) a multi-segment approach with smaller branches that are multi-segment with dedicated spaces for the different business segments (Select, SME Advance, Banefe, etc.) and (ii) our Work Café spaces that are high tech / high touch branches with no human tellers or back offices. This was also accompanied by the closure of less efficient branches, especially in the Santander Banefe network, which were completely eliminated by year-end 2017. This has led to a 11.3% decrease in the number of branches in the period. The Bank has also been reducing the ATM network from 1,295 to 926. This reduction has mainly been for ATMs outside of branches and is leading to less expenses for security and the transportation of cash by 17.7%.

	Year ended					
	Decei	nber	% Change			
	31,					
	2017	2016	2017/2016			
Traditional branches	276	274	0.7 %			
Middle-market centers	7	8	(12.5 %)			
Santander Select	51	53	(3.8 %)			
Workcafés	20	0	%			
Banefe and other payment centers ⁽¹⁾	31	88	(64.8 %)			
Total branches	385	434	(11.3 %)			

(1) As of December 31,2017, all Banefe branches were closed down.

Depreciation and amortization expense increased 19.1% in 2017 compared to 2016 and totaled Ch\$77,823 million. This expense is in line with the greater investments in software, hardware and other equipment that the Bank has invested in as it modernizes its branch network and systems. This has also led to an increase in impairment charges to

Ch\$ 5,644 million in 2017 compared to Ch\$234 million in 2016 mainly related to obsolete fixed asset in remodeled branches.

Other operating expenses were Ch\$68,413 million in 2017, a 0.7% decrease compared to 2016. This was mainly due to lower operational charge-offs. See "Note 33—Other operating income and expenses" to our Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for more detail on Other operating expenses.

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, our personnel salaries, administrative and depreciation and amortization expenses broken down by business segment. These amounts exclude impairment and other operating expenses.

	Year ended December 31,			% Cha	inge	% Cha	nge
	2017 2016 2015		2017/2	2016	2016/2	2015	
	(in millions	of Ch\$)					
Retail banking	(534,970)	(529,909)	(533,086)	1.0	%	(0.6)	%)
Middle-market	(91,882)	(83,412)	(77,261)	10.2	%	8.0	%
Global corporate banking	(62,685)	(53,935)	(49,533)	16.2	%	8.9	%
Other	(15,356)	(19,649)	(1,328)	(21.8	%)	1,379	.6%
Total personnel, administrative expenses, depreciation and amortization (1)	(704,893)	(686,905)	(661,208)	2.6	%	3.9	%

(1) Excludes impairment and other operating expenses.

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By business segment, the 2.6% increase in costs excluding impairment and other operating expenses in 2017 compared to the corresponding period in 2016 was mainly due a rise in cost in the Middle-market and GCB. Costs in the Middle-market segment grew 10.2% in 2017 compared to 2016 and 16.2% in the Global corporate banking segment in line with business growth in this segment, especially in transactional banking and cash management services that are intense in data processing.

In Retail banking costs grew 1.0% due to lower average headcount and saving from the closure of branches and ATMs as well as efficiencies produced by greater digital banking services.

For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015. Operating expenses in the year ended December 31, 2016 decreased 5.0% compared to the corresponding period in 2015. The efficiency ratio was 44.9% in 2016, 43.8% in 2015 and 41.1% in 2014.

The 2.1% increase in personnel salaries and expenses was mainly due to an increase in personnel compensation and greater costs related to benefits included in the Bank's collective bargaining agreement. In 2016, CPI inflation was 2.7% and all salaries are indexed to inflation pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement. This was offset by the 3.1% reduction in headcount to 11,354 employees in December 2016, in line with the Bank's strategy of reducing mid-upper level management levels and the sales force.

Administrative expenses increased 2.7% in the year ended December 31, 2016 compared to the corresponding period in 2015, mainly due to IT and communication expenses that increased from Ch\$28,420 million in 2015 to Ch\$37,351 million in 2016 as part of technological innovation to maintain and develop the Bank's digital platform, which will allow the Bank to consolidate the branches and create efficiencies in the long term.

This expense is in line with the greater investments in hardware and other equipment that the Bank has made as it modernizes its branch network and systems. See "Note 33—Other operating income and expenses" to our Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for more detail on Other operating expenses.

By business segment, the 3.9% increase in costs excluding impairment and other operating expenses in 2016 compared to the corresponding period in 2015 was mainly due to the 0.6% decrease in costs incurred in retail banking. In 2016, retail banking costs decreased mainly as a result of lower headcount partially offset by greater expenses related to the investment in better digital banking services. Costs in the Middle-market segment grew 8.0% in 2016 compared to 2015 and 8.9% in the Global corporate banking segment in line with business growth in this segment, especially in transactional banking and cash management services that are intense in data processing.

Income tax

	Year ended l	December 31	% Change	% Change	
	2017 2016 2015		2017/2016	2016/2015	
	(in millions	of Ch\$)			
Net income before tax	720,280	587,463	528,124	22.6 %	11.2 %
Income tax expense	(145,031)	(109,031)	(76,395)	33.0 %	42.7 %
Effective tax rate(1)	20.1 %	18.6 %	14.5 %		

(1) The effective tax rate is the income tax expense divided by net income before tax.

For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016. Total income tax expense by the Bank in 2017 totaled Ch\$145,031 million, a 33.0% increase compared to 2016. The Bank paid an effective tax rate of 20.1% in 2017 compared to 18.6% in 2016. The higher effective tax rate was mainly due to:

(i) the statutory corporate tax rate increased from 24.0% in 2016 to 25.5% in 2017. The statutory corporate tax rate rises to 27.0% in 2018;

the lower CPI inflation rate in 2017 compared to 2016 also resulted in lower losses for the price level restatement for tax purposes. The Bank, in its Chilean tax book, must re-measure its capital each year for the variation in CPI inflation. See "Note 14—Current and Deferred Taxes" of the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for more detail on income tax expense.

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For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015. Total income tax expense by the Bank in 2016 totaled Ch\$109,031 million, a 42.7% increase compared to 2015. The Bank paid an effective tax rate of 18.6% in 2016 compared to 14.5% in 2015. The higher effective tax rate was mainly due to:

(iii) the statutory corporate tax rate increased from 22.5% in 2015 to 24.0% in 2016. In 2017, the statutory corporate tax rate rose to 25.5% in 2017 and rises to 27.0% in 2018;

income tax expenses include non-cash income of Ch\$86 million in 2016 from the re-adjustments made to the Bank's deferred tax asset base following passage of the new tax law compared to an income of Ch\$10,600 million (iv) in 2015. This gain arises from the difference between the Bank's accounting and tax books regarding how provisions and charge-offs are recognized. When the statutory rates were modified, the Bank's net deferred tax assets increased as the future tax rates used to calculate this asset were gradually increased from 20.0% to 27.0%;

the lower CPI inflation rate in 2016 compared to 2015 also resulted in lower losses for the revaluation of capital for inflation. The Bank, in its Chilean tax book accounting, must re-measure its capital each year for the variation in CPI inflation. See "Note 14—Current and Deferred Taxes" of the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for more detail on income tax expense.

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B. Liquidity and Capital Resources

Sources of Liquidity

Santander-Chile's liquidity depends upon its (i) capital, (ii) reserves and (iii) financial investments, including investments in government securities. To cover any liquidity shortfalls and to augment its liquidity position, Santander-Chile has established lines of credit with foreign and domestic banks and also has access to Central Bank borrowings.

The following table sets forth our contractual obligations and commercial commitments by time remaining to maturity. As of the date of the filing of this Annual Report, the Bank does not have significant purchase obligations. As of December 31, 2017, the scheduled maturities of our contractual obligations and of other commercial commitments, including accrued interest, were as follows:

	Demand	Up to 1 month	Between 1 and 3 months	Between 3 and 12 months	Subtotal up to 1 year		Between 3 and 5 years		Subtotal after 1 year
As of December 31, 2017 Obligations	(in millions	s of Ch\$)							
under repurchase agreements Checking	-	268,061	-	-	268,061	-	-		-
accounts, time deposits and other time liabilities (1)	8,376,371	5,120,171	4,201,271	2,299,018	19,996,831	106,833	2,811	62,362	172,006
Financial derivatives contracts	-	144,410	196,444	356,288	697,142	378,582	358,358	705,406	1,442,346
Interbank borrowings	4,130	46,013	397,419	1,030,241	1,477,803	220,554	-	-	220,554
Issue debt instruments	-	21,043	55,119	274,239	350,401	1,727,571	2,104,771	2,910,910	6,743,252
Other financial liabilities	177,663	701	2,583	31,879	212,826	27,581	404	1,219	29,204

(2)									
Subtotal	8,558,164	5,600,399	4,852,836	3,991,665	23,003,064	2,461,121	2,466,344	3,679,897	8,607,362
Contractual									
interest	4 402	45 465	117.770	462.570	(20.22)	000 502	776 706	1 147 550	0.720.051
payments	4,403	45,465	117,779	462,579	630,226	808,502	776,796	1,147,553	2,732,851
(3)									
Total	8,562,567	5,645,864	4,970,615	4,454,244	23,633,290	3,269,623	3,243,140	4,827,450	11,340,21
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- (1) Includes demand deposits and other demand liabilities, cash items in process of being cleared and time deposits and other time liabilities.
 - (2) Mainly includes amounts owed to credit card processors and to the Chilean Production Development Corporation (*Corporación de Fomento de la Producción de Chile*), the state development agency.

The table above includes future cash interest payments. For variable rate obligations, we assume the same rate as the last rate known. Various of the payment obligations in the table above are variable debt instruments, since they (3) are denominated in UF, for which we have estimated a long-term inflation rate equal to 3%, which is at the center of the Central Bank's long-term inflation target. No exclusions requiring further explanation have been made in this table.

Operational Leases

Certain bank premises and equipment are leased under various operating leases. Future minimum rental commitments as of December 31, 2017 under non-cancelable leases are as follows:

	As of
	December
	31, 2017
	(in
	millions of
	Ch\$)
Due within 1 year	26,059
Due after 1 year but within 2 years	21,343
Due after 2 years but within 3 years	18,091
Due after 3 years but within 4 years	15,736
Due after 4 years but within 5 years	12,734
Due after 5 years	51,502
Total	145,465
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Other Commercial Commitments

As of December 31, 2017, the scheduled maturities of other commercial commitments, including accrued interest, were as follows:

Other Commercial Commitments	Up to 1 month	Between 1 and 3 months		Between 1 and 5 years	More than 5 years	Total
(in millions of Ch\$)						
Guarantees	514,510	244,543	835,030	208,479	21,231	1,823,793
Confirmed foreign letters of credit	16,681	33,513	21,277	4,028	-	75,499
Letters of credit issued	12,367	115,720	43,029	30,554	29	201,699
Pledges and other commercial commitments	16,028	13,382	47,288	4,880	-	81,578
Total other commercial commitments	559,586	407,158	946,624	247,941	21,260	2,182,569

Risk-Weighted Assets and Regulatory Capital

We currently have regulatory capital in excess of the minimum requirement under the current Chilean regulations. According to the General Banking Law, a bank is required to have regulatory capital of at least 8.0% of its risk-weighted assets, net of required loan loss allowances, and paid-in capital and reserves (*i.e.*, core capital) of at least 3.0% of its total assets, net of required loan loss allowances. For these purposes, the regulatory capital of a bank is the sum of: (1) the bank's core capital; (2) subordinated bonds issued by the bank valued at their placement price for an amount up to 50.0% of its core capital, provided that the value of the bonds is required to be decreased by 20.0% for each year that elapses during the period commencing six years prior to their maturity; and (3) its voluntary allowances for loan losses, for an amount of up to 1.25% of its risk-weighted assets. Santander-Chile does not have goodwill, but if it did, this value would be required to be deducted from regulatory capital. When calculating risk weighted assets, we also include off-balance sheet contingent loans. The merger of Old Santander Chile and Santiago on August 1, 2002 required a special regulatory pre-approval of the SBIF, which was granted on May 16, 2002. The resolution granting this pre-approval imposed a regulatory capital to risk weighted assets ratio of 12.0% for the merged bank. This requirement was reduced to 11.0% by the SBIF effective January 1, 2005. For purposes of weighing the risk of a bank's assets, the General Banking Law considers five different categories of assets, based on the nature of the issuer, the availability of funds, and the nature of the assets and the existence of collateral securing such assets.

The following table sets forth our consolidated and risk-weighted assets and regulatory capital as of December 31, 2017 and 2016 as required by the SBIF.

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	December	December	December	December
	31, 2017	31, 2016	31, 2017	31, 2016
	(Ch\$ million)		
Asset Balance (Net of allowances)				
Cash and deposits in bank	1,452,922	2,279,389	-	-
Unsettled transactions	668,145	495,283	300,302	80,623
Trading investments	485,736	396,987	25,031	24,709
Investments under resale agreements	-	6,736	-	6,736
Financial derivative contracts ⁽²⁾	1,014,070	1,285,157	718,426	943,727
Interbank loans	162,599	272,635	162,598	80,200
Loans and accounts receivables from customers	26,747,542	26,113,485	23,102,177	22,655,553
Available-for-sale investments	2,574,546	3,388,906	147,894	263,016
Investments in other companies	27,585	23,780	27,585	23,780
Intangibles assets	63,219	58,085	63,219	58,085
Property, plant and equipment	242,547	257,379	242,547	257,379
Current taxes	-	-	-	-
Deferred taxes	385,608	372,699	38,561	37,270
Other assets	755,184	840,499	722,617	585,739
Off-balance sheet assets				
Contingent loans	4,133,897	3,922,023	2,360,877	2,221,018
Total	38,713,600	39,713,043	27,911,834	27,237,835

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			Ratio	
	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016	Decem 31, 2017	ber December 31, 2016
	(Ch\$ million)		%	%
Core capital ⁽³⁾	3,066,180	2,868,706	7.92	7.22
Regulatory capital ⁽⁴⁾	3,881,252	3,657,707	13.91	13.43

- (1) As required by local regulations.
- (2) Derivatives are shown as required by Chapter 12-1 RAN of Chilean Bank GAAP guidelines
 - (3) As a percentage of total assets.
 - (4) As a percentage of risk weighted assets (BIS ratio).

Financial Investments

Financial assets are classified into the following specified categories: financial assets trading investments at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL), "held to maturity" investments, "available-for-sale investments" (AFS) financial assets and "loans and accounts receivable from customers." The classification depends on the nature and purpose of the financial assets and is determined at the time of initial recognition. All regular way purchases or sales of financial assets are recognized and derecognized on a trade date basis. Regular way purchases or sales are purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the time frame established by regulation or convention in the marketplace.

Effective interest method

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortized cost of a debt instrument and of allocating interest income over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts (including all fees and points paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life of the debt instrument, or, where appropriate, a shorter period, to the net carrying amount on initial recognition.

Income is recognized on an effective interest basis for debt instruments other than those financial assets classified as
at fair value through profit or loss.

Financial assets at FVTPL — Trading investments

Financial assets are classified as at FVTPL when the financial asset is either held for trading or it is designated as at fair value through profit or loss.

A financial asset is classified as held for trading if:

it has been acquired principally for the purpose of selling it in the near term; or

on initial recognition it is part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that the Bank manages together and has a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking; or

it is a derivative that is not designated and effective as a hedging instrument.

A financial asset other than a financial asset held for trading may be designated as at FVTPL upon initial recognition if:

such designation eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency that would otherwise arise; or

the financial asset forms part of a group of financial assets or financial liabilities or both, which is managed and its performance is evaluated on a fair value basis, in accordance with the Bank's documented risk management or investment strategy, and information about the grouping is provided internally on that basis; or

it forms part of a contract containing one or more embedded derivatives, and IAS 39 permits the entire combined contract to be designated as at FVTPL.

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Financial assets at FVTPL are stated at fair value, with any gains or losses arising on remeasurement recognized in profit or loss. The net gain or loss recognized in profit or loss incorporates any dividend or interest earned on the financial asset and is included in the 'net income (expense) from financial operations' line item

Held to maturity investments

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturity dates that the Bank has the positive intent and ability to hold to maturity. Subsequent to initial recognition, held-to-maturity investments are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method less any impairment.

Available-for-sale investments (AFS investments)

AFS investments are non-derivatives that are either designated as AFS or are not classified as (a) loans and accounts receivable from customers, (b) held-to-maturity investments or (c) financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (trading investments).

Financial instruments held by the Bank that are traded in an active market are classified as AFS and are stated at fair value at the end of each reporting period. The Bank also has investments in financial instruments that are not traded in an active market but that are also classified as AFS investments and stated at fair value at the end of each reporting period (because the directors consider that fair value can be reliably measured). Changes in the carrying amount of AFS monetary financial assets relating to changes in foreign currency rates, interest income calculated using the effective interest method and dividends on AFS equity investments are recognized in profit or loss. Other changes in the carrying amount of available-for-sale investments are recognized in other comprehensive income and accumulated under the heading of Valuation Adjustment. When the investment is disposed of or is determined to be impaired, the cumulative gain or loss previously accumulated in the investments revaluation reserve is reclassified to profit or loss.

Dividends on AFS equity instruments are recognized in profit or loss when the Bank's right to receive the dividends is established.

The fair value of AFS monetary financial assets denominated in a foreign currency is determined in that foreign currency and translated as the described in f) above. The foreign exchange gains and losses that are recognized in profit or loss are determined based on the amortized cost of the monetary asset.

AFS equity investments that do not have a quoted market price in an active market and whose fair value cannot be reliably measured and derivatives that are linked to and must be settled by delivery of such unquoted equity investments are measured at cost less any identified impairment losses at the end of each reporting period.

Detail regarding the financial investments discussed above is presented below.

a) Trading

	As of December 31, 2017 2016 2015		
	(in million		2013
Central Bank and Government Securities	•	ŕ	
Chilean Central Bank bonds	272,272	158,686	159,767
Chilean Central Bank notes	-	-	-
Other Chilean Central Bank and government securities	209,370	237,325	123,468
Subtotal	481,642	396,011	283,235
Other Chilean Securities			
Time deposits in Chilean financial institutions	-	-	-
Mortgage bonds of Chilean financial institutions	-	-	-
Chilean financial institutions bonds	-	-	-
Chilean corporate bonds	-	976	37,630
Other Chilean securities	-	-	-
Subtotal	-	976	37,630
Foreign securities			
Foreign Financial Securities	-	-	-
Other foreign financial instruments	-	-	-
Subtotal	-	-	-
Investments in mutual funds	4,094	-	-
Funds managed by related entities	-	-	3,406
Subtotal	4,094	-	3,406
Total	485,736	396,987	324,271

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b) Available-for-sale

	As of Decer	nber 31,	
	2017	2016	2015
	(in millions	of Ch\$)	
Central Bank and Government Securities			
Chilean Central Bank bonds	816,331	468,386	687,292
Chilean Central Bank notes	330,952	1,222,283	-
Other Chilean Central Bank and government securities	1,115,518	52,805	145,603
Subtotal	2,262,801	1,743,474	832,895
Other Chilean Securities			
Time deposits in Chilean financial institutions	2,361	893,000	712,859
Mortgage bonds of Chilean financial institutions	22,312	25,488	29,025
Chilean financial institution bonds	-	-	-
Chilean corporate bonds	-	-	-
Other Chilean securities	3,000	-	-
Subtotal	27,673	918,488	741,884
Foreign Financial Securities			
Central Bank and Government Foreign Securities	132,822	387,146	-
Other Foreign financial securities	151,250	339,798	469,632
Subtotal	284,072	726,944	469,632
Total	2,574,546	3,388,906	2,044,411

c) Held-to-maturity

No financial investments were classified as held-to-maturity as of December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015.

The following table sets forth an analysis of our investments as of December 31, 2017 by remaining maturity and the weighted average nominal rates of such investments.

Within one year	Weighte After one average year but Nominal within Rate five years	Nominal Within Rate ten	Weighted After average ten Nominal years Rate	Weighted average Nominal Rate	Weighted average Nominal Rate			
		years						
(in millions of Ch\$, except rates)								

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Trading										
Central Bank and										
Government Securities										
Central Bank bonds	164,352	1.0	101,350	3.1	6,570	3.1	-	-	272,272	1.9
Central Bank notes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central Bank and	391	3.3	131,677	2.8	71,619	3.6	5,683	4.9	209,370	3.1
government securities	391	3.3	131,077	2.0	71,019	3.0	3,063	4.9	209,370	3.1
Subtotal	164,743		233,027		78,189		5,683		481,642	
Other Chilean Securities										
Time deposits in Chilean	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
financial institutions	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Mortgage bonds of										
Chilean financial	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
institutions										
Chilean financial	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
institutions bonds										
Chilean corporate bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Chilean securities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment in mutual										
funds										
Mutual funds										
administered by related	4,094	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,094	-
parties										
Subtotal	4,094		-		-		-		4,094	
Total	168,837		233,027		78,189		5,683		485,736	

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	Within one year	<i>U</i> ,		Rate ten years				Weighted average Total Nominal Rate		Weighted average Nominal Rate
Available-for-sale	(III IIIIII of One) energy race)									
Central Bank and										
Government Securities										
Central Bank bonds	73,157	0.9	620,241	2.5	122,933	2.6	_	_	816,331	2.4
Central Bank notes	330,952	2.5	-	_	-	_	_	_	330,952	2.5
Central Bank and	•	1.6	706 201	2.2	400.000				•	2.1
government securities	39	4.6	706,391	2.3	409,088	4.4	-	-	1,115,518	3.1
Subtotal	404,148		1,326,632		532,021		-		2,262,801	
Other Chilean										
Securities										
Time deposits in										
Chilean financial	2,361	3.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,361	3.2
institutions										
Mortgage bonds of										
Chilean financial	43	3.8	3,770	3.9	14,959	3.5	3,540	3.9	22,312	3.7
institutions										
Chilean financial	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
institutions bonds										
Chilean corporate	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
bonds										
Other Chilean	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,000	-	3,000	-
securities Subtotal	2,404		3,770		14,959		6,540		27 672	
Other financial	2,404		3,770		14,939		0,340		27,673	
securities										
Central Bank and										
Government Foreign	_	_	_	_	132,822	2.2	_	_	132,822	2.2
Securities Securities					132,022	2.2			132,022	2.2
Other Foreign financial										
securities	-	-	18,346	2.6	132,904	2.9	-	-	151,250	2.9
Subtotal	_		18,346		265,726		_		284,072	
Total	406,552		1,348,748		812,706		6,540		2,574,546	

Working Capital

As a bank, we satisfy our working capital needs through general funding, the majority of which derives from deposits and other borrowings from the public. (See "Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—B. Liquidity and Capital Resources—Deposits and Other Borrowings"). In our opinion, our working capital is sufficient for our present needs.

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Liquidity Management

Liquidity management seeks to ensure that, even under adverse conditions, we have access to the funds necessary to cover client needs, maturing liabilities and capital requirements. Liquidity risk arises in the general funding for our financing, trading and investment activities. It includes the risk of unexpected increases in the cost of funding the portfolio of assets at appropriate maturities and rates, the risk of being unable to liquidate a position in a timely manner at a reasonable price and the risk that we will be required to repay liabilities earlier than anticipated.

The following table sets forth the balance of our liquidity portfolio managed by our Financial Management Division in the manner in which it is presented to the Asset and Liability Committee (ALCO) and the Board. The ALCO has determined that our liquidity portfolio must be comprised of cash plus assets that can be readily convertible into cash either through the Central Bank window, overnight deposits or instruments or the local secondary market. The management of the Bank's liquidity portfolio is performed by the Financial Management Division under rules determined by the ALCO.

	December 31, 2017 Ch\$ million	December 31, 2016
Balance as of:		
Financial investments for trading	485,736	396,987
Available-for-sale investments	2,574,546	3,388,906
Encumbered assets (net) (1)	(268,330)	(205,703)
Net cash (2)	(37,628)	16,259
Net interbank deposits (3)	768,595	1,335,017
Total liquidity portfolio	3,522,919	4,931,466

- (1) Assets encumbered through repurchase agreements are deducted from the liquidity portfolio
 - (2) Total cash minus reserve requirement of the Central Bank
 - (3) Includes overnight deposits in the Central Bank, domestic banks and foreign banks

December 31, 2017 31, 2016 Ch\$ million

Average balance as of:

Financial investments for trading	457,546	277,775
Available-for-sale investments	2,562,753	2,455,220
Encumbered assets (net) (1)	(254,563)	(90,460)
Net cash (2)	(49,425)	(202,771)
Net interbank deposits (3)	1,025,280	1,263,768
Total liquidity portfolio	3,741,591	3,703,532

- (1) Assets encumbered through repurchase agreements are deducted from the liquidity portfolio
 - (2) Total cash minus reserve requirement of the Central Bank
 - (3) Includes overnight deposits in the Central Bank, domestic banks and foreign banks

Our general policy is to maintain liquidity adequate to ensure our ability to honor withdrawals of deposits, make repayments of other liabilities at maturity, extend loans and meet our own working capital needs. Our minimum amount of liquidity is determined by the statutory reserve requirements of the Central Bank. Deposits are subject to a statutory reserve requirement of 9.0% for demand deposits and 3.6% for Chilean peso-, UF- and foreign currency denominated time deposits with a term of less than a year. See "Item 4. Information on the Company—B. Business Overview—Competition—Regulation and Supervision." The Central Bank has statutory authority to increase these percentages to up to 40.0% for demand deposits and up to 20.0% for time deposits. In addition, a 100.0% special reserve (reserva técnica) applies to demand deposits, deposits in checking accounts, other demand deposits received or obligations payable on sight and incurred in the ordinary course of business, other than deposits unconditionally payable immediately. This special reserve requirement applies to the amount by which the total of such deposits exceeds 2.5 times the amount of a bank's regulatory capital. Interbank loans are deemed to have a maturity of more than 30 days, even if payable within the following 10 days.

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The Central Bank also requires us to comply with the following liquidity limits:

The sum of the liabilities with a maturity of less than 30 days may not exceed the sum of the assets with a maturity of less than 30 days by an amount greater than our Shareholders' equity. This limit must be calculated in local currency and foreign currencies together as one gap. At December 31, 2016 the percentage of (i) our liabilities with a maturity of less than 30 days in excess of our assets with a maturity of less than 30 days to (ii) our capital and reserves was 48.0%, thus resulting in our compliance.

The sum of the liabilities in foreign currency with a maturity of less than 30 days may not exceed the sum of the assets in foreign currency with a maturity of less than 30 days by more than an amount greater than our Shareholders' equity. At December 31, 2017 the percentage of (i) our liabilities with a maturity of less than 30 days in foreign currency in excess of our assets in foreign currency with a maturity of less than 30 days to (ii) our capital and reserves was 22.0%, as the Bank had more foreign currency assets than liabilities for the calculation of this limit.

The sum of the liabilities with a maturity of less than 90 days may not exceed the sum of the assets with a maturity of less than 90 days by more than 2 times our Shareholders' equity. This limit must be calculated in local currency and foreign currencies together as one gap. At December 31, 2017 the percentage of (i) our liabilities with a maturity of less than 90 days in excess of our assets with a maturity of less than 90 days to (ii) our capital and reserves was 51.0%, thus resulting in our compliance.

We have set other liquidity limits and ratios that minimize liquidity risk. See "Item 11. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk."

Cash Flow

The tables below set forth our main sources of cash. The subsidiaries are not an important source of cash flow for us and therefore have no impact on our ability to meet our cash obligations. No legal or economic restrictions exist on the ability of subsidiaries to transfer funds to us in the form of loans or cash dividends as long as these subsidiaries abide by the regulations of the *Ley General de Bancos* and the *Ley de Sociedad Anónimas* regarding loans to related parties and minimum dividend payments. See our Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows in our Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for a detailed breakdown of the Bank's cash flow.

Year ended December 31, 2017 2016 2015 Millions of Ch\$ (416,357) 736,154 687,796

Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities

Our operating activities used cash of Ch\$416,357 million in 2017. As loan growth was slower in 2017, we effectively managed our liabilities, decreasing our time deposits and other obligations with banks as well as partially repaying senior bonds, achieving a better cost of funding for the Bank.

Our operating activities generated cash of Ch\$736,154 million in 2016. The consumption of cash due to the expansion of our loans book and financial investments was offset by the cash provided from our funding activities, especially the issuance of bonds. Senior bonds provided cash of Ch\$3,537,855 million in 2016 compared to Ch\$878,389 million in 2015, partially offset by an increase in redemptions during the year. The higher amount of fees and interest received also boosted cash from operating activities.

Year ended December 31, 2017 2016 2015 Millions of Ch\$ (73,458) (90,200) (92,865)

Net cash (used in) provided by investment activities

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In 2017, the Bank's investment activities consumed cash in an amount of Ch\$73,458 million due to the acquisition of fixed assets and intangibles such as software.

In 2016, the Bank's investment activities consumed cash in an amount of Ch\$90,200 million. This was mainly due to purchases of property, plant and equipment and the acquisition of shares in connection with investments in affiliates. For more information please see Note 1 b) of our Audited Consolidated Financial Statements.

Year ended December 31, 2017 2016 2015 Millions of Ch\$ (330,645) (336,659) (330,199)

Net cash used in financing activities

In 2017, 2016 and 2015, the net cash used in financing activities can be explained by the Bank's annual dividend payment each year.

Deposits and Other Borrowings

The following table sets forth our average balance of liabilities for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016, and 2015, in each case together with the related average nominal interest rates paid thereon.

	2017				2016				2015				
	Average Balance	% of Total Avera Liabili	ge	Average Nomina Rate	Average Balance	% of Total Avera Liabil	ge ities	Average Nomina Rate	Average Balance	% of Total Avera Liabili	_	Aver Nom Rate	inal
	(in millions of	of Ch\$,	exce	ept perce	entages)								
Interest-bearing liabilities													
Savings accounts	117,305	0.3	%	1.6 %	116,339	0.3	%	2.5 %	114,330	0.3	%	3.4	%
Time deposits	13,146,520	37.0	%	2.9 %	13,620,848	38.6	%	3.3 %	12,685,504	36.7	%	3.2	%
Central Bank borrowings	6	0.0	%	2.2 %	871	-		3.4 %	4,891	-		1.0	%
Repurchase agreements	294,368	0.8	%	2.3 %	121,875	0.3	%	2.4 %	228,050	0.7	%	3.1	%
Mortgage finance bonds	38,714	0.1	%	7.0 %	52,414	0.1	%	8.1 %	63,061	0.2	%	10.2	2 %
Other interest bearing liabilities	8,632,128	24.4	%	4.0 %	7,856,201	22.3	%	5.0 %	7,500,408	21.7	%	5.5	%

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Subtotal interest-bearing liabilities	22,229,041	62.6 %	3.3 %	21,768,548	61.6	%	3.7 %	20,596,244	59.6	%	4.0	%
Non-interest												
bearing liabilities												
Non-interest	6,117,644	17.2 %)	5,753,622	16.3	%		5,719,889	16.6	%		
bearing deposits	2 175 062	(1 0		2 724 004	7.0	01		2.050.042	0.6	01		
Derivatives	2,175,063	6.1 %)	2,724,994	7.8	%		2,958,942	8.6	%		
Other non-interest bearing liabilities	1,997,799	5.6 %)	2,156,015	6.1	%		2,454,037	7.1	%		
Shareholders' equity	3,001,680	8.5 %)	2,840,843	8.2	%		2,816,116	8.2	%		
Subtotal												
non-interest	13,292,186	37.4 %)	13,475,474	38.4	%		13,948,984	40.4	%		
bearing liabilities												
Total liabilities	35,521,227	100.0 %)	35,244,022	100.0) %		34,545,228	100.0	%		

Our most important source of funding is our deposits. Average time deposits plus non-interest bearing demand deposits represented 54.2% of our average total liabilities and shareholders' equity in 2017. Our current funding strategy is to continue to utilize all sources of funding in accordance with their costs, their availability and our general asset and liability management strategy. Special emphasis is being placed on lengthening the maturities of funding with institutional clients, diversifying our bond holder base and broadening our core deposit funding. We believe that broadening our deposit base by increasing the number of account holders has created a more stable funding source.

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Composition of Deposits

The following table sets forth the composition of our deposits and similar commitments at December 31, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014 and 2013.

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013			
	(in millions of Ch\$)							
Demand deposits and other demand obligations								
Current accounts	6,272,656	6,144,688	5,875,992	5,131,130	4,403,526			
Other deposits and demand accounts	590,221	564,966	577,077	554,785	569,395			
Other demand obligations	905,289	829,661	903,052	794,582	647,842			
Subtotals	7,768,166	7,539,315	7,356,121	6,480,497	5,620,763			
Time deposits and other time deposits								
Time deposits	11,792,466	13,031,319	12,065,697	10,303,167	9,567,855			
Time saving accounts	116,179	116,451	113,562	107,599	104,143			
Other time deposits	5,300	3,939	3,508	3,174	3,274			
Subtotals	11,913,945	13,151,709	12,182,767	10,413,940	9,675,272			
Total deposits and other commitments	19,682,111	20,691,024	19,538,888	16,894,437	15,296,035			

Maturity of Interest Bearing Deposits

The following table sets forth information regarding the currency and maturity of our interest bearing deposits as of December 31, 2017, expressed in percentages of our total deposits in each currency category. UF-denominated deposits are similar to peso-denominated deposits in all respects, except that the principal is readjusted periodically based on variations in the Chilean consumer price index.

	Ch\$	UF			Foreign Currenc		Total	
Demand deposits	0.03	%	0.23	%	0.01	%	0.04	%
Savings accounts	0.02	%	9.24	%	0.00	%	0.98	%
Time deposits:								
Maturing within 3 months	80.82	%	37.68	%	93.67	%	78.04	%
Maturing after 3 but within 6 months	15.93	%	26.80	%	5.27	%	15.67	%
Maturing after 6 but within 12 months	2.52	%	17.29	%	0.93	%	3.84	%
Maturing after 12 months	0.68	%	8.76	%	0.12	%	1.44	%
Total time deposits	99.95	%	90.53	%	99.99	%	98.98	%
Total deposits	100.00)%	100.00)%	100.00	%	100.00)%

The following table sets forth information regarding the maturity of our outstanding time deposits in excess of U.S.\$100,000 as of December 31, 2017.

	Ch\$	UF	Foreign Currencies	Total
	(in millions	of Ch\$)		
Time deposits:				
Maturing within 3 months	7,367,563	466,172	1,462,654	9,296,389
Maturing after 3 but within 6 months	1,452,235	331,492	82,237	1,865,964
Maturing after 6 but within 12 months	229,736	213,851	14,447	458,034
Maturing after 12 months	61,864	108,394	1,821	172,079
Total time deposits	9,111,398	1,119,909	1,561,159	11,792,466

Short-term Borrowings

The principal categories of our short-term borrowings are repurchase agreements and interbank borrowings. The table below presents the amounts outstanding at each year-end indicated and the weighted-average nominal interest rate for each such year by type of short-term borrowing.

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	2017			2016			2015			
		Weight	ted-Av	verage	Weighted-Average			Weighted-Average		
	Balance	Nomin	al	Balance	Nomin	al	Balance	Nomin	al	
		Interes	t Rate		Interes	t Rate		Interes	t Rate	
	(in millions	of Ch\$,	excep	ot percentages)					
Obligations arising from repurchase agreements	268,061	2.5	%	212,437	2.3	%	143,689	0.3	%	
Obligations with the Central Bank	5	3.0	%	7	0.5	%	4	0.5	%	
Loans from domestic financial institutions	480	-		365,436	-		-	-		
Foreign obligations	1,477,318	1.6	%	525,521	1.4	%	868,593	0.4	%	
Total short-term borrowings	1,745,864	1.8	%	1,103,401	1.2	%	1,012,286	0.7	%	

The following table shows the average balance and the average nominal rate for each short-term borrowing category for the years indicated.

	2017 2016 Average		2016	Average	2015	Average	
	Average	Nominal Average		2		_	Nominal
	Balance	Interest Rate	Balance	Interest Rate	Balance	Interest Rate	
	(in millions of Ch\$, except percentages)						
Obligations arising from repurchase agreements	294,368	2.3 %	121,875	2.4 %	228,050	3.1 %	
Obligations with the Central Bank	6	2.2 %	871	3.4 %	4,891	1.0 %	
Loans from domestic financial institutions	413	-	114,882	4.2 %	88,296	0.6 %	
Foreign obligations	1,465,653	1.7 %	1,435,395	1.1 %	1,038,686	0.8 %	
Total short-term borrowings	1,760,440	1.8 %	1,673,023	1.4 %	1,359,923	1.1 %	

The following table presents the maximum month-end balances of our principal sources of short-term borrowings during the years indicated.

	Maximum 2017 Month-End	Maximum 2016 Month-End	Maximum 2015 Month-End
	Balance	Balance	Balance
	(in millions	of Ch\$)	
Obligations arising from repurchase agreements	526,826	212,437	388,735
Obligations with the Central Bank	6	22	85
Loans from domestic financial institutions	200,000	365,436	205,069
Foreign obligations	1,778,183	1,787,746	1,387,403

Total short-term borrowings

2,505,015 2,365,641 1,981,292

Total Borrowings

	As of December 31, 2017				
	Long-term	Short-term	Total		
	(in millions	of Ch\$)			
Central Bank credit lines for renegotiations of loans (a)	-	5	5		
Obligations under repurchase agreements	-	268,061	268,061		
Mortgage finance bonds (b)	25,788	8,691	34,479		
Senior bonds (c)	5,849,594	337,166	6,186,760		
Mortgage bonds(d)	94,681	4,541	99,222		
Subordinated bonds(e)	773,189	3	773,192		
Borrowings from domestic financial institutions	-	480	480		
Foreign borrowings(f)	220,554	1,477,318	1,697,872		
Other obligations(g)	29,205	212,825	242,030		
Total borrowings	6,993,011	2,309,090	9,302,101		

	As of December 31, 2016				
	Long-term	Short-term	Total		
	(in millions	of Ch\$)			
Central Bank credit lines for renegotiations of loans (a)	-	7	7		
Obligations under repurchase agreements	-	212,437	212,437		
Mortgage finance bonds (b)	35,015	11,236	46,251		
Senior bonds (c)	5,280,561	1,135,713	6,416,274		
Mortgage bonds(d)	99,864	4,318	104,182		
Subordinated bonds(e)	759,661	4	759,665		
Borrowings from domestic financial institutions	-	356,436	356,436		
Foreign borrowings(f)	1,025,404	525,521	1,550,925		
Other obligations(g)	81,528	158,488	240,016		
Total borrowings	7,282,033	2,404,160	9,686,193		

	As of December 31, 2015			
	Long-term	Short-term	Total	
	(in millions	of Ch\$)		
Central Bank credit lines for renegotiations of loans (a)	-	4	4	
Obligations under repurchase agreements	-	143,689	143,689	
Mortgage finance bonds (b)	57,314	5,544	62,858	
Senior bonds (c)	4,245,624	796,012	5,041,636	
Mortgage bonds(d)	103,519	4,063	107,582	
Subordinated bonds(e)	738,436	6,583	745,019	
Borrowings from domestic financial institutions	-	-	_	
Foreign borrowings(f)	438,977	868,593	1,307,570	
Other obligations(g)	84,355	136,172	220,527	
Total borrowings	5,668,225	1,960,660	7,628,885	

(a) Credit lines for renegotiations of loans

Central Bank borrowings include credit lines for the renegotiations of loans and other Central Bank borrowings. The maturities of the outstanding amounts due are as follows:

As of As of December 31, 31, 2016 2017

(in millions of Ch\$)

Due within 1 year 5 7

Total 5 7

(b) Mortgage finance bonds

These bonds are used to finance mortgage loans. Their principal amounts are amortized on a quarterly basis. The range of maturities of these bonds is between five and twenty years. Loans are indexed to UF and pay a yearly interest rate.

	As of
	December
	31, 2017
	(in
	millions
	of Ch\$)
Due within 1 year	8,691
Due after 1 year but within 2 years	6,744
Due after 2 years but within 3 years	6,096
Due after 3 years but within 4 years	5,155
Due after 4 years but within 5 years	4,101
Due after 5 years	3,692
Total mortgage finance bonds	34,479

(c) Senior bonds

The following table sets forth, at the dates indicated, our issued senior bonds. The bonds are denominated principally in UFs or U.S. dollars, and are principally used to fund assets with similar durations.

	As of December 31,		
	2017	2016	2015
	(in millions	of Ch\$)	
Senior Bonds in UF	3,542,006	3,588,373	2,179,643
Senior Bonds in U.S.\$	1,045,465	909,354	1,625,150
Senior Bonds in CHF	268,281	568,549	535,448
Senior Bonds in Ch\$	1,135,527	1,037,515	475,075
Current bonds in AUD	14,534	60,890	62,066
Santander bonds in JPY	126,059	179,426	164,254
Senior bonds in EUR	54,888	72,167	-
Total senior bonds	6,186,760	6,416,274	5,041,636
Senior Bonds in U.S.\$ Senior Bonds in CHF Senior Bonds in Ch\$ Current bonds in AUD Santander bonds in JPY Senior bonds in EUR	1,045,465 268,281 1,135,527 14,534 126,059 54,888	909,354 568,549 1,037,515 60,890 179,426 72,167	1,625,150 535,448 475,075 62,066 164,254

The maturities of these bonds are as follows:

	As of
	December
	31, 2017
	(in millions
	of Ch\$)
Due within 1 year	337,166
Due after 1 year but within 2 years	866,936
Due after 2 years but within 3 years	832,978
Due after 3 years but within 4 years	1,177,081
Due after 4 years but within 5 years	902,647
Due after 5 years	2,069,952
Total bonds	6,186,760

In 2017, the Bank issued bonds for UF10,000,000; CLP160,000,000,000; USD 770,000,000 and AUD 30,000,000 detailed as follows:

Serie	es Currenc	y Amount	Terr	n Issuance rate	Series approval date	Series maximum amount	Maturity date
T9	UF	5,000,000	7.0	2.60%	01-02-2016	5,000,000	01-02-2024

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T13	UF	5,000,000	9.0	2.75%	01-02-2016	5,000,000	01-02-2026
R3	UF	10,000,000				10,000,000	
SD	CLP	60,000,000,000	5.0	5.50%	01-06-2014	200,000,000,000	01-06-2019
T16	CLP	100,000,000,00	06.0	5.20%	01-02-2016	100,000,000,000	01-08-2021
Total	l UF	160,000,000,00	0			300,000,000,000	
DN	USD	100,000,000	3.0	Libor-USD 3M+0.80%	20-07-2017	100,000,000	27-07-2020
DN	USD	50,000,000	3.0	Libor-USD 3M+0.80%	21-07-2017	50,000,000	27-07-2020
DN	USD	50,000,000	3.0	Libor-USD 3M+0.80%	24-07-2017	50,000,000	27-07-2020
DN	USD	10,000,000	4.0	Libor-USD 3M+0.83%	23-08-2017	10,000,000	23-11-2021
DN	USD	10,000,000	4.0	Libor-USD 3M+0.83%	23-08-2017	10,000,000	23-11-2021
DN	USD	50,000,000	3.0	Libor-USD 3M+0.75%	14-09-2017	50,000,000	15-09-2020
DN	USD	500,000,000	3.0	2.50%	12-12-2017	500,000,000	15-12-2020
Total	l USD	770,000,000				770,000,000	
AUD	AUD	30,000,000	10.0	3.96%	05-12-2017	30,000,000	12-12-2027
Total	l AUD	30,000,000				30,000,000	

(d) Mortgage bonds

These bonds are used to finance mortgage loans with certain characteristics such as loan-to-value ratios below 80.0% and a debt servicing ratio of the client lower than 20.0%. All outstanding mortgage bonds are UF denominated.

The maturities of our mortgage bonds are as follows:

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91 6,93 26 7,15 69 7,38 19 7,62	32 56 36 26
	41 4,31 91 6,93 26 7,15 69 7,38 119 7,62

During 2017, the Bank has not placed any mortgage bonds.

(e) Subordinated bonds

The following table sets forth, at the dates indicated, the balances of our subordinated bonds. The following table sets forth, at the dates indicated, our issued subordinated bonds. The bonds are denominated principally in UFs or U.S. dollars, and are principally used to fund the Bank's mortgage portfolio and are considered to be a part of our regulatory capital.

As of December 31, 2017 2016 2015 (in millions of Ch\$)

Subordinated bonds denominated in U.S.\$	-	-	-
Subordinated bonds linked to the Ch\$	3	4	6
Subordinated bonds linked to the UF	773,189	759,661	745,013
Total subordinated bonds	773,192	759,665	745,019

The maturities of these bonds, which are considered long-term, are as follows.

	As of
	December
	31, 2017
	(in
	millions
	of Ch\$)
Due within 1 year	3
Due after 1 year but within 2 years	-
Due after 2 years but within 3 years	-
Due after 3 years but within 4 years	-
Due after 4 years but within 5 years	-
Due after 5 years	773,189
Total subordinated bonds	773,192

During 2017, the Bank did not issue subordinated bonds.

(f) Foreign borrowings

These are short-term and long-term borrowings from foreign banks used to fund our foreign trade business. The maturities of these borrowings are as follows.

	As of
	December
	31, 2017
	(in millions
	of Ch\$)
Due within 1 year	1,477,318
Due after 1 year but within 2 years	185,519
Due after 2 years but within 3 years	35,035
Due after 3 years but within 4 years	-
Due after 5 years	-
Total loans from foreign financial institutions	1,697,872

(g) Other obligations

Other obligations are summarized as follows:

	As of
	December
	31, 2017
	Ch\$
	millions
Long term obligations	
Due after 1 years but within 2 years	23,401
Due after 2 years but within 3 years	4,181
Due after 3 years but within 4 years	194
Due after 4 years but within 5 years	210
Due after 5 years	1,219
Long-term financial obligations subtotals	29,205
Short term obligations:	
Amounts due to credit card operators	173,271
Acceptance of letters of credit	2,780
Other long-term financial obligations, short-term portion	36,774
Short-term financial obligations subtotals	212,825
Other financial obligations totals	242,030

Other Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements and Commitments

In the normal course of our business, we are party to transactions with off-balance sheet risk. These transactions expose us to credit risk in addition to amounts recognized in the consolidated financial statements. The most important

off-balance sheet item is contingent loans. Contingent loans consist of guarantees granted by us in Ch\$, UF and foreign currencies (principally U.S.\$), unused letters of credit and commitments to extend credit such as overdraft protection and credit card lines of credit. Such commitments are agreements to lend to a customer at a future date, subject to the customer compliance with the contractual terms. Since a substantial portion of these commitments is expected to expire without being drawn upon, the total amount of commitments does not necessarily represent our actual future cash requirements. We use the same credit policies in making commitments to extend credit as we do for granting loans, therefore, in the opinion of our management, our outstanding commitments represent normal credit risk.

The following table presents the Bank's outstanding contingent loans as of December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015:

	As of December 31,			
	2017	2016	2015	
	(in millions o	of Ch\$)		
Issued and documented letters of credit	201,699	158,800	179,042	
Confirmed foreign letters of credit	75,499	57,686	70,434	
Documented guarantees	1,823,793	1,752,610	1,684,847	
Other guarantees	81,577	125,050	163,955	
Subtotals	2,182,568	2,094,146	2,098,278	
Lines of credit with immediate availability	8,135,489	7,548,820	6,806,745	
Other irrevocable obligation	260,691	260,266	82,328	
Totals	10,578,748	9,903,232	8,987,351	

Asset and Liability Management

Please refer to "Item 11. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk" for information regarding our policies with respect to asset and liability management.

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Capital Expenditures

The following table reflects capital expenditures in each of the three years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015:

	Year Ended December 31,							
	2017 2016 2015							
	(in millions of Ch\$)							
Land and Buildings	27,592	26,567	27,781					
Machinery, Systems and Equipment	26,278	30,965	29,282					
Furniture, Vehicles, Other(1)	4,902	4,823	8,048					
Total	58,772	62,355	65,111					

(1) Includes assets ceded under operating leases.

The decrease in capital expenditures in 2017 and 2016 was mainly due to a reduction in the branch network.

C. Selected Statistical Information

The following information is included for analytical purposes and should be read in conjunction with our Audited Consolidated Financial Statements, as well as the discussion in this "Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects." The UF is linked to, and is adjusted daily to reflect changes in, the previous month's Chilean consumer price index. See "Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—A. Operating Results—Impact of Inflation."

Average Balances, Income Earned from Interest-Earning Assets and Interest Paid on Interest-Bearing Liabilities

The average balances for interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, including interest and readjustments received and paid, have been calculated on the basis of daily balances for us on an unconsolidated basis. Such average balances are presented in Chilean pesos, UFs and in foreign currencies (principally U.S. dollars). Figures from our subsidiaries have been calculated on the basis of monthly balances. The average balances of our subsidiaries, except Santander S.A. Agente de Valores, have not been categorized by currency. As such it is not possible to calculate average balances by currency for such subsidiaries on the basis of daily, weekly or monthly balances.

The nominal interest rate has been calculated by dividing the amount of interest and principal changes in the UF index (gain or loss) during the period by the related average balance, both amounts expressed in constant pesos.

Foreign exchange gains or losses on foreign currency-denominated assets and liabilities are not included in interest income or expense. Similarly, interest on the available-for-sale investment portfolio does not include trading or mark-to-market gains or losses on these investments. Interest is not recognized on non-performing loans. Non-performing loans that are past-due for 90 days or less have been included in each of the various categories of loans, and therefore affect the various averages. Non-performing loans consist of loans as to which either principal or interest is past-due (*i.e.*, non-accrual loans) and restructured loans earning no interest.

Included in interbank deposits are checking accounts maintained in the Central Bank and foreign banks. Such assets have a distorting effect on the average interest rate earned on total interest-earning assets because currently balances maintained in Chilean peso amounts do not earn interest, and the only balances held in a foreign currency that earn interest are those maintained in U.S. dollars, but those only earn interest on the amounts that are legally required to be held for liquidity purposes. Additionally, this account includes interest earned by overnight investments. Consequently, the average interest earned on such assets is comparatively low. We maintain these deposits in these accounts to comply with statutory requirements and to facilitate international business, rather than to earn income.

The following tables show, by currency of denomination, average balances and, where applicable, interest amounts and real rates for our assets and liabilities for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015.

	For the year 2017	ended Dec	ember 31,	2016			2015		
	Average Balance	Interest Earned	Average Nomina Rate	Average	Interest Earned	Average Nomina Rate	e Average Il Balance	Interest Earned	Average Nominal Rate
Assets Interest earning assets Deposits in Central Bank									
Ch\$ UF	358,445 -	4,395 -	1.2 % -%	341,040	5,396 -	1.6 % -%	283,376	7,246 -	2.6 % -%
Foreign currency	-	-	-%	-	-	-%	-	-	-%
Total Financial investments	358,445	4,395	1.2 %	341,040	5,396	1.6 %	283,376	7,246	2.6 %
Ch\$ UF	1,626,073 250,729	91,945 8,894	5.7 % 3.5 %	, ,	78,410 4,727	5.0 % 4.4 %	1,323,540 139,394	29,488 9,583	2.2 % 6.9 %
Foreign currency	919,711	13,077	1.4 %	1,106,205	14,452	1.3 %	1,054,110	10,784	1.0 %
Total Commercial Loans	2,796,513	113,916	4.1 %	2,768,699	97,589	3.5 %	2,517,044	49,855	2.0 %
Ch\$ UF	6,117,872 5,074,723	468,181 284,831	7.7 % 5.6 %	, ,	532,675 329,402	9.1 % 6.9 %	5,679,661 4,466,365	502,137 352,466	8.8 % 7.9 %
Foreign currency	2,937,416	94,914	3.2 %	3,254,913	87,735	2.7 %	3,388,381	78,552	2.3 %
Total Consumer loans	14,130,010	847,926	6.0 %	13,889,779	949,812	6.8 %	13,534,407	933,155	6.9 %
Ch\$ UF	4,081,337 17,475	616,639 1,395		3,858,386 21,015	542,597 1,821		3,711,552 80,848	520,553 8,229	14.0 % 10.2 %
Foreign currency	45,904	-	-%	39,458	-	-%	34,370	-	-%
Total Mortgage loans	4,144,716	618,034	14.9 %	3,918,859	544,418	13.9%	3,826,770	528,782	13.8%
Ch\$ UF	10,485 8,795,965	139 469,618	1.3 % 5.3 %	15,180 8,234,264	964 535,128		17,291 7,695,618	1,312 564,579	7.6 % 7.3 %
Foreign currency	-	-	-%	-	-	-%	-	-	-%
Total	8,806,450	469,757	5.3 %	8,249,444	536,092	6.5 %	7,712,909	565,891	7.3 %

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Interbank										
loans Ch\$	37,188	969	2.6	%	8,291	295	3.6 %	2,271	364	16.0%
UF	- -	-	-%	70	-	- -	-%	- -	-	-%
Foreign currency	1	-	-%		2	-	-%	3,327	11	0.3 %
Total	37,189	969	2.6	%	8,293	295	3.6 %	5,598	375	6.7 %
Investment										
Agreements to resell										
Ch\$	417	927	222.2	2%	1,388	1,208	87.0%	204	105	51.5%
UF	340	13	3.8	%	-	302	-%	-	23	-%
Foreign	-	-	-%		-	4	-%	-	-	-%
currency Total	757	940	124.2	2%	1,388	1,514	87.0%	204	128	51.5%
Threshold(1)	,				-,	-,		_ ,		
Ch\$	85,882	321	0.4	%	57,859	242	0.4 %	29,895	62	0.2 %
UF Foreign	4	-	-%		4	-	-%	-	-	-%
Foreign currency	235,091	2,190	0.9	%	435,946	1,762	0.4 %	612,802	494	0.1 %
Total	320,977	2,511	0.8	%	493,809	2,004	0.4 %	642,697	556	0.1 %
Total interest										
earning assets Ch\$	12,317,700	1,183,515	9.6	%	11,684,475	1,161,787	9.9 %	11,047,790	1,061,267	9.6 %
UF	14,139,235	764,750	5.4	%	13,150,312	871,380	6.6 %	12,382,225	934,880	7.6 %
Foreign	4,138,124	110,181	2.7	%	4,836,524	103,953	2.1 %	5,092,990	89,841	1.8 %
currency Total	30,595,059	2,058,446	6.7	%	29,671,311	2,137,120	7.2 %	28,523,005	2,085,988	7.3 %
Total	30,393,039	2,036,440	0.7	70	29,071,311	2,137,120	1.2 70	20,323,003	2,003,900	1.5 %
Non-interest										
earning assets Cash										
Ch\$	632,208				686,449			715,484		
UF	-				-			-		
Foreign currency	120,832				98,052			98,936		
Total	753,040				784,501			814,420		
Allowance					·			•		
for loan										
losses Ch\$	(841,415)				(833,455)		(805,244)		
UF	-				-	,		-		
Foreign	(118)				(106)		(15)		
currency						, ,				
Total Fixed assets	(841,533)				(833,561)		(805,259)		
Ch\$	237,409				220,919			222,083		
UF	-				-			-		
Foreign	-				-			-		
currency										

Total	237,409	220,919	222,083
Derivatives	0.000.400	2 2 4 2 7 2 4	2 200 707
Ch\$	2,360,426	2,940,584	3,300,507
UF	-	-	-
Foreign	_	_	_
currency			_
Total	2,360,426	2,940,584	3,300,507
Financial			
Investment			
(Trading)			
Ch\$	231,878	177,617	141,784
UF	260,526	122,113	195,203

	For the year 2017	r ended Dece	ember 3	1, 2016					
	Average Balance	Interest Earned	Avera Nomin Rate		Interest Earned	Averago Nomina Rate	2015 Average Balance	Interest Earned	Average Nominal Rate
Foreign currency	18,173			32,496			21,828		
Total	510,577			332,226			358,815		
Other assets Ch\$ UF	1,276,197 77,338			1,246,306 69,335			1,215,289 69,534		
Foreign currency	552,715			812,400			846,834		
Total Total	1,906,250			2,128,041			2,131,657		
non-interest									
earning assets Ch\$ UF	3,896,703 337,864			4,438,420 191,448			4,789,903 264,737		
Foreign currency	691,602			942,842			967,583		
Total	4,926,169			5,572,710			6,022,223		
Total assets Ch\$ UF	16,214,403 14,477,099	1,183,515 764,750		16,122,895 13,341,760	1,161,787 871,380		15,837,693 12,646,962	1,061,266 934,881	
Foreign currency	4,829,725	110,181		5,779,366	103,953		6,060,573	89,841	
Total	35,521,227	2,058,446		35,244,021	2,137,120		34,545,228	2,085,988	
Liabilities And Share-Holders Equity									
Interest bearing liabilities Savings									
accounts Ch\$ UF	1,677 115,628	4 1,881	0.3 % 1.6 %	1,503 114,836	4 2,949	0.3 % 2.6 %	1,413 112,917	5 3,937	0.4 % 3.5 %
Foreign	-	-	-%	-	-	-%	-	-	-%
currency Total Time deposits	117,305	1,885	1.6%	116,339	2,953	2.5 %	114,330	3,942	3.4 %
Ch\$	9,506,696	318,803	3.4%	9,545,050	387,566	4.1 %	9,260,339	334,259	3.6 %
UF	1,141,258 2,498,566	35,196 20,718	3.1 % 0.8 %	1,299,866 2,775,932	54,320 9,873	4.2 % 0.4 %	965,138 2,460,027	63,857 5,303	6.6 % 0.2 %

Foreign currency									
Total Central bank borrowings	13,146,520	374,717	2.9%	13,620,848	451,759	3.3 %	12,685,504	403,419	3.2 %
Ch\$	-	64	-%	858	29	3.4 %	-	46	1.0 %
UF	6	-	2.2%	14	1	3.9 %	22	2	9.1 %
Foreign	-	-	-%	_	-	-%	_	-	-%
currency Total	6	64	2.2%	871	29	3.4 %	4 801	48	1.0 %
Repurchase	O	04	2.2 /0	071	2)	J. T /0	4,071	-1 0	1.0 //
Agreements									
Ch\$	254,006	5,676	2.2%	108,902	2,812	2.6 %	220,849	6,954	3.1 %
UF	-	-	-%	-	-	-%	-	1	-%
Foreign	40,362	1,076	2.7%	12,973	58	0.4 %	7,201	22	0.3 %
currency	·	•		•		2.4 %			
Total Mortgage	294,368	6,752	2.3%	121,875	2,870	2.4 %	228,050	6,977	3.1 %
finance bonds									
Ch\$	-	-	-%	_	_	-%	_	-	-%
UF	38,714	2,709	7.0%	52,414	4,258	8.1 %	63,061	6,420	10.2%
Foreign	_	_	-%	_	_	-%	_	_	-%
currency	20.714	2.700		50 414	4.050		62.061	C 120	
Total Other interest	38,714	2,709	7.0%	52,414	4,258	8.1 %	63,061	6,420	10.2%
bearing									
liabilities									
Ch\$	1,198,933	69,592	5.8%	857,325	100,810	11.8%	677,014	109,455	16.2%
UF	4,590,260	217,116	4.7%	3,903,076	238,721	6.1 %	3,020,987	227,384	7.5 %
Foreign	2,842,935	58,918	2.1%	3,095,800	54,356	1.8 %	3,802,407	73,137	1.9 %
currency Total	8,632,128	345,626	4.0%	7,856,201	393,886	5.0 %	7,500,408	409,976	5.5 %
Total interest	0,032,120	343,020	4.0 %	7,030,201	393,000	3.0 %	7,300,408	409,970	3.3 %
bearing									
liabilities									
Ch\$	10,961,312	394,139	3.6%		491,220		10,164,484	450,719	4.4 %
UF	5,885,866	256,903	4.4%	5,370,205	300,249	5.6 %	4,162,125	301,601	7.2 %
Foreign currency	5,381,863	80,712	1.5%	5,884,705	64,286	1.1 %	6,269,635	78,462	1.3 %
Total	22,229,041	731,754	3.3%	21,768,547	855,755	3.9 %	20,596,244	830,782	4.0 %
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Non-interest									
bearing									
liabilities Non-interest									
bearing demand									
deposits									
Ch\$	5,980,167			5,633,226			5,617,012		
UF	41,129			39,075			35,163		
Foreign	96,348			81,321			67,714		
currency	, -			,			,		

Total Derivatives	6,117,644	5,753,622	5,719,889
Ch\$	2,175,063	2,724,994	2,958,942
UF	-	-	-
Foreign currency	-	-	-
Total	2,175,063	2,724,994	2,958,942

	For the year 2017	ended De	cember 31, 2016		2015		
	Average Balance	Interest Earned	Average Nominal Balance Rate	Interest Earned	Average Nominal Balance Rate	Interest Earned	Average Nominal Rate
Other non-interest bearing liabilities							
Ch\$	932,082		884,290		896,466		
UF	301,516		339,168		410,866		
Foreign currency	764,201		932,557		1,146,705		
Total	1,997,799		2,156,015		2,454,037		
Shareholders' equity							
Ch\$	3,001,686		2,840,846		2,816,116		
UF	-		-		-		
Foreign currency	(6)		(4)	-		
Total	3,001,680		2,840,843		2,816,116		
Total non-interest							
bearing liabilities and							
shareholders' equity							
Ch\$	12,088,998		12,083,356		12,288,536		
UF	342,645		378,243		446,029		
Foreign currency	860,543		1,013,875		1,214,419		
Total	13,292,186		13,475,473		13,948,984		
Total Liabilities and							
Share-Holders' Equity							
Ch\$	23,050,311	394,139	22,596,993	491,220	22,453,020	450,719	
UF	6,228,511	256,903	5,748,447	300,249	4,608,154	301,601	
Foreign currency	6,242,406	80,712	6,898,580	64,286	7,484,054	78,462	
Total	35,521,228	731,754	35,244,021	855,755	34,545,228	830,782	

Threshold is the asset generated when we post collateral for a derivative with a counterparty that has negative (1)mark-to-market for us. Some Central Security Depository agreements permit this collateral to generate interest at the overnight rate and this is the source of interest income associated with this asset.

Changes in Net Interest Revenue and Interest Expense: Volume and Rate Analysis

The following table allocates, by currency of denomination, changes in our net interest revenue and interest expense between changes in the average volume of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities and changes in their respective nominal interest rates for 2017 compared to 2016 and 2016 compared to 2015. Volume and rate variances have been calculated based on movements in average balances over the period and changes in nominal interest rates

on average interest-earning assets and average interest-bearing liabilities.

	Increase (to 2017 Due to Ch		from 2016	Increase (Decrease) from 2015 to 2016 Due to Changes in			
	Volume	Rate	Net Change from 2016 to 2017	Volume	Rate	Net Change from 2015 to 2016	
Assets							
Interest earning assets							
Deposits in Central Bank							
Ch\$	(125)	(876)	(1,001)	(413)	(1,437)	(1,850)	
UF	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Foreign currency	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal	(125)	(876)	(1,001)	(413)	(1,437)	(1,850)	
Financial investments							
Ch\$	1,928	11,606	13,534	5,103	43,819	48,992	
UF	37,086	(32,919)	4,167	(2,230)	(2,626)	(4,856)	
Foreign currency	(1,274)	(101)	(1,375)	622	3,046	3,668	
Subtotal	37,740	(21,414)	16,326	3,495	44,239	47,734	
Commercial loans							
Ch\$	14,979	(79,473)	(64,494)	14,002	16,537	30,539	
UF	9,905	(54,476)	(44,571)	25,822	(48,887)	(23,065)	
Foreign currency	3,908	3,271	7,179	(2,833)	12,016	9,183	
Subtotal	28,792	(130,678)	(101,886)	36,991	(20,334)	16,657	
Consumer loans							
Ch\$	27,099	46,942	74,041	18,560	3,484	22,044	

	Increase (Decrease) from 2016 to In 2017						Increase (Decrease) from 2015 to 2016			
	Due to Changes in						'hongog in			
	Due to C	111ر	anges m			Due to Changes in			Net	
	Volume		Rate		Net Change from 2016 to 2017	Volume	Rate		Change from 2015 to 2016	
UF	(269)	(157)	(426	(6,093)	(315		(6,408)
Foreign currency	-	,	-	,	-	-	-	,	-	,
Subtotal	(26.830)	(46 785)	(73,615	12.467	3,169		15,636	
Mortgage loans	(20,030	,	(10,705	,	(75,015	, 12,107	3,107		15,050	
Ch\$	(198)	(627)	(825	(163)	(185)	(348)
UF	16,697	,	•		(65,510		73,064	,	(29,451	
Foreign currency	-		-	,	-	-	-		-	,
Subtotal	16,499		(82 834)	(66,335	43 450	(73,249)	(29,799)
Interbank loans	10,177		(02,031	,	(00,555	, 13,130	(73,21)	,	(2),///	,
Ch\$	(1,391)	2,065		674	1,024	(1,093)	(69)
UF	-	,	-		-	-	-	,	-	,
Foreign currency	_		_		_	_	(11)	(11)
Subtotal	(1,391)	2,065		674	1,024	(1,104)	(80)
Investment under agreement to resell	(1,0)1	,	_,000		07.	1,02.	(1,10)	,	(00	,
Ch\$	(961)	680		(281	610	493		1,103	
UF	-	,	(289)) -	-		-	
Foreign currency	(2)	(2)		,) -	_		_	
Subtotal	(963	í	389		` .	610	493		1,103	
Threshold									,	
Ch\$	74		5		79	59	121		180	
UF	_		_		_	_	_		_	
Foreign currency	397		31		428	(198)	1,466		1,268	
Subtotal	471		36		507	(139	*		1,448	
Total interest earnings assets						, ,	,		,	
Ch\$	41,405		(19,678)	21,727	38,782	61,739		100,521	1
UF	63,419				(106,629)		(124,892	2)	(63,780	
Foreign currency	3,030		3,198		6,228		16,517		14,108	
Total	107,854	1		8)	(78,674		(46,636)	50,849	
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity										
Interest bearing liabilities										
Savings accounts										
Ch\$	-		-		-	-	(1)	(1)
UF	(1)	(1,067)	(1,068	69	(1,057)	(988)
Foreign currency	-		-		-	-	-		-	
Subtotal	(1)	(1,067)	(1,068	69	(1,058)	(989)
Time deposits										
Ch\$	(521)	(68,242)	(68,763	9,424	43,883		53,307	

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UF Foreign currency Subtotal	(2,940 7,095 3,634)	(16,183 3,750 (80,675		(19,123 10,845 (77,041		23,140 467 33,032	(32,677 4,103 15,308)	(9,537 4,570 48,340)
Central bank borrowings	25				25		(25	1.0		(17	,
Ch\$	35		-		35		(35)	18		(17)
UF	-		-		(1)	(1)	-		(1)
Foreign currency	-		-		-		-	-		-	
Subtotal	35		-		35		(36)	18		(18)
Repurchase agreements											
Ch\$	488		2,376		2,864		3,580	(562)	(4,142)
UF	(1)	-		(1)	-	-		-	
Foreign currency	1,724		(706)	1,018		21	15		36	
Subtotal	2,211		1,670		3,881		(3,560)	(546)	(4,106)
Mortgage finance bonds											
Ch\$	-		-		-		-	-		-	
UF	(966)	(583)	(1,549)	(1,074)	(1,088)	(2,162)

	Increase (to 2017	(Decrease) f	From 2016	Increase (Decrease) from 2015 to 2016			
	Due to Ch	nanges in		Due to Cha	anges in		
	Volume	Rate	Net Change from 2016 to 2017	Volume	Rate	Net Change from 2015 to 2016	
Foreign currency	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal	(966)	(583)	(1,549)	(1,074)	(1,088)	(2,162)	
Other interest bearing liabilities							
Ch\$	22,760	(53,978)	(31,218)	29,669	(38,314)	(8,645)	
UF	12,059	(33,663)	(21,604)	65,141	(53,804)	11,337	
Foreign currency	2,991	1,571	4,562	(15,262)	(3,519)	(18,781)	
Subtotal	37,810	(86,070)	(48,260)	79,547	(95,637)	(16,090)	
Total interest bearing liabilities							
Ch\$	22,762	(119,843)	(97,081)	35,478	5,024	40,502	
UF	8,151	(51,496)	(43,346)	87,275	(88,626)	(1,351)	
Foreign currency	11,811	4,614	16,426	(14,774)	599	(14,175)	
Total	42,724	(166,725)	(124,001)	107,979	(83,004)	24,975	

Interest-Earning Assets: Net Interest Margin

The following table analyzes, by currency of denomination, the levels of average interest-earning assets and net interest earned by Santander-Chile, and illustrates the comparative net interest margins obtained, for each of the years indicated in the table.

	Year ended December 31,				
	2017	2016	2015		
	(in millions of Ch\$)				
Total average interest-earning assets					
Ch\$	12,317,700	11,684,475	11,047,790		
UF	14,139,235	13,150,312	12,382,225		
Foreign currencies	4,138,124	4,836,524	5,092,990		
Total	30,595,059	29,671,311	28,523,005		
Net interest earned (1)					
Ch\$	789,376	670,567	610,548		
UF	507,847	571,131	633,279		
Foreign currencies	29,469	39,667	11,379		
Total	1,326,692	1,281,365	1,255,206		

Net interest margin (2)				
Ch\$	6.4	% 5.7	% 5.5	%
UF	3.6	% 4.3	% 5.1	%
Foreign currencies	0.7	% 0.8	% 0.2	%
Total	4.3	% 4.3	% 4.4	%

- (1) Net interest earned is defined as interest revenue earned less interest expense incurred.
- (2) Net interest margin is defined as net interest earned divided by total average interest-earning assets.

Return on Equity and Assets; Dividend Payout

The following table presents certain information and selected financial ratios for Santander-Chile for the years indicated.

	Year ended December 31,			
Ch\$ million	2017	2016	2015	
Net income	575,249	478,432	451,729	
Net income attributable to shareholders	562,801	476,067	448,466	
Average total assets	35,521,228	35,244,021	34,545,228	
Average equity	3,001,680	2,840,843	2,816,116	

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	Year ended December 31,				
Ch\$ million	2017	2016		2015	
Net income as a percentage of:					
Average total assets	1.6 %	1.4	%	1.3	%
Average equity	19.2%	16.8	%	16.0	%
Average equity as a percentage of:					
Average total assets	8.5 %	8.1	%	8.2	%
Cash dividend (1)		330,64	6	336,65	59
Dividend payout ratio, based on net income attributable to shareholders (1)		69.0	%	75.0	%

(1) Cash dividends for each year are declared and approved by shareholders at the annual shareholders' meeting in the following the year. As of March 27, 2018 be divided of 2017 has not been announced.

Dividends declared at the annual shareholders' meeting of each year correspond to the Bank's earnings of the previous year. The following table presents dividends declared and paid by us in nominal terms in the past four years:

Year	Dividend Ch\$ millions (1)	Dividend U.S.\$ millions (2)	Per snare	Per ADS U.S.\$/ADS (4)		% over earnings (6)
2014	265,156	476.0	1.41	1.01	60	60
2015	330,198	540.4	1.75	1.15	60	58
2016	336,659	503.7	1.79	1.07	75	75
2017	330,646	496.5	1.75	1.05	70	69

(1) Millions of nominal pesos.

(3) Calculated on the basis of 188,446 million shares.

⁽²⁾ Millions of U.S.\$ using the observed exchange rate of the day the dividend was approved at the annual shareholders' meeting.

- (4) Calculated on the basis of 400 shares per ADS.
- (5) Calculated by dividing dividend paid in the year by net income attributable to the equity holders of the Bank for the previous year under Chilean Bank GAAP.
- (6) Calculated by dividing dividend paid in the year by net income attributable to the equity holders of the Bank for the previous year under IFRS.

Loan Portfolio

The following table analyzes our loans by product type. Except where otherwise specified, all loan amounts stated below are before deduction for loan loss allowances. Total loans reflect our loan portfolio, including principal amounts of past due loan and substandard loans. Any collateral provided generally consists of a mortgage on real estate, a pledge of marketable securities, a letter of credit or cash. The existence and amount of collateral generally varies from loan to loan.

	As of December 31,				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
	(in millions o	f Ch\$)			
Commercial Loans:					
Commercial loans	9,990,656	9,853,657	8,985,452	8,324,949	7,797,682
Foreign trade loans	1,574,513	1,829,904	2,152,570	1,786,232	1,840,334
Checking account debtors	195,696	179,468	234,723	266,231	279,657
Factoring transactions	449,890	296,751	275,647	327,841	316,114
Leasing transactions	1,457,004	1,485,123	1,534,192	1,489,384	1,349,814
Other loans and accounts receivable	240,883	222,562	143,775	135,663	118,651
Subtotal	13,908,642	13,867,465	13,326,359	12,330,300	11,702,252
Mortgage loans:					
Mortgage finance bond backed loans	24,060	32,579	134,105	116,150	72,297

	As of Decem	2016	2015	2014	2013
Mortgage mutual loans Other mortgage mutual loans Subtotal	(in millions of 115,078 8,957,757 9,096,895	119,934 8,466,843 8,619,356	44,028 7,634,717 7,812,850	57,356 6,458,525 6,632,031	71,833 5,481,682 5,625,812
Consumer loans: Installment consumer loans Credit card loans Consumer leasing contracts Other consumer loans Subtotal	2,910,742 1,364,980 4,715 277,255 4,557,692	2,722,365 1,448,118 5,117 271,203 4,446,803	2,469,646 1,434,609 5,460 240,956 4,150,671	2,320,775 1,362,587 5,270 229,743 3,918,375	2,168,121 1,235,881 3,451 199,795 3,607,248
Subtotal Loans to customers	27,563,229	26,933,624	25,289,880	22,880,706	20,935,312
Interbank loans	162,685	272,807	10,877	11,943	125,449
Total	27,725,914	27,206,431	25,300,757	22,892,649	21,060,761

The loan categories are as follows:

Commercial loans

Commercial loans are long-term and short-term loans, including checking overdraft lines for companies, granted in Chilean pesos, inflation linked, U.S.\$ linked or denominated in U.S.\$. The interest on these loans is fixed or variable and is used primarily to finance working capital or investments. General commercial loans also include factoring operations.

Foreign trade loans are fixed rate, short-term loans made in foreign currencies (principally U.S.\$) to finance imports and exports.

Checking account debtors mainly include mortgage loans (fixed and variable rate) that are inflation-indexed long-term loans with monthly payments of principal and interest secured by a real property mortgage. These loans can be endorsed to a third party.

Factoring transactions mainly include short-term loans to	companies with a fixed month	aly nominal rate backed by a
company invoice.		

Leasing transactions are agreements for the financial leasing of capital equipment and other property.

Other loans and accounts receivable loans include other loans and accounts payable.

Mortgage loans

Mortgage mutual loans mainly include mortgage loans (fixed and variable rate) that are inflation-indexed long-term loans with monthly payments of principal and interest secured by a real property mortgage. These are financed by issuing mortgage bonds.

Mortgage finance bond backed loans are inflation-indexed, fixed or variable rate, long-term loans with monthly payments of principal and interest secured by a real property mortgage that are financed with mortgage finance bonds. At the time of approval, these types of mortgage loans cannot be more than 75.0% of the lower of the purchase price or the appraised value of the mortgaged property or such loan will be classified as a commercial loan. Mortgage bonds are our general obligations, and we are liable for all principal and accrued interest on such bonds. In addition, if the issuer of a mortgage finance bond becomes insolvent, the General Banking Law's liquidation procedures provide that these types of mortgage loans with their corresponding mortgage bonds shall be auctioned as a unit and the acquirer must continue paying the mortgage finance bonds under the same conditions as the original issuer.

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Other mortgage mutual loans mainly include mortgage loans (fixed and variable rate) that are inflation-indexed long-term loans with monthly payments of principal and interest secured by a real property mortgage. These are financed by our general borrowings.

Consumer loans

Installment consumer loans are loans to individuals, granted in Chilean pesos, generally on a fixed rate nominal basis, to finance the purchase of consumer goods or to pay for services.

Consumer loans through lines of credit are checking overdraft lines to individuals, granted in Chilean pesos, generally on a fixed rate nominal basis and linked to an individual's checking account.

Credit card loans include credit card balances subject to nominal fixed rate interest charges.

Consumer leasing contracts are agreements for the financial leasing of automobiles and other property to individuals.

Other loans and accounts receivable from customers include draft lines for individuals.

Non-client loans

Interbank loans are fixed rate, short-term loans to financial institutions that operate in Chile.

Maturity and Interest Rate Sensitivity of Loans

The following table sets forth an analysis by type and time remaining to maturity of our loans as of December 31, 2017.

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		Due after 1		Total
	Due in 1	year	Due after 5	balance as of
	year or less	through 5	years	December
		years		31, 2017
	(in millions	of Ch\$)		
General commercial loans	4,172,661	3,444,674	2,373,321	9,990,656
Foreign trade loans	1,404,542	156,082	13,889	1,574,513
Leasing contracts	317,825	718,232	420,947	1,457,004
Other outstanding loans	797,198	44,856	44,415	886,469
Subtotal commercial loans	6,692,226	4,363,844	2,852,572	13,908,642
Residential loans backed by mortgage bonds	6,735	15,219	2,106	24,060
Other residential mortgage loans	487,900	1,745,350	6,839,585	9,072,835
Subtotal residential mortgage loans	494,635	1,760,569	6,841,691	9,096,895
Consumer loans	2,427,043	2,001,414	129,235	4,557,692
Subtotal	9,613,904	8,125,827	9,823,498	27,563,229
Interbank loans	162,685	-	-	162,685
Total loans	9,776,589	8,125,827	9,823,498	27,725,914

The following tables present the total amount of loans due after one year that have fixed and variable interest rates as of December 31, 2017. See also "Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—A. Operating Results—Interest Rates."

	As of
	December
	31, 2017
	(in millions
	of Ch\$)
Variable Rate	
Ch\$	332
UF	954,006
Foreign currencies	-
Subtotal	954,338
Fixed Rate	
Ch\$	4,455,863
UF	11,752,769
Foreign currencies	786,355
Subtotal	16,994,987
Total	17,949,325

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Commerce

3,294,555

3,393,133

3,061,490

2,773,410

Loans by Economic Activity

The following table sets forth, at the dates indicated, an analysis of our client loan portfolio based on the borrower's principal economic activity and geographic distribution. Loans to individuals for business purposes are allocated to their economic activity.

		(4)							_			
		ans (*) as of D	•	2014	2012	_	n int	erbank	loar		as of	
	2017 (in millions of	2016	2015	2014	2013	2017	ione	2016 of Ch\$)		2015		201
Commercial	(III IIIIIIIIII C	<i>π</i>				(111 11111	10115	oi Ciig)				
loans												
Manufacturing	1,218,232	1,180,886	1,171,830	1,126,268	1,216,914	_		_		_		_
Mining	302,037	340,554	510,467	428,847	464,865	_		_		_		_
Electricity, gas	•	,	,	ŕ	•							
and water	336,048	442,936	454,456	567,548	222,110	-		-		-		-
Agriculture and	1 114 507	1.006.650	1 010 022	071 047	006 000							
livestock	1,114,597	1,096,659	1,019,922	871,247	806,092	-		-		-		-
Forestry	98,941	96,806	96,069	98,039	183,716	-		-		-		-
Fishing	215,994	296,592	344,496	256,818	265,917	-		-		-		-
Transport	697,948	787,510	876,329	758,339	721,931	-		-		-		-
Communications	168,744	196,934	160,135	167,004	249,499	-		-		-		-
Construction	1,977,417	1,792,485	1,462,535	1,365,841	1,337,791	-		-		-		-
Commerce	3,131,870	3,120,400	3,050,663	2,773,410	2,578,979	162,68	5	272,73	3	10,82	7	11
Services	467,747	482,900	483,516	469,141	447,861	-		-		-		-
Other	4,179,067	4,032,877	3,695,991	3,447,842	3,206,643	-		-		-		-
Subtotals	13,908,642	13,867,539	13,326,409	12,330,344	11,702,318	162,68	5	272,73	3	10,82	7	11
Mortgage loans	9,096,895	8,619,356	7,812,850	6,632,031	5,625,812	-		-		-		-
Consumer loans	4,557,692	4,446,803	4,150,671	3,918,375	3,607,248	-		-		-		-
Total	27,563,229	26,933,698	25,289,930	22,880,750	20,935,378	162,68	5	272,73	3	10,82	7	11
Commercial												
loans												
Manufacturing	1,218,232	1,180,886	1,171,830	1,126,268	1,216,914	4.4	%	4.34	%	4.63	%	4.
Mining	302,037	340,554	510,467	428,847	464,865	1.1	%	1.25	%	2.02	%	1.
Electricity, gas	336,048	442,936	454,456	567,548	222,110	1.2	%	1.63	%	1.80	%	2.
and water	330,040	442,730	454,450	307,340	222,110	1.2	70	1.05	70	1.00	70	۷.
Agriculture and	1,114,597	1,096,659	1,019,922	871,247	806,092	4.0	%	4.03	%	4.03	%	3.
livestock		, ,		ŕ	•							
Forestry	98,941	96,806	96,069	98,039	183,716	0.4	%	0.36	%	0.38	%	0.
Fishing	215,994	296,592	344,496	256,818	265,917	0.8	%	1.09	%	1.36	%	1.
Transport	697,948	787,510	876,329	758,339	721,931	2.5	%	2.89	%	3.46	%	3.
Communications	168,744	196,934	160,135	167,004	249,499	0.6	%	0.72	%	0.63	%	0.
Construction	1,977,417	1,792,485	1,462,535	1,365,841	1,337,791	7.1	%	6.59	%	5.78	%	5.

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Carriaga	167 717	482,900	102 516	460 141	117 061	17	%	1 77	01	1.91 %	_
Services	467,747	482,900	483,516	469,141	447,861	1./	%	1.77	%	1.91 %	2.
Other	4,179,067	4,032,877	3,695,991	3,447,842	3,206,643	15.1	%	14.84	%	14.61 %	15
Subtotals	14,071,327	14,140,272	13,337,236	12,330,344	11,827,701	50.8	%	51.98	%	52.71 %	53
Mortgage loans	9,096,895	8,619,356	7,812,850	6,632,031	5,625,812	32.8	%	31.68	%	30.88 %	28
Consumer loans	4,557,692	4,446,803	4,150,671	3,918,375	3,607,248	16.4	%	16.34	%	16.41 %	17
Total	27.725.914	27.206.431	25.300.757	22.880.750	21.060.761	100.0	%	100.00	%	100.00%	1(

^(*) Includes domestic interbank loans for Ch\$0 million as of December 31, 2017 (Ch\$74 million as of December 31, 2016), see Note 8 of the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements.

^(**) Includes foreign interbank loans for Ch\$162,685 million as of December 31, 2017 (Ch\$272,733 million as of December 31, 2016), see Note 8 of the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements.

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Foreign Assets and Loans

Santander-Chile's Asset and Liability Committee, or ALCO, is responsible for determining the maximum foreign country exposure the Bank is permitted to have. The ALCO has determined that the total foreign country exposure cannot be greater than 1-time regulatory capital. To determine this, each country is classified using a ranking system from 1 to 6 based on the definition promulgated by the SBIF, in which the main consideration is the international rating of each country. The ALCO has also set a higher limit if the foreign exposure is to related parties. As of December 31, 2017, the Bank's foreign exposure, including the estimate of counterparty risk in our derivatives portfolio, was U.S.\$2,090 million, or 4.3% of our assets. For more information please see Note 37 of our Audited Consolidated Financial Statements.

Below, there are additional details regarding our exposure to countries in category 2 and 3, the riskiest categories we have exposure to as of December 31, 2017 considering fair value of derivative instruments. In this category China is the largest exposure and is also broke down below.

Country	Classification (1)	Derivative Instruments (adjusted to market)	Deposits	Loans	Financial Investments	Total Exposure
		US\$ Mn	US\$ Mn	US\$ Mn	US\$ Mn	US\$ Mn
Bolivia	3	-	-	0.06	-	0.06
China	2	-	-	243.95	-	243.95
Italia	2	-	2.38	0.78	-	3.16
Mexico	2	-	0.01	-	-	0.01
Panama	2	0.63	-	-	-	0.63
Peru	2	3.38	-	-	-	3.38
Thailand	2	-	-	0.31	-	0.31
Turkey	3	-	-	9.49	-	9.49
Total		4.01	2.39	254.59	-	260.99

Our exposure to Grupo Santander is as follows:

⁽¹⁾ Corresponds to country's classification established in Chapter B-6 of the Compendium of Accounting Standards issued by the SBIF.

			Derivative				
			instruments	Deposits	Loans	Financial	Total
Counterpart	Country	Classification	(market	USD	USD	Investments	Exposure
			adjusted)	Mn	Mn	USD Mn	USD Mn
			USD Mn				
Banco Santander Spain*	Spain	1	9.74	118.26	-	-	128.0

The total amount of this exposure to derivative instruments must be compensated daily with collateral and, therefore, there is no credit exposure.

As of December 31, 2017, we had no applicable sovereign exposure, no unfunded exposure, no credit default protection and no current developments.

^{*} We have included our exposure to Santander branches in New York and Hong Kong as exposure to Spain.

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Classification of Loan Portfolio

Credit Risk Governance

The Risk Division, our credit analysis and risk management group, is largely independent of our Commercial Division. Risk evaluation teams interact regularly with our clients. For larger transactions, risk teams in our headquarters work directly with clients when evaluating credit risks and preparing credit applications. Various credit approval committees, all of which include Risk Division and Commercial Division personnel, must verify that the appropriate qualitative and quantitative parameters are met by each applicant. Each committee's powers are defined by our Board of Directors.

Santander-Chile's governance rules have established the existence of the Risk Committee. This committee is responsible for revising and following all risks that may affect us, including reputational risk, allowing for an integral risk management. This committee serves as the governing body through which the Board supervises all risk functions. It also evaluates the reasonability of the systems for measurement and control of risks. This Committee includes the Chairman of the Board and five Board members.

The Board has delegated the duty of credit risk management to the Risk Committee, as well as to the Bank's risk departments, whose roles are summarized below:

Verify compliance with the strategic objectives of the group, depending on both assumed and potential risk, and alerting management to such risks.

Propose the primary metrics for risk appetite framework.

Review the level of compliance with regulatory provisions and recommendations issued by the Local and External Supervisors, ensuring their implementation on the stipulated dates.

Analyze with a comprehensive vision, the map of recommendations and incidents formulated by the different control instances (SBIF, DAI and External Audit) in order to identify the main risks involved.

Review the risk benchmark analysis, and from its results, identify and propose "best practices" or corrective / preventive actions, ensuring their proper implementation.

Review the adequate management of risks by the management areas, formulating where appropriate, the mitigation actions in accordance with the policies approved by the Board.

Monitoring, analysis and control of the limits defined in the Risk Framework (basic and complementary metrics) and the key credit risk indicators of each zone, segment or product, identifying possible sources of concern.

Analyze the relevant aspects of the risk (exogenous variables), which could eventually materialize in possible losses for the business (emerging risks).

Analyze and propose eventual changes in the policies and procedures used by the Bank for the administration, control and management of risks, when inconsistencies or vulnerabilities are verified.

Encourage compliance by the Bank with the best corporate governance practices in risk management.

Pre-review the documents of type 0 and 1 (Frames and Models) that were defined in the Approval Hierarchy model, which must then be approved in the Directory.

Perform, according to the calendar proposed by the Risk Department or on request, the sectoral analyzes considered relevant.

Review of risks in terms of Risk Compliance and Reputational Risk

Any other task that the Board deems necessary.

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The following diagram illustrates the governance of our credit risk division including the committees with approval power:
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Role of Santander Spain's Global Risk Department: Credit Risk
In matters regarding Credit Risk, Santander Spain's Global Risk Department has the following role:
All credit risks greater than U.S.\$40 million (U.S.\$60 million for financial institutions), after being approved locally, are reviewed by Santander Spain. This additional review ensures that no global exposure limit is being breached.
In standardized risks, the consumer and mortgage scoring models are developed locally but are reviewed and approved by Santander Spain's Global Risk Department.
For each scoring model, a monthly Risk Report is prepared, which is reviewed locally and is also sent to Santander ·Spain's Global Risk Department. This report includes the evolution of basic credit risk parameters such as loan amounts, non-performance, charge-offs and provisions.
Monthly, the Controller of the Risk Department sends a report to Santander Spain's Global Risk Department covering all the main indicators regarding credit risk and the evolution of credit risk as compared to the budgeted levels.
Credit Approval: Loans approved on an individual basis
In preparing a credit proposal for a corporate client whose loans are approved on an individual basis, Santander-Chile's personnel verifies such parameters as debt servicing capacity (typically including projected cash flows), the company's financial history and projections for the economic sector in which it operates. The Risk Division is closely involved in

this process, and prepares the credit application for the client. All proposals contain an analysis of the client's strengths and weaknesses, a rating and a recommendation. Credit limits are determined not on the basis of outstanding balances of individual clients, but on the direct and indirect credit risk of entire financial groups. For example, a corporation

will be evaluated together with its subsidiaries and affiliates.

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Credit Approval: Loans approved on a group basis

The majority of loans to individuals and small and mid-sized companies are approved by the Standardized Risk Area through an automated credit scoring system. This system is decentralized, automated and based on multiple parameters, including demographic and information regarding credit behavior from external sources and the SBIF.

Classification of Loan Portfolio

Loans are divided into: (i) consumer loans (including loans granted to individuals for the purpose of financing the acquisition of consumer goods or payment of services); (ii) residential mortgage loans (including loans granted to individuals for the acquisition, construction or repair of residential real estate, in which the value of the property covers at least 100% of the amount of the loan); and (iii) commercial loans (including all loans other than consumer loans and residential mortgage loans). The models and methods used to classify our loan portfolio and establish credit loss allowances must follow the following guiding principles, which have been approved by our Board of Directors.

Loans analyzed on an individual basis

For loans that are greater than Ch\$400 million (US\$648,455), the Bank uses internal models to assign a risk category level to each borrower and its respective loans. We consider the following risk factors: industry or sector of the borrower, the borrower's competitive position in its markets, owners or managers of the borrower, the borrower's financial situation, the borrower's payment capacity and the borrower's payment behavior to calculate the estimated incurred loan loss. Through these categories, we differentiate the normal loan portfolio from the impaired one.

These are our categories:

Debtors may be classified in risk categories A1, A2, A3 or B (A is applicable if they are current on their payment 1. obligations and show no sign of deterioration in their credit quality and B is different from the A categories by a certain history of late payments). The A categories are distinguished by different PNPs (as defined below).

2. Debtors classified as C1, C2, C3, C4, D1 or D2 include debtors whose loans with us have been charged off or administered by our Recovery Unit, or classified as *Precontenciosos* (PRECO or deteriorated).

For loans classified as A1, A2, A3 and B, we assign a specific provision level on an individual basis to each borrower and, therefore, the amount of loan loss allowance is determined on a case by case basis.

Estimated Incurred Loan Loss = Loan Loss Allowance

The estimated incurred loss is obtained by multiplying all risk factors defined in the following equation:

EIL= EXP x PNP x SEV

EIL = Estimated Incurred Loan Loss. The estimated incurred loan loss is how much could be lost in the event a debtor does not perform the obligations under the loan.

EXP = Exposure. This corresponds to the value of commercial loans.

PNP = Probability of Non-Performance. This variable, expressed as a percentage, indicates the probability that a debtor will default. This percentage is associated with the internal rating that we give to each debtor, which is determined by analyzing such parameters as debt servicing capacity.

SEV = Severity. This is the effective loss rate given default for debtors in the same segment, which is determined statistically based on the historical effective losses for us for each segment.

Every year, models together with PNP and SEV assumptions, are tested by the Bank's Credit Risk Department, to ensure that they are appropriate at each reporting date so as to make sure any difference between the estimated incurred losses and real losses is reduced.

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These tests focus on the validation of the sufficiency of the Bank's allowances, and consist of comparisons between actual write-offs to allowances established by the model, and the coverage of the total allowance to actual write-offs in the most current periods. Individual loan classification and improvements to any customer classification are also presented for approval to our Risk Committee.

In accordance with such policy, every year we update appraisals of fair value of collateral before the end of the 24 month period for certain customers and such updated appraisals are considered in the calculation of the allowance for loan losses. The number of updated appraisals performed in 2014 was 98, in 2015 was 43 and 2016 it was 142 and in 2017 it was 257, and such updated appraisals were performed mainly because of changes in customer conditions (renegotiation deterioration of financial situation increase in credit line).

For loans classified in the C and D categories, loan loss allowances are based mainly on the fair value of the collateral, adjusted for an estimate cost to sell, that each of these loans have. Allowance percentage for each category is then based on the fair value of the collateral, or the expected future cash flow from the loan for each individually evaluated non-performing loans.

Loans analyzed on a group basis

The Bank uses the concept of estimated incurred loss to quantify the allowances levels over loan analyzed on a group basis. Incurred loss is the expected provision expense that will appear one year away from the balance date of the transaction's credit risk, considering the counterpart risk and the collateral associated to each transaction.

Following the Bank's definition, the Bank uses group evaluation to approach transactions that have similar credit risk features, which indicate the debtor's payment capacity of the entire debt, capital and interests, pursuant to the contract's terms. In addition, this allows us to assess a high number of transactions with low individual amounts, whether they belong to individuals or small sized companies. Therefore, debtors and loans with similar features are grouped together and each group has a risk level assigned to it. These models are meant to be used mainly to analyze loans granted to individuals (including consumer loans, credit lines, mortgage loans and commercial loans) and commercial loans to SMEs.

Allowances are established using these models, taking into account the historical impairment and other known circumstances at the time of evaluation. After this, a historical loss rate is assigned to each portfolio profile constituting each segment. The method for assigning a profile is established based on a statistical building method, establishing a relation through a logistic regression various variables, such as payment behavior in the Bank, payment behavior outside the Bank, various socio-demographic data, among others, and a response variable that determines a client's risk level, which in this case is 90 days of non-performance. Afterwards, common profiles are established related to a logical order and with differentiate default rates, applying the real historical loss the Bank has had with

that portfolio.

Our models for loans analyzed on a group basis (consumer loans, residential mortgage loans and small-and-mid-sized commercial loans) are monitored on a monthly basis with respect to predictability and stability, using indices that seek to capture the underlying need to update the models for current loss trends. Therefore, the periods of historical net charge-offs used in the allowance model may be more than a year old as we only update the historical net charge-offs only when our assessment of predictability and stability indicators determine it is necessary.

The different risk categories are constructed and updated periodically based on the payment behavior of the client's profile to which they belong, as well as his or her socio-demographic characteristics. Therefore, when a customer has past due balance or has missed some payments, the outcome is that the customer will move to a different segment with a higher loss rate, therefore capturing current trends for each risk profile.

At the same time during September 2017, and as part of the normal process of updating the provisioning model for loans analyzed on a group basis, the Bank re-calibrated these models, incorporating a greater historical depth, including a recession period, thus strengthening the parameters of probability of default and loss given default.

This update did not generate significant differences at the level of the total balance of loan loss allowances for credit risk, although it did imply an increase in the provisions associated with commercial and mortgage loans and a decrease in the provisions associated with consumer loans. These improvements, in accordance with IAS 8, are considered as a change in an estimate and its effect was therefore recorded in the Consolidated Statement of Income

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for the year. For a description of the impact this re-calibration had on provision expense related to our consumer loans, residential mortgage loans and commercial loans analyzed on a group basis, please see "Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects— A. Operating Results-Provision for loan losses"

Once the customers have been classified, the loan loss allowance is the product of three factors: Exposure (EXP), Probability of Non-Performance (PNP) and Severity (SEV).

EXP = Exposure. This corresponds to the value of commercial loans.

PNP = Probability of Non-Performing. This variable, expressed as a percentage, indicates the probability that a debtor will default. This percentage is associated with the internal score that we give to each debtor, which is determined by analyzing such parameters as debt servicing capacity (including, usually, projected cash flows), the company's financial history, the solvency and capacity of shareholders and management, and projections for the economic sector in which it operates. The internal rating can be different from ratings obtained from external third parties.

SEV = Severity. This is the effective loss rate given default for debtors in the same segment, which is determined statistically based on the historical effective losses for us for each segment.

Every year, models together with PNP and SEV assumptions, are tested by the Bank's Credit Risk Department, to ensure that they are appropriate at each reporting date so as to make sure any difference between the estimated incurred losses and real losses is reduced.

Allowances for consumer loans

The estimated incurred loss rates for consumer loans correspond to charge-offs net of recoveries. The methodology establishes the period in which the estimated incurred loss for each risk profile emerges. Once the loss has been considered to have been incurred, the estimated incurred loss rates are applied to the corresponding risk profile to obtain the net charge-off level associated with this period. The loss rates applied to each risk profile are based only on the historical net charge-off data for that specific profile within one of the four groups of consumer loans. No other statistical or other information other than net charge-offs is used to determine the loss rates.

The following diagrams set forth the allowances required by our current models for consumer loans:

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Santander:

Bank Loan type

Allowance Level(1) (Loss

rate)

Performing New clients Existing clients Banefe (3)

0.53% -19.75% 0.05%-11.92% 0.13%-18.67%

Renegotiated consumer loans which were less than 90 days past due at the time of renegotiation (2) 3.66%-30.40% 10.19%-43.71%

 ${\bf Consumer Renegotiated\ consumer\ loans\ which\ were\ more\ than\ 90\ days\ past\ due\ at\ } 41.50\%-100\%\ 51,11\%-100\%$ the time of renegotiation (2)

	Days Past Due	New Clients	Existing Clients	Previously Renegotiated Bank	Previously Renegotiated Banefe (3)
	90-120	31.78%	31.78%	41.50%	51.11%
Non-performing	g120-150	51.17%	51.17%	60.15%	66.65%
	150-180	59.98%	59.98%	68.86%	78.50%
	>180			Charged-off	

(1) Percentage of loans outstanding

(3) Banefe was the brand aimed at the lower end of the consumer market and for which there are still loans outstanding.

There are two renegotiated categories in our consumer loan portfolio:

Renegotiated Consumer which were less than 90 days past due at the time of renegotiation. The allowance for loan 1.loss percentages (or loss rates) are assigned based on eight different risk profiles which are determined based on demographic and payment behavior variables.

⁽²⁾ This category relates only to loans which were renegotiated and were less than 90 days past due at the time of renegotiation, migrating from such category as they reached 90 days past due since renegotiation.

Renegotiated Consumer which were more than 90 days past due at the time of renegotiation The loss rates are 2. assigned based on four different risk profiles which are determined based on the number of days overdue at the time of renegotiation:

Profile 1: 180 or more days past due

Profile 2: between 150 and 180 days past due

Profile 3: between 120 and 150 days past due

Profile 4: between 90 and 120 days past due

Small- and mid-sized commercial loans

To determine the estimated incurred loss for individuals (natural persons), small- and mid-sized commercial loans collectively evaluated for impairment, we mainly analyze the payment behavior of clients, particularly the payment behavior of clients with payments that are 90 days or more past-due, clients with other weaknesses, such as early non-performance (i.e., payments that are past-due, though by less than 90 days), clients with modified loans and clients with renegotiated loans, as well as success in recovery against these clients. We also consider whether the loan has underlying mortgage collateral.

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The risk categories are such that when a customer has a past-due balance or has missed some payments, the outcome is that the customer will move to a different risk category with a higher loss rate, therefore capturing current trends of the customer and, in the aggregate, current trends in the market.

In order to calculate the estimated incurred loan loss for all commercial loans collectively evaluated for impairment, the Bank sub-divided the portfolio in the following way:

Loan type	Performing		evel(1) (Loss Commercial loan to individuals with mortgage collateral 0.03%-3.98%	*	Mid-sized Enterprise
	Renegotiated commercial loans which were less than 90 days past du at the time of renegotiation (2	loan w/o mo	rtgage collate %	ral	loan with mortgage collateral 1.17%-8.25%

90 days at the ti	rcial Due when hich renegotiated ore than past due _{90–179}	loan to individuals	Commercial loan to individuals with mortgage collateral 12.15% 23.42% 34.65% 46.25%	30.95% 64.47% 70.15% 74.53%	Mid-sized Enterprise 18.93% 51.86% 63.12% 72.87%
Non-per consum	Days Past Due rforming er 90-179 180-359 360-719	Commercial loan to individuals w/o mortgage collateral 41.69% 67.31% 75.69%	Commercial loan to individuals with mortgage collateral 12.15% 23.42% 34.65%	Small Enterprise 30.95% 64.47% 70.15%	Previously Mid-sized Enterprise renegotiated 18.93%8.93% 51.86%1.86% 63.12%3.12%

>720 83.82% 46.25% 74.53% 72.87%2.87%

- (1)Percentage of loans outstanding
- (2) This category relates only to loans which were renegotiated and were less than 90 days past due at the time of renegotiation, migrating from such category as they reached 90 days past due since renegotiation.

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Allowances for residential mortgage loans

The provision methodology for residential mortgage loans takes into consideration different factors in order to group customers with less the 90 days past due into seven different risk profiles. Factors considered are whether the customer is a new customer or has prior history with the Bank. For each of these main categories additional factors are considered in order to develop risk profiles within each risk category, including payment behavior, non-performance less than 90 days, collateral levels, renegotiation history with the Bank, and historical amounts of net charge-offs, among others. The explanation for the initial segregation into three categories, existing, new customer, is as follows: an existing customer is a customer for which there is a broader level of information and history of payment behavior with the Bank, while for a new customer the Bank has no history of payment behavior and only information from the banking system and credit bureaus is available. The risk categories are such that when a customer's payment behavior deteriorates, the outcome is that the customer will move to a different risk category with a higher loss rate, therefore capturing the current status of the customer.

Previous to 2016, mortgage loans with more than 90 days past due balances are assigned a loss rate of 11.01%. In 2016, mortgage loans more than 90 days past due balances are assigned a loss rate depending on the loan to value. We determined that 90 days is appropriate, since our historical analysis of customer's behavior has shown that after 90 days, customers are likely to default on their obligations, and that, over succeeding periods, the loss incurred does not increase given the high fair value of collateral percentage to loan amount required under our credit policies for this type of loan. Also, we note that the Chilean economy's stability over the last few years has not resulted in other than insignificant fluctuations in collateral fair values on residential mortgage loan properties.

The following table sets forth the required loan loss allowance for residential mortgage loans:

Bank	Loan type	Allowance Level(1) (Loss rate)				
	Performing	Bank (excl Select) 0.00%-5.18%	Santander Select 0.00%-3.88%			
	Renegotiated mortgage loans which were less than 90 days past due at the time of renegotiation (2)	0.16%-8.37%				
Residential mortgage	Renegotiated mortgage loans which were more than 90 days past due at the time of renegotiation (2)	5.58%-26.25%				
		Loan to Value				
	Non-performing mortgage	0-60	5.58%			
		60-80	8.48%			
		80-90	11.93%			
		>90	16.25%			

1. Percentage of loans outstanding

2. This category relates only to loans which were renegotiated and were less than 90 days past due at the time of renegotiation, migrating from such category as they reached 90 days past due since renegotiation.

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Analysis of Santander-Chile's Loan Classification

The following tables provide statistical data regarding the classification of our loans analyzed on an individual basis as of December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015.

	As of Decem	ber 31,									
	2017				2016				2015		
Category	Individual	Percent	a & lowance	ePercent	algedividual	Percent	a & lowanc	ePercent	ta lpe dividual	Percent	ta ge llov
	Ch\$mn	%	Ch\$mn	%	Ch\$mn	%	Ch\$mn	%	Ch\$mn	%	Ch\$r
Individu-alized	l										
business											
A1	1,051,072	3.79	827	0.10	1,599,311	5.88	923	0.12	2,073,792	8.20	1,21
A2	5,957,305	21.49	18,514	2.34	6,437,930	23.67	23,757	3.00	5,898,065	23.32	17,3
A3	2,176,779	7.85	27,894	3.53	2,030,867	7.47	29,668	3.75	1,599,234	6.32	25,1
В	539,074	1.94	32,089	4.06	538,909	1.98	40,545	5.13	504,937	1.99	37,1
C1	145,033	0.52	2,604	0.33	121,893	0.45	2,176	0.28	81,767	0.32	1,63
C2	56,871	0.21	5,104	0.65	51,034	0.19	4,555	0.58	48,569	0.19	4,85
C3	39,825	0.14	8,935	1.13	49,901	0.18	11,136	1.41	37,663	0.15	9,41
C4	53,261	0.19	19,120	2.42	64,118	0.24	22,894	2.90	69,952	0.28	27,9
D1	71,896	0.26	41,941	5.30	73,462	0.27	42,625	5.39	76,157	0.30	49,5
D2	77,048	0.28	62,234	7.87	89,857	0.33	72,192	9.13	92,682	0.36	83,4
Total	10,168,164	36.67	219,262	27.73	11,057,282	40.66	250,471	31.69	10,482,818	41.43	257,

Classification of Loan Portfolio Based on the Borrower's Payment Performance

Non-performing loans include the aggregate principal and accrued but unpaid interest of any loan with one installment that is at least 90 days past-due, and do not accrue interest.

Impaired loans include: (a) for loans individually evaluated for impairment: (i) the carrying amount of all loans to clients that are rated C1 through C4, D1 and D2 and (ii) the carrying amount of all loans to an individual client with at least one non-performing loan (which is not a residential mortgage loan past due less than 90 days), regardless of category; and (b) for loans collectively evaluated for impairment, the carrying amount of all loans to a client, when at least one loan to that client is not performing or has been renegotiated. See "Note 9—Loans and Accounts Receivables from Customers" of the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements. Renegotiated loans, on which payments are not past-due, are not ordinarily classified as non-performing loans, but do not accrue interest.

Charge-offs

As a general rule, charge-offs should be done when all collection efforts have been exhausted. These charge-offs consist of derecognition from the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position of the corresponding loans operations in its entirety, and, therefore, include portions not past-due of a loan in the case of installments loans or leasing operations (no partial charge-offs exists). Subsequent payments obtained from charged-off loans will be recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Income as a recovery of loans previously charged-off. Loan and accounts receivable charge-offs are recorded for overdue, past due, and current installments based on the time periods expired since reaching overdue status, as described below:

Term Type of contract Consumer loans with or without collateral 6 months Other transactions without collateral 24 months Commercial loans with collateral 36 months 48 months Mortgage loans 6 months Consumer leasing Other non-mortgage leasing transactions 12 months Mortgage leasing (household and business) 36 months

Any payment agreement of an already charged-off loan will not give rise to income-as long as the operation is still in an impaired status-and the effective payments received are accounted for as a recovery from loans previously charged-off. In general, legal collection proceedings are commenced with respect to consumer loans once they are past-due for at least 90 days and, with respect to mortgage loans, once they are past-due for at least 120 days. Legal collection proceedings are always commenced within one year of such loans becoming past-due, unless we

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determine that the size of the past-due amount does not warrant such proceedings. In addition, the majority of our commercial loans are short-term, with single payments at maturity. Past-due loans are required to be covered by individual loan loss reserves equivalent to 100.0% of any unsecured portion thereof.

The following table sets forth all of our non-performing loans and impaired loans as of December 31, 2017 2016, 2015, 2014 and 2013.

	2017		2016		2015		2014		2013	
	(in millions	of (Ch\$, except	per	centages)					
Non-performing loans (1)	633,461		564,131		643,468		644,327		613,301	
Impaired loans (2)	1,803,173		1,615,441		1,669,340		1,617,251		1,477,701	
Allowance for loan losses (3)	791,157		790,605		762,301		684,317		614,933	
Total loans (4)	27,725,914	4	27,206,431	1	25,300,757	7	22,892,649)	21,060,76	1
Allowance for loan losses / loans	2.85	%	2.89	%	3.01	%	2.99	%	2.92	%
Non-performing loans as a percentage of total loans	2.28	%	2.07	%	2.54	%	2.81	%	2.91	%
Loan loss allowance as a percentage of non-performing loans	124.89	%	140.15	%	118.47	%	106.21	%	100.27	%

(1) Non-performing loans include the aggregate principal and accrued but unpaid interest of any loan with one installment that is at least 90 days past-due, and do not accrue interest.

Impaired loans include: (a) for loans individually evaluated for impairment: (i) the carrying amount of all loans to clients that are rated C1 through C4, D1 and D2 and (ii) the carrying amount of all loans to an individual client with at least one non-performing loan (which is not a residential mortgage loan past due less than 90 days),

(2) regardless of category; and (b) for loans collectively evaluated for impairment, the carrying amount of all loans to a client, when at least one loan to that client is not performing or has been renegotiated. See "Note 9—Loans and Accounts Receivables from Customers" of the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements. Renegotiated loans, on which payments are not past-due, are not ordinarily classified as non-performing loans, but do not accrue interest.

(3) Includes allowance for interbank loans.

(4) Includes interbank loans.

Analysis of Impaired and Non-Performing Loans

The following table analyzes our impaired loans. Impaired loans include: (i) all loans to a single client that are evaluated on a group basis, including performing loans, that have a loan classified as non-performing, (ii) all renegotiated consumer loans and (iii) all commercial loans at risk of default. See "Note 9—Loans and Accounts Receivables from Customers—(a) Loans and accounts receivable from customers" in the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements.

	2017 (Ch\$ millio	on)	2016		2015		2014		2013	
Total loans	27,725,91		27,206,43	1	25,300,75	7	22,892,64	9	21,060,76	1
Allowance for loan losses	791,157		790,605		762,301		684,317		614,933	
Impaired loans(1)	1,803,173		1,615,441		1,669,340		1,617,251		1,477,701	
Impaired loans as a percentage of total loans	6.50	%	5.94	%	6.60	%	7.06	%	7.02	%
Amounts non-performing	633,461		564,131		643,468		644,327		613,301	
To the extent secured(2)	318,218		298,537		283,731		296,899		295,503	
To the extent unsecured	315,243		265,594		359,737		347,428		317,798	
Amounts non-performing as a percentage of total loans	2.28	%	2.07	%	2.54	%	2.81	%	2.91	%
To the extent secured(2)	1.15	%	1.10	%	1.12	%	1.30	%	1.40	%
To the extent unsecured	1.14	%	0.98	%	1.42	%	1.52	%	1.51	%
Loans loss allowances as a percentage										
of:										
Total loans	2.85	%	2.91	%	3.01	%	2.99	%	2.92	%
Total amounts non-performing	124.89	%	140.15	%	118.47	%	106.21	%	100.27	%
Total amounts non-performing-unsecured	250.97	%	297.67	%	211.91	%	196.97	%	193.50	%

Impaired loans include: (a) for loans individually evaluated for impairment: (i) the carrying amount of all loans to clients that are rated C1 through C4, D1 and D2 and (ii) the carrying amount of all loans to an individual client with at least one non-performing loan (which is not a residential mortgage loan past due less than 90 days),

⁽¹⁾ regardless of category; and (b) for loans collectively evaluated for impairment, the carrying amount of all loans to a client, when at least one loan to that client is not performing or has been renegotiated. See "Note 9—Loans and Accounts Receivables from Customers" in the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements. Renegotiated loans, on which payments are not past-due, are not ordinarily classified as non-performing loans, but do not accrue interest.

⁽²⁾ Security generally consists of mortgages on real estate, pledges of marketable securities, letters of credit or cash.

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A break-down of the loans included in the previous table which have been classified as impaired, including renegotiated loans, is as follows:

As of December 31, 2017

Impaired loans	Commercia	Residential Mortgage	Consumer	Total
	(in millions	of Ch\$)		
Non-performing loans	368,522	161,768	103,171	633,461
Commercial loans at risk of default (1)	427,890	-	-	427,890
Other impaired loans consisting mainly of renegotiated loans (2)	217,091	300,776	223,955	741,822
Total	1,013,503	462,544	327,126	1,803,173

In particular, in 2017 we saw an increase in non-performing loans and other impaired loans throughout our portfolio, due to the negative impacts of lower economic growth during the year which led to a decrease in commercial activity and a slight increase in the unemployment rate during the year which negatively impacted our clients in our mortgage and consumer portfolio.

As of December 31, 2016

Impaired loans	Commerc	Residential ial mortgage	Consumer	Total
	(in million	s of Ch\$)		
Non-performing loans	316,838	147,572	99,721	564,131
Commercial loans at risk of default (1)	439,707	-	-	439,707
Other impaired loans consisting mainly of renegotiated loans (2)	172,624	250,116	188,863	611,603
Total	929,169	397,688	288,584	1,615,441

As of December 31, 2015

Impaired loans	Commerc	Residential al mortgage	Consumer	Total
	(in million	s of Ch\$)		
Non-performing loans	346,868	183,133	113,467	643,468
Commercial loans at risk of default (1)	486,685	-	-	486,685
Other impaired loans consisting mainly of renegotiated loans (2)	108,330	213,014	217,843	539,187
Total	941,883	396,147	331,310	1,669,340

Impaired loans	Commercial Residential Consumer Total mortgage			
	(in million	s of Ch\$)		
Non-performing loans	367,791	179,417	97,119	644,327
Commercial loans at risk of default (1)	420,038	-	-	420,038
Other impaired loans consisting mainly of renegotiated loans (2)	95,335	191,186	266,365	552,886
Total	883,164	370,603	363,484	1,617,251

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As of December 31, 2013

Impaired loans	Commerci	Residential al mortgage	Consumer	Total
	(in million	s of Ch\$)		
Non-performing loans	364,890	155,688	92,723	613,301
Commercial loans at risk of default (1)	317,534	-	-	317,534

As of December 31, 2013

Impaired loans	Commerci	Residential al mortgage	Consumer	Total
	(in million	s of Ch\$)		
Other impaired loans consisting mainly of renegotiated loans (2)	122,464	167,713	256,689	546,866
Total	804,888	323,401	349,412	1,477,701

- (1) Total loans to a debtor, whose allowance level is determined on an individual basis with a risk of defaulting.
 - (2) Renegotiated loans for loans whose loan loss allowance is analyzed on a group basis.

Renegotiated Loans

In certain instances, we renegotiate loans that have one or more principal or interest payments past-due. The type of concession we most often afford when renegotiating a loan is a reduction in interest payment or, on rare occasions, forgiveness of principal. We estimate that less than 0.5% of renegotiated loans relate to the forgiveness of principal, and the remaining 99.5% relates to reduction of interest payments. Any amount of principal forgiven is charged off directly to income as of the date the loan is renegotiated, if not already covered by an allowance for loan loss. Renegotiated loans, on which payments are not past-due, are not ordinarily classified as non-performing, but do not accrue interest, and they are considered to be impaired for the life of the loan, both for disclosure purposes and in our determination of our allowances for loan losses, and never moved out of renegotiated status. The effects of the amount of interest to be accrued were not material to "Loans and receivables from customers, net" on our Consolidated Statement of Financial Position.

The following table shows the success rate, for the periods indicated, for renegotiated consumer and residential mortgage loans. The success rate for consumer loans is defined for each reported period as: (i) the total amount of loans renegotiated in that period minus the amount of such renegotiated loans that are classified as non-performing

loans as of December 31, 2016 or 2017, as applicable, minus the amount of such renegotiated loans that have been charged off as of December 31, 2016 or 2017, as applicable, divided by (ii) the total amount of such renegotiated loans. The success rate for residential mortgage loans is defined for each reported period as: (i) the total amount of loans renegotiated in that period minus the amount of such renegotiated loans that are classified as non-performing loans as of December 31, 2016 or 2017, as applicable, divided by (ii) the total amount of such renegotiated loans. A charge-off of a residential mortgage loan is not generally included in measuring the success rate of mortgage renegotiations since the period to charge-off a mortgage loan is 48 months after an installment is past-due.

Period of renegotiation	Success rate Consur Loans Decem 31, 20	mer at aber	Succes rate Resider mortga loans a Decem 31, 201	ntial ge t ber
1Q 2016	52.3	%	84.8	%
2Q 2016	44.2	%	87.8	%
3Q 2016	51.7	%	90.1	%
4Q 2016	59.1	%	85.0	%
1Q 2017	71.3	%	93.2	%
2Q 2017	75.0	%	84.4	%
3Q 2017	93.5	%	97.1	%
4Q 2017	99.6	%	95.8	%

From time to time, we modify loans that are not classified as non-performing if a client is confronting a financial difficulty, such as unemployment or another temporary situation. These loans are not classified as renegotiated for disclosure purposes, but are considered as renegotiated for our provisioning models. The following table provides information regarding loans collectively evaluated for impairment that are classified as "modified:"

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Modified loans(1) (Ch\$mn)	2017	2016	2015
Commercial loans collectively evaluated for impairment	111,963	117,002	156,055
Residential mortgage loans	120,109	157,239	223,645
Consumer loans	187,967	214,344	178,244
Total modified loans	420,039	488,585	557,944

Modified loans include loans collectively evaluated for impairment that were not classified as non-performing in (1) which certain concessions were made to the client. The main type of concession given by the Bank is a reduction of interest, with forgiveness of principal occurring on rare occasions.

The modified loans included in the table above represent the full balance of all modified loans regardless of the date of modification. When a loan is marked as modified, we do not remove it from this status until paid in full. Our provisioning models currently consider a modified loan to be renegotiated for the life of the loan. Modified loans are included in the same pool of loans together with renegotiated loans for the life of the loans.

Analysis of Loan Loss Allowances

The following table provides the details of the roll-forwards in 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014 and 2013 of our allowance for loan losses, including decrease of allowances due to charge-offs, allowances established, allowances released, gross provision expense and opening and closing balance:

Mortgage Consumer Interbank	Mortgage	ial loans	Commerci			
loans loan loan	loans	idi iodiis	Commerci			
p Group Group Total	Group	IndividualGroup Group		Activity during 2017		
h\$)		s of Ch\$)	(in million			
106 57,009 300,019 4,135 790,605	57,009	183,106	246,336	Balances as of December 31, 2016		
581 43,621 252,038 307 509,305	43,621	148,681	64,658	Allowances established (1)		
91) (11,427) (46,089) (3,970) (137,902)	(11,427)	(20,491)	(55,925)	Allowances released (2)		
223) (20,137) (222,212) - (370,851)	(20,137)	(92,223)	(36,279)	Released allowances by charge-off (3)		
073 69,066 283,756 472 791,157	69,066	219,073	218,790	Balances as of December 31, 2017		
Total Tota	Group 57,009 43,621 (11,427) (20,137)	IGroup s of Ch\$) 183,106 148,681 (20,491) (92,223)	Individual (in million 246,336 64,658 (55,925) (36,279)	Balances as of December 31, 2016 Allowances established (1) Allowances released (2) Released allowances by charge-off (3)		

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Activity during 2016	Commercial loans IndividualGroup (in millions of Ch\$)	loans l	Consumer I loans le Group	oan	Total
Balances as of December 31, 2015 Allowances established (1) Allowances released (2) Released allowances by charge-off (3) Balances as of December 31, 2016	256,505 174,696 61,002 133,855 (43,183) (14,432) (27,988) (111,013) 246,336 183,106		280,544 (30,790) (217,242)	1,166 3,052 (83) - 4,135	762,301 529,345 (122,734) (378,307) 790,605
	Commercial loans	loans l		oan	
Activity during 2015 Balances as of December 31, 2014 Allowances established (1) Allowances released (2) Released allowances by charge-off (3) Balances as of December 31, 2015	IndividualGroup (in millions of Ch\$) 215,852	48,744 34,373 (7,205)	(18,126) (217,327)	1 1,357 (192) - 1,166	Total 684,317 546,413 (90,022) (378,407) 762,301
Activity during 2014	Commercial loans	loans l		oan	Total
Activity during 2014	Commercial loans IndividualGroup (in millions of Ch\$)	loans l		oan	Total
Activity during 2014 Balance as of December 31, 2013 Allowances established (1) Allowances released (2) Released allowances by charge-off (3) Balances as of December 31, 2014	IndividualGroup	loans 1 Group 43,306 24,907 (6,561)	loans l	oan	Total 614,933 470,392 (68,420) (322,588) 684,317
Balance as of December 31, 2013 Allowances established (1) Allowances released (2) Released allowances by charge-off (3)	Individual Group (in millions of Ch\$) 206,377 100,170 52,240 174,244 (15,903) (7,127) (26,862) (101,590)	loans Group (43,306 24,907 (6,561) (12,908) 48,744	264,585 218,941 (38,275) (191,228) 254,023	495 60 (554) - 1	614,933 470,392 (68,420) (322,588)
Balance as of December 31, 2013 Allowances established (1) Allowances released (2) Released allowances by charge-off (3)	Individual Group (in millions of Ch\$) 206,377	loans 1 43,306 24,907 (6,561) (12,908) 48,744 Mortgage Coloans lo	264,585 218,941 (38,275) (191,228) 254,023	495 60 (554) - 1	614,933 470,392 (68,420) (322,588) 684,317

(1) Represents gross allowances made in respect of increased risk of loss during the period and loan growth.

Represents the gross amount of loan loss allowances released during the year as a consequence of reduction in the (2) level of risk existing in the loan portfolio, including as a result of improvement in the credit risk classification of borrowers and loans paid.

(3) Represents the gross amount of loan loss allowances removed due to charge-off.

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The following table shows recoveries by type of loan:

	Year ended December 31,									
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013					
	(in millions of Ch\$)									
Recovery of loans previously charged-off										
Consumer loans	39,972	41,072	35,565	36,908	36,004					
Residential mortgage loans	10,942	10,041	6,543	5,122	4,735					
Commercial loans	32,613	27,185	26,032	16,947	14,545					
Total recoveries	83,527	78,298	68,140	58,977	55,284					

Allocation of the Loan Loss Allowances

The following tables set forth, as of December 31 of each of the five years listed below, the proportions of our required loan loss allowances that were attributable to our commercial, consumer and residential mortgage loans at each such date.

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	As of December 31, 2017 Allowance amount as a Total percentage Allowanceof loans total in loans category Allowance amount as a as a percentage as a percentage af of total allowanceof allowanceof allowanceof amount am				/anc nt ntag al ance	Total percentage as a general percentage as a general as			ance Allowance amount as a Total tage percentage Allowance of total allowances			Allowar amount as a percenta eof loans in category	amoun as a percent of total	ance Allowance t amount as a tage percentage of total allowances	
Commercial	Ch\$ millio	on				Ch\$ millio	on				Ch\$ millio	on			
loans Commercial									•••						
loans	301,990	3.0 %	1.1%	38.2	%	308,166	3.1 %	1.1%	39.0	%	305,465	3.4 %	1.2%	40.1	%
Foreign trade loans Checking	50,470	3.2 %	0.2%	6.4	%	57,820	3.2 %	0.2%	7.3	%	67,104	3.1 %	0.3%	8.8	%
accounts debtors	14,466	7.4 %	0.1%	1.8	%	9,648	5.4 %	-	1.2	%	9,869	4.2 %	-	1.3	%
Factoring transactions	5,995	1.3 %	-	0.8	%	5,407	1.8 %	-	0.7	%	5,955	2.2 %	-	0.8	%
Leasing transactions Other loans	30,322	2.1 %	0.1%	3.8	%	23,139	1.6 %	0.1%	2.9	%	25,437	1.7 %	0.1%	3.3	%
and accounts	34,620	14.4%	0.1%	4.4	%	25,262	11.4%	0.1%	3.2	%	17,371	12.1%	0.1%	2.3	%
receivable Subtotals Residential mortgage loans Loans with	437,863	3.1 %	1.6%	55.3	%	429,442	3.1 %	1.6%	54.3	%	431,201	3.2 %	1.7%	56.6	%
mortgage finance bonds	123	0.5 %	-	-		16	-	-	-		336	0.8 %	-	-	
Mortgage mutual loans Other	594	0.5 %	, –	0.1	%	190	0.2 %	-	-		848	0.6 %	-	0.1	%
mortgage mutual	68,349	0.8 %	0.2%	8.6	%	56,803	0.7 %	0.2%	7.2	%	61,243	0.8 %	0.2%	8.0	%
loans Subtotals Consumer loans Installment	69,066	0.8 %	0.2%	8.7	%	57,009	0.7 %	0.2%	7.2	%	62,427	0.8 %	0.2%	8.1	%
consumer loans	240,962	8.3 %	0.9%	30.5	%	249,545	9.2 %	0.9%	31.6	%	215,914	8.7 %	0.9%	28.3	%
	33,401	2.4 %	0.1%	4.2	%	41,063	2.8 %	0.2%	5.2	%	43,159	3.0 %	0.2%	5.7	%

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Credit card balances Consumer																		
leasing contracts	62	1.3	%	-	-		72	1.4	%	-	-		79	1.4	%	-	-	
Other																		
consumer	9,331	3.4	%	_	1.2	%	9,339	3.4	%	_	1.2	%	8,355	3.5	%	_	1.1	%
loans							•						·					
Subtotals	283,756	6.2	%	1.0%	35.9	%	300,019	6.7	%	1.1%	37.9	%	267,507	6.4	%	1.1%	35.1	%
Totals loans to clients	790,685	2.9	%	2.9%	99.9	%	786,470	2.9	%	2.9%	99.5	%	761,135	3.0	%	3.0%	99.8	%
Interbank loans	472	0.3	%	-	0.1	%	4,135	1.5	%	-	0.5	%	1,166	10.79	%	-	0.2	%
Totals	791,157	2.9	%	2.9%	100.0	%	790,605	2.9	%	2.9%	100.0)%	762,301	3.0	%	3.0%	100.0)%

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	As of December 31, 2014						As of December 31, 2013							
	Total Allowanc	amount as a percentage of loans in		amount		ceAllowance amount as a gepercentage of total allowances		Total Allowanc	Allowance amount as a percentage of loans in category		amount		amount as a	t tage
	Ch\$ milli	on						Ch\$ milli	on					
Commercial loans														
Commercial loans	269,185	3.2	%	1.2	%	39.3	%	208,619	2.7	%	1.0	%	33.9	%
Foreign trade loans	56,800	3.2	%	0.2	%	8.3	%	53,005	2.9	%	0.3	%	8.6	%
Draft loans	10,009	3.8	%	-		1.4	%	8,376	3.0	%	-		1.3	%
Factoring transactions	4,868	1.5	%	-		0.7	%	5,054	1.6	%	-		0.8	%
Leasing transactions	23,734	1.6	%	0.1	%	3.5	%	19,177	1.4	%	0.1	%	3.1	%
Other loans and accounts receivable	16,953	12.5	%	0.1	%	2.5	%	12,316	10.4	%	0.1	%	2.0	%
Subtotals	381,549	3.1	%	1.6	%	55.7	%	306,547	2.6	%	1.5	%	49.7	%
Residential mortgage loans														
Loans with letters of credit	353	0.6	%	-		0.1	%	470	0.7	%	-		0.1	%
Mortgage mutual loans	552	0.5	%	-		0.1	%	380	0.5	%	-		0.1	%
Other mortgage mutual loans	47,839	0.7	%	0.2	%	7.0	%	42,456	0.8	%	0.2	%	6.9	%
Subtotals	48,744	0.7	%	0.2	%	7.2	%	43,306	0.8	%	0.2	%	7.1	%
Consumer loans	,							•						
Installment consumer loans	201,931	8.7	%	0.9	%	29.5	%	221,723	10.2	%	1.1	%	36.1	%
Credit card balances	44,050	3.2	%	0.2	%	6.4	%	37,300	3.0	%	0.2	%	6.1	%
Consumer leasing contracts	80	1.5	%	-		_		68	2.0	%	_		_	
Other consumer loans	7,962	3.5	%	-		1.2	%	5,494	2.7	%	_		0.9	%
Subtotals	254,023	6.5	%	1.1	%	37.1	%	264,585	7.3	%	1.3	%	43.1	%
Totals loans to clients	648,316	3.11	%	2.9	%	100.0	%	614,438	2.9	%	3.0	%	99.9	%
Interbank	1	-		-		-		495	0.4	%	-		0.1	%
Totals	648,317	3.0	%	2.9	%	100.0	%	614,933	2.9	%	3.0	%	100.0	%

Based on information available regarding our borrowers, we believe that our loan loss allowances are sufficient to cover known potential losses and losses inherent in a loan portfolio of the size and nature of our loan portfolio.

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ITEM 6. DIRECTORS, SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEES

A. Directors and Senior Management

Directors

We are managed by our Board of Directors, which, in accordance with our by-laws, consists of 9 directors and two alternates who are elected at our ordinary shareholders' meetings. Except as noted below, the current members of the Board of Directors were elected by the shareholders in the ordinary shareholders' meeting held on April 26, 2017. Members of the Board of Directors are elected for three-year terms. The term of the current Board members expires in April of 2020. On October 27, 2016, the SBIF authorized a reduction in the number of Board members from 11 to nine. This reduction and the corresponding amendment to Article 14 of the by-laws was approved by the shareholders at an Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting held on January 9, 2017 and was enforced from the Bank's Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting, which took place on April 26, 2017.

Cumulative voting is permitted for the election of directors. The Board of Directors may appoint replacements to fill any vacancies that occur during periods between elections. If any member of the Board of Directors resigns before his or her term has ended, and no other alternate director is available to take the position at the next annual ordinary shareholders' meeting a new replacing member will be elected. Our executive officers are appointed by the Board of Directors and hold office at its discretion. Scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors are held monthly. Extraordinary meetings can be held when called in one of three ways: by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, by three directors with the consent of the Chairman of the Board of Directors or by the majority of directors. None of the members of our Board of Directors has a service contract which entitles any Director to any benefits upon termination of employment with Santander-Chile.

Our current directors are as follows:

Directors	Position	Committees	Term Expires
Claudio Melandri (1)	Executive Chairman	Asset and Liability Committee (President) Strategy Committee (President) Risk Committee	Apr-20
Orlando Poblete Iturrate	First Vice President	Market Committee Audit Committee (President) Human Resources Committee	Apr-20
Oscar von Chrismar Carvajal	Second Vice Presider	Market Committee (President) nt Risk Committee (Vice President) Asset and Liability Committee	Apr-20

Juan Pedro Santa Maria Perez	Director	Analysis and Resolution Committee (President) Risk Committee	Apr-20
Lucía Santa Cruz Sutil	Director	Strategy Committee Human Resources Committee	Apr-20
Andreu Plaza	Director	_	Apr-20
Ana Dorrego	Director	_	Apr-20
Alfonso Gómez Morales (2)	Director	_	Apr-20
José Félix de Vicente Mingo (2)	Director	Asset and Liability Committee	Apr-20
Blanca Bustamante Bravo	Alternate Director	Human Resources Committee (President) Audit Committee	Apr-20
Raimundo Monge Zegers	Alternate Director	Risk Committee Strategy Committee Asset and Liability Committee Analysis and Resolution Committee	Apr-20

⁽¹⁾ Vittorio Corbo resigned as Chairman of the Board on February 27, 2018. The Board unanimously agreed to name Claudio Melandri as the new Chairman.

⁽²⁾ Roberto Mendez and Roberto Zahler resigned as Directors on March 27, 2018. The Board appointed Alfonso Gómez Morales and José Félix de Vicente Mingo as Directors of the Board as of this date.

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Claudio Melandri became the Executive Chairman on March 1, 2018 after being the Chief Executive Officer of Santander-Chile since January 2010 and being our Retail Banking Manager since February 21, 2008 before that. He started his career at Santander-Chile in 1990 becoming a regional branch manager and manager of Santander-Chile's branch network. He was also a Vice President at Banco Santander Venezuela from 2005 to 2007. In 2007, he was appointed Corporate Director of Human Resources of Banco Santander-Chile. He is also President of Santander Chile Holding S.A. and First Vice President of Universia Chile S.A. Mr. Melandri has a Business Degree from the Universidad Tecnológica Metropolitana in Chile and holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from the Universidad Adolfo Ibañez.

Orlando Poblete Iturrate is First Vice President and has served on the Board since April 25, 2015. He is the Second Vice President of the Audit Committee. He previously became an Alternate Director on April 22, 2014. Since 1991 Mr. Poblete has been a professor at the Universidad Los Andes. Between 1997 and 2004, he was Dean of the Law School and since 2014 he has been Chancellor of the university. He is also a partner at the law firm Orlando Poblete & Company. He is an arbitrator of the Centro de Arbitraje y Mediación de la Cámara de Comercio de Santiago. Between 2012 and 2014, he was Chairman of Clínica Universidad de los Andes and is currently Member of the Board of the University of the Andes. He has also been a Professor of Law at the University of Chile. Mr. Poblete is a lawyer from the University of Chile and has masters from the same university.

Oscar von Chrismar Carvajal is Second Vice President of the Board. He previously served as the Chief Executive Officer of Santander-Chile since August 2003. Mr. Von Chrismar is First Vice President of the Asset and Liability Committee, the Market Committee and the Risk Committee. He is also a member of the Human Resources Committee and the Strategy Committee. Prior to assuming the Chief Executive officer post, he was the Manager of Global Banking. Prior to the merger, he was the former Chief Executive Officer of Old Santander-Chile since September 1997, after being General Manager of Banco Santander-Peru since September 1995. Mr. von Chrismar is also a board member of Banco Santander Argentina and Banco Santander Peru. He is also the President of Santander Consumer Chile S.A. Prior to that, Mr. von Chrismar was the manager of the Finance Division of Santander-Chile, a position that he had held since joining Santander-Chile in 1990. Mr. von Chrismar holds an Engineering degree from the Universidad de Santiago de Chile.

Juan Pedro Santa María Pérez became a Director on July 24, 2012 after having served as Corporate Legal Director for Grupo Santander Chile and Legal Counsel for Santander-Chile. Mr. Santa María is President of the Analysis and Resolution Committee and First Vice President of the Risk Committee. Mr. Santa María joined Santander-Chile in 2002, after the merger with Banco Santiago. Previous to that he was Legal Counsel for Banco Santiago and Banco O'Higgins. He has also been President of the Legal Committee of the Asociación de Bancos e Instituciones Financieras de Chile for over 20 years and President Pro-Tempore of the Financial Law Committee of the Federación Latinoamericana de Bancos (FELABAN). Mr. Santa María holds a degree in Law from the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.

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Lucía Santa Cruz Sutil became a Director on August 19, 2003. Ms. Santa Cruz is a member of the Strategy Committee. Ms. Santa Cruz holds a degree in History from King's College, London University and an M.Phil. in History from Oxford University and holds a Doctor Honoris Causa degree from King's College. She is a Member of the Board of the Universidad Adolfo Ibañez. Ms. Santa Cruz is also Second Vice President of Universia Chile S.A. She is Vice President of the Board of Compañía de Seguros Generales y de Vida La Chilena Consolidada,(Zurich). She sits on the board of non-profit cultural organizations and is also a member of the Self-Regulation Committee for Insurance Companies in Chile. She is a Member of the Academy of Social, Political and Moral Sciences of the Institute of Chile.

Andreu Plaza became a Director in March 2016. Mr. Plaza was appointed as senior executive vice president of T&O Division in Santander Group on January 2015. He is Santander's Chief Technology Officer and a member of the management committee. Mr. Plaza joined the Group in 2012 as the technology and operations director for the retail and business banking segments in Santander UK. He has been a senior executive vice president and member of the Management Committee of Caixa Catalunya since 1998 and has also been a member of the boards of Servired and Aula Escola Europea. He has a graduate in Mathematics from the Universitat Autónoma de Barcelona. He also has various Master's degrees in Finance and Banking from Stanford University, Insead, The Wharton School and ESADE.

Ana Dorrego became a Director in March 2016. She has been working at the Santander Group in the Financial Planning and Corporate Development department for the last 11 years, coordinating the Group planning processes. In this role, she has also been involved in following up on the different Santander Group units and projects. She is a board member of Santander Securities Services, S.A. She has also participated in acquisition, sales and integration projects during her time with the Group (ABN, SEB, US, Banesto, Spanish Cajas and Banif Portugal among others) and spent two years as e-business development director for the Santander Group. Prior to joining the Santander Group, she was a corporate clients relationship manager and commercial director of transactional banking at Bankinter. Ms. Dorrego holds a degree in Business Administration from the University Pontificia de Comillas ICAI-ICADE, a degree in General Management from IESE and Master's degrees in Business Administration from Deusto University – Bilbao, Spain, and Adolfo Ibañez, Miami/Chile.

Alfonso Gómez Morales became a director on March 27, 2018. Mr. Gómez started his career in the Indutrial and Sytem Engineering department of Universidad Catolica de Chile. He was founder of various companies, such as Apple Chile, Unlimited and Virtualia, the first social network developed in Latin America. He has been director for numerous companies, Director of the National Council of Innovation, National Director of the National Council of Culture and the Arts and Director of Fundación País Digital, among others. He was Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and later Dean of the Business School of the Adolfo Ibáñez University. As of June 2012, he is the Executive President of the UC Anacleto Angelini Innovation Center.

José Félix de Vicente Mingo became a director on March 27, 2018. He has a long career in the private sector in various sectors in Chile and abroad. In 2010 he became director of ProChile, the institution of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that promotes Chilean exports, foreign investment and tourism development. In May 2013 he assumed the role

of Minister of Economy, Development and Tourism. He has a commercial engineering degree from the Universidad de Chile.

Blanca Bustamante Bravo became an Alternate Director on April 28, 2015. She is also a member of the Human Resources Committee. In 1998, she joined Viña Concha y Toro as Head of Investor Relations with the responsibility to present business strategy and achievements of the company to the financial community, a position held until 2010. In parallel, in May 2001, she became Assistant Manager of Corporate Communications. In 2011, she became responsible for relations with the community in order to focus the efforts of the company in projects that create value for the community and the environment in which it operates. Since 2013, she is a director in the Center for Research & Innovation for Concha y Toro which focus is to develop technology and knowledge transfer to the industry. She holds a degree in business from Universidad Católica de Chile.

Raimundo Monge Zegers became an Alternate Director on April 29, 2003. He was Corporate Director of Strategic Planning for Grupo Santander-Chile and CEO of Santander Chile Holding S.A. until May 2017. He is First Vice President of the Analysis and Resolution Committee. He is also currently a member of the Asset and Liability Committee, the Risk Committee and Secretary of the Strategy Committee. He joined Santander-Chile in 1991 after having worked for the Central Bank, where he held the position of Financial Director and Director of Strategic Planning, among others. Mr. Monge has a degree in business from the Universidad Católica de Chile and an MBA from the University of California, Los Angeles.

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Senior Management

Our senior managers are as follows:

Senior Manager	Position	Date Appointed
Miguel Mata	Chief Executive Officer	Mar-18
Matias Sanchez	Director of Retail Banking	Mar-16
Fred Meller	Director of Global Corporate Banking	Jan-11
Jose Manuel Manzano	Director of Middle-Market	Apr-16
Emiliano Muratore	Chief Financial Officer	Apr-16
Guillermo Sabater	Financial Controller	Nov-15
Franco Rizza	Director of Risk	Feb-14
Ricardo Bartel	Director of Technology and Operations	Oct-14
María Eugenia de la Fuente	Director of Human Resources	Jun-15
Sergio Avila	Director of Administration and Costs	Mar-15
Felipe Contreras	Chief Accounting Officer	Oct-08
Carlos Volante	Manager Clients and Service Quality	Jan-14
Cristian Florence	General Counsel	Sep-12
Ricardo Martinez	Director of Internal Audit	Sep-13

Miguel Mata became the Chief Executive Officer of Santander Chile in March 2018, after being the Deputy General Manager for Santander-Chile for two years. Previously, between 2011 and 2016, he was the Chief Financial Officer for Santander-Chile. Prior to that, he served in several staff positions related to business strategy. Mr. Mata joined Santander-Chile in 2002 when Santander-Chile merged with Banco Santiago. Previously he was the Financial Controller of Banco Santiago. Mr. Mata is also a Director of Santander Consumer Chile S.A., Teatinos Siglo XXI Inversiones S.A. and Santander Chile Holding S.A. He has been working in the banking industry since 1990, when he joined Banco O'Higgins, one of the predecessors to Banco Santiago. Mr. Mata holds a degree in Engineering from Universidad Católica de Chile.

Matias Sanchez became Director of Retail Banking in March 2016. He previously was the manager of Corporations and Institutions between 2013 and 2016. He joined Banco Santander in 1997 and had different roles there, including agent, Regional Manager, Deputy General Manager in Retail and General Manager in Retail Banking. Mr. Sanchez holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from the Instituto de Empresa in Spain and various other post graduate degrees.

Fred Meller became Manager of Global Banking & Market in January 2011. Prior to that he was Manager of Market Making for Europe and UK for Santander Spain. Previously, he served as Treasurer for Santander-Chile since 2008. He was also General Manager of Santander Agente de Valores and Director of Deposito Central de Valores Chile. Mr. Meller is also President of Santander S.A. Corredores de Bolsa. Mr. Meller holds a degree in Business Administration from Universidad Central de Chile.

José Manuel Manzano became Director of our Middle-market banking segment on April 1, 2016. Prior to that he was Manager of Personnel, Organization and Cost of Banco Santander Chile since September 2013. Prior to that he was Corporate Director of Risk since July 2007, and Corporate Director of Human Resources for Santander-Chile since October 31, 2002. Previously, he served as Manager of Human Resources for Old Santander-Chile since 1999. He was also General Manager of Santander Fund Management and Managing Director of Bancassurance. He is also a Director of Teatinos Siglo XXI Inversiones S.A., Santander Chile Holding S.A., Santander Asset Management S.A. and Santander Factoring S.A. Mr. Manzano holds an MBA and a degree in Business from Universidad Católica de Chile.

Emiliano Muratore became the Chief Financial Officer for Santander-Chile in April 2016. Before becoming Chief Financial Officer, he spent eight years as the head of the ALM division. Prior to joining Santander Chile in 2006, Mr. Muratore worked at Santander's headquarters in Madrid for 4 years and, before that, at Santander's unit in Argentina for 4 years. He is also a Director of Santander Chile Holding S.A. and Santander Factoring S.A. Mr. Muratore has a degree in business from Universidad Católica Argentina in Buenos Aires and a postgraduate degree in finance from Universidad de San Andrés in Buenos Aires. Currently, he is chairman of the Finance Committee at Chile's Banking Association.

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Guillermo Sabater was appointed Financial Controller of Santander-Chile in November 2015 and has been working for Santander Spain and its affiliates for 23 years. Between 2009 and 2015, he was Executive Vice President of Santander in the US and CFO and Controller of Sovereign Bank and Santander Holdings USA. Before that, he was the financial controller of Banco Santander Chile, between 2006 and 2009. He also served for three years between 2003-2006 as controller of the Consumer Finance Division in Madrid, Spain. Mr. Sabater also served as an internal auditor during his first ten years at the company, He has a degree in Economics and Business Administration from the University College of Financial Studies at the University Complutense de Madrid and a completed the Program in Executive Development at the Institute of Business and various courses and participation in institutions such as Babson College and Boston University.

Franco Rizza became Director of Risk in February 2014. Previously, he was director of Global Collections & Recoveries in the Madrid headquarters, covering all countries where the Group has commercial banking activities outside Spain. Between 2010 and 2013 he was the Chief Risk Officer of Banco Santander Risk in Uruguay. He joined the Group in 1989 in Argentina, where he held various positions, including Regional Manager, Product Manager and Retail Credit Risk Manager. He is also a Director of Santander Consumer Chile S.A. He has completed studies in Business and Risk Management in Argentina and Spain

Ricardo Bartel became the Director of Technology and operation in October 2014. His also Director of Isban Chile S.A. Prior to working at the Bank he held various positions at CCU including CFO between 1990 and 2005. He was also CFO at Madeco form 2005-2006. Between 2007 and 2008 he was Commercial Manager of Viña San Pedro. Following that he was CEO of Empresas Relsa S.A. and CEO of Laboratorio Mayer between 2011 and 2013. Mr. Bartel has a Civil Engineer degree from Universidad Católica de Chile with an MBA from the same university.

María Eugenia de la Fuente became Director of Human Resources in June 2015. Prior to working for the Bank, Ms. de la Fuente held different posts in strategic planning and human resources. From 2010 to 2013, she was Undersecretary to the Chief of Staff of President Piñera. From 2013 to 2015, she was Managing Director of Transparency and Client Services for Corpbanca and Chief Executive Officer of BZD Consultores. Ms. de la Fuente has a degree in business from the Universidad de Chile and a Master's degree in tax planning from the Universidad Adolfo Ibañez.

Sergio Avila is Director of Administration and Costs. He has worked at Banco Santander Chile for 19 years in Asset Management, Corporate Finance, Retail banking, Middle-market and Risks. Mr. Avila is also Director of Santander S.A. Sociedad Securitizadora. Mr. Avila has a BS and MS in Civil Engineering Degree from the Universidad Católica.

Felipe Contreras was named Chief Accounting Officer of Santander-Chile in October 2008. He has worked for 14 years in our Accounting Department, most recently as Manager of the Consolidation and Reporting Departments, overseeing our Chilean, U.S. and Spanish GAAP reporting requirements. He is also General Manager of Gesban Santander Servicios Profesionales Contables Ltda. Mr. Contreras is a Public Accountant from the University of Santiago and is currently a candidate to a Masters in Advanced Finance from the Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez.

Carlos Volante became manager Customers and Quality of Banco Santander in January 2014. Joined the Santander Group in 1990, holding various responsibilities within the organization, including manager of the Branch Network, general manager of the Administrator of Mutual Funds , Mortgage manager, Product Manager and Monitoring Commercial Banking. He was also Executive Vice President of Commercial Banking at Banco de Venezuela Grupo Santander. Between 2012 and 2013 he was general manager of the Company Corona Commercial Credit Group. Carlos Volante is an accountant auditor from the University of Talca and attended the DPA and an MBA from the Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez and participates in the PADE program at the Universidad de los Andes.

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Cristian Florence is our General Counsel, a position he has held since September 2012. Prior to that he served as Chief Lawyer at Santander-Chile. Mr. Florence joined Santander-Chile in 2002 when Santander-Chile merged with Banco Santiago. He started working in the banking industry in 1991, when he joined Centrobanco, a predecessor of Banco O'Higgins and Banco Santiago serving at several positions in the law departments. Mr. Florence is also a Director of Administrador Financiero de Transantiago S.A. and Santander Asset Management S.A. Administradora General de Fondos. He has a degree in Law from the Universidad Gabriela Mistral and a Master of Laws (LLM) from the same university.

Ricardo Martinez is the Corporate Director of Internal Auditing, a position he has held since September 1, 2013. He has worked for Grupo Santander since 1998 in different position in Internal Audit Division, including the Internal Director of Accounting, Audit Manager of Insurance and Asset Management and head auditor of Financial Risks. Mr. Martinez has a degree in Economic Sciences and Business from the Universidad Complutense of Madrid and a Master's in Business from the CIFF of the Universidad de Alcalá de Henares.

B. Compensation

For the year ended December 31, 2017, the aggregate amount of compensation paid by us to all of our directors, executive officers and management members was Ch\$43,866 million (U.S.\$71.1 million). For the year ended December 31, 2017, the aggregate amount of compensation paid by us to all of our directors was Ch\$1,199 million (U.S.\$1.9 million), in monthly stipends. At our annual shareholder meeting held on April 26, 2017, shareholders were asked to approve a monthly stipend per director of UF 250 (U.S.\$10,890), UF 500 (U.S.\$21,779) for the Chairman of the Board and UF 375 (U.S.\$16,334) for the Vice-Chairman of the Board. This amount will be increased by UF 30 per month (U.S.\$1,307) if a Board member is named to one or more committees of the Board. The additional amount will be UF 60 (U.S.\$2,614) for the President of a committee. Shareholders were also asked to approve the Audit Committee 2016 remuneration for its members. The remuneration is a 33% additional compensation over the monthly stipend received by a regular board member, or UF 83 (U.S.\$3,594), totaling a monthly stipend of UF 333 (U.S.\$14,483). This remuneration is in line with Chilean corporate governance law. In addition, we pay certain directors professional service fees for the consulting services that they render to us in their fields of expertise. For the year ended December 31, 2017, payments to our directors for consulting fees totaled Ch\$370 million (U.S.\$600 thousand).

Santander-Chile and its affiliates have designed variable-compensation plans for their employees, based on performance targets and objectives, the achievement of which are evaluated and paid on a quarterly and/or annual basis.

Share-based compensation (settled in cash)

In accordance with IFRS 2, equity instruments settled in cash are allocated to executives of the Bank and its Subsidiaries as a form of compensation for their services. The Bank measures the services received and the cash obligation at fair value at the end of each reporting period and on the settlement date, recognizing any change in fair value in the income statement for the period. For the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, share-based compensation amounted to Ch\$2,752 million, Ch\$331 million and Ch\$66 million.

Pension Plans:

The Bank has an additional benefit available to its principal executives, consisting of a pension plan. The purpose of the pension plan is to endow the executives with funds for a better supplementary pension upon their retirement. For this purpose, the Bank will match the voluntary contributions made by the beneficiaries for their future pensions with an equivalent contribution. The executives will be entitled to receive this benefit only when they fulfill the following conditions:

a. Aimed at the Bank's management.

b. The general requisite to apply for this benefit is that the employee must be carrying out his/her duties when turning 60 years old.

c. The Bank will create a pension fund, with life insurance, for each beneficiary in the plan. Periodic contributions into this fund are made by the manager and matched by the Bank.

d. The Bank will be responsible for granting the benefits directly.

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If the working relationship between the manager and the respective company ends, before s/he fulfills the abovementioned requirements, s/he will have no rights under this benefit plan. In the event of the executive's death or total or partial disability, s/he will be entitled to receive this benefit. The Bank will make contributions to this benefit plan on the basis of mixed collective insurance policies whose beneficiary is the Bank. The life insurance company with whom such policies are executed is not an entity linked or related to the Bank or any other Santander Group company Plan Assets owned by the Bank at the end of 2017 totaled Ch\$7,919 million (Ch\$6,612 million in 2016). The amount of the defined benefit plans has been quantified by the Bank, based on the following criteria:

Calculation method:

Use of the projected unit credit method which considers each working year as generating an additional amount of rights over benefits and values each unit separately. It is calculated based primarily on fund contributions, as well as other factors such as the legal annual pension limit, seniority, age and yearly income for each unit valued individually.

Actuarial hypothesis assumptions:

Actuarial assumptions with respect to demographic and financial variables are non-biased and mutually compatible with each other. The most significant actuarial hypotheses considered in the calculations were:

Plans Plans

post-employment post-employment

2017 2016

Mortality chart RV-2014 RV-2014/CB-2014

Termination of contract rates 5.0% 5.0% Impairment chart PDT 1985 PDT 1985

Assets related to the pension fund contributed by the Bank into the Seguros Euroamérica insurance company with respect to defined benefit plans are presented as net of associated commitments. Activity for post-employment benefits is as follows:

As of December

31.

2017 2016

Ch\$mn

Plan assets 7,919 6,612

Commitments for defined-benefit plans

For active personnel (6,998) (4,975)

Incurred by inactive personnel - -

Minus:

Unrealized actuarial (gain) losses - -

Balances at year end 921 1,637

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Year's cash flow for post-employment benefits is as follows:

	For the years ended December 31, 2017 2016 2015 Ch\$mn				
a) Fair value of plan assets					
Opening balance	6,612	6,945	6,495		
Expected yield of insurance contracts	307	335	432		
Employer contributions	1,931	886	18		
Actuarial (gain) losses	-	-	-		
Premiums paid	-	-	-		
Benefits paid	(931)	(1,554)	-		
Fair value of plan assets at year end	7,919	6,612	6,945		
b) Present value of obligations					
Present value of obligations opening balance	(4,975)	(5,070)	(4,639)		
Net incorporation of Group companies	-	-	-		
Service cost	(2,039)	150	(431)		
Interest cost	-	-	-		
Curtailment/settlement effect	-	-	-		
Benefits paid	-	-	-		
Past service cost	-	-	-		
Actuarial (gain) losses	-	-	-		
Other	16	(55)	-		
Present value of obligations at year end	(6,998)	(4,975)	(5,070)		
Net balance at year end	921	1,637	1,875		

Plan expected profit:

	As of December 31, 2017	2016	2015
Type of expected yield from the plan's assets	UF + 2.50% annual	UF + 2.50% annual	UF + 2.50% annual
Type of yield expected from the reimbursement rights	UF + 2.50% annual	UF + 2.50% annual	UF + 2.50% annual

Plan associated expenses:

For the years ended December 31,

2017

Current period service expenses	2,039	(150)	431
Interest cost	-	-	-
Expected yield from plan's assets	(307)	(335)	(432)
Expected yield of insurance contracts linked to the Plan:	-	-	-
Extraordinary allocations	-	-	-
Actuarial (gain)/ losses recorded in the period	-	-	-

Other Total

Past service cost

1,732 (485) (1)

2016 2015

(in millions of Ch\$)

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C. Board Practices

Audit Committee

Board member Position in Committee

Orlando Poblete President Juan Pedro Santa María Secretary Blanca Bustamante $Vacant^{I}$ Member

Roberto Zahler resigned as Director on March 27, 2018 and as of the reporting date, this position has yet to be assigned.

The Audit Committee (*Comité de Directores y Auditoría*) is comprised of three members of the Board of Directors and the Committee Secretary is Juan Pedro Santa María. The Chief Executive Officer, General Auditor and other persons from the Bank can be invited to the meetings if necessary and are present on specific matters. This Committee's primary responsibility is to support the Board of Directors in the continuous improvement of our system of internal controls, which includes reviewing the work of both the independent registered public accounting firm and the Internal Audit Department. The committee is also responsible for analyzing observations made by regulatory entities of the Chilean financial system about us and for recommending measures to be taken by our management in response. The external auditors are recommended by this committee to our Board of Directors and appointed by our shareholders at the annual shareholders' meeting.

This committee is also responsible for:

- · Presenting to the Board of Directors a list of candidates for the selection of an external auditor.
- · Presenting to the Board of Directors a list of candidates for the selection of rating agencies.
 - Overseeing and analyzing the results of the external audit and the internal reviews.
 - Coordinating the activities of internal auditing with the external auditors' review.
 - · Overseeing and coordinating the Bank's operational risk policies.

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Risk Committee

Board member Position in Committee

Vacant¹PresidentOscar von Chrismar CarvajalVice PresidentClaudio MelandriMemberJuan Pedro Santa María PérezMemberRaimundo Monge ZegersMemberVacant¹Member

The *Risk Committee* is responsible for reviewing and monitoring all risks that may affect us, including reputational risk, allowing for integral risk management. This committee serves as the governing body through which the Board supervises risk in general. It also evaluates the reasonability of the systems for measurement and control of risks.

Asset and Liability Committee (ALCO)

The ALCO includes the President of the Board and three additional members of the Board, the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, the Corporate Financial Controller, the Manager of the Financial Management Division, the Manager of Market Risk, the Manager of the Treasury Division, and other senior members of management. The ALCO meets monthly. All limits reviewed by the ALCO are measured and prepared by the Market Risk Department. The non-Board members of the ALCO meet weekly to review liquidity, funding, capital and market risk related matters.

Board member Position in Committee

Claudio Melandri President
Oscar von Chrismar Carvajal Member
Raimundo Monge Zegers Member
José Félix de Vicente Mingo Member

The main functions of the ALCO are:

Making the most important decisions regarding inflation risk and exposure, interest rate risk, funding, capital and liquidity levels.

Roberto Zahler and Roberto Méndez resigned as Directors on March 27, 2018 and as of the reporting date, these 1. positions have yet to be assigned.

Review of the Bank's inflation gap.

Review of the evolution of the most relevant local and international markets and monetary policies.

The main limits set and monitored by the ALCO (and measured by the Market Risk Department) are:

Risk	Measure
Interest rates	Sensitivity Capital
	Sensitivity NIM
Liquidity	Regulatory limit 30 Days
-	Regulatory limit 90 Days
	Liquidity coverage ratio
	Net stable funding ratio
	Structural liquidity limit
Capital	Core capital ratio
•	BIS ratio
	BIS ratio with market risk
	BIS ratio with market and operational risk
г :	Intergroup exposure: Derivatives, deposits.
Foreign exposures	loans
	Foreign assets: Derivatives, Deposits,
	Loans

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Market Committee

The Market Committee includes three members of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, the Director of Global Corporate Banking, the Chief Financial Officer, the Manager of the Treasury Division, the Manager of the Financial Management Division, the Manager of Market Risk, the Financial Controller and other senior members of management.

Board member Position in Committee

Oscar von Chrismar Carvajal President Claudio Melandri Member Vacant¹ Member

1. Roberto Méndez resigned as Director on March 27, 2018 and as of the reporting date, this position has yet to be assigned.

The Market Committee is responsible for:

Establishing a strategy for the Bank's trading portfolio and risk appetite.

Reviewing the net foreign exchange exposure and limit.

Establishing the Bank's policies, procedures and limits with respect to its trading portfolio. The Bank's Market Risk Department measures all risks and limits and reports these to the Market Committee.

Reviewing the evolution of the most relevant local and international markets and monetary policies.

Strategy Committee

Board member Position in Committee Claudio Melandri President

Lucía Santa Cruz Member Raimundo Monge Member

Vacant¹ Member

Roberto Méndez resigned as Director on March 27, 2018 and as of the reporting date, this position has yet to be 1. assigned.

The Strategy Committee is in charge of our strategic planning process and follow-up, as well as the identification of broad business opportunities and threats. The Strategy Committee is comprised of the President of the Board and three additional Board members.

Human Resources Committee

Board member Position in Committee
Blanca Bustamante President
Orlando Poblete Member
Lucía Santa Cruz Member

The Human Resources Committee is comprised of three Board members, the Chief Executive Officer, the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, the Director of Human Resources and other senior managers. The Human Resources Committee dictates guidelines on management and general human resources policies, including incentive, selection, promotion and training policies.

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D. Employees

As of December 31, 2017, on a consolidated basis, we had 11,068 employees, 10,379 of whom were bank employees, 73 of whom were employees of our subsidiaries and 616 were employees of entities controlled by the Bank through other considerations. We have traditionally enjoyed good relations with our employees and their unions. Of the total headcount of us and our subsidiaries, 8,206 or 74.1% were unionized. In February 2018, a new collective bargaining agreement was signed with the main unions, which will come into effect on September 1, 2018 and which expires on August 31, 2021, though it may be renegotiated ahead of schedule with the consent of management and the union. We generally apply the terms of our collective bargaining agreement to unionized and non-unionized employees. The following chart summarizes the number of employees employed by the bank.

As of

Employees December

31, 2017

Executives 792
Professionals 6,195
Administrative 4,081
Total 11,068

E. Share Ownership

No director or executive officer owns more than 1% of the shares of Santander-Chile as of December 31, 2017. Santander-Chile currently does not have any arrangements for involving employees in its capital and there is no systematic arrangement for grant of options or shares or securities of Santander-Chile to them. In accordance with IFRS 2, equity instruments settled in cash are allocated to executives of the Bank and its Subsidiaries as a form of compensation for their services. See "Item 6—Directors, Senior Management and Employees—Compensation" for more details.

ITEM 7. MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

A. Major Shareholders

Santander Spain controls Santander-Chile through its holdings in Teatinos Siglo XXI Inversiones S.A. and Santander Chile Holding S.A., which are controlled subsidiaries. Santander Spain has control over 67.18% of our shares and actual participation, excluding non-controlling shareholders that participate in Santander Chile Holding, S.A. of 67.06%.

Shareholder	Number of Shares	Percentage
Santander Chile Holding S.A.	66,822,519,695	35.46 %
Teatinos Siglo XXI Inversiones S.A.	59,770,481,573	31.72 %

Santander Spain is in a position to cause the election of a majority of the members of Santander-Chile's Board of Directors, to determine its dividend and other policies and to determine substantially all matters to be decided by a vote of shareholders. Santander Spain holds ordinary shares to which no special voting rights are attached. Each share represents one vote and there are no shareholders with different voting rights.

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The number of outstanding shares of Santander-Chile (of which there is only one class, being ordinary shares) at December 31, 2017, was 188,446,126,794 shares, without par value. Santander-Chile's shares are listed for trading on the Chilean Stock Exchanges and on the NYSE in connection with the registration of ADRs. The market capitalization of Santander-Chile at December 31, 2017 on the Chilean stock exchange was Ch\$9,081,219 million and U.S.\$14,372 million on the NYSE. At December 31, 2017, Santander-Chile had 11,526 holders of its ordinary shares registered in Chile, including The Bank of New York Mellon as Depositary (the "Depositary") of Santander-Chile's ADS Program. Other than the information disclosed in this section, there are no arrangements to the knowledge of Santander-Chile that can result in a change of control of Santander-Chile. As of December 31, 2017, there were a total of 25 ADR holders on record. Since some of these ADRs are held by nominees, the number of record holders may not be representative of the number of beneficial holders.

B. Related Party Transactions

The Chilean Companies Law requires that our transactions with related parties be on a market basis, that is, on similar terms to those customarily prevailing in the market. We are required to compare the terms of any such transaction to those prevailing in the market at the date the transaction is to be entered into. Directors of companies that violate this provision are liable for losses resulting from such violations.

In addition, under the Chilean Companies Law, a company may not enter into a transaction with related parties unless (i) such transaction has received the prior approval of the company's Board of Directors and (ii) the terms of such transaction are consistent with the terms of transactions of a similar type prevailing in the market. If it is not possible to make this determination, the board may appoint two independent evaluators. The evaluators' final conclusions must be made available to shareholders and directors for a period of 20 business days, during which shareholders representing 5% or more of the issued voting shares may request the board to call a shareholders' meeting to resolve the matter, with the agreement of two thirds of the issued voting shares required for approval. For purposes of this regulation, the law considers the amount of a proposed transaction to be material if (1) it exceeds 1% of the company's net worth (provided that it also exceeds UF20,000) or (2) it exceeds UF20,000.

All resolutions approving such transactions must be reported to the company's shareholders at the annual shareholders' meeting. Violations of this provision may result in administrative or civil liability to the corporation, the shareholders and/or third parties who suffer losses as a result of such violation.

Loans granted to related parties

In addition to subsidiaries and associated entities, the Bank's "related parties" include the "key personnel" of the Bank's executive staff (members of the Bank's Board of Directors and the Senior Managers of Santander-Chile and its subsidiaries, together with their close relatives), as well as the entities over which the key personnel could exert

significant influence or control.

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The Bank also considers the companies that are part of the Santander Group worldwide as related parties, given that all of them have a common parent, *i.e.*, Santander Spain. The table below shows loans and accounts receivable and contingent loans with related parties. For more information, see "Note 34—Transactions with Related Parties" in our Audited Consolidated Financial Statements appearing elsewhere in this Annual Report:

	As of December 31, 2017 Companies of the Associkted other Group Other				2016 Companie of the Group	Assoc	Kied pæsonne	Other	2015 Companies Of the Associal Companies Compa			
	Ch\$mn	Ch\$m	r C h\$mn	Ch\$mn	Ch\$mn	Ch\$m	rCh\$mn	Ch\$mn	Ch\$mn	Ch\$mn	Ch\$mn	Ch\$mn
Commercial loans	80,076	771	3,947	7,793	81,687	533	4,595	7,100	77,388	565	5,841	1,963
Mortgage loans	-	-	18,796	-	-	-	18,046	-	-	-	20,559	-
Consumer loans	-	-	4,310	-	-	-	3,783	-	-	-	2,274	-
Loans and accounts receivables	80,076	771	27,053	7,793	81,687	533	26,424	7,100	77,388	565	28,674	1,963
Allowance for loan losses	(209)	(9)	(177)	(18)	(209)	(35)	(87)	(34)	(213)	(190)	(62)	(20)
Net loans Guarantees Contingent	79,867 361,452	762 -	26,876 23,868	7,775 7,164	81,478 434,414	498	26,337 23,636	7,066 5,486	77,175 499,803	375	28,612 25,493	1,943 1,632
loans Personal guarantees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Letters of credit	19,251	-	-	33	27,268	-	-	-	29,275	-	-	-
Guarantees	377,578	-	-	-	437,101	-	-	-	510,309	-	-	2
Contingent loans	396,829	-	-	33	464,369	-	-	-	539,584	-	-	2
Allowance for contingent loans	(4)	-	-	1	(5)	-	-	-	(11)	-	-	-
Net contingent loans	396,825	-	-	34	464,364	-	-	-	539,573	-	-	2

Loans (a) were made in the ordinary course of business, (b) were made on substantially the same terms, including interest rates and collateral, as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with unrelated persons, and (c) did not involve more than the normal collection risk.

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Under the Chilean General Banking Law, Chilean banks are subject to certain lending limits, including the following:

a bank may not extend to any person or legal entity (or group of related entities), directly or indirectly, unsecured loans in an amount that exceeds 5.0% of the bank's regulatory capital, or secured loans in an amount that exceeds 25.0% of its regulatory capital. In the case of foreign export trade finance, this 5.0% ceiling is raised to: 10.0% for unsecured financing, 30.0% for secured financing. This ceiling is raised to 15.0% for loans granted to finance public works under the concessions system contemplated in the Decree with Force of Law 164 of 1991, of the Ministry of Public Works, provided that either the loan is secured on the concession, or the loan is granted as part of a loan syndication;

- a bank may not grant loans bearing more favorable terms than those generally offered by banks in the same community to any entity (or group of related entities) that is directly or indirectly related to its owners or management;
- · a bank may not extend loans to another bank in an aggregate amount exceeding 30.0% of its regulatory capital;
- a bank may not directly or indirectly grant a loan, the purpose of which is to allow the borrower to acquire shares in the lending bank;
- a bank may not lend, directly or indirectly, to a Director or any other person who has the power to act on behalf of the bank, or to certain related parties; and
- a bank may not grant loans to individuals or legal entities involved in the ownership or management of the bank, whether directly or indirectly (including holders of 1.0% or more of its shares), on more favorable terms than those enerally offered to non-related parties. Loans may not be extended to senior executives and to companies in which such individuals have a participation of 5.0% or more of the equity or net earnings in such companies. The aggregate amount of loans to related parties may not exceed a bank's regulatory capital.

We are not aware of any loans to any related parties exceeding the above lending limits.

The largest related party loan, which matures on July 30, 2018 and has an annual rate of U.S.\$ + 0.0%, by the Bank is to Banco Santander Spain S.A., corresponds to a performance bond (*boleta de garantía*) and had an amount outstanding of U.S.\$28 million, which was guaranteeing a corporate foreign trade loan. As this operation is a contingent loan, the Bank charges a fee which was 0.25% per quarter.

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The table below shows all other assets and liabilities with related parties:

	As of December 31, 2017 Companies of the AssociatedKey Other Group Other			2016 Companies of the Group	Associate K ey Other companiepersonnel			2015 Companies of the Group	Associate K ey companiepersonn		
		ns of Ch\$)			Group				отошр		
Assets	`	.,									
Cash and deposits	74,949				187,701				23,578		
in banks	74,242	-	-	-	167,701	-	_	-	23,376	-	-
Trading	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
investments											
Obligations under											
repurchase	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
agreements											
Financial	5.45.0 2 0	06.011			742.051	22 422			771 774	24.772	
derivative contracts	545,028	86,011	-	-	742,851	33,433	-	-	771,774	24,773	-
Available-for-sale											
investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other assets	8,480	118,136	_	_	4,711	67,454	_	_	3,218	19,101	_
Liabilities	0,100	110,130			7,711	07,131			3,210	17,101	
Deposits and											
other demand	24,776	25,805	2,470	221	6,988	7,141	2,883	630	9,987	8,535	2,454
liabilities	,	- ,	,		- ,	- ,	,		, ,	- /	, -
Obligations under											
repurchase	50,945	-	-	-	56,167	-	-	-	12,006	-	-
agreements											
Time deposits											
and other time	785,988	27,968	3,703	3,504	1,545,835	6,219	2,525	2,205	1,360,572	234	2,728
liabilities											
Financial											
derivative	418,647	142,750	-	7,190	954,575	54,691	-	-	1,323,996	23,326	-
contracts											
Interbank	-	-	-	-	6,165	-	-	-	-	-	-
borrowings											
Issued debt instruments	482,626	-	-	-	484,548	-	-	-	398,565	-	-
Other financial											
liabilities	4,919	-	-	-	8,970	-	-	-	2,409	-	-
Other liabilities	164,303	58,168	_	_	446	44,329	_	-	376	19,541	_

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Other transactions with related parties

During the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016, and 2015, the Bank had the following significant income (expenses) from services provided to (by) related parties:

	2017 Companies	Companies	lKey		ant the	Associated	•	Other	2015 Companies of the Group	Associated Companies	-
Interest income and			1.051		(20.270.)	40	1 174	115	(10.00()		1.66
inflation-indexation adjustments	(43,892)	-	1,051	-	(39,279)	40	1,164	115	(10,986)	-	1,66
Fee and commission											1
income and	72,273	15,404	224	1	56,952	22,322	204	20	35,955	77	208
expenses											1
Net income (expense) from financial operations and net foreign exchange gain (loss) (*)	363,108	(48,453)	(3)	19	(343,963)	(48,373)	(88)	2	(321,985)	(16,845)	15
Other operating income and expenses	21,610	(1,454)	-	-	931	(2,239)	-	-	955	(1,027)	_
Key personnel compensation and expenses	-	-	(43,037)	-	-	-	(37,328)	-	-	-	(39,3
Administrative and other expenses	(48,246)	(47,220)	-	-	(35,554)	(43,115)	-	-	(30,591)	(41,691)	-
Total	364,913	(81,723)	(41,765)	20	(360,913)	(71,365)	(36,048)	137	(326,652)	(59,486)	(37,4

Only transactions with related parties equal to or greater than UF 5,000 (Ch\$218 million) are included individually in the table above. Transactions with related parties between UF 1,000 (Ch\$44 million) and up to UF 5,000 are included in other transactions with related parties. All transactions were conducted at arm's length.

Primarily relates to derivative contracts used to financially cover exchange risk of assets and liabilities that cover positions of the Bank and its subsidiaries.

Table of Contents C. Interests of Experts and Counsel Not applicable. ITEM 8. FINANCIAL INFORMATION A. Consolidated Statements and Other Financial Information Financial Information

See "Item 18. Financial Statements."

Legal Proceedings

We are subject to certain claims and are party to certain legal and arbitration proceedings in the normal course of our business, including claims for alleged operational errors. We do not believe that the liabilities related to such claims and proceedings are likely to have, in the aggregate, a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial condition or results of operations. For the year ended December 31, 2017, the Disclosure Committee of Santander-Chile has defined a significant legal proceeding as that implying an estimated incurred loss greater than 0.1% of pre-tax net income under Chilean GAAP. As of December 31, 2017, this cut-off totaled Ch\$721 million (U.S.\$ 1.17 million). As of December 31, 2017, there were no legal proceedings exceeding that amount. There are no material proceedings in which any of our directors, any members of our senior management, or any of our affiliates is either a party adverse to us or our subsidiaries or has a material interest adverse to us or our subsidiaries.

Upon the recommendation of our legal advisors, we estimate that our aggregate liability if all legal proceedings were determined adversely to us could result in significant losses not estimated by us. As of the date of the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements, the Bank and its affiliates were subject to certain legal actions in the normal course of their business. As of December 31, 2017, the Bank and its subsidiaries have provisions for these legal actions of Ch\$1,214.2 million and Ch\$0 million, respectively (Ch\$1,194 million and Ch\$48 million as of December 31, 2016), which are included in "Provisions" in the Audited Consolidated Statements of Financial Position as provisions for contingencies.

See "Item 3. Key Information—A. Selected Financial Data—Dividends."
B. Significant Changes
None.
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Dividends and dividend policy

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ITEM 9. THE OFFER AND LISTING

A. Historical Trading Information

The table below shows, for the periods indicated, the annual, quarterly and monthly high and low closing prices (in nominal Chilean pesos) of the shares of our common stock on the Santiago Stock Exchange and the annual, quarterly and monthly high and low closing prices (in U.S. dollars) as reported by the NYSE.

	Santiage Exchange		NYSE		
	Commo	n Stock	ADS		
	High Low		High	Low	
	(Cl. ft 1)		(U.S.\$ per		
	(Ch\$ per share)		ADS)		
Annual Price History					
2013	36.23	27.62	30.59	21.38	
2014	37.32	26.81	26.91	19.19	
2015	34.77	29.52	22.61	17.38	
2016	38.05	29.10	23.48	15.98	
2017	50.65	34.65	32.06	21.36	
Quarterly Price History					
2016					
1st Quarter	33.47	29.10	19.74	15.98	
2nd Quarter	33.89	30.84	20.24	17.99	
3rd Quarter	36.47	31.62	22.51	19.18	
4th Quarter	38.05	34.09	23.48	20.52	
2017					
1st Quarter	42.38	34.65	25.45	21.36	
2nd Quarter	42.29	39.09	25.52	23.59	
3rd Quarter	48.75	42.08	30.49	25.49	
4th Quarter	50.65	43.21	32.06	26.65	
Monthly Price History					
Oct-17	48.75	46.34	31.61	29.93	
Nov-17	49.24	44.3	31.18	27.47	
Dec-17	50.22	43.21	32.06	26.65	
Jan-18	52.75	48.66	34.78	32.37	
Feb-18	50.78	47.5	33.8	31.4	
Mar-18 (through March 22, 2018)	52.75	47.52	34.78	31.27	

B. Plan of Distribution

Not applicable
C. Nature of Trading Market
Nature of Trading Market
Shares of our common stock are traded on the Chilean Stock Exchanges. Each ADS represents 400 shares of common stock. ADRs have been issued pursuant to the amended and restated deposit agreement dated as of August 4, 2015. As of December 31, 2017, 87,002,334 ADSs were outstanding (equivalent to 34,800,933,671 shares of common stock or 18.47% of the total number of issued shares of common stock).
D. Selling Shareholders
Not applicable.
E. Dilution
Not applicable.
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F.	Expenses of the Issue
Not a	pplicable.
ITEM	10. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
A.	Share Capital
Not a	pplicable.
B.	Memorandum and Articles of Association
dated permi by-lav with I Santar	egal predecessor of Santander-Chile was Banco Santiago (Santiago). Santiago was incorporated by public deed September 7, 1977 granted at the Notary Office of Alfredo Astaburuaga Gálvez. Santiago received its ssion to incorporate and function as a bank by Resolution No. 118 of the SBIF on October 27, 1977. The Bank's ws were approved by Resolution No. 103 of the SBIF on September 22, 1977. In January 1997, Santiago merged Banco O'Higgins, with Santiago as the surviving entity. In 1999, Santiago became a controlled subsidiary of onder Spain. On January 9, 2017 in an Extraordinary Shareholder Meeting, the shareholders' approved and diment of the Bank's Articles of Incorporation.
Santa	fficial name is Banco Santander-Chile and Banco Santander and Santander can also be used (formerly Banco nder Santiago, Santander Santiago could also be used, but these names were eliminated in the new Articles of coration).
registe repres	cank has a single series of capital stock, which amounts to Ch\$891,302,881,691, divided into 188,446,126,794 ered shares with no par value. The capital stock is fully subscribed for, deposited, and paid up. Each share sents one vote and there are no special classes of shares with different rights. Our by-laws do not include any tion that is more significant than required by law to change the right of shareholders.

Shareholder rights in a Chilean bank that is also an open stock (public) corporation are governed by (1) the

corporation's estatutos, which effectively serve the purpose of both the articles or certificate of incorporation and the

by-laws of a company incorporated in the United States, (2) the General Banking Law and (3) to the extent not inconsistent with the General Banking Law, by the provisions of Chilean Companies Law applicable to open stock corporations, except for certain provisions that are expressly excluded. Article 137 of the Chilean Companies Law provides that all provisions of the Chilean Companies Law take precedence over any contrary provision in a corporation's *estatutos*. Both the Chilean Companies Law and our *estatutos* provide that legal actions by shareholders against us (or our officers or directors) to enforce their rights as shareholders or by one shareholder against another in their capacity as such are to be brought in Chile in arbitration proceedings, notwithstanding the plaintiff's right to submit the action to the ordinary courts of Chile.

The Chilean securities markets are principally regulated by the Superintendency of Securities and Insurance under the Chilean Securities Market Law and the Chilean Companies Law. In the case of banks, compliance with these laws is supervised by the SBIF. These two laws provide for disclosure requirements, restrictions on insider trading and price manipulation and protection of non-controlling investors. The Chilean Securities Market Law sets forth requirements relating to public offerings, stock exchanges and brokers, and outlines disclosure requirements for companies that issue publicly offered securities. The Chilean Companies Law sets forth the rules and requirements for establishing open stock corporations while eliminating government supervision of closed (closely-held) corporations. Open stock (public) corporations are those with 500 or more shareholders, or companies in which 100 or more shareholders own at least 10.0% of the subscribed capital (excluding those whose individual holdings exceed 10.0%), and all other companies that are registered in the Securities Registry of the Superintendency of Securities and Insurance.

Santander-Chile is a bank providing a broad range of commercial and retail banking services, as well as a variety of financial services. Our objects and purposes can be found in Article 4 of our by-laws.

Board of Directors and Managers

Currently, the Board of Directors has 11 regular members and two alternate members, elected by shareholder vote at Ordinary Shareholders' Meetings. The directors may be either shareholders or non-shareholders of the

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Company. There is no age limit for directors. On October 27, 2016, the SBIF authorized a reduction in the number of Board members from 11 to nine. This reduction and the corresponding amendment to Article 14 of the by-laws was approved by the shareholders at an Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting held on January 9, 2017 and entered into force at the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting, which took place on April 26, 2017. The directors may be shareholders or persons who are not members of the company.

The directors shall hold office for three years and may be indefinitely re-elected, and their terms of office shall be renewed in their entirety at the conclusion of each term of office. If the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting at which periodic elections of directors occur is not held at the stipulated time for any reason, the incumbency of those who have completed their terms shall be understood to be extended until their replacements are appointed, and the Board shall be obligated to summon a Shareholders' Meeting to make said appointments within thirty days.

The directors shall be compensated for their service. The amount of their compensation shall be fixed annually at the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting. Such compensation shall be in addition to any salaries, fees, travel expenses, representation expenses, payments due as delegates of the Board, or other stipends in money, kind, or royalties of any class, whether assigned to particular directors at the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting or by Board approval, for specific functions or work above and beyond their obligations as directors which have been entrusted to them precisely at the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting or by the Board. A detailed and separate record of these special compensations must be made in the Annual Report, indicating the full name of each director who has received them.

Without prejudice to other legal disqualifications or conflicts of interest, the following persons cannot serve as directors: (a) a person who has been convicted or is on trial for crimes penalized with a principal or accessory penalty of temporary suspension or permanent disqualification to hold public positions or offices; (b) a debtor subject to a pending insolvency procedure for liquidation, (c) legislators; (d) directors or employees of any other financial institution; (e) employees of the Office of the President of the Republic or employees or officials of the Treasury or of the Services, Fiscal or Semi-Fiscal Institutions, Autonomous Agencies, State-Owned Enterprises, and generally all the Public Services created by law, as well as those of companies, partnerships, or public or private entities to which the State or its companies, partnerships, or centralized or decentralized institutions have contributed the majority capital or a proportion equal thereto, or have a similar representation or participation, provided that the limitation prescribed in this letter (e) shall not apply to persons who hold teaching positions; and (f) Bank employees.

In the elections of directors, each shareholder shall have one vote per share held or represented, and may cast all such votes in favor a single candidate or distribute them as deemed convenient; those who receive the largest number of votes in an election shall be proclaimed as elected, until the number of persons to be elected is reached. Elections of principal and alternate directors must be held separately. To proceed to a vote, the Chairman and the Secretary, jointly with the persons who have previously been designated at the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting to sign the minutes thereof, must make a documentary record of the votes which are cast through voice vote by the shareholders present, according to the list of attendance. However, any shareholder shall be entitled to vote on a ballot signed by him, stating whether he signs on his own behalf or as a proxy. In any event, to facilitate the casting or speed of a vote, the Chairman of the Bank or the Superintendency, if applicable, may order an alternative procedure or permit either a voice vote or a ballot vote, or any other procedure stipulated as adequate for the purpose. In counting the results, the

Chairman shall read out the votes cast aloud so that all the persons present can count the votes themselves and the truthfulness of the result can be verified. The Secretary shall add up the votes and the Chairman shall announce the candidates that receive the largest majorities and proclaim them thereby elected, until the number of persons to be elected is reached. The Secretary shall place the document reflecting the vote count, signed by the persons responsible for taking note of the votes cast, as well as the ballots delivered by the shareholders who did not vote by voice, in an envelope which shall be closed and sealed with the corporate seal, and shall be kept on file at the Bank for at least two years.

Every election to the Board, or every change to the composition of the Board, must be recorded in a public deed executed before a Notary, published in a Santiago newspaper, and reported to the SBIF by sending an authorized copy of the respective public deed. The appointments of the General Manager and Assistant Deputy Manager must likewise be reported and converted into a public deed.

Vacancies that arise when a director ceases to be able to perform his or her duties, either because he becomes subject to any conflict of interest, limitation, or legal disqualification or because he is subject to a pending

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insolvency procedure for liquidation, or due to impossibility of serving, unjustified absence, death, resignation, or for another legal cause, shall be filled in the following manner: (a) vacancies of principal directors by alternate directors; and (b) in case of vacancies of alternate directors because of the application or circumstances not provided for in letter (a) above, or vacancies of principal directors which could not be filled as provided for in this letter because the alternate directors have become principal directors, the appropriate replacements shall be appointed at the first Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting to be held. The directors so designated shall remain in office until the next Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting, at which the definitive appointments shall be made for the time remaining to complete the replaced directors' terms.

The alternate directors may always take part in a Board meetings and have the right to speak at any such meeting. However, they shall have the right to vote only when they replace a principal director.

The Board shall separately elect a Chairman, a First Vice Chairman, and a Second Vice Chairman from among its members at the first meeting held after the Shareholders' Meeting has appointed it or at its first meeting held after the persons in question have ceased to hold the position for any reason. In case of a tie vote, the person who chairs the meeting shall have the tie-breaking vote.

The Board meetings shall be held at the company's domicile unless the directors unanimously resolve to hold a particular session at a different location or all the directors participate in any such meeting held at a different location. The Board shall meet in ordinary session at least once a month, on the days and at the times the Board designates, and additionally, in extraordinary sessions from time to time when summoned by the Chairman at his or her own initiative or at the request of three or more directors, following the Chairman's determination of the need for a meeting, unless it is requested by an absolute majority of the incumbent directors, in which case the meeting must necessarily be held without the need for a prior determination. Only the topics specifically stated in the notice of meeting may be addressed at extraordinary meetings, unless all the incumbent directors are present and they unanimously agree otherwise. Summonses to extraordinary meetings shall be made in accordance with and in the form prescribed by law.

The quorum for Board meetings shall be the absolute majority of the number of directors entitled to vote as prescribed in our by-laws. Resolutions shall be adopted by the absolute majority of the directors present who are entitled to vote. In case of a tie vote, the person who chairs the meeting shall have the tie-breaking vote. Directors who, though not present, are in simultaneous and permanent communication through technological means which have been authorized by the SBIF shall be understood to participate in the meetings.

Directors who have an interest in a business dealing, legal act, contract, or operation or transaction not specifically of a banking nature, or as representatives of another person, must inform the other directors thereof. The respective resolutions shall be approved by the Board and must be in accordance with conditions of equity similar to those customarily prevailing in the market and they shall be disclosed at the next Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting by the person who chairs such meeting.

A record of the Board's deliberations and resolutions shall be made in a special minute book to be kept by the Secretary. The minutes must be consecutively numbered, with one numbering sequence assigned to ordinary meetings and another to extraordinary meetings, and they must be signed by the directors who took part in the meeting and the Secretary or the person who performs his or her functions. A director who believes certain minutes contain inaccuracies or omissions is entitled to record his or her reservations prior to signing them. Resolutions may be carried out without the need to approve the minutes at a subsequent meeting. If any of the persons present dies, refuses to sign the minutes, or is prevented from doing so for any reason, a record of said impediment shall be made at the foot thereof.

The directors shall be personally responsible or liable for all the legal acts they execute in the performance of their functions. A director who wishes to avoid responsibility or liability for any legal act or resolution of the Board must make a record of his or her opposition in the minutes and the Chairman shall be informed thereof at the next Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting.

The Board shall represent the Bank judicially and extra-judicially and for the pursuit of its corporate purpose, which need not be demonstrated to third parties in any manner; it shall be vested with all the authorities and powers of administration that the law or the by-laws do not define as pertaining exclusively to Shareholders' Meetings, without the need to confer any special power of attorney whatsoever, even for legal acts or contracts for which the

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laws so require. The foregoing does not impair the Bank's judicial representation by the General Manager. The Board may delegate part of its powers to the General Manager, to one or more managers, assistant managers, or attorneys of the Bank, to a director, or to a committee of Directors, as well as to other persons for specific purposes.

The Board shall designate three Directors from among its members to serve on a committee of Directors which shall be governed by the provisions of article 50bis of the Corporations Act.

The Chairman/President

The Chairman of the Board shall likewise be the president of the company and the chairman of the Shareholders' Meetings. He shall have the following obligations and authorities, in addition to those prescribed in the pertinent legal and regulatory provisions, in our by-laws, or by the Board: (a) chair the Board and Shareholders' Meetings; (b) enforce strict compliance with the by-laws, the Board's resolutions, and the resolutions of the Shareholders' Meetings; (c) summon the Board meetings; and (d) sign the annual reports and the resolutions and communications of the Board and the Shareholders' Meetings. In the absence or temporary impediment of the Chairman/President, the First Vice Chairman/First Vice President shall act in his or her stead, and in the latter's absence, the Second Vice Chairman/Second Vice President shall act, or finally, the person designated by the Board from among its members or the shareholder designated at the Shareholders' Meeting, as the case may be. Replacement is an internal company procedure that shall not require any formality, and it shall not be necessary to demonstrate its validity to third parties in order to assure the validity of the replacement's actions; the sole fact of its occurrence suffices to make said actions effective.

Meetings and Voting Rights

The shareholders shall meet in Ordinary or Extraordinary Shareholders' Meetings held in Santiago. The resolutions adopted at a validly summoned and convened Shareholders' Meeting, in conformity with the by-laws, shall be binding on all of the shareholders.

The Ordinary Shareholders' Meetings shall be held annually on the dates determined by the Board within the first four months following the date of the annual balance sheet. There shall be an Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting whenever the company's needs so require. The meetings shall be summoned by the Board at its own initiative or at the request of shareholders representing at least 10% of the issued shares having a legal right to vote. If in this circumstance, the Board, and through it the Chairman, refuses to issue a summons, the Superintendent of Banks and Financial Institutions may be requested to do so.

The summons to a Shareholders' Meeting shall be given through a prominent notice to be published three times on different days in the Santiago newspaper which has been chosen at the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting, and in the absence of agreement or in the event of a suspension or disappearance of the designated newspaper's circulation, in the Official Journal, at the time, in the form, and under the conditions stipulated by the Regulations of the Corporations Act. Summonses to Extraordinary Shareholders' Meetings shall state the topics which will be submitted to them. The summons to a meeting shall likewise be announced through a letter sent to the shareholders a minimum of fifteen days in advance of the date set for the meeting, which must contain a reference to the topics to be addressed at it. Failure to send said letter shall not invalidate the summons, without prejudice to legal liabilities. On a date no later than that of the first notice of a summons for an Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting, each shareholder must be sent a copy of the Bank's Annual Report and Balance Sheet, including the auditors' opinion and its respective notes.

A Shareholders' Meetings shall convene upon reaching a quorum, which shall be established by the presence of as many shareholders as represent, directly or by proxy, at least an absolute majority of the issued voting shares. If said quorum is not satisfied, a new summons shall be given, for a meeting which must be scheduled to be held in the manner prescribed in our by-laws, indicating that it is a second summons and scheduling the new meeting to be held within the forty five days subsequent to the date scheduled for the meeting that was not held due to a lack of quorum. A meeting called by a second summons shall lawfully convene with the number of issued voting shares present or represented thereat.

In the absence of a special rule, a Shareholders' Meeting resolution shall be adopted by an absolute majority of the voting shares present or represented.

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The Ordinary Shareholders' Meetings have the following responsibilities: (a) deliberate and resolve on the Annual Report and Balance Sheet which must be submitted by the Board; (b) annually designate an external auditing firm in conformity with the provisions of law to report on the balance sheet and comply with the legal requirements; (c) elect the members of the Board when appropriate pursuant to our by-laws; (d) resolve the distribution of the liquid profits or earnings for each fiscal year, and at the Board's request, order the distribution of a dividend to the shareholders as of the end of each fiscal year, as prescribed in the by-laws; and (e) in general, deliberate and pass resolutions on any other topic of corporate interest which is not reserved to an Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting. The revocation of all the Board members elected by the shareholders and the designation of their replacements may be resolved at an Ordinary or Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting, but any individual or collective revocation of one or more Board members would accordingly be invalid.

The Extraordinary Shareholders' Meetings are reserved for certain topics indicated by law or by our by-laws. Resolutions on the topics indicated in the notice of meeting may be adopted at Extraordinary Shareholders' Meetings.

The shareholders may have themselves represented at Meetings by another person, whether a shareholder or not, as is stipulated in the Corporations Act.

A record of the deliberations and resolutions at any Shareholders' Meeting shall be made in a special minute book to be kept by the Secretary, if any, or in his or her absence by the Bank's General Manager. The minutes shall be signed by the Chairman or the person who performs his or her functions, by the Secretary and three shareholders elected by the Meeting, or by all the persons present if they number fewer than three. In the event of death, refusal, or impediment to signing the minutes on the part of any of the persons who must do so, a record of the impediment shall be made at the foot thereof. An extract of the minutes shall be made to record what happened at the meeting, and an official copy of the following data shall necessarily be made: the names of the shareholders present and the number of shares owned or represented by each of them (a brief summary of any objections may be omitted if it is attached to the same page or roll of attendance), a list of the proposals submitted for discussion and the results of the votes taken, and the list of the shareholders who voted for or against. Solely by the unanimous consent of the persons present may a record of any event occurring at the meeting that is related to the company's interests be deleted from the minutes.

The persons present at any Shareholders' Meetings shall sign a roll of attendance on which they shall indicate the number of shares the signatory holds, the number of shares he represents, and the name of the shareholder he represents.

In general, Chilean law does not require a Chilean open stock corporation to provide the level and type of information that U.S. securities laws require a reporting company to provide to its shareholders in connection with a solicitation of proxies. However, shareholders are entitled to examine the books of the bank within the 15-day period before the ordinary annual meeting. In addition to these requirements, we regularly provide, and management currently intends to continue to provide, together with the notice of shareholders' meeting, a proposal for the final annual dividend.

Annual Report, Balance Sheet, and Distribution of Profits

A Balance Sheet shall be drawn up as of the thirty-first day of December of each year, to be submitted to the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting for its consideration, jointly with the Annual Report. The Balance Sheet and Statement of Income shall be published in conformity with the currently applicable legal and regulatory provisions. The approval or rejection of such financial statements is entirely within our shareholders' discretion. If our shareholders reject our financial statements, our Board of Directors must submit new financial statements not later than 60 days from the date of such rejection. If our shareholders reject our new financial statements, our entire Board of Directors is deemed removed from office and a new Board of Directors is elected at the same meeting. Directors who individually approved such rejected financial statements are disqualified for re-election for the ensuing period.

The profits attributable to shareholders reflected in the Balance Sheet shall be applied preferentially to absorb prior-year losses. The balance which is earned shall be allocated as may be resolved by the Shareholders' Meeting, at the Board's recommendation, to: (a) an increase of the effective capital, the formation of a fund for future capitalizations or dividends, or other special reserve funds; these uses shall receive the amounts the Meeting deems convenient, in conformity with the limits and obligations prescribed by law; and (b) the distribution of dividends to the shareholders in proportion to their shareholdings.

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Under the Chilean Corporations Law, Chilean companies are generally required to distribute at least 30.0% of their earnings as dividends. No dividends of a bank above the legal minimum can be distributed if doing so would result in the bank exceeding its ratio of risk-weighted assets to regulatory capital or total assets.

Dividends that are declared but not paid by the date set for payment at the time of declaration are adjusted from the date set for payment to the date such dividends are actually paid, and they accrue interest.

We may declare a dividend in cash or in shares. When a share dividend is declared above the legal minimum (which minimum must be paid in cash), our shareholders must be given the option to elect to receive cash. Our ADS holders may, in the absence of an effective registration statement under the Securities Act or an available exemption from the registration requirement thereunder, effectively be required to receive a dividend in cash. See "Item 10. B.—Memorandum and Articles of Association—Preemptive Rights and Increases of Share Capital." A dividend entitlement lapses after 5 years and the funds go to the Chilean Treasury.

Liquidation and Appraisal Rights

The Bank may be dissolved and liquidated if it is so resolved at an Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting, with the favorable vote of at least two thirds of the issued voting shares, and approved by the Superintendent of Banks and Financial Institutions.

Once the voluntary dissolution to which the preceding article refers has been resolved, the Shareholders' Meeting at which it is resolved shall appoint a committee of three shareholders to proceed to the company's liquidation. The liquidating committee so created shall act with the powers and obligations which the by-laws confer on the Board, and it shall keep the shareholders informed of the liquidation's progress, shall summon Ordinary Shareholders' Meetings on the dates scheduled for them, being authorized to likewise summon Extraordinary Shareholders' Meetings. In all other respects the provisions of the Commercial Code, the applicable provisions of the Corporations Act, and the corporate regulations which govern the company shall be followed. In accordance with the General Banking Law, our shareholders do not have appraisal rights.

Arbitration

Any difficulty which may arise between the Bank and any of the shareholders or directors, or between such persons, in connection with the application of the by-laws or the recognition of the existence, nonexistence, validity, nullity,

construction, performance or breach, dissolution, liquidation, or any other cause shall be submitted to resolution by two arbitrators at law and in equity, who shall rule without subsequent appeal, one of whom shall be appointed by each party. If they cannot reach agreement, the parties shall appoint a third arbitrator to resolve the discord. If there is no agreement for the third arbitrator's appointment, the two previously appointed arbitrators shall make the designation. If either party refuses to participate in the appointment of arbitrators or, after they have been appointed, there is no agreement on the ruling and neither the parties nor the arbitrators have designated the third arbitrator to resolve the discord, the designation of said arbitrator, if any, or of the third participant in discord, shall be made by the Ordinary Court of Justice, and the person so designated must necessarily be one who has held or currently holds the position of attorney and member of the Honorable Supreme Court.

Capitalization

Under Chilean law, the shareholders of a company, acting at an extraordinary shareholders' meeting, have the power to authorize an increase in such company's capital. When an investor subscribes for issued shares, the shares are registered in such investor's name, even if not paid for, and the investor is treated as a shareholder for all purposes except with regard to receipt of dividends and the return of capital, provided that the shareholders may, by amending the by-laws, also grant the right to receive dividends or distributions of capital. The investor becomes eligible to receive dividends and returns of capital once it has paid for the shares (if it has paid for only a portion of such shares, it is entitled to reserve a corresponding pro-rata portion of the dividends declared and/or returns of capital with respect to such shares unless the company's by-laws provide otherwise). If an investor does not pay for shares for which it has subscribed on or prior to the date agreed upon for payment, the company is entitled under Chilean law to auction the shares on the stock exchange and collect the difference, if any, between the subscription

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price and the auction proceeds. However, until such shares are sold at auction, the subscriber continues to exercise all the rights of a shareholder (except the right to receive dividends and return of capital).

Article 22 of the Chilean Corporations Law states that the purchaser of shares of a company implicitly accepts its by-laws and any agreements adopted at shareholders' meetings.

Registrations and Transfers

We act as our own registrar and transfer agent, as is customary among Chilean companies. In the case of jointly owned shares, an attorney-in-fact must be appointed to represent the joint owners in dealings with us.

Ownership Restrictions

Under Article 12 of the Chilean Securities Market Law and the regulations of the SBIF, shareholders of open stock corporations are required to report the following to the Superintendency of Securities and Insurance and the Chilean Stock Exchanges:

any direct or indirect acquisition or sale of shares that results in the holder's acquiring or disposing, directly or indirectly, 10.0% or more of an open stock corporation's share capital; and

any direct or indirect acquisition or sale of shares or options to buy or sell shares, in any amount, if made by a holder of 10.0% or more of an open stock corporation's capital or if made by a director, liquidator, main officer, general manager or manager of such corporation.

In addition, majority shareholders must include in their report whether their purpose is to acquire control of the company or if they are making a financial investment. A beneficial owner of ADSs representing 10.0% or more of our share capital will be subject to these reporting requirements under Chilean law.

Under Article 54 of the Chilean Securities Market Law and the regulations of the Superintendency of Securities and Insurance, persons or entities intending to acquire control, directly or indirectly, of an open stock corporation, regardless of the acquisition vehicle or procedure, and including acquisitions made through direct subscriptions or private transactions, are also required to inform the public of such acquisition at least 10 business days before the date on which the transaction is to be completed, but in any case, as soon as negotiations regarding the change of control

begin (*i.e.*, when information and documents concerning the target are delivered to the potential acquirer) through a filing with the Superintendency of Securities and Insurance, the stock exchanges and the companies controlled by and that control the target and through a notice published in two Chilean newspapers, which notice must disclose, among other information, the person or entity purchasing or selling and the price and conditions of any negotiations.

Prior to such publication, a written communication to such effect must be sent to the target corporation, to the controlling corporation, to the corporations controlled by the target corporation, to the Superintendency of Securities and Insurance, and to the Chilean stock exchanges on which the securities are listed.

In addition to the foregoing, Article 54A of the Chilean Securities Market Law requires that within two business days of the completion of the transactions pursuant to which a person has acquired control of a publicly traded company, a notice shall be published in the same newspapers in which the notice referred to above was published and notices shall be sent to the same persons mentioned in the preceding paragraphs.

The provisions of the aforementioned articles do not apply whenever the acquisition is being made through a tender or exchange offer.

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Title XXV of the Chilean Securities Market Law on tender offers and the regulations of the Superintendency of Securities and Insurance provide that the following transactions must be carried out through a tender offer:

an offer which allows a person to take control of a publicly traded company, unless (i) the shares are being sold by a controlling shareholder of such company at a price in cash which is not substantially higher than the market price and the shares of such company are actively traded on a stock exchange and (ii) those shares are acquired (a) through a capital increase, (b) as a consequence of a merger, (c) by inheritance or (d) through a forced sale; and

an offer for a controlling percentage of the shares of a listed company if such person intends to take control of the parent company (whether listed or not) of such listed company, to the extent that the listed company represents 75.0% or more of the consolidated net worth of the parent company.

In addition, Article 69bis of the Companies Law requires that whenever a controlling shareholder acquires two thirds of the voting shares of a listed company, such controlling shareholder must offer to purchase the remaining shares from the non-controlling shareholders in a tender offer.

Article 200 of the Chilean Securities Market Law prohibits any shareholder that has taken control of a publicly traded company to acquire, for a period of 12 months from the date of the transaction in which it gained control of the publicly traded company, a number of shares equal to or greater than 3.0% of the outstanding issued shares of the target without making a tender offer at a price per share not lower than the price paid at the time of taking control. Should the acquisition from the other shareholders of the company be made on a stock exchange and on a pro rata basis, the controlling shareholder may purchase a higher percentage of shares, if so permitted by the regulations of the stock exchange.

Title XV of the Chilean Securities Market Law sets forth the basis to determine what constitutes a controlling power, a direct holding and a related party. The Chilean Securities Market Law defines control as the power of a person or group of persons acting (either directly or through other entities or persons) pursuant to a joint action agreement, to direct the majority of the votes at the shareholders' meetings of the corporation, to elect the majority of members of its Board of Directors, or to influence the management of the corporation significantly. Significant influence is deemed to exist in respect of the person or group of persons with an agreement to act jointly that holds, directly or indirectly, at least 25.0% of the voting share capital, unless:

another person or group of persons acting pursuant to joint action agreement, directly or indirectly, controls a stake equal to or greater than the percentage controlled by such person or group of persons;

the person or group does not control, directly or indirectly, more than 40.0% of the voting share capital and the percentage controlled is lower than the sum of the shares held by other shareholders holding more than 5.0% of the share capital (either directly or pursuant to a joint action agreement); or

in cases where the Superintendency of Securities and Insurance has ruled otherwise, based on the distribution or atomization of the overall shareholding.

According to the Chilean Securities Market Law, a joint action agreement is an agreement among two or more parties which, directly or indirectly, own shares in a corporation at the same time and whereby they agree to participate with the same interest in the management of the corporation or in taking control of the same. The law presumes that such an agreement exists between:

a principal and its agents;

spouses and relatives within certain degrees of kinship;

entities within the same business group; and

an entity and its controller or any of the members of the controller.

Likewise, the Superintendency of Securities and Insurance may determine that a joint action agreement exists between two or more entities considering, among other things, the number of companies in which they participate

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and the frequency with which they vote identically in the election of directors, appointment of managers and other resolutions passed at extraordinary shareholders' meetings.

According to Article 96 of the Chilean Securities Market Law, a business group is a group of entities with such ties in their ownership, management or credit liabilities that it may be assumed that the economic and financial action of such members is directed by, or subordinated to, the joint interests of the group, or that there are common credit risks in the credits granted to, or in the acquisition of securities issued by, them. According to the Chilean Securities Market Law, the following entities are part of the same business group:

a company and its controller;

all the companies with a common controller together with that controller;

all the entities that the Superintendency of Securities and Insurance declares to be part of the business group due to one or more of the following reasons:

a substantial part of the assets of the company is involved in the business group, whether as investments in securities, equity rights, loans or guaranties;

the company has a significant level of indebtedness and the business group has a material participation as a lender or guarantor;

any member of a group of controlling entities of a company mentioned in the first two bullets above and there are grounds to include it in the business group; or

the company is controlled by a member of a group of controlling entities and there are grounds to include it in the business group.

Article 36 of the General Banking Law states that as a matter of public policy, no person or company may acquire, directly or indirectly, more than 10.0% of the shares of a bank without the prior authorization of the SBIF, which may not be unreasonably withheld. The prohibition would also apply to beneficial owners of ADSs. In the absence of such authorization, any person or group of persons acting in concert would not be permitted to exercise voting rights with respect to the shares or ADSs acquired. In determining whether or not to issue such an authorization, the SBIF considers a number of factors enumerated in the General Banking Law, including the financial stability of the purchasing party.

According to Article 35bis of the General Banking Law, the prior authorization of the SBIF is required for:

· the merger of two or more banks;

- the acquisition of all or a substantial portion of a banks' assets and liabilities by another bank;
 - the control by the same person, or controlling group, of two or more banks; or
- a substantial increase in the existing control of a bank by a controlling shareholder of that bank.

This prior authorization is only required when the acquiring bank or the resulting group of banks would own a significant market share in loans, defined by the SBIF to be more than 15.0% of all loans in the Chilean banking system. The intended purchase, merger or expansion may be denied by the SBIF; or, if the acquiring bank or resulting group would own a market share in loans determined to be more than 20.0% of all loans in the Chilean banking system, the purchase, merger, or expansion may be conditioned on one or more of the following:

the bank or banks maintaining regulatory capital higher than 8.0% and up to 14.0% of risk-weighted assets;

the technical reserve established in Article 65 of the General Banking Law being applicable when deposits exceed one and a half times the resulting bank's paid-in capital and reserves; or

• the margin for interbank loans be reduced to 20.0% of the resulting bank's regulatory capital.

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If the acquiring bank or resulting group would own a market share in loans determined by the SBIF to be more than 15.0% but less than 20.0%, the authorization will be conditioned on the bank or banks maintaining a regulatory capital not lower than 10.0% of their risks weighted assets for the period specified by the SBIF, which may not be less than one year. The calculation of the risk weighted assets is based on a five category risk classification system applied to a bank's assets that is based on the Basel Committee recommendations.

According to the General Banking Law, a bank may not grant loans to related parties on terms more favorable than those generally offered to non-related parties. Article 84 No. 2 of the General Banking Law and the regulations issued by the SBIF creates the presumption that natural persons who are holders of shares and who beneficially own more than 1.0% of the shares are related to the bank and imposes certain restrictions on the amounts and terms of loans made by banks to related parties. This presumption would also apply to beneficial owners of ADSs representing more than 1.0% of the shares. Finally, according to the regulations of the SBIF, Chilean banks that issue ADSs are required to inform the SBIF if any person, directly or indirectly, acquires ADSs representing 5.0% or more of the total amount of shares of capital stock issued by such bank.

Article 16bis of the General Banking Law provides that the individuals or legal entities that, individually or with other people, directly control a bank and who individually own more than 10.0% of its shares must send to the SBIF reliable information on their financial situation in the form and in the opportunity set forth in Resolution No. 3,156 of the SBIF.

There are no limitations for non-resident or foreign shareholders to hold or exercise voting rights on the securities.

Preemptive Rights and Increases of Share Capital

The Chilean Corporations Law provides that whenever a Chilean company issues new shares for cash, it must offer its existing shareholders the right to purchase a number of shares sufficient to maintain their existing ownership percentages in the company. According to our by-laws, options for subscription of capital increases must be offered on a preemptive basis to the shareholders, in proportion to the number of shares each shareholder owns, and the released shares which are issued shall be distributed in the same proportion.

Pursuant to this requirement, preemptive rights in connection with any future issue of shares will be offered by us to the Depositary as the registered owner of the shares underlying the ADRs. However, the Depositary will not be able to make such preemptive rights available to holders of ADSs unless a registration statement under the Securities Act is effective with respect to the underlying shares or an exemption from the registration requirements thereunder is available.

We intend to evaluate, at the time of any preemptive rights offering, the practicality under Chilean law and Central Bank regulations in effect at the time of making such rights available to our ADS holders, as well as the costs and potential liabilities associated with registration of such rights and the related shares of common stock under the Securities Act, and the indirect benefits to us of thereby enabling the exercise by all or certain holders of ADSs of their preemptive rights and any other factors we consider appropriate at the time, and then to make a decision as to whether to file such registration statement. We cannot assure you that any registration statement would be filed. If we do not file a registration statement and no exemption from the registration requirements under the Securities Act is available, the Depositary will sell such holders' preemptive rights and distribute the proceeds thereof if a premium can be recognized over the cost of such sale. In the event that the Depositary is not able, or determines that it is not feasible, to sell such rights at a premium over the cost of any such sale, all or certain holders of ADSs may receive no value for such rights. Non-U.S. holders of ADSs may be able to exercise their preemptive rights regardless of whether a registration statement is filed. The inability of all or certain holders of ADSs to exercise preemptive rights in respect of shares of common stock underlying such ADSs could result in such holders not maintaining their percentage ownership of the common stock following such preemptive rights offering unless such holder made additional market purchases of ADSs or shares of common stock.

Under Chilean law, preemptive rights are exercisable or freely transferable by shareholders during a period that cannot be less than 30 days following the grant of such rights. During such period, and for an additional 30-day period thereafter, a Chilean corporation is not permitted to offer any unsubscribed shares for sale to third parties on terms which are more favorable than those offered to its shareholders. At the end of such additional 30-day period, a Chilean open stock corporation is authorized to sell unsubscribed shares to third parties on any terms, provided they are sold on a Chilean stock exchange. Unsubscribed shares that are not sold on a Chilean stock exchange can be sold to third parties only on terms no more favorable for the purchaser than those offered to shareholders.

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C. Material Contracts

During the past two years, we were not a party to any material contract outside the ordinary course of business.

D. Exchange Controls

The Central Bank is responsible for, among other things, monetary policies and exchange controls in Chile. Appropriate registration of a foreign investment in Chile grants the investor access to the Formal Exchange Market. See "Item 3. Key Information—A. Selected Financial Data—Exchange Rates." Foreign investments can be registered with the Foreign Investment Committee under Decree Law No. 600 or can be registered with the Central Bank under the Central Bank Act. The Central Bank Act is an organic constitutional law requiring a "special majority" vote of the Chilean Congress to be amended. Since April 18, 2001, all exchange controls in Chile have been eliminated.

Previously, Chilean law mandated that holders of shares of Chilean companies that were not residents of Chile register as foreign investors under one of the foreign investment regimes contemplated by Chilean law in order to receive dividends, sale proceeds or other amounts with respect to their shares remitted outside Chile through the Formal Exchange Market. Under the Foreign Investment Contract (as defined herein), the Depositary, on behalf of ADS holders, is granted access to the Formal Exchange Market to convert cash dividends from Chilean pesos to U.S. dollars and to pay such U.S. dollars to ADS holders outside Chile, net of taxes, and no separate registration by ADR holders is required. As of April 19, 2001, the Central Bank deregulated the Exchange Market, eliminating the need to obtain approval from the Central Bank in order to remit dividends, but at the same time eliminating the possibility of guaranteeing access to the Formal Exchange Market. However, this did not affect the current Foreign Investment Contract, which was signed prior to April 19, 2001, and which still permits access to the Formal Exchange Market based on the prior approval of the Central Bank. Therefore the holders of ADRs of Santander-Chile are still subject to the Foreign Investment Contract, including its clauses referring to the prior exchange rules including the now extinct Chapter XXVI of the Compendium.

E. Taxation

The following discussion summarizes certain Chilean tax and United States federal income tax consequences to beneficial owners arising from the ownership and disposition of our common stock or ADSs. The summary does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all potential Chilean and United States federal income tax considerations that may be relevant to a decision to own or dispose of our common stock or ADSs and is not intended as tax advice to any particular investor. This summary does not describe any tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, locality or other taxing jurisdiction other than Chile and the United States. There is currently no income tax treaty

between the United States and Chile. However, the U.S. government and the government of Chile signed on February 4, 2010 the Proposed Income Tax Treaty between the United States of America and the Republic of Chile (the "Proposed U.S.-Chile Treaty"), which is now subject to ratification by the U.S. Senate and Chilean Congress. If the Proposed U.S.-Chile Treaty becomes effective, U.S. investors should consult their tax advisers as to the applicability of the treaty in their particular circumstances.

Material Tax Consequences of Owning Shares of Our Common Stock or ADSs

Chilean Taxation

The following is a summary of certain Chilean tax consequences of the ownership and disposition of shares of our common stock or of ADSs evidenced by ADRs by Foreign Holders (as defined herein). The summary does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all of the tax considerations that may be relevant to a decision to own or dispose shares of our common stock or ADSs and does not purport to address the tax consequences applicable to all categories of investors, some of whom may be subject to special rules. Holders of shares of our common stock or ADSs are advised to consult their tax advisers concerning the Chilean and other tax consequences of the ownership and disposition of shares of our common stock or of ADSs evidenced by ADRs.

The description of Chilean tax laws set forth below is based on Chilean laws in force as of the date of this Annual Report and can be subject to any changes in such laws occurring after the date of this Annual Report. These

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changes can be made on a retroactive basis, but may not be used retroactively against taxpayers who acted in good faith relying on regulations or interpretations that were in force at that moment.

For purposes of this summary, the term "Foreign Holder" means either (1) in the case of an individual, a person who is not resident or domiciled in Chile; or (2) in the case of a legal entity, a legal entity that is not organized under the laws of Chile, unless the shares of our common stock or ADSs are assigned to a branch or a permanent establishment of such entity in Chile. For purposes of Chilean taxation, (a) an individual holder is resident in Chile if he or she has remained in Chile for more than six months in one calendar year, or a total of more than six months in two consecutive fiscal years, and (b) an individual is domiciled in Chile if he or she resides in Chile with the actual or presumptive intent of staying in Chile (intention that can be evidenced by circumstances such as the acceptance of an employment in Chile or the relocation to Chile of his or her family).

The Income Tax Law provides that a Foreign Holder is subject to income taxes on his or her Chilean-sourced income. For these purposes, Chilean source income means earnings from activities performed within Chilean territory or from sale, disposition or other transactions in connection with assets or goods located in Chile. Indirect sale regulations may also attribute sourced Chilean income.

Taxation of Dividends

Cash dividends paid by us with respect to shares of our common stock held by a Foreign Holder, including shares represented by ADSs, will be subject to a 35% Chilean Withholding Tax ("WHT"), which is withheld and paid over by us.

If we have paid Corporate Income Tax (the "CIT") on the income from which the dividend is paid, a credit for the CIT (reduced, in certain circumstances by a related fiscal debit, as described below) effectively reduces the rate of WHT.

When a credit is available, the WHT is computed by applying the 35% rate to the pre-tax amount needed to fund the dividend and then subtracting from the tentative WHT so determined the amount of CIT actually paid on the pre-tax income. For determining the pre-tax amount of the dividend, the CIT credit will depend on the amounts accumulated in the Accumulated Credit Balance (SAC), at the date of withdrawal or distribution.

In general, 35% of CIT paid on the income from which a dividend is paid gives rise to a fiscal debit owed to the Chilean Treasury at the time the dividend distribution is made to a Foreign Holder. Accordingly, a Foreign Holder generally may apply a net credit equal to only 65% of the CIT to reduce WHT.

However, if the Foreign Holder is a resident of a country with which Chile has a Double Tax Treaty in force, the Foreign Holder may be entitled to apply the entire CIT against WHT otherwise due. Moreover, if the Foreign Holder is a resident of a country with a signed Double Tax Treaty that has not entered into force on January 1, 2017, (as in the case of United States) the Foreign Holder would also be entitled to a 100% CIT credit, without reduction by any related fiscal debit, until December 31, 2021. If at such date the treaty has not entered into force, the Foreign Holder will be subject to the general rules, and hence entitled only to a net credit of 65% of the CIT as described above.

To prove residency in a country with which Chile has a Double Tax Treaty, whether signed or in force, a Foreign Holder must produce a government-issued residence certificate, recognizing the taxpayer as a resident of the corresponding country. Foreign Holders are urged to consult with their tax advisers regarding all requirements to be entitled to the 100% CIT credit.

The effective rate of WHT on dividends paid by us will vary depending upon the rate of CIT. In order to determine the CIT credit available upon dividend distributions, earnings generated during the current year should be allocated first (at the rate in force during the year). Distributions made in excess of current year earnings, would be entitled to use as CIT credit the average rate applied to the accumulated earnings distributed.

The example below illustrates the effective Chilean WHT burden on a cash dividend received by a Foreign Holder, assuming a WHT rate of 35.0%, a statutory CIT rate of 27.0% and a distribution of all of the net proceeds available after payment of the CIT.

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100% Credit available Taxable income	U.S.\$100		
CIT (27.0% of U.S.\$100)	(27.0)	
Net proceeds available	73.0		
Dividend payment	73.0		
Withholding Tax (35.0% of the sum of the dividend (U.S.\$73.0) and the available CIT credit			
(U.S.\$27.0)			
CIT credit	(27.0)	
Payable WHT	8.0		
Net dividend received	65 (73.0-8.	65 (73.0-8.0)	
Effective dividend withholding tax rate	11.0	%	
	(8.0/73.0)		

65% Credit available

Taxable income	U.S.\$100	
CIT (27.0% of U.S.\$100)	(27.0)
Net proceeds available	73.0	
Dividend payment	73.0	
Withholding Tax (35.0% of the sum of the dividend (U.S.\$73.0) and the available CIT credit (U.S.\$27.55)	35.0	
CIT credit	(27.00)
CIT debit	9.45	
Payable WHT	17.45	
Net dividend received	55.55 (73.0-17.45)	
Effective dividend withholding tax rate	24.0 (17.45/73.0)	%

Dividend distributions made in kind would be subject to the same Chilean tax rules as cash dividends.

Stock dividends received by the Foreign Holder are not subject to Chilean taxation.

If the Proposed U.S.-Chile Treaty becomes effective, U.S. investors should consult their tax advisers as to the applicability of the treaty in their particular circumstances.

Taxation of Capital Gains

Gain realized on the sale, exchange or other disposition by a Foreign Holder of ADSs will not be subject to Chilean taxation, provided that such sale or disposition occurs outside Chile or that it is performed under the rules of Title XXIV of the Chilean Securities Market Law, as amended by Law No. 19,601, dated January 18, 1999. The deposit and withdrawal of shares of common stock in exchange for ADSs will not be subject to any Chilean taxes.

Gain recognized on a sale or exchange of shares of common stock (as distinguished from sales or exchanges of ADSs representing such shares of common stock) by a Foreign Holder to an individual or entity that is not resident or domiciled in Chile will be subject to WHT. This tax must be withheld by the purchaser, with an interim rate of 10.0% of the total price without any deduction, unless the gain subject to taxation can be determined, in which case the withholding will be equal to a 35.0% on the gain.

Notwithstanding the above, if the seller evidences that no capital gain was generated, the WHT would not be applicable. For tax purposes, the capital gain shall be the difference between the sales price and the acquisition cost of the stock.

The tax basis of shares of common stock received in exchange for ADSs will be the acquisition value of such shares. The valuation procedure set forth in the deposit agreement, states that the highest price at which shares of common

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stock were exchanged on the Santiago Stock Exchange on the date of the exchange, generally will determine the acquisition value for this purpose. Consequently, the conversion of ADSs into shares of common stock and sale of such shares of common stock for the value established under the deposit agreement made on the date of the exchange will not generate a capital gain subject to taxation in Chile. In the case where ADSs were exchanged for shares and the subsequent sale of the shares is made on a different day from the one on which the exchange is recorded in the shareholders' registry of the issuer, capital gains subject to taxation in Chile may be generated, depending on the difference between the acquisition value and the sale price.

On October 1, 1999, the Chilean Internal Revenue Service issued Ruling N°3,708 whereby it allowed Chilean issuers of ADSs to amend the Deposit Agreements in which they are parties in order to include a clause that states that, in the case that the exchanged shares are sold by the ADSs' holder on a Chilean Stock Exchange, either on the same day on which the exchange is recorded in the shareholders' registry of the issuer or within the two prior business days to such date, the acquisition price of such exchanged shares shall be the price registered in the invoice issued by the stock broker that participated in the sale transaction.

Consequently, as we have included this clause in the form of ADRs attached to the deposit agreement, the capital gain that might be generated if the shares received in exchange for ADSs were sold within two days prior to the date on which the exchange is recorded in the shareholders' registry of the issuer, will not be subject to Distribution and exercise of preemptive rights relating to the shares of common stock will not be subject to Chilean taxation.

Cash amounts received in exchange for the shares or assignment of preemptive rights relating to the shares will be subject to both the CIT and the WHT (the former being creditable against the latter to the extent described above).

In certain cases and provided certain requirements are met, capital gains realized on the sale of actively traded stock of Chilean public companies may be exempt from Chilean income taxes.

Our stock is currently considered to be an actively traded stock in the Santiago Stock Exchange, and Foreign Holders of the stock may qualify for an income tax exemption. Foreign Holders are urged to consult with their own tax advisers to determine whether an exemption applies to them.

If the Proposed U.S.-Chile Double Tax Treaty becomes effective, it may further restrict the amount of Chilean tax, if any, imposed on gains derived from the sale or exchange of shares of common stock by U.S. residents eligible for the benefits of the treaty. U.S. investors should consult their tax advisers as to the applicability of the treaty in their particular circumstances.

Other Chilean Taxes

No Chilean inheritance, donation or succession taxes apply to the transfer or disposition of the ADSs by a Foreign Holder, but such taxes generally will apply to the transfer at death or by donation of shares of our common stock by a Foreign Holder. No Chilean stamp, issue, registration or similar taxes or duties apply to Foreign Holders of shares or ADSs.

Withholding Tax Certificates

Upon request, we will provide to Foreign Holders appropriate documentation evidencing the payment of Withholding Taxes. For further information, the investor should contact: Robert Moreno, <u>irelations@santander.cl</u>. Dividends payable to holders of ADSs are net of foreign currency conversion expenses of the Depositary and will be subject to the Withholding Tax currently at the rate of 35% (subject to credits in certain cases as described above).

Impact of Chilean Tax Reform

On September 29, 2014, the Law No. 20,780 containing the Tax Reform was published in the Official Gazette. The Tax Reform introduced significant changes to the Chilean taxation system and strengthened the powers of the Chilean Tax Authority to control and prevent tax avoidance. The Tax Reform contemplates, among other reforms, changes to the Corporate Tax regime to create two different tax regimes: the Attributed Income Regime (*Sistema de Renta Atribuida*) and the Semi-Integrated Regime (*Sistema Parcialmente Integrado*).

On February 8, 2016, Law No. 20,899 (that simplifies the taxation systems introduced by the Tax Reform Law) was published, which introduced changes that are intended to simplify certain provisions of the Tax Reform. The

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amendments applied the Semi-Integrated Regime (*Sistema Parcialmente Integrado*) to corporations, limited joint-stock companies and any other entity with at least one non-final taxpayer owner. In addition, the amendments limited the Attributed Income Regime (*Sistema de Renta Atribuida*) to use by individuals, personal holding companies with limited liability, communities, non-residents that have any kind of permanent establishment in Chile and limited liability companies. Certain taxpayers in the Attributed Income Regime can opt into the Semi-Integrated regime.

Under the Attributed Income Regime, shareholders will be taxed on an accrual basis. The regime imposes a First Category Tax of 25% imposed at the level of the operating entity, plus a global complementary tax at progressive rates for resident individuals or an additional withholding income tax (withholding tax) of 35% for nonresident shareholders (the First Category Tax being 100% creditable), resulting in an overall income tax charge of 35% for nonresidents. Under this regime, profits would be required to be attributed to the owners, irrespective of whether a distribution actually is made.

Under the Semi-integrated Regime, shareholders would be taxed on a cash basis (when profits are distributed). The regime imposes a First Category Tax of 25.5% for 2017 (and 27.0% as from 2018) at the level of the operating entity, plus a global complementary tax at progressive rates for resident individuals or an additional withholding income tax (Withholding Tax) of 35.0% for nonresident shareholders. The First Category Tax still would be creditable against the 35.0% Withholding Tax under that regime, but 35.0% of the credit shall be paid to the Treasury, so, in practice, only 65.0% of the First Category Tax would be creditable. Thus, taxpayers would pay for the ability to defer shareholder taxation until profits actually are distributed with a higher overall income tax rate than under the Attributed Income Regime.

However, the Tax Reform (as supplemented by Law No. 20,899 that simplifies the taxation systems introduced by the Tax Reform Law) considered that investors from countries with which Chile has signed a Double Tax Treaty, a convention for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion, as of January 1, 2017 would be entitled to use the 100.0% of the First Category Tax credit, even if at that time the agreement was not yet in force. Under such circumstances, the full tax credit would be applicable until December 31, 2019 if at that time the relevant Double Tax Treaty had not yet entered into force. Thus, investors from such treaty countries would enjoy the advantage of deferring shareholder taxation until profits were distributed, and yet retain the benefit of the overall 35.0% income tax charge.

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For banking enterprises, the default regime is the Semi-integrated Regime.

Year Rate

2014 21.0% 2015 22.5% 2016 24.0% 2017 25.0% (Attributed Income Regime) / 25.5% (Semi-Integrated Regime) 2018 25.0% (Attributed Income Regime) / 27.0% (Semi-Integrated Regime)

U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations

The following is a discussion of material U.S. federal income tax consequences of owning and disposing of shares of our common stock or ADSs to U.S. holders described below, but it does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all of the tax considerations that may be relevant to a particular person's decision to hold such common stock or ADSs. The discussion applies only if you are a U.S. holder holding shares of our common stock or ADSs as capital assets for U.S. federal income tax purposes. It does not address all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that may be relevant to you in light of your particular circumstances, including the alternative minimum tax and the Medicare contribution tax, nor does it describe all tax consequences that may be relevant to U.S. holders subject to special rules, such as:

certain financial institutions;

insurance companies;

dealers and traders in securities who use a mark-to-market method of tax accounting;

persons holding shares or ADSs as part of a hedge, "straddle," conversion transaction, integrated transaction or similar transaction;

- persons whose functional currency for U.S. federal income tax purposes is not the U.S. dollar;
- partnerships or other entities classified as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes;
 - tax-exempt entities, including "individual retirement accounts" or "Roth IRAs";

persons holding shares of our common stock or ADSs that own or are deemed to own ten percent or more of the voting power or value of our stock;

persons who acquired shares of our common stock or ADSs pursuant to the exercise of any employee stock option plan or otherwise as compensation; or

•persons whose shares or ADSs are held in connection with a trade or business conducted outside the United States.

If an entity that is classified as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes owns shares of our common stock or ADSs, the U.S. federal income tax treatment of a partner will generally depend on the status of the partner and upon the activities of the partnership. Partnerships owning shares of our common stock or ADSs and partners in such partnerships should consult their tax advisers as to the particular U.S. federal income tax consequences of owning and disposing of the shares of our common stock or ADSs.

This discussion is based on the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), administrative pronouncements, judicial decisions and final, temporary and proposed Treasury regulations, all as of the date hereof. These laws are subject to change, possibly on a retroactive basis. It is also based in part on representations by the Depositary and assumes that each obligation under the deposit agreement and any related agreement will be performed in accordance with its terms. In addition, this discussion does not address U.S. state, local and non-U.S.

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tax consequences. Please consult your tax advisers concerning the U.S. federal, state, local and non-U.S. tax consequences of owning and disposing of shares or ADSs in your particular circumstances.

As used herein, a "U.S. holder" is a person that for U.S. federal income tax purposes is a beneficial owner of shares of our common stock or ADSs and is:

a citizen or individual resident of the United States:

a corporation, or other entity taxable as a corporation, created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, a state thereof or the District of Columbia; or

an estate or trust the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source.

In general, if you own ADSs, you will be treated as the owner of the underlying shares represented by those ADSs for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Accordingly, no gain or loss will be recognized if you exchange ADSs for the underlying shares represented by those ADSs.

The U.S. Treasury has expressed concerns that parties to whom American Depositary Shares are released prior to delivery of shares to the Depositary ("pre-release") or intermediaries in the chain of ownership between U.S. holders of American Depositary Shares and the issuer of the security underlying the American Depositary Shares may be taking actions that are inconsistent with the claiming of foreign tax credits for holders of American Depositary Shares. These actions would also be inconsistent with the claiming of the favorable tax rates, described below, applicable to dividends received by certain non-corporate holders. Accordingly, the creditability of Chilean taxes and the availability of the favorable tax rates for dividends received by certain non-corporate holders, each described below, could be affected by actions that may be taken by such parties or intermediaries.

This discussion assumes that we are not, and will not become, a passive foreign investment company, as described below.

Taxation of Distributions

Distributions paid on shares of our common stock or ADSs, other than certain pro rata distributions of common shares or rights, will be treated as dividends to the extent paid out of our current or accumulated earnings and profits (as determined under U.S. federal income tax principles). Because we do not maintain calculations of our earnings and

profits under U.S. federal income tax principles, it is expected that distributions generally will be reported to U.S. holders as dividends. Subject to applicable limitations and the discussion above regarding concerns expressed by the U.S. Treasury, certain dividends paid by "qualified foreign corporations" to certain non-corporate U.S. holders may be taxable at rates applicable to long-term capital gains. A foreign corporation is treated as a qualified foreign corporation with respect to dividends paid on stock that is readily tradable on a securities market in the United States, such as the NYSE where our ADSs are traded. You should consult your tax advisers to determine whether the favorable rates may apply to dividends you receive and whether you are subject to any special rules that limit your ability to be taxed at the favorable rates. The amount of the dividend will include any amounts withheld by us or our paying agent in respect of Chilean taxes at the effective rate (after credit for CIT) as described above under "—Material Tax Consequences of Owning Shares of Our Common Stock or ADSs—Taxation of Dividends." You should consult with your tax adviser to determine the amount considered withheld with respect to a distribution if you are subject to the Attributed Income Regime for Chilean tax purposes starting in 2017, as described above under "—Material Tax Consequences of Owning Shares of Our Common Stock or ADSs—Impact of Chilean Tax Reform." The amount of the dividend will be treated as foreign-source dividend income to you and will not be eligible for the dividends-received deduction generally allowed to U.S. corporations under the Code.

Dividends will be included in your income on the date of your (or in the case of ADSs, the Depositary's) receipt of the dividend. The amount of any dividend income paid in Chilean pesos will be the U.S. dollar amount calculated by reference to the exchange rate in effect on the date of receipt regardless of whether the payment is in fact converted into U.S. dollars. If the dividend is converted into U.S. dollars on the date of receipt, you should not be required to recognize foreign currency gain or loss in respect of the dividend income. You may have foreign currency gain or loss if the dividend is converted into U.S. dollars after the date of receipt.

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Subject to applicable limitations that may vary depending upon your circumstances and the discussion above regarding concerns expressed by the U.S. Treasury, Chilean taxes withheld from cash dividends on shares of our common stock or ADSs, reduced by the credit for any CIT, as described above under "—Chilean Taxation," generally will be creditable against your U.S. federal income tax liability. Starting in 2017, if you are subject to the Attributed Income Regime, as described above under "-Material Tax Consequences of Owning Shares of Our Common Stock or ADSs—Impact of Chilean Tax Reform," amounts paid by you or withheld by us, reduced by the credit for any CIT, may be creditable for U.S. tax purposes. If creditable, it is uncertain whether such tax would be creditable in the year the Chilean tax is imposed, irrespective of whether a distribution is actually made. You should consult your tax adviser concerning the creditability and timing issues pertaining to such tax. If, however, the Proposed U.S.-Chile Treaty becomes effective, any Chilean income taxes withheld from dividends on shares or ADSs in excess of the rate provided by the treaty will not be creditable by a U.S. holder who is eligible for the benefits of the treaty. The rules governing foreign tax credits are complex and you should consult your tax advisers to determine whether you are subject to any special rules that limit your ability to make effective use of foreign tax credits. Instead of claiming a credit, you may, at your election, deduct such Chilean taxes in computing your taxable income, subject to generally applicable limitations under U.S. law. An election to deduct foreign taxes instead of claiming foreign tax credits must apply to all foreign taxes paid or accrued in the taxable year.

Sale or Other Disposition of Shares or ADSs

For U.S. federal income tax purposes, gain or loss you realize on the sale or other disposition of shares of our common stock or ADSs generally will be capital gain or loss, and will be long-term capital gain or loss if you held the shares of our common stock or ADSs for more than one year. The amount of your gain or loss will be equal to the difference between your tax basis in the shares of our common stock or ADSs disposed of and the amount realized on the disposition, in each case as determined in U.S. dollars. If a Chilean tax is withheld on the sale or disposition of the shares of our common stock or ADSs, your amount realized will include the gross amount of the proceeds of such sale or disposition before deduction of the Chilean tax. See "-Chilean Taxation-Taxation of Capital Gains" for a description of when a disposition may be subject to taxation by Chile. Such gain or loss generally will be U.S.-source gain or loss for foreign tax credit purposes. Consequently, you may not be able to credit any Chilean tax imposed on the disposition of shares of our common stock or ADSs against your taxable income unless you have other foreign-source income in the appropriate foreign tax credit category. If the Proposed U.S.-Chile Treaty becomes effective, however, a U.S. holder who is eligible for the benefits of the treaty and whose gain from the sale of shares is not exempt from Chilean tax under such treaty may elect to treat disposition gain that is subject to Chilean tax as foreign-source gain and claim a credit in respect of the tax. You should consult your tax advisers as to whether the Chilean tax on gains may be creditable against your U.S. federal income tax on foreign-source income from other sources. Alternatively, instead of claiming a credit, you may elect to deduct otherwise creditable taxes in computing your income, subject to generally applicable limitations under U.S. law. An election to deduct foreign taxes instead of claiming foreign tax credits must apply to all foreign taxes paid or accrued in the taxable year.

Passive Foreign Investment Company Rules

Based on proposed Treasury regulations (the "Proposed Regulations"), which are proposed to be effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1994, we believe that we were not a "passive foreign investment company" (a "PFIC") for U.S. federal income tax purposes for the year ended December 31, 2017. However, since the Proposed Regulations may not be finalized in their current form and since PFIC status depends upon the composition of a company's income and assets and the market value of its assets (including, among others, less than 25 percent owned equity investments) from time to time, there can be no assurance that we will not be a PFIC for any taxable year. If we were a PFIC for any taxable year during which you held an ADS or a share of our common stock, certain adverse tax consequences could apply to you.

If we were a PFIC for any taxable year during which you held shares of our common stock or ADSs, gain recognized by you on a sale or other disposition (including certain pledges) of a share of our common stock or an ADS would generally be allocated ratably over your holding period for the share of our common stock or ADS. The amounts allocated to the taxable year of the sale or other disposition and to any year before we became a PFIC would be taxed as ordinary income. The amount allocated to each other taxable year would be subject to tax at the highest rate in effect for individuals or corporations, as appropriate, for that taxable year, and an interest charge would be imposed on the resulting tax liability for that taxable year. Similar rules would apply to any distribution in respect of shares of our common stock or ADSs that exceeds 125% of the average of the annual distributions on

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shares of our common stock or ADSs received by you during the preceding three years or your holding period, whichever is shorter. Certain elections may be available that would result in alternative treatments of the shares of our common stock or ADSs (including, with respect to our ADSs, a mark-to-market election). In addition, if we were a PFIC for a taxable year in which we pay a dividend or the prior taxable year, the favorable rates discussed above with respect to dividends paid to non-corporate holders would not apply.

If we were to be treated as a PFIC in any taxable year, a U.S. holder may be required to file reports with the Internal Revenue Service containing such information as the Treasury Department may require.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

Payment of dividends and sales proceeds that are made within the United States or through certain U.S.-related financial intermediaries generally are subject to information reporting and may be subject to backup withholding, unless you are a corporation or other exempt recipient or in the case of backup withholding, you provide a correct taxpayer identification number and certify that you are not subject to backup withholding.

The amount of any backup withholding from a payment to you will be allowed as a credit against your U.S. federal income tax liability and may entitle you to a refund, provided that the required information is timely furnished to the Internal Revenue Service.

Certain U.S. holders may be required to report information relating to stock of a non-U.S. person, subject to certain exceptions (including an exception for stock held in custodial accounts maintained by a U.S. financial institution). You should consult your tax advisers regarding any reporting obligations you may have with respect to shares of our common stock or ADSs.

F. Dividends and Paying Agents

Not applicable.

G. Statement by Experts

Not applicable.
H. Documents on Display
The documents concerning us which are referred to in this Annual Report may be inspected at our offices at Bandera 140, 20 th floor, Santiago, Chile. We are subject to the information reporting requirements of the Exchange Act, except that, as a foreign issuer, we are not subject to the proxy rules or the short-swing profit and disclosure rules of the Exchange Act. In accordance with these statutory requirements, we file or furnish reports and other information with the SEC. Reports and other information filed or furnished by us with the SEC may be inspected and copied at the public reference facilities maintained by the SEC at Room 1024, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549.
Copies of such material may be obtained by mail from the Public Reference Section of the SEC, 450 Fifth Street,
N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549, at prescribed rates. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public
Reference Section by calling the SEC at 1-800-732-0330. The SEC maintains a website on the Internet at
http://www.sec.gov that contains reports and information statements and other information regarding us. The reports
and information statements and other information about us can be downloaded from the SEC's website and can also be
inspected and copied at the offices of the NYSE, Inc., 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

I. Subsidiary Information

Not applicable.

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ITEM 11. QUANTITATIVE A	AND OUALITATIVE D	DISCLOSURES ABOUT	Γ MARKET RISK

Introduction
The principal types of risk inherent in Santander-Chile's business are market, liquidity, operational and credit risks. The effectiveness with which we are able to manage the balance between risk and reward is a significant factor in our ability to generate long term, stable earnings growth. Toward that end, our Board and senior management places great emphasis on risk management.
A. Risk Committee
The Risk Committee of the Board is responsible for reviewing and monitoring all risks that may affect us, including reputation risk, allowing for an integral risk management. This committee serves as the governing body through which the Board supervises risk in general. It also evaluates the reasonability of the systems for measurement and control of risks.
· Credit risk
· Market risk
· Operational risk
Solvency risk (BIS)
. Legal risks
. Compliance risks
· Reputational risks

This Committee includes the Vice Chairman of the Board and five Board members. This committee also includes the CEO, the Director of Risk and other senior level executives from the commercial side of our business: The Board

members of this committee are:

Board member Position in Committee

Vacant¹PresidentClaudio MelandriMemberOscar von Chrismar CarvajalMemberJuan Pedro Santa María PérezMemberRaimundo Monge ZegersMemberVacant¹Member

1. Roberto Zahler and Robert Méndez resigned as Directors on March 27, 2018 and as of the reporting date, these positions have yet to be assigned.

B. Audit Committee

Board member Position in Committee

Orlando Poblete Iturrate
Juan Pedro Santa María
Blanca Bustamante Bravo Member
Vacant¹
Member

1. Roberto Zahler resigned as Director on March 27, 2018 and as of the reporting date, this position has yet to be assigned.

The Audit Committee (*Comité de Directores y Auditoría*) is comprised of three members of the Board of Directors and the Committee Secretary is Juan Pedro Santa María. The Chief Executive Officer, General Auditor and other persons from the Bank can be invited to the meetings if necessary and are present on specific matters. This Committee's primary responsibility is to support the Board of Directors in the continuous improvement of our system of internal controls, which includes reviewing the work of both the external auditors and the Internal Audit Department. The committee is also responsible for analyzing observations made by regulatory entities of the Chilean financial system about us and for recommending measures to be taken by our management in response. The external auditors are recommended by this committee to our Board of Directors and appointed by our shareholders at the annual shareholders' meeting.

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C. Asset and Liability Committee

The ALCO includes the President of the Board and three additional members of the Board, the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, the Corporate Financial Controller, the Manager of the Financial Management Division, the Manager of Market Risk, the Manager of the Treasury Division, and other senior members of management. The ALCO meets monthly. All limits reviewed by the ALCO are measured and prepared by the Market Risk Department. The non-Board members of the ALCO meet weekly to review liquidity, funding, capital and market risk related matters.

Board member Position in Committee

Claudio Melandri President
Oscar von Chrismar Carvajal Member
Raimundo Monge Zegers Member
José Félix de Vicente Mingo Member

The main functions of the ALCO are:

Making the most important decisions regarding our exposure to inflation, interest rate risk, funding, capital and liquidity levels.

Review of the Bank's inflation gap.

Review of the evolution of the most relevant local and international markets and monetary policies.

The main limits set and monitored by the ALCO (and measured by the Market Risk Department) are:

Risk Measure

Interest rates Sensitivity Capital Sensitivity NIM

Regulatory limit 30 Days

Regulatory limit 90 Days

Liquidity Liquidity coverage ratio

Net stable funding ratio Structural liquidity limit

Core capital ratio

BIS ratio

Capital BIS ratio with market risk

BIS ratio with market and operational risk Intergroup exposure: Derivatives, deposits,

loans

Foreign exposures

Foreign assets: Derivatives, Deposits,

Loans

D. Market Committee

The Market Committee includes the Chairman of the Board, the Vice Chairman of the Board, one additional member of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, the Director of Global Corporate Banking, the Chief Financial Officer, the Manager of the Treasury Division, the Manager of the Financial Management Division, the Manager of Market Risk, the Financial Controller and other senior members of management.

Board member Position in Committee

Oscar von Chrismar Carvajal President Claudio Melandri Member *Vacant*¹ Member

Roberto Zahler resigned as Director on March 27, 2018 and as of the reporting date, this position has yet to be assigned.

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The Market Committee is responsible for:
Establishing a strategy for the Bank's trading investment portfolio.
Establishing the Bank's policies, procedures and limits with respect to its trading portfolio. The Bank's Market Risk Department measures all risks and limits and reports these to the Market Committee.
· Reviewing the net foreign exchange exposure and limit.
· Reviewing the evolution of the most relevant local and international markets and monetary policies.
E. Risk Department
All issues regarding risk in the Bank are the responsibility of the Bank's Risk Department. The Risk Department reports to the CEO but has full independence, and no risk decisions can be made without its approval. Below is an organizational chart of the Risk Department:
Credit risk
See "Item 5—Selected Statistical Information—Classification of Loan Portfolio for a complete description of credit risk management.
1 Credit Risk

The Risk Division, our credit analysis and risk management group, is largely independent of our business areas. Risk evaluation teams interact regularly with our clients. For larger transactions, risk teams in our headquarters work

Credit Risk Governance

directly with clients when evaluating credit risks and preparing credit applications. Various credit approval committees, all of which include Risk Division and Commercial Division personnel, must verify that the appropriate qualitative and quantitative parameters are met by each applicant. Each committee's powers are defined by our Board of Directors.

Santander-Chile's governance rules establish an Risk Committee. This committee is responsible for revising and following all risks that may affect us, including reputational risk, allowing for an integral risk management. This committee serves as the governing body through which the Board supervises all risk functions. It also evaluates the reasonability of the systems for measurement and control of risks. This Committee includes the Vice Chairman of the Board and five Board members.

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The Board has delegated the duty of credit risk management to the Risk Committee, as well as to the Bank's risk departments, whose roles are summarized below:

Formulate credit policies by consulting with the business units, meeting requirements of guarantees, credit •evaluation, risk rating and submitting reports, documentation and legal procedures in compliance with the regulatory, legal and internal requirements of the Bank.

Establish the structure to approve and renew credit requests. The Bank structures credit risks by assigning limits to the concentration of credit risk in terms of individual debtor, debtor group, industry segment and country. Approval levels are assigned to the corresponding officials of the business unit (commercial, consumer, SMEs) to be exercised by that level of management. In addition, those limits are continually revised. Teams in charge of risk evaluation at the branch level interact on a regular basis with customers; however, for larger credit requests, the risk team from the head office and the Executive Risk Committee works directly with customers to assess credit risks and prepare risk requests.

Limit concentrations of exposure to customers or counterparties in geographic areas or industries (for accounts receivable or loans), and by issuer, credit rating and liquidity.

Develop and maintain the Bank's credit risk classifications for the purpose of classifying risks according to the degree of exposure to financial loss that is exhibited by the respective financial instruments, with the aim of focusing risk management specifically on the associated risks.

Revise and evaluate credit risk. Management's risk divisions are largely independent of the Bank's commercial division and evaluate all credit risks in excess of the specified limits prior to loan approvals for customers or prior to the acquisition of specific investments. Credit renewal and reviews are subject to similar processes.

The following diagram illustrates the governance of our credit risk division including the committees with approval power:

(1) Includes various approval committees for the Middle Market and high net worth clients.

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2. Non-financial risks

All issues regarding operational risks in the Bank fall under the Non-Financial Risk Department that reports to the Risk Department. Below is an organization chart of this department.

Cyber-security and data security plans

The Bank continuously monitors cyber-security risks, and has implemented preventative measures to be prepared for any attack of this kind. The Bank has evolved its internal cyber-security model to reflect international standards, incorporating concepts which can be used to assess the degree of maturity in deployment. Based on this new assessment model, individual in-situ analyses have been carried out to identify deficiencies and steps to remedy any such deficiencies have been identified in our cyber-security defense plans. During 2017, the Bank did not face a material loss due to cybersecurity breaches and even though we have thorough cybersecurity practices and governance in place, we cannot assure that in the future a material event may not occur.

The Bank's organizational and governance structure for the management and control of cyber-security risk has also been strengthened. Specific committees have been set up and cyber-security metrics have been included in the Bank's risk appetite. Embedded in the Bank's Technology and Operations division is the Technology and Operations Risk Department, which is the front line of defense against cyber-security threats and data security. In addition, the Non-Financial Risk Department through the Technological Risk area enforces the policies and controls that the different areas must follow regarding technology and cyber-security risks. Both areas coordinate through the various operational risk committees shown in the diagram above. The Bank is also implementing a plan with its Compliance Department that prohibits the trading of the Bank's securities if a material cybersecurity event occurs.

Finally, the intelligence and analysis function has also been reinforced by contracting bank threat monitoring service, and progress has been made in the incident registration, notification and escalation mechanisms for internal reporting and reporting to supervisors. In addition, observation and analytical assessment of the events in the sector and in other industries enables us to update and adapt our models for emerging threats. We also coordinate with Santander Spain's headquarters and units in other countries regarding strategy, best practices and communicating of experiences.

Role of Santander Spain's Global Risk Division: Operational Risk

In matters regarding operational risk, Santander Spain's Global Risk Department's role is to define certain global policies, guidelines and procedures regarding operational risk. The Corporate Operational Risk Committee is the main body in which the different units of Santander discuss and review the major operational risk events and policies.

3. Market Risks

This section describes the market risks that we are exposed to, the tools and methodology used to control these risks, the portfolios over which these market risk methods were applied and quantitative disclosure that demonstrate the level of exposure to market risk that we are assuming. This section also discloses the derivative instruments that we use to hedge exposures and offer to our clients.

Market risk is the risk of losses due to unexpected changes in interest rates, foreign exchange rates, inflation rates and other rates or prices. We are exposed to market risk mainly as a result of the following activities:

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trading in financial instruments, which exposes us to interest rate and foreign exchange rate risk;

engaging in banking activities, which subjects us to interest rate risk, since a change in interest rates affected gross interest income, gross interest expense and customer behavior;

engaging in banking activities, which exposes us to inflation rate risk, since a change in expected inflation affects gross interest income, gross interest expense and customer behavior;

trading in the local equity market, which subjects us to potential losses caused by fluctuations of the stock market; and

investing in assets whose returns or accounts are denominated in currencies other than the Chilean peso, which subjects us to foreign exchange risk between the Chilean peso and such other currencies.

The main decisions that relate to market risk for the Bank and the limits regarding market risk are made in the Asset and Liability Committee and the Market Committee. The measurement and oversight of market risks is performed by the Market Risk Department. Below is a list of the main reports produced by the Market Risk Department and who they are addressed to:

Report	Unit	Objective	Addressed to:	Periodicity
Daily Global Report	Market risks	Give a global vision of the market, positions, risks, sensitivity, vision and alerts of the trading and non-trading positions	Market Risk (local and global), Senior Management, Internal Auditors	Daily
Stress Test	Market risks	Stress test report over the Bank's trading and ALCO books	Market Risk (local and global), Senior Management, Internal Auditors	Monthly
Sensitivity Analysis	Market risks	Sensitivity analysis of the ALCO book	Market Risk (local and global), Senior Management, Internal Auditors	Daily
•	Market risks	Fixed income positions and general information	Market Risk (local and global), Senior Management, Internal Auditors	Daily
Interest rate gap	Market risks	Interest rate gap sensitivity and limit levels	Market Risk (local and global), Senior Management, Internal Auditors	Monthly
Liquidity gap	Market risks		Market Risk (local and global), Senior Management, Internal Auditors	Monthly
Market report	Market risks	Main market indicators and evolution	Market Risk (local and global), Senior Management, Internal Auditors	Daily
VaR	Market risks	VaR position and limits	Market risk (local and global) and Senior Management	Daily
Trading Portfolio Limits	Market risks	Trading book evolution, instruments and limits	Market Risk (local and global), Senior Management, Internal Auditors	Daily
		Largest 20 and largest 50 depositors		Weekly

Largest depositors	Market risks		Market risk (local and global) and Senior Management	
Follow-up report	Market risks	Summary of Market risk information for Senior Management	Market Risk (local and global), Senior Management (local and global), Internal Auditors	Monthly
Liquidity stress-test	Market risks	Liquidity stress test simulation	Market Risk (local and global), Senior Management, Internal Auditors	Monthly
Interest rate risk	Market risks	Interest rate risk report, limits and estimates of results from interest rate risk	Market risk (local and global), Manager of Global banking and markets, Manager of Treasury, Manager of Market Making and Prop Trading	Daily
Backtesting	Market risks	Backtesting of VaR estimates to actual results	Market Risk (local and global), Senior Management, Internal Auditors	Weekly
PNL Treasury	Market risks	Treasury income statement	Market risk (local and global), Manager of Global banking and markets, Manager of Treasury, Manager of Market Making and Prop Trading	Daily

Santander-Chile's governance rules have established the existence of two high-level committees that, among other things, function to monitor and control market risks: the Asset and Liability Committee and the Market Committee.

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Role of Santander Spain's Global Risk Division: Market Risk

In matters regarding Market Risk, the role of Santander Spain's Global Risk Department is to define certain global policies, guidelines and procedures regarding market risk. The information produced by our local Market Risk Department is standardized for the whole group in order to facilitate a consolidation of risks being taken on a global basis. They review daily the consumption of limits and provide valuable input on the evolution of markets, especially regarding the Eurozone.

4. Market Risk: Quantitative Disclosure

Impact of inflation

Our assets and liabilities are denominated in Chilean pesos, Unidades de Fomento (UF) and foreign currencies. The Bank no longer recognizes inflation accounting and has eliminated price-level restatement in line with IFRS, but inflation impacts our results of operations as some loan, deposit and other liabilities are contracted in UF. The UF is revalued in monthly cycles. Each day in the period beginning on the tenth day of the current month through the ninth day of the succeeding month, the nominal peso value of the UF is indexed up (or down in the event of deflation) in order to reflect a proportionate amount of the change in the Chilean Consumer Price Index during the prior calendar month. One UF equaled Ch\$ 26,798.14 at December 31, 2017, Ch\$26,347.98 at December 31, 2016, and Ch\$25,629.09 at December 31, 2015. High levels of inflation in Chile could adversely affect the Chilean economy and could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Negative inflation rates also negatively impact our results. Inflation measured as the annual variation of the UF was 1.7% in 2017, 2.8% in 2016 and 4.1% in 2015. There can be no assurance that Chilean inflation will not change significantly from the current level. Although we currently benefit from moderate levels of inflation, due to the current structure of our assets and liabilities (i.e., a significant portion of our loans are indexed to the inflation rate, but there are no corresponding features in deposits or other funding sources that would increase the size of our funding base), there can be no assurance that our business, financial condition and result of operations in the future will not be adversely affected by changing levels of inflation. In summary:

UF-denominated assets and liabilities. The effect of any changes in the nominal peso value of our UF-denominated interest earning assets and interest bearing liabilities is reflected in our results of operations as an increase (or decrease, in the event of deflation) in interest income and expense, respectively. Our net interest income will be positively affected by an inflationary environment to the extent that our average UF-denominated interest earning assets exceed our average UF-denominated interest bearing liabilities. Our net interest income will be positively affected by deflation in any period in which our average UF-denominated interest bearing liabilities exceed our average UF-denominated interest earning assets. Our net interest income will be negatively affected in a deflationary environment if our average UF-denominated interest earning assets exceed our average UF-denominated interest bearing liabilities.

Inflation and interest rate hedge. A key component of our asset and liability policy is the management of interest rate risk. The Bank's assets generally have a longer maturity than our liabilities. As the Bank's mortgage portfolio grows, the maturity gap tends to rise as these loans, which are contracted in UF, have a longer maturity than the average maturity of our funding base. As most of our long term financial instruments and mortgage loans are contracted in UF and most of our deposits are in nominal pesos, the rise in mortgage lending increases the Bank's exposure to inflation and to interest rate risk. The size of this gap is limited by internal and regulatory guidelines in order to avoid excessive potential losses due to strong shifts in interest rates. In order to keep this duration gap below regulatory limits, the Bank issues long term bonds denominated in UF or interest rate swaps. The financial cost of the bonds and the efficient part of these hedges is recorded as net interest income. In 2017, the gain from the swaps taken in order to hedge mainly for inflation and interest rate risk and included in net interest income totaled a gain of Ch\$15,408 million compared to a loss of Ch\$42,420 million in 2016 and a loss of Ch\$107,867 million in 2015. The average gap between our interest earnings assets and total liabilities linked to the inflation, including hedging was Ch\$4,340,626 million in 2017, Ch\$4,659,534 million in 2016 and Ch\$3,507,250 million in 2015.

The financial impact of the gap between our interest earning assets and liabilities denominated in UFs including hedges was Ch\$73,050 million in 2017, Ch\$133,702 million in 2016 and Ch\$130,666 million in 2015. The 45.4% decrease in the results from our UF gap was due to the lower gap in 2017 compared to 2016, and the lower UF inflation rate in 2017 compared to 2016.

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	As of Dec	ember 31,		% Change	% Change
Impact of inflation on net interest income	2017	2016	2015	2017/2016	2016/2015
_	(in million	ns of Ch\$)			
Results from UF GAP (1)	73,050	133,702	130,666	(45.4 %)	2.3 %
Annual UF inflation	1.7 %	2.8 %	4.1 %		

(1) UF GAP is net interest income from asset and liabilities denominated in UFs and include the results from hedging the size of this gap via interest rate swaps.

Peso-denominated assets and liabilities. Interest rates prevailing in Chile during any period primarily reflect the inflation rate during the period and the expectations of future inflation. The sensitivity of our peso-denominated interest earning assets and interest bearing liabilities to changes to such prevailing rates varies. See "Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—A. Operating Results—Interest Rates." We maintain a substantial amount of non-interest bearing peso-denominated demand deposits. Because such deposits are not sensitive to inflation, any decline in the rate of inflation would adversely affect our net interest margin on inflation indexed assets funded with such deposits, and any increase in the rate of inflation would increase the net interest margin on such assets. The ratio of the average of such demand deposits and average shareholder's equity to average interest-earning assets was 29.8%, 29.0%, and 29.9% for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016, and 2015, respectively.

Interest rate sensitivity

Interest rates earned and paid on our assets and liabilities reflect, to a certain degree, inflation, expectations regarding inflation, changes in short term interest rates set by the Central Bank and movements in long term real rates. The Central Bank manages short term interest rates based on its objectives of balancing low inflation and economic growth. Because our liabilities are generally re-priced sooner than our assets, changes in the rate of inflation or short term rates in the economy are reflected in the rates of interest paid by us on our liabilities before such changes are reflected in the rates of interest earned by us on our assets. Therefore, when short term interest rates fall, our net interest margin is positively impacted, but when short term rates increase, our interest margin is negatively affected. At the same time, our net interest margin tends to be adversely affected in the short term by a decrease in inflation rates since generally our UF-denominated assets exceed our UF-denominated liabilities. (See "Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—A. Operating Results—Impact of Inflation—Peso-denominated assets and liabilities"). An increase in long term rates has a positive effect on our net interest margin, because our interest earning assets generally have longer terms than our interest bearing liabilities. In addition, because our peso-denominated liabilities have relatively short re-pricing periods, they are generally more responsive to changes in inflation or short term rates than our UF-denominated liabilities. As a result, during periods when current inflation or expected inflation exceeds the previous period's inflation, customers often switch funds from UF-denominated deposits to peso-denominated deposits, which generally bear higher interest rates, thereby adversely affecting our net interest margin.

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As of December 31, 2017, the breakdown of maturities of assets and liabilities is as follows:

As of December 31, 2017	Demand	Up to 1 month	Between 1 and 3 months	Between 3 and 12 months	Subtotal up to 1 year	Between 1 and 5 years	More than 5 years	Subtotal More than 1 year
Assets Cash and deposits in banks Cash items in	1,452,922	-	-	-	1,452,922	-	-	-
process of collection	668,145	-	-	-	668,145	-	-	-
Trading investments	-	72,983	4,024	68,277	145,284	201,331	139,121	340,452
Investments under resale agreements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Financial derivative contracts	-	135,780	198,876	410,415	745,071	756,518	737,058	1,493,576
Interbank loans (*) Loans and	-	6,064	152,911	3,710	162,685	-	-	-
accounts receivables from customers (**)	769,823	2,206,734	2,288,372	4,348,975	9,613,904	8,125,827	9,823,498	17,949,325
Available-for-sale investments	-	58,850	11,788	102,600	173,238	1,531,661	869,647	2,401,308
Guarantee deposits (threshold)	323,767	-	-	-	323,767	-	-	-
Total assets Liabilities	3,214,657	2,480,411	2,655,971	4,933,977	13,285,016	10,615,337	11,569,324	22,184,661
Deposits and other demand liabilities	7,768,166	-	-	-	7,768,166	-	-	-
Cash items in process of being cleared	486,726	-	-	-	486,726	-	-	-
Obligations under repurchase agreements	-	268,061	-	-	268,061	-	-	-
Time deposits and other time liabilities	121,479	5,120,171	4,201,271	2,299,017	11,741,939	109,644	62,362	172,006
Financial derivative contracts	-	144,410	196,444	356,288	697,142	736,940	705,406	1,442,346

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Interbank borrowings	4,130	46,013	397,419	1,030,241	1,477,803	220,554	-	220,554
Issued debt instruments	-	21,043	55,119	274,239	350,401	3,832,342	2,910,910	6,743,252
Other financial liabilities	177,663	701	2,583	31,879	212,826	27,985	1,219	29,204
Guarantees received (threshold)	408,313	-	-	-	408,313	-	-	-
Total liabilities	8,966,477	5,600,399	4,852,836	3,991,665	23,411,377	4,927,465	3,679,897	8,607,362

^(*) Interbank loans are presented on a gross basis. The amount of allowance is Ch\$472 million.

^(**) Loans and accounts receivables from customers are presented on a gross basis. Provisions amounts according to type of loan are detailed as follows: Commercial loans Ch\$462,865 million, Mortgage loans Ch\$437,863 million, and Consumer loans Ch\$283,756 million.

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The following table sets forth our average daily balance of liabilities for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, in each case together with the related average nominal interest rates paid thereon.

	2017	2016			2015								
	Average Balance	% of Total Averag Liabili	ities		Average Balance	% of Total Avera Liabil	_	Average Nomina Rate	Average Balance	% of Total Avera Liabil	_	Aver Nom Rate	_
Interest-bearing	(in millions o	of Ch\$,	exce	ept perce	entages)								
liabilities													
Savings accounts Time deposits	117,305 13,146,520	0.3 37.0	% %	1.6 % 2.9 %	116,339 13,620,848	0.3 38.6	% %	2.5 % 3.3 %	114,330 12,685,504	0.3 36.7	% %	3.4 3.2	% %
Central Bank borrowings	6	0.0	%	2.2 %	871	0.0	%	3.4 %	4,891	-	%	1.0	%
Repurchase agreements	294,368	0.8	%	2.3 %	121,875	0.3	%	2.4 %	228,050	0.7	%	3.1	%
Mortgage finance bonds	38,714	0.1	%	7.0 %	52,414	0.1	%	8.1 %	63,061	0.2	%	10.2	2 %
Other interest bearing liabilities	8,632,129	24.3	%	4.0 %	7,856,201	22.3	%	5.0 %	7,500,408	21.7	%	5.5	%
Subtotal interest-bearing liabilities	22,229,042	62.6	%	3.3 %	21,768,548	61.8	%	3.7 %	20,596,244	59.6	%	4.0	%
Non-interest													
bearing liabilities Non-interest bearing deposits	6,117,644	17.2	%		5,753,622	16.3	%		5,719,889	16.6	%		
Derivatives	2,175,063	6.1	%		2,724,994	7.7	%		2,958,942	8.6	%		
Other non-interest bearing liabilities	1,997,799	5.6	%		2,156,015	6.1	%		2,454,037	7.1	%		
Shareholders' equity	3,001,680	8.5	%		2,840,843	8.1	%		2,816,116	8.2	%		
Subtotal non-interest bearing liabilities	13,292,186	37.4	%		13,475,474	38.2	%		13,948,984	40.4	%		
Total liabilities	35,521,228	100.0	%		35,244,020	100.0) %		34,545,228	100.0	%		

Foreign exchange fluctuations

The Chilean government's economic policies and any future changes in the value of the Chilean peso against the U.S. dollar could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations. The Chilean peso has been subject to significant devaluation in the past and may be subject to significant fluctuations in the future. The Central Bank

exchange rate appreciated 7.8% in 2017 and appreciated 5.7% in 2016. See "Item 3. Key Information—A. Selected Financial Data—Exchange Rates."

A significant portion of our assets and liabilities are denominated in foreign currencies, principally the U.S. dollar, and we historically have maintained, and may continue to maintain, material gaps between the balances of such assets and liabilities. Because such assets and liabilities, as well as interest earned or paid on such assets and liabilities, and gains and losses realized upon the sale of such assets, are translated to Chilean pesos in preparing our financial statements, our reported income is affected by changes in the value of the Chilean peso relative to foreign currencies (principally the U.S. dollar).

Our current strategy is not to maintain a significant difference between the balances of our assets and liabilities in foreign currencies. In 2017, 2016 and 2015, the Bank's spot position in foreign currency held more liabilities than assets in foreign currencies, mainly U.S. dollars as a result of an ample supply of U.S.\$ deposits from companies that receive export revenues, foreign correspondent bank loans and bonds issued abroad. This difference is usually hedged using forwards and cross-currency swaps. In general, the Bank is not permitted, due to guidelines set by the ALCO and the Market Committee, to open a meaningful gap in foreign currency. Therefore, all foreign currency risk is included in the trading portfolio and is measured using VaR. The average VAR of our foreign currency position was U.S.\$1.71 million in 2017. The translation gain or loss over assets and liabilities (excluding derivatives held for trading) is included as foreign exchange transactions in the income statement. The translation and mark-to-market of foreign currency derivatives held for trading is recognized as a gain or loss in the net results from mark-to-market and trading.

As of December 31, 2017, the net difference between assets and liabilities in foreign currency was a net asset position of U.S.\$186.4 million. The average gap, be it a net asset or liability position in foreign currency, in 2017 was U.S.\$92.3 million or 0.2% of our total assets. Both figures include derivatives used to hedge foreign currency risk. Below is a graph that illustrates the net daily foreign currency position in 2017.

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We also set an absolute limit on the size of Santander-Chile's consolidated net foreign currency trading position, which is equivalent to the maximum differential allowed between assets and liabilities in foreign currencies, including hedging of this gap. The limit on the size of the net foreign currency position is determined by the Market Committee and is calculated and monitored by the Market Risk Department. At December 31, 2017, this was equal to U.S.\$ 350 million. This limit in various other currencies is as follows:

	Limit (ir
Curronav	millions
Currency	of
	U.S.\$)
U.S. dollars	350
Euros	100
Yen	23
Real	15
Mexican peso	15
Colombian peso	15
Other European currencies	15
Other Latin American currencies	15
Other currencies	15
Total Limit	350

Liquidity risk management

The Financial Management Division receives information from all the business units on the liquidity profile of their financial assets and liabilities, as well as breakdowns of other projected cash flows stemming from future businesses. On the basis of that information, the Financial Management Division maintains a portfolio of liquid short–term assets, comprised mainly of liquid investments, loans and advances to other banks, to make sure the Bank has sufficient liquidity. The business units' liquidity needs are met through short–term transfers from the Financial Management Division to cover any short–term fluctuations and long–term financing to address all the structural liquidity requirements.

The Bank monitors its liquidity position every day, determining the future flows of its outlays and revenues. In addition, stress tests are performed at the close of each month, for which a variety of scenarios encompassing both normal market conditions and conditions of market fluctuation are used. The liquidity policy and procedures are subject to review and approval by the Bank's Board. Periodic reports are generated by the Market Risk Department, providing a breakdown of the liquidity position of the Bank and its subsidiaries, including any exceptions and the corrective measures adopted, which are regularly submitted to the ALCO for review.

The Bank relies on demand deposits from Retail, Middle-Market and Corporates, obligations to banks, debt instruments, and time deposits as its main sources of funding. Although most obligations to banks, debt instruments and time deposits mature in over a year, customer (retail) and institutional deposits tend to have shorter maturities

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and a large proportion of them are payable within 90 days. The short–term nature of these deposits increases the Bank's liquidity risk, and hence, the Bank actively manages this risk by continual supervision of the market trends and price management.

Liquidity risk management seeks to ensure that, even under adverse conditions, we have access to the funds necessary to cover client needs, maturing liabilities and capital requirements. Liquidity risk arises in the general funding for our financing, trading and investment activities. It includes the risk of unexpected increases in the cost of funding the portfolio of assets at appropriate maturities and rates, the risk of being unable to liquidate a position in a timely manner at a reasonable price and the risk that we will be required to repay liabilities earlier than anticipated. The following table sets forth the balance of our liquidity portfolio managed by our Financial Management Division in the manner in which it is presented to the Asset and Liability Committee (ALCO) and the Board. The ALCO has determined that our liquidity portfolio must be comprised of cash plus assets that can be readily convertible into cash either through the Chilean Central Bank window, overnight deposits or instruments or the local secondary market. The management of the Bank's liquidity portfolio is performed by the Financial Management Division under rules determined by the ALCO.

Balance as of:	December 31, 2017 Ch\$ million	December 31, 2016
Financial investments for trading Available-for-sale investments Encumbered assets (net) (1) Net cash (2) Net interbank deposits (3) Total liquidity portfolio	485,736 2,574,546 (268,330) (37,628) 768,595 3,522,919	16,259
	December 31, 2017 Ch\$ million	
Average balance as of: Financial investments for trading Available-for-sale investments Encumbered assets (net) (1) Net cash (2) Net interbank deposits (3) Total liquidity portfolio	457,546 2,562,753 (254,563)	(202,771)

(1) Assets encumbered through repurchase agreements are deducted from the liquidity portfolio

- (2) Total cash minus reserve requirement of the Central Bank
- (3) Includes overnight deposits in the Central Bank, domestic banks and foreign banks

The Central Bank also requires us to comply with the following liquidity limits:

The sum of the liabilities with a maturity of less than 30 days may not exceed the sum of the assets with a maturity of less than 30 days by an amount greater than our capital. This limit must be calculated in local currency and foreign currencies together as one gap. At December 31, 2017 the percentage of (i) our liabilities with a maturity of less than 30 days in excess of our assets with a maturity of less than 30 days to (ii) our capital and reserves was 48%, thus resulting in our compliance.

The sum of the liabilities in foreign currency with a maturity of less than 30 days may not exceed the sum of the assets in foreign currency with a maturity of less than 30 days by more than an amount greater than our capital. At December 31, 2017 the percentage of (i) our liabilities with a maturity of less than 30 days in foreign currency in excess of our assets in foreign currency with a maturity of less than 30 days to (ii) our capital and reserves was 22%, as the Bank had more foreign currency assets than liabilities for the calculation of this limit.

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The sum of the liabilities with a maturity of less than 90 days may not exceed the sum of the assets with a maturity of less than 90 days by more than 2 times our capital. This limit must be calculated in local currency and foreign currencies together as one gap. At December 31, 2017 the percentage of (i) our liabilities with a maturity of less than 90 days in excess of our assets with a maturity of less than 90 days to (ii) our capital and reserves was 51%, thus resulting in our compliance.

New liquidity requirements in line with BIS III

The SBIF and the Chilean Central Bank published new liquidity corporate governance standards and ratios that must be implemented and calculated by all banks. These will eventually replace the current regulatory limits imposed by the SBIF and the Central Bank described above. These new liquidity standards are in line with those established in BIS III. The most important liquidity ratios that will eventually be adopted by Chilean banks are:

Liquid assets. The Bank's must inform the liquid assets according to BIS III liquid levels. As of December 31, 2017 the breakdown of the Bank's liquid assets by levels was the following:

December
31, 2017
Ch\$
million
1,433,096

Balance as of:

Cash and cash equivalent 1,433,096 Level 1 liquid assets (1) 2,620,533 Level 2 liquid assets (2) 16,792 Total liquid assets 4,070,421

- (1) Includes instruments issued by the Central Bank of Chile or other central banks with a AAA rating, instruments issued by the Chilean government or other sovereign with a AAA rating and instruments issued by development banks with a AAA rating.
- (2) Includes instruments issued by governments, central banks and development banks of foreign countries with a risk rating of A- to AA+ and mortgage bonds issued by Chilean banks that are acceptable at the Chilean Central Bank's repo window.

Liquidity coverage ratio (LCR), which measures the percentage of Liquid Assets over Net Cash Outflows. As of December 31, 2017 this was 138.3% according to the European Central Bank methodology.

Net Stable Funding Ratio (NSFR) which will measure a bank's stable funding sources over required stables needs both concepts also defined in the new regulations. As of December 31, 2017 this was 109.5% according to our internal liquidity model.

The Central Bank and the SBIF are still making adjustments to the methodology for calculating these ratios and the initial limits banks must meet in order to comply with these new ratios have not been published yet. For this reason, and even though the Bank has advanced liquidity management models, we cannot assure that the implementation of these models will not have a material effect on our business and that the figures presented above may change.

Market risk management

The Bank's internal management of market risk is based chiefly on the procedures and standards of Santander Spain, which are in turn based on analysis of management in three principal components:

trading portfolio;

local financial management portfolio; and

foreign financial management portfolio.

The trading portfolio is comprised chiefly of investments valued at fair market value and free of any restriction on their immediate sale, which are often bought and sold by the Bank with the intention of selling them in the short term to benefit from short–term price fluctuations. The trading portfolio also includes the Bank's exposure to foreign currency. The financial management portfolios include all the financial investments not considered to be part of trading portfolio.

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Market risk – management of trading portfolio

The Bank applies VaR methodologies to measure the market risk of its trading portfolio. The Bank has a consolidated commercial position comprised of fixed—income investments and foreign currency trading. This portfolio is comprised mostly of Central Bank of Chile bonds, mortgage bonds, locally issued, low—risk corporate bonds and foreign currencies, mainly U.S. dollars. At the end of each year, the trading portfolio included no stock portfolio investments.

For the Bank, the VaR estimate is made under the historical simulation methodology, which consists of observing the behavior of the profits and losses that would have occurred in the current portfolio if the market conditions for a given historical period had been in force, in order to infer the maximum loss on the basis of that information, with a given degree of confidence. The methodology has the advantage of precisely reflecting the historical distribution of the market variables and not requiring any assumptions regarding the distribution of specific probabilities. All the VaR measures are intended to determine the distribution function for a change in the value of a given portfolio, and once that distribution is known, to calculate the percentile related to the necessary degree of confidence, which will be equal to the value at risk by virtue of those parameters. As calculated by the Bank, the VaR is an estimate of the maximum expected loss of market value for a given portfolio over a 1–day horizon, with a 99.00% confidence level. It is the maximum 1–day loss that the Bank could expect to experience in a given portfolio, with a 99.00% confidence level. In other words, it is the loss that the Bank would expect to experience only 1.0% of the time. The VaR provides a single estimate of market risk which is not comparable from one market risk to another. Returns are calculated through the use of a 2–year time window or at least 520 data points obtained since the last reference date for calculation of the VaR going backward in time.

We do not calculate three separate VaRs. We calculate a single VaR for the entire trading portfolio, which in addition is segregated by risk type. The VaR software performs a historical simulation and calculates a Profit and Loss Statement (P&L) for 520 data points (days) for each risk factor (fixed income, foreign currency and variable income.) The P&L of each risk factor is added together and a consolidated VaR is calculated with 520 points or days of data. At the same time a VaR is calculated for each risk factor based on the individual P&L calculated for each individual risk factor . Furthermore, a weighted VaR is calculated in the manner described above, but which gives a greater weighting to the 30 most recent data points. The larger of the two VaRs is the one that is reported. In 2017, 2016 and 2015, we used the same VaR model and there has been no change in methodology or assumptions for subsequent periods.

The Bank uses the VaR estimates to provide a warning when the statistically estimated incurred losses in its trading portfolio would exceed prudent levels, and hence, there are certain predetermined limits.

Limitations of the VaR model

When applying a calculation methodology, no assumptions are made regarding the probability distribution of the changes in the risk factors; the historically observed changes are used for the risk factors on which each position in the portfolio will be valued.

It is necessary to define a valuation function fj(xi) for each instrument j, preferably the same one used to calculate the market value and income of the daily position. This valuation function will be applied in each scenario to generate simulated prices for all the instruments in each scenario.

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In addition, the VaR methodology is subject to the following limitations:

Changes in market rates and prices may not be independent and identically distributed random variables, and may not have a normal distribution; in particular, the assumption of normal distribution may underestimate the probability of extreme market movements;

The historical data used by the Bank may not provide the best estimate of the joint distribution of changes in the risk factors in the future, and any modification of the data may be inadequate; In particular, the use of historical data may fail to capture the risk of potential extreme and adverse market fluctuations, regardless of the time period used;

A 1-day time horizon may not fully capture the market risk positions which cannot be liquidated or covered in a single day; it would not be possible to liquidate or cover all the positions in a single day;

The VaR is calculated at the close of business, but trading positions may change substantially in the course of the trading day;

The use of a 99% degree of confidence does not take account of, or make any statement about, the losses that could occur outside of that degree of confidence; and

A model such as the VaR does not capture all the complex effects of the risk factors over the value of the positions or portfolios, and accordingly, it could underestimate potential losses.

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At no time in 2017, 2016 and 2015 did the Bank exceed the VaR limits in respect of the three components which comprise the trading portfolio: fixed–income investments, variable–income investments and foreign currency investments. We perform back-testing daily and generally find that trading losses exceed our VaR estimate approximately one out of every 100 trading days. At the same time, we set a limit to the maximum VaR that we are willing to accept over our trading portfolio. In 2017, the Bank remained within the maximum limit it had set for VaR, including those instances in which the actual VaR exceeded the estimate.

The high, low, and average levels for each component and each year below were as follows:

Consolidated	2017	2016	2015
	(in millions of		
	U.S.\$)	
VaR:			
High	5.71	3.95	3.61
Low	1.56	1.08	0.62
Average	3.01	2.25	1.38
Fixed-income investments:			
High	5.51	2.71	3.13
Low	1.15	0.55	0.61
Average	2.36	1.33	1.23
Variable–income investments:			
High	0.01	0.03	0.19
Low	0.00	0.00	0.00
Average	0.00	0.00	0.00
Foreign currency investments:			
High	4.21	3.83	3.43
Low	0.53	0.61	0.04
Average	1.71	1.91	0.64

Market risk – local and foreign financial management

The Bank's financial management portfolio includes most of the Bank's non-trading assets and liabilities, including the credit/loan portfolio. For these portfolios, investment and financing decisions are strongly influenced by the Bank's commercial strategies.

The Bank uses a sensitivity analysis to measure the market risk of local and foreign currency (not included in the trading portfolio). The Bank performs a simulation of scenarios, which will be calculated as the difference between the present value of the flows in the chosen scenario (a curve with a parallel movement of 100 bp in all its segments) and their value in the base scenario (current market). All the inflation–indexed local currency (UF) positions are adjusted by a sensitivity factor of 0.57, which represents a 57 basis point change in the rate curve for the real rates and

a 100 basis point change for the nominal rates. The same scenario is performed for the net foreign currency positions and the interest rates in U.S. dollars. The Bank has also established limits in regard to the maximum loss which these interest rate movements could impose on the capital and net financial income budgeted for the year.

Limitations of the sensitivity models

The most important assumption is the use of a 100 basis point change in the yield curve (57 basis points for the real rates). The Bank uses a 100 basis point change because sudden changes of that magnitude are considered realistic. The Santander Spain Global Risk Department has established comparable limits by country, to be able to compare, monitor and consolidate the market risk by country in a realistic and orderly way. In addition, the sensitivity simulation methodology should be interpreted with consideration for the following limitations:

The simulation of scenarios assumes that the volumes remain in the Bank's Consolidated General Balance Sheet and are always renewed at maturity, thereby omitting the fact that certain credit risk and prepayment considerations may affect the maturity of certain positions.

This model assumes an identical change along the entire length of the yield curve and takes no account of the different movements for different maturities.

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The model takes no account of the sensitivity of volumes which results from interest rate changes.

The limits to losses of budgeted financial income are calculated on the basis of the financial income foreseen for the year, which may not be actually earned, meaning that the real percentage of financial income at risk may be higher than the expected one.

Market Risk – Financial management portfolio – December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015

	2017 Effect on		2016 Effect		2015 Effect	
	net	Effect on	on net	Effect on		Effect on
	interest	equity	interest	equity	interest	equity
	income	•	income		income	
Financial management portfolio – local currency						
(in millions of Ch\$)						
Loss limit	48,000	175,000	48,000	175,000	32,500	150,000
High	(37,148)	(141,287)	30,853	146,208	29,721	103,091
Low	(22,958)	(112,818)	21,978	108,249	13,882	72,104
Average	(29,110)	(128,506)	26,119	120,159	22,695	88,394
Financial management portfolio – foreign currency (in						
millions of U.S.\$)						
Loss limit	30	75	30	75	30	70
High	14	42	14	35	9	15
Low	6	15	6	13	-	5
Average	10	23	10	26	2	12
Financial management portfolio – consolidated						
(in millions of Ch\$)						
Loss limit	48,000	175,000	48,000	175,000	34,500	150,000
High	(38,249)	(142,442)	31,764	145,566	29,232	102,002
Low	(23,571)	(112,277)	23,088	107,959	14,129	70,741
Average	(29,948)	(128,360)	27,390	119,632	22,390	87,095
Market risk -Regulatory method						

The following table illustrates our market risk exposure according to the Chilean regulatory method, as of December 31, 2017. This information is sent to the SBIF on a quarterly basis. Our maximum exposure to long-term interest rate fluctuations is set at 35% of regulatory capital and is approved by the Board of Directors.

As of
Regulatory Market Risk
December
31, 2017

	(Ch\$
NA 1 (11 C) 11 (C) II (END)	million)
Market risk of trading portfolio (EMR)	
Interest rate risk of trading portfolio	147,438
Foreign currency risk of trading portfolio	10,692
Risk from interest rate options	57,204
Risk from foreign currency options	2
Total market risk of trading portfolio	215,337
10% x Risk-weighted assets	2,841,534
Subtotal	3,056,871
Limit = Regulatory Capital	3,846,406
Available margin	789,535
Non-trading portfolio market risk	
Short-term interest rate risk	106,813
Inflation risk	99,841
Long-term interest rate risk	1,057,503
Total market risk of non-trading portfolio	1,264,157
Regulatory limit of exposure to short-term interest rate and inflation risk	
Short-term exposure to interest rate risk	106,813
Exposure to inflation risk	99,841
Limit: 22% of (net interest income + net fee income sensitive to interest rates)	288,200
Available margin	81,546
Regulatory limit of exposure to long-term interest rate risk	
Long-term exposure to interest rate risk	1,057,503
35% of regulatory capital	1,346,242
Available margin	288,739

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Regulatory Market Risk	As of December 31, 2017 (Ch\$ million)
Regulatory limit of exposure to short-term interest rate and inflation risk	
Short-term exposure to interest rate risk	106,813
Exposure to inflation risk	99,841
Limit: 22% of (net interest income + net fee income sensitive to interest rates)	288,200
Available margin	81,546
Regulatory limit of exposure to long-term interest rate risk	
Long-term exposure to interest rate risk	1,057,503
35% of regulatory capital	1,346,242
Available margin	288,739

Derivative activities

At December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, derivatives are valued at market price on the balance sheet and the net unrealized gain (loss) on derivatives is classified as a separate line item on the income statement. Notional amounts are not recorded on the balance sheet. Banks must mark to market derivatives. A derivative financial instrument held for trading purposes must be marked to market and the unrealized gain or loss recognized in the income statement. The SBIF recognizes three kinds of hedge accounting: (i) cash flow hedges, (ii) fair value hedges and (iii) hedging of foreign investments.

When a cash flow hedge exists, the fair value movements on the part of the hedging instrument that is effective are recognized in equity. Any ineffective portion of the fair value movement on the hedging instrument is recognized in the income statement.

When a fair value hedge exists, the fair value movements on the hedging instrument and the corresponding fair value · movements on the hedged item are recognized in the income statement. Hedged items in the balance sheet are presented at their market value.

When a hedge of foreign investment exposure exists (*i.e.* investment in a foreign branch), the fair value movements on the part of the hedging instrument that is effective are recognized in equity. Any ineffective portion of the fair value movement on the hedging instrument is recognized in the income statement.

In order to reduce the credit risk in its derivative contracts, the Bank has entered into Credit Support Annex (CSA) agreements with the majority of its counterparties, which include obligations to post daily cash collateral. The majority of the agreements include an obligation to post collateral with a threshold amount of zero. In the table below

we identify those contracts with CSA and breakdown the fair value of our derivative portfolio by collateral threshold requirements for 2017 and 2016.

Fair value of derivative contracts	2017 Asset	Liabilities	2016 Asset	Liability
Derivative contracts with zero threshold collateral amount in CSA	1,898,220	1,773,471	2,134,917	1,986,345
Derivative contracts with threshold collateral amounts in CSA that are greater than zero	221,030	316,840	233,945	238,450
Derivative contracts without CSA agreements	119,397	49,177	131,920	67,366
Total	2,238,647	2,139,488	2,500,782	2,292,161

We classify some of our derivative financial instruments as being held for trading, due to the guidelines from the SBIF. We enter into derivative contracts with some clients who seek hedging instruments. However, substantially all of our derivatives are not actually used for speculative purposes or trading. We also use derivatives to hedge our exposure to foreign exchange, interest rate and inflation risks. We had the following derivative financial instruments portfolio as of December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015:

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Derivative financial instruments portfolio	tfolio As of December 31, 2017				
	Notional amo	ounts	Fair Value		
	Up to 3 months	More than 3 months to one year	More than one year	Assets	Liabilities
	(Ch\$ million))			
Fair value hedge derivative instruments					
Interest rate swaps	-	162,985	1,554,171	23,003	1,424
Cross currency swaps	-	715,701	5,362,772	15,085	65,724
Subtotal	-	878,686	6,916,943	38,088	67,148
Cash Flow hedge derivative instruments					
Currency forwards	801,093	218,982	-	39,233	59
Cross currency swaps	421,428	1,637,604	6,672,566	36,403	128,355
Subtotal	1,222,521	1,856,586	6,672,566	75,636	128,414
Derivative instruments for trading					
Currency forwards	17,976,683	10,679,327	3,091,393	412,994	502,555
Interest rate swaps	9,069,964	14,389,389	46,342,779	467,188	392,366
Cross currency swaps	2,963,641	7,503,144	47,111,371	1,241,632	1,042,120
Call currency options	190,386	37,099	49,853	1,322	1,950
Call interest rate options	-	-	-	-	-
Put currency options	192,722	28,616	50,470	1,787	4,935
Subtotal	30,393,396	32,637,575	96,645,866	2,124,923	1,943,926
Total	31,615,917	35,372,847	110,235,375	2,238,647	2,139,488
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	As of December 31, 2016 Notional amounts			Fair Value	
	Up to 3 months	More than 3 months to one year	More than one year	Assets	Liabilities
	(Ch\$ million))			
Fair value hedge derivative instruments					
Interest rate swaps	74,086	514,454	1,402,870	38,977	211
Cross currency swaps	424,086	505,902	1,239,490	32,640	32,868
Subtotal	498,172	1,020,356	2,642,360	71,617	33,079
Cash Flow hedge derivative instruments					
Interest rate swaps	915,879	639,939	-	10,216	3,441
Cross currency swaps	897,480	2,613,706	4,260,194	43,591	68,894
Subtotal	1,813,359	3,253,645	4,260,194	53,807	72,335
Derivative instruments for trading					
Currency forwards	15,840,731	11,240,251	3,358,765	185,618	209,955
Interest rate swaps	6,889,665	12,512,285	49,747,459	627,047	526,695
Cross currency swaps	3,966,443	7,589,201	53,148,109	1,562,068	1,449,549
Call currency options	73,943	20,994	2,664	521	5
Call interest rate options	_	-	-	-	-
Put currency options	52,143	7,892	2,664	104	542
Other Derivatives	_	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	26,822,925	31,370,623	106,259,661	2,375,358	2,186,746
Total	29,134,456	35,644,624	113,162,215	2,500,782	2,292,161
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		Fair value			
	Up to 3 months	More than 3 months to 1 year	More than 1 year	Assets	Liabilities
	Ch\$mn	•			
Fair value hedge derivatives					
Interest rate swaps	327,955	1,184,795	630,970	5,480	6,364
Cross currency swaps	9,441	30,040	1,842,421	181,557	1,483
Subtotal	337,396	1,214,835	2,473,391	187,037	7,847
Cash flow hedge derivatives					
Interest rate swaps	-	-	-	-	-
Cross currency swaps	7,281,184	4,445,006	2,720,520	273,291	69,716
Subtotal	7,281,184	4,445,006	2,720,520	273,291	69,716
Trading derivatives					
Currency forwards	18,731,575	13,328,727	3,459,386	341,236	318,416
Interest rate swaps	7,272,523	15,677,393	56,140,894	533,416	540,011
Cross currency swaps	5,881,627	5,898,094	44,921,355	1,826,977	1,883,185
Call currency options	49,067	60,380	477,057	42,325	41,451
Call interest rate options	-	-	264,473	1,148	1,253
Put currency options	48,958	52,682	-	422	684
Other derivatives	125,258	-	-	74	43
Subtotal	32,109,008	35,017,276	105,263,165	2,745,598	2,785,043
Total	39,727,588	40,677,117	110,457,076	3,205,926	2,862,606

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A. Debt Securities A. Debt Securities Not applicable. B. Warrants and Right Not applicable. C. Other Securities Not applicable. D. American Depositary Shares

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