(2) Trading assets/liabilities and trading income/losses Transactions for trading purposes (seeking gains arising from short-term changes in interest rates, currency exchange rates, or market prices of securities and other market related indices or from variation among markets) are included in "Trading assets" or "Trading liabilities" on the consolidated balance sheet on a trade date basis. Income and losses on tradingpurpose transactions are recognized on a trade date basis and recorded as "Trading income" and "Trading losses."

Securities and monetary claims purchased for trading purposes are stated at the fiscal year-end fair value, and financial derivatives such as swaps, futures and options are stated at amounts that would be settled if the transactions were terminated on the consolidated balance sheet date.

"Trading income" and "Trading losses" include related interest received or paid during the fiscal year. The year-onyear valuation differences of securities and monetary claims are also recorded in the above-mentioned accounts. As for the derivatives, assuming that the settlement will be made in cash, the year-on-year valuation differences are also recorded in the above-mentioned accounts.

(3) Securities

(a) Other than securities classified for trading purposes, debt securities that consolidated subsidiaries have the positive intent and ability to hold to maturity are classified as heldto-maturity securities and are carried at amortized cost (straight-line method) using the moving-average method.

Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates that are not accounted for by the equity method are carried at cost using the moving-average method.

Securities other than trading purpose securities, heldto-maturity securities and investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates are classified as "other securities" (available-for-sale securities). Stocks (including foreign stocks) in other securities that have market prices are carried at their average market prices during the final month of the fiscal year, and bonds and others that have market prices are carried at their fiscal year-end market prices (cost of securities sold is calculated using primarily the movingaverage method). Other securities, for which it is extremely difficult to determine fair value with no available market prices, are carried at cost using the moving-average method. Net unrealized gains (losses) on other securities, net of income taxes, are included in "Net assets," after deducting the amount that is reflected in the fiscal year's earnings by applying fair value hedge accounting.

(b) Securities included in money held in trust are carried using the same method used for securities mentioned above.

(4) Derivative transactions

Derivative transactions, other than those classified as trading derivatives, are carried at fair value, with revaluation gain or loss included in the income or loss, unless they are designated as effective hedging instruments.

(5) Depreciation

(a) Tangible fixed assets

Buildings owned by SMFG and SMBC are depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets. Others are depreciated using the declining-balance method. The estimated useful lives of major items are as follows:

> Buildings: 7 to 50 years Others: 2 to 20 years

Other consolidated subsidiaries depreciate their tangible fixed assets primarily using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets.

(b) Intangible fixed assets

Intangible fixed assets are depreciated using the straightline method. Capitalized software for internal use owned by SMFG and its consolidated domestic subsidiaries is depreciated over its estimated useful life (basically 5 years).

(c) Lease assets

Lease assets with respect to non-transfer ownership finance leases, which are recorded in "Tangible fixed assets," are depreciated using the straight-line method, assuming that lease term is its expected lifetime and salvage value is 0.

(6) Reserve for possible loan losses

The reserve for possible loan losses of major consolidated subsidiaries is provided for as described below in accordance with the internal standards for write-offs and provisions.

For claims on borrowers that have entered into bankruptcy, special liquidation proceedings or similar legal proceedings ("bankrupt borrowers") or borrowers that are not legally or formally insolvent but are regarded as substantially in the same situation ("effectively bankrupt borrowers"), a reserve is provided for based on the amount of claims, after the write-off stated below, net of the expected amount of recoveries from collateral and guarantees.

For claims on borrowers that are not currently bankrupt but are perceived to have a high risk of falling into bankruptcy ("potentially bankrupt borrowers"), a reserve is provided for in the amount deemed necessary based on an overall solvency assessment of the claims, net of the expected amount of recoveries from collateral and guarantees.

The discounted cash flows ("DCF") method is used for claims on borrowers whose cash flows from collection of principal and interest can be rationally estimated, and SMBC applies it to claims on large potentially bankrupt borrowers and claims on large borrowers requiring close monitoring that have been classified as "Past due loans (3 months or more)" or "Restructured loans," whose total loans from SMBC exceed a certain amount. SMBC establishes a reserve for possible loan losses using the DCF method for such claims in the amount of the difference between the present value of the future collection from principal and interest (calculated using the rationally estimated cash flows discounted at the initial contractual interest rate) and the book value.

For other claims, a reserve is provided for based on the historical loan-loss ratio.

For claims originated in specific overseas countries, an additional reserve is provided for in the amount deemed necessary based on the assessment of political and economic conditions.

Branches and credit supervision departments assess all claims in accordance with the internal rules for self-assessment of assets, and the Credit Review Department, independent