

SPINOLA DEVELOPMENT COMPANY
LIMITED

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial
Statements
31 December 2019

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Directors' report

The directors present their report and the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Principal activities

The principal activities of the group are the development and the operation of the Portomaso Complex in St. Julians, Malta. This complex includes the Hilton (Malta) and its convention centre, the Portomaso Business Tower, residential apartments, a car park and commercial outlets.

Review of business

Turnover for the year under review stood at €59.71million, a drop of more than half of what it was last year, totally due to the exceptional and one-time sale of a number of real estate units which, coincidentally, all occurred in 2018. The gross profit for the year totalled €27.65million, to make up a gross profit margin of 46.3%, a drop of 7.1 percentage points when compared to the 2018 margin. Administrative expenses, partly offset by other income reached €9.40million, against last year's €8.97million. Net finance costs amounted to €1.95million, a first increase following a number of years which saw this expense item regularly decreasing. The rise over last year, was however, only marginal.

Profit for the year after taxation amounted to €12.28million, a hefty drop from 2018 for the reasons already outlined above. If one were to compare to years prior to 2018, the overall result was in line with a normalized performance at Portomaso. During the course of 2019, as opposed to 2018, the larger part of the revenues emanated from the hospitality and ancillary services segment, following the pattern of previous years. In fact, if one were to compare the divisional results for the year under review against 2017, the segment percentages are broadly in line.

Reviewing the total revenue makeup, income from hospitality and ancillary services accounted for 69.7% of the total, underlining an overall performance which was only marginally below that of 2018 in absolute terms. The latter had witnessed a peak in revenue from this segment. Once again, this performance can be attributed to both strong 'room occupancy' and 'average room rates' however, these plateaued when compared to 2018. Revenue from property development at €11.73million represented 19.6% of the total for the group, very much in line with years prior to 2018. Rental operations and complex management accounted for the rest of turnover and stood at €6.39million, up by 7.7% over the previous year.

Reviewing profitability by segment, as expected the margin earned on the sale of real estate surpassed that of the hotel and ancillary operations by 1.6% as the latter returned a gross profit margin of 44.6%.

The hospitality segment's stellar performance was a direct result of yet another bumper tourism inflow to the Island with once again record-breaking numbers being welcomed over the whole year. This progressively enabled the local industry to shorten the traditionally low-performing shoulder and winter months. Passenger numbers over the previous year increased as access to the Island grew in line with higher aircraft seat capacity being placed across a wider airline network. This resulted in higher room occupancy and relatively speaking, bullish room rates. In fact, in the year under review, the average room rate was only slightly lower than the previous year, however, room occupancy climbed to even higher levels. This is significant when one recalls that 2019 did not enjoy any particular large-scale events and conferences as witnessed in the prior two years. Despite this, room revenue was practically at the same level of 2018 as conference-sourced income shifted to transient, higher on-line and leisure-based inflows. This change in pattern had an impact on F&B revenue which was lower than the previous year. Comparing Hilton's performance with its peers locally, GOP as a percentage of revenue again fared well with performance well above the average. In fact, industry KPIs as reported by MHRA placed the hotel at the topmost level when assessed against its market segment.

Directors' report - continued

Review of business - continued

Property development turnover at €11.73million accounted for 19.6% of total turnover, against last year's 61.8%. As already noted, in 2018 the group managed to conclude deliveries with respect to the bulk of the Laguna Apartments, and the transfer of title and partial delivery of the office block next to the Portomaso Business Tower. On the other hand, during 2019, property sales were only made up of another portion of the office block being handed over when a number of floors were delivered and a few other sales, namely garage spaces and a small area of land transferred out of the complex which was relatively not of a significant value. The group currently has a minimal stock of apartments for sale. The gross profit margin recorded on these sales amounted to 46.2% compared to 57.3% in previous year. The gross profit margin of 2018 was higher bearing in mind that the property turnover emanated from the sale of the prestigious Laguna Apartments.

Revenue from rental operations and complex management totalled €6.39million, an increase of 7.7% reflecting inflation-led increases in rentals and a better all-year performance with respect to complex management operations.

During the year under review, the cost-to-revenue percentage stood at 70.1% against the previous year's 54.1%, however, 2018 was not a conventional year due to the above average sale of property already referred to. If one were to compare against 2017, the cost-to-revenue percentage was 70.1%, very much in line with 2019.

Direct costs at €32.1million dropped by €26.61million, largely due to the lower level of property development cost and commissions with respect to property sales. In actual fact, if one were to exclude these expense items, the total cost would have reached €26.22million against last year's €26.33million, a decrease of only 0.4%. This performance enabled us to register an operating profit of €18.24million versus €58.20million in 2018.

The other cost components by order of magnitude, are employee costs at 28.2% of the total cost, depreciation at 15.9%, operating supplies and operators charges at 5.9% and 6.1% respectively, and utilities at 3.3%. A number of other smaller costs, when added together total €16.98million.

Net finance costs recorded a first increase after more than five years of decrease, up marginally by 3.1% to €1.95million. Computed as a percentage of outstanding bank facilities and intercompany loans, this increased from 3.38% in 2018 to 3.56% in 2019.

The overall performance led to a profit before tax of €16.30million, a margin of 27.3% versus last year's margin of 44.7%, the latter, once again due to the heavy percentage of real estate sales. EBIDTA stood at €24.89million with an interest cover of 9.08. This is in line with the performance of the group in previous years except for 2018.

Spinola Development Company Limited's total assets at €244.63million recorded a drop of €22.28million from the 2018 levels mainly due to a decrease of €3.41million in property, plant and equipment as newly commissioned assets of €2.68million were totally offset by disposals and the annual depreciation charge. This is the first year following the hotel's revaluation exercise carried out in 2018 which had followed the refurbishment carried out at the hotel over the last few years which project cumulatively exceeded the €23 million mark, this project was funded partly through external borrowing but mainly via internally generated profits being ploughed back into the property. Investment property at €13.38million, dropped by 3.1% due to lower additions when compared to 2018. It is worth noting that the fair open market value attributed by the directors to the investment property category is estimated at €40.60million. As in the past, this is based on revised present value figures of anticipated income from these properties carried forward and forecast over a long-term basis.

Directors' report - continued

Review of business - continued

Inventories at €19.96million increased by €2.57million over the previous year, as further works were undertaken on a new block of apartments currently being constructed within the Portomaso complex and some additional property annexed to Portomaso which was purchased in 2019. It is worth, however, noting that a fully owned subsidiary of the group embarked on the demolition and excavation of the ex-Halland Aparthotel site which represents the group's next upmarket real estate residential development.

The balance of €7.89million due from fellow subsidiaries reflect funds which had been advanced to sister companies. These facilities are repayable on demand and are covered by backstop support from the holding company. Trade and other receivables at €18.65million dropped by €23.66million, totally due to the settlement of amounts owed by the parent and sister companies. This balance was reduced by €23.30million. Current trade receivables dropped by €2.27million due to a higher level of outstanding amounts in relation to the Laguna Apartments which were settled in 2019.

Cash and cash equivalents amounted to €28.61million, up by €3.01million underlining the group's strong liquidity base following the vast sale of property occurring during the last few years supplemented by an extended trend of yearly positive results from within the hospitality segment. This encouraging liquidity level prevails despite the dividend pay-out and is intended to be maintained at an appropriate level so as to provide adequate security and funds which can be directed towards new investments. The overall working capital position stood at a positive number of 2.21: 1.

Group borrowings at €54.65million dropped by €1.26million, a further decline from previous years, as short-term bank loans were paid off. This in line with our undertaking with the banking sector and despite the fact that further capital expenditure was committed to during the year under review. No new bank facilities were entered into during 2019 and hence, all capital expenditure was undertaken from internally generated resources. This enabled us to avoid a further increase in interest costs, while maintaining a reasonable debt/equity ratio. €1.29million out of the above borrowings are classified as current as they are repayable in 2020. Out of the total borrowings, 91.1% represent funds from a fellow group company emanating from proceeds of two bond issues which mature in 2024 and 2027 respectively and therefore being charged at a fixed rate. These inter-company loans are repayable in line with the group's long-term business plans and are congruent to the sister company's bond commitments. Deferred tax liabilities also classified as non-current, stood at €29.04million, with a decrease of €1.24million over last year. This, in the main, represents a tax allocation on the revaluation of property and to a lesser degree, timing differences. Within the current liabilities category, trade and other payables totalled €28.93million, an increase of €4.08million and an amount of €5.66million owed to the parent company and advanced deposits on the office block referred to above amounting to €6.19million. Higher accruals and deferred income follow because of hotel related activity while lower capital and trade payables are in line with the phasing out of works related to the office block project.

The group's equity position stood at €131.55million, a drop of €22.94million, while retained earnings amounted to €28.36million, a direct result of a consistent positive operational performance and arguably, an overall successful Portomaso project. Revaluation reserves remained in line with previous year with a slight decrease due to depreciation on the revalued portion of the buildings. Total liabilities to equity multiple increased to 0.86 against 0.73 at the end of the previous year reflecting the year's business performance, a one-time substantial dividend pay-out and dues to the group's parent.

Directors' report - continued

Outlook for the financial year ending 2020 and events after the financial reporting date

2020 was expected to be another exceptional year with a solid equity backing and prospects in line with those of 2019. Yet what started off as a very robust year, particularly within the hospitality segment, only lasted two months. Following the outbreak of the COVID 19 pandemic and the health authorities' directions, we ran down operations at the hotel and its amenities to minimal levels as from the third week of March. Therefore, the largest segment of operations within Portomaso was dramatically brought to a practical standstill. It is appropriate to point out that in the current scenario, the likelihood of having any material revenue from this segment in the imminent future looks bleak. Obviously, this is a scenario which is daily evolving, hence directors and management are continuously monitoring the situation and following up with Hilton's management to assess matters and take appropriate action.

The other relatively speaking minor operations associated with the hospitality segment, namely the marina, car park and tower bar operations are being impacted to different degrees. We envisage that the marina will operate on the same basis as budgeted, however, we recognise that the use of the car park will decrease and the tower bar has been closed off indefinitely, until such time that we are allowed to reopen and even then, business would need to factor in social distancing with the ensuing implications both financial and otherwise. Of course, this represents the 'new norm' with the other business segments also. Although it is still early to make any predictions, our revised forecast for these three units factors a significant degree of subdued performance. As with the hotel operations, management is vigilantly following this state of affairs and constantly tracking the health authorities' directives in order to operate safely vis-à-vis both clients and our employees.

Other segments of operation at Portomaso, namely property development and rentals, have been impacted to a lesser extent, at least at this stage. Property development physical deliveries within Portomaso itself should actually prove to be on budget as we still aim to deliver the rest of the areas relating to the office block next to Portomaso Business Tower. As for rental income, as of now there were no major casualties however, conscious of the state of affairs brought forth by the pandemic, the consequent social distancing plus the partial lockdown of a number of commercial units the probability is that this segment will also be hit. Hence, we are consciously managing the situation so that repercussions do not escalate. Revenue relating to complex management which is minor should not witness any major repercussions.

As a group, we are also taking action in order to mitigate the financial implications this pandemic's fallout will have on the financial standing of the group as opposed to operational matters. We will continue to question all fixed costs and where appropriate measures taken to safeguard our cash resources and reduce operational leverage. In so doing, we are reassessing our capital expenditure endeavours for this year and have given directions that only essential investment is undertaken, while projects outside the hospitality unit, namely those relating to property within Portomaso are being completed and finished as planned. As for new projects, the only significant one is that relating to the ex-Halland aparthotel where excavation works commenced late last year. Such works are being pursued at an appropriate and prudent pace in line with a revised business strategy, the objective of which is not to lose momentum while being cautious. We have also applied for the government wage supplement assistance through the Malta Enterprise scheme with respect to payroll costs which by far is definitely the largest single portion of our annual expenditure. We are also in discussions with our bankers to make use of the moratorium recently announced by the Central Bank of Malta in order to shift this year's loan repayments into the future.

It is however worthwhile underlining that Spinola Development Company itself is adequately capitalized and liquid, and it can additionally make use of backstop facilities with related group entities in case of a cashflow shortfall particularly should this current situation prolong. We shall continue to meet our obligations with third parties and with the sister company which had made available loans through funds sourced from the local capital market.

Directors' report - continued

Outlook for the financial year ending 2020 and events after the financial reporting date - continued

The group has carried out various assessments, which factor in quite some drastic impacts following in from the pandemic's conflagration. All scenarios show that the group, will be able to meet its immediate obligations. Hence the board notes that the group can operate as a going concern and is adequately funded for the forth coming twelve months. This assessment is ongoing and include various elements of sensitivity being assumed should matters prolong and worsen. The situation is an evolving one and hence we assumed various levels of risks and uncertainties together with measures taken to mitigate impacts on our operation while endeavouring to manage the systematic risk from the pandemic. It is too early to reliably estimate the financial impact this will have on the group's standing, both operationally and the impact on the value of its assets with particular reference to its non-current assets yet these assessments presently show that there should be no significant adverse impact on these values. The board notes that the group has entered this stage of the pandemic from a position of strength as disclosed in the December 2019 statement of financial position its group equity exceeding €131.55million. The group will therefore continue to monitor ongoing developments particularly as these effect tourism and the leasing of real estate. These unprecedented times call for the highest degree of attention for steps to be taken in a timely manner to manage the situation.

The group's strategy remains unchanged namely that of being one of the top-most performing groups with a diversified business. We aim to adapt ourselves to this new norm during and beyond this pandemic so as to provide our clientele across all business segments a value outcome working towards sustainable growth for the benefit of all our stakeholders.

Financial risk management

The group's and company's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks, including market risk (including currency risk, fair value interest rate risk and cash flow interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. Refer to Note 2 in these financial statements.

Conduct review

Reference is made to the company announcement dated 2nd December 2019 made by Tumas Investments plc relating to the allegations made with respect to a former director, Mr Yorgen Fenech. The latter's resignation has not impacted management continuity at the company. The post of Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer is held by Mr Raymond Fenech, who has occupied these roles as from 2014.

Since reports first surfaced in 2018 linking Mr Yorgen Fenech to irregularities, he had strenuously denied all allegations in his regards both publicly and within the Tumas Group. The events unfolding in late 2019 caused concern and dismay to the Board of the company, which supported the Tumas Group's statement disassociating itself from the alleged actions.

An external review has since been completed, entailing the examination of the records of the group over an extended period, which has provided the Board with additional comfort on this point. It is the intention of the Tumas Group in agreement with the board of directors of Tumas Investments p.l.c. to continue to monitor developments that come to its attention and to take appropriate action as it deems necessary.

Results and dividends

The income statements are set out on page 14. During the year the directors declared a net dividend of €35,214,500 (2018: €22,214,500).

Directors' report - continued

Directors

The directors of the company who held office during the year were:

Raymond Fenech
Emmanuel Fenech
Yorgen Fenech – resigned 12 November 2019
Raymond Sladden – appointed 12 November 2019

The company's Articles of Association do not require any directors to retire.

Statement of directors' responsibilities for the financial statements

The directors are required by the Companies Act, 1995 to prepare financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the group and the parent company as at the end of each reporting period and of the profit or loss for that period.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for:

- ensuring that the financial statements have been drawn up in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU;
- selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies;
- making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances;
- ensuring that the financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group and the parent company will continue in business as a going concern.

The directors are also responsible for designing, implementing and maintaining internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation and the fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and that comply with the Companies Act, 1995. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the group and the parent company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The financial statements of Spinola Development Company Limited for the year ended 31 December 2019 are included in the Annual Report 2019, which is published in hard-copy printed form and may be made available on the Tumas Group's website. The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the Annual Report on the website in view of their responsibility for the controls over, and the security of, the website. Access to information published on the group's website is available in other countries and jurisdictions, where legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from requirements or practice in Malta.

Directors' report - continued

Auditors

PricewaterhouseCoopers have indicated their willingness to continue in office and a resolution for their re-appointment will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

On behalf of the board



Raymond Fenech
Director



Emmanuel Fenech
Director

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19 June 2020



Independent auditor's report

To the Shareholders of Spinola Development Company Limited

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Our opinion

In our opinion:

- Spinola Development Company Limited's Group and the Parent Company, financial statements (the 'financial statements') give a true and fair view of the Group's and the Parent Company's financial position as at 31 December 2019, and of the Group's and Parent Company's financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ('IFRSs') as adopted by the EU; and
- The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Maltese Companies Act (Cap. 386).

What we have audited

Spinola Development Company Limited's financial statements, set out on pages 12 to 62, comprise:

- the Consolidated and Parent Company statements of financial position as at 31 December 2019;
- the Consolidated and Parent Company income statements and statements of comprehensive income for the year then ended;
- the Consolidated and Parent Company statements of changes in equity for the year then ended;
- the Consolidated and Parent Company statements of cash flows for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence

We are independent of the Group and the Parent company in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements of the Accountancy Profession (Code of Ethics for Warrant Holders) Directive issued in terms of the Accountancy Profession Act (Cap. 281) that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Malta. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these Codes.



Independent auditor's report - continued

To the Shareholders of Spinola Development Company Limited

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises of the Directors' report (but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon), which we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information, including the directors' report.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

With respect to the directors' report, we also considered whether the directors' report includes the disclosures required by Article 177 of the Maltese Companies Act (Cap. 386).

Based on the work we have performed, in our opinion:

- The information given in the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with the Maltese Companies Act (Cap. 386).

In addition, in light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we are required to report if we have identified material misstatements in the directors' report and other information that we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the directors for the financial statements

The directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the EU and the requirements of the Maltese Companies Act (Cap. 386), and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Group and the Parent company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group or the Parent company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.



Independent auditor's report - continued

To the Shareholders of Spinola Development Company Limited

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group and the Parent company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group or the Parent company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the company's ability to continue as a going concern. In particular, it is difficult to evaluate all of the potential implications that Covid-19 will have on the company's business and the overall economy. Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.



Independent auditor's report - continued

To the Shareholders of Spinola Development Company Limited

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

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

Other matters on which we are required to report by exception

We also have responsibilities under the Maltese Companies Act (Cap. 386) to report to you if, in our opinion:

- Adequate accounting records have not been kept, or that returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us.
- The financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns.
- We have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

We have nothing to report to you in respect of these responsibilities.

PricewaterhouseCoopers

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stefan Bonello', written in a cursive style.

Stefan Bonello
Partner

19 June 2020

Statements of financial position

		As at 31 December			
		Group		Company	
Notes		2019	2018	2019	2018
		€	€	€	€
ASSETS					
Non-current assets					
Property, plant and equipment	4	162,151,897	165,562,106	162,151,897	165,562,106
Investment property	5	13,378,408	13,804,632	13,378,408	13,804,632
Investments in subsidiaries	6	-	-	118,791	118,791
Trade and other receivables	7	1,365,210	854,036	1,365,210	854,036
Total non-current assets		176,895,515	180,220,774	177,014,306	180,339,565
Current assets					
Inventories	8	19,961,115	17,392,969	8,512,309	6,870,853
Trade and other receivables	7	17,287,697	41,457,686	15,381,809	39,705,313
Current tax assets		1,874,069	2,239,150	1,874,069	2,239,150
Cash and cash equivalents	9	28,613,661	25,598,993	28,119,345	25,541,105
Total current assets		67,736,542	86,688,798	53,887,532	74,356,421
Total assets		244,632,057	266,909,572	230,901,838	254,695,986

Statements of financial position - continued

	Notes	As at 31 December			
		Group		Company	
		2019	2018	2019	2018
		€	€	€	€
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES					
Capital and reserves					
Share capital	10	13,652,805	13,652,805	13,652,805	13,652,805
Revaluation reserves	11	89,536,334	90,361,834	89,536,334	90,361,834
Retained earnings		28,359,084	50,468,586	15,258,065	39,182,099
Total equity		131,548,223	154,483,225	118,447,204	143,196,738
Non-current liabilities					
Borrowings	12	53,364,576	54,620,452	53,364,576	54,620,452
Trade and other payables	13	43,200	86,400	2,183,377	2,179,261
Deferred tax liabilities	14	29,037,758	30,282,531	28,231,485	29,435,750
Total non-current liabilities		82,445,534	84,989,383	83,779,438	86,235,463
Current liabilities					
Borrowings	12	1,285,715	1,285,715	1,285,715	1,285,715
Trade and other payables	13	28,886,652	24,763,585	27,389,481	23,080,865
Current taxation		465,933	1,387,664	-	897,205
Total current liabilities		30,638,300	27,436,964	28,675,196	25,263,785
Total liabilities		113,083,834	112,426,347	112,454,634	111,499,248
Total equity and liabilities		244,632,057	266,909,572	230,901,838	254,695,986

The notes on pages 18 to 62 are an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 12 to 62 were authorised for issue by the board of directors on 19 June 2020 and were signed on its behalf by:



Raymond Fenech
Director



Emmanuel Fenech
Director

Income statements

	Notes	Year ended 31 December			
		Group		Company	
		2019 €	2018 €	2019 €	2018 €
Revenue	15	59,712,709	125,845,922	57,030,923	123,316,959
Cost of sales	16	(32,065,159)	(58,679,120)	(32,065,159)	(58,579,120)
Gross profit		27,647,550	67,166,802	24,965,764	64,737,839
Administrative expenses	16	(9,796,516)	(9,431,073)	(9,488,581)	(9,192,440)
Other income		391,892	465,228	391,892	465,228
Operating profit		18,242,926	58,200,957	15,869,075	56,010,627
Finance income	18	795,463	881,224	795,463	881,224
Finance costs	18	(2,741,843)	(2,769,332)	(2,741,843)	(2,769,332)
Profit before tax		16,296,546	56,312,849	13,922,695	54,122,519
Tax expense	19	(4,017,048)	(10,908,587)	(3,457,729)	(10,263,176)
Profit for the year		12,279,498	45,404,262	10,464,966	43,859,343

Statements of comprehensive income

	Notes	Year ended 31 December			
		Group		Company	
		2019 €	2018 €	2019 €	2018 €
Profit for the year		12,279,498	45,404,262	10,464,966	43,859,343
Revaluation surplus on land and buildings (net of deferred tax)	4,14	-	39,612,000	-	39,612,000
Total comprehensive income for the year		12,279,498	85,016,262	10,464,966	83,471,343

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Statements of changes in equity

Group	Notes	Share capital €	Revaluation reserves €	Retained earnings €	Total equity €
Balance at 1 January 2018		13,652,805	51,157,893	26,870,765	91,681,463
Comprehensive income					
Profit for the year		-	-	45,404,262	45,404,262
Other comprehensive income:					
Revaluation surplus on land and buildings (net of deferred tax)	4,14	-	39,612,000	-	39,612,000
Transfer of revaluation surplus arising upon transfer of property stock	11,14		(408,059)	408,059	-
Total comprehensive income		-	39,203,941	45,812,321	85,016,262
Transactions with owners					
Dividends for 2018	20	-	-	(22,214,500)	(22,214,500)
Balance at 31 December 2018		13,652,805	90,361,834	50,468,586	154,483,225
Balance at 1 January 2019		13,652,805	90,361,834	50,468,586	154,483,225
Comprehensive income					
Profit for the year				12,279,498	12,279,498
Other comprehensive income:					
Transfer of depreciation through asset use (net of deferred tax)	11,14	-	(825,500)	825,500	-
Total comprehensive income		-	(825,500)	13,104,998	12,279,498
Transactions with owners					
Dividends for 2019	20			(35,214,500)	(35,214,500)
Balance at 31 December 2019		13,652,805	89,536,334	28,359,084	131,548,223

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Statements of changes in equity - continued

Company	Notes	Share capital €	Revaluation reserves €	Retained earnings €	Total equity €
Balance at 1 January 2018		13,652,805	51,157,893	17,129,197	81,939,895
Comprehensive income					
Profit for the year		-	-	43,859,343	43,859,343
Other comprehensive income:					
Revaluation surplus on land and buildings (net of deferred tax)	4,14	-	39,612,000	-	39,612,000
Transfer of revaluation surplus arising upon transfer of property stock	11,14		(408,059)	408,059	-
Total comprehensive income		-	39,203,941	44,267,402	83,471,343
Transactions with owners					
Dividends for 2018	20	-	-	(22,214,500)	(22,214,500)
Balance at 31 December 2018		13,652,805	90,361,834	39,182,099	143,196,738
Balance at 1 January 2019		13,652,805	90,361,834	39,182,099	143,196,738
Comprehensive income					
Profit for the year		-	-	10,464,966	10,464,966
Other comprehensive income:					
Transfer of depreciation through asset use (net of deferred tax)	11,14	-	(825,500)	825,500	-
Total comprehensive income		-	(825,500)	11,290,466	10,464,966
Transactions with owners					
Dividends for 2019	20			(35,214,500)	(35,214,500)
Balance at 31 December 2019		13,652,805	89,536,334	15,258,065	118,447,204

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Statements of cash flows

	Notes	Year ended 31 December			
		Group		Company	
		2019 €	2018 €	2019 €	2018 €
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	21	50,665,639	58,124,133	49,557,542	55,362,430
Interest received		795,463	881,224	795,463	881,224
Interest paid		(2,741,843)	(2,769,332)	(2,741,843)	(2,769,332)
Net income tax paid		(5,818,471)	(13,086,852)	(5,194,118)	(12,594,961)
Net cash generated from operating activities		42,900,788	43,149,173	42,417,044	40,879,361
Cash flows from investing activities					
Purchase of property, plant and equipment and investment property		(2,831,531)	(4,957,765)	(2,831,531)	(4,957,765)
Movement in non-current receivables		(511,174)	(8,787)	(511,174)	7,913
Net cash used in investing activities		(3,342,705)	(4,966,552)	(3,342,705)	(4,949,852)
Cash flows from financing activities					
Repayments of bank borrowings		(1,285,715)	(5,597,954)	(1,285,715)	(5,597,954)
Proceeds from bank borrowings		-	2,817,124	-	2,817,124
Dividends paid		(35,214,500)	(22,214,500)	(35,214,500)	(22,214,500)
Movement in non-current payables		(43,200)	(76,839)	4,116	2,145,623
Net cash used in financing activities		(36,543,415)	(25,072,169)	(36,496,099)	(22,849,707)
Net movement in cash and cash equivalents		3,014,668	13,110,452	2,578,240	13,079,802
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		25,598,993	12,488,541	25,541,105	12,461,303
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	9	28,613,661	25,598,993	28,119,345	25,541,105

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Notes to the financial statements

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

1.1 Basis of preparation

These consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of Spinola Development Company Limited and its subsidiaries. The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the EU and the requirements of the Maltese Companies Act, 1995. They have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the fair valuation of the non-current asset category of property, plant and equipment except as disclosed in the accounting policies below.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRSs as adopted by the EU requires the use of certain accounting estimates. It also requires directors to exercise their judgement in the process of applying the group's accounting policies (Note 3 - Critical accounting estimates and judgements).

The directors have concluded that at the time of approving these financial statements the group's business is considered to be a going concern and the group is able to meet its obligations as they fall due (Note 25).

Standards, interpretations and amendments to published standards effective in 2019

In 2019, the group adopted new standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards that are mandatory for the group's accounting period beginning on 1 January 2019. The adoption of these revisions to the requirements of IFRSs as adopted by the EU did not result in substantial changes to the group's accounting policies impacting the group's financial performance and position.

The adoption IFRS 16 did not have any impact on the group's accounting policies and did not require retrospective adjustments.

Standards, interpretations and amendments to published standards that are not yet effective

Certain new standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards have been published by the date of authorisation for issue of these financial statements that are mandatory for the group's accounting periods beginning after 1 January 2019. The group has not early adopted these revisions to the requirements of IFRSs as adopted by the EU.

The directors are of the opinion that there are no requirements that will have a possible significant impact on the group's financial statements in the period of initial application.

1. Summary of significant accounting policies - continued

1.2 Consolidation

Subsidiaries are all entities (including special purpose entities) over which the group has the power to govern the financial and operating policies generally accompanying a shareholding of more than one half of the voting rights. The existence and effect of potential voting rights that are currently exercisable or convertible are considered when assessing whether the group controls another entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the group. They are de-consolidated from the date that control ceases.

The group applies the acquisition method of accounting to account for business combinations. The consideration transferred for the acquisition of a subsidiary is the fair values of the assets transferred, the liabilities incurred to the former owners of the acquiree and the equity interests issued by the group. The consideration transferred includes the fair value of any asset or liability resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement. Acquisition-related costs are expensed as incurred. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed (identifiable net assets) in a business combination are measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date. On an acquisition-by-acquisition basis, the group recognises any non-controlling interest in the acquiree either at fair value or at the non-controlling interest's proportionate share of the recognised amounts of the acquiree's identifiable net assets.

Goodwill is initially measured as the excess of the consideration transferred, the amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquiree and the acquisition-date fair value of any previous equity interest in the acquiree over the fair value of the group's share of the identifiable net assets acquired. If this is less than the fair value of the net identifiable assets of the subsidiary acquired in the case of a bargain purchase, the difference is recognised directly in profit or loss (Note 1.6)

Inter-company transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between group companies are eliminated. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the group.

In the company's separate financial statements, investments in subsidiaries are accounted for by the cost method of accounting, that is at cost less impairment. Cost includes directly attributable costs of the investments. Provisions are recorded where, in the opinion of the directors, there is an impairment in value. Where there has been an impairment in the value of an investment, it is recognised as an expense in the period in which the diminution is identified. The results of subsidiaries are reflected in the company's separate financial statements only to the extent of dividends receivable. On disposal of an investment, the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount is charged or credited to profit or loss.

A listing of the subsidiaries is set out in Note 6 to the consolidated financial statements.

1.3 Foreign currency translation

(a) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in these financial statements of each of the group's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ('the functional currency'). The financial statements are presented in euro which is the group's and company's functional and presentation currency.

1. Summary of significant accounting policies - continued

1.3 Foreign currency translation - continued

(b) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions or valuation where items are remeasured. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in profit or loss.

All foreign exchange gains and losses are presented in the income statements within 'administrative expenses'.

1.4 Property, plant and equipment

All property, plant and equipment is initially recorded at historical cost. Land and buildings, are shown at fair value based on periodic valuations by qualified valuers, less subsequent depreciation for buildings. Valuations are carried out on a regular basis such that the carrying amount of property does not differ materially from that which would be determined using fair values at the end of the reporting period. Any accumulated depreciation at the date of revaluation is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset, and the net amount is restated to the revalued amount of the asset. All other property, plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less depreciation and impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of items. Borrowing costs which are incurred for the purpose of acquiring or constructing a qualifying asset are capitalised as part of its cost. Borrowing costs are capitalised while acquisition or construction is actively underway. Capitalisation of borrowing costs is ceased once the asset is substantially complete, and is suspended if the development of the asset is suspended.

Land and buildings is shown at market value, based on valuations by qualified valuers. Valuations are carried out periodically when the directors consider it appropriate to do so such that the carrying amount of land does not differ materially from that which would be determined using fair values at the statement of financial position date. Office, hotel and ancillary operational mechanical and electrical equipment, furniture, fixtures and operational equipment are stated at historical cost less depreciation. Assets in course of construction are not depreciated.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount, or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the group, and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to profit or loss during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Increases in the carrying amount arising on revaluation are credited to other comprehensive income and shown as a revaluation reserve in shareholders' equity. Decreases that offset previous increases of the same asset are charged against the revaluation reserve directly in equity. All other decreases are charged to profit or loss. Each year the difference between depreciation based on the revalued carrying amount of the asset charged to profit or loss and depreciation based on the asset's original cost is transferred from the revaluation reserve to retained earnings.

1. Summary of significant accounting policies - continued

1.4 Property, plant and equipment - continued

Freehold land is not depreciated as they are deemed to have an indefinite life. Depreciation on other assets is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate their cost to their residual values over their estimated useful lives as follows:

	%
Buildings	2 - 14
Mechanical and electrical equipment	5 - 25
Furniture, fixtures and operational equipment	7 - 50

The assets' residual values and useful lives are revalued, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount (Note 1.6).

Gains and losses on disposal of property, plant and equipment are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in profit or loss. When a revalued asset is sold, the amount is included in the revaluation reserve relating to the asset and is transferred to retained earnings.

1.5 Investment property

Investment property, principally comprising floors in the Portomaso Business Tower and commercial outlets, are held for long-term rental yields and are not occupied by the group.

The group adopts the cost model under IAS 40, 'Investment property', whereby investment property is stated in the statement of financial position at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items. Borrowing costs which are incurred for the purpose of acquiring or constructing a qualifying investment property are capitalised as part of its cost. Borrowing costs are capitalised while acquisition or construction is actively underway. Capitalisation of borrowing costs is ceased once the asset is substantially complete and is suspended if the development of the asset is suspended.

Subsequent expenditure is capitalised to the asset's carrying amount only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the expenditure will flow to the group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance costs are charged to profit or loss during the financial period in which they are incurred. When part of an investment property is replaced, the carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised.

Land is not depreciated as it is deemed to have an indefinite life. The capitalised costs of buildings is depreciated using the straight-line method over a maximum of one hundred years at most, in accordance with their useful lives. Useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

The fair value of these properties is disclosed in the financial statements and is based on active market prices, taking into consideration the nature, location or condition of the specific asset. These valuations are revised annually by the directors. A property's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if its carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount (Note 1.6).

1. Summary of significant accounting policies - continued

1.5 Investment property - continued

Investment properties are derecognised either when they have been disposed of or when the investment property is permanently withdrawn from use and no future economic benefit is expected from its disposal. Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with carrying amount and are recognised in profit or loss.

If an investment property becomes owner-occupied, it is reclassified as property, plant and equipment. Its cost and accumulated amortisation at the date of the reclassification becomes its cost and accumulated depreciation for subsequent accounting purposes. When the group decides to dispose of an investment property without development, the group continues to treat the property as an investment property. Similarly, if the group begins to redevelop an existing investment property for continued future use as investment property, it remains an investment property during the redevelopment.

If an item of property, plant and equipment becomes an investment property because its use has changed, its cost and accumulated depreciation at the date of reclassification becomes its cost and accumulated amortisation for subsequent accounting purposes.

Where an investment property undergoes a change in use, evidenced by commencement of development with a view to sale, the property is transferred to inventories. A property's deemed cost for subsequent accounting inventories is its carrying amount at the date of change in use

1.6 Impairment of non-financial assets

Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to amortisation and are tested annually for impairment. Assets that are subject to amortisation or depreciation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash-generating units). Non-financial assets that suffered an impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at the end of each reporting period.

1.7 Financial assets

Classification

The group classifies its financial assets as financial assets measured at amortised costs. The classification depends on the entity's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual terms of the cash flows. The group classifies its financial assets at amortised cost only if both the following criteria are met:

- The asset is held within a business model whose objective is to collect the contractual cash flows, and
- The contractual terms give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest.

1. Summary of significant accounting policies - continued

1.7 Financial assets - continued

Classification - continued

Assessment whether contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest.

For the purposes of this assessment, 'principal' is defined as the fair value of the financial asset on initial recognition. 'Interest' is defined as consideration for the time value of money and for the credit risk associated with the principal amount outstanding during a particular period of time and for other basic lending risks and costs (e.g. liquidity risk and administrative costs), as well as a profit margin.

In assessing whether the contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest, the group considers the contractual terms of the instrument. This includes assessing whether the financial asset contains a contractual term that could change the timing or amount of contractual cash flows such that it would not meet this condition.

Recognition and measurement

Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on the trade date, which is the date on which the group commits to purchase or sell the asset. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or have been transferred and the group has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

At initial recognition, the group measures a financial asset at its fair value plus, in the case of a financial asset not at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL), transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the financial asset.

Interest income on debt instruments measured at amortised cost from these financial assets is included in finance income using the effective interest rate method. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of these instruments is recognised directly in profit or loss and presented in other gains/(losses) together with foreign exchange gains and losses. Impairment losses are presented as a separate line item in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

Impairment

The group assesses on a forward-looking basis the expected credit losses (ECL) associated with its debt instruments carried at amortised cost. The impairment methodology applied depends on whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk. The group's financial assets are subject to the expected credit loss model.

Expected credit loss model

The group measures loss allowances at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs, except for the following, which are measured at 12-month ECLs:

- debt securities that are determined to have low credit risk at the reporting date; and
- other debt securities and bank balances for which credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition.

1. Summary of significant accounting policies - continued

1.7 Financial assets - continued

Impairment - continued

Expected credit loss model - continued

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition and when estimating ECLs, the group considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. The group assumes that the credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly if it is more than 30 days past due, and it considers a financial asset to be in default when the borrower is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the group in full, without recourse by the group to actions such as realising security (if any is held); or the financial asset is more than 90 days past due.

Lifetime ECLs are the ECLs that result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument. 12-month ECLs are the portion of ECLs that result from default events that are possible within the 12 months after the reporting date (or a shorter period if the expected life of the instrument is less than 12 months). The maximum period considered when estimating ECLs is the maximum contractual period over which the group is exposed to credit risk.

ECLs are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses. Credit losses are measured as the present value of all cash shortfalls. ECLs are discounted at the effective interest rate of the financial asset.

At each reporting date, the group assesses whether financial assets carried at amortised cost are credit-impaired. A financial asset is 'credit-impaired' when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred. Evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired includes observable data such as significant financial difficulty of the borrower or issuer, or a breach of contract such as a default or being more than 90 days past due.

Loss allowances for financial assets measured at amortised cost are deducted from the gross carrying amount of the assets.

Simplified approach model

For trade receivables, the group applies the simplified approach required by IFRS 9, which requires expected lifetime losses to be recognised from initial recognition of the receivables.

The expected loss rates are based on the payment profiles of sales over a period of 12 months before 31 December, respectively, and the corresponding historical credit losses experienced within this period. The historical loss rates are adjusted to reflect current and forward-looking information on macroeconomic factors affecting the liability of the customers to settle the receivable. Trade receivables are written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. Indicators that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery include, among others, the probability of insolvency or significant financial difficulties of the debtor. Impaired debts are derecognised when they are assessed as uncollectible.

1. Summary of significant accounting policies - continued

1.8 Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value, and include transport and handling costs, determined on a weighted average basis. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less applicable selling expenses.

Property held for development and resale

When the main object of a property project is the development for resale purposes, the asset is classified in the financial statements as inventory. Any elements of the project which are identified for business operation or long-term investments properties are transferred at their carrying amount or fair value to property, plant and equipment or investment property when such identification is made and the cost thereof can be reliably segregated.

The development property is carried at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The purchase cost of acquiring the property represents the cash equivalent value of the contracted price. In case of land previously held as tangible non-current assets, the transfer value is the carrying value of the land as last revalued prior to its transfer to inventories.

Cost comprises the purchase cost of acquiring the property together with other costs incurred during its subsequent development by specifically identifying the cost of individual items including:

- The costs incurred on development works and construction works in progress, including demolition, site clearance, excavation, construction and acquisition costs, together with the expenses incidental to acquisition and costs of ancillary activities such as site security;
- The cost of various design and other studies conducted in connection with the project, together with all other expenses incurred in connection therewith;
- Any borrowing costs, including imputed interests, attributable to the development phases of the property project;
- Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less the costs of completion and selling expenses.

Gains and losses on disposal of property inventories are determined by reference to their carrying amount and are taken into account in determining gross profit. On disposal of a revalued asset, amounts in the revaluation reserve relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

1. Summary of significant accounting policies - continued

1.9 Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables comprise amounts due from customers for property sold or services performed and rendered in the ordinary course of the group's business. If collection is expected in one year or less (or in the normal operating cycle of the business if longer), they are classified as current assets. If not, they are presented as non-current assets.

Trade and other receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less expected credit loss allowance (Note 1.7).

The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of an allowance account, and the amount of the loss is recognised in profit or loss within cost of sales and administrative expenses. When a receivable is uncollectible, it is written off against the allowance account for trade and other receivables. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against profit or loss.

1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are carried in the statement of financial position at face value. In the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are included within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.11 Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

1.12 Financial liabilities

The Group recognises a financial liability in its statement of financial position when it becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. The Group's financial liabilities, other than derivative contracts, are classified as financial liabilities measured at amortised cost, i.e. not at fair value through profit or loss under IFRS 9. Financial liabilities not at fair value through profit or loss are recognised initially at fair value, being the fair value of consideration received, net of transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or the issue of the financial liability. These liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost. The Group derecognises a financial liability from its statement of financial position when the obligation specified in the contract or arrangement is discharged, is cancelled or expires.

1.13 Trade and other payables

Trade payables comprise obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less (or in the normal operating cycle of the business if longer). If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade and other payables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1. Summary of significant accounting policies - continued

1.14 Borrowings

Borrowings are recognised initially at the fair value of proceeds received, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost; any difference between proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption value is recognised in profit or loss over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method. Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the group has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the end of the reporting period.

Issue costs incurred in connection with the issue of the secured bonds and loans from fellow subsidiaries include mainly arraignment, manager fees and professional fees.

1.15 Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the statement of financial position when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

1.16 Current and deferred tax

The tax expense for the period comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the profit or loss, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. In this case, the tax is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity.

Current tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the end of the reporting period, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred tax is recognised, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. However, deferred tax is not accounted for if it arises from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction other than a business combination that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss. Deferred tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period and are expected to apply when the related deferred tax asset is realised or the deferred tax liability is settled.

Under this method the group is required to make provision for deferred income taxes on the revaluation of certain property assets on the difference between the carrying values or financial reporting purposes and their tax base. Such deferred tax is charged or credited directly to the reserve.

Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when the deferred income tax assets and liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the taxable entity or different taxable entities where there is an intention to settle the balances on a net basis.

1. Summary of significant accounting policies - continued

1.17 Provisions

Provisions for legal claims are recognised when the group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation, and the amount has been reliably estimated. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

Provisions are measured at the present value of the expenditures expected to be required to settle the obligation using a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the obligation. The increase in the provision due to passage of time is recognised as finance costs.

1.18 Revenue recognition

Revenues include all revenues from the ordinary business activities of the group. Ordinary activities do not only refer to the core business but also to other recurring sales of goods or rendering of services. Revenues are recorded net of value added tax. The group's business includes property sales, property rentals and sales of services in the hospitality industry, carpark, marina, tower bar and complex management operations.

(a) Sale of goods and services

Revenues are recognised in accordance with the provision of goods or services, provided that collectability of the consideration is probable.

IFRS 15 requires that at contract inception the goods or services promised in a contract with a customer are assessed and each promise to transfer to the customer the good or service is identified as a performance obligation. Promises in a contract can be explicit or implicit if the promises create a valid expectation to provide a good or service based on the customary business practices, published policies, or specific statements.

A contract asset must be recognised if the group's recorded revenue for fulfilment of a contractual performance obligation before the customer paid consideration or before – irrespective of when payment is due – the requirements for billing and thus the recognition of a receivable exist. The group classifies a contract asset as accrued income.

A contract liability must be recognised when the customer paid consideration or a receivable from the customer is due before the group fulfilled a contractual performance obligation and thus recognised revenue. The group classifies the contract liabilities as advanced deposits or deferred income.

IFRS 15 provides more detailed guidance on how to account for contract modifications. Changes must be accounted for either as a retrospective change (creating either a catch up or deferral of previously recorded revenues), prospectively with a reallocation of revenues amongst identified performance obligations, or prospectively as separate contracts which will not require any reallocation.

1. Summary of significant accounting policies - continued

1.18 Revenue recognition - continued

(a) Sale of goods and services - continued

Property sales

The group develops and sells properties for commercial and residential purposes. Revenue is recognised when control over the property has been transferred to the client. The properties have generally no alternative use for the group after legal title has passed to the customer due to contractual restrictions. An enforceable right to payment does not arise until legal title has passed to the customer. These transactions generally relate to property delivered in a finished state. The period for execution of these transaction generally exceeds 12 months but rarely goes beyond 24 months. The group considers the conditions set in the property transfer contract which includes the transfer of the title of the property and all the related building and finishes as one performance obligation. This is because the goods or services provided by the group are not separately identifiable from other promises in the contract. In effect, the customer expects and has contracted to receive the property in a finished state. Although the goods or services received by the customer from the group are capable of being distinct (for e.g. the overall management of the project, site preparation, construction, plumbing, electrical services and other finishing), these are all be combined into one performance obligation.

The group recognises revenue from the point in time when the legal title has passed to the customer until all the contractual performance obligation are executed and delivered. Generally, the entity's performance creates or enhances an asset that the customer controls as the asset is created or enhanced. The client controls the asset upon the transfer of property title. Therefore, as the finishing works are being performed by the group, it is the customer who controls the assets being created from such works. In measuring revenue over time, management measures its progress towards complete satisfaction of that performance obligation, in order to determine the timing of revenue recognition. The purpose of measuring progress towards satisfaction of a performance obligation is to recognise revenue in a pattern that reflects the transfer of control of the promised good or service to the customer.

On the allocation of the total contract transaction price to identified portions of performance obligations, a portion of the total transaction price can be allocated to performance obligations portions that are unsatisfied or partially satisfied at the end of the reporting period. These are referred to as unfulfilled performance obligations and are the goods or services that the group is obliged to provide to clients and customers during the remaining fixed term of the contract.

The revenue is measured at the transaction price agreed under the contract and the consideration is due when legal title has been transferred. In most cases, this give rise to contract liabilities in the form of advance deposits for portion of the performance obligations not yet executed by the group at the date of the contract. While deferred payment terms may be agreed in rare circumstances, the deferral never exceeds twelve months. The transaction price is therefore not adjusted for the effects of a significant financing component.

1. Summary of significant accounting policies - continued

1.18 Revenue recognition - continued

(a) Sale of goods and services - continued

Property sales - continued

The group does not consider costs to fulfil contracts to be significant as costs in connection with property sales will generally fall within the scope of IAS 2 – Inventories until disposal of the asset, at which stage the asset recognised from capitalising the costs to obtain or fulfil a contract is amortised on a systematic basis consistent with the pattern of the transfer of the goods or services to which the asset relates. Since the performance obligation will be satisfied over time, the group release these costs using a method consistent with the method used to measure progress and recognise revenue. The assumptions underlying the period over which the costs are expensed are periodically reviewed and adjusted in line with observations. Termination of the contractual relationship with the customer results in the immediate expensing of the remaining deferred costs. Where the carrying amount of deferred costs exceeds the remaining consideration expected to be received for the transfer of the related goods and services, less expected costs relating directly to the transfer of these goods and services still to be incurred, the excess amount is similarly immediately expensed.

Sales of services in the hospitality activity

Revenue from services is generally recognised in the accounting period in which the services are rendered, by reference to completion of the specific transaction assessed on the basis of the actual service provided as a proportion of the total services to be provided. Revenue arising on hospitality activities are recognised when the service is performed and goods are supplied. Revenue is usually in cash, credit card or on credit. The recorded revenue includes credit card fees payable for the transaction.

Sales of goods - retail

Sales of goods are recognised when the group has delivered products to the customer and there is no unfulfilled obligation that could affect the customer's acceptance of the products. Delivery does not occur until the risks of obsolescence and loss have been transferred to the customer, and the customer has accepted the products. Retail sales are usually in cash or by credit card. The recorded revenue includes credit card fees payable for the transaction. Such fees are included in finance costs. Restaurant and bar sales are recognised upon performance of the service.

Sales of services

Sales of services including income from marina, car park and complex management are recognised in the accounting period in which the services are provided, by reference to completion of the specific transaction assessed on the basis of the actual service provided as a proportion of the total services to be provided.

Financing

The group does not expect to have any contracts where the period between the transfer of the promised goods or services to the customer and payment by the customer exceeds one year. As a consequence, the group does not adjust any of the transaction prices for the time value of money.

1. Summary of significant accounting policies - continued

1.18 Revenue recognition - continued

(b) Property rentals and related income

Rentals receivable, short-term lets receivable and premia charged to tenants of immovable property are recognised in the period when the property is occupied. Premia are taken to the income statement over the period of the leases to which they relate.

(c) Dividend income

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive payment is established.

1.19 Contract assets and liabilities

The timing of revenue recognition may differ from customer invoicing. Trade receivables presented in the statement of financial position represent an unconditional right to receive consideration (primarily cash), i.e. the services and goods promised to the customer have been transferred.

By contrast, contract assets mainly refer to amounts allocated per IFRS 15 as compensation for goods or services provided to customers for which the right to collect payment is subject to providing other services or goods under that same contract. These assets are classified and disclosed as accrued income.

Contract liabilities represent amounts paid by customers before receiving the goods and/or services promised in the contract. This is typically the case for advances received from clients or amounts invoiced and paid for goods or services not transferred yet, such as contracts payable in advance. These liabilities are classified and disclosed as advanced deposits or deferred income.

1.20 Institutional grants

Grants that compensate the company for expenses incurred are recognised in the income statement on a systematic basis in the same reporting periods in which the expenses are incurred. This compensation is disclosed in the same reporting line as the related expense.

Institutional grants are recognised in the statement of financial position initially as deferred income when there is reasonable assurance that they will be received and that the group will comply with the conditions attaching to them.

Grants that compensate the company for the cost of an asset are recognised in the income statement on a systematic basis over the useful life of the asset to match the depreciation charge. Capital grants are recorded as deferred income and released to the income statement over the estimated life of the related assets.

1. Summary of significant accounting policies - continued

1.21 Finance income and costs

Finance income and costs are recognised in profit or loss for all interest-bearing instruments on an accrual basis using the effective interest method.

When a receivable is impaired, the group reduces the carrying amount to its recoverable amount, being the estimated future cash flows discounted at the original effective interest rate of the instrument, and continues unwinding the discount as interest income. Interest income on impaired loans is recognised using the original effective interest rate. Finance costs includes the effect of amortising any difference between net proceeds and redemption value in respect of the group's borrowings.

1.22 Operating leases

Where the group is a lessor

Assets leased out under operating leases are included in investment property in the statement of financial position. They are depreciated over their expected useful lives on a basis consistent with similar owned investment property. Rental income is recognised as it accrues, unless collectability is in doubt. The Group did not need to make any adjustments to the accounting for assets held as lessor as a result of the adoption of the new leasing standard.

1.23 Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs which are incurred for the purpose of acquiring or constructing qualifying property, plant and equipment, investment property or property held for development and resale are capitalised as part of its cost. Borrowing costs are capitalised while acquisition or construction is actively underway, during the period of time that is required to complete and prepare the asset for its intended use. Capitalisation of borrowing costs is ceased once the asset is substantially complete and is suspended if the development of the asset is suspended. All other borrowing costs are expensed. Borrowing costs are recognised for all interest-bearing instruments on an accrual basis using the effective interest method. Interest costs include the effect of amortising any difference between initial net proceeds and redemption value in respect of the group's interest-bearing borrowings.

1.24 Dividend distribution

Dividend distribution to the company's shareholders is recognised as a liability in the group's and company's financial statements in the period in which the dividends are approved by the company's shareholders.

2. Financial risk management

2.1 Financial risk factors

The group's activities potentially expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including currency risk, fair value interest rate risk and cash flow interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The group's overall risk management, covering risk exposures for all subsidiaries focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the group's financial performance.

The board of directors provides principles for overall group risk management, as well as policies covering risks referred to above and specific areas such as investment of excess liquidity. Risk management is carried out by a central treasury department (group treasury) under policies approved by the board of directors. The group did not make use of derivative financial instruments to hedge certain risk exposures during the current and preceding financial years.

(a) Market risk

(i) Foreign exchange risk

Foreign exchange risk arises from future commercial transactions and recognised assets and liabilities which are denominated in a currency that is not the respective group's functional currency.

The group is exposed to foreign exchange risk arising primarily from the group's purchases, a part of which are denominated in the US dollar. Management does not consider foreign exchange risk attributable to recognised liabilities arising from purchase transactions to be significant since balances are settled within very short periods in accordance with the negotiated credit terms. Also foreign exchange risk attributable to future transactions is not deemed to be material since the group manages the risk by reflecting, as far as is practicable, the impact of exchange rate movements registered with respect to purchases in the respective sales prices.

All the group's loans and receivables, cash and cash equivalent and borrowings are denominated in euro.

Accordingly, a sensitivity analysis for foreign exchange risk disclosing how profit or loss and equity would have been affected by changes in foreign exchange rates that were reasonably possible at the end of reporting year is not deemed necessary.

(ii) Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

The group does not have significant interest-bearing assets, and its income and operating cash flows are substantially independent of changes in market interest rates. The group's interest rate risk arises from long-term borrowings. Borrowings issued at variable rates, comprising bank borrowings (Note 12), expose the group to cash flow interest rate risk. The group's borrowings are subject to an interest rate that varies according to revisions made to the Bank's Base Rate. Management monitors the level of floating rate borrowings as a measure of cash flow risk taken on. Borrowings issued at fixed rates, consisting primarily of loans from fellow subsidiaries which are carried at amortised cost (Note 12) and therefore do not expose the group to cash flow and fair value interest rate risk.

Based on the above, management considers the potential impact on profit or loss of a defined interest rate shift that is reasonably possible at the end of the reporting period to be immaterial.

2. Financial risk management - continued

2.1 Financial risk factors - continued

(b) Credit risk

Credit risk principally arises from cash and cash equivalents comprising deposits with financial institutions, and loans and advances to related parties, as well as credit exposures to clients and customers, including outstanding receivables and committed transactions. The group's and the company's principal exposures to credit risk as at the end of the reporting period are analysed as follows and is equivalent to their carrying amount as disclosed in the respective notes to the financial statements. The figures disclosed in the table below in respect of trade and other receivables exclude prepayments and advance payments on projects:

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the end of the reporting period was:

	Group		Company	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	€	€	€	€
Carrying amounts				
Financial assets measured at amortised cost				
Trade and other receivables (Note 7)	16,637,550	40,820,985	14,898,263	39,129,665
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 9)	28,613,661	25,598,993	28,119,345	25,541,105
	45,251,211	66,419,978	43,017,608	64,670,770

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the end of the reporting period in respect of the trade receivables by type of customer was:

	Group		Company	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	€	€	€	€
Property development and management	4,619,161	6,864,116	3,735,675	5,943,032
Hospitality	1,347,496	1,375,369	1,347,496	1,375,369
	5,966,657	8,239,485	5,083,171	7,318,401

The group and the company holds collateral as security for the receivables within the property related sector for an amount of €2,967,172 (2018: €5,692,472).

2. Financial risk management - continued

2.1 Financial risk factors - continued

(b) Credit risk - continued

Trade and other receivables (including contract assets)

The group assesses the credit quality of its trade customers, the majority of which are unrated, taking into account financial position, past experience and other factors. The group's exposure to credit risk is influenced mainly by the individual characteristics of each customer. It has policies in place to ensure that sales of goods and services are effected to customers with an appropriate credit history. Standard credit terms are in place for individual clients, however, wherever possible, new corporate customers are analysed individually for creditworthiness before the group's standard payment and service delivery terms and conditions are offered. The creditworthiness analysis for new customers includes a review through external sources when available. The group monitors the performance of its trade and other receivables on a regular basis to identify incurred collection losses, which are inherent in the group's debtors, taking into account historical experience in collection of accounts receivable.

In view of the nature of the group's activities and the market in which it operates, a limited number of customers account for a certain percentage of the group's trade and other receivables. Whilst no individual customer or group of dependent customers is considered by management as a significant concentration of credit risk with respect to contractual debts, these exposures are monitored and reported more frequently and rigorously. These customers trade frequently with the respective group undertakings and are deemed by management to have positive credit standing, usually taking cognisance of the performance history without defaults.

The group manages credit limits and exposures actively in a practicable manner such that past due amounts receivable from customers are within controlled parameters. The group's trade and other receivables, which are not credit impaired financial assets, are principally debts in respect of transactions with customers for whom there is no recent history of default. Management does not expect any significant losses from non-performance by these customers.

Impairment of trade and other receivables (including contract assets)

The group applies the IFRS 9 simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses which uses a lifetime expected loss allowance for all trade receivables and contract assets.

To measure the expected credit losses, trade receivables and contract assets have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due. Contract assets have substantially the same risk characteristics as the trade receivables for the same types of contracts. The group has therefore concluded that the expected loss rates for trade receivables are a reasonable approximation of the loss rates for contract assets.

2. Financial risk management - continued

2.1 Financial risk factors - continued

(b) *Credit risk* - continued

Impairment of trade and other receivables (including contract assets) - continued

The expected loss rates are based on the payment profiles of sales over a period of time before the reporting date and the corresponding historical credit losses experienced within this period. The historical loss rates are adjusted to reflect current and forward-looking information on macroeconomic factors affecting the ability of the customers to settle the receivables. The group adjusts the historical loss rates based on expected changes in these factors. On that basis, the loss allowance for the group and the company as at 31 December 2019 amounted to €393,206 and €125,415 and 1 January 2019 amounted to €303,329 and €151,274. This assessment did not give rise to material difference upon the adoption of IFRS 9. No further analysis of these loss allowances have been disclosed in these financial statements as the overall allowances are not deemed material in the context of the group's financial position and performance.

The group established an allowance for impairment that represented its estimate of expected credit losses in respect of trade and other receivables. The individually credit impaired trade receivables mainly relate to a number of independent customers which are in unexpectedly difficult economic situations and which are accordingly not meeting repayment obligations. Hence, provisions for impairment in respect of credit impaired balances with corporate trade customers relate to entities which are in adverse trading and operational circumstances. Reversals of provisions for impairment of credit impaired receivables arise in those situations where customers recover from unfavourable circumstances and accordingly start meeting repayment obligations. The group and the company do not hold any significant collateral as security in respect of the credit impaired assets.

Trade receivables and contract assets are written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. Indicators that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery include, amongst others, the failure of a debtor to engage in a repayment plan with the group, and a failure to make contractual payments for a period of greater than 180 days past due.

Impairment losses on trade receivables and contract assets are presented as net impairment losses within operating profit. Subsequent recoveries of amounts written off are credited against the same line item.

Cash and cash equivalents

The group principally banks with local and European financial institutions with high-quality standing or rating.

While cash and cash equivalents are also subject to the impairment requirements of IFRS 9, the identified impairment loss is insignificant.

2. Financial risk management - continued

2.1 Financial risk factors - continued

(b) Credit risk - continued

Loans receivable from subsidiaries and amounts due from subsidiaries

The group and the company's receivables include loans receivable from subsidiaries and fellow subsidiaries (Notes 7 and 13). The group monitors intra-group credit exposures at individual entity level on a regular basis and ensures timely performance of these assets in the context of overall group liquidity management. The group assesses the credit quality of these related parties taking into account financial position, performance and other factors. The group takes cognisance of the related party relationship with these entities and management does not expect any significant losses from non-performance or default.

Loans receivable from subsidiary are categorised as Stage 1 for IFRS 9 purposes (i.e. performing) in view of the factors highlighted above. The expected credit loss allowances on such loans are based on the 12-month probability of default, capturing 12-month expected losses and hence are considered insignificant.

(c) Liquidity risk

The group is exposed to liquidity risk in relation to meeting future obligations associated with its financial liabilities, which comprise principally 'trade and other payables' and 'interest-bearing borrowings' (Notes 13 and 12). Prudent liquidity risk management includes maintaining sufficient cash and committed credit lines to ensure the availability of an adequate amount of funding to meet the group's obligations.

Management monitors liquidity risk by means of cash flow forecasts on the basis of expected cash flows over a twelve month period detailed by the group segments to ensure that no additional financing facilities are expected to be required over the coming year.

Moreover, annual detailed cash flow projections are prepared to assess the matching of cash inflows and outflows arising from expected maturities of financial instruments. The group manages its liquidity risk through this continuous assessment, coupled with the group's committed borrowing facilities (that it can access) to meet liquidity needs as referred to previously.

The carrying amounts of the group's assets and liabilities are analysed into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the statement of financial position to the contractual maturity date in the respective notes to the financial statements.

The following table analyses the group's and company's financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the statement of financial position to the contractual maturity date.

2. Financial risk management - continued

2.1 Financial risk factors - continued

(c) Liquidity risk - continued

The amounts disclosed in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows. Balances due within twelve months equal their carrying balances, as the impact of discounting is not significant.

Group	Carrying amount €	Contractual cash flows €	Within one year €	One to five years €	Over five years €
31 December 2019					
Bank borrowings	4,857,140	5,241,061	1,464,257	3,776,804	-
Loans from fellow subsidiary	49,793,151	63,819,144	2,243,630	33,421,678	28,153,836
Trade and other payables	22,669,416	22,669,416	22,669,416	-	-
	77,319,707	91,729,621	26,377,303	37,198,482	28,153,836
31 December 2018					
Bank borrowings	6,142,855	6,765,409	1,524,348	5,241,061	-
Loans from fellow subsidiary	49,763,312	66,056,644	2,237,500	8,956,130	54,863,014
Trade and other payables	18,185,770	18,185,770	18,185,770	-	-
	74,091,937	91,007,823	21,947,618	14,197,191	54,863,014
Company					
	Carrying amount €	Contractual cash flows €	Within one year €	One to five years €	Over five years €
31 December 2019					
Bank borrowings	4,857,140	5,241,061	1,464,257	3,776,804	-
Loans from fellow subsidiary	49,793,151	63,819,144	2,243,630	33,421,678	28,153,836
Trade and other payables	23,629,235	23,629,235	23,629,235	-	-
	78,279,526	92,689,440	27,337,122	37,198,482	28,153,836
31 December 2018					
Bank borrowings	6,142,855	6,765,409	1,524,348	5,241,061	-
Loans from fellow subsidiary	49,763,312	66,056,644	2,237,500	8,956,130	54,863,014
Trade and other payables	18,958,608	18,958,608	18,958,608	-	-
	74,864,775	91,780,661	22,720,456	14,197,191	54,863,014

2. Financial risk management - continued

2.2 Capital risk management

The capital of the group is managed with a view of maintaining a controlled relationship between capital and structural borrowings in order to maintain an optimal capital structure which reduces the cost of capital. To maintain or adjust its capital structure, the group may adjust the amount of dividends paid to shareholders, issue new shares or sell assets to reduce debt.

The group monitors capital on the basis of the gearing ratio. This ratio is calculated as structural borrowings divided by total capital.

Total capital is measured by reference to the amounts reflected in the consolidated financial statements where the property, plant and equipment are stated at revalued amounts that are regularly assessed and updated as necessary. Reported equity is adjusted for fair value surplus (net of deferred tax) over the notional carrying amount of investment property.

Furthermore, the group has not taken account of potential fair value surpluses related to a number of undeveloped properties within its inventory portfolio. These properties comprise namely, the Halland land and the directium dominium related to the Portomaso land. The directors consider the potential increase over the recorded base cost from the respective revaluations as latent equity which will be realized when the respective property earning potential is crystalized.

Structural borrowings include all interest bearing borrowings stated net of any funds made available for the repayment of such liabilities. Borrowings include loans from a fellow subsidiary (Tumas Investments p.l.c.) whose unsecured bonds and bank borrowings are secured and guaranteed by the company.

The gearing ratios at 31 December 2019 and 2018 were as follows:

	Group	
	2019	2018
	€	€
Total borrowings (Note 12)	54,650,291	55,906,167
Less: Cash and cash equivalents (Note 9)	(28,613,661)	(25,598,993)
Less: Group treasury funds (Note 7)	(1,610,000)	(11,756,380)
Net borrowings	24,426,630	18,550,794
Reported equity	131,548,223	154,483,225
Adjustment for fair value on investment property	24,497,109	23,493,137
Total equity	156,045,332	177,976,362
Total capital	180,471,962	196,527,156
Gearing	14%	9%

2. Financial risk management - continued

2.3 Fair values of financial instruments

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market is determined by using valuation techniques. The group uses as a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at the end of each reporting period. Refer to Note 4 for details of such techniques.

Financial instruments not carried at fair values

The carrying amounts of cash at bank, trade receivables (net of impairment provisions), payables and borrowings are assumed to approximate their fair values. The fair value of financial liabilities for disclosure purposes is estimated by discounting the future contractual cash flows at the current market interest rate that is available to the group for similar financial instruments.

As at the end of the reporting period, the fair values of financial assets and liabilities, approximate the carrying amounts shown in the statement of financial position.

3. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and based on historical experience and other factors including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

In the opinion of the directors, the accounting estimates and judgements made in the course of preparing these financial statements are not difficult, subjective or complex to a degree which would warrant their description as critical in terms of the requirements of IAS 1.

As referred to in Note 4 to the financial statements, the group's and company's land and buildings category of property, plant and equipment was re-valued on 31 December 2019 by the directors on the basis of professional advice, which considers forecasted net potential returns for the property.

4. Property, plant and equipment

Group and Company	Land and buildings €	Assets not yet commissioned €	Mechanical and electrical equipment €	Furniture, fixtures and operational equipment €	Total €
Year ended 31 December 2018					
Opening net book amount	81,499,306	276,374	10,996,813	11,099,071	103,871,564
Commissioned assets and additions	1,867,435	351,221	381,838	1,142,005	3,742,499
Disposals	(10,192)	-	-	(28,992)	(39,184)
Depreciation charge	(1,573,589)	-	(1,630,011)	(1,800,990)	(5,004,590)
Revaluation surplus (Note 11)	62,989,000	-	-	-	62,989,000
Depreciation released on disposal	788	-	-	2,029	2,817
Closing net book amount	144,772,748	627,595	9,748,640	10,413,123	165,562,106
At 31 December 2018					
Cost or valuation	144,772,748	627,595	30,513,955	24,219,837	200,134,135
Accumulated depreciation	-	-	(20,765,315)	(13,806,714)	(34,572,029)
Net book amount	144,772,748	627,595	9,748,640	10,413,123	165,562,106
Year ended 31 December 2019					
Opening net book amount	144,772,748	627,595	9,748,640	10,413,123	165,562,106
Commissioned assets and additions	518,961	(570,860)	349,079	2,381,805	2,678,985
Disposals	(746,423)	-	(655,567)	(2,973,984)	(4,375,974)
Depreciation charge	(2,601,391)	-	(1,602,591)	(1,871,256)	(6,075,238)
Depreciation released on disposal	762,102	-	646,803	2,953,113	4,362,018
Closing net book amount	142,705,997	56,735	8,486,364	10,902,801	162,151,897
At 31 December 2019					
Cost or valuation	144,545,286	56,735	30,207,467	23,627,658	198,437,146
Accumulated depreciation	(1,839,289)	-	(21,721,103)	(12,724,857)	(36,285,249)
Net book amount	142,705,997	56,735	8,486,364	10,902,801	162,151,897

4. Property, plant and equipment - continued

Fair valuation of property

On 31 December 2018, the directors approved the revaluation of the group's and company's property, plant and equipment, which comprises the Hilton Hotel, the Portomaso car park and related ancillary operations, after assessing the valuations prepared by professionally qualified valuers. The valuation is based on the discounted cash flow methodology. The book value of the property has been adjusted to the revaluation and the resultant surplus, net of applicable deferred income taxes, has been credited to the revaluation reserve in other comprehensive income within shareholders' equity (Note 11). The directors are of the opinion that the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment as at 31 December 2019, does not differ materially from that which would be determined using fair values that take account of the above considerations.

The group and the company are required to analyse non-financial assets carried at fair value by level of the fair value hierarchy within which the recurring fair value measurements are categorised in their entirety (Level 1, 2 or 3). The different levels of the fair value hierarchy have been defined as fair value measurements using:

- Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets (Level 1);
- Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices) (Level 2);
- Inputs for the asset that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs) (Level 3).

The group's and the company's land and buildings, within property, plant and equipment, comprises the properties described above; investment property (Note 5) comprises principally the Portomaso Business Towers and commercial outlets leased out principally to third parties. Certain areas within this portfolio are also rented out to fellow subsidiaries within the Tumas group. All the recurring property fair value measurements at 31 December 2019 use significant unobservable inputs and are accordingly categorised within Level 3 of the fair valuation hierarchy.

The group's and the company's policy is to recognise transfers into and out of fair value hierarchy levels as of the beginning of the reporting period. There were no transfers between different levels of the fair value hierarchy during the year ended 31 December 2019.

A reconciliation from the opening balance to the closing balance of land and buildings for recurring fair value measurements categorised within Level 3 of the value hierarchy is reflected in the table above. Movements reflect additions, disposals and depreciation for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Valuation processes

The valuations of the properties are performed regularly taking into consideration valuation reports prepared by qualified valuers. These reports are based on both:

- information provided by the group which is derived from the group's financial systems and is subject to the group's overall control environment; and
- assumptions and valuation models used by the valuers – the assumptions are typically market related. These are based on professional judgement and market observation.

The information provided to the valuers, together with the assumptions and the valuation models used by the valuers, are reviewed by the board of directors and top officials within the group's finance function. This includes a review of fair value movements over the period.

4. Property, plant and equipment - continued

Valuation techniques

Given the specific nature of these assets, the valuations of the Level 3 property have been performed by reference to valuation models. These valuation models include:

- in the case of the Hilton Hotel, the Portomaso car park and related ancillary operations classified as property, plant and equipment, the property, plant and equipment's discounted projected cash flows; and
- in the case of the Portomaso Business Tower and commercial outlets leased out and classified as investment property, the annual rental value earned, capitalised at a rate ranging from 6% to 12% that reflects the risks inherent in the utilisation of the specific properties.

The future cash flows from operating the Hilton Hotel and related ancillary operations (including the Portomaso car park) have been derived from financial forecasts assessed in relation to past performance and the industry's general outlook. The significant inputs to this approach include:

Net cash inflows	based on the actual operating net cash inflows generated and projected forwards for a nine year period. These cash flows take into consideration periodic capital expenditure based on expected refurbishment costs that will be incurred over the period of projections.
Growth rate	based on management's estimated average growth in the hotel's operating cash flows; and
Discount rate	reflecting current market assessments of the uncertainty in the amount and timing of cash flows, and based on current market risk free rates, an equity market risk premium and other risk premiums attached to an investment in the property being valued including any element of projection risk inherent in the projected future cash flows;
Terminal value	based on the properties' net operating cash flows at the end of the nine year projection period, and capitalised at a capitalisation rate that reflects the properties' actual location, size and quality and taking into account market data at the valuation date.

The significant unobservable inputs in the valuation of the Portomaso Business Tower and commercial outlets leased out include the average annual rental value of the properties, and a capitalisation rate that reflects the properties' actual location, size and quality and taking into account market data at the valuation date.

Information about fair value measurements of property, plant and equipment using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) include pre tax net cash flows of €13 million with an average growth rate of 2% discounted at an average rate of 10.25%

4. Property, plant and equipment - continued

In respect of these valuations, the higher the pre-tax operating cash inflows, growth rate, and terminal value, the higher the fair value. Conversely, the lower the discount rate, the estimated refurbishment costs, and capitalisation rate used in calculating the terminal value, the higher the fair value.

As at 31 December 2019, the carrying amount of land within property, plant and equipment amounts to €67,400,000 (2018: €67,400,000). The carrying amount of land would have been €863,468 (2018: €863,468) had the assets been included in the financial statements at cost.

Depreciation charge of €6,075,238 (2018: €5,004,590) is included in the group's and company's income statements as follows: €6,057,563 (2018: €4,982,637) in cost of sales and €17,675 (2018: €21,953) in administrative expenses.

Borrowings are secured by the group's property, plant and equipment (Note 12).

5. Investment property

	Group and Company	
	2019	2018
	€	€
Year ended 31 December		
Opening net book amount	13,804,632	19,122,753
Additions	152,546	1,215,266
Transfer to investment property	-	(5,927,099)
Disposals	(1,312,006)	(20,462)
Depreciation charge	(574,523)	(586,620)
Depreciation released on disposal	1,307,759	794
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Closing net book amount	13,378,408	13,804,632
 At 31 December		
Cost or valuation	21,710,227	22,869,687
Accumulated depreciation	(8,331,819)	(9,065,055)
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Net book amount	13,378,408	13,804,632

As at 1 January 2018, the cost and accumulated depreciation of the group's and company's investment property amounted to €27,601,892 and €8,479,229 respectively. Depreciation charge of €574,523 (2018: €586,620) is included in cost of sales.

Borrowings are secured by the group's investment property (Note 12).

The fair open market value of investment property as at 31 December 2019 is estimated by the directors at €40,597,418 (2018: €39,908,117) on the basis of the present value of contracted and anticipated income streams from the property concerned.

The vast majority of the above noted investment property is presently leased out under operating leases to third parties and related parties within the Tumas Group.

5. Investment property - continued

The following amounts have been recognised in the income statements:

	Group		Company	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	€	€	€	€
Rental income	3,878,843	3,702,955	1,300,000	1,300,000
Direct operating and administrative expenses	(810,532)	(778,188)	(624,043)	(647,195)

6. Investments in subsidiaries

	Company	
	2019	2018
	€	€
At 31 December		
Opening and closing cost and net book amount	118,791	118,791

Details of the above investments held in subsidiaries at 31 December is shown below:

	Registered office	Class of shares held	Percentage of shares held	
			2019	2018
			%	%
Portomaso Leasing Company Limited	Tumas Group Corporate Office, Level 3, Portomaso Business Tower Portomaso St. Julians Malta	Ordinary shares	100	100
Halland Developments Company Limited	Tumas Group Corporate Office, Level 3, Portomaso Business Tower Portomaso St. Julians Malta	Ordinary shares	100	100
Premium Real Estate Investment Limited	Tumas Group Corporate Office, Level 3, Portomaso Business Tower Portomaso St. Julians Malta	Ordinary shares	99	99

7. Trade and other receivables

	Group		Company	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	€	€	€	€
Non-current				
Amounts owed by parent	1,365,210	854,036	1,365,210	854,036
	1,365,210	854,036	1,365,210	854,036
Current				
Trade receivables	5,966,657	8,239,485	5,083,171	7,318,401
Amounts owed by parent	-	11,127,590	-	11,127,590
Amounts owed by subsidiary	-	-	60,539	61,260
Amounts owed by fellow subsidiaries	7,889,134	20,061,149	6,972,872	19,229,807
Amounts owed by related parties	50,394	428,250	50,394	428,250
Other receivables	94,555	110,475	94,477	110,321
Advance payments on projects	1,050,620	953,867	1,050,620	953,867
Indirect and other taxation	1,271,600	-	1,271,600	-
Prepayments and accrued income	964,737	536,870	798,136	475,817
	17,287,697	41,457,686	15,381,809	39,705,313
Total trade and other receivables	18,652,907	42,311,722	16,747,019	40,559,349

Amounts owed by parent, subsidiary, fellow subsidiaries and related parties are unsecured, and are repayable on demand. Certain advances bear interest at an average rate of 2% (2018: 2%). The directors do not expect that related amounts disclosed as non-current are settled within the next twelve months. The company's exposure to liquidity risk related to trade and other receivables is disclosed in Note 2.

Included within amounts owed by fellow subsidiaries and parents are funds of €1,610,000 (2018: €11,756,380) which have been advanced as part of the Tumas Group treasury function. These amounts can be re-allocated to the company's banking accounts after year end at the company's request.

Receivables above are stated net of provision for impairment of receivables:

	Group		Company	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	€	€	€	€
Trade receivables	393,206	303,329	125,415	151,274

Advanced payments on projects relate to funds advanced to suppliers not yet utilised for development works as at year end. These mainly relate to new projects entered into by the group.

As disclosed in accounting policy 1.18 and 1.19 the group classifies contract assets as accrued income.

7. Trade and other receivables - continued

The provision for impairment of receivables for the year is disclosed in Note 16 and is included in the income statement as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	€	€	€	€
Administrative expenses	89,877	(165,009)	(25,859)	(219,715)

The group's exposure to credit and currency risks and impairment losses relating to trade receivables are disclosed in Note 2.

The amount of expected loss to be provided for in accordance with IFRS 9 was not deemed material and thus it was not reflected in the group's financial assets.

8. Inventories

	Group		Company	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	€	€	€	€
Property held for resale	19,119,635	16,606,629	7,670,829	6,084,513
Food and beverage	270,597	230,026	270,597	230,026
Consumables	570,883	556,314	570,883	556,314
	19,961,115	17,392,969	8,512,309	6,870,853

Assets transferred from property held for resale upon change in intended use was as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	€	€	€	€
Transferred from investment property (Note 5)	-	(5,927,099)	-	(5,927,099)

Borrowings are secured by the group's property held for resale (Note 12).

9. Cash and cash equivalents

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, the year end cash and cash equivalents comprise the following:

	Group		Company	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	€	€	€	€
Cash at bank and in hand	28,613,661	25,598,993	28,119,345	25,541,105

The amount of expected loss to be provided for in accordance with IFRS 9 was not deemed material and thus it was not reflected in the group's financial assets.

10. Share capital

	Group and Company	
	2019	2018
	€	€
Authorised, Issued and fully paid		
1,164,687 ordinary "A" shares of €1 each	1,164,687	1,164,687
6,988,119 ordinary "B" shares of €1 each	6,988,119	6,988,119
5,499,999 redeemable 6% preference shares of €1 each	5,499,999	5,499,999
	13,652,805	13,652,805

Each ordinary share entitles the holder thereof to one vote at general meeting of the company. The ordinary shares shall rank pari passu in all respects independently of the letter by which they are denoted. Redeemable preference shares shall not carry any voting rights.

11. Revaluation reserves

	Group and Company	
	2019	2018
	€	€
Surplus arising on revaluation of land within:		
Property, plant and equipment	88,345,149	89,170,649
Investment property	1,191,185	1,191,185
	89,536,334	90,361,834
Revaluation of property, plant and equipment	118,047,747	55,058,747
Revaluation surplus arising during the year (Note 4)	-	62,989,000
Transfer of depreciation to retained profits through asset use	(1,270,000)	-
	116,777,747	118,047,747
Deferred taxation (Note 14)	(28,432,598)	(28,877,098)
	88,345,149	89,170,649
Revaluation of investment property		
At the beginning of year, before deferred taxation	1,339,584	1,339,584
Deferred taxation (Note 14)	(148,399)	(148,399)
	1,191,185	1,191,185

The revaluation reserves are non-distributable reserves.

12. Borrowings

	Group and Company	
	2019	2018
	€	€
Non-current		
Bank loans	3,571,425	4,857,140
Loans from fellow subsidiary	49,793,151	49,763,312
	53,364,576	54,620,452
Current		
Bank loans	1,285,715	1,285,715
	1,285,715	1,285,715
Total borrowings	54,650,291	55,906,167

The bank loans and overdrafts are secured by:

- (a) general and special hypothecs over the group's assets;
- (b) general hypothecs and guarantees provided by fellow subsidiaries;
- (c) pledges on the group's insurance policies;
- (d) letters of undertaking.

The group's and company's banking facilities as at 31 December 2019 amounted to €7,778,130 (2018: €9,063,845).

Loans from fellow subsidiary are disclosed at the value of the proceeds less the net book amount of the issue costs, as follows:

	Group and Company	
	2019	2018
	€	€
Face value of loans from fellow subsidiary	50,000,000	50,000,000
Issue costs	318,430	318,430
Accumulated amortisation	(111,581)	(81,742)
Closing net book amount	206,849	236,688
Amortised cost at 31 December	49,793,151	49,763,312

12. Borrowings - continued

By virtue of an offering memorandum dated 7 July 2014, the group issued 5% bonds maturing in 2024 for an amount of €25,000,000 through Tumas Investments plc. The bonds are guaranteed by the company, which has bound itself jointly and severally liable for the payment of the bonds and interest thereon, pursuant to and subject to the terms and conditions in the offering memorandum.

By virtue of an offering memorandum dated 29 May 2017, the group issued 3.75% bonds maturing in 2027 for an amount of €25,000,000 through Tumas Investments plc. The bonds are guaranteed by the company, which has bound itself jointly and severally liable for the payment of the bonds and interest thereon, pursuant to and subject to the terms and conditions in the offering memorandum.

Proceeds for these bonds have been advanced to the company through loans from fellow subsidiary.

The interest rate exposure of borrowings was as follows:

	Group and Company	
	2019	2018
	€	€
Total borrowings:		
At fixed rates	49,793,151	49,763,312
At floating rates	4,857,140	6,142,855
	54,650,291	55,906,167

Weighted average effective interest rates at the end of the reporting period date:

	Group and Company	
	2019	2018
Bank loans	4.4%	4.4%
Loans from fellow subsidiaries	4.5%	4.5%

This note provides information about the contractual terms of the group's and company's interest-bearing loans and borrowings. For more information about the groups' and company's exposure to interest rate and liquidity risk, see Note 2.

13. Trade and other payables

	Group		Company	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	€	€	€	€
Non-current				
Amounts owed to subsidiaries	-	-	2,183,377	2,179,261
Deferred income	43,200	86,400	-	-
	43,200	86,400	2,183,377	2,179,261
Current				
Trade payables	3,326,850	3,735,749	3,312,863	3,723,413
Advance deposits	6,188,488	6,630,555	5,914,875	6,267,880
Capital and other payables	4,622,844	5,856,433	4,622,844	5,856,433
Deferred institutional grant	28,748	33,638	28,748	33,638
Amounts owed to parent	5,655,308	-	5,655,308	-
Amounts owed to related parties	417,277	296,959	417,277	296,959
Indirect and other taxation	105,555	599,961	-	483,615
Accruals and deferred income	8,541,582	7,610,290	7,437,566	6,418,927
	28,886,652	24,763,585	27,389,481	23,080,865
Total trade and other payables	28,929,852	24,849,985	29,572,858	25,260,126

Amounts owed to parent and related parties are unsecured, interest free and are repayable on demand.

Institutional grants relate to funds advanced directly by the Government of Malta or other institutions to the company, co-financing its capital expenditure on the property, plant and equipment. Such funds are treated as deferred income and are credited to the profit and loss account on a systematic basis over the useful lives of the assets. The closing amount relates to the deferred portion of these grants to be credited to the profit and loss account on a systematic basis over the remaining useful life of the property, plant and equipment owned by the company.

The group's exposure to currency and liquidity risk related to trade and other payables is disclosed in Note 2.

14. Deferred taxation

	Group		Company	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	€	€	€	€
At beginning of year	30,282,531	7,653,450	29,435,750	6,817,494
Deferred tax on transfer of depreciation through asset use (Note 19)	(444,500)	-	(444,500)	-
Deferred tax on temporary differences arising on depreciation of non-current assets (Note 19)	(768,817)	(391,233)	(768,817)	(391,233)
Deferred tax on disposal of property stock (Notes 11,19)	-	(12,242)	-	(12,242)
Deferred tax on temporary differences arising on provisions (Note 19)	(31,456)	117,974	9,052	107,149
Deferred tax on revaluation surplus (Note 11)	-	23,377,000	-	23,377,000
Deferred tax upon recognition of sale of property in accordance with tax rules (Note 19)	-	(462,418)	-	(462,418)
At 31 December	29,037,758	30,282,531	28,231,485	29,435,750

The balance at 31 December represents temporary differences on:

	Group		Company	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	€	€	€	€
Revaluation of property, plant and equipment (Note 11)	28,432,598	28,877,098	28,432,598	28,877,098
Revaluation of investment property (Note 11)	148,399	148,399	148,399	148,399
Revaluation of property held for resale	900,000	900,000	-	-
Depreciation of non-current assets	(305,637)	463,180	(305,637)	463,180
Provisions	(137,602)	(106,146)	(43,875)	(52,927)
	29,037,758	30,282,531	28,231,485	29,435,750

14. Deferred taxation - continued

Deferred taxes are calculated on all temporary differences under the liability method and are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or the liability is settled based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted by the end of the reporting period. The principal tax rate used is 35% (2018: 35%), with the exception of deferred taxation on the fair valuation of non-depreciable property which as from 2015 is computed on the basis applicable to disposals of immovable property, that is, tax effect of 10% of the transfer value.

The hospitality arm of the group has been availing itself of investment aid under the various investment tax credit schemes that were applicable for hotels during 2018.

15. Revenue

The group's operations consist of the ownership of prime tourism and leisure properties, which include the operation of a hotel, the development of residential, rental and commercial property for trading and renting purposes and the provision of ancillary services to this industry. All these operations are conducted locally.

	Group		Company	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	€	€	€	€
Hospitality and ancillary services	41,593,798	42,115,009	41,593,798	42,115,009
Property development	11,731,477	77,800,406	11,731,477	77,800,406
Rental operations	3,883,075	3,739,816	1,300,000	1,300,000
Complex management operations	2,504,359	2,190,691	2,405,648	2,101,544
	59,712,709	125,845,922	57,030,923	123,316,959

Unfulfilled performance obligations

As at 31 December 2019 the group and company assigned €11,890,792 of the transaction price to unfulfilled performance obligations. Unfulfilled performance obligations are the goods or services that the group is obliged to provide to clients and customers during the remaining fixed term of the contract. As allowed by the simplification procedure in IFRS 15, these disclosures are only related to performance obligations with an initial term greater than one year.

On the allocation of the total contract transaction price to identified performance obligations, a portion of the total transaction price can be allocated to performance obligations that are unsatisfied or partially satisfied at the end of the reporting period. As outlined previously, the group has elected to apply certain available practical expedients when disclosing unfulfilled performance obligations, including the option to exclude expected revenues from unsatisfied obligations of contracts with an original expected duration of one year or less.

The assumptions underlying the period over which the costs to fulfil contracts are expensed are periodically reviewed and adjusted in line with observations. Termination of the contractual relationship with the customer results in the immediate expensing of the remaining deferred costs. Where the carrying amount of deferred costs exceeds the remaining consideration expected to be received for the transfer of the related goods and services, less expected costs relating directly to the transfer of these goods and services still to be incurred, the excess amount is similarly immediately expensed.

16. Expenses by nature

	Group		Company	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	€	€	€	€
Employee benefit expense (Note 17)	11,807,575	11,858,131	11,807,575	11,858,131
Depreciation on:				
- Property, plant and equipment (Note 4)	6,075,238	5,004,590	6,075,238	5,004,590
- Investment property (Note 5)	574,523	586,620	574,523	586,620
Property development costs	5,792,649	29,066,926	5,792,649	29,066,926
Operating supplies and related expenses	2,464,315	2,248,803	2,464,315	2,248,802
Utilities	1,397,304	1,436,343	1,397,304	1,436,343
Operators charges	2,560,111	2,574,449	2,560,111	2,574,449
Decrease in provisions for impairment of receivables (Note 7)	89,877	(165,009)	(25,859)	(219,715)
Management fees	670,012	670,012	670,012	670,012
Commissions payable	55,973	3,283,952	55,973	3,283,952
Other expenses	10,374,098	11,545,376	10,181,899	11,261,449
Total cost of sales, administrative expenses	41,861,675	68,110,193	41,553,740	67,771,560

Auditor's fees

Fees charged by the auditor for services rendered during the financial periods ended 31 December 2019 and 2018 relate to the following:

	Group		Company	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	€	€	€	€
Annual statutory audit	61,480	58,200	57,100	52,700
Other assurance services	9,600	9,500	9,600	9,500
Tax advisory services	3,000	3,000	2,000	2,000
Other non-assurance services	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
	77,080	73,700	71,700	67,200

17. Employee benefit expense

	Group and Company	
	2019	2018
	€	€
Wages and salaries	11,407,268	11,445,736
Social security costs	814,047	822,396
	12,221,315	12,268,132
Recharged to fellow subsidiaries	(413,740)	(410,001)
	11,807,575	11,858,131

The average number of persons employed by the group and company during the year were:

	Group and Company	
	2019	2018
Direct	367	383
Indirect	108	106
Administration	71	75
	546	564

18. Finance income and costs

	Group		Company	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	€	€	€	€
Finance income				
Interest from fellow subsidiaries	241,883	288,173	241,883	288,173
Interest from parent	209,585	202,740	209,585	202,740
Bank interest	343,995	348,166	343,995	348,166
Other finance income	-	42,145	-	42,145
	795,463	881,224	795,463	881,224

	Group and Company	
	2019	2018
	€	€
Finance costs and similar charges		
Bank loans and overdrafts	88,433	147,233
Loans from fellow subsidiaries	2,237,501	2,241,795
Amortisation of issue transaction costs	29,838	29,510
Other finance charges	386,071	350,794
	2,741,843	2,769,332

19. Tax expense

	Group		Company	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	€	€	€	€
Current tax expense:				
on taxable profit subject to tax at 35%	3,630,159	2,980,282	3,488,846	2,780,186
on taxable profit subject to tax at 15%	458,514	434,490	-	-
on taxable income subject to tax at 10%	1,173,148	8,241,734	1,173,148	8,241,734
Deferred tax income (Note 14)	(1,244,773)	(747,919)	(1,204,265)	(758,744)
Tax expense	4,017,048	10,908,587	3,457,729	10,263,176

The tax on the group's and company's profit before tax differs from the theoretical amount that would arise using the basic tax rate as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	€	€	€	€
Profit before tax	16,296,546	56,312,849	13,922,695	54,122,519
Tax on profit at 35%	5,703,791	19,709,497	4,872,943	18,942,882
Tax effect of:				
Maintenance allowance on rental income attributable to immovable property	(119,426)	(121,826)	(91,000)	(91,000)
Expenses not allowable for tax purposes	236,888	294,301	211,974	216,528
Over provision of current tax	(121,966)	(497,511)	(123,868)	(492,363)
Impact of change in tax rules on property sales	(678,684)	(7,813,956)	(678,684)	(7,813,956)
Investment tax credits for the year	(273,657)	(486,673)	(273,657)	(486,673)
Tax rules on release of revaluation on property stock	-	(12,242)	-	(12,242)
Unrecognised Deferred tax in prior year	(15,479)	-	(15,479)	-
Property tax rules on rental income	(269,919)	(163,003)	-	-
Temporary differences attributed to property, plant and equipment	(444,500)	-	(444,500)	-
Tax expense	4,017,048	10,908,587	3,457,729	10,263,176

20. Dividends

	Group and Company	
	2019	2018
	€	€
Dividends on ordinary shares:		
<i>Distribution from Final Tax account / Immovable Property account</i>		
Gross dividend on ordinary shares	35,000,000	27,426,772
Tax at source at 35%	-	(5,426,772)
Net dividends	35,000,000	22,000,000
Dividends per share	€4.29	€2.70
Dividend on preference shares:		
<i>Distribution from Immovable Property account</i>		
Gross dividend on redeemable 6% preference shares	330,000	330,000
Tax at source at 35%	(115,500)	(115,500)
Net dividends	214,500	214,500
Total net dividends	35,214,500	22,214,500

21. Cash generated from operations

Reconciliation of operating profit to cash generated from operations:

	Group		Company	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	€	€	€	€
Operating profit	18,242,926	58,200,957	15,869,075	56,010,627
Adjustments for:				
Depreciation on:				
- Property, plant and equipment (Note 4)	6,075,238	5,004,590	6,075,238	5,004,590
- Investment property (Note 5)	574,523	586,620	574,523	586,620
Net loss on disposal of investment property and property, plant and equipment	18,203	56,035	18,203	56,035
Amortisation of issue costs	29,839	15,995	29,839	15,995
Movement in provision for impairment of trade and other receivables (Note 7)	89,879	(165,009)	(25,857)	(219,715)
Changes in working capital:				
Inventories	(2,568,146)	10,622,734	(1,641,456)	10,761,112
Trade and other receivables	24,080,112	1,364,731	24,349,363	649,407
Trade and other payables	4,123,067	(17,562,520)	4,308,616	(17,502,241)
Cash generated from operations	50,665,639	58,124,133	49,557,542	55,362,430

Net debt reconciliation

All the movements in the company's net debt related only to cash flow movements and disclosed as part of the financing activities in the statement of cash flows on page 17.

22. Commitments

Capital commitments

At 31 December the group and company had capital commitments not provided for in these financial statements as follows:

	Group and Company			
	Contracted	Not contracted	Contracted	Not Contracted
	2019		2018	
	€	€	€	€
Inventory (property development)	1,177,231	1,767,541	4,128,684	2,883,915
Non-current assets	918,196	855,988	121,100	3,600,553
	2,095,427	2,623,529	4,249,784	6,484,468

22. Commitments - continued

Operating lease commitments – where the group and the company are lessors

The future minimum lease payments receivable under non-cancellable property operating leases are as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	€	€	€	€
Not later than 1 year	2,561,541	3,064,496	1,300,000	1,300,000
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	5,022,491	7,464,403	1,300,000	1,300,000
Later than 5 years	1,055,484	2,324,775	3,900,000	-
	8,639,516	12,853,674	6,500,000	2,600,000

The company's leases relate to an operating lease with a subsidiary. Refer to Note 5.

23. Contingencies

At 31 December 2019, the company had guarantees of €67,139,374 (2018: €55,554,589) issued on behalf of other fellow subsidiaries' bank facilities. The guarantees are supported by general and special hypothecs over the company's assets.

24. Related party transactions

The company forms part of the Tumas Group of Companies. All companies forming part of the Tumas Group are related parties since these companies are all ultimately owned by Tumas Group Company Limited which is considered by the directors to be the ultimate controlling party. Trading transactions between these companies include items which are normally encountered in a group context. The group is ultimately fully owned by members of the Fenech family, who are therefore considered to be related parties.

Related parties also include foreign Hilton hotels and related affiliates. Trading transactions with these related parties are entered into on a regular basis as a result of normal trading transactions, and mainly relate to corporate costs, management fees and operators' charges.

24. Related party transactions - continued

The following transactions were carried out with related parties:

	Group		Company	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	€	€	€	€
Income from services				
Rents receivable from subsidiary	-	-	1,300,000	1,300,000
Rents receivable from fellow subsidiary	824,733	800,264	-	-
Maintenance fees receivable from subsidiary	-	-	657,411	590,431
Expenditure for goods and services				
Net interest and similar charges payable to related parties	1,786,033	1,750,882	1,786,033	1,750,882
Management fees charged by fellow subsidiaries	670,012	670,012	670,012	670,012
Operators' charges and other fees payable to other related parties	2,560,111	2,574,449	2,560,111	2,574,449
Payroll recharges	413,740	410,001	413,740	410,001

Year end balances arising from related party transactions are disclosed in Notes 7, 13 and 17 to the financial statements.

25. Events after the financial reporting date

For financial reporting purposes, events relating to the COVID-19 pandemic are deemed to be non-adjusting subsequent events, and accordingly the financial results and financial position of the company and group reported within these financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 have not been impacted by these events.

Following the outbreak of the COVID 19 pandemic and the health authorities' directions, operations at the hotel and its amenities were lowered to minimal levels as from the third week of March. Management envisages that the marina will operate on the same basis as budgeted, however, it recognises that the use of the car park will decrease and the tower bar had been closed off indefinitely, until such time that this is allowed to reopen and even then, business would need to factor in social distancing with the ensuing implications both financial and otherwise. The property development and rentals segments, have been impacted to a lesser extent, at least at this stage. Property development physical deliveries within Portomaso itself should actually prove to be on budget as management still aims to deliver the rest of the areas relating to the office block next to Portomaso Business Tower. As for rental income, despite no major casualties however, conscious of the state of affairs brought forth by the pandemic, the consequent social distancing plus the partial lockdown of a number of commercial units the probability is that this segment will also be negatively impacted.

The group, is also taking action in order to mitigate the financial implications this pandemic's fallout will have on its financial standing. Fixed costs are reassessed and where appropriate measures taken to safeguard cash resources and reduce operational leverage. In so doing, only essential capital expenditure is undertaken, while projects outside the hospitality unit, namely those relating to property within Portomaso are being completed and finished as planned. Works commenced late last year on the Halland project are being pursued at an appropriate and prudent pace in line with a revised business strategy. The group also applied for the government wage supplement assistance through the Malta Enterprise scheme with respect to payroll costs which by far is definitely the largest single portion of annual expenditure. The board is also in discussions with bankers to make use of the moratorium recently announced by the Central Bank of Malta in order to shift this year's loan repayments into the future.

25. Events after the financial reporting date - continued

The group itself is adequately capitalized with a gearing ratio of 14% and holds substantial cash reserves which amount to €28.61million as at 2019, and it can additionally make use of backstop facilities with related group entities in case of a cashflow shortfall particularly should this current situation prolong. Various assessments, including scenarios which factor in quite some drastic impacts following in from the pandemic's conflagration were prepared. The board notes that the group can operate as a going concern and is adequately funded for the forth coming twelve months. These assessments are ongoing and include various elements of sensitivity being assumed should matters prolong and potentially deteriorate. It is too early to reliably estimate the financial impact this will have on the group's standing, both operationally and any possible impact on the value of its assets with particular reference to its non-current assets yet these assessments presently show that there should be no significant impact on these values. The board notes that the group has entered this stage of the pandemic from a position of strength as disclosed in the December 2019 statement of financial position its group equity exceeding €131.55million and current assets including cash and cash equivalents amounting to €67.74million exceeds current liabilities by €37.10million. The group will therefore continue to monitor ongoing developments particularly as these effect tourism and the leasing of real estate. These unprecedented times call for the highest degree of attention for steps to be taken in a timely manner to manage the situation.

Based on the above the board confirmed that the group shall continue to meet its obligations with third parties and with the fellow Tumas Group subsidiary, Tumas Investments plc which had made available loans through funds sourced from the local capital market. The board of directors have concluded that at the time of approving these financial statements no material uncertainty exists that may cast doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

26. Statutory information

Spinola Development Company Limited is a limited liability company and is incorporated in Malta.

The immediate parent company of Spinola Development Company Limited is Spinola Investments Limited, a company registered in Malta, with its registered address at Tumas Group Corporate Office, Level 3, Portomaso Business Tower, Portomaso, St. Julians, Malta. Spinola Investments Limited is exempt from the preparation of consolidated accounts by virtue of section 174(1)(a) of the Companies Act, 1995.

The ultimate parent company of Spinola Development Company Limited is Tumas Group Company Limited, a company registered in Malta, with its registered address at Tumas Group Corporate Office, Level 3, Portomaso Business Tower, Portomaso, St. Julians, Malta.

The ultimate controlling parties of Spinola Development Company Limited are the spouse and descendents of the group's deceased founder, Mr. Thomas Fenech.

