

Union Coop

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for the year ended 31 December 2024

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Board has pleasure in submitting their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Incorporation and registered Office

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On 18 July 2022, the Society listed 100% ordinary shares on the Dubai Financial Market ("DFM" or the "Exchange"). The share capital of the Society comprises of undividable shares of AED 1 each payable in full on application to be a member of the Society. Each member is entitled to a share in the Society's share capital up to a maximum of 10%.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the Society is establishing and managing hypermarkets in the United Arab Emirates ("UAE").

Results

Income from sales of goods for the year was AED 1,854 million (2023: AED 1,777 million). Profit before directors' remuneration and community responsibility expenses was AED 375 million (2023: AED 317 million). Profit after directors' remuneration and community responsibility expenses was AED 348 million (2023: AED 297 million).

Transactions with related parties

The financial statements disclose related party transactions and balances in Note 26. All transactions are carried out as part of our normal course of business and in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Auditors

KPMG were appointed as external auditors for the Society for the year ended 31 December 2024. A Shareholder's resolution is proposed to absolve them of their responsibility for the year ended 31 December 2024.



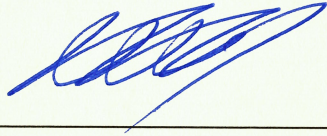
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT
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Directors

The current members of the board of directors are:

Majid Hamad Rahmah Al Shamsi	Chairman
Ahmad Abdulkarim Julfar	Deputy Chairman
Fatima Abdullah Al Shaiba	Secretary of Board
Ahmed Mohamed Aqil Al Qassim	Treasurer
Mohammad Ali Lootah	Board Member
Marwan Atiq Bin Thani	Board Member
Ahmed AbdulRahim Al Ansari	Board Member

On behalf of the Board:



Chairman





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Independent auditors' report

To the Shareholders of Union Coop

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Union Coop ("the Society"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2024, the statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes, comprising material accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Society as at 31 December 2024, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IFRS Accounting Standards).

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 *Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Society in accordance with International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Arab Emirates, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Reversal of impairment loss on properties forming part of 'property and equipment'

See Note 8 to the financial statements.

The key audit matter	How the matter was addressed in our audit
The reversal of impairment loss on properties forming part of 'property and equipment' is a key audit matter due to the significance of the balances and judgment in assessing the Society's key valuation assumptions, methodologies and impact of the reversal of impairment on the current year.	Our procedures include: - Understanding the Society's process regarding the impairment and reversal of impairment loss on properties; - Evaluating the design and implementation of key internal controls over the impairment assessments; - We have evaluated the qualification and competency of the external valuer and read the terms of engagement of the valuers with the Society to determine whether there were any matters that might have affected their objectivity or limited the scope of their work; - We have obtained the fair valuation reports prepared by the management's specialists and we have involved our KPMG valuation specialists to assess the reasonableness of the key assumptions used in the valuation; - We have checked the mathematical accuracy of the reversal of impairment loss working provided by the management; and - We assessed the adequacy of the disclosures in the financial statements.

Other Information

The Board of Directors is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Directors' report on pages 1 and 2.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information 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. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines 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, management is responsible for assessing the Society'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 management either intends to liquidate the Society or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Society's financial reporting process.

Auditors' 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 auditors' 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 judgment and maintain professional skepticism 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.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (continued)

- 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 Society's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's 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 Society's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' 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 auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Society to cease to continue as a going concern.
- 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 components within the Society to express an opinion on the financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

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.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditors' report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.



Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

Based on the information that has been made available to us, except for the Society not complying with certain provisions of the implementing regulations of the UAE Federal Law No. (6) of 2022 relating to cooperative societies and the articles of associations, with regards to percentage of dividend declared and sufficiency of legal reserve, nothing else has come to our attention which causes us to believe that the Society has, during the financial year ended 31 December 2024, contravened any of the applicable provisions of the UAE Federal Law No. (6) of 2022 relating to co-operative societies, the implementing regulations or its Articles of Association, which would materially affect its activities or its financial position as at 31 December 2024.

As indicated in note 2 to the financial statements, the Society has adopted UAE Federal Law No. (6) of 2022 and its implementing regulations while in the process of updating their articles of associations.

KPMG Lower Gulf Limited

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Registration No.: 968
Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Date: 13 February 2025

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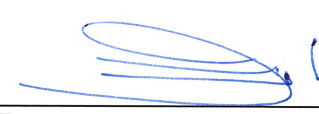
Statement of financial position

As at

	Note	31 December 2024 AED	31 December 2023 AED
Assets			
Property and equipment	8	2,077,122,412	2,034,869,295
Investment properties	9	471,545,613	426,032,389
Intangible assets	10	1,315,675	4,871,333
Right of use assets	11	506,049,469	440,971,538
Capital advances	12	8,344,177	17,096,822
Investment in associate	13	5,670,202	6,145,588
Non-current assets		3,070,047,548	2,929,986,965
Inventories	14	324,578,334	285,420,170
Trade and other receivables	15	84,601,089	74,771,750
Short-term deposits	16	-	70,000,000
Cash and cash equivalents	17	219,437,826	84,668,150
Current assets		628,617,249	514,860,070
TOTAL ASSETS		3,698,664,797	3,444,847,035
Equity			
Share capital	18	1,764,138,140	1,764,138,140
Legal reserve	19	882,069,070	882,069,070
Defined benefit obligations reserve	22	(190,962)	(223,368)
Community responsibility reserve	20	3,858,068	23,363,323
Treasury stock	21	(95,527,209)	(95,527,209)
Retained earnings/(accumulated losses)		14,629,993	(22,569,572)
Total Equity		2,568,977,100	2,551,250,384
Liabilities			
Employees' end of service benefits	22	49,874,871	69,726,574
Deferred tax liability	40	2,772,639	-
Lease liability	24	510,437,892	433,136,700
Non-current liabilities		563,085,402	502,863,274
Trade and other payables	25	416,844,723	371,572,927
Bank overdraft	17	95,746,472	-
Current tax liability	40	31,048,400	-
Lease liability	24	22,962,700	19,160,450
Current liabilities		566,602,295	390,733,377
Total liabilities		1,129,687,697	893,596,651
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		3,698,664,797	3,444,847,035

To the best of our knowledge, these financial statements fairly present, in all material respects, the financial position, results of operation and cash flows of the Society as of, and for the periods presented therein.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors and signed on their behalf on 13 February 2025 by:

 Chairman	 Chief Executive Officer	 Treasurer
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The notes on pages 13 to 52 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The independent auditors' report is set out on pages 3 to 7.

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Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

For the year ended 31 December

	Note	2024 AED	2023 AED
Income from sales of goods	27	1,854,126,639	1,777,175,648
Income from other operating activities	28	615,933,247	589,364,450
Other income	29	18,991,810	7,409,388
Finance income	30	1,878,275	1,498,824
Total income from operating activities		2,490,929,971	2,375,448,310
Cost of goods	31	(1,591,159,349)	(1,502,721,158)
Staff costs	32	(218,908,372)	(255,418,036)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	33	(94,725,615)	(91,214,494)
Utility expenses		(78,458,135)	(78,553,772)
Marketing expenses		(26,835,820)	(20,249,192)
Finance costs	34	(35,228,991)	(29,966,376)
Repair and maintenance expenses		(14,249,552)	(15,405,400)
Impairment loss on trade and other receivables	15	(2,727,308)	(20,504,799)
Other expenses	35	(84,187,477)	(56,867,730)
Reversal of impairment loss on non-financial assets	36	30,771,492	13,051,546
Impairment loss on non-financial assets	36	(161,048)	(1,907,849)
Impact of lease early termination		-	1,074,257
Share of (loss)/profit of associate	13	(430,233)	132,568
Profit before tax, directors' remuneration and community responsibility expenses		374,629,563	316,897,875
Directors' remuneration expense	26	(6,750,000)	(6,750,000)
Community responsibility expenses	20	(19,505,255)	(13,285,711)
Profit before tax and after directors' remuneration and community responsibility expenses		348,374,308	296,862,164
Income tax expense	40	(33,817,834)	-
Profit after tax		314,556,474	296,862,164
Other comprehensive income for the year			
<i>Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss</i>			
Remeasurement of defined benefit obligations		32,406	(223,368)
Total comprehensive income for the year		314,588,880	296,638,796
Earnings per share – Basic (AED)	23	0.18	0.17
Earnings per share – Diluted (AED)	23	0.18	0.17

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Statement of changes in equity For the year ended 31 December

	Note	Share capital AED	Legal reserve AED	Defined benefit obligations reserve AED	Community responsibility reserve AED	Retained earnings / (accumulated losses) AED	Treasury stock AED	Total AED
At 1 January 2023		1,764,138,140	946,497,074	-	8,619,749	56,692,546	(95,527,209)	2,680,420,300
Total comprehensive income for the year								
Profit for the year		-	-	-	-	296,862,164	-	296,862,164
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-	(223,368)	-	-	-	(223,368)
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	-	(223,368)	-	296,862,164	-	296,638,796
Transactions with shareholders								
Dividend paid	39	-	-	-	-	(425,808,712)	-	(425,808,712)
Community responsibility allocation	20	-	-	-	28,029,285	(28,029,285)	-	-
Total transactions with shareholders		-	-	-	28,029,285	(453,837,997)	-	(425,808,712)
Other movements								
Reversal of legal reserve for 2022	19	-	(64,428,004)	-	-	64,428,004	-	-
Utilisation of reserve against spending	20	-	-	-	(13,285,711)	13,285,711	-	-
Total other movements		-	(64,428,004)	-	(13,285,711)	77,713,715	-	-
At 31 December 2023		1,764,138,140	882,069,070	(223,368)	23,363,323	(22,569,572)	(95,527,209)	2,551,250,384

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Statement of changes in equity (continued) For the year ended 31 December

	Note	Share capital AED	Legal reserve AED	Defined benefit obligations reserve AED	Community responsibility reserve AED	(Accumulated losses) / retained earnings AED	Treasury stock AED	Total AED
At 1 January 2024		1,764,138,140	882,069,070	(223,368)	23,363,323	(22,569,572)	(95,527,209)	2,551,250,384
Total comprehensive income for the year								
Profit for the year		-	-	-	-	314,556,474	-	314,556,474
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-	32,406	-	-	-	32,406
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	-	32,406	-	314,556,474	-	314,588,880
Transactions with shareholders								
Dividend paid	39	-	-	-	-	(296,862,164)	-	(296,862,164)
Community responsibility allocation	20	-	-	-	(19,505,255)	19,505,255	-	-
Total transactions with shareholders		-	-	-	(19,505,255)	(277,356,909)	-	(296,862,164)
At 31 December 2024		1,764,138,140	882,069,070	(190,962)	3,858,068	14,629,993	(95,527,209)	2,568,977,100

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Statement of cash flows For the year ended 31 December

	Note	2024 AED	2023 AED
<i>Cash flows from Operating activities</i>			
Profit for the year		314,556,474	296,862,164
<i>Adjustments for:</i>			
Depreciation of property and equipment	8	52,250,003	51,253,003
Depreciation of Investment property	9	14,276,629	13,213,902
Amortisation of intangible assets	10	3,957,200	4,620,445
Depreciation of right of use of assets	11	24,241,783	22,127,145
Gain on sale of property and equipment and investment properties	29	(6,279)	(229,365)
Reversal of impairment in property and equipment	8	(30,771,492)	(13,051,546)
Reversal of impairment in investment property	9	-	1,907,849
Provision for defined benefit obligations	22	3,999,499	8,190,697
Provision for impairment of trade and other receivables	15	2,727,308	20,504,799
Provision for slow moving imported inventories - net	14	360,012	127,322
Finance income	30	(1,878,275)	(1,498,824)
Finance cost - lease liability	24	18,157,515	14,562,633
Gain on derecognition of right of use asset	29	(1,021,391)	-
Adjustment of right of use and lease liability – net		-	6,010
Share of profit of associate	13	430,233	(132,568)
Income tax expense	40	33,817,834	-
Payment of employees' end of service benefits	22	(23,815,591)	(15,223,566)
		<u>411,281,462</u>	<u>403,240,100</u>
<i>Changes in</i>			
Inventories		(39,518,175)	(7,630,382)
Trade and other receivables		(12,556,646)	(17,118,423)
Trade and other payables		<u>45,271,795</u>	<u>(29,543,832)</u>
Net cash generated from operating activities		<u>404,478,436</u>	<u>348,947,463</u>
<i>Cash flows from Investing activities</i>			
Acquisition of property and equipment	8	(112,348,594)	(205,014,670)
Acquisition of investment properties	9	-	(864,578)
Acquisition of intangible assets	10	(398,024)	(3,220,095)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment and investment property		1,322,028	330,607
Interest received		1,878,275	1,498,824
Addition in short-term deposits	16	-	(70,000,000)
Short term deposits matured	16	70,000,000	211,000,000
Additions in capital advances	12	8,752,645	75,624,604
Dividend received from equity accounted investees	13	45,153	-
Net cash (used in)/from investing activities		<u>(30,748,517)</u>	<u>9,354,692</u>
<i>Financing activities</i>			
Dividends paid	39	(296,862,164)	(425,808,712)
Payment of lease liability	24	(19,687,036)	(15,856,887)
Interest payment for lease liability		<u>(18,157,515)</u>	<u>(14,562,633)</u>
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>(334,706,715)</u>	<u>(456,228,232)</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		<u>39,023,204</u>	<u>(97,926,077)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 01 January		84,668,150	182,594,227
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	17	<u>123,691,354</u>	<u>84,668,150</u>

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Notes to the financial statements *forming part of the financial statements*

1. Legal status and activities

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The principal activity of the Society is establishing and managing hypermarkets in the United Arab Emirates ("UAE"). The purpose of incorporation of the Society is to improve the social and economic affairs of its shareholders and to serve the society by following the co-operative principles documented in the Society's Memorandum of Association and the UAE Federal Law No. 6 of 2022 pertaining to co-operative societies.

On 18 July 2022, the Society listed 100% ordinary shares on the Dubai Financial Market ("DFM" or the "Exchange"). The share capital of the Society comprises of undividable shares of AED 1 each payable in full on application to be a member of the Society. Each member is entitled to a share in the Society's share capital up to a maximum of 10%.

For each member one vote is allowed in the general assembly, regardless of the number of shares owned by a particular member.

2. Basis of preparation

Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs") and the requirements of UAE Federal Decree Law No. (6) of 2022 on cooperatives issued on 17 August 2022 and came into effect on 30 November 2022 ("the new law") which repealed UAE Federal Law No. 13 of 1976 on co-operative societies ("the old law").

The Society has adopted the new laws and regulations whereas they are still in the process of updating their articles of associations.

Basis of measurement

These financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis. Except for defined benefit obligation which is measured on present value, limited as explained in note 4.10.

Functional and presentation currency

These financial statements are presented in United Arab Emirates Dirham ("AED"), which is Society's functional currency.

Use of estimates and judgements

In preparing these financial statements, management has made judgments, estimates and assumptions about the future, that affect the application of the Society's accounting policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis and are consistent with the Society's risk management. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised prospectively.

Information about assumptions and estimation uncertainties at the reporting date that have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year is included in note 7.

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

2. Basis of preparation *(continued)*

Measurement of fair values

A number of Society's accounting policies and disclosures require the measurement of fair values, for both financial and non-financial assets and liabilities.

The Society has an established control framework with respect to the measurement of fair values.

When measuring the fair value of an asset or a liability, the Society uses observable market data as far as possible. Fair values are categorised into different levels in a fair value hierarchy based on the inputs used in the valuation techniques as follows.

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

If the inputs used to measure the fair value of an asset or a liability fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy, then the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety in the same level of the fair value hierarchy as the lowest level input that is significant to the entire measurement. The Society recognises transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy at the end of the reporting period during which the change has occurred.

Going concern

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which contemplates the realisation of assets and the satisfaction of liabilities including the mandatory repayment of the banking facilities as per terms disclosed in note 17, in the normal course of business, notwithstanding the fact that the Society has retained earnings/ accumulated losses of AED 14,629,993 as at 31 December 2024 (2023: AED 22,569,572). The continuation of the Society's business is dependent upon its future profitable operations and its ability to generate sufficient cash flows to meet its future obligations as they fall due.

The Society expects to meet its funding requirements through operating profits, bank facilities and cost rationalisation initiatives. A going concern assessment has been performed which concluded that the Society is in a position to meet its obligations as they fall due in the foreseeable future.

3. New accounting standards or amendments and forthcoming requirements

New currently effective requirements:

A number of amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning on 1 January 2024 as below:

	Effective date
Non – current liabilities with covenants – Amendments to IAS 1	1 January 2024
Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current – Amendments to IAS 1	1 January 2024
Lease liability in a sale and lease back – Amendments to IFRS 16	1 January 2024
Supplier finance arrangements – Amendments to IAS 7 and IFRS 7	1 January 2024

The above amendments to IFRS Standards did not have any material impact on the accounting policies, financial position or performance of the Society.

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

3. Accounting standards issued but not effective *(continued)*

Forthcoming requirements:

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 January 2025 and early adoption is permitted; however, the Society has not early adopted these new or amended standards in these financial statements.

The following amended standards and interpretations are not expected to have a significant impact on the Society's financial statements in the period of initial application:

	Effective date
Lack of Exchangeability – Amendments to IAS 21	1 January 2025
Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments – Amendments to IFRS 9 and IFRS 7	1 January 2026
Annual Improvements to IFRS Accounting Standards – Volume 11	1 January 2026
IFRS 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements	1 January 2027
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4. Material accounting policies

The Society has consistently applied the accounting policies to all the periods presented in the financial statements except if mentioned otherwise.

The amendments require the disclosure of 'material', rather than 'significant', accounting policies. The amendments also provide guidance on the application of materiality to disclosure of accounting policies, assisting entities to provide useful, entity-specific accounting policy information that users need to understand other information in the financial statements.

4.1 Property and equipment

Property and equipment is stated at cost less depreciation. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items. 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 Society and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of any component accounted for as a separate asset is derecognised when replaced. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income during the financial year in which they are incurred.

Land is not depreciated. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method to allocate the cost of assets less their estimated residual values over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

	Years
Buildings	40
Computer hardware	5
Motor vehicles	5 - 7
Furniture and fixtures	4
Equipment and tools	4 - 15

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each statement of financial position date.

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

4. Material accounting policies *(continued)*

4.1 Property and equipment *(continued)*

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amount and are recognised within the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

Buildings are reclassified from property and equipment to investment property based on changes in their designated usage areas.

4.2 Investment properties

IAS 40 - Investment Property defines investment property as property (land or a building or both) held to earn rentals or for capital appreciation or both. Based on this definition, investment property held by the Society consists of part of buildings in form of shopping malls (retail and service units). These assets generate cash flows that are largely independent of the cash flows generated by the Society's other retail assets. The split is between property and equipment and investment property is based on actual usage of the assets.

Investment properties are stated at cost less depreciation. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the assets. 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 Society and the cost of the asset can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of any component accounted for as a separate asset is derecognised when replaced. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income during the financial year in which they are incurred.

Depreciation for buildings is computed using the straight-line method to allocate the cost of assets less their estimated residual values over their estimated useful lives of 40 years.

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting date. 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.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amount and are recognised within the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

Rental income from investment property is recognised as income from other operating activities on straight-line basis over the term of the lease. Lease incentives granted are recognised as an integral part of the total rental income, over the term of the lease.

4.3 Intangible assets

Acquired computer software licenses are capitalised on the basis of the costs incurred to acquire and bring to use the specific software. These costs are amortised over their estimated useful lives of five years. Costs associated for maintaining computer software programs are recognised as an expense as incurred.

Subsequent expenditure capitalised in case of enhancement of future economic benefits or an extension of the asset's useful life.

4.4 Capital work-in-progress

Assets in the course of construction are stated at cost. When ready for use, capital work-in-progress is transferred to the relevant category within property and equipment and is depreciated on a straight-line-method over its expected useful life. Once a project is completed, management re-assesses the intended use of the completed asset. As such, the asset will be transferred into the relevant category within property and equipment or investment properties or both.

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

4. Material accounting policies *(continued)*

4.5 Impairment of non-financial assets

At each reporting date, the Society reviews the carrying amounts of its non-financial assets to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

For impairment testing, assets are grouped together into the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows from continuing use that are largely independent of the cash inflows of other assets or CGUs.

The recoverable amount of an asset or CGU is the greater of its value in use and its fair value. Value in use is based on the estimated future cash flows, discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset or CGU.

An impairment loss is recognised if the carrying amount of an asset or CGU exceeds its recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. They are allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the CGU, and then to reduce the carrying amounts of the other assets in the CGU on a pro rata basis.

An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised.

4.6 Financial instruments

a) Recognition and initial measurement

Trade receivables issued are initially recognised when they are originated. Trade receivables are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold in the ordinary course of business for which collection is expected in one year or less (or in the normal operating cycle of the business). All other financial assets and financial liabilities are initially recognised when the Society becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

A financial asset (unless it is a trade receivable without a significant financing component) or financial liability is initially measured at fair value plus, for an item not at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL), transaction costs that are directly attributable to its acquisition or issue. A trade receivable without a significant financing component is initially measured at the transaction price.

b) Classification and subsequent measurement

Financial assets - classification

On initial recognition, a financial asset is classified as measured at: amortised cost; Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income (FVOCI) – debt investment; FVOCI – equity investment; or FVTPL. Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the Society changes its business model for managing financial assets, in which case all affected financial assets are reclassified on the first day of the first reporting period following the change in the business model.

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVTPL:

- it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

4. Material accounting policies *(continued)*

4.6 Financial instruments *(continued)*

b) Classification and subsequent measurement *(continued)*

Financial assets - classification (continued)

A debt investment is measured at FVOCI if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVTPL:

- it is held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets; and
- its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

On initial recognition of an equity investment that is not held for trading, the Society may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in the investment's fair value in OCI. This election is made on an investment-by-investment basis.

All financial assets not classified as measured at amortised cost or FVOCI as described above are measured at FVTPL. This includes all derivative financial assets. On initial recognition, the Society may irrevocably designate a financial asset that otherwise meets the requirements to be measured at amortised cost or at FVOCI as at FVTPL if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch that would otherwise arise.

Financial assets – Subsequent measurement and gains and losses:

Financial assets at FVTPL

These assets are subsequently measured at fair value. Net gains and losses, including any interest or dividend income, are recognised in profit or loss. Also, refer to accounting policy for derivatives designated as hedging instruments.

Financial assets at amortised cost

These assets are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The amortised cost is reduced by impairment losses. Interest income, foreign exchange gains and losses and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Any gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in profit or loss.

Financial liabilities – Classification, subsequent measurement and gains and losses

Financial liabilities are classified as measured at amortised cost or FVTPL. A financial liability is classified as at FVTPL if it is classified as held-for-trading, it is a derivative or it is designated as such on initial recognition. Financial liabilities at FVTPL are measured at fair value. Other financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Interest expense and foreign exchange gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss. Any gain or loss on derecognition is also recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

Derecognition

Financial assets

The Society derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows in a transaction in which substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred or in which the Society neither transfers nor retains substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership and it does not retain control of the financial asset.

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

4. Material accounting policies *(continued)*

4.6 Financial instruments *(continued)*

Derecognition (continued)

Financial assets (continued)

The Society enters into transactions whereby it transfers assets recognised in its statement of financial position but retains either all or substantially all of the risks and rewards of the transferred assets. In these cases, the transferred assets are not derecognised.

Financial liabilities

The Society derecognises a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged or cancelled, or expire. The Society also derecognises a financial liability when its terms are modified and the cash flows of the modified liability are substantially different, in which case a new financial liability based on the modified terms is recognised at fair value.

On derecognition of a financial liability, the difference between the carrying amount extinguished and the consideration paid (including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed) is recognised in profit or loss.

Offsetting

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Society currently has a legally enforceable right to set off the amounts and it intends either to settle them on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Impairment

The Society recognises loss allowances for ECLs on financial assets measured at amortised cost. The Society 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, due from a related party and bank balances for which credit risk (i.e. the risk of default occurring over the expected life of the financial instrument) has not increased significantly since initial recognition.

Loss allowances for trade and other receivables (including rent receivables) are always measured at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs.

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition and when estimating ECLs, the Society considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis, based on the Society's historical experience and informed credit assessment including forward-looking information.

The Society assess that credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly if it 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.

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

4. Material accounting policies *(continued)*

4.6 Financial instruments *(continued)*

Impairment (continued)

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 Society is exposed to credit risk.

Measurement of ECLs

ECLs are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses. Credit losses are measured as the present value of all cash shortfalls (i.e. the difference between the cash flows due to the entity in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Society expects to receive).

ECLs are discounted at the effective interest rate of the financial asset.

Credit-impaired financial assets

At each reporting date, the Society assesses whether financial assets carried at amortised cost and debt securities at FVOCI 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 the following observable data:

- significant financial difficulty of the debtor;
- the restructuring of a loan or advance by the Society on terms that the Society would not consider otherwise;
- it is probable that the debtor will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation; or
- the disappearance of an active market for a security because of financial difficulties.

Presentation of allowance for ECL in the statement of financial position

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

Write-off

The gross carrying amount of a financial asset is written off when the Society has no reasonable expectations of recovering a financial asset in its entirety or a portion thereof. The Society expects no significant recovery from the amount written off. However, financial assets that are written off could still be subject to enforcement activities in order to comply with the Society's procedures for recovery of amounts due.

4.7 Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Cost is determined using the weighted average method and includes all costs incurred in acquiring the inventories and bringing them to their present location and condition. Net realisable value is the estimate of the selling price in the ordinary course of business, less variable selling expenses.

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

4. Material accounting policies *(continued)*

4.7 Inventories *(continued)*

The Society has the right to return or substitute the expired or slow moving good purchased from local suppliers, therefore the local inventory is not subject to losses as per the agreements with the suppliers. This is only applicable for the local suppliers' purchases; however, the imported goods are subject to inventory losses.

Rebates

The Society has agreements with suppliers whereby volume-related rebates and various other supplier benefits and discounts are received in connection with the purchase of goods. This income received from suppliers relates to adjustments to the core cost price of a product and is considered part of the purchase price for that product. Income is recognised on an accrual basis when earned by the Society and the income can be measured reliably based on the terms of the contract. For the purpose of presentation, cost of sales is shown net of rebates and purchase benefits and discounts.

Where the income earned relates to inventories which are held by the Society at the end of a period, the income is included within the cost of those inventories, and recognised in cost of sales upon sale of those inventories. The Society offsets amounts due from suppliers against amounts owed to those suppliers and only the net amount payable or receivable is recognised.

4.8 Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of shares are recognised as deduction from equity.

4.9 Provisions

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

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognised even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

Provisions are measured at the present value of management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the end of the reporting period. The discount rate used to determine the present value is a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability. The increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as interest expense.

4.10 Provision for employees' benefits

Short-term employee benefits

Short-term employee benefits (annual leave, airfare and leave passage) are expensed as the related service is provided. A liability is recognised for the amount expected to be paid if the Society has a present legal or constructive obligation to pay this amount as a result of past service provided by the employee and the obligation can be estimated reliably.

The provision relating to annual leave, airfare and leave passage is disclosed as a current liability and included in trade and other payables

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

4. Material accounting policies *(continued)*

4.10 Provision for employees' benefits *(continued)*

Defined benefit obligation

The Society's obligation in respect of defined benefit pension plans is calculated separately for each plan by estimating the amount of future benefit that employees have earned in return for their service in the current and prior periods, discounting that amount. The calculation of defined benefit obligations is performed annually by a qualified actuary under the projected unit credit method.

Remeasurement of the defined benefit liability are recognised immediately in OCI. The Society determines the net interest expense on the defined benefit liability for the period by applying the discount rate used to measure the defined benefit obligation at the beginning of the annual period to the then- net defined benefit liability, taking into account any changes in the net defined benefit liability during the period as a result of contributions and benefit payments. Net interest expense and other expenses related to defined benefit obligation are recognised in profit or loss.

When the benefits of a plan are changed or when a plan is curtailed, the resulting change in benefit that relates to past service or the gain or loss on curtailment is recognised immediately in profit or loss. The Society recognises gains and losses on the settlement of a defined benefit plan when the settlement occurs.

Retirement benefit plan accrual

The Society has a retirement benefit plan for those employees who are registered in the General Pension and Social Security Authority and whose monthly salary as per labor contract exceeds a certain limit. The eligibility is subject to the employees completing one year of service. The Society has stopped accruing this benefit from 1 January 2024 and the payment will be made when the employees exit the Society.

4.11 Government grants

Government grants are recognised when there is reasonable assurance that the Society will comply with the conditions attached to the grant and that the grant will be received. Recognition is generally made when the grant is approved by the relevant government authority. Government grants are initially recognised at their nominal amount.

4.12 Revenue from contract with customers

The Society satisfies a performance obligation and recognises revenue over time, if one of the following criteria is met:

- i. The customer simultaneously receives and consumes the benefits provided by the Society's performance as the Society performs; or
- ii. The Society's performance creates or enhances an asset that the customer controls as the asset is created or enhanced; or
- iii. The Society's performance does not create an asset with an alternative use to the Society and the entity has an enforceable right to payment for performance completed to date.

For performance obligations where one of the above conditions are not met, revenue is recognised at the point in time at which performance obligation is satisfied.

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

4. Material accounting policies *(continued)*

4.12 Revenue from contract with customers *(continued)*

The Society recognises revenue from contracts with customers based on a five-step model as set out in IFRS 15:

- Step 1 Identify the contract(s) with a customer: A contract is defined as an agreement between two or more parties that creates enforceable rights and obligations and sets out the criteria for every contract that must be met.
- Step 2 Identify the performance obligations in the contract: A performance obligation is a promise in a contract with a customer to transfer goods or services to the customer.
- Step 3 Determine the transaction price: The transaction price is the amount of consideration to which the Society expects to be entitled in exchange for transferring promised goods or services to a customer, excluding amounts collected on behalf of third parties.
- Step 4 Allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract: For a contract that has more than one performance obligation, the Society will allocate the transaction price to each performance obligation in an amount that depicts the amount of consideration to which the Society expects to be entitled in exchange for satisfying each performance obligation.
- Step 5 Recognise revenue when (or as) the entity satisfies a performance obligation.

When the Society satisfies a performance obligation by delivering the promised goods or services, it creates a contract asset based on the amount of consideration earned by the performance. Where the amount of consideration received from a customer exceeds the amount of revenue recognised, this gives rise to a contract liability.

Income from sales of goods

Sales of goods – retail

Revenue from the sale of goods is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, net of returns and discounts. Revenue comprises amounts derived from the sale of goods falling within the ordinary activities of the Society and are recognised at the time of checkout sales when persuasive evidence exists that the control passes from the Society to the customer satisfying the performance obligation, and the amount of revenue can be measured reliably. The payment is effected simultaneously at the time of checkout sales. Discounts are recognised as a reduction of revenue as the sales are recognised.

Loyalty Program

The Society offers the "Tamayaz" loyalty program, extending dual advantages to its customers through immediate discounts on specified items and the accumulation of rewards points. The Tamayaz loyalty program comprises two distinct categories: the "Gold card" tailored for shareholders and the "Silver card" designed for non-shareholder customers.

Under this program, customers accrue one point for every dirham spent, with the ability to redeem these points against future purchases upon reaching the 3,000 (AED 50) and 4,000 (AED 50) points respectively for gold and silver. Any unused loyalty points as of December 31st of each financial year will expire automatically.

When customers redeem their loyalty points, the value of the points redeemed is a form of discount that is recognised as a deduction against revenue.

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

4. Material accounting policies *(continued)*

4.12 Revenue from contract with customers *(continued)*

Income from sales of goods (continued)

E-Commerce

The Society operates an e-commerce platform for the sale of consumer and durable goods to its customers. Payment for online purchases typically made via credit card on platform or cash / credit card on delivery. Meeting the criteria under IFRS 15, the Society accounts for these income as a principal since it has the primary responsibility or fulfilling the promise to customers and has the price discretion. Revenue from sales transactions is recognised upon the delivery of products to customers; hence at a point in time.

Income from other operating activities

Income from shop rentals

The Society has lease agreements for shops in its various branches and malls. The Society recognises income from shop rentals in line with IFRS 16 *Leases* in its capacity as a lessor. Income is recognised over the term of the lease agreement.

Income from commission on sales from specialty department

Income from commission from rented departments is a percentage of sales, mutually agreed by the Society and the tenants and to be paid to the Society for operating the departments inside the Society branches. Income from commission from rented departments is recognised at the time the sale is made in the rented department.

Advertisement and special offers income

Advertisement and Special offers income include the income generated from various suppliers for the additional services like additional space for charts and banners and advertising on the Society's screens provided to the suppliers for promotions and advertisement of their goods in the malls. It is recognised on a straight line basis over the term of the agreement.

Specialty department service fees

This income is generated from the cleaning and point-of-sales services provided to specialty department suppliers. It is recognised as income on a monthly basis.

Income from play areas

This income is generated from the kids' play area operations in the shopping malls. Income from play areas is recognised on usage by the customers; hence at a point in time.

Income from space management

Income from space management is the charge to suppliers for displaying goods for sale in branches. It is recognised on straight line basis over the term of the display agreement.

Supplier contribution towards promotions, listing fees and supplier registration fees

These incomes are generated from suppliers at a point in time based on the occurrence.

4.13 Income Tax

Income tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. It is recognised in profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to a business combination, or items recognised directly in equity or in OCI.

i. Current tax

Current tax comprises the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year and any adjustment to the tax payable or receivable in respect of previous years. The amount of current tax payable or receivable is the best estimate of the tax amount expected to be paid or received that reflects uncertainty related to income taxes, if any. It is measured using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date. Current tax also includes any tax arising from dividends.

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

4. Material accounting policies *(continued)*

4.13 Income Tax *(continued)*

Current tax assets and liabilities are offset only if certain criteria are met.

ii. Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. Deferred tax is not recognised for:

- temporary differences on the initial recognition of assets or liabilities in a transaction that:
 - is not a business combination; and
 - at the time of the transaction (i) affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss and (ii) does not give rise to equal taxable and deductible temporary differences
- temporary differences related to investments in associate arrangements to the extent that the Society is able to control the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences and it is probable that they will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

The measurement of deferred tax reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Society expects, at the reporting date, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset only if certain criteria are met.

Deferred tax assets are recognised for unused tax losses, unused tax credits and deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be used. Future taxable profits are determined based on the reversal of relevant taxable temporary differences. If the amount of taxable temporary differences is insufficient to recognise a deferred tax asset in full, then future taxable profits, adjusted for reversals of existing temporary differences, are considered, based on the business plans. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised; such reductions are reversed when the probability of future taxable profits improves.

4.14 Foreign currency translation

(a) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Society operates ('the functional currency'). The financial statements are presented in UAE Dirhams ("AED"), which is the Society's functional and presentation currency.

(b) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. 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 the statement of comprehensive income.

(c) Non-monetary assets and liabilities

Non-monetary assets and liabilities are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. 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 the statement of comprehensive income.

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

4. Material accounting policies *(continued)*

4.15 Leases

(i) As a lessee

Right-of-use assets: recognition and measurement

At commencement or on modification of a contract that contains a lease component, the Society allocates the consideration in the contract to each lease component on the basis of its relative stand-alone prices. However, for the leases of property the Society has elected not to separate non-lease components and account for the lease and non-lease components as a single lease component.

The Society recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the lease commencement date. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, plus any material initial direct costs incurred and an estimate of material costs to dismantle and remove the underlying asset or to restore the underlying asset or the site on which it is located, less any lease incentives received.

Depreciation

The right-of-use asset is subsequently depreciated using the straight-line method from the commencement date to the end of the lease term, unless the lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset to the Society by the end of the lease term or the cost of the right-of-use asset reflects that the Society will exercise a purchase option. In that case the right-of-use asset will be depreciated over the useful life of the underlying asset, which is determined on the same basis as those of property and equipment. In addition, the right-of-use asset is periodically reduced by impairment losses, if any, and adjusted for certain remeasurements of the lease liability.

Lease liabilities: recognition and measurement

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the Society's weighted average incremental borrowing rate.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability comprise the following:

- fixed payments, including in-substance fixed payments;
- variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate as at the commencement date;
- amounts expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee; and
- the exercise price under a purchase option that Society is reasonably certain to exercise, lease payments in an optional renewal period if Society is reasonably certain to exercise an extension option, and penalties for early termination of a lease unless Society is reasonably certain not to terminate early.

The lease liability is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. It is remeasured when there is a change in future lease payments arising from a change in an index or rate, if there is a change in the Society's estimate of the amount expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee, if the Society changes its assessment of whether it will exercise a purchase, extension or termination option or if there is a revised in-substance fixed lease payment.

When the lease liability is remeasured in this way, a corresponding adjustment is made to the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero.

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

4. Material accounting policies *(continued)*

4.15 Leases *(continued)*

Presentation

The Society presents right-of-use assets and lease liabilities separately in the statement of financial position.

Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

The Society has elected not to recognise right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for leases of low-value assets and short-term leases. The Society recognises the lease payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

(ii) As a lessor

At inception or on modification of a contract that contains a lease component, the Society allocates the consideration in the contract to each lease component on the basis of their relative stand-alone prices.

When the Society acts as a lessor, it determines at lease inception whether each lease is a finance lease or an operating lease.

To classify each lease, the Society makes an overall assessment of whether the lease transfers substantially all of the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the underlying asset. If this is the case, then the lease is a finance lease; if not, then it is an operating lease. As part of this assessment, the Society considers certain indicators such as whether the lease is for the major part of the economic life of the asset.

When the Society is an intermediate lessor, it accounts for its interests in the head lease and the sub-lease separately. It assesses the lease classification of a sub-lease with reference to the right-of-use asset arising from the head lease, not with reference to the underlying asset. If a head lease is a short-term lease to which the Society applies the exemption described above, then it classifies the sub-lease as an operating lease. If an arrangement contains lease and non-lease components, then the Society applies IFRS 15 to allocate the consideration in the contract.

The Society regularly reviews estimated unguaranteed residual values used in calculating the gross investment in the lease. The Society recognises lease payments received under operating leases as rental income on a straight-line basis over the lease term as part of 'income from other operating activities'. The Society does not have any lease financing.

4.16 Profit before/after tax, directors' remuneration and community responsibility expenses

The Society presents profit before and after tax, directors' remuneration and community responsibility expenses to provide more transparency on operational profits.

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

5. Operating segments

A. Basis for segmentation

IFRS 8 requires operating segments to be identified on the basis of internal reports about components of the Society that are regularly reviewed by the Board of Directors in order to allocate resources to the segment and to assess its performance.

Information reported to the Society's Board of Directors for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance is specifically focused on the type of business activities undertaken as a Society. For operating purposes, the Society is organised into three major business segments:

- i) Retail segment: Business from operations in relation to the sale of goods at hypermarkets;
- ii) E-commerce Segment: Business from the online shopping platforms of the Society;
- iii) Real Estate Segment: Rental business from shops in its various branches and malls; and

The following tables present information regarding the Society's operating segments for the year ended 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023 (The disclosures in the tables below have been prepared using the same accounting policies as those applied to prepare the financial statements):

B. Information about reportable segments

	Retail segment AED' 000	E-commerce segment AED' 000	Real Estate segment AED' 000	Total AED' 000
2024				
Income from sales of goods	1,722,496	131,631	-	1,854,127
Income from other operating activities	442,484	10,023	163,426	615,933
Other income	17,396	81	1,515	18,992
Finance income	1,735	-	143	1,878
Cost of goods	(1,483,103)	(108,056)	-	(1,591,159)
Staff costs	(190,435)	(5,723)	(22,750)	(218,908)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	(73,349)	(116)	(21,261)	(94,726)
Utility expenses	(59,298)	-	(19,160)	(78,458)
Marketing expenses	(25,825)	(702)	(309)	(26,836)
Finance costs	(30,447)	(1,081)	(3,701)	(35,229)
Repair and maintenance expenses	(10,628)	(114)	(3,508)	(14,250)
Impairment loss on trade and other receivables	(2,519)	-	(208)	(2,727)
Other expenses	(61,714)	(9,967)	(12,506)	(84,187)
Reversal of impairment loss of non-financial assets	-	-	30,771	30,771
Impairment loss on non-financial assets	-	-	(161)	(161)
Share of profit of associate	(430)	-	-	(430)
Profit for the year before tax, directors remuneration and community responsibility expenses	246,363	15,976	112,291	374,630
Segment assets	3,131,626	74	566,964	3,698,664
Equity accounted investees	5,670	-	-	5,670
Capital expenditure	124,422	-	59,789	184,211
Segment liabilities	1,009,732	-	119,956	1,129,688

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5. Operating segments (continued)

B. Information about reportable segments (continued)

	Retail segment AED' 000	E-commerce segment AED' 000	Real Estate segment AED' 000	Total AED' 000
2023				
Income from sales of goods	1,677,007	100,169	-	1,777,176
Income from other operating activities	436,098	6,714	146,552	589,364
Other income	7,054	1	354	7,409
Finance income	1,406	-	93	1,499
Cost of goods	(1,415,906)	(86,815)	-	(1,502,721)
Staff costs	(214,837)	(5,393)	(35,188)	(255,418)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	(77,889)	(112)	(13,214)	(91,215)
Utility expenses	(59,869)	-	(18,685)	(78,554)
Marketing expenses	(12,707)	(6,319)	(1,223)	(20,249)
Finance costs	(28,952)	(722)	(292)	(29,966)
Repair and maintenance expenses	(11,350)	-	(4,055)	(15,405)
Impairment loss on trade and other receivables	(10,887)	-	(9,618)	(20,505)
Other expenses	(44,313)	(370)	(12,185)	(56,868)
Reversal of impairment loss of non-financial assets	-	-	11,144	11,144
Impact of lease early termination	1,074	-	-	1,074
Share of profit of associate	133	-	-	133
Profit for the year before tax, directors remuneration and community responsibility expenses	246,062	7,153	63,683	316,898
Segment assets	2,941,920	167	502,760	3,444,847
Equity accounted investees	6146	-	-	6,146
Capital expenditure	209,612	-	865	210,477
Segment liabilities	778,790	-	114,807	893,597

Revenue reported above represents revenue generated from external customers. There were no inter-segment sales during the year. All Revenue are earned in the United Arab Emirates. Allocation of expenses are determined by management for resource allocation purpose. The accounting policies of the reportable segments are the same as the Society's accounting policies described in note 4.

Segment profit before directors remuneration and community responsibility expenses is used to measure performance because management believes that this information is the most relevant in evaluating the results of the respective segments relative to other entities that operate in the same industries.

C. Geographical information

The retail, e-commerce and real estate segments are managed primarily in United Arab Emirates. The geographic information analyses the Society's revenue and non-current assets by the country of domicile. In presenting the geographic information, segment revenue has been based on the geographic location of customers and segment assets were based on the geographic location of the assets.

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6. Financial risk management

The Society has exposure to the following risks arising from financial instruments:

- Credit risk;
- Liquidity risk;
- Market risk; and
- Interest risk.

This note presents information about the Society's exposure to each of the above risks, the objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing risk, and management of capital.

The Board of Directors have overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of Society's risk management framework. The Society's senior management is responsible for developing and monitoring the Society's risk management framework. The Society's senior management reports to the Board of Directors on its activities. The Society's risk management procedures are established to identify and analyse the risks faced, to set appropriate risk limits and controls, and to monitor risks and adherence to limits. The procedures are reviewed regularly to reflect changes in market conditions and the Society's activities.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Society if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. Credit risk arises from credit exposure to customers, due from a related party and cash at banks (in current and deposit accounts).

(i) Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables (excluding prepaid expenses and advances to suppliers) are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold in the ordinary course of business for which collection is expected in one year or less (or in the normal operating cycle of the business). The Society's exposure to credit risk is influenced mainly by the individual characteristics of each customer. The Society establishes an allowance for impairment that represents its estimate of expected credit losses in respect of its receivables. The main component of this allowance is a specific loss component that relates to individual significant exposures, and a collective loss component established for the grouping of similar assets in respect of losses that has been incurred but not yet identified.

(ii) Due from a related party

Amounts due from a related party are considered fully recoverable by management. Considering that management has no history of default from the related party, it is not expected that it will fail to meet its obligation.

(iii) Cash at banks (in current and deposit accounts)

The Society limits its exposure to credit risk by only dealing with banks of repute.

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6. Financial risk management *(continued)*

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Society will encounter difficulty in meeting the obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset. The Society's objective when managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when they are due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Society's reputation. Prudent liquidity risk management implies maintaining sufficient cash and the availability of funding through an adequate amount of committed credit facilities. The Society maintains flexibility in funding by keeping committed credit lines available. Liquidity risk mainly relates to trade and other payables, lease liabilities, bank overdraft and retirement plan benefits accrual (forming part of employee end of service benefits).

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as profit rates on short term deposits and bank overdraft, will affect the Society's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return.

Profit rate risk

The Society is exposed to profit rate risk on its profit-linked assets. Short-term deposits are at a fixed profit rates. The Society does not account for any fixed-rate financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. Therefore, a change in profit rates at the reporting date would not affect profit or loss.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk arises from possibility that changes in interest rates will affect the net interest income/expense of the Society. The interest rate on the Society's financial liabilities is primarily on bank overdraft based on market rates (*refer to note 17*).

Capital risk management

The Society's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Society's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns to its shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain an optimal capital structure to reduce the cost of capital. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Society may adjust the amount of dividends paid to shareholders.

7. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

The Society's management makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year. Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

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7. Critical accounting estimates and judgements *(continued)*

Depreciation of property, equipment and investment properties

Management assigns the useful life and the residual values of the property, equipment and investment properties based on its intended use of assets and economies of the lives of those assets. Subsequent changes in the circumstances such as technological advances or prospective utilisation of the assets concerned could result in the actual useful lives or residual value differing from initial estimate. When the management determines that the useful life of the asset Society or the residual value of the asset requires amendment, the net book amount in excess of the residual value is depreciated over the revised remaining useful life. Management has reviewed the residual values and useful lives of the major items of property, equipment and investment properties and determined that no adjustment is necessary.

Incremental borrowing rate

The Society uses its incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate. To determine the incremental borrowing rate, the Company uses a build-up approach that starts with a risk-free interest rate adjusted for specific industry credit risk. The Society has discounted lease liabilities using incremental borrowing rates ranging from 3.3% to 5.7%.

Determining the lease term

In determining the lease term, management considers all facts and circumstances that create an economic incentive to exercise an extension option, or not exercise a termination option. Extension options (or periods after termination options) are only included in the lease term if the lease is reasonably certain to be extended (or not terminated).

Impairment of non-financial assets

IFRS Accounting Standards requires management to perform impairment tests annually if events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying amounts may not be recoverable. Impairment testing requires management to assess whether the carrying value of assets can be supported by the higher of the net present value of future cash flows that they generate, or their fair value less costs to sell. If any such indications exist and where the carrying value exceeds the estimated recoverable amount, the assets or cash generating units (CGU) are written down to their recoverable amount. The Company reviews its property and equipment, right-of-use assets to assess impairment at least on an annual basis.

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8. Property and equipment

Cost

	Land and improvements AED	Buildings AED	Computer hardware AED	Motor vehicles AED	Furniture and fixtures AED	Equipment and tools AED	Capital work- in- progress AED	Total AED
At 1 January 2023	1,183,956,098	971,941,951	29,965,473	16,912,021	35,121,750	197,246,741	209,043,373	2,644,187,407
Additions	78,334,921	2,180,779	2,272,346	-	4,557,246	18,209,358	104,057,503	209,612,153
Transfers from capital work in progress	-	190,778,379	732,136	-	714,813	2,322,497	(194,547,825)	-
Transfer to intangible assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	(19,917)	(19,917)
Transfer to investment properties	-	(113,332,081)	-	-	-	-	-	(113,332,081)
Disposals	-	(6,300)	(222,498)	-	(258,369)	(3,001,829)	-	(3,488,996)
At 31 December 2023	1,262,291,019	1,051,562,728	32,747,457	16,912,021	40,135,440	214,776,767	118,533,134	2,736,958,566
Additions	-	29,657,432	2,533,891	-	3,856,624	10,986,979	77,387,382	124,422,308
Transfers from capital work in progress	-	128,517,104	272,398	-	157,798	1,110,356	(130,057,656)	-
Transfer to intangible assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,518)	(3,518)
Transfer to investment properties	-	(59,789,853)	-	-	-	-	-	(59,789,853)
Disposals	-	(2,227,430)	(526,806)	-	(824,263)	(5,772,990)	(183,657)	(9,535,146)
Write off	-	-	-	-	-	-	(14,984,975)	(14,984,975)
At 31 December 2024	1,262,291,019	1,147,719,981	35,026,940	16,912,021	43,325,599	221,101,112	50,690,710	2,777,067,382

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

8. Property and equipment (continued)

Accumulated depreciation and impairment losses

	Land and improvements AED	Buildings AED	Computer hardware AED	Motor vehicles AED	Furniture and fixtures AED	Equipment and tools AED	Capital work-in-progress AED	Total AED
At 1 January 2023	234,007,351	244,284,571	23,530,084	11,838,950	23,088,630	127,104,445	14,984,975	678,839,006
(Reversal of) impairment during the year	(21,588,473)	8,536,927 (11,563,438)	-	-	-	-	-	(13,051,546) (11,563,438)
Transfer to investment property	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year (refer to note 33)	-	25,012,739	2,635,253	1,175,646	5,422,102	17,007,263	-	51,253,003
Disposals	-	(5,555)	(221,442)	-	(248,222)	(2,912,535)	-	(3,387,754)
At 31 December 2023	212,418,878	266,265,244	25,943,895	13,014,596	28,262,510	141,199,173	14,984,975	702,089,271
Charge for the year (refer to note 33)	-	25,109,443	2,738,996	1,048,882	6,074,313	17,278,369	-	52,250,003
Reversal of impairment during the year	(30,771,492)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(30,771,492)
Impairment write off	-	-	-	-	-	-	(14,984,975)	(14,984,975)
Disposals	-	(2,227,431)	(525,861)	-	(759,788)	(5,124,757)	-	(8,637,837)
At 31 December 2024	181,647,386	289,147,256	28,157,030	14,063,478	33,577,035	153,352,785	-	699,944,970
Net carrying amount								
At 31 December 2023	1,049,872,141	785,297,484	6,803,562	3,897,425	11,872,930	73,577,594	103,548,159	2,034,869,295
At 31 December 2024	1,080,643,633	858,572,725	6,869,910	2,848,543	9,748,564	67,748,327	50,690,710	2,077,122,412

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8. Property and equipment *(continued)*

- a) Certain buildings of the Society are constructed on plots of lands granted by H.H. Ruler of Dubai. These plots of lands are recorded in the Society's books at nominal value of AED 1. The value of other plots of land carried at cost represents the value of plots purchased.
- b) Capital work in progress primarily represents the costs incurred by the Society for construction of new shopping centers and stores in Jumeirah Mall, Silicon Oasis Mosque, Nad Al Sheeba, Khawaneej and Rukan (completion expected in 2025-2026). Included in the capital work in progress amount are capitalised finance costs related to leased lands and buildings and amortization of right of use assets amounting to AED 7,433,696 (2023: AED 4,734,070), calculated using a capitalisation rate of 5.6%.
- c) As at 31 December 2024, the Society transferred buildings amounting to AED 59,789,853 from property and equipment to investment properties (2023: AED 113,332,081) *(refer to note 9)*.
- d) As required by IAS 36 Impairment of Assets, management carried out an impairment assessment of property and equipment as at 31 December 2024. As part of the impairment assessment, management estimated the recoverable amount of the Cash Generating Units (CGUs). The management has determined each location to be a separate CGU and considered the carrying value of land and buildings in that location as a CGU when testing for impairment as at the reporting period. For the fair value assessment in accordance with the requirement of IAS 36, the Society has determined the recoverable amount using the greater of "fair value less costs of disposal" or "value in use". Based on the impairment assessment, the impairment of the Society's property and equipment has been reversed by AED 30,771,492 during current year (2023: AED 13,051,546). The fair value measurement was categorised as a level 3 for lands and buildings based on the inputs in the valuation technique used. The key assumptions used in the estimation of the fair value are set out below.

Asset category	Valuation technique	Significant unobservable inputs	Inter-relationship between unobservable inputs and fair value measurement
Lands	Comparable method: This method is used to form the valuer's estimate of Market Value of assets where recent transactional data are readily available. This estimate of market value was wholly determined by reference to observable prices and recent market transactions, involving comparable property assets, adjusted as appropriate to reflect properties specific factors.	Price per square meter.	Significant increases/ (decreases) in estimated price per square meter in isolation would result in a significantly higher (lower) fair value on a linear basis.
Buildings	Income capitalisation method	- Market Yield (7-10%) - Vacancy allowances (5-10%) - Estimated rental value (market comparable) - Operational expenses	The fair value would increase if: - The market yields were lower, - The vacancy allowances were lower, - The Estimated rental value were higher, - Operational expenses were lower.

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9. Investment properties

Shops and other areas within shopping malls, which are held for rental had been classified as investment properties.

	Buildings AED
<i>Cost</i>	
01 January 2023	508,071,758
Additions	864,578
Transfer from property and equipment <i>(refer to note 8)</i>	113,332,081
At 31 December 2023	622,268,417
Transfer from property and equipment <i>(refer to note 8)</i>	59,789,853
At 31 December 2024	682,058,270

Accumulated depreciation and impairment losses

01 January 2023	169,550,839
Charge for the year <i>(refer to note 33)</i>	13,213,902
Transfer from property and equipment <i>(refer to note 8)</i>	11,563,438
Impairment for the year	1,907,849
31 December 2023	196,236,028
Charge for the year <i>(refer to note 33)</i>	14,276,629
31 December 2024	210,512,657

Net book amount

At 31 December 2023	426,032,389
At 31 December 2024	471,545,613

Income from investment properties:

	2024 AED	2023 AED
Rental income	163,426,358	149,620,374

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

9. Investment properties *(continued)*

As required by International Accounting Standard - 36 'Impairment of Assets' ("IAS 36"), management carried out an impairment assessment of investment properties as at 31 December 2024. As part of the impairment assessment, management estimated the recoverable amount of the assets. For the fair value assessment in accordance with the requirement of IAS 36, the Society has determined the recoverable amount using the greater of "fair value less costs of disposal" or "value in use". Based on the impairment assessment the Society's investment properties have been impaired by AED Nil during current year (2023: AED 1,907,849).

The fair value of the investment properties as at 31 December 2024 is AED 823 million (2023: AED 798 million). The fair value of investment properties as at 31 December 2023 and 2024 has been arrived at on the basis of a valuation carried out by an external, independent property valuer. The valuer had appropriate qualifications and recent experience in the valuation of properties in the location and category of the property being valued. The valuation was performed based on market value determined in accordance with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) appraisal and valuation manual, issued by the RICS.

The fair value measurement for all of the investment properties has been categorised as a Level 3 fair value based on the inputs to the valuation technique used. There is no change in level year on year.

Valuation technique	Significant unobservable inputs	Inter-relationship between unobservable inputs and fair value measurement
Income capitalisation method	- Market Yield (7-10%) - Vacancy allowances (5-10%) - Estimated rental value (market comparable) - Operational expenses	The fair value would increase if: - The market yields were lower, - The vacancy allowances were lower, - The Estimated rental value were higher, - Operational expenses were lower.

10. Intangible assets

	2024 AED	2023 AED
Computer software		
Cost		
At 1 January	25,956,169	22,716,157
Additions	398,024	3,220,095
Transfer from capital work in progress (<i>refer to note 8</i>)	3,518	19,917
At 31 December	26,357,711	25,956,169
Accumulated amortization		
At 1 January	21,084,836	16,464,391
Charge for the year (<i>refer to note 33</i>)	3,957,200	4,620,445
At 31 December	25,042,036	21,084,836
Net carrying amount		
At 31 December	1,315,675	4,871,333

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11. Right of use asset

The right of use assets consist of leased lands on which shopping malls and its staff accommodations are constructed, leased warehouses and leased shopping malls and retail units.

Extension options

The management considers various facts and circumstances that create an economic incentive to exercise the renewal option. Extension/renewal options (or periods after termination options) are only included in the lease term if the lease is reasonably certain to be extended (or not terminated).

The following factors are most relevant:

- If there are significant penalties (contractual) to terminate (or not extend), the Society is typically reasonably certain to extend (or not terminate);
- If the lease improvements are expected to have a significant remaining value, the Society is typically reasonably certain to extend (or not terminate); and
- The Society also considers other factors including current market conditions, historical impairments on related CGUs, business strategy, etc.

In determining the lease term where the enforceability of the option solely rests with the Society, the management considers all aforementioned facts and circumstances that create an economic incentive to exercise the option. Extension/renewal options (or periods after termination options) are only included in the lease term if the lease is reasonably certain to be extended (or not terminated).

	Land AED	Buildings AED	Total AED
Cost			
At 1 January 2023	98,163,228	448,319,536	546,482,764
Additions	-	24,500,144	24,500,144
At 31 December 2023	98,163,228	472,819,680	570,982,908
Additions	91,597,135	16,454,240	108,051,375
Derecognition	(15,452,564)	(34,314,864)	(49,767,428)
At 31 December 2024	174,307,799	454,959,056	629,266,855
Accumulated depreciation and impairment			
At 1 January 2023	9,569,849	96,614,377	106,184,226
Charge for the year (refer to note 33)	2,576,225	19,550,920	22,127,145
Capitalised	-	1,699,999	1,699,999
At 31 December 2023	12,146,074	117,865,296	130,011,370
Charge for the year (refer to note 33)	3,443,949	20,797,834	24,241,783
Capitalised	1,421,189	4,704,672	6,125,861
Derecognition	(1,544,424)	(35,617,204)	(37,161,628)
At 31 December 2024	15,466,788	107,750,598	123,217,386
Net book amount			
At 31 December 2023	86,017,154	354,954,384	440,971,538
At 31 December 2024	158,841,011	347,208,458	506,049,469

The Society has properties from Government of Dubai and other entities that are renewable on different frequencies. The Society's management and board of directors are of the view that these plots of land will continue to be available to the Society based on the useful life of relevant non-movable assets. Accordingly, the renewal options are considered while assessing the lease terms.

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12. Capital advances

Capital advances represents cash paid in advance to contractors for various projects not yet commenced as at the respective year ends.

13. Investment in associate

This represents an equity investment in the Consumer Co-operative Union (CCU). The Society holds 19,800 unquoted shares for a par value of AED 100 per share (20.34%) as at 31 December 2023 and 2024.

The following table analyses, in aggregate, the carrying amount and share of profit and OCI in the investee.

	2024 AED	2023 AED
Carrying amount	6,145,588	6,013,020
Share of profit from continuing operations	81,732	141,429
Dividends received during the year	(45,153)	-
Equity movement other than dividends	(511,965)	(8,861)
At 31 December	<u>5,670,202</u>	<u>6,145,588</u>

The following table summarises the financial information of CCU as included in its own financial statements.

	2024 AED	2023 AED
Percentage ownership	20.34%	20.34%
Non-current assets	5,043,202	4,582,842
Current assets	29,596,086	32,210,345
Non-current liabilities	(346,293)	(328,858)
Current liabilities	(6,415,896)	(6,248,521)
Net assets (100%)	<u>27,877,099</u>	<u>30,215,808</u>
Carrying amount of interest in associate	<u>5,670,202</u>	<u>6,145,588</u>
Profit from continuing operations	401,827	695,324
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income (100%)	<u>401,827</u>	<u>695,324</u>
Share of the total comprehensive income	81,732	141,429
Share of equity movements other than total comprehensive income	(511,965)	(8,861)
Share of (loss)/profit of associate	<u>(430,233)</u>	<u>132,568</u>

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14. Inventories

	2024 AED	2023 AED
Goods for resale	312,554,240	275,190,679
Imported goods for sale	9,524,118	5,534,770
Less: provision for slow moving items	(3,805,682)	(3,445,670)
	<u>318,272,676</u>	<u>277,279,779</u>
Consumables	6,147,584	7,069,911
Goods in transit	158,074	1,070,480
	<u>324,578,334</u>	<u>285,420,170</u>

The movement in the provision for slow moving imported inventories is as follows:

	2024 AED	2023 AED
At 1 January	3,445,670	3,318,348
Additions for the year	<u>360,012</u>	<u>127,322</u>
At 31 December	<u>3,805,682</u>	<u>3,445,670</u>

The Society has the right to return or substitute the expired or slow moving good purchased from local suppliers, therefore the local inventory is not subject to losses as per the agreements with the suppliers. However, imported goods are subject to inventory losses and accordingly are measured at lower of cost or net realisable value.

15. Trade and other receivables

	2024 AED	2023 AED
Rent receivables	27,344,922	28,027,156
Trade receivables	22,338,197	21,812,999
Due from a related party (refer to note 26)	13,788,438	5,410,084
Credit card sales receivable	10,595,207	15,701,589
Deposits	8,585,462	7,018,249
Prepaid expenses	7,210,570	6,693,891
Advance to suppliers	6,574,097	12,846,489
Accrued income on short-term deposits	145,191	584,762
Other receivables	<u>28,881,216</u>	<u>14,811,434</u>
	<u>125,463,300</u>	<u>112,906,653</u>
Less: provision for impairment loss	<u>(40,862,211)</u>	<u>(38,134,903)</u>
	<u>84,601,089</u>	<u>74,771,750</u>

Movements on the provision for impairment loss on trade and rent receivables are as follows:

	2024 AED	2023 AED
At 1 January	38,134,903	23,455,021
Write off	-	(5,824,917)
Charge for the year	<u>2,727,308</u>	<u>20,504,799</u>
At 31 December	<u>40,862,211</u>	<u>38,134,903</u>

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16. Short-term deposits

Short-term deposits constitute investments with Islamic banks in fixed term deposits, that mature between 3-12 months from the reporting date, as follows:

Bank	Maturity	Rate	2024 AED	2023 AED
Dubai Islamic Bank	08/02/2024	5.50%	-	70,000,000

17. Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 AED	2023 AED
Cash at banks	102,227,368	82,210,398
Cash on hand	1,902,252	2,457,752
Short term deposits with less than three month maturity	115,308,206	-
Cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position	219,437,826	84,668,150
Bank overdraft	(95,746,472)	-
Cash and cash equivalents in the statement of cash flows	123,691,354	84,668,150

Terms and conditions for bank overdraft:

- Assignment over Point of Sales and cash collections, for a minimum of AED 1 Billion per annum.
- Mortgage of inventories including raw materials, work in progress, finished goods, good in transit stocks in trade and goods in transit stored at any Company premises, factory, worksites, showrooms and warehouses.
- Assignment of trade and accounts receivables on pari passu basis.
- Assignment of insurance covering stocks/moveable assets/ inventories on pari passu basis.

Bank overdrafts are repayable on demand.

18. Share capital

	2024	2023
Number of shares	1,764,138,140	1,764,138,140
Ordinary shares in AED	1,764,138,140	1,764,138,140

There has been no movement in the number and value of shares in both reporting periods.

19. Legal reserve

In accordance Federal Decree-Law No. 6 of 2022 on cooperatives ("the new law"), 10% of the profit for the year is transferred to a legal reserve, which is not distributable. Transfers to this reserve are required to be made until such time as it equals at least 50% of the paid-up share capital. Transfers to the legal reserve have not been made during the year 2024 as a result of reaching the 50% capital rule. However, during the previous year, a portion of the legal reserves amounting to AED 64,428,004 has been transferred to retained earnings so that the residual amount equals to 50% of the capital. The Society has adopted the new law before updating its Articles of Associations.

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20. Community Responsibility

This represents the Society's responsibility for the social welfare of the community.

	2024 AED	2023 AED
Community responsibility reserve allocation during the year (refer to note (a) below)	-	28,029,285
Community responsibility expenses (refer to note (b) below)	19,505,255	13,285,711

- (a) The reserve is based on the approval allocated from the general assembly's resolution. The allocation is determined pursuant to the Society's memorandum of association and the requirements of UAE Federal Law No. 13 of 1976 pertaining to co-operative societies and should not exceed 10% of the profit for the year. The same requirement to allocate a certain percentage to community responsibility is also applicable to the new issued Federal Decree-Law No. 6 of 2022 on cooperative.
- (b) Payment made to counter-party for community responsibility expenses incurred during the current and previous years as follows:

Counter-parties	2024 AED	2023 AED
Supporting members of the Mohammed bin Rashid Establishment for Small and Medium Enterprises Development and the Sheikh Khalifa Fund	6,085,738	7,261,606
Shareholder Happiness Programs	6,040,398	-
Mohammed Bin Rashed Al Maktoum Global Initiatives	2,000,000	2,000,000
Mohammed Bin Rashed Housing Establishment	1,704,308	1,000,000
Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan Foundation for Humanitarian Works Project	1,207,838	1,129,974
Salaries and bonuses for employees of people of determination	693,300	628,862
Dubai International Holy Quran Award	500,000	500,000
Emirates Down Syndrome Association	300,000	-
Governmental and semi-governmental agencies, major institutions, charities, and public benefit associations	171,660	351,514
Mohammed Bin Rashid Foundation for Islamic Culture	150,000	-
Dubai Club for People of Determination	120,000	-
University of Dubai	100,000	-
People of Determination Sector	100,000	100,000
Hatta Festival	84,000	-
Union Mosque	81,828	123,500
General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs	50,000	-
Ministry of Community Development	50,000	-
Emirates Genetic Diseases Association	31,185	-
Dubai Women's Association	25,000	50,000
Ministry of Human Resources	10,000	-
Dubai Police	-	50,000
Kotopia Social Responsibility Foundation	-	47,250
Salaries and bonuses for national service members	-	43,005
	19,505,255	13,285,711

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21. Treasury stock

During the current and previous year, Union Coop has not purchased any previously issued shares.

	2024	2023
Number of shares	<u>18,568,020</u>	<u>18,568,020</u>

22. Employees' end of service benefits

	2024 AED	2023 AED
Defined benefit obligations <i>(refer to (a) below)</i>	31,869,446	35,807,708
Retirement plan benefit accrual <i>(refer to (b) below)</i>	<u>18,005,425</u>	<u>33,918,866</u>
	<u>49,874,871</u>	<u>69,726,574</u>

(a) Movement in defined benefit obligations

The following table shows a reconciliation from the opening balances to the closing balances for the defined benefit obligations and its components.

	2024 AED	2023 AED
At 1 January	35,807,708	43,181,971
<i>Included in statement of profit or loss</i>		
Current service charges	2,625,059	3,483,544
Interest expenses	<u>1,374,440</u>	<u>1,709,540</u>
	<u>3,999,499</u>	<u>5,193,084</u>
<i>Included in other comprehensive income</i>		
Remeasurement profit/(loss):		
- Financial assumptions	(300,759)	220,969
- Other sources	<u>265,148</u>	<u>2,399</u>
	<u>(35,611)</u>	<u>223,368</u>
<i>Others</i>		
Benefits paid	(7,902,150)	(12,790,715)
At 31 December	<u>31,869,446</u>	<u>35,807,708</u>

The calculation of defined benefit obligations is performed annually by a qualified actuary under the projected unit credit method.

Actuarial assumptions

The following were the principal actuarial assumptions at reporting date:

	2024	2023
Discount rate	4.7%	4.4%
Future salary growth	0.0%	0.0%
Turnover rate	18%	18%
Maximum Retirement age	60	60

A +0.5% change in discount rate as at 31 December would change the obligation amount to AED 31,383,533 (2023: AED 35,261,675) while a -0.5% change would change the obligation amount to AED 32,374,696 (2023: AED 36,375,613). A +0.5% increase in future salary growth would change the obligation amount to AED 32,396,249 (2023: 36,398,109).

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22. Employees' end of service benefits *(continued)*

(b) Retirement plan benefit accrual

The following table shows a reconciliation from the opening balances to the closing balances for the retirement plan benefit accrual and its components.

	2024 AED	2023 AED
At 1 January	33,918,866	33,354,104
Charge for the year <i>(refer to note 32)</i>	-	2,997,613
Payments during the year	(15,913,441)	(2,432,851)
At 31 December	18,005,425	33,918,866

23. Earnings per share

Earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit for the year attributable to the shareholders of the Society, amounting to AED 315 million (2023: AED 297 million) by the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the year, excluding treasury shares, of 1,745,570,120 (2023: 1,745,570,120).

The Society has not issued any instruments which would have a dilutive impact on earnings per share when exercised.

24. Lease liability

	2024 AED	2023 AED
At 1 January	452,297,150	440,750,407
Additions during the year	108,051,375	24,500,144
Derecognition during the year	(13,627,191)	(8)
Transfer to property and equipment	6,366,293	2,897,484
Interest accrued during the year	18,157,515	14,562,633
Adjustment during the year	-	6,010
Payments against lease obligations	(37,844,550)	(30,419,520)
At 31 December	533,400,592	452,297,150
<i>Breakup is as follows:</i>		
Current	22,962,700	19,160,450
Non-current	510,437,892	433,136,700
	533,400,592	452,297,150

Amounts recognised in statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

	2024 AED	2023 AED
Interest expense on lease liabilities <i>(refer to note 34)</i>	18,157,515	14,562,633
Depreciation charge for the year <i>(refer to note 33)</i>	24,241,783	22,127,145
Short term and low value <i>(refer to note 35)</i>	1,046,088	889,345

Amounts recognised in statement of cash flows

	2024 AED	2023 AED
Total financing cash outflow for lease	37,844,550	30,419,520

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24. Lease liability (continued)

Lease payments

31 Dec 2024 In AED	Future minimum lease payment	Interest	Present value of minimum future lease payment
Less than one year	43,837,096	20,874,396	22,962,700
More than one year	868,942,855	358,504,963	510,437,892
Balance at 31 Dec	<u>912,779,951</u>	<u>379,379,359</u>	<u>533,400,592</u>

31 Dec 2023 In AED	Future minimum lease payment	Interest	Present value of minimum future lease payment
Less than one year	34,306,813	15,146,363	19,160,450
More than one year	738,187,946	305,051,246	433,136,700
Balance at 31 Dec	<u>772,494,759</u>	<u>320,197,609</u>	<u>452,297,150</u>

25. Trade and other payables

	2024 AED	2023 AED
Trade payables	251,442,461	187,027,978
Provision for staff expenses	33,174,872	25,839,331
Unearned income	25,596,015	29,559,301
Accruals	13,905,552	10,771,115
Retentions payable	11,950,341	31,858,156
Due to a related party (refer to note 26)	1,380,329	1,769,725
Other payables	79,395,153	84,747,321
	<u>416,844,723</u>	<u>371,572,927</u>

26. Related party transactions and balances

The Society, in the normal course of business, carries out transactions with other business entities that fall within the definition of a related party as per IAS 24. Related parties comprise the Society's directors, associates and other businesses over which the members have the ability to control or exercise significant influence over their financial and operating decisions and key management personnel.

(a) Related party transactions

During the year, the following significant transactions were carried out with related parties at mutually agreed terms and conditions:

	2024 AED	2023 AED
Purchases of goods from Consumer Co-operative Union (associate)	14,837,523	18,246,232
Payments to Consumer Co-operative Union (associate)	14,064,040	19,179,093
Dividend income from Consumer Co-operative Union (associate)	45,153	-
Sale of goods net of rebates to Umm Al Quwain Co-operative Society (affiliate)	3,883,098	1,791,507
Payment on behalf of Umm Al Quwain Co-operative Society (affiliate)	<u>5,055,560</u>	<u>-</u>

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26. Related party transactions and balances *(continued)*

(b) Key management remuneration excluding Board of Directors

	2024 AED	2023 AED
Salaries and short-term benefits	14,089,665	16,112,555
Provision for end of service benefits	179,464	1,978,058
Contribution paid to social security scheme	<u>512,500</u>	<u>450,000</u>

(c) Compensations to the Board of Directors

	2024 AED	2023 AED
Board of Directors' remuneration	<u>6,750,000</u>	<u>6,750,000</u>

(d) Related party balances

	2024 AED	2023 AED
<i>Due from a related party</i>		
Umm Al Quwain Market Co-operative Society (affiliate)	<u>13,788,438</u>	<u>5,410,084</u>
<i>Due to a related party</i>		
Consumer Co-operative Union (associate)	<u>1,380,329</u>	<u>1,769,725</u>

27. Income from sales of goods

	2024 AED	2023 AED
Sale of goods – Retail	1,857,115,741	1,783,722,193
Discounts – Retail	<u>(134,620,466)</u>	<u>(106,715,644)</u>
	<u>1,722,495,275</u>	<u>1,677,006,549</u>
Sale of goods - E-commerce	142,570,344	104,550,110
Discounts - E-commerce	<u>(10,938,980)</u>	<u>(4,381,011)</u>
	<u>131,631,364</u>	<u>100,169,099</u>
Total sales of goods <i>(refer to (i) below)</i>	<u>1,854,126,639</u>	<u>1,777,175,648</u>

- (i) This income relates to sales of goods to customers in the supermarkets and through e-commerce. Products sold are transferred at a point in time.

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28. Income from other operating activities

	2024 AED	2023 AED
Income from space management (refer to (i) below)	372,084,555	360,864,497
Income from shop rentals (refer to (iii) below)	162,004,344	146,552,919
Income from commission on sales from specialty department (refer to (i) and (ii) below)	45,791,286	44,639,298
Listing fees (refer to (i) below)	15,576,679	16,296,467
Advertisements and special offers income (refer to (i) below)	8,754,469	5,119,001
Supplier contributions towards promotions (refer to (i) below)	3,679,005	6,562,672
Specialty departments service fees (refer to (i) below)	3,551,156	4,856,661
Supplier registration fees (refer to (i) below)	3,069,739	1,405,480
Income from play area (refer to (i) below)	775,266	1,455,686
Other rental income (refer to (i) below)	646,748	1,611,769
	<u>615,933,247</u>	<u>589,364,450</u>

(i) Timing of revenue recognition

	2024 AED	2023 AED
At a point in time	78,293,192	77,090,373
Over time	537,640,055	512,274,077
	<u>615,933,247</u>	<u>589,364,450</u>

(ii) Commission on specialty departments' sales represents commission earned on sales made by specialty departments to customers. Specialty department sales amounted to AED 192,613,372 (2023: AED 200,402,664). Commission rates ranges between 20% to 25%.

(iii) Income from shop rentals are fixed as per signed lease agreements. The Society recognises income from shop rentals in line with IFRS 16 *Leases* in its capacity as a lessor. The maturity of the lease payments is as per below:

	2024 AED	2023 AED
Less than one year	110,138,853	142,497,253
More than one year	77,067,832	49,619,083
	<u>187,206,685</u>	<u>192,116,336</u>

29. Other income

	2024 AED	2023 AED
Creditor and contractor penalties income	10,367,814	1,927,745
Sale of empty cartons and scrap	1,356,712	1,789,883
Gain on derecognition of right of use asset	1,021,391	-
Administrative fees charged to Umm Al Quwain Co-operative Society	881,197	944,984
Gain on disposal of property and equipment and investment properties	6,279	229,365
Miscellaneous income	5,358,417	2,517,411
	<u>18,991,810</u>	<u>7,409,388</u>

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30. Finance income

	2024 AED	2023 AED
Profit on short-term deposits	<u>1,878,275</u>	<u>1,498,824</u>

31. Cost of goods

	2024 AED	2023 AED
Cost of goods	1,798,869,936	1,682,628,780
Discounts and rebates	<u>(207,710,587)</u>	<u>(179,907,622)</u>
	<u>1,591,159,349</u>	<u>1,502,721,158</u>

32. Staff costs

	2024 AED	2023 AED
Salaries expenses	160,187,074	199,033,889
Leave salary expenses	14,226,243	14,805,204
Pension contribution	9,389,637	11,192,819
Airfare expenses	3,040,833	7,760,115
Gratuity expense relating to defined benefit obligations	2,625,059	3,483,544
Gratuity expense relating to retirement plan benefit	-	2,997,613
Other benefits	<u>29,439,526</u>	<u>16,144,852</u>
	<u>218,908,372</u>	<u>255,418,036</u>

33. Depreciation and amortisation expenses

	2024 AED	2023 AED
Depreciation - Property and equipment	52,250,003	51,253,002
Depreciation – Investment properties	14,276,629	13,213,902
Depreciation - Right of use assets	24,241,783	22,127,145
Amortisation – Intangible assets	<u>3,957,200</u>	<u>4,620,445</u>
	<u>94,725,615</u>	<u>91,214,494</u>

34. Finance costs

	2024 AED	2023 AED
Interest expense accrued on lease liability <i>(refer to note 24)</i>	18,157,515	14,562,634
Credit card charges	15,613,331	13,682,656
Interest expenses on defined benefit liability <i>(refer to note 22)</i>	1,374,440	1,709,540
Interest on bank overdraft	64,864	-
Bank charges	<u>18,841</u>	<u>11,546</u>
	<u>35,228,991</u>	<u>29,966,376</u>

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35. Other expenses

	2024 AED	2023 AED
Professional fees	20,396,594	4,731,426
Cleaning services	16,637,752	10,934,914
Government fees and subscription	14,219,030	16,102,728
Security services	9,822,001	3,084,707
Delivery charges	6,869,397	6,306,843
Consumables expenses	4,242,778	5,320,776
Transportation expenses	1,806,399	2,326,971
Insurance expenses	1,129,931	1,229,631
Rent expenses <i>(refer to (i) below)</i>	1,046,088	889,345
Other expenses	8,017,507	5,940,389
	<u>84,187,477</u>	<u>56,867,730</u>

(i) All rents related to low and short term leases exempted from IFRS 16.

36. Impairment

(a) Impairment loss of non-financial assets

	2024 AED	2023 AED
Investment property <i>(refer to note 9)</i>	-	(1,907,849)
Other impairment	(161,048)	-
	<u>(161,048)</u>	<u>(1,907,849)</u>

(b) Reversal of impairment loss of non-financial assets

	2024 AED	2023 AED
Property and equipment <i>(refer to note 8)</i>	<u>30,771,492</u>	<u>13,051,546</u>

37. Commitments and contingencies

	2024 AED	2023 AED
Capital commitments	<u>54,794,914</u>	<u>91,025,625</u>
Letters of credit	-	2,964,912
Letters of guarantee	<u>2,034,958</u>	<u>2,034,958</u>
Liens	<u>1,680</u>	<u>5,865,525</u>

The Society entered into long term construction agreements related to new projects.

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38. Financial instruments

(a) Credit risk

The carrying amounts of financial assets represent the maximum credit exposure. The Society retails on a cash basis except for limited credit customers. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date was:

	2024 AED	2023 AED
Trade and other receivables (excluding prepayments and advance to suppliers)	111,678,632	93,366,273
Short-term deposits	-	70,000,000
Cash at banks	217,535,574	82,210,398
	<u>329,214,206</u>	<u>245,576,671</u>

Impairment losses

Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold in the ordinary course of business for which collection is expected in one year or less (or in the normal operating cycle of the business). The exposure to credit risk on trade and other receivables is monitored on an ongoing basis by the management. The ageing of overdue invoices at the reporting date was:

	Gross 2024 AED	Impairment 2024 AED	Gross 2023 AED	Impairment 2023 AED
Not due	54,878,139	-	6,795,331	-
0 - 30 days overdue	5,384,586	-	4,132,251	-
30 - 180 days overdue	7,099,920	-	37,157,267	-
180 - 360 days overdue	3,471,784	194,212	8,131,484	2,838,116
More than 360 days overdue	40,844,203	40,667,999	37,149,940	35,296,787
Total	<u>111,678,632</u>	<u>40,862,211</u>	<u>93,366,273</u>	<u>38,134,903</u>

Cash and cash equivalent and short-term deposits

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand, balances in bank current accounts and short-term deposits with maturity less than 3 months from reporting date. Short-term deposits are placed with leading local banks with maximum maturity of 12 months. Profit rates vary based on factors such as the amount deposited, the duration of the deposit, and prevailing market interest rates. The table below shows the credit quality of cash and bank balances and short-term deposits with external counterparties at the statement of financial position date:

	2024 AED	2023 AED
<i>Cash at banks in current accounts with credit rating</i>		
A1 (Moody's)	-	80,575,700
A2 (Moody's)	102,282,575	1,634,696
A3 (Moody's)	-	2
Total	<u>102,282,575</u>	<u>82,210,398</u>
<i>Short-term deposits with credit rating (Moody's)</i>		
A3 (Moody's)	<u>115,308,206</u>	<u>70,000,000</u>

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38. Financial instruments (continued)

(b) Liquidity risk

The following are the remaining contractual maturities of financial liabilities at the reporting date. The amounts are gross and undiscounted and include contractual interest payments and exclude the impact of netting agreements.

31 December 2024 In AED	Carrying amount	Contractual cash outflow	Less than 1 year	More than 1 year
Lease liability	533,400,592	912,779,948	43,837,095	868,942,854
Trade and other payables	389,290,324	389,290,324	389,290,324	-
Bank overdraft	95,746,472	101,395,514	101,395,514	-
Retirement plan benefit accrual	18,005,425	18,005,425	-	18,005,425
Total liability	1,036,442,813	1,421,471,211	534,522,933	886,948,279
31 December 2023 In AED	Carrying amount	Contractual cash outflow	Less than 1 year	More than 1 year
Lease liability	452,297,150	772,494,759	34,306,813	738,187,946
Trade and other payables	337,502,881	337,502,881	337,502,881	-
Retirement plan benefit accrual	33,918,866	33,918,866	-	33,918,866
Total liability	823,718,897	1,143,916,506	371,809,694	772,106,812

39. Dividend

Dividends declared and distributed to shareholders were as follows:

- Cash dividend at 15% of existing share capital (2023: 22%); and
- Return on shareholder purchases at 5% of shareholder purchases (2023: 5%).

40. Income taxes

On 9 December 2022, the UAE Ministry of Finance released Federal Decree-Law No. 47 of 2022 on the Taxation of Corporations and Businesses ("UAE CT Law" or the "Law") to enact a Federal corporate tax ("CT") regime in the UAE. Current taxes shall be accounted for as appropriate in the financial statements for the period beginning on 1 January 2024. The taxable income of the entities that are in scope for UAE CT purposes are subject to the rate of 9% corporate tax.

	2024 AED	2023 AED
Tax expense reported in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income		
- Current tax charge	31,045,195	-
Deferred tax charge		
- Relating to origination and reversal of temporary differences	2,772,639	-
	33,817,834	-
Deferred tax expense in other comprehensive income relating to defined benefit asset		
- Remeasurement of defined benefit asset	(3,205)	-

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40. Income taxes *(continued)*

	Tax rate	2024 AED	2023 AED
Profit before tax		348,374,308	296,862,164
Income tax at statutory rate	9%	31,353,688	-
Taxable income subject to corporate tax	0%	(33,750)	-
Non-deductible expenses	0.6%	1,924,368	-
Exempt income	0%	(35,758)	-
Provision	9%	609,286	-
Total tax charge	9.7%	<u>33,817,834</u>	<u>-</u>

41. Subsequent events

No subsequent events are known that might have a material influence on the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Society.

42. Comparative figures

The comparative figures for the previous year have been reclassified, where necessary, in order to conform to the current year's presentation. Such reclassifications do not affect the previously reported net profits, net assets or equity.