

## **COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT**

# **Half-Yearly Report**

The Board of Directors of Corinthia Finance p.l.c. has approved the attached Half-Yearly Financial Report for the period 1 March to 31 August 2020.

This Report may also be viewed on <a href="https://www.cphcl.com/corinthia-finance-plc/">https://www.cphcl.com/corinthia-finance-plc/</a>.

Eugenio Privitelli Company Secretary

30 October 2020

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# CORINTHIA FINANCE P.L.C.

Interim Financial Statements (Unaudited) For the period from 1 March 2020 to 31 August 2020

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# **Directors' report**

The directors present their report together with the unaudited interim financial statements of Corinthia Finance Plc (the 'Company') for the six month period 1 March 2020 to 31 August 2020.

#### Basis of preparation

The published figures have been extracted from the unaudited management financial statements for the six months from 1 March 2020 to 31 August 2020 and its comparative period in 2019. The comparative Statement of Financial Position as at 29 February 2020 has been extracted from the audited financial statements for the year then ended. This report is being published in terms of Listing Rule 5.75 issued by the Malta Financial Services Authority and has been prepared in accordance with the applicable Listing Rules and the International Accounting Standard 34, 'Interim Financial Reporting'. In terms of Listing Rule 5.75.5, the Directors are stating that this Half-Yearly Report has not been audited or reviewed by the auditors of the Company.

### **Principal activities**

The principal activity of the Company is to finance the ownership, development, operation and financing of hotels, resorts and leisure facilities, forming part of the Corinthia Group of Companies, of which it is a member.

The Company is a special purpose vehicle set up for financing transactions of the Corinthia Group of Companies. It raised such finance mainly through the issue of bonds, which are quoted on the Malta Stock Exchange and guaranteed by Corinthia Palace Hotel Company Limited, to whom the proceeds from their issue have been advanced.

#### Review of the business

During the six-month period ended 31 August 2020, the Company registered a profit of €6,365.

In March, the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic were becoming tangible, and by then the Corinthia Group had already stopped all CAPEX, terminated all casual labour contracts and minimised operating expenses to the barest minimum. With travel restrictions increasing across many countries and the enforcement of physical lockdowns in others, the difficult decision to shut down or significantly scale back operations in all the Group's hotels and businesses was taken, during the closure period. Upon closing its hotels in March and April, The Group implemented payroll saving measures across the board, addressing the largest single item of cost in the business. These measures included shorter working weeks in some cases, and salary cuts as high as 60% for senior management members. The Group also tapped into various Governmental support schemes covering payroll in several countries where it operates.

In parallel, terms were renegotiated for financing across the Group, covering capital moratoriums and in certain instances interest payments too, apart from the resetting of financial covenants.

By July and August, most hotels and businesses had re-opened. This was done while rightsizing the manning structures so that the present headcount reflects the Group's expected resource requirements for the foreseeable future. Tight discipline has been maintained on all operating costs; recruitment is largely on hold and CAPEX remains suspended.

### State of Affairs and Outlook

As at the date of this report, various countries, particularly in Europe, are experiencing a second wave of the pandemic and are again implementing lockdowns to varying extents, further impacting the tourism industry. The Group's targets for year-end are not ambitious and the financial planning is premised on low revenue expectations and the continuation of subsidies and support schemes only to the extent that these have been publicly committed to by the respective governments in the countries in which the Group

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operates. Notwithstanding this downturn in business, the Group has sufficient liquidity and financial resources to meet payment obligations including the Company's bond interest payments as they arise throughout the course of 2021. The directors therefore consider the going concern assumption in the preparation of the Half Yearly Report as appropriate as at the date of authorisation for issue.

The directors of the Company and the Group remain vigilant on developments and will be taking further measures as and when necessary to ensure the continued viability of the Company and Group and to preserve liquidity in order to meet demands over the coming months in an agile and decisive manner as events unfold.

### **Directors**

The following have served as directors of the Company during the period under review:

Mr Joseph Fenech (Chairman) Mr Frank Xerri de Caro Dr Joseph J. Vella Mr Mario P. Galea

In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, the present directors remain in office.

On behalf of the board,

Mr Joseph Fenech Chairman

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30 October 2020

# Interim statement of profit or loss

|                                 | Period from<br>1 March 2020 to<br>to<br>31 August 2020<br>€ | Period from<br>1 March 2019<br>to<br>31 August 2019<br>€ |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| Finance income<br>Finance costs | 875,000<br>(850,000)  | 1,110,443<br>(1,075,000)                                 |
| Net interest earned             | 25,000  | 35,443   |
| Administrative expenses         | (15,207)  | (22,777)   |
| Profit before tax Tax expense   | 9,793<br>(3,428)  | 12,666<br>(3,256)  |
| Profit after tax for the period | 6,365   | 9,410  |

# Interim statement of financial position

|  | Notes | 31 August<br>2020<br>€ | 29 February<br>2020<br>€ |
|--|-------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| ASSETS   | Notes | ę                      | Č                        |
| Non-current                                      |       |                        |                          |
| Loans owed by parent company                     | 3     | 39,910,000             | 39,910,000               |
| Total non-current assets                         |       | 39,910,000             | 39,910,000               |
| Current  |       |                        |                          |
| Receivables                                      |       | 1,260,014              | 1,914,294                |
| Other financial assets Cash and cash equivalents |       | 20,150<br>83,148       | 20,150<br>113,266        |
| Total current assets                             |       | 1,363,312              | 2,047,710                |
| Total assets                                     |       | 41,273,312             | 41,957,710               |
| EQUITY   |       |                        |                          |
| Share capital Retained earnings                  |       | 250,000<br>9,278       | 250,000<br>2,913         |
| Retained earnings                                |       | 9,276                  | 2,913                    |
| Total equity                                     |       | 259,278                | 252,913                  |
| Non-current liabilities                          | 2     | 40.000.000             | 10,000,000               |
| Bonds in issue                                   | 2     | 40,000,000             | 40,000,000               |
| Total non-current liabilities                    |       | 40,000,000             | 40,000,000               |
| Current liabilities                              |       |                        |                          |
| Payables   |       | 1,014,034              | 1,704,797                |
| Total current liabilities                        |       | 1,014,034              | 1,704,797                |
| Total liabilities                                |       | 41,014,034             | 41,704,797               |
| Total equity and liabilities                     |       | 41,273,312             | 41,957,710               |

The notes on pages 7 to 8 are an integral part of these condensed interim financial statements.

The condensed interim financial statements on pages 3 to 8 were approved by the board of directors, authorised for issue on 30 October 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr Joseph Fenech

Chairman

Dr Joseph J. Vella

Director

# Interim statement of changes in equity

|                                       |         | Retained<br>earnings<br>€ | Total<br>€ |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|------------|
| At 1 March 2019                       | 250,000 | 94,433                    | 344,433    |
| Profit for the period                 | -       | 9,410                     | 9,410      |
| Total comprehensive income for period | -       | 9,410                     | 9,410      |
| At 31 August 2019                     | 250,000 | 103,843                   | 353,843    |
| At 1 September 2019                   | 250,000 | 103,843                   | 353,843    |
| Loss for the period                   | -       | (930)                     | (930)      |
| Total comprehensive loss for period   | -       | (930)                     | (930)      |
| Transactions with owners Dividends    |         | (100,000)                 | (100,000)  |
| At 29 February 2020                   | 250,000 | 2,913                     | 252,913    |
| At 1 March 2020                       | 250,000 | 2,913                     | 252,913    |
| Profit for the period                 | -       | 6,365                     | 6,365      |
| Total comprehensive income for period | -       | 6,365                     | 6,365      |
| At 31 August 2020                     | 250,000 | 9,278                     | 259,278    |

# Interim statement of cash flows

|  | Period from<br>1 March 2020<br>to<br>31 August 2020<br>€ | Period from<br>1 March 2019<br>To<br>31 August 2019<br>€ |
|--|--|--|
| Cash flows from operating activities Cash used in operating activities Tax paid                      | (88,867)<br>(8,334)                                      | (80,890)<br>(882)  |
| Net cash used in operating activities  | (97,201)   | (81,772)   |
| Cash flows from investing activities Interest received  Net cash generated from investing activities | 1,767,083<br>1,767,083                                   | 2,243,603  |
| Cash flows from financing activities Interest paid   | (1,700,000)  | (2,150,000)  |
| Net cash used in financing activities  | (1,700,000)  | (2,150,000)  |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents  | (30,118)   | 11,831   |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period   | 113,266  | 19,374   |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period   | 83,148   | 31,205   |

## Notes to the financial statements

# 1. Summary of significant accounting policies

The accounting policies applied by the Company are consistent with those disclosed in the financial statements for the year ended 29 February 2020.

### 2. Bonds in issue

|        | Interest rate | Repayable by  | 31 August<br>2020<br>€ | 29 February<br>2020<br>€ |
|--------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Bond V | 4.25%         | 12 April 2026 | 40,000,000             | 40,000,000               |
|        |               | _             | 40,000,000             | 40,000,000               |

The bond issue costs have been borne by the parent company. The payment of this bond and interest thereon is guaranteed by the parent company which has bound itself jointly and severally with the Company.

## 3. Related party transactions

### Finance income

|  | Period from<br>1 March 2020<br>to<br>31 August 2020<br>€ | Period from<br>1 March 2019<br>to<br>31 August 2019<br>€ |
|--|--|--|
| Interest charged on loans owed by parent company | 875,000  | 1,104,560  |

## Loans owed by parent company

|         | Security | Interest rate | Repayable by | 31 August<br>2020<br>€ | 28 February<br>2020<br>€ |
|---------|----------|---------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Loan VI | None     | 4.375%        | 5 April 2026 | 39,910,000             | 39,910,000               |

Loan VI is to be fully repaid by 5 April 2026.

This loan ranks pari passu, without any priority or preference within all other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the parent company, to which the loan has been advanced.

No loss allowance has been recognised based on the 12-month expected credit loss.

### Receivables

|                                | 31 August<br>2020<br>€ | 29 February<br>2020<br>€ |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Current                        |                        |                          |
| Amounts owed by parent company | 554,281                | 317,153                  |
| Accrued interest income        | 704,861                | 1,596,944                |
|                                | 1,259,142              | 1,914,097                |

The Company is a subsidiary of Corinthia Palace Hotel Company Limited. The Company's related parties include its parent company, fellow subsidiaries, key management personnel (the directors) and all other parties forming part of the Corinthia Group of Companies.

## 4. Events after the end of the reporting period

No adjusting or significant non-adjusting events have occurred between the end of the reporting period and the date of authorisation by the board.

We confirm that to the best of our knowledge:

- the interim financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of Corinthia Finance Plc as at 31 August 2020, and of its financial performance and its cashflows for the sixmonth period then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU applicable to interim financial reporting (International Accounting Standard 34 – Interim Financial Reporting), and
- The interim Directors' Report includes a fair review of the information required in terms of Listing Rules 5.81 to 5.84.

Joseph Fenech

Chairman

Joseph J. Vella

Director

30 October 2020