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MERCURY PROJECTS FINANCE p.l.c.

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Co. Reg. No. C89117

COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for 2022

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of Mercury Towers Ltd. (the "Guarantor"), the Board approved Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31st December 2022.

Copies of the above-mentioned Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31st December 2022, as approved, are attached to this Company Announcement and are also available for viewing at the registered office of the Issuer, Mercury Projects Finance p.l.c. (the "Company") and on the Company's website: www.mercuryfinance.com.mt

By order of the Board

Joseph Saliba

Company Secretary

27th April 2023

MERCURY TOWERS LTD.

ANNUAL REPORT AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 DECEMBER 2022

Company Reg. No: C77402

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MERCURY TOWERS LTD.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Director

Mr. Joseph Portelli

The sole director presents herewith his annual report together with the financial statements of Mercury Towers Ltd. (the "Company" and the "Group", separate and consolidated respectively) for the year ended 31 December 2022. The director has prepared the report in accordance with Article 177 of the Malta Companies Act (Cap 386, Laws of Malta) (the "Act") including the further provisions as set out in the Sixth Schedule to the Act.

Principal Activities

The principal activity of Mercury Towers Ltd. is that of the purchase and sale of property within the Mercury Tower project in St Julian's, Malta. The Company owns the land and Mercury House, a 19th Century Grade 2 villa. The Company is also building and will be retaining certain areas of the property for eventual operation by the Company or a subsidiary. In August 2021, Mercury Towers Ltd. acquired an adjacent site from SGE Properties Ltd., thereby consolidating the ownership of the entire site to be developed.

The Group comprises Mercury Towers Ltd. (the "Company") and its wholly owned subsidiaries, namely Mercury Projects Finance p.l.c. ("MPFP"), Mercury Hotel Ltd. ("MHL"), Mercury Commercial Mall Ltd. ("MCML") and Mercury Car Park II Ltd. ("MCPIIL").

MPFP was set up on 16 January 2019, with its principal activity being that of acting as a finance and investment vehicle of the Group. MHL was set up on 7 December 2021 for owning and operating the hotel within the Mercury Tower project, while MCML and MCPIIL were set up on 15 December 2021, with MCML's main purpose being that of owning and operating the commercial mall, and that of MCPIIL being that of owning and operating the car park. The first financial year of these newly formed subsidiaries is 31 December 2022.

The Company is the Guarantor to the first bonds issued by MPFP in 2019, and it is also the Guarantor for the new bond issued in 2022.

During the previous year, the Company entered into a promise of sale agreement for the acquisition of 68% of Mercury Car Park Ltd. from Bersella Holdings Ltd., the company owning the car park under the first phase of the development. By the date of the approval of these financial statements, it was decided to acquire the property rather than shares of Mercury Car Park Ltd. This strategic re-acquisition of the property was concluded on 28 March 2023 for a total price of € 9 million, thereby increasing the ownership of the car park underlying the first phase of the development to 93%.

During the year under review, the airspace of the hotel was transferred by Mercury Towers Ltd. to a subsidiary company, namely Mercury Hotel Ltd., for a price of € 14.6 million, thus realizing the revaluation reserve that had previously been accounted for on this property.

Review of Business

During the current year, works on the development continued to progress steadily. The Company continued to sign new preliminary agreements on the last available units situated in the main tower and also on units built in the peripheral block.

Equity
The Company's equity at the end of the year under review amounted to € 43,007,313 (2021: € 37,542,771) whilst that of the Group stood at € 37,196,700 (2021: € 34,646,668).

Turnover and cost of sales
During the year under review, revenue for the Company and the Group amounted to € 37,804,449 (2021: € 4,934,220). The increase in revenue resulted mainly from the execution of a larger number of deeds of sale following the construction of the peripheral block. Revenue is recognized once the deed of sale is signed.

Cost of sales for the year under review increased inline with the increase in revenue and amounted to € 29,040,642 (2021: € 3,912,734).

Review of Business ***(Contd.)***

Bond Issue

Pursuant to the prospectus published on the 4 March 2019, Mercury Projects Finance p.lc. (the "Issuer" or "MPFP"), the finance and investment vehicle of Mercury Towers Ltd. (the "Guarantor"), issued € 11,500,000 3.75% secured bonds maturing in 2027 (Series I Bonds) and € 11,000,000 secured bonds maturing in 2031 (Series II Bonds). Both series were issued at a nominal value of €100 per bond. These bonds were admitted to the official list of the Malta Stock Exchange with effect from 29 March 2019 and trading in the bonds commenced on 5 April 2019.

In accordance with the provisions of the Prospectus dated 4 March 2019, the proceeds from the bond issue have been advanced by way of a loan facility to the Company, for the purpose of re-financing existing bank loans and for the construction and finishing of certain specific project elements at the Mercury site in St. Julian's, Malta, which project is owned by the Company.

On the 22 March 2022, the Malta Financial Services Authority approved the issuance of € 50,000,000 4.3% secured bonds to mature in 2032. This bond was issued at a nominal value of € 100 per bond and was admitted to the official list of the Malta Stock Exchange with effect from the 26 April 2022 and trading on the bonds commenced on 27 April 2022. In accordance with the provisions of the Prospectus dated 22 March 2022, the proceeds from this second bond issue were advanced by way of another loan facility to the Company, which is also the Guarantor, for the purpose of construction and finishing of the hotel at the Mercury Tower project and for general corporate funding.

Project Update

The Mercury House site consists of a plot of land originally measuring approximately 7,701sqm. During 2021, the Company acquired the adjacent land measuring approximately 1,946sqm, on which the second phase of the project is being constructed. The site is located at one of the main gateways into Paceville, Malta. Paceville is Malta's main entertainment area, known for its diverse nightlife, restaurants, casinos and luxurious 5-star tourist accommodation and residential complexes.

This property includes two Grade 2 buildings, namely Mercury House, a 19th Century villa constructed on two floors and a basement, and the underground cold war vaults. Both structures are in the process of being restored and rehabilitated and will form an integral part of the development of the site.

The vision for the project is to create a high-quality landmark development through a combination of residential, retail, parking, hotel and substantial public open space that will upgrade the amenities and contribute to the public realm of Paceville.

World renowned architect Dame Zaha Hadid had sketched this project herself and was her last design before her untimely demise. Zaha Hadid Architects were thereafter entrusted with the design of the project. The approach provided by Zaha Hadid Architects is that of the provision of an iconic building to create a clear visual identity and sense of place for the site, thus bringing positive changes to the site and its surroundings.

Works on the development continue progressing steadily. The Company continued to sign new preliminary agreements, and as construction of the peripheral block was completed, the final contract of sale was subsequently signed.

By the time of issue of these financial statements, all construction works were completed. Finishing of the tower is in its advanced stages and is expected to be completed by mid-2023. Handover of units in the tower has already started, whereas finishing of the commercial mall, hotel and peripheral block has commenced and is expected to be completed by the end of 2023.

To date, the funding of this project has mainly emanated from proceeds of units sold, which stand at 100% of total units for sale for the tower and 94% of total units for sale for the peripheral block. Property to be retained by the Company and the Group is funded from the bonds issued by the Group. Furthermore, the Company and the Group enjoy a number of banking relationships which provide bridge financing from time to time, and which facilities supplement the funding from such bonds, as and when required.

Project Update *(Contd.)*

During the year under review, more specifically on the 22 March 2022, the Malta Financial Services Authority approved the issuance of € 50,000,000 4.3% secured bonds to mature in 2032. This bond was issued at a nominal value of € 100 per bond and was admitted to the official list of the Malta Stock Exchange with effect from the 26 April 2022 and trading on the bonds commenced on 27 April 2022.

In accordance with the provisions of the Prospectus dated 22 March 2022, the proceeds from this second bond issue were advanced by way of another loan facility to the Company, which is also the Guarantor, for the purpose of construction and finishing of the hotel at the Mercury Tower project and for general corporate funding.

On 28 March 2023, the Company repurchased 68% of the car park underlying the first phase of the development from Bersella Holdings Ltd. This strategic re-acquisition was concluded for a total price of € 9 million, thereby increasing the Company's ownership of the said car park to 93%.

Key Risks

The key risks associated with the Company and the Group, and where the Company is also the guarantor in relation to the Bonds issued by the subsidiary, Mercury Projects Finance p.l.c., are those associated with the exposure to real estate development market, as well as to an array of competitive pressures in the operation and management of hospitality, accommodation and commercial rental markets in Malta. The full list of all the key risks listed in the Prospectus are still applicable to the Group.

Although the development works of the Mercury Towers project is progressing steadily, the Company is still subject to elements of financial risk factors, including market, economic, counterparty, credit and liquidity risks amongst others, that may affect project completion. Where possible, the director provides principles for the overall risk management as well as policies to mitigate these risks in the most prudent way.

COVID-19

The coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic affected economic and financial markets, and various industries faced challenges associated with the economic conditions resulting from it.

The director had assessed the effect of the COVID-19 on the Company's and the Group's operations and the director noted that the group has been able to continue operating through the prevalent market conditions without significant disruptions although some increases in costs, specifically on steel and aluminum were noted and absorbed. The Company and the Group managed to fix and secure prices of the main supplies required, thus mitigating the risk of such increases in prices. During this period of uncertainty, the project encountered some setbacks due to impositions of certain conditions resulting from the Coronavirus pandemic. The delays experienced, however, did not influence the overall financial viability of the project.

Russia – Ukraine Conflict

Conflicts between countries will always have a negative effect on the rest of the world. The increased challenges brought about by this situation cannot be ignored. However, following a thorough assessment of the Company's operations and, more significantly, that of the Group, it has been noted that there is no reliance on the region for supplies of construction materials, neither was the Company and the Group impacted by sanctions on Russian nationals.

Results, Dividends and Reserves

The results for the year, the state of affairs and the movement in reserves and cash are as set out on pages 7 to 12 of the financial statements. No dividends were recommended or paid during the year. No final dividends are being recommended.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Director

The director listed on page 2 served in office throughout the year. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, the director at date of this report is to remain in office.

Company secretary

The company secretary is Dr. Ian J. Stafrace.

Auditors

Baker Tilly Malta have intimated their willingness to continue in office. A proposal to reappoint Baker Tilly Malta as auditors of the Company will be put to the General Meeting.

Approved by the sole director on 27 April 2023:

Mr. Joseph Portelli
Director

Statement of director's responsibilities for the financial statements

The Companies Act, 1995 (Chapter 386, Laws of Malta) (the "Act") requires the director to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company and the Group for that period in accordance with the requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU.

In preparing these financial statements, the director is required to:

- adopt the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company and the Group will continue in business;
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- account for income and charges relating to the accounting period on the accruals basis;
- value separately the components of asset and liability items; and
- report comparative figures corresponding to those of the preceding accounting period.

The director is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and the Group and to enable him to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act (Cap. 386) enacted in Malta. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining such internal control as the director determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. The director is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and the Group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the sole director on 27 April 2023.

Mr. Joseph Portelli
Director

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

		Group		Company	
		2022	2021	**2022**	2021
	Note	**Euro**	Euro	**Euro**	Euro
Revenue	4	**37,804,449**	4,934,220	**37,804,449**	4,934,220
Cost of sales		**(29,040,642)**	(3,912,734)	**(29,040,642)**	(3,912,734)
Gross Profit		**8,763,807**	1,021,486	**8,763,807**	1,021,486
Administrative overheads		**(1,014,067)**	(659,068)	**(595,119)**	(579,676)
Selling expenses		**(1,502,127)**	(73,255)	**(1,502,127)**	(73,255)
Provision for expected credit losses		**-**	25,246	**(2,147)**	25,246
Other operating income	5	**27,001**	-	**27,001**	-
Operating Profit	6	**6,274,614**	314,409	**6,691,415**	393,801
Gain on transfer of asset under construction	9	**6,656,765**	-	**6,656,765**	-
Movement in revaluation of investment property	10	**-**	(4,797,399)	**-**	(4,797,399)
		6,656,765	(4,797,399)	**6,656,765**	(4,797,399)
Finance Costs	7	**(2,385,691)**	(898,750)	**(8,448)**	-
Profit/(Loss) before Taxation		**10,545,688**	(5,381,740)	**13,339,732**	(4,403,598)
Tax expense	8	**(1,871,432)**	(392,818)	**(1,750,966)**	(318,956)
Profit/(Loss) for the Year		**8,674,256**	(5,774,558)	**11,588,766**	(4,722,554)
Other Comprehensive Income/(Expense)					
Items that will not be reclassified to profit/loss					
Revaluation of property, plant and equipment		**(6,656,765)**	6,656,765	**(6,656,765)**	6,656,765
Related tax	8	**532,541**	(532,541)	**532,541**	(532,541)
Other Comprehensive Income/(Expense) for Year		**(6,124,224)**	6,124,224	**(6,124,224)**	6,124,224
Total Comprehensive Income for the Year		**2,550,032**	349,666	**5,464,542**	1,401,670

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

		Group		Company	
		2022	2021	**2022**	2021
	Note	**Euro**	Euro	**Euro**	Euro
Assets					
Property, plant and equipment	9	**27,567,146**	13,659,904	**-**	14,600,000
Investment property	10	**68,066,208**	58,414,693	**72,253,273**	60,540,833
Investment in subsidiaries	11	**-**	3,600	**253,600**	253,600
Investment in associate	12	**1,500**	1,500	**1,500**	1,500
Non-interest bearing receivables	13	**-**	-	**16,457,159**	-
Restricted cash	16	**20,295**	20,295	**20,295**	20,295
Non-Current Assets		**95,655,149**	72,099,992	**88,985,827**	75,416,228
Inventories	14	**15,156,799**	23,974,551	**15,156,799**	23,974,551
Trade and other receivables	15	**47,623,997**	16,155,187	**47,934,266**	16,152,117
Taxation recoverable		**450**	1,270	**450**	1,270
Cash and cash equivalents	16	**21,001,436**	814,134	**20,635,637**	781,407
Current Assets		**83,782,682**	40,945,142	**83,727,152**	40,909,345
Total Assets		**179,437,831**	113,045,134	**172,712,979**	116,325,573

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

		Group		Company	
		2022	2021	**2022**	2021
	Note	**Euro**	Euro	**Euro**	Euro
Equity					
Share capital	17	**10,500,000**	10,500,000	**10,500,000**	10,500,000
Revaluation reserve	17	**-**	6,124,224	**-**	6,124,224
Investment property reserve	17	**16,985,137**	18,182,381	**16,985,137**	18,182,381
Retained earnings/(losses)		**9,711,563**	(159,937)	**15,522,176**	2,736,166
Total Equity		**37,196,700**	34,646,668	**43,007,313**	37,542,771
Liabilities					
Interest bearing borrowings	18	**-**	-	**72,444,358**	22,444,358
Bank borrowings	20	**38,888,500**	28,908,076	**38,888,500**	28,908,076
Bonds payable	19	**72,500,000**	22,500,000	**-**	-
Deferred tax liability	8	**2,638,359**	3,806,359	**2,637,608**	3,806,359
Non-Current Liabilities		**114,026,859**	55,214,435	**113,970,466**	55,158,793
Bank borrowings	20	**4,394,280**	9,588,946	**4,394,280**	9,588,946
Trade and other payables	21	**23,774,531**	13,530,377	**11,340,920**	14,035,063
Taxation payable		**45,461**	64,708	**-**	-
Current Liabilities		**28,214,272**	23,184,031	**15,735,200**	23,624,009
Total Liabilities		**142,241,131**	78,398,466	**129,705,666**	78,782,802
Total Equity and Liabilities		**179,437,831**	113,045,134	**172,712,979**	116,325,573

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

The financial statements set out on page 7 to 42 were approved and authorized for issue by the director on 27 April 2023.

Mr. Joseph Portelli
Director

MERCURY TOWERS LTD.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Group

	Total equity	Share capital	Investment property reserve	Reval. reserve	Retained earnings/ (losses)
	Euro	Euro	Euro	Euro	Euro
Equity					
Balance as at 1 January 2022	**34,646,668**	**10,500,000**	**18,182,381**	**6,124,224**	**(159,937)**
Comprehensive Income for the Year					
Profit for the year	**8,674,256**	-	-	-	**8,674,256**
Other comprehensive income	**(6,124,224)**	-	-	**(6,124,224)**	-
Movement on Reserves					
Transfer of deferred tax on revaluation	-	-	**(1,197,244)**	-	**1,197,244**
Balance at 31 December 2022	**37,196,700**	**10,500,000**	**16,985,137**	-	**9,711,563**
Balance as at 1 January 2021	24,297,002	500,000	22,595,988	-	1,201,014
Comprehensive Income for the Year					
Loss for the year	(5,774,558)	-	-	-	(5,774,558)
Other comprehensive income	6,124,224	-	-	6,124,224	-
Movement on Reserves					
Trsf. of revaluation of investment property	-	-	(4,797,399)	-	4,797,399
Transfer of deferred tax on revaluation	-	-	383,792	-	(383,792)
Contributions by Owners of the Company					
Issue of ordinary shares	10,000,000	10,000,000	-	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2021	34,646,668	10,500,000	18,182,381	6,124,224	(159,937)

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

MERCURY TOWERS LTD.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Company

	Total equity	Share capital	Investment property reserve	Reval. reserve	Retained earnings
	Euro	Euro	Euro	Euro	Euro
Equity					
Balance as at 1 January 2022	**37,542,771**	**10,500,000**	**18,182,381**	**6,124,224**	**2,736,166**
Comprehensive Income for the Year					
Profit for the year	**11,588,766**	-	-	-	**11,588,766**
Other comprehensive income	**(6,124,224)**	-	-	**(6,124,224)**	-
Movement on Reserves					
Transfer of deferred tax on revaluation	-	-	**(1,197,244)**	-	**1,197,244**
Balance at 31 December 2022	**43,007,313**	**10,500,000**	**16,985,137**	-	**15,522,176**
Balance as at 1 January 2021	26,141,101	500,000	22,595,988	-	3,045,113
Comprehensive Income for the Year					
Loss for the year	(4,722,554)	-	-	-	(4,722,554)
Other comprehensive income	6,124,224	-	-	6,124,224	-
Movement on Reserves					
Trsf. of revaluation of investment property	-	-	(4,797,399)	-	4,797,399
Transfer of deferred tax on revaluation	-	-	383,792	-	(383,792)
Contributions by Owners of the Company					
Issue of ordinary shares	10,000,000	10,000,000	-	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2021	37,542,771	10,500,000	18,182,381	6,124,224	2,736,166

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

		Group		Company	
		2022	2021	**2022**	2021
	Note	**Euro**	Euro	**Euro**	Euro
Cash flows from operating activities					
Profit/(loss) for the year		**8,674,256**	(5,774,558)	**11,588,766**	(4,722,554)
Adjustments for:					
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment		**10,003**	-	**-**	-
Gain on transfer of asset under construction		**(6,656,765)**	-	**(6,656,765)**	-
Revaluation of investment property		**-**	4,797,399	**-**	4,797,399
Tax expense		**1,871,432**	392,818	**1,750,966**	318,956
Net finance costs		**2,385,691**	898,750	**8,448**	-
Provision for expected credit losses		**-**	(25,246)	**2,147**	(25,246)
		6,284,617	289,163	**6,693,562**	368,555
Changes in:					
Inventories		**8,817,752**	(15,055,864)	**8,817,752**	(15,055,864)
Trade and other receivables		**(31,465,209)**	(8,793,600)	**(31,784,295)**	(8,793,600)
Trade and other payables		**9,311,204**	4,505,551	**(3,627,093)**	4,673,993
Contract liability		**932,950**	100,800	**932,950**	100,800
Cash lost from operations		**(6,118,686)**	(18,953,950)	**(18,967,124)**	(18,706,116)
Taxes paid		**(2,525,319)**	(331,137)	**(2,386,357)**	(247,730)
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities		**(8,644,005)**	(19,285,087)	**(21,353,481)**	(18,953,846)
Cash flows from investing activities					
Acquisition of property		**(23,568,760)**	(17,667,587)	**(11,712,440)**	(18,788,417)
Transfer of property under construction		**-**	-	**14,600,000**	-
Acquisition of investments in subsidiaries		**-**	(3,600)	**-**	(3,600)
Net cash from/(used in) investing activities		**(23,568,760)**	(17,671,187)	**2,887,560**	(18,792,017)
Cash flows from financing activities					
Issue of share capital		**-**	10,000,000	**-**	10,000,000
Proceeds from bond issue		**50,000,000**	-	**-**	-
Loan advanced by subsidiary		**-**	-	**50,000,000**	-
Net proceeds from borrowings		**9,980,424**	38,497,022	**9,980,424**	38,497,022
Repayment of bank borrowings		**(5,194,666)**	(10,405,504)	**(5,194,666)**	(10,405,504)
Movement in advances to subsidiary		**-**	-	**(16,457,159)**	-
Interest paid on bonds		**(2,377,243)**	(898,750)	**-**	-
Bank interest paid		**(8,448)**	-	**(8,448)**	-
Net cash from/(used in) financing activities		**52,400,067**	37,192,768	**38,320,151**	38,091,518
Net movement in cash and cash equivalents		**20,187,302**	236,494	**19,854,230**	345,655
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		**814,134**	577,640	**781,407**	435,752
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	16	**21,001,436**	814,134	**20,635,637**	781,407

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

1. Reporting entity

Mercury Towers Ltd. (the "Company") is a limited liability company domiciled and incorporated in Malta. The address of the Company's registered office is J. Portelli Projects, 1400, Block 14, Portomaso, St. Julians STJ 4014, Malta.

The consolidated financial statements comprise the results and financial position of the Company, namely Mercury Towers Ltd., and its four subsidiaries, namely Mercury Projects Finance P.l.c., Mercury Hotel Ltd., Mercury Commercial Mall Ltd. and Mercury Car Park II Ltd., hereinafter referred to as the "Subsidiaries" and collectively referred to as the "Group", details of which are included under Note 11. All subsidiaries have a reporting date of 31 December.

The latter three subsidiaries were all incorporated at the end of December 2021 and as at the comparative period's consolidation date no trading activity had commenced. Accordingly, these subsidiaries, which were not material, were not taken into consideration for consolidation purposes as at 31 December 2021.

2. Basis of preparation

2.1 Statement of compliance

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU. All references in these financial statements to IAS, IFRS or SIC/ IFRIC interpretations refer to those adopted by the EU. They have also been drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 1995 (Chapter 386, Laws of Malta).

The Company prepares consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRS 10 *Consolidated Financial Statements*.

2.2 Going concern basis

By the time of issue of these financial statements, the project was fully built in shell form. During the year under review, finishing of the tower was at an advanced stage while finishing of the remaining areas was progressing at a steady pace.

Whilst the funding of this project is partly emanating from proceeds of units sold and the bonds in issue, the director enjoys a number of bank relationships that supplement the funding from such bonds.

During the year, the Malta Financial Services Authority approved the issuance of €50,000,000 4.3% secured bonds maturing in 2032. The bond was fully subscribed and the proceeds from this bond issue were advanced to the Company by way of another loan facility by the Subsidiary, Mercury Projects Finance P.l.c. With the loan from the new bond proceeds, the Company has secured the funding necessary for the completion of the Mercury Towers Project in line with the development permits held.

2.3 Basis of measurement

The financial statements of the Company and the Group have been prepared on the historical cost basis with the exception of investment property, which is stated at fair value.

2.4 Functional and presentation currency

The financial statements are presented in Euro (€), which is the Company's and the Group's functional currency.

2. Basis for preparation *(Contd.)*

2.5 Use of estimates and judgements

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the 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. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected. Information about critical judgements in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognized in the financial statements is included in the note on ECL allowance for trade receivables under Note 22.3.

2.6 Measurement of fair values

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

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

Level 1:	quoted (unadjusted) prices 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 or indirectly.
Level 3:	inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data.

If the inputs used to measure the fair value of an asset or liability fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy, then the fair value measurement is categorized 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 Company and the Group measure investment property at fair value.

2.7 New standards and interpretations

A number of amended standards became applicable for the current period and have been applied as necessary. The impact of the adoption of these revisions on the Company's and the Group's accounting policies and on the financial results are insignificant.

Certain new standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards have been published by the date of the authorization for issue of these audited financial statements but are not mandatory for the the Company's and the Group's accounting period starting 1 January 2022. The Company and the Group may early adopt these revisions to the requirements of IFRSs as adopted by the EU. The Company's director is of the opinion that there are no requirements that will have a significant impact on the financial statements in the period of initial application.

3. Significant accounting policies

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

3.1 Basis of consolidation

The Group consolidates its financial statements based on the following:

3.1.1 Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are entities controlled by the Group. The Group 'controls' an entity when it is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. The financial statements of subsidiaries are included in the consolidated financial statements from the date on which control commences until the date on which control ceases.

From a stand-alone perspective, in the Company's separate financial statements, investments in subsidiaries are accounted for on the basis of the direct equity interest and are stated at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

3.1.2 Interests in equity-accounted investees

The Group's interests in equity-accounted investees comprise interests in associates. Associates are those entities in which the Group has significant influence, but not control or joint control, over the financial and operating policies.

Interests in associates are accounted for using the equity method. They are initially recognized at cost, which includes transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, the consolidated financial statements include the Group's share of the profit or loss and OCI of equity-accounted investees, until the date on which significant influence or joint control ceases.

From a stand-alone perspective, in the Company's separate financial statements, the investment in associate is accounted for on the basis of the direct equity interest and is stated at cost less impairment losses, if any.

3.1.3 Transactions eliminated on consolidation

Intra-group balances and transactions, and any unrealized income and expense arising from intra-group transactions, are eliminated. Unrealized gains arising from transactions with equity- accounted investees are eliminated against the investment to the extent of the Group's interest in the investee. Unrealized losses are eliminated in the same way as unrealized gains, but only to the extent that there is no evidence of impairment.

3.2 Foreign currency transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into the respective functional currency of the Group at exchange rates at the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into the functional currency at the exchange rate at the reporting date.

Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated into the functional currency at the exchange rate when the fair value was determined. Non-monetary items that are measured based on historical cost in a foreign currency are translated at the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Foreign currency differences are generally recognized in profit or loss.

3. Significant accounting policies *(Contd.)*

3.3 Financial instruments

3.3.1 Recognition and initial measurement

Trade and other receivables are initially recognized when they are originated. All other financial assets and financial liabilities are initially recognized when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

A financial asset (unless it is a 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 receivable without a significant financing component is initially measured at the transaction price.

3.3.2 Classification and subsequent measurement

3.3.2.1 Financial assets

On initial recognition, a financial asset is classified as measured at: amortized 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 Group 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 amortized 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.

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.

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

3. Significant accounting policies (Contd.)

3.3 Financial instruments *(Contd.)*

3.3.2.2 Financial assets – Business model assessment

The Group makes an assessment of the objective of the business model in which a financial asset is held at a portfolio level because this best reflects the way the business is managed and information is provided to management. The information considered includes:

- The stated policies and objectives for the portfolio and the operation of those policies in practice. These include whether management's strategy focuses on earning contractual interest income, maintaining a particular interest rate profile, matching the duration of the financial assets to the duration of any related liabilities or expected cash outflows or realizing cash flows through the sale of the assets;
- how the performance of the portfolio is evaluated and reported to the Group's management;
- the risks that affect the performance of the business model (and the financial assets held within that business model) and how those risks are managed; and
- The frequency, volume and timing of sales of financial assets in prior periods, the reasons for such sales and expectations about future sales activity.

3.3.2.3 Financial assets – Assessment whether contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest

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

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

In making this assessment, the Group considers:

- contingent events that would change the amount or timing of cash flows;
- terms that may adjust the contractual coupon rate, including variable-rate features;
- prepayment and extension features; and
- terms that limit the Group's claim to cash flows from specified assets (e.g., non-recourse features).

A prepayment feature is consistent with the solely payments of principal and interest criterion if the prepayment amount substantially represents unpaid amounts of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding, which may include reasonable additional compensation for early termination of the contract. Additionally, for a financial asset acquired at a discount or premium to its contractual par amount, a feature that permits or requires prepayment at an amount that substantially represents the contractual par amount plus accrued (but unpaid) contractual interest (which may also include reasonable additional compensation for early termination) is treated as consistent with this criterion if the fair value of the prepayment feature is insignificant at initial recognition.

3.3.2.4 Financial assets – Subsequent measurement and gains and losses

For financial assets at amortized cost, these assets are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. The amortized cost is reduced by impairment losses. Interest income, foreign exchange gains and losses and impairment are recognized in profit or loss. Any gain or loss on derecognition is also recognized in profit or loss.

The Group's financial assets comprise trade and other receivables and cash and cash equivalents.

3. Significant accounting policies *(Contd.)*

3.3 Financial instruments *(Contd.)*

3.3.2.5 Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are classified as measured at amortized 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 and net gains and losses, including any interest expense, are recognized in profit or loss. Other financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

Interest expense and foreign exchange gains and losses are recognized in profit or loss. Any gain or loss on derecognition is also recognized in profit or loss.

The Group's financial liabilities comprise trade and other payables, borrowings and loans payable.

3.3.3 Derecognition

Financial assets

The Group derecognizes 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 Group neither transfers nor retains substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership and it does not retain control of the financial asset.

Financial liabilities

The Group derecognizes a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged or cancelled or expire. The Group also derecognizes 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 recognized 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 recognized in profit or loss.

3.3.4 Offsetting

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

3.4 Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of ordinary shares are recognized as a deduction from equity, net of tax.

3. Significant accounting policies *(Contd.)*

3.5 Property

Items of property, including property under construction are measured at cost, which includes capitalized borrowing costs, less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Subsequent expenditure is capitalized only if it is probable that the future economic benefits associated with the expenditure will flow to the Group.

Depreciation is calculated to write-off the cost of items of property less their estimated residual values using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives of 50 years and is generally recognized in profit or loss. Land is not depreciated. Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted if appropriate.

No depreciation is taken on property under construction and depreciation commences only when the asset is ready and available for use.

3.6 Investment property

Investment properties are properties held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, including property under construction for such purposes. Investment properties are measured initially at cost, including transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, investment properties are measured at open market value. Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of the investment properties are included in the comprehensive income in the period they arise.

Depreciation is calculated to write down the carrying amount of investment property using the straight-line method over its expected life of 50 years and is charged to profit or loss. Land is not depreciated. Depreciation on investment property under construction commences when the asset is ready and available for use.

An investment property is derecognized upon disposal or when the investment property is permanently withdrawn from use and no future economic benefits are expected from the disposal. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the property (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is included in profit and loss in the period in which the property is derecognized.

3.7 Inventories

Property held for resale
Inventories comprising property held for resale, are stated at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost comprises all cost of purchase, cost of conversion and other costs incurred to bringing the inventories to their present location and condition. Net realizable value represents the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

3.8 Impairment

3.8.1 Financial assets
The Group recognizes loss allowances for Expected Credit Losses (ECLs) on financial assets at amortized cost, namely trade and other receivables and cash and cash equivalents.

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

- debt securities that are determined to have low credit risk at the reporting date; and
- other debt securities and bank balances for which credit risk (i.e., the risk of default occurring over the expected life of the financial instrument) has not increased significantly since initial recognition.

3. Significant accounting policies *(Contd.)*

3.8 Impairment *(Contd.)*

3.8.1 Financial assets (Contd.)

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

The Group assumes that the credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly if it is more than 30 days past due.

The Group considers a financial asset to be in default when:

- the borrower is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Group in full, without recourse by the Group to actions such as realizing security (if any is held); or
- the financial asset is more than 90 days past due.

The Group considers a debt security to have low credit risk when its credit risk rating is equivalent to the globally understood definition of 'investment grade'. The Group considers this to be BBB equivalent or higher rating as per the rating description of reputable credit rating agencies.

Lifetime ECLs are the ECLs that result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument.

12-month ECLs are the portion of ECLs that result from default events that are possible within the 12 months after the reporting date (or a shorter period if the expected life of the instrument is less than 12 months).

The maximum period considered when estimating ECLs is the maximum contractual period over which the Group is exposed to credit risk.

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 Group expects to receive).

ECLs are discounted at the effective interest rate of the financial asset. In the case of interest- free short-term financial assets, such as trade receivables, ECLs are not discounted.

Credit-impaired financial assets

At each reporting date, the Group assesses whether financial assets carried at amortized cost are credit-impaired. A financial asset is 'credit-impaired' when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred.

Evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired includes the following observable data:

- significant financial difficulty of the borrower or issuer;
- a breach of contract such as a default or being more than 90 days past due;
- the restructuring of a loan or advance by the Group on terms that the Group would not consider otherwise;
- it is probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganization; or
- the disappearance of an active market for a security because of financial difficulties.

3. Significant accounting policies *(Contd.)*

3.8 Impairment *(Contd.)*

3.8.1 Financial assets (Contd.)

Presentation of allowance for ECL in the statement of financial position

Loss allowances for financial assets measured at amortized cost are deducted from the gross carrying amount of the assets. Impairment losses related to trade and other receivables and cash and cash equivalents are presented separately in the statement of profit or loss.

Write-off

The gross carrying amount of a financial asset is written off when the Group has no reasonable expectations of recovering a financial asset in its entirety or a portion thereof. The Group individually makes an assessment with respect to the timing and amount of write-off on its financial assets based on whether there is a reasonable expectation of recovery and with reference to its historical experience of recoveries. The Group 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 Group's procedures for recovery of amounts due.

The carrying amounts of the Group's non-financial assets, other than investment property, inventories and deferred tax assets, are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

The recoverable amount of an asset is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs to sell. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are 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. An impairment loss is recognized if the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its estimated recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognized in profit or loss.

Impairment losses recognized in prior periods are assessed at each reporting date for any indications that the loss has decreased or no longer exists. An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. 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 amortization, if no impairment loss had been recognized.

3.9 Employee benefits

Defined contribution plans

The Group contributes towards the state's defined contribution plan in accordance with local legislation. Such contributions are immediately recognized in profit or loss.

3.10 Revenue from contracts with customers

Revenue is measured based on the consideration specified in a contract with a customer and excludes amounts collected on behalf of third parties. The Group recognizes revenue when it transfers control over a product or service to a customer. The Group's revenue is primarily derived from the sale of apartments in airspace or shell form in Mercury Towers in St. Julians, Malta.

Performance obligations and revenue recognition policies

The following provides information about the nature and timing of the satisfaction of performance obligations in contracts with customers, including the related revenue recognition policies.

Revenue from the sale of airspace and shell apartments

The Group enters into contracts with customers to sell property that are either airspace, shell or apartments in finished form.

3. Significant accounting policies *(Contd.)*

3.11 Revenue from contracts with customers

Satisfaction of performance obligation

The sale of apartments in airspace or shell form constitutes a single performance obligation and the Group has determined that this is satisfied at the point in time when control transfers. For contracts for sale of airspace and shell, this generally occurs when registration of the definitive deed takes place and the legal title is transferred to the customer. An apartment is completed in shell form when it is roofed, and it is deemed roofed when the architect issues an instalment certificate. If apartments are sold in a finished state, this would comprise a separate performance obligation.

Payments are received in instalments as per the terms and conditions of the promise of sale agreement. Any payments received are recognized as deposits and are classified within trade and other payables. Upon the satisfaction of the performance obligation as per contract, revenue is realized and recognized in the income statement.

Other consideration related to the sale of property

In determining the transaction price, the Group considers the effects of variable consideration, the existence of significant financing components, non-cash consideration, and consideration payable to the customer (if any).

For some contracts involving the sale of property, the Group is entitled to receive an initial deposit. This is not considered a significant financing component because it is for reasons other than the provision of financing to the Group. The initial deposits are used to protect the Group from the other party failing to adequately complete some or all of its obligations under the contract where customers do not have an established credit history or have a history of late payments.

In addition, there is no non-cash consideration or consideration payable to customers.

3.12 Operating profit/(loss)

Operating profit/(loss) is the result generated from the continuing principal revenue producing activities of the Group as well as other income and expenses related to operating activities.

Operating profit/(loss) excludes net finance costs and income taxes.

3.13 Finance income and finance costs

Finance income comprises interest income. Interest income is recognized as it accrues, using the effective interest method.

Finance costs comprise interest expense on bonds issued, borrowings and other payables, as set out in the notes to these financial statements. Finance costs are recognized as an expense in profit and loss in the period in which they are incurred.

3.14 Bond issue costs

Bond issue costs, representing fees incurred in connection with the issuance of the bonds by the Subsidiary Company, were recharged to the Parent Company, as the beneficiary of the funding. Accordingly, the intra-group recharge costs are eliminated in accordance with the basis of consolidation per Note 3.1.

Bond issue costs at Group level are deferred over the term of the bond and annually amortized using the effective interest method.

3. Significant accounting policies *(Contd.)*

3.15 Income taxes

Tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. Current tax and deferred tax are recognized in profit or loss except to the extent that they relate to items recognized directly in equity or in other comprehensive income.

3.15.1 Current tax

Current tax is the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year and any adjustments 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 payable also includes any tax liability arising from the declaration of dividends.

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

3.15.2 Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognized 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 measured at the tax rates that are expected to be applied to temporary differences when they reverse, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date, and reflects uncertainty related to income taxes, if any.

Deferred tax assets are recognized 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 recognize a deferred tax asset in full, then future taxable profits, adjusted for reversals of existing temporary differences are considered, based on the business plans of the Group. 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 realized; such reductions are reversed when the probability of future taxable profits improves.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset if there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax liabilities and assets, and they relate to taxes levied by the same tax authority on the same taxable entity, or on different tax entities, but they intend to settle current tax liabilities and assets on a net basis or their tax assets and liabilities will be realized simultaneously.

4 Revenue

4.1 Revenue streams

The Company and the Group mainly generate revenue through the sale of real estate properties.

	Group		Company	
	2022	2021	**2022**	2021
	Euro	Euro	**Euro**	Euro
Sale of airspace property	**7,857,660**	1,892,720	**7,857,660**	1,892,720
Sale of shell apartments	**22,000,239**	3,041,500	**22,000,239**	3,041,500
Sale of finished apartments net of contract liabilities	**7,946,550**	-	**7,946,550**	-
	37,804,449	4,934,220	**37,804,449**	4,934,220

The revenue generated during 2022 was recognized at the point in time when control was transferred to the customer.

4.2 Contract balances

A contract asset is the right to consideration in exchange for goods or services transferred to the customer when that right is conditioned on something other than the passage of time, for example, billings require certification by the customer. Upon receipt of such certification from a customer, the amount recognized as contract assets is reclassified to trade receivables. Contract assets are subject to impairment assessment. During the year, Company and Group contract assets amounted to €nil.

A contract liability is the obligation to transfer goods or services to a customer for which the Company and the Group have received consideration (or an amount of consideration is due) from the customer. Contract liabilities are recognized as revenue when the Company and the Group satisfy the performance obligation per contract (i.e., transfers control of the related goods or services to the customer).

As at the reporting date, the Company and the Group held contract liabilities amounting to € 1,169,830 (2021: € 236,880), recognized within trade and other payables (see Note 21). Contract liabilities relate to the advance consideration received from customers for the finishing of apartments, for which revenue will be recognized at a point in time when the apartments will be finished, which is expected to occur over the next year.

5. Other operating income

Other operating income arises from certain reimbursements of costs as agreed with customers. Since this is not considered to be part of the main revenue generating activities, the Company and the Group present this income separately from revenue.

	Group		Company	
	2022	2021	**2022**	2021
	Euro	Euro	**Euro**	Euro
Reimbursements	**27,001**	-	**27,001**	-

6. Operating profit

6.1 The results from operating activities of the Company and the Group are stated after charging the following:

	Group		Company	
	2022	2021	**2022**	2021
	Euro	Euro	**Euro**	Euro
Auditors' remuneration	**40,440**	26,080	**24,000**	19,000
Auditors' remuneration - Non-audit services	**2,400**	1,200	**1,200**	1,200
Director's fees	**87,000**	45,000	-	-

6.2 Personnel information

Personnel expenses incurred by the Company and the Group during the year are analyzed as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2022	2021	**2022**	2021
	Euro	Euro	**Euro**	Euro
Salaries	**337,597**	117,663	**117,809**	117,663
Social costs	**7,297**	5,203	**5,353**	5,203
Total	**344,894**	122,866	**123,162**	122,866

6.3 The weekly average number of persons employed by the Company and the Group during the year was as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2022	2021	**2022**	2021
	No.	No.	**No.**	No.
Administration	**3**	2	**2**	2

7. Finance costs

	Group		Company	
	2022	2021	**2022**	2021
	Euro	Euro	**Euro**	Euro
Bank interest	**8,448**	-	**8,448**	-
Interest on bonds	**2,377,243**	898,750	**-**	-
	2,385,691	898,750	**8,448**	-

8. Tax expense

8.1 Tax recognized in profit or loss

	Group		Company	
	2022	2021	**2022**	2021
	Euro	Euro	**Euro**	Euro
Current tax expense				
Final withholding tax at 5% or 8% property sale	**(2,387,176)**	(247,730)	**(2,387,176)**	(247,730)
Current tax – 35%	**(119,715)**	(73,862)	**-**	-
Deferred tax income				
Originating from temporary differences	**-**	(8,836)	**751**	(8,836)
Originating from Reval. of Investment Property	**1,168,000**	(594,931)	**1,168,000**	(594,931)
Tax expense	**(1,338,891)**	925,359	**(1,218,425)**	851,497

8. Tax expense *(Contd.)*

8.2 Reconciliation of effective tax rate

	Group		Company	
	2022	2021	**2022**	2021
	Euro	Euro	**Euro**	Euro
Profit/(loss) before taxation	**10,545,688**	(5,381,740)	**13,339,732**	(4,403,598)
Tax using the domestic tax rate of 35%	**(3,690,990)**	1,883,609	**(4,668,906)**	1,541,259
Tax effect of:				
Non-taxable income	**2,339,318**	8,838	**2,339,318**	8,838
Non-deductible expenses	**(11,250,163)**	(3,331,956)	**(11,107,188)**	(3,308,033)
Different tax rates	**11,049,600**	1,510,206	**11,049,600**	1,510,206
Deferred tax element unrecognized	**(954,655)**	(392,289)	**-**	-
Tax expense	**2,506,891**	(321,592)	**(2,387,176)**	(247,732)

8.3 Recognized deferred tax assets/(liabilities)

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are attributable to the following for the Company and the Group:

	Group		Company	
	2022	2021	**2022**	2021
	Euro	Euro	**Euro**	Euro
Loss allowance on financial assets	**139,961**	139,961	**140,712**	139,961
Revaluation of Investment Property	**(2,778,320)**	(3,946,320)	**(2,778,320)**	(3,946,320)
Deferred tax asset/(liability)	**(2,638,359)**	(3,806,359)	**(2,637,608)**	(3,806,359)

9. Property, plant and equipment

9.1 The Group's property was as follows:

Group

	At 01.01.22	Additions	Disposals	**At 31.12.22**
	Euro	Euro	Euro	**Euro**
Cost/Valuation:				
Land	14,600,000	-	-	**14,600,000**
Assets under construction	-	12,927,435	-	**12,927,435**
Computer equipment	-	1,214	-	**1,214**
Motor vehicles	-	48,500	-	**48,500**
	14,600,000	12,728,894	-	**27,577,149**

	At 01.01.22	Charge For Year	Disposals	**At 31.12.22**
	Euro	Euro	Euro	**Euro**
Depreciation:				
Computer equipment	-	303	-	**303**
Motor vehicles	-	9,700	-	**9,700**
	-	10,003	-	**10,003**
Net Book Amount	-			**27,567,146**

9.2 The Company's property was as follows:

Company

	At 01.01.22	Additions	Disposals	**At 31.12.22**
	Euro	Euro	Euro	**Euro**
Cost/Valuation:				
Land	13,985,088	-	(13,985,088)	-
Assets under construction	614,912	-	(614,912)	-
	14,600,000	-	(14,600,000)	-

9.3 Property relates to airspaces which will be retained by the Group.

During 2021, the Group embarked on a reorganization exercise, following which, the airspace for the hotel was valued at € 14,600,000 by an external independent qualified valuer on 15 February 2022. The airspace duly covered by building permits for construction and development, was transferred to the wholly owned subsidiary, namely Mercury Hotel Ltd. at the revalued amount of € 14,600,000 on 12 March 2022. The cost of the airspace transferred was € 7,943,235. The construction and development of the planned project are being undertaken by Mercury Hotel Ltd. In the comparative period, the property was still under construction, and hence was not yet available for use. As a result, the property was not being depreciated.

9. Property, plant and equipment *(Contd.)*

9.4 Included within property are capitalized bank borrowing costs related to the acquisition of the land and the assets in the course of construction of € 248,255 (2021: € 82,372), and which are calculated using a capitalization rate of 6% and € 1,608,904 (2021: € nil), calculated using capitalized rates emanating from the Company's loan with its subsidiary. As a result, accumulated capitalized borrowing costs amounting to € 1,608,904 (2021: € 940,096) are eliminated from the property value upon consolidation in accordance with Note 3.1. As a result, the property balance at Group level amounted to € 27,527,435 (2021: € 13,659,904) as at year-end.

9.5 Property owned by the Group is subject to special hypothecs in favour of creditors for funds borrowed (see Notes 18 and 19).

10. Investment property

10.1 The Company's and the Group's investment property were as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2022	2021	**2022**	2021
	Euro	Euro	**Euro**	Euro
Balance at 1 January	**58,414,693**	40,887,051	**60,540,833**	41,892,362
Additions	**9,651,515**	130,141	**11,712,440**	1,250,970
Reclassification to inventories	-	(2,365,958)	-	(2,365,958)
Revaluation	-	24,560,858	-	24,560,858
Elimination of revaluation of property reclassified as inventories	-	(4,797,399)	-	(4,797,399)
Balance at 31 December	**68,066,208**	58,414,693	**72,253,273**	60,540,833

10.2 Included within investment property are capitalized borrowing costs related to the acquisition of the land and the assets in the course of construction of € 1,358,632 (2021: € 432,670), calculated using a capitalization rate of 4.75% and € 1,120,829 (2021: € 1,120,829), calculated using capitalized rates emanating from the Company's loan with its subsidiary. As a result, accumulated capitalized borrowing costs amounting to € 4,187,065 (2021: € 2,126,140) that relate directly to investment property are eliminated from the property value upon consolidation in accordance with Note 3.1. As a result, the property balance at Group level amounted to € 68,066,208 (2021: € 58,414,693) as at year-end.

10.3 The Group's investment property comprised property retained for the purpose of operation. Since the investment property is not yet available for use, it was not being depreciated.

Land and buildings classified as investment property as on 31 December 2022 were revalued by external independent qualified valuers, namely DHI Periti in April 2021. The external independent valuers have a recognised and relevant professional qualification and have experience in the location and category of the property being valued.

The valuation of the investment property is based upon its market value under the highest and best use premise, taking into consideration its location, use, size and accessibility together with existing planning constraints. Fair values are categorized 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 and 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).

10. Investment property *(Contd.)*

The significant unobservable input impacting this valuation relates to the market value per square meter. The estimated fair value would increase/(decrease) depending on the market prices of similar property and the general economic trend of the country.

10.4 Investment property owned by the Company and the Group is subject to special hypothecs in favour of creditors for funds borrowed (see Notes 18 and 19).

10.5 During the comparative period, the Company changed its intention over the hotel and commercial property element and decided to operate such elements itself. As a result, such property element had been reclassified from investment property to property account (see Note 9.3).

On 15 February 2022, the airspace duly covered by building permits for construction and development of the hotel was valued at € 14,600,000 by an external independent qualified valuer and was transferred to the wholly owned newly incorporated subsidiary, Mercury Hotel Ltd. at the revalued amount of € 14,600,000 on 12 March 2022.

During the comparative period, the Company also changed its intention over the property at Level 30 which was previously included in investment property and decided that these are put out for sale. As a result, such property had been reclassified from investment property to inventories. The revaluation element on the reclassified property was reversed in the income statement for the year. Reclassification has been affected on a prospective basis.

11. Investment in subsidiaries

	Group		Company	
	2022	2021	**2022**	2021
	Euro	Euro	**Euro**	Euro
Equity investments:				
Investment in subsidiary companies at cost	-	3,600	**253,600**	253,600
Total investment in subsidiaries	-	3,600	**253,600**	253,600

11.2 The following information relates to the Company's subsidiaries:

Details of subsidiary	Incorp. in	% Holding 2022	% Holding 2021	Nature of business
Mercury Projects Finance P.l.c.	Malta	**100%**	100%	Financing vehicle
Mercury Hotel Ltd.	Malta	**100%**	100%	Development and management of Mercury Hotel
Mercury Commercial Mall Ltd.	Malta	**100%**	100%	Leasing of commercial areas
Mercury Car Park II Ltd.	Malta	**100%**	100%	Operation of car park

Mercury Hotel Ltd., Mercury Commercial Mall Ltd. and Mercury Car Park II Ltd. were all incorporated in December 2021 and as at the comparative period's consolidation date no trading activity had commenced. Accordingly, these subsidiaries, which were not material, were not taken into consideration for consolidation purposes as at 31 December 2021.

12. Investment in associate

	Group		Company	
	2022	2021	**2022**	2021
	Euro	Euro	**Euro**	Euro
Equity investments:				
Investment in associated company at cost	**1,500**	1,500	**1,500**	1,500
Total investment in associate	**1,500**	1,500	**1,500**	1,500

12.1 The following information relates to the Company's investment in the associate:

Details of associate	Incorp. in	% Holding 2022	% Holding 2021	Nature of business
Mercury Car Park Ltd.	Malta	**25%**	25%	Operation of car park of Phase 1

12.2 Accordingly, as part of the consolidated financial statements preparation, the above-mentioned associate has been subject to an equity-accounting exercise in accordance with accounting policy disclosed in Note 3.1. Mercury Car Park Ltd. (the "Associate") has not been in operation as at year-end, and the value of the investment in the associate based on the equity-accounting method amounted to € 20,766 (2021: € 25,563).

12.3 In the comparative period, the Company entered into a promise of sale agreement for the acquisition of 68% of Mercury Car Park Ltd. from Bersella Holdings Ltd., the company owning the car park under the first phase of the development. By the date of the approval of these financial statements, it was decided to acquire the property rather than shares of Mercury Car Park Ltd. This strategic re-acquisition of the property was concluded on 28 March 2023 for a total price of € 9 million, thereby increasing the ownership of the car park underlying the first phase of the development to 93%.

13. Non-interest bearing receivables

	Group		Company	
	2022	2021	**2022**	2021
	Euro	Euro	**Euro**	Euro
Non-current:				
Amounts due from Subsidiary Company	**-**	-	**16,457,159**	-
Total non-interest bearing receivables	**-**	-	**16,457,159**	-

13.1 These amounts due to the parent company are unsecured, interest free and have no fixed date for repayment.

14. Inventories

14.1 The Company's and the Group's inventory were as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2022	2021	**2022**	2021
	Euro	Euro	**Euro**	Euro
Phase 1 - Cost of land and direct expenses	**760,027**	88,970	**760,027**	88,970
Phase 1 - Cost of construction and development	**9,228,560**	9,918,691	**9,228,560**	9,918,691
Phase 2 - Cost of land and direct expenses	**475,779**	10,344,436	**475,779**	10,344,436
Phase 2 - Cost of construction and development	**4,692,433**	3,622,454	**4,692,433**	3,622,454
	15,156,799	23,974,551	**15,156,799**	23,974,551

14.2 Included within inventories are capitalized borrowing costs relating to the acquisition of the land for € 566,612 (2021: € 465,076), calculated using a capitalization rate of 6% and 4.75%.

14.3 Inventories owned by the Company and the Group are subject to special hypothecs in favour of creditors for funds borrowed (see Notes 18 and 19).

15. Trade and other receivables

	Group		Company	
	2022	2021	**2022**	2021
	Euro	Euro	**Euro**	Euro
Trade receivables	**2,624,319**	217,490	**2,620,719**	217,490
Amounts receivable from related parties	**1,605,264**	1,055,264	**1,605,264**	1,055,264
Amounts receivable from subsidiaries	**-**	-	**328,699**	-
Advances and other repayments to related contractor	**41,787,481**	14,179,911	**41,787,481**	14,179,911
Deposit held as guarantee	**233,235**	233,235	**233,235**	233,235
Deferred bond related costs	**1,216,368**	-	**1,216,368**	440,155
Other receivables	**157,330**	469,287	**142,500**	26,062
	47,623,997	16,155,187	**47,934,266**	16,152,117

15.1 The Company's and the Group's exposure to credit risk related to trade and other receivables is disclosed in Note 21.3. The Company applies the IFRS 9 simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses which uses a lifetime expected loss allowance for trade receivables. To measure the expected credit losses, trade receivables have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due.

The expected loss rates are based on the historical payment profiles and the corresponding historical credit losses experienced within this period. The historical loss rates were analyzed for the past five years. History shows that the Company and the Group rarely suffered credit losses. The Company and the Group uses judgement in making these assumptions and selecting the inputs to the impairment calculation based on the Company's and the Group's history, existing market conditions, as well as forward looking estimates at the end of each reporting period.

15.2 No provision for Expected Credit Losses on trade receivables was necessary during the year as trade receivables represent balances due by customers on the sale of property which shall fall due on completion.

15. Trade and other receivables *(Contd.)*

15.3 The Group measures the ECL of receivables from related entities based on an internally generated Altman Z-score rating, which includes but is not limited to reviews of country rating and other public and non-public available information. Based on this information, the rating can be subjected to post-model adjustment by a maximum of two notches. These internally generated rates are multiplied by scalar factors to reflect differences between economic conditions during the period over which the historical data has been collected, current conditions and the Group's view of economic conditions over the expected lives of the trade and other receivables.

15.4 Amounts receivable for the Company and the Group from related parties, subsidiaries and deposits held as guarantee are stated net of provisions for expected credit losses amounting to € 402,035 (2021: € 399,888). Movement in provision for expected credit losses for a Group company during the year amounted to € 2,147 which amount was charged to profit and loss account. This amount was eliminated on consolidation.

15. 5 Amounts due from related parties and subsidiary companies are interest free, unsecured and repayable on demand.

15.6 As at 31 December 2022, advances and other prepayments include advance payments made by the Company and the Group to a related company, Mercury Contracting Projects Ltd., (hereinafter "MCPL") for contracting works which MCPL will be delivering to the Company and the Group in the foreseeable future.

16. Cash and cash equivalents

	Group		Company	
	2022	2021	**2022**	2021
	Euro	Euro	**Euro**	Euro
Bank balances	**1,259,863**	814,134	**894,064**	781,407
Funds held at third parties	**19,741,573**	-	**19,741,573**	-
Restricted cash	**20,295**	20,295	**20,295**	20,295
Cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position	**21,021,731**	834,429	**20,655,932**	801,702
Restricted cash	**(20,295)**	(20,295)	**(20,295)**	(20,295)
Cash and cash equivalents in the statement of cash flows	**21,001,436**	814,134	**20,635,637**	781,407

16.1 Funds held at third parties represent proceeds from the bonds issued by a subsidiary company during the year and held by the security trustee. Such funds were retained by the security trustee and are to be released upon presentation of invoices from a related party contractor for development works on the construction of the Mercury Hotel for a subsidiary company, inline with the provisions of the prospectus dated 22 March 2022.

16.2 The funds held by the security trustee form part of the € 50 million loan advanced by a subsidiary to the Company, and which funds are deemed to have been constituted as part of the loan advanced from inception of the agreement dated 14 April 2022.

16.3 The Company's exposure to credit risk related to cash and cash equivalents is disclosed in Note 21.3. The director does not consider having any credit risk exposure with respect to such balances, as these are all held with highly-rated institution.

17. Capital and reserves

17.1 Share capital

	Group		Company	
	2022	2021	**2022**	2021
	Euro	Euro	**Euro**	Euro
Authorized				
20,500,000 Ordinary Shares of € 1 each	**20,500,000**	20,500,000	**20,500,000**	20,500,000
Issued and Fully Paid Up				
10,500,000 Ordinary Shares of € 1 each	**10,500,000**	10,500,000	**10,500,000**	10,500,000

The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared from time to time and are entitled to one vote per share at meetings of the Company.

17.2 Reserves

17.2.1 Revaluation Reserve

In the comparative period, this reserve represented the movement between the cost of property classified under property, plant and equipment and their fair values as revalued by an architect, net of deferred taxation. Movements on revaluation are recognised directly under other comprehensive income.

17.2.2 Investment Property Reserve

This reserve represents transfers out of retained earnings equivalent to the movement between the cost of investment properties and their fair values as revalued by an architect, net of deferred taxation.

18. Interest bearing borrowings

	Group		Company	
	2022	2021	**2022**	2021
	Euro	Euro	**Euro**	Euro
Non-current:				
Loan I advanced by subsidiary company	-	-	**11,500,000**	11,500,000
Loan II advanced by subsidiary company	-	-	**10,944,358**	10,944,358
Loan III advanced by subsidiary company	-	-	**50,000,000**	-
Total interest bearing borrowings	-	-	**72,444,358**	22,444,358

18.1 Loan I payable to the subsidiary, Mercury Projects Finance Plc. of € 11,500,000 is subject to an annual interest rate of 4.75% and is repayable by 2027, whilst loan II of € 10,944,358 is subject to interest at the annual rate of 5.25% and is repayable by 2031. Both loans are secured by immovable property of the Company. The interest-bearing loan balances include costs amounting to € 394,358 (2021: € 394,358) incurred by the subsidiary in connection with the bond issues and recharged to the Company, in view that the said costs being exclusively incurred to finance the operations of the Company and the Group.

18.2 Loan III also payable to the subsidiary, Mercury Projects Finance P.l.c. amounting to € 50,000,000 is subject to an annual interest rate of 4.50% and is repayable by 15 April 2032. This loan is guaranteed by immovable property of the Company and a subsidiary, namely Mercury Hotel Ltd.

Upon consolidation, these intra-group balances are eliminated in accordance with accounting policy per Note 3.1, leading to a Group balance of nil as at year-end.

19. Bonds payable

	Group		Company	
	2022	2021	**2022**	2021
	Euro	Euro	**Euro**	Euro
Non-current:				
3.75% Series I Bonds 2027	**11,500,000**	11,500,000	**-**	-
4.25% Series II Bonds 2031	**11,000,000**	11,000,000	**-**	-
4.30% Bonds 2032	**50,000,000**	-	**-**	-
	72,500,000	22,500,000	**-**	-

19.1 Mercury Projects Finance p.l.c., the subsidiary, has issued a two-series bond during 2019. The bonds comprise Series I, which amounts to € 11,500,000 repayable at a coupon rate of 3.75% p.a. and matures in 2027; and Series II, which amounts to € 11,000,000 repayable at a coupon rate of 4.25% p.a. and matures in 2031. The Company acts as a guarantor for both bond series.

19.2 The above bonds are secured by a first general hypothec on a number of specific areas within the Mercury Tower Project managed by the Company, for an amount of € 24,310,965.

19.3 On 22 March 2022, Mercury Projects Finance P.l.c., the subsidiary, issued a further € 50,000,000 4.30% Secured Bonds of € 100 each, maturing in 2032. On 14 April 2022, the bond was fully subscribed and the proceeds from this bond issue were advanced by way of another loan facility to the Company, for the purpose of construction and finishing of the hotel at the Mercury Towers project and for general corporate funding. This bond is guaranteed by the Company and secured by a first ranking special hypothec on the immoveable property of a subsidiary, namely Mercury Hotel Ltd valued at € 52,250,000.

20. Bank Borrowings

	Group		Company	
	2022	2021	**2022**	2021
	Euro	Euro	**Euro**	Euro
Non-current:				
Bank loan I	**16,700,000**	15,608,076	**16,700,000**	15,608,076
Bank loan II	**13,300,000**	13,300,000	**13,300,000**	13,300,000
Bank loan III	**5,000,000**	-	**5,000,000**	-
Bank loan IV	**3,888,500**	-	**3,888,500**	-
	38,888,500	28,908,076	**38,888,500**	28,908,076
Current:				
Bank loan V	**4,394,280**	9,588,946	**4,394,280**	9,588,946
Total bank borrowings	**43,282,780**	38,497,022	**43,282,780**	38,497,022

20.1 As per sanction letter dated 7 July 2022, during the year the Company and the Group obtained new bank loans to finance the development of various components of the Mercury Towers project. The bank loans are secured by a special hypothec and a special privilege on the Company's and the Group's immovable property, a general hypothec on the Company's and the Group's assets, and general hypothecary guarantees over assets of the shareholder and a number of his entities, other guarantees given to the bank and other contractual undertakings.

20. Bank Borrowings *(Contd.)*

The bank loans are subject to interest rates of between 4.75% and 6% per annum and repayable:

(i) Loan I amounting to € 16,700,000 (2021: € 15,608,076) is repayable by July 2036 by monthly installments of € 144,244 commencing on August 2023 after a moratorium period of 2 years.

(ii) Loan II amounting to € 13,300,000 (2021: € 13,300,000) is repayable by July 2036 by monthly installments of € 114,877 commencing on August 2023 after a moratorium period of 2 years.

(iii) Loan III amounting to €5 ,000,000 (2021: € Nil) is repayable by July 2024 after the moratorium period.

(iv) Loan IV amounting to € 3,888,500 (2021: € Nil) is repayable by July 2036 by monthly installments of € 78,300 after a moratorium period of 2 years.

(v) Loan V amounting to € 4,394,280 (2021: € 9,588,946) is to be fully repaid by 31 December 2023 from deposits against waivers of apartments sold forming part of the Peripheral Block at Mercury Towers. On this basis, this loan is being classified under current bank borrowings.

21. Trade and other payables

	Group		Company	
	2022	2021	**2022**	2021
	Euro	Euro	**Euro**	Euro
Trade payables	**514,889**	1,021,282	**505,208**	1,017,080
Amounts due to related contractor	**12,660,018**	-	-	-
Amounts due to subsidiary company	-	-	-	308,491
Deposits received on promise of sale	**5,128,459**	10,802,052	**5,128,459**	10,802,052
Contract liability	**1,169,830**	236,880	**1,169,830**	236,880
Accrued expenses	**2,571,147**	928,009	**2,811,933**	1,128,411
Other payables	**1,730,188**	542,154	**1,725,490**	542,149
	23,774,531	13,530,377	**11,340,920**	14,035,063

21.1 Amounts due to the subsidiary and related companies are interest free, unsecured and repayable on demand.

21.2 The contract liability comprises an advanced consideration received from customers for the finishing of apartments, for which revenue will be recognized at the point in time when the apartments are finished (see Note 4.2).

22. Financial risk management

22.1 Introduction and overview

The Company and the Group have exposure to the following risks from financial instruments:

- credit risk
- liquidity risk
- market risk

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

22. Financial risk management *(Contd.)*

22.2 Risk management framework

The director has the overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Company's and the Group's risk management framework. The Company's and the Group's risk management policies are established to identify and analyze the risks faced by the Company and the Group, to set appropriate risk limits and controls, and to monitor risks and adherence to limits. Risk management policies and systems are reviewed regularly to reflect changes in market conditions and the Company's and the Group's activities.

22.3 Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Company and the Group if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations and arises principally from the Company's and the Group's trade and other receivables and cash and cash equivalents.

The carrying amounts of financial assets represent the maximum credit exposure. The Company's and the Group's exposure to credit risk are analyzed as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2022	2021	**2022**	2021
	Euro	Euro	**Euro**	Euro
Trade and other receivables	**5,836,516**	1,975,276	**6,146,785**	1,972,206
Cash and cash equivalents	**21,001,436**	814,134	**20,635,637**	781,407
	26,837,952	2,789,410	**26,782,422**	2,753,613

Expected credit losses on financial assets recognized in profit or loss were as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2022	2021	**2022**	2021
	Euro	Euro	**Euro**	Euro
Expected credit losses on trade and other receivables	-	(25,246)	**2,147**	(25,246)

The Company's and the Group's credit risk on trade and other receivables arises from amounts receivable from related parties and a bank guarantee pledged in favour of third parties.

Expected credit loss assessment for amounts receivable from related parties and subsidiaries
As at 31 December 2022, the gross carrying amount on the amounts receivable from related parties and subsidiaries for the Company amounts to € 2,335,846 (2021: € 1,455,000) and for the Group amounts to € 2,005,000 (2021: € 1,455,000). The Group measures the ECL of receivables from related entities based on an internally generated Altman Z-score rating, which includes but is not limited to reviews of country rating and other public and non-public available information. Based on this information, the rating can be subjected to post-model adjustment by a maximum of two notches. These internally generated rates are multiplied by scalar factors to reflect differences between economic conditions during the period over which the historical data has been collected, current conditions and the Company's and the Group's view of economic conditions over the expected lives of the trade and other receivables.

22. Financial risk management *(Contd.)*

22.3 Credit risk *(Contd.)*

The following table provides information about the Group's exposure to credit risk and loss allowance for amounts receivable from related parties as at 31 December 2022.

	Equivalent to External Credit Rating	Gross Carrying Amount	Loss Allowance	Gross Carrying Amount	Loss Allowance
		2022	**2022**	2021	2021
		Euro	**Euro**	Euro	Euro
Mercury Car Park Ltd.	**CCC/C**	**1,305,000**	**(399,736)**	1,305,000	(399,736)

The following table provides information about the Company's exposure to credit risk and loss allowance for amounts receivable from related parties as at 31 December 2022.

	Equivalent to External Credit Rating	Gross Carrying Amount	Loss Allowance	Gross Carrying Amount	Loss Allowance
		2022	**2022**	2021	2021
		Euro	**Euro**	Euro	Euro
Mercury Projects Finance Plc.	**B**	**97,647**	**(2,147)**	-	-
Mercury Car Park Ltd.	**CCC/C**	**1,305,000**	**(399,736)**	1,305,000	(399,736)
		1,402,647	**(401,883)**	1,305,000	(399,736)

Expected credit loss assessment for bank guarantee pledged in favour of third parties
The Company's and the Group's bank guarantees pledged in favour of third parties represent a bank guarantee pledged in favour of the relevant authority in connection with the construction project being undertaken by the Company and the Group. The guarantee shall be released to the Company and the Group after completion of the development and upon confirmation that the conditions imposed by the relevant authority have been duly observed by the Company and the Group.

The Company and the Group considers that the deposit pledged as a bank guarantee has a low credit risk based on the external credit ratings of the counterparty, a credit institution which is rated BBB- based on Standard and Poor's ratings.

The following table provides information about the Company's and the Group's exposure to credit risk and loss allowance for the bank guarantee as at 31 December 2022.

	Group		Company	
	2022	2021	**2022**	2021
	Euro	Euro	**Euro**	Euro
External credit rating				
BBB – Gross carrying amount	**233,387**	233,387	**233,387**	233,387
Loss allowance	**(152)**	(152)	**(152)**	(152)
Carrying amount	**233,235**	233,235	**233,235**	233,235

22. Financial risk management *(Contd.)*

22.3 Credit risk *(Contd.)*

22.3.1 Cash and cash equivalents

The Company and the Group held cash and cash equivalents of € 20,635,637 and € 21,001,436 respectively as at 31 December 2022. The cash and cash equivalents are held with credit institutions, which are rated BBB- based on Standard and Poor's ratings.

The first € 100,000 out of the year-end balance held by the Company and the Group is not exposed to credit risk as it is protected under the depositor compensation scheme, based on the EU Directive 2014/49/EU on deposits guarantee schemes. An impairment assessment on the remaining balance held by the Company and the Group amounting to € 20,536,637 and € 20,901,436 respectively have been measured on a 12-month expected loss basis, reflecting the short maturity of the exposure. The Company and the Group consider that this remaining balance of cash and cash equivalents has lowcredit risk based on the external credit ratings of the counterparties.

Based on the above, the amount of impairment allowance on cash and cash equivalents at 31 December 2022 is € nil (2021: € nil).

22.4 Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company and the Group will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations in respect of its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset.

22.4.1 Management of liquidity risk

The Company's and the Group's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Company's and the Group's reputation.

22.4.2 Exposure to liquidity risk

The key measure used by the Company and the Group for managing liquidity risk is the availability of liquid funds to meet repayment obligations when these falls due.

From a Group perspective, the following are the contractual maturities of the financial liabilities:

Group

	Carrying Amount	Total	Within 12 Months	Between 1-5 Years	Over 5 Years
	Euro	Euro	Euro	Euro	Euro
31 December 2022					
Bonds payable	**72,500,000**	**100,363,750**	**3,048,750**	**23,695,000**	**73,620,000**
Trade and other payables	**22,604,701**	**22,604,701**	**22,604,701**	-	-
Bank borrowings	**43,282,780**	**57,923,669**	**1,869,100**	**20,908,706**	**35,145,863**
Current Taxation	**45,461**	**45,461**	**45,461**	-	-
	138,432,942	**180,937,581**	**27,568,012**	**44,603,706**	**108,765,863**
31 December 2021					
Bonds payable	22,500,000	28,863,750	898,750	2,696,250	25,268,750
Trade and other payables	13,293,497	13,293,497	13,293,497	-	-
Bank borrowings	38,497,022	53,984,192	1,828,608	27,101,169	25,054,415
Current Taxation	64,708	64,708	64,708	-	-
	74,355,227	96,206,147	16,085,563	29,797,419	50,323,165

22. Financial risk management *(Contd.)*

22.4 Liquidity risk *(Contd.)*

From a Company stand-alone perspective, the following are the contractual maturities of the Company's financial liabilities:

Company

	Carrying Amount	Total	Within 12 Months	Between 1-5 Years	Over 5 Years
	Euro	Euro	Euro	Euro	Euro
31 December 2022					
Trade and Other Payables	**10,171,090**	**10,171,090**	**10,171,090**	**-**	**-**
Loans from subsidiary	**72,444,358**	**101,944,011**	**3,370,828**	**24,543,322**	**74,029,861**
Bank Borrowings	**43,282,780**	**57,923,669**	**1,869,100**	**20,908,706**	**35,145,863**
	125,898,228	**170,038,770**	**15,411,018**	**45,452,028**	**109,175,724**
31 December 2021					
Trade and Other Payables	13,798,183	13,798,183	13,798,183	-	-
Loan from subsidiary	22,444,358	33,240,435	1,120,829	32,119,606	-
Bank Borrowings	38,497,022	53,984,192	1,828,608	52,155,584	-
	74,739,563	101,022,810	16,747,620	84,275,190	-

Trade and other payables include deposits on promise of sale agreements entered into with customers which will materialize into revenue upon signature of deed of sales.

Interest on loans to the subsidiary amounting to € 1.12 million was paid by the 29 March 2022 as per the prospectus dated 4 March 2019.

22.5 Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as interest rates, equity prices, foreign exchange rates and credit spreads will affect the Company's and the Group'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 optimizing the return on risk.

22.5.1 Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Interest rate risk arises on interest-bearing financial instruments recognized in the statement of financial position.

The Company's and the Group's interest-bearing financial assets comprise cash at bank and the Company's and the Group's interest- bearing financial liabilities comprises borrowings, loan payable to a subsidiary and other payable. The Company's and the Group's interest-bearing financial liabilities are entered into at a fixed-rate. Thus, a 100 basis points increase or decrease in interest rates as at reporting date would not have a significant impact on the Company's and the Group's profit or loss and equity as only the cash at bank is subject to a variable interest rate.

22. Financial risk management *(Contd.)*

22.5 Market risk *(Contd.)*

22.5.1 Interest rate risk (Contd.)

At the reporting date the interest rate profile of the Company's and the Group's fixed and variable interest-bearing financial instruments were as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2022	2021	**2022**	2021
	Euro	Euro	**Euro**	Euro
Fixed-rate instruments				
Bonds payable	**(72,500,000)**	(22,500,000)	**-**	-
Bank borrowings	**(43,282,780)**	(38,497,022)	**(43,282,780)**	(38,497,022)
Loans payable to subsidiary	**-**	-	**(72,444,358)**	(22,444,358)
Variable-rate instruments				
Bank balances	**1,280,158**	814,134	**914,359**	781,407

Cash flow sensitivity analysis for variable rate instruments

A change of 100 basis points in interest rates at the reporting date would have increased the Company's and the Group's equity and profit or loss by € 9,145 (2021: € 7,814) and € 12,801 (2021: € 8,141) respectively. A decrease of 100 basis points in interest rates would have had the equal but opposite effect on equity and profit or loss. This analysis assumes that all other variables remain constant.

21.5.3 Fair values versus carrying amounts

The carrying amount of financial assets and liabilities that are measured at amortized cost approximates the fair value at the reporting date. The director believes that the Group's own credit risk and that of its borrowers has not changed in a way that would impact significantly the fair value of these financial assets and liabilities. All financial assets and liabilities are short term in nature.

21.5.4 Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates.

At reporting date, the Group was not exposed to any significant currency risk.

22.6 Capital management

The Company's and the Group's policy is to maintain a strong capital base so as to sustain the future development of the business. The director monitors the return on capital as well as the level of dividends to ordinary shareholders. The Company and the Group are not subject to externally imposed capital requirements.

23. Related parties

23.1 Ultimate controlling party

The Group is fully owned by Mr. Joseph Portelli, who is the ultimate controlling party.

23.2 Identity of related parties

The Group has a related party relationship with its subsidiaries and entities controlled by the same director of the Group ("other related parties").

23.3 Related party balances

Information on amounts due to/by related parties are set out in Notes 14, 17 and 20 to these financial statements.

23.4 Related party transactions carried out by the Group during the year

	Group		**Company**	
	2022	2021	**2022**	2021
	Euro	Euro	**Euro**	Euro
Related Companies				
Cost of construction - property	**(21,781,256)**	(9,508,646)	**(9,102,076)**	(9,508,646)
Cost of construction - inventories	**(15,440,347)**	(14,254,739)	**(15,440,347)**	(14,254,739)
Net funds advanced by/(to) related contractor	**(14,947,552)**	(28,873,721)	**(27,607,570)**	(28,873,721)
Funds advanced by/(to) other related parties	**(550,000)**	(150,000)	**(550,000)**	(150,000)
Subsidiaries and Associated Companies				
Transfer of asset under construction to	**-**	-	**14,600,000**	-
Interest paid to	**(1,120,829)**	(1,120,829)	**(1,120,829)**	(1,120,829)
Expenses paid on behalf of	**(300)**	(100)	**(300)**	(100)
Loan advanced by	**-**	-	**50,000,000**	-
Funds advanced by/(to)	**(16,479,514)**	(223,841)	**(16,479,514)**	(223,841)

Amounts due to and from related parties are disclosed in Notes 12 and 16 to these financial statements. The net movements on related companies' balances are shown in the cash flow statement.

The key management of the Company are considered to be the directors. None of the directors received any remuneration from the Company and the Group during the year.

24. Commitments

As at 31 December 2022, the Company accounted for costs amounting to € 52,489,815 (2021: € 40,777,375) on investment property and property, plant and equipment (both under construction), and € € 15,156,799 (2021: € 23,974,551) on inventory (net of inventory sold as at year-end) which is also under construction. Both are part of the landmark project being built by the Company. The Company currently expects to incur further costs on contracting works amounting to € 75.3 million (2021: € 79.3 million) in relation to investment property and a further € 14.1 million (2021: € 27.1 million) in relation to inventory under construction. These committed capital costs are based on budgets as at the reporting date and will fluctuate depending on actual costs incurred.

25. IFRS as adopted by the EU

The Company and the Group accounting policies set out in Note 3 have been applied in preparing the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

26. COVID-19

The coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic affected economic and financial markets, and various industries faced challenges associated with the economic conditions resulting from it.

The director had assessed the effect of the COVID-19 on the Company's and the Group's operations and the director noted that the group has been able to continue operating through the prevalent market conditions without significant disruptions although some increases in costs were noted and absorbed specifically on steel and aluminum. The Company and the Group managed to fix and secure prices of the main supplies required, thus mitigating the risk of such increases in prices. During this period of uncertainty, the project encountered some setbacks due to impositions of certain conditions resulting from the Coronavirus pandemic. The delays experienced, however, did not influence the overall financial viability of the project.

27. Russia – Ukraine war

Conflicts between countries will always have a negative effect on the rest of the world. The increased challenges brought about by this situation cannot be ignored. However, following thorough assessment of the Company's operations and, more significantly, that of the Group, it has been noted that there is no reliance on the region for supplies of construction materials, neither was the Company and the Group impacted by sanctions on Russian nationals.

28. Subsequent events

28.1 Associate company

During the previous year, the Company entered into a promise of sale agreement for the acquisition of 68% of Mercury Car Park Ltd. from Bersella Holdings Ltd., the company owning the car park under the first phase of the development. By the date of the approval of these financial statements, it was decided to acquire the property rather than shares of Mercury Car Park Ltd. This strategic re-acquisition of the property was concluded on 28 March 2023 for a total price of € 9 million, thereby increasing the ownership of the car park underlying the first phase of the development to 93%.

28.2 Project update and handover of properties

By the time of publication of these financial statements, all major construction works were concluded, bringing the project close to its completion. Finishing works on the tower are underway and is expected to be completed by the Q3 - 2023. Handover of units in the tower has already started, whereas finishing of the commercial mall, hotel and peripheral block has commenced and is expected to be completed by the end of 2023.

28.3 Intercompany transfers

The Company is committed to transfer areas pertaining to the hotel to Mercury Hotel Ltd. at cost.

28.4 Other

The director has evaluated subsequent events since 31 December 2022 up to the date of approval of these financial statements and concluded that there were no subsequent events which require disclosure in the financial statements.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF MERCURY TOWERS LTD.

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Opinion
We have audited the individual financial statements of Mercury Towers Ltd. (the "Company") and the consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries (together, the "Group") set out on pages 7 to 42, which comprise the statement of financial position of the Company and the Group as at 31 December 2022, and the statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows of the Company and the Group for the period then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company and the Group as at 31 December 2022, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the EU and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act, 1995 (Chapter 386, Laws of Malta).

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

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

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

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we declare that non-audit services that we have provided to the Company and the Group are in accordance with the applicable law and regulations in Malta and that we have not provided non-audit services that are prohibited under Article 18A of the Accountancy Profession Act (Cap 281).

The non-audit services that we have provided to the Company and the Group in the period from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022, are disclosed in Note 6 to the financial statements.

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Our Audit Approach
As part of designing our audit, we determined materiality and assessed the risk of material misstatements in the financial statements. In particular, we considered where the directors made subjective judgements, such as in respect of significant estimates that involved making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain. As in all audits, we also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including among other matters, consideration of whether there was evidence of bias that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

We tailored the scope of our audit in order to perform sufficient work to enable us to provide an opinion on the financial statements as a whole, taking into consideration the structure of the Company and the Group, the accounting processes and controls, and the industry in which the Company and the Group operate.

Other Information
The director is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the director's report.

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.

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

Based on the work performed, in our opinion:

- the information given in the director's report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and

- the director's report has been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act (Cap. 386).

In addition, in light of the knowledge and understanding of the Company and the Group and their environment obtained in the course of the audit, we are required to report if we have identified material misstatements in the director's report and other information. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Company's Financial Statements
Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements of the Company and the Group in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the EU, 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 Company's and the Group'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 Company and the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's and the Group's financial reporting.

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Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements of the Company and the Group 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 aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's and the Group'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 Company's and Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, then we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the consolidated 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 Company and the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

- 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, related safeguards.

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Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

We also have responsibilities under the Companies Act, 1995 (Chapter 386, Laws of Malta), to report to you if, in our opinion:

- Adequate accounting records have not been kept;
- The financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records;
- We have not received all the information and explanations we required for our audit;

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

Other Matter – Use of this Report

Our report, including our opinions, have been prepared for and only for the Company's shareholder in accordance with Article 179 of the Malta Companies Act (Cap.386) and for no other purposes. We do not, in giving our opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come, save where expressly agreed to by our prior written consent.

This copy of the audit report has been signed by
Donald Sant for and on behalf of

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