

"Virtu", Ta' Xbiex Terrace, Ta' Xbiex, XBX 1034 - Malta

## **COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT**

# Virtu Finance plc

# Approval of interim financial statements

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#### QUOTE

# Approval of unaudited interim financial statements

The Board of Directors of Virtu Finance p.l.c. (the "Company") hereby announces the approval of the unaudited interim financial statements of the Company for the financial period ended 30 June, 2024. The interim financial statements are attached herewith and are also available for viewing at the registered office of the Company and on its website <a href="http://www.virtu.com.mt/investor-downloads/">http://www.virtu.com.mt/investor-downloads/</a>.

#### **UNQUOTE**

By order of the Board of Directors of Virtu Finance p.l.c.

Malcolm Falzon
Company Secretary

VIRTU FINANCE P.L.C.

Condensed Interim Financial Statements 30 June 2024

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# Interim directors' report

The directors present their report in terms of Chapter 5 of the Capital Markets Rules issued by The Listing Authority, and in terms of the Prevention of Financial Markets Abuse Act 2005. The underlying accounting policies are the same as those adopted by Virtu Finance p.l.c. (the 'Company') in its published annual report for the year ended 31 December 2023. The interim financial information included in this report has been extracted from the Company's unaudited accounts for the six months ended 30 June 2024 which have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 'Interim Financial Reporting'.

### **Principal activities**

Virtu Finance ptc (the "Company") is a public liability company and was registered in Malta on 6 July 2017. The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Virtu Holdings Ltd and its principal activity is to raise financial resources from capital markets to finance operations and capital projects of the Virtu Group of companies.

#### Review of the business

During the period under review, the Company registered a gross profit amounting to €53,883 (2023: €50,107). Revenue amounting to €554,100 (2023: €549,100) is generated from a facility fee and interest charged on loans advanced to Virtu Maritime Limited. Financial costs comprise interest payable on the outstanding bond issue and amortisation of the issue costs thereof amounting to €500,217 (2023: €498,993). Administrative expenses mainly comprise directors' emoluments amounting to €22,500 (2023: €22,500).

## Principal risks and uncertainties for the remaining six months of the financial year

The Company's principal activity is to act as a finance company for the Virtu Maritime Group of companies (the "Group"). In this context, the Company's ability to recover loans issued to its fellow subsidiary is dependent on the performance of the companies within the Group to which amounts have been advanced by the Company.

The Group's business activities mostly comprise a fast ferry service between Malta and Sicily, the availability for lease of its ferries, and other ancillary services related to the fast ferry service. The Group is therefore susceptible to negative local economic developments and overseas trends related to the demand for commercial transport and tourists to travel by ferry.

As reported in the 2023 audited financial statements of the Company, the directors do not expect any significant changes in the Company's activities during 2024 and are confident that the Company will be able to honour its obligations when they fall due. The directors concur with the going concern assumption for preparation of these interim financial statements and do not envisage any material uncertainty in this regard.

# Interim directors' report - continued

#### Results and dividends

The condensed interim statement of comprehensive income is set out on page 5. The directors do not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the period under review.

#### **Directors**

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

Roderick Chalmers - Non-Executive, Independent Chairman Matthew Portelli - Executive Director Kevin Valenzia - Non-Executive, Independent Director Stephanie Attard Montalto - Executive Director Stefan Bonello Ghio - Non-Executive Director

Directors are appointed during the Company's Annual General Meeting for periods of one year, at the end of which term they may stand again for re-election. The Articles of Association of the Company clearly set out the procedures to be followed for the appointment of directors.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors on 26 August 2024 by:

Roderick Chairmers
Chairman of the Board

Registered office 'Virtu', Ta'Xbiex Terrace, Ta'Xbiex XBX1034 Stophanie Attard Montalto Director

# Statement pursuant to Capital Markets rule 5.75.3

We hereby confirm that to the best of our knowledge:

- the condensed interim financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 30 June 2024, as well as of the financial performance and cash flows for the said period, in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU applicable to interim financial reporting (IAS 34: 'Interim Financial Reporting'); and
- the Interim Directors' Report includes a fair review of the information required in terms of Capital Markets Rule 5.81.

On behalf of the board:

Roderick Chalmers Chairman of the Board

26 August 2024

Stephanie Attard Montalto Director

# Condensed interim statement of financial position

	As at 30 June 2024	As at 31 December 2023
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
ASSETS	€	€
Non-current assets	24,400,000	24,400,000
Deferred tax	148,863	150,987
Current assets	1,345,377	854,309
Total assets	25,894,240	25,405,296
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES Total equity	536,468	532,527
Non-current liabilities Interest bearing borrowings	24,770,292	24,738,825
Current liabilities	587,480	133,944
Total liabilities	25,357,772	24,872,769
Total equity and liabilities	25,894,240	25,405,296

The notes on pages 8 to 10 are an integral part of these condensed interim financial statements.

The condensed interim financial statements on pages 4 to 10 were authorised for issue by the board on 26 August 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Roderick Chalmers'
Chairman of the Board

Stephanie Attard Montalto Director

# Condensed interim statement of comprehensive income

	Period from 1 January to 30 June 2024 (Unaudited)	Period from 1 January to 30 June 2023 (Unaudited)
	€	€
Investment and other related income Interest payable and similar charges	554,100 (500,217)	549,100 (498,993)
Gross profit Administrative expenses	53,883 (47,819)	50,107 (49,844)
Profit before tax Tax expense	6,064 (2,123)	263 (100)
Profit for the period	3,941	163
Earnings per share	0.0079	0.0003

The notes on pages 8 to 10 are an integral part of these condensed interim financial statements.

# Condensed interim statement of changes in equity

	Share capital	Retained earnings	Total
	€	€	€
Balance at 1 January 2024	500,000	32,527	532,527
Comprehensive income Profit for the period - total comprehensive income	-	3,941	3,941
Balance at 30 June 2024	500,000	36,468	536,468
Balance at 1 January 2023	500,000	30,156	530,156
Comprehensive income Profit for the period - total comprehensive income	-	163	163
Balance at 30 June 2023	500,000	30,319	530,319

The notes on pages 8 to 10 are an integral part of these condensed interim financial statements.

# Condensed interim statement of cash flows

	Period from 1 January to 30 June 2024	Period from 1 January to 30 June 2023	
	€	€	
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	(180)	(82,816)	
Net movement in cash and cash equivalents	(180)	(82,816)	
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	2,527	88,632	
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	2,347	5,816	

The notes on pages 8 to 10 are an integral part of these condensed interim financial statements.

# Notes to the condensed interim financial statements

#### 1. General information

Virtu Finance p.l.c. ("the Company") is a limited liability company domiciled and incorporated in Malta.

The financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 are available upon request from the company's registered office at 'Virtu', Ta'Xbiex Terrace, Ta'Xbiex XBX1034.

This condensed interim financial information was approved for issue by the Board of Directors on 26 August 2024.

### 2. Basis of preparation

The condensed interim financial information for the six-month period ended 30 June 2024 has been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU applicable to interim financial reporting (International Accounting Standard 34, 'Interim Financial Reporting'. The condensed interim financial information should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023, which have been prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the EU.

Assessment of going concern assumption

The directors have a reasonable expectation at the time of approving the condensed interim financial statements that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, the directors continue to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of the condensed interim financial statements.

## 3. Material accounting policy information

The accounting policies applied in the preparation of the condensed interim financial information are the same as those applied in the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

### 4. Financial risk management

The Company's financial risk management objectives and policies are consistent with those disclosed in the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

# 5. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

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

### 6. Segment reporting

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision-maker. The chief operating decision-maker, who is responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments has been identified as the board of directors that makes strategic decisions. The board of directors considers the Company to be made up of one segment, that is raising financial resources from capital markets to finance the operations and capital projects of the Company and the Virtu Maritime Group. All the Company's revenue and expenses are generated in Malta, interest revenue is mainly earned from other companies forming part of the Virtu Maritime Group.

#### 7. Taxation

The tax charge for the period ended 30 June 2024 amounting to €2,123 (2023: €100) comprises tax at 35% on the profit.

# 8. Loans receivable

In the ordinary course of its business activities, the Company advances funds to a fellow subsidiary, Virtu Maritime Ltd. The Company does not hold collateral as security on its loans receivable. Virtu Maritime Ltd has issued corporate guarantees with respect to the Company's bonds.

### 9. Capital commitments

As at 30 June 2024, the Company did not have any capital commitments.

#### 10. Earnings per share

Earnings per share is calculated by dividing the result attributable to owners of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year:

	30 June 2024 €	30 June 2023 €
Earnings per share	0.0079	0.0003

### 11. Interest-bearing borrowings

By virtue of the prospectus dated 30 October 2017, the Company issued €25,000,000 3.75% Bonds redeemable on 30 November 2027. Interest on the Bonds is payable annually in arrears, on 30 November of each year. The next interest payment is due on 30 November 2024.

The Bonds constitute the general, direct, unconditional, unsecured, unsubordinated obligations of the Company, and rank equally without any priority or preference with all other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Company.

## 12. Contingent liabilities

No events occurred since 31 December 2023 that require disclosure of any contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2024.

### 13. Related parties

The companies forming part of the Virtu Maritime Group are considered by the directors to be related parties as these companies are ultimately owned by Virtu Holdings Limited.

The Company is a subsidiary of Virtu Holdings Limited, the registered office of which is situated at 'Virtu' Ta'Xbiex Terrace Ta'Xbiex XBX1034.

The following transactions were carried out with related parties:

	30 June 2024	30 June 2023
Income	€	€
Interest and other related income	554,100	549,100

Non-current receivables as at 30 June 2024 include loans advanced to related companies amounting to €24,400,000 (31 December 2023: €24,400,000). Current assets as at 30 June 2024 include amounts advanced to related companies falling due in less than one year amounting to €1,335,288 (31 December 2023: €831,895). Such amounts are unsecured.

### 14. Subsequent events

There were no material events relevant to the Company which occurred subsequent to the balance sheet date.