Emirates Integrated Telecommunications Company PJSC and its subsidiaries

Consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

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Independent auditor's report to the shareholders of Emirates Integrated Telecommunications Company PJSC

Report on the audit of the consolidated financial statements

Our opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Emirates Integrated Telecommunications Company PJSC ("the Company") and its subsidiaries (together the "Group"), as at 31 December 2024 and its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards.

What we have audited

The Group's consolidated financial statements comprise:

- the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2024;
- the consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended;
- the consolidated statement of changes in equity for the year then ended;
- the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the consolidated financial statements, comprising material accounting policy information and other explanatory information.

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 consolidated financial statements* section of our report.

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

Independence

We are independent of the Group in accordance with the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (the" IESBA Code") and the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated financial statements in the United Arab Emirates. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code.

Our audit approach

Overview

Key Audit Matters

• Revenue recognition due to complexity of related IT systems

As part of designing our audit, we determined materiality and assessed the risks of material misstatement in the consolidated financial statements. In particular, we considered where management made subjective judgements; for example, in respect of significant accounting estimates that involved making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain. As in all of our 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.



Independent auditor's report to the shareholders of Emirates Integrated Telecommunications Company PJSC (continued)

Our audit approach (continued)

Overview (continued)

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

Key audit matters

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

Key audit matter

How our audit addressed the Key audit matter

Revenue recognition due to complexity of related IT systems

The Group reported revenue of AED 14.6 billion from telecommunication and related activities during the year ended 31 December 2024.

We considered this area to be a matter of significance, as there is an inherent risk around the recognition of revenue in telecommunication services given that revenue is processed by complex information technology ("IT") systems, involving large volumes of data with a combination of different products, services, and related prices.

A significant portion of our audit effort was directed towards this area as we placed high reliance on the Group's IT systems and key internal controls, which is a normal practice for an audit of a large telecommunications business.

Refer to Notes 2.2 and 3.18 for the critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty, and material accounting policies made by management, respectively. Details of the Group's revenue are disclosed in Note 34 to the consolidated financial statements.

We performed audit procedures over this significant risk area, which included a combination of tests of controls and substantive procedures as described below:

- Obtained an understanding of the various significant revenue streams and identified the relevant controls, IT systems, interfaces and reports;
- Assessed the Group's revenue accounting policies, including the key judgments and estimates applied by management in consideration of the requirements of IFRS 15:
- Placed reliance on the Group's IT systems and key internal controls. We involved our internal IT specialists to test the IT general controls and application controls connected with the processing of transactions of significant revenue streams;
- Performed automated and manual controls testing, and substantive procedures to verify the accuracy and occurrence of revenue. This included testing the endto end reconciliations from data records extracted from source systems to the billing systems and to the general ledger, and testing of key manual controls applied by the Group's revenue assurance team;
- Performed independently generated events test using various parameters to ascertain those instances will accurately be processed through the network elements and recognized appropriately;
- Performed additional substantive procedures in instances where control weaknesses were identified to assess accuracy and occurrence of revenue;
- Used data analytics tools to identify, based on risk criteria, revenue-related manual journals posted to the general ledger and traced them to source documentation; and
- Assessed the adequacy of the Group's disclosures in respect to revenue.



Independent auditor's report to the shareholders of Emirates Integrated Telecommunications Company PJSC (continued)

Other information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Board of Directors' Report (but does not include the consolidated financial statements and our auditor's report thereon), which we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, and the Group's Annual Report, which is expected to be made available to us after that date.

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

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

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information that we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

When we read the Group's Annual Report, if we conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, we are required to communicate the matter to those charged with governance.

Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the consolidated financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards and their preparation in compliance with the applicable provisions of the UAE Federal Decree Law No. (32) of 2021 and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing 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 Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements

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

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment 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.



Independent auditor's report to the shareholders of Emirates Integrated Telecommunications Company PJSC (continued)

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements (continued)

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the 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 auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause 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.
- Plan and perform the group audit to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business units within the Group as a basis for forming an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and review of the audit work performed for purposes 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 to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

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



Independent auditor's report to the shareholders of Emirates Integrated Telecommunications Company PJSC (continued)

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

Further, as required by the UAE Federal Decree Law No. (32) of 2021, we report that:

- i) we have obtained all the information we considered necessary for the purposes of our audit;
- ii) the consolidated financial statements have been prepared and comply, in all material respects, with the applicable provisions of the UAE Federal Decree Law No. (32) of 2021;
- iii) the Group has maintained proper books of account;
- iv) the financial information included in the Board of Directors' Report is consistent with the books of account of the Group;
- v) as disclosed in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements the Group has made an additional investment in the share capital of EITC Financial Services LLC during the year ended 31 December 2024;
- vi) Note 15 to the consolidated financial statements discloses material related party transactions, and the terms under which they were conducted;
- vii) based on the information that has been made available to us, nothing has come to our attention which causes us to believe that the Group has contravened during the year ended 31 December 2024 any of the applicable provisions of the UAE Federal Decree Law No. (32) of 2021, or in respect of the Company, its Articles of Association which would materially affect its activities or its financial position as at 31 December 2024; and
- viii) Note 27 to the consolidated financial statements discloses the social contributions made during the year ended 31 December 2024.

PricewaterhouseCoopers Limited Partnership Dubai Branch

10 February 2025

Virendra Dhirajlal Lodhia Registered Auditor Number 5443 Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Consolidated statement of financial position

Note			As at 31 December		
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To the best of our knowledge, the financial information included in these consolidated financial statements fairly presents, in all material respects the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Group as at, and for, the periods presented therein. The consolidated financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 10 February 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Abdulla Mohammed Ahmad Albasti Almarri

Board Member

Kais Ben Hamida Chief Financial Officer

Consolidated statement of comprehensive income

		d 31 December	
		2024	2023
	Note	AED 000	AED 000
Revenue	34	14,635,917	13,636,340
Operating expenses	27	(10,059,524)	(9,793,238)
Expected credit losses (net of recoveries)		(261,268)	(242,619)
Other income		3,468	841
Federal royalty on regulated revenue	23.1	-	(1,400,199)
Finance income	28	79,930	61,327
Finance costs	28	(89,945)	(101,430)
Share of loss on investment accounted for using the	10		
equity method		(2,427)	(2,720)
Profit before federal royalty on profit and corporate			
income tax		4,306,151	2,158,302
Federal royalty on regulated profit	23.1	104,233	(490,451)
Federal royalty on profit	23.2	(1,675,882)	-
Corporate income tax	23.2	(246,955)	-
Profit for the year		2,487,547	1,667,851
Other comprehensive income/(loss)			
Items that will not be re-classified to profit or loss			
Fair value changes on financial asset at fair value			
through other comprehensive income	11	(612)	(1,571)
Actuarial gain/(loss) on defined benefit obligations	20	7,403	(14,663)
Related corporate income tax	23.2	(615)	-
Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the year		6,176	(16,234)
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Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to shareholders of the Company		2,493,723	1,651,617
Basic and diluted earnings per share (AED)	29	0.55	0.37

Consolidated statement of changes in equity

	Share capital AED 000	Share premium AED 000	Other reserves AED 000	Retained earnings AED 000	Total AED 000
At 1 January 2023	4,532,906	232,332	2,126,590	1,878,324	8,770,152
Profit for the year	-	-	-	1,667,851	1,667,851
Fair value changes on financial					
asset at fair value through					
other comprehensive income	-	-	(1,571)	-	(1,571)
Actuarial loss on defined				(1.4.662)	(14.662)
benefit obligations Total comprehensive (loss)/				(14,663)	(14,663)
income for the year	_	_	(1,571)	1,653,188	1,651,617
·	_	_	(1,5/1)	1,033,100	1,031,017
Transfer to other reserves	-	-	126,012	(126,012)	-
Final cash dividend paid	-	-	-	(589,278)	(589,278)
Interim cash dividend paid	-		-	(589,278)	(589,278)
At 31 December 2023	4,532,906	232,332	2,251,031	2,226,944	9,243,213
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At 1 January 2024	4,532,906	232,332	2,251,031	2,226,944	9,243,213
Profit for the year Fair value changes on financial	-	-	-	2,487,547	2,487,547
asset at fair value through					
other comprehensive income –					
net of tax	_	_	(557)	_	(557)
Actuarial gain on defined			(007)		(001)
benefit obligations – net of tax	-	-	-	6,733	6,733
Total comprehensive (loss)/					
income for the year	-	-	(557)	2,494,280	2,493,723
Transfer to other reserves	-	-	-	-	_
Final cash dividend paid (1)	-	-	-	(951,910)	(951,910)
Interim cash dividend paid (2)	_	-	-	(906,581)	(906,581)
At 31 December 2024	4,532,906	232,332	2,250,474	2,862,733	9,878,445

 $^{^{(1)}}$ For the year 2023, a final cash dividend of AED 0.21 (2022: AED 0.13) per share amounting to AED 951,910 thousand was paid on 18 April 2024.

For the year 2024, a final cash dividend of AED 0.34 per share amounting to AED 1,541,188 thousand is proposed.

⁽²⁾ For the period 2024, an interim cash dividend AED 0.20 (2023: AED 0.13) per share amounting to AED 906,581 thousand was paid on 19 August 2024.

Consolidated statement of cash flows

		For the year end	r ended 31 December	
		2024	2023	
	Note	AED 000	AED 000	
Cash flows from operating activities				
Profit for the year		2,487,547	1,667,851	
Adjustments for:				
Depreciation and impairment of property, plant and equipment	6	1,569,189	1,544,182	
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	7	374,505	445,042	
Amortization and impairment of intangible assets	8	209,896	209,053	
Service cost for employees' end of service benefits	20	21,451	19,753	
Charge/(release) of allowance for inventory obsolescence	14	8,874	(970)	
Loss allowances		293,255	273,573	
Finance income	28	(79,930)	(61,327)	
Finance costs	28	89,945	101,430	
Share of loss on investment accounted for using the equity				
method	10	2,427	2,720	
Federal royalty on profit and corporate income tax		1,922,837	-	
Changes in other operating assets and liabilities	30	(359,291)	1,942,655	
Cash generated from operations		6,540,705	6,143,962	
Royalty paid on regulated activities	23	(1,928,939)	(1,687,899)	
Payment of employees' end of service benefits	20	(21,916)	(30,697)	
Net cash generated from operating activities		4,589,850	4,425,366	
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Cash flows from investing activities				
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(1,508,948)	(1,899,868)	
Purchase of intangible assets		(363,611)	(327,690)	
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		874	685	
Interest received		75,176	44,992	
Margin on guarantees placed		(66)	-	
Net change in term deposits matured/(placed)		27,319	(652,319)	
Net cash used in investing activities		(1,769,256)	(2,834,200)	
<u> </u>				
Cash flows from financing activities				
Dividends paid		(1,858,491)	(1,178,556)	
Repayment of lease liabilities		(524,252)	(593,690)	
Interest paid on lease liabilities	18	(63,671)	(78,696)	
Interest paid others		(313)	(1,269)	
Net cash used in financing activities		(2,446,727)	(1,852,211)	
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		373,867	(261,045)	
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		607,690	868,735	
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	17	981,557	607,690	

Non-cash transactions are disclosed in Note 30 of the consolidated financial statements.

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

1 General information

Emirates Integrated Telecommunications Company PJSC ("the Company") is a public joint stock company with limited liability. The Company was incorporated according to Ministerial Resolution No. 479 of 2005 issued on 28 December 2005. The Company is registered in the commercial register under No. 77967. The principal address of the Company is P.O Box 502666 Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE). These consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 include the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries (together the "Group").

The Group's principal objective is to provide fixed, mobile, wholesale, broadcasting and associated telecommunication services in the UAE. During the year, the Group has invested additional share capital in EITC Financial Services LLC.

At the end of 2024, the Company has either direct or indirect ownership in the following subsidiaries:

Subsidiaries	Principal activities	Shareh 2024	olding 2023	Country of incorporation
EITC Investment Holdings Limited	Holding investments in various businesses.	100%	100%	UAE
Telco Operations FZ-LLC	Outsourcing services	100%	100%	UAE
Smart Dubai Platform Project Company LLC	Software development, IT infrastructure, IT network and computer systems housing services.	100%	100%	UAE
EITC Singapore Pte. Ltd.	Telecommunications resellers/third party telecommunications providers.	100%	100%	Singapore
EITC Solutions LLC	Computer network & infrastructure installation, project management, IT network and datacenter colocation services.	100%	100%	UAE
EITC Financial Services LLC	Financial services company hosting digital wallet, retail payment, service provision brokerage and loyalty card services.	100%	100%	UAE

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

2 Basis of preparation

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS Accounting Standards") and complies with the applicable requirements of the UAE Federal Decree Law No. (32) of 2021. These consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI") that have been measured at fair value. The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with IFRS Accounting Standards requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies.

(i) Functional and presentation currency

The individual financial statements of each of the Group's subsidiaries, associates and joint venture are presented in the currency of the primary economic environment in which they operate (its functional currency) as provided in Note 3.17.

(ii) Basis of consolidation

A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the Company. The financial statements of a subsidiary are included in the consolidated financial statements from the date that control commences until the date that control ceases.

(iii) Going concern

The Directors have, at the time of approving the consolidated financial statements, a reasonable expectation that the Group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the consolidated financial statements.

2.1 New standards, amendments and interpretations

a) New and amended standards adopted by the Group

The Group has applied the following amendments for the first time for their annual reporting period commencing 1 January 2024:

- Amendments to IAS 1 Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current;
- Amendment to IFRS 16 Lease liability in a Sale and Leaseback;
- Amendments to IAS 1 Non-current liabilities with covenants; and
- Amendments to IAS 7 and IFRS 7 Supplier Finance Arrangements.

The amendments listed above did not have any impact on the amounts recognized in prior periods and are not expected to significantly affect the current or future periods.

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

- 2. Basis of preparation (continued)
- 2.1 New standards, amendments and interpretations (continued)
- (b) New standards and interpretations not yet adopted by the Group

As at 31 December 2024, the following standards, amendments and interpretations have not been effective and have not been early adopted. These standards, amendments or interpretations are not expected to have a material impact on the Group in the current or future reporting periods and on foreseeable future transactions.

- Amendments to IAS 21 Lack of Exchangeability (effective from 1 January 2025);
- Amendments to IFRS 9 and IFRS 7 Amendments to the Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments (effective from 1 January 2026);
- Annual Improvement to IFRS Accounting Standards Volume 11(effective from 1 January 2026):
- IFRS 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements (effective from 1 January 2027);
- IFRS 19 Subsidiaries without Public Accountability: Disclosures (effective from 1 January 2027).

Management is in the process of assessing the impact of these new standards and amendments which will be adopted in the Group's consolidated financial statements as and when they become effective.

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

2. Basis of preparation (continued)

2.2 Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the Group's accounting policies, the management is required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The key assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year, are disclosed below:

Critical accounting judgements

(i) Asset retirement obligations

The Group exercises judgement in determining the expected cash outflows related to its asset retirement obligations.

The present value of the Group's provision is based on management's best estimate of the future cash outflows required to settle the obligations, discounted using appropriate discount rate. Additional information on this provision is disclosed in Note 21.

(ii) Allocation of the transaction price

Products with multiple deliverables that have value to customers on a stand-alone basis are defined as multiple element arrangements. The transaction price for these contracts is allocated to the performance obligations on a relative stand-alone selling price basis.

Management estimates the stand-alone selling price at contract inception based on observable prices of the type of goods to be provided and the services rendered in similar circumstances to similar customers. If a discount is granted, it is allocated to performance obligations based on their relative stand-alone selling prices. Where the stand-alone selling prices are not directly observable, they are estimated based on expected cost-plus margin.

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

- 2 Basis of preparation (continued)
- 2.2 Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty (continued)
- (iii) Determining the lease term

In determining the lease term, management considers all facts and circumstances that create an economic incentive to exercise an extension option, or not exercise a termination option. Extension options (or periods after termination options) are only included in the lease term if the lease is reasonably certain to be extended (or not terminated). The assessment is reviewed if a significant event or a significant change in circumstances occurs which affects this assessment and that is within the control of the lessee.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

(i) Provision for expected credit losses of trade receivables, due from related parties and contract assets

The Group recognizes a loss allowance for expected credit losses ("ECL") on its trade receivables, due from related parties and contract assets. The approach for calculating ECL is provided in Note 3.16.1.

(ii) Provision for impairment of other financial assets

For all other financial assets, the Group calculates ECL using the general approach. The Group measures the loss allowance as provided in Note 3.16.1.

(iii) Impairment of goodwill

The recoverable amount of a cash-generating unit ("CGU") has been determined based on value-in-use calculations. These calculations are performed internally by the management and require the use of estimates and assumptions. The input factors most sensitive to change are management estimates of future cash flows based on budgets, growth rates and discount rate. Further details on these assumptions have been disclosed in Note 8.

(iv) Useful lives of property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment represent a significant proportion of the Group's asset base. Therefore, the judgements made in determining their estimated useful lives and residual values are critical to the Group's financial position and performance.

In determining residual values, the Group uses historical sales and management's best estimate based on market prices of similar items. Useful lives of property, plant and equipment are based on management estimates and take into account historical experience with similar assets, the expected usage of the asset, physical wear and tear, technical or commercial obsolescence and legal restrictions on the use of the assets. The useful lives of the property, plant and equipment are provided in Note 3.2.

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

2 Basis of preparation (continued)

2.2 Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty (continued)

Key sources of estimation uncertainty (continued)

(v) Impairment of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets

Property, plant and equipment and intangible assets are assessed for impairment based on assessment of cash flows on individual CGUs when there is indication of impairment. Management did not identify any impairment indicators in the current or prior year for individual CGUs. However, management identified certain individual items of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets for which future economic benefit is not expected and, accordingly, recorded an impairment and the detail of which are provided in Notes 6 and 8.

(vi) Discounting of lease payments

The lease payments are usually discounted using the Group's incremental borrowing rate ("IBR") or the rate implicit in the lease, if readily determinable. For calculation of IBR, the Group has taken the interest rate from external sources which is then adjusted for Group's specific risk, term risk and underlying asset risk.

3 Summary of material accounting policies

The material accounting policies applied in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements are set out below:

3.1 Consolidation

(a) Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are all entities (including structured entities) over which the Group has control. The Group controls an entity when the Group 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 to direct the activities of the entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group. They are deconsolidated from the date that control ceases.

The Group applies the acquisition method to account for business combinations. The consideration transferred for the acquisition of a subsidiary is the fair value of the assets transferred, the liabilities incurred to the former owners of the acquiree and the equity interests issued by the Group.

Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date.

Acquisition-related costs are expensed as incurred.

Intercompany transactions, balances and unrealized gains on transactions between Group companies are eliminated. Unrealized losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the transferred asset. Accounting policies of subsidiaries are changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

3 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

3.1 Consolidation (continued)

(b) Changes in ownership interests in subsidiaries

Changes in the Group's ownership interests in subsidiaries that do not result in the Group losing control over the subsidiaries are accounted for as equity transactions. The carrying amounts of the Group's interests and the non-controlling interests are adjusted to reflect the changes in their relative interests in the subsidiaries. Any difference between the amount by which the non-controlling interests are adjusted and the fair value of the consideration paid or received is recognized directly in equity and attributed to the owners of the Group.

When the Group loses control of a subsidiary, a gain or loss is recognized in the statement of comprehensive income. All amounts previously recognized in other comprehensive income in relation to that subsidiary are accounted for as if the Group had directly disposed of the related assets or liabilities of the subsidiary.

The fair value of any investment retained in the former subsidiary at the date when control is lost is regarded as the initial carrying amount for the purposes of subsequent accounting for the retained interest as an investment in an associate or a joint venture or financial asset.

3.2 Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the assets. Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognized as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of any component accounted for as a separate asset is derecognized when replaced.

Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate their cost or revalued amounts, net of their residual values, over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

	Years
Buildings	25
Plant and equipment	
Network civil works/buildings	10-25
Infrastructure	3-25
IT hardware	3-10
Mobile network	8-10
Fixed network	2-10
Broadcasting	5-7
Furniture and fixtures	3-5
Motor vehicles	4

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period on a prospective basis. Property, plant and equipment are assessed for impairment annually as per non-financial assets impairment policy given in Note 3.16.2.

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

3 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

3.2 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Capital work in progress includes assets which are under construction or inspection pending certification for their intended use and are stated at cost net of any accumulated impairment losses. When available for use, capital work in progress is transferred to property, plant and equipment and depreciated in accordance with the Group's policies. No depreciation is charged on such assets until available for use.

3.3 Leases

The Group assesses at contract inception whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. That is, if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

Group as a lessee

The Group applies a single recognition and measurement approach for all leases. The Group recognizes lease liabilities to make lease payments and right-of-use assets representing the right to use the underlying assets.

i) Right-of-use assets

The Group recognizes right-of-use assets at the commencement date of the lease (i.e., the date the underlying asset is available for use). Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any re-measurement of lease liabilities. The cost of right-of-use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognized, initial direct costs incurred, and lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received. Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term or the estimated useful lives of the assets, as follows:

	1 cars
Land and buildings	1-30
Furniture and fixtures - space	8-13

Right-of-use assets are assessed for impairment annually as per non-financial assets impairment policy detailed in Note 3.16.2.

ii) Lease liabilities

At the commencement date of the lease, the Group recognizes lease liabilities measured at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. The lease payments include fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments) less any lease incentives receivable, variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate.

In calculating the present value of lease payments, the Group uses its incremental borrowing rate at the lease commencement date because the interest rate implicit in the lease is not readily determinable. After the commencement date, the amount of lease liabilities is increased to reflect the accretion of interest and reduced for the lease payments made. In addition, the carrying amount of lease liabilities is re-measured if there is a modification, a change in the lease term, a change in the lease payments (e.g., changes to future payments resulting from a change in an index or rate used to determine such lease payment).

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Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

3 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

3.3 Leases (continued)

Group as a lessor

The Group also enters into lease agreements as a lessor. Leases for which the Group is a lessor are classified as finance or operating leases. Whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee, the contract is classified as a finance lease. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

When the Group is an intermediate lessor, it accounts for the head lease and the sub-lease as two separate contracts. The sub-lease is classified as a finance or operating lease by reference to the right-of-use asset arising from the head lease.

Amounts due from lessees under finance leases are recognized as lease receivables at the amount of the Group's net investment in the leases. Finance lease income is allocated to accounting periods so as to reflect a constant periodic rate of return on the Group's net investment outstanding in respect of the leases. Subsequent to initial recognition, the Group regularly reviews the estimated unguaranteed residual value and applies the impairment requirements of IFRS 9, recognizing an allowance for expected credit losses on the lease receivables.

Finance lease income is calculated with reference to the gross carrying amount of the lease receivables, except for credit-impaired financial assets for which interest income is calculated with reference to their amortized cost (i.e., after a deduction of the loss allowance).

3.4 Intangible assets

Goodwill

Goodwill arises on the acquisition of subsidiaries or businesses and represents the excess of the consideration transferred, the amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquiree and the acquisition-date fair value of any previous equity interest in the acquiree over the fair value of the identifiable net assets acquired.

Goodwill impairment reviews are undertaken annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate a potential impairment. The carrying value of the CGU containing the goodwill is compared to the recoverable amount, which is the higher of value in use and the fair value less costs of disposal. Any impairment is recognized immediately as an expense and is not subsequently reversed.

Telecommunications license

Telecommunications license is shown at historical cost. The license has a finite useful life and is carried at cost less accumulated amortization. Amortization is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate the cost of the license over their estimated useful lives as shown below:

Years

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Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

3 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

3.4 Intangible assets (continued)

Computer software

Acquired computer software are capitalized on the basis of the costs incurred to acquire and bring to use the specific software. These costs are amortized over their estimated useful lives of three to five years. Costs associated with maintaining computer software programmes are recognized as an expense as incurred.

Capital work in progress includes assets which are under development or inspection pending certification for their intended use and are stated at cost net of any accumulated impairment losses. When available for use, capital work in progress is transferred to software in use and amortized in accordance with the Group's policies. No amortization is charged on such assets until available for use.

3.5 Associate and joint venture

An associate is an entity over which the Group has significant influence. Significant influence is the power to participate in the financial and operating policy decisions of the investee, but is not control or joint control over those policies. A joint venture is a type of joint arrangement whereby the parties that have joint control of the arrangement have rights to the net assets of the joint venture. Joint control is the contractually agreed sharing of control of an arrangement, which exists only when decisions about the relevant activities require the unanimous consent of the parties sharing control.

The Group's investment in its associate and joint venture are accounted for using the equity method.

Under the equity method, the investment in an associate or a joint venture is initially recognized at cost. The carrying amount of the investment is adjusted to recognize changes in the Group's share of net assets of the associate or joint venture since the acquisition date. The changes are recognized in profit or loss. Any change in Other Comprehensive Income ("OCI") of those investees is presented as part of the Group's OCI.

The financial statements of the associate or joint venture are prepared for the same reporting period as the Group. When necessary, adjustments are made to bring the accounting policies in line with those of the Group.

At each reporting date, the Group determines whether there is objective evidence that the investment in the associate or joint venture is impaired. If there is such evidence, the Group calculates the amount of impairment as the difference between the recoverable amount of the associate or joint venture and its carrying value, and then recognizes the impairment loss in the statement of comprehensive income.

Upon loss of significant influence over the associate or joint control over the joint venture, the Group measures and recognizes any retained investment at its fair value.

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

3 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

3.5 Associate and joint venture (continued)

Any difference between the carrying amount of the associate or joint venture upon loss of significant influence or joint control and the fair value of the retained investment and proceeds from disposal is recognized in profit or loss.

3.6 Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost comprises direct materials and where applicable, directs labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition. It excludes borrowing costs. Allowance is made, where appropriate, for deterioration and obsolescence. Cost is determined in accordance with the weighted average cost method. Net realizable value represents the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

3.7 Contract assets

A contract asset is the right to consideration in exchange for goods or services transferred to the customer. If the Group performs by transferring goods or services to a customer before the consideration is received or before payment is due, a contract asset is recognized. Contract assets are recognized initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost using effective interest rate method, less provision for impairment.

3.8 Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are amounts due from customers for goods sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business. If the contractual collection date is in one year or less, they are classified as current assets. If not, they are presented as non-current assets. Trade receivables are recognized initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost using effective interest rate method, less provision for impairment.

3.9 Contract liabilities

A contract liability is the obligation to transfer goods or services to a customer for which the Group has received consideration (or an amount of consideration is due) from the customer. If a customer pays consideration before the Group transfers goods or services to the customer, a contract liability is recognized when the payment is made or the payment is due (whichever is earlier). Contract liabilities are recognized as revenue when the Group performs under the contract.

3.10 Cash and bank balances

Cash and bank balances comprise cash balances and call deposits with original maturities of three months or less from date of placement. Bank overdrafts, if any that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Group's cash management are included as a component of cash and cash equivalents for the purpose of the consolidated statement of cash flows.

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

3 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

3.11 Financial instruments

3.11.1 Non-derivative financial assets

Classification, initial recognition and measurement

The Group classifies its financial assets as financial assets measured at amortized costs and financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income. The classification of financial assets at initial recognition depends on the financial asset's contractual cash flow characteristics and the Group's business model for managing them. With the exception of trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component or for which the Group has applied the practical expedient, the Group initially measures a financial asset at its fair value plus, in the case of a financial asset not at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs. Trade receivables are measured at the transaction price determined under IFRS 15. For investments in equity instruments that are not held for trading, the Group may irrevocably elect to designate the equity investment at FVOCI. This election is made on an investment-by-investment basis.

(a) Financial assets measured at amortized cost

Financial assets measured at amortized cost applies to instruments for which the Group has a business model to hold the financial asset to collect the contractual cash flows. The characteristics of the contractual cash flows are that of solely payments of the principal amount and interest (referred to as solely payments of principal and interest).

Financial assets measured at amortized costs are included in current assets, except for maturities greater than 12 months after the end of the reporting period which are then classified as non-current assets. The Group's financial assets measured at amortized costs comprise trade and other receivables, contract assets, due from related parties, term deposits and cash and bank balances in the consolidated statement of financial position.

(b) Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income

FVOCI is the classification for instruments for which Group has a dual business model, i.e., the business model is achieved by both holding the financial asset to collect the contractual cash flows and through the sale of the financial assets. The characteristics of the contractual cash flows of instruments in this category must still be solely payments of principal and interest. The Group elected to classify irrevocably its listed equity investments under this category.

Subsequent measurement

Financial assets measured at amortized cost

Financial assets measured at amortized cost are subsequently measured using the effective interest method and are subject to impairment. Gains and losses are recognized in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income when the asset is derecognized, modified or impaired.

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

- **3** Summary of material accounting policies (continued)
- **3.11** Financial instruments (continued)
- **3.11.1** Non-derivative financial assets (continued)
- (b) Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income (continued)

Subsequent measurement (continued)

Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income

Gains and losses on these equity instruments are not subsequently reclassified to profit or loss following its derecognition. Dividends are recognized as other income in the statement of comprehensive income when the right of payment has been established, except when the Group benefits from such proceeds as a recovery of part of the cost of the equity instruments, in which case such gains are recorded in OCI. Impairment losses (and reversal of impairment losses) on equity investments measured at FVOCI are not reported separately from other changes in fair value.

3.11.2 Non-derivative financial liabilities

The Group non-derivative financial liabilities include borrowings, due to related parties and trade and other payables in the consolidated statement of financial position.

Such financial liabilities are recognized initially at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition these financial liabilities are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method. The Group derecognizes a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged or cancelled or expired.

3.11.3 Offsetting of financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the consolidated statement of financial position if, and only if, there is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realize the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously.

3.12 Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity.

3.13 Dividend on ordinary shares

Dividends payable on ordinary shares are recognized as a liability in the period in which they are approved by the Group's shareholders.

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

3 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

3.14 Provisions

Provisions are recognized when the Group has a legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation, and the amount can be reliably estimated. Provisions are not recognized for future operating losses.

Provisions are measured at the present value of the expenditures expected to be required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period. The discount rate used to determine the present value is a pretax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the obligation. The increase in provision due to the passage of time is recognized as finance costs in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

Asset retirement obligations

This provision relates to the estimate of the cost of dismantling and removing an item of property, plant and equipment and restoring the site on which the item was located to its original condition.

3.15 Employee benefits

Payments made to state-managed pension schemes are dealt with as payments to defined contribution schemes where the Group's obligations under the schemes are equivalent to those arising in a defined contribution scheme. Accordingly, the cost of contribution is charged to the consolidated statement of comprehensive income as incurred.

Provision for employees' end of service benefits for non-UAE nationals is made in accordance with UAE Labour Law. The provision is calculated in accordance with the Projected Unit Credit method as per IAS 19 'Employee Benefits' taking into consideration the UAE Labour Law.

The present value of the defined benefit obligations is calculated using assumptions on the average annual rate of increase in salaries, average period of employment of non-UAE nationals and an appropriate discount rate. The assumptions used are calculated on a consistent basis for each period and reflect management's best estimate.

The net interest cost is calculated by applying the discount rate to the defined benefit obligation. This cost is included in finance costs in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

Re-measurement gains and losses arising from experience adjustments and changes in actuarial assumptions are recognized in the period in which they occur, directly in other comprehensive income. They are included in retained earnings in the consolidated statement of changes in equity and in the consolidated statement of financial position. Changes in the present value of the defined benefit obligation resulting from plan amendments or curtailments are recognized immediately in profit or loss as past service costs.

Provision is also made for the estimated liability for employees' unused entitlements to annual leave and flights as a result of services rendered by eligible employees up to the reporting date. The provision relating to annual leave and air passage is disclosed as a current liability, while that relating to end of service benefits is disclosed as a non-current liability. The Group also provides discount on mobile, fixed line charges and devices to employees for official and personal purposes. This benefit is not separately accounted for as staff costs.

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

3 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

3.16 Impairment

3.16.1 Financial assets

The Group recognizes a loss allowance for expected credit losses on financial assets measured at amortized cost. The amount of expected credit losses is updated at the end of each reporting period to reflect changes in credit risk since initial recognition of the respective financial instrument.

(a) Measurement of lifetime ECL on trade and lease receivables, due from related parties and contract assets

The Group recognizes lifetime ECL for trade and lease receivables, due from related parties and contract assets using the simplified approach. The expected credit losses on these financial assets are estimated using a provision matrix based on the Group's historical credit loss experience, adjusted for factors that are specific to the debtors, general economic conditions and an assessment of both the current as well as the forecast direction of general economic conditions at the reporting date.

The Group evaluates the ECL for its trade and lease receivables, due from related parties and contract assets based on probability of default using the Group's historical information adjusted with forward looking collection factors.

Periodic impairment losses based on the above debt flow rates are adjusted against security deposit and any other legally binding offsets at customer level. Provision for impairment is also taken on unbilled receivables based on the applicable rate.

In addition, an allowance for impairment loss may be considered for a financial asset on case-by-case basis based on specific information, company risk profile, market conditions and any other relevant information.

(b) Measurement of ECL on term deposits, bank balances and other financial assets

Impairment for terms deposits and bank balances is based on probability of default, calculated on the basis of ratings provided by credit rating agencies (e.g., Fitch, Moody's, etc.) of each bank and Loss Given Default driven by rating from reputable financial institutions.

For all other financial assets, the Group recognizes lifetime ECL when there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition. If, on the other hand, the credit risk on the financial instrument has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Group measures the loss allowance for that financial instrument at an amount equal to 12 months ECL. The assessment of whether lifetime ECL should be recognized is based on significant increase in the likelihood or risk of a default occurring since initial recognition instead of evidence of a financial asset being credit-impaired at the end of the reporting period or an actual default occurring.

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

3 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

3.16 Impairment (continued)

3.16.2 Non-financial assets

Intangible assets that have an indefinite useful life or intangible assets, property, plant and equipment (including capital work in progress) not ready to use are not subject to amortization/depreciation and are tested annually for impairment. Assets that are subject to amortization/depreciation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognized for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value in use.

For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are largely independent cash inflows. Prior impairments of non-financial assets (other than goodwill) are reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

3.17 Foreign currency translation

(a) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the consolidated financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Group operates ("the functional currency"). The consolidated financial statements are presented in AED which is the Company's functional and presentation currency. The figures have been rounded to the nearest thousand except when otherwise stated.

(b) Transactions and balances

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

Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognized in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income within finance income or costs.

For the purpose of presenting the consolidated financial statements, the assets and liabilities of the Group's foreign operations are translated at exchange rates prevailing on the reporting date. Income and expense items are translated at the average exchange rates for the period, unless exchange rates fluctuate significantly during that period, in which case the exchange rates at the date of transactions are used. Exchange differences arising, if any, are recognized in other comprehensive income and accumulated in a foreign exchange translation reserve. Since the presentation currency of the Group and its subsidiaries is AED or USD which is pegged to AED, there is no foreign currency translation reserve at reporting date.

3.18 Revenue recognition

IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers established a single comprehensive model for entities to use in accounting for revenue arising from contracts with customers.

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

3 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

3.18 Revenue recognition (continued)

The core principle of IFRS 15 is that an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services.

The standard introduces a 5-step approach to revenue recognition:

- Step 1: Identify the contract(s) with a customer;
- Step 2: Identify the performance obligations in the contract;
- Step 3: Determine the transaction price;
- Step 4: Allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract; and
- Step 5: Recognize revenue when (or as) the entity satisfies a performance obligation.

Revenue comprises the invoiced or accrued amounts from the sale of goods and services in the ordinary course of the Group's activities. Revenue is shown net of returns, discounts and rebates allowed.

Revenue recognition policies for product and services of the Group based on IFRS 15 guidelines are given below:

Revenue from telecommunication services comprise amounts charged to customers in respect of monthly access charges, airtime usage, messaging, the provision of other mobile telecommunications services, including data services providing information and communication technology (ICT) and fees for connecting fixed line and mobile users to the Group's network. The Group recognizes revenue, as services are provided.

Products with multiple deliverables that have value to a customer on a stand-alone basis are defined as multiple element arrangements. Contracts typically include the sale of handsets and other devices, subscriber identification module (SIM) card and a service package which mainly include voice, data, SMS/MMS, VAS or other services. These arrangements are divided into separate performance obligations. Where the contracts include multiple performance obligations, the transaction price will be allocated to each performance obligation based on the stand-alone selling prices. Where these are not directly observable, they are estimated based on expected cost-plus margin. Revenue recognition for voice, data, SMS/MMS, VAS or other services is over the period when these services are provided to the customers.

Revenue from sale of stand-alone handsets and other devices under separate contract is recognized when it is delivered to the end customer and control has been transferred.

Revenue from the sale of prepaid credit is recognized on the actual utilisation of the prepaid credit. Unused prepaid credit is deferred as contract liability until such time as the customer uses the credit, expires or becomes unutilised. Prepaid vouchers sold but not activated are recognized as revenue on expiry of 24 months.

Certain revenue from managed services provided by the Group, is recognized over time based on the cost-to cost method, i.e., based on the proportion of contract costs incurred for work performed to date relative to the estimated total contract costs. This input method is considered as an appropriate measure of the progress towards complete satisfaction of these performance obligations under IFRS 15.

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

3 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

3.18 Revenue recognition (continued)

Revenue from interconnection of voice and data traffic with other telecommunication operators is recognized at the time the services are performed based on the actual recorded traffic.

When the Group sells goods or services as a principal, revenue from customers and payments to suppliers are reported on a gross basis in revenue and operating expenses. If the Group sells goods or services as an agent, revenue and payments to suppliers are recorded in revenue on a net basis, representing the margin earned.

Variable Consideration

Under IFRS 15, if consideration promised in the contract (either explicit or implicit) includes a variable amount, then the Group should estimate the amount and adjust the total transaction price at contract inception. Certain customer contracts include variable discounts, rebates, refunds, credits, and incentives etc, which are provided to the customers during the contract period. The Group also has certain interconnect and roaming contracts which contain such variable considerations, which are estimated by using the most likely amount method.

Contract Modification

Contract modifications exist when the parties to the contract approve a modification that creates or changes the enforceable rights and obligations of the parties to the contract.

A modification is accounted for as either a separate contract (accounted for prospectively) or as part of the existing contract (accounted through a cumulative catch-up adjustment). This assessment is to be based on whether:

- (a) the modification adds distinct goods and services and
- (b) the distinct goods and services are priced at their stand-alone selling prices.

Significant financing component

Significant financing component exists if the timing of payments agreed to by the parties to the contract (either explicitly or implicitly) provides the customer or the Group with a significant benefit of financing the transfer of goods or services to the customer. In such circumstances, the contract contains a significant financing component.

Currently, in the case of handsets by instalments products (bundled and stand-alone) with periods exceeding one year, since the list price, cash selling price and the promised consideration are significantly equal, the Group has assessed that financing component does not exist. In principle, the Group considers any price difference above 5% as significant in making necessary accounting based on the practical expediency. However, if there are any changes in products structure indicating the existence of a financing component, above 5%-6% of the stand-alone selling price of the products will be considered significant and accounted for accordingly.

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

3 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

3.19 Commission to intermediaries

Intermediaries are paid commissions by the Group mainly in return for selling recharge credits, sims, products and related services. The Group recognizes commissions incurred to obtain a contract for providing goods or services to the customer as contract costs (subscriber acquisition costs). Contract costs are capitalized as these are expected to be recovered and amortized over the average customer life with the Group for each segment and tested for impairment.

The Group has applied the practical expedient for subscriber acquisition costs which have amortization period of less than 1 year. These are recognized in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income in the same period of services provided.

3.20 Recognition of finance income and costs

Finance income comprises mainly interest income on short-term investments, other bank deposits and lease receivables. Interest income is recognized as it accrues in consolidated statement of comprehensive income, using the effective interest rate method.

Finance costs is mainly interest payable on borrowing facilities obtained from financial institutions at commercial rates, amortization of loan arrangement fees, interest on lease liabilities, interest on employees' end of service benefits, interest on asset retirement obligations and is recognized as an expense in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income in the period in which it is incurred.

3.21 Cash dividend distribution to equity holders of the parent

The Group recognizes a liability to make cash distributions to equity holders when the distribution is authorised and the distribution is no longer at the discretion of the Company. As per the UAE Federal Decree Law No. (32) of 2021 concerning Federal Commercial Companies Law a distribution is authorised when it is approved by the shareholders. A corresponding amount is recognized directly in equity.

3.22 Segmental information

Information regarding the Group's operating segments is reported in accordance with IFRS 8 Operating Segments. IFRS 8 requires operating segments to be identified on the basis of internal reports that are regularly reviewed by the Group's chief operating decision maker and used to allocate resources to the segments and to assess their performance.

3.23 Government grants

Government grants relating to non-monetary assets are recognized at nominal value. Grants that compensate the Group for expenses are recognized in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income on a systematic basis in the same period in which the expenses are recognized. Grants that compensate the Group for the cost of an asset are recognized in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income on a systematic basis over the expected useful life of the related asset upon capitalization.

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

3 Summary of material accounting policies (continued)

3.24 Corporate income tax and federal royalty on profit

Corporate income taxes and federal royalty on profit ("royalty") have been provided for in the consolidated financial statements in accordance with the tax laws and royalty guidelines enacted or substantively enacted at year end. The corporate income tax and royalty charge comprises current tax, royalty and deferred tax which is recognized in profit or loss for the year, except if it is recognized in other comprehensive income because it relates to transactions that are also recognized, in the same or a different period, in other comprehensive income.

Taxable profits or losses are based on estimates if the consolidated financial statements are authorised prior to filing relevant tax returns. Taxes other than on income are recorded within operating expenses.

Deferred income tax is provided in full, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the consolidated financial statements. However, deferred tax liabilities are not recognized if they arise from the initial recognition of goodwill. Deferred tax assets are recognized only if it is probable that future taxable amounts will be available to utilise those temporary differences and losses.

Pillar Two was enacted on 6 February 2025 in the United Arab Emirates, where the Group is headquartered. The Group will be subject to Pillar Two tax rules effective 1 January 2025. However, based on the current effective tax rate, we deem the rules to have an immaterial impact.

4 Financial risk management

4.1 Financial risk factors

The Group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk (including foreign exchange, cash flow and fair value interest rate risks and equity price risk). The Group's overall risk management process focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the Group's financial performance.

This note presents information about the Group's exposure to each of the above risks, the Group's objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing risk, and the Group's management of capital. Further quantitative disclosures are included throughout these consolidated financial statements.

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Group's risk management framework. The Board is responsible for developing and monitoring the Group's risk management policies.

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

4 Financial risk management (continued)

4.1 Financial risk factors (continued)

The Group's risk management policies are established to identify and analyse the risks faced by 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 Group's activities. The Group, through its training and management standards and procedures, aims to develop a disciplined and constructive control environment in which all employees understand their roles and obligations.

The Group's Audit Committee oversees how management monitors compliance with the Group's risk management policies and procedures and reviews the adequacy of the risk management framework in relation to the risks faced by the Group. The Audit Committee is assisted in its oversight role by Internal Audit and Risk Management department. Both departments undertakes both regular and ad hoc reviews of risk management controls and procedures, the results of which are reported to the Audit Committee.

(a) Credit risk

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

Trade receivables, contract assets and due from related parties

The Group's exposure to credit risk is influenced mainly by the individual characteristics of each customer and the extent to which credit terms are offered.

The management has established a credit policy under which new customer is analysed for creditworthiness before credit is granted. The Group's review can include external ratings, when available, customer segmentation, and in some cases bank references. Credit limits are established for each customer in accordance with this policy, which represents the maximum exposure without requiring approval from senior management. These limits are reviewed periodically.

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

4 Financial risk management (continued)

4.1 Financial risk factors (continued)

(a) Credit risk (continued)

Trade receivables, contract assets and due from related parties (continued)

In monitoring customer credit risk, customers are classified according to their credit characteristics, including whether they are an individual or legal entity, projected business volumes, new or established businesses and existence of previous financial relationships with the Group.

The Group may require deposit or collateral in respect of granting credit subject to results of risk assessment and the nature and volumes contemplated by the customer.

Information on the ageing of trade receivables, contract assets, due from related parties and due from other telecommunication operators is given in Note 32.1.

The carrying amount of financial assets recorded in the consolidated financial statements, net of any allowances for impairment losses, represents the Group's maximum exposure to credit risk without taking account of the value of any collateral obtained.

Term deposits and cash and bank balances

Cash is placed with reputable banks and the risk of default is considered remote. The table below presents the external credit ratings as at 31 December of the Group's term deposits and bank balances.

Ratings	Term depos	Cash and ban	k balances		
<u>-</u>	2024	2023	2024	2023	
	AED 000	AED 000	AED 000	AED 000	
Aa3/AA-	-	-	26,788	139,913	
A1/A+	-	200,000	31,625	10,403	
A2/A	500,000	277,072	227,049	56,820	
A3/A-	700,000	525,000	434,184	260,140	
Baa1/BBB+	100,000	325,247	237,565	114,403	
Others	-	-	27,179	28,647	
_	1,300,000	1,327,319	984,390	610,326	
Less: loss allowance	(717)	(733)	(421)	(290)	
As at 31 December	1,299,283	1,326,586	983,969	610,036	

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

- 4 Financial risk management (continued)
- 4.1 Financial risk factors (continued)
- (b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Group's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure 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 Group's business and reputation. A major portion of the Group's funds are invested in short-term investments which are readily available to meet expected operational expenses, including servicing of financial obligations. The table in Note 32.2 analyses the Group's non-derivative financial liabilities and derivative financial liabilities, if any, into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the reporting date to the contractual maturity date. The amounts disclosed in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

c) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates and equity prices will affect 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 optimising the return. The Group's exposure to market risk arises from:

- Foreign exchange risk
- Cash flow and fair value interest rate risks
- Equity price risk

(i) Foreign exchange risk

The Group is exposed to currency risk on sales and purchases that are denominated in a currency, primarily the Euro/GBP, other than the functional currency of the Company and its subsidiaries. In respect of the Group's transactions denominated in US Dollars ("USD"), the Group is not exposed to material currency risk as the AED is pegged to the USD at a fixed rate of exchange. The Group's exposure and sensitivity analysis in respect to the foreign exchange risk is detailed in Note 32.3.

(ii) Cash flow and fair value interest rate risks

The Group's interest rate risk arises from borrowings. Borrowings issued at variable rates expose the Group to cash flow interest rate risk which is partially offset by short-term investments held at variable rates. Borrowings issued at fixed rates expose the Group to fair value interest rate risk. The Group analyses its interest rate exposure on a dynamic basis. Various scenarios are simulated taking into consideration refinancing, renewal of existing positions, alternative financing and interest rate swaps. The scenarios are run only for liabilities that represent the major interest-bearing positions.

(iii) Equity price risk

The Group is not significantly exposed to equity price risk as the balance of the investment in equity instrument designated at FVOCI is not material.

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4 Financial risk management (continued)

4.2 Capital risk management

The Group's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Group's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain an optimal capital structure.

Consistent with others in the industry, the Group monitors capital on the basis of the gearing ratio. This ratio is calculated as net debt divided by total equity. Net debt is calculated as total borrowings as shown in the consolidated statement of financial position, less cash and bank balances and term deposits.

	31 December	31 December
	2024	2023
	AED 000	AED 000
Total borrowings	-	-
Less: Term deposits/Cash and bank balances (Notes 16 and 17)	(2,283,252)	(1,936,622)
Net debt	(2,283,252)	(1,936,622)
Total equity	9,878,445	9,243,213
Gearing		_

Under the terms of the borrowing facility, the Group is required to comply with net debt to EBITDA financial covenant. The Group has complied with this covenant in 2024.

5. Fair value estimation

A number of the Group's accounting policies and disclosures require the determination of fair value, for both financial and non-financial assets and liabilities. The fair values of the Group's financial assets and liabilities approximated their carrying values as reflected in these consolidated financial statements. The table below analyses financial instruments carried at fair value, by valuation method. The different levels have been defined as follows:

- Level 1 Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices).

Level 3 – Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs).

	In AED 000			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial asset at fair value through other	2 22 4			2 22 4
comprehensive income (Note 11)	2,334	-	-	2,334
At 31 December 2024	2,334	-	-	2,334
Financial asset at fair value through other				
comprehensive income (Note 11)	2,946	-	-	2,946
At 31 December 2023	2,946	-	-	2,946

Financial instruments comprise financial assets and financial liabilities. The fair values of these financial assets and liabilities are not materially different from their carrying values unless stated otherwise (Note 32).

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

6 Property, plant and equipment

o Troperty, plant and equipment	Buildings AED 000	Plant and equipment AED 000	Furniture and fixtures AED 000	Motor vehicles AED 000	Capital work in progress AED 000	Total AED 000
Cost						
At 1 January 2023	21,630	23,998,336	340,258	4,403	343,115	24,707,742
Additions	-	1,240,830	32,098	33	567,118	1,840,079
Addition: asset retirement obligations	-	4,276	-	-	-	4,276
Transfers	-	402,371	3,621	-	(405,992)	-
Disposals/write-offs	<u> </u>	(115,939)	(21,048)		<u> </u>	(136,987)
At 31 December 2023	21,630	25,529,874	354,929	4,436	504,241	26,415,110
Additions	-	1,203,895	40,940	360	437,476	1,682,671
Addition: asset retirement obligations	-	3,140	=	-	=	3,140
Transfers	-	173,819	500	-	(174,319)	-
Disposals/write-offs	=	(195,629)	(24,970)	=	=	(220,599)
At 31 December 2024	21,630	26,715,099	371,399	4,796	767,398	27,880,322
Depreciation / impairment						
At 1 January 2023	20,479	14,994,508	246,071	4,403	16,570	15,282,031
Charge for the year	878	1,501,278	30,323	14	-	1,532,493
Disposals/write-offs	-	(112,755)	(21,048)	-	-	(133,803)
Impairment charge/(reversal)	-	15,409	-	_	(3,720)	11,689
At 31 December 2023	21,357	16,398,440	255,346	4,417	12,850	16,692,410
Charge for the year	273	1,517,743	31,847	6	-	1,549,869
Disposals/write-offs	-	(194,755)	(24,970)	-	-	(219,725)
Impairment charge	-	18,561	-	-	759	19,320
At 31 December 2024	21,630	17,739,989	262,223	4,423	13,609	18,041,874
Net book value						
At 31 December 2024		8,975,110	109,176	373	753,789	9,838,448
At 31 December 2023	273	9,131,434	99,583	19	491,391	9,722,700

The carrying amount of the Group's buildings include a nominal amount of AED 1 (2023: AED 1) in relation to a plot of land granted to the Group by the UAE Government.

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7 Right-of-use assets

/ Might-of-use assets			
	Land and	Furniture &	
	buildings	fixtures - space	Total
	AED 000	AED 000	AED 000
Cost			
At 1 January 2023	2,655,596	945	2,656,541
Additions	517,465	-	517,465
Re-measurement	133,395	-	133,395
Disposals	(167,747)	-	(167,747)
At 31 December 2023	3,138,709	945	3,139,654
Additions	155,983	-	155,983
Re-measurement	282,446	-	282,446
Disposals	(49,813)	-	(49,813)
At 31 December 2024	3,527,325	945	3,528,270
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2023	1,240,391	400	1,240,791
Charge for the year	444,941	101	445,042
Disposals	(143,364)	-	(143,364)
At 31 December 2023	1,541,968	501	1,542,469
Charge for the year	374,405	100	374,505
Disposals	(45,921)	-	(45,921)
At 31 December 2024	1,870,452	601	1,871,053
Net book value			
At 31 December 2024	1,656,873	344	1,657,217
At 31 December 2023	1,596,741	444	1,597,185

The Group leases several assets including shops, technical sites, offices, warehouses and billboards. The average lease term is 9.16 years (2023: 8.54 years). Short-term and low value leases are also included in right-of-use assets.

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8 Intangible assets and goodwill

			2024 AED 000	2023 AED 000
Goodwill			413,220	413,220
Intangible asse	ets		846,932	697,549
			1,260,152	1,110,769

Goodwill

The Group acquired the fixed line business of Tecom Investments FZ LLC with effect from 31 December 2005. Goodwill represents the excess of purchase consideration paid over the fair value of net assets acquired. Carrying amount of goodwill is for fixed line business CGU as below:

	2024	2023
	AED 000	AED 000
Fixed line business	413,220	413,220

The Group tests goodwill for impairment annually. The recoverable amount of the CGU is determined using the discounted cash flow method based on the five-year business outlook.

In 2024, the estimated recoverable amount of the fixed line business CGU exceeded its carrying amount by approximately 356%.

The key assumptions for the fixed line business CGU value-in-use calculations at 31 December 2024 include:

- 5-year revenue growth projections;
- a pre-tax discount rate of 8.40% (2023: 9.75%) based on the Company's weighted-average cost of capital;
- maintenance capital expenditure projections allowing for replacement of existing infrastructure at the end of its useful life; and
- terminal growth rate of 2%, determined based on management's estimate of the long-term cash flow growth rate, consistent with the assumption that a market participant would make.

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8 Intangible assets and goodwill (continued)

Goodwill (continued)

The fixed line model calculations are particularly sensitive to the revenue growth assumptions, including expectations around the impact of future competition in the Group's existing network zones. However, management considers that it would require a significant decline in revenue growth before any impairment of the fixed line CGU would be required.

Sensitivity analysis

The Group has conducted an analysis of the sensitivity of impairment test to changes in the key assumptions used to determine the recoverable amount.

For fixed line business CGU, management has identified that any reasonably possible change in key assumptions could not cause the carrying amounts to exceed the recoverable amounts.

Intangible assets

intangible assets	Software in use AED 000	Capital work in progress AED 000	Telecom - munications license fees AED 000	Indefeasible rights of use AED 000	Total AED 000
Cost					
At 1 January 2023	2,500,897	257,526	124,500	207,359	3,090,282
Additions	58,040	299,578	-	-	357,618
Transfers	109,974	(109,974)	-	-	- (502)
Disposals/write-offs	(583)	-	-	-	(583)
At 31 December 2023	2,668,328	447,130	124,500	207,359	3,447,317
Additions	64,830	294,449	-	-	359,279
Transfers	353,915	(353,915)	-	-	-
Disposals/write-offs	(177)				(177)
At 31 December 2024	3,086,896	387,664	124,500	207,359	3,806,419
Amortization/					
impairment					
At 1 January 2023	2,228,871	106	104,962	207,359	2,541,298
Charge for the year	194,011	-	6,223	-	200,234
Impairment charge/(reversal)	8,925	(106)	_	_	8,819
Disposals/write-offs	(583)	_	_	_	(583)
At 31 December 2023	2,431,224		111,185	207,359	2,749,768
Charge for the year	203,673	-	6,223	-	209,896
Impairment charge/(reversal)	_	_	_	_	_
Disposals/write-offs	(177)	_	_	_	(177)
At 31 December 2024	2,634,720		117,408	207,359	2,959,487
At 31 December 2024	2,034,720		117,400	201,337	2,757,407
Net book value					
At 31 December 2024	452,176	387,664	7,092		846,932
At 31 December 2023	237,104	447,130	13,315	-	697,549

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

8 Intangible assets and goodwill (continued)

Intangible assets (continued)

The software in use includes all applications such as enterprise resource planning (ERP), billing and other systems which are currently in use while the capital work in progress relates to the development of software.

Telecommunication license fees represent charge by the Telecommunications and Digital Government Regulatory Authority ("TDRA") to the Group to grant the license to operate as a telecommunications service provider in the UAE.

Indefeasible right of use represents the fees paid to a telecom operator to obtain rights to use Indoor Building Solutions relating to certain sites in the UAE. Also included in the balance is an amount charged by an operator of a fibre-optic cable system for the right to use its submarine fibre-optic circuits and cable system.

9 Lease receivable

	2024 AED 000	2023 AED 000
Lease receivable (net of loss allowance)	111,602	127,710
Non-current Current	92,575 19,027	109,612 18,098
Total lease receivable	111,602	127,710

During the year 2020, the Group signed a sub-lease agreement to lease its data centre with a customer for a period of 10 years.

	2024 AED 000	2023 AED 000
Maturity analysis:		
Not later than 1 year	21,131	20,515
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	91,055	88,402
Later than 5 years	12,067	35,851
•	124,253	144,768
Less: unearned interest on lease receivable and loss allowance	(12,651)	(17,058)
	111,602	127,710

The interest income on lease receivable is presented in Note 28.

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10 Investments accounted for using the equity method

Investments	Principal activities	Shareholding		Country of	
		2024	2023	incorporation	
Dubai Smart City Accelerator FZCO (Associate)	To run accelerator programmes with the purpose of sourcing innovation and technology applicable to the Smart City Industry	23.53%	23.53%	UAE	
Advanced Regional Communications Solutions Holding Limited (Joint venture)	Provision of connectivity and data centre services	50%	50%	UAE	

Movement in investments in associate and joint venture

		2024	
	Associate AED 000	Joint venture AED 000	Total AED 000
At 1 January (1)	1,810	3,333	5,143
Share of loss for the year	(1,048)	(1,379)	(2,427)
At 31 December	762	1,954	2,716
		2023	
	Associate	Joint venture	Total
	AED 000	AED 000	AED 000
At 1 January (1)	2,128	5,735	7,863
Share of loss for the year	(318)	(2,402)	(2,720)
At 31 December	1,810	3,333	5,143

⁽¹⁾ Beginning balance as at 1 January includes cumulative impairment loss of AED 8,496 thousand in the Group's investment in joint venture.

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

10 Investments accounted for using the equity method (continued)

Summarised financial information for the associate and joint venture are as follows:

		2024	
	Associate	Joint venture	Total
	AED 000	AED 000	AED 000
Non-current assets	2,735	36,276	39,011
Current assets	555	24,944	25,499
Current liabilities	(51)	(3,066)	(3,117)
Non-current liabilities		(37,254)	(37,254)
Net assets	3,239	20,900	24,139
Revenue	-	14,730	14,730
Loss for the year	(4,454)	(2,757)	(7,211)
		2023	
	Associate	Joint venture	Total
	AED 000	AED 000	AED 000
Non-current assets	7,143	42,569	49,712
Current assets	571	32,830	33,401
Current liabilities	(20)	(9,919)	(9,939)
Non-current liabilities	<u> </u>	(41,819)	(41,819)
Net assets	7,694	23,661	31,355
Revenue		15,669	15,669
Loss for the year	(1,351)	(4,804)	(6,155)

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11 Financial asset at fair value through other comprehensive income

	2024 AED 000	2023 AED 000
Listed shares		
Anghami Inc.	2,334	2,946

During the year 2024, a loss of AED 612 thousand was recognized in other comprehensive income (2023: AED 1,571 thousand).

12 Trade receivables, contract assets and other assets

2024	2023
AED 000	AED 000
2,222,809	2,057,319
211,398	258,433
489,486	463,770
(812,067)	(756,993)
2,111,626	2,022,529
168,251	131,462
129,350	195,845
91,156	131,585
2,500,383	2,481,421
180,573	257,390
2,319,810	2,224,031
2,500,383	2,481,421
	AED 000 2,222,809 211,398 489,486 (812,067) 2,111,626 168,251 129,350 91,156 2,500,383 180,573 2,319,810

⁽¹⁾ Due from other telecommunication operators are presented after netting off payable balances amounting to AED 1,537,253 thousand (31 December 2023: AED 1,686,315 thousand).

⁽²⁾ Prepayments include unamortized loan fees amounting to AED 4,539 thousand (31 December 2023: AED 11,709 thousand) related to the revolving credit facility.

⁽³⁾ Total non-current includes the non-current portion for the unamortized loan fees amounting to AED 3,211 thousand (31 December 2023: AED 9,121 thousand).

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

12 Trade receivables, contract assets and other assets (continued)

The movement in the allowance for expected credited losses of trade receivables, contract assets and due from other telecommunication operators is as follows:

	2024	2023
	AED 000	AED 000
At 1 January	756,993	706,965
Charge for the year	292,975	273,573
Write-off during the year	(237,901)	(223,545)
At 31 December	812,067	756,993

13 Contract costs

	Curi	Current		Non-current		
	2024	2023	2024	2023		
	AED 000	AED 000	AED 000	AED 000		
Contract costs	361,577	341,863	345,227	222,233		

14 Inventories

	2024 AED 000	2023 AED 000
Goods held for sale Less: allowance for inventory obsolescence At 31 December	198,569 (22,959) 175,610	115,780 (14,085) 101,695
Inventories recognized as an operating expense during the year Charge/(release) of allowance for inventory obsolescence recognized as	1,363,984	1,191,010
an operating expense during the year	8,874	(970)

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15 Related party balances and transactions

Related parties comprise the founding shareholders of the Company, entities under common shareholding, its directors, key management personnel and entities over which they exercise control, joint control or significant influence. The founding shareholders are Emirates Investment Authority, Mamoura Diversified Global Holding PJSC & Emirates Communications and Technologies Company LLC. Transactions with related parties are in the ordinary course of business and are approved by the Group's management or by the Board of Directors.

Related party balances

	2024 AED 000	2023 AED 000
Due from related parties	21,732	53,449
Due to related parties	6,717	6,064

Related party transactions

Transactions between the Company and its subsidiaries, which are related parties, have been eliminated on consolidation and are not disclosed in this note. All transactions with related parties referred to below are in the ordinary course of business. The following table reflects the gross value of transactions with related parties.

	2024	2023
	AED 000	AED 000
Sale of goods and services	442,382	579,949
Rent and services	28,665	28,687
Key management compensation		
	2024	2023
	AED 000	AED 000
Short-term employee benefits	34,284	33,947
Employees' end of service benefits	405	412
Post-employment benefits	1,392	1,186
Long-term incentives (1)	5,875	(3,125)
	41,956	32,420

⁽¹⁾ In 2023, the Group revised the estimation of long-term incentives resulted in the release of provision.

Board of Directors fees recorded during the year were AED 12,555 thousand (2023: AED 10,494 thousand).

No loan has been provided to Directors, their spouses, children and relatives of the second degree and any corporates in which they own 20% or more.

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15 Related party balances and transactions (continued)

The Group provides telecommunication services and also receives various services from the Federal Government (including Ministries and local bodies). These transactions are at normal commercial terms. The credit period allowed to Government customers ranges from 15 to 150 days. The Group has elected not to disclose transactions with the UAE Federal Government and other entities over which the Federal Government exerts control, joint control or significant influence.

16 Term deposits

	2024 AED 000	2023 AED 000
Term deposits (net of loss allowance)	1,299,283	1,326,586

Term deposits represent bank deposits with maturity periods exceeding three months from the date of deposit. These term deposits are denominated primarily in UAE Dirham, with banks. Interest is earned on these term deposits at prevailing market rates. The carrying amount of these term deposits approximates their fair value.

17 Cash and bank balances

For the purposes of the consolidated statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise:

	2024 AED 000	2023 AED 000
Cash at bank (net of loss allowance) Cash on hand	983,386 583	609,341 695
Cash and bank balances	983,969	610,036
Less: margin on guarantees (Note 31)	(2,412)	(2,346)
Cash and cash equivalents	981,557	607,690

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18 Lease liabilities

	2024	2023
	AED 000	AED 000
At 1 January	2,104,959	2,059,211
Lease liabilities during the year	155,983	517,465
Interest expense during the year	63,671	78,696
Payments made during the year	(587,923)	(672,386)
Re-measurement during the year	282,446	133,395
Disposals during the year	(20,449)	(11,422)
Closing balance	1,998,687	2,104,959

	Current		Non-current		
	2024 AED 000	2023 AED 000	2024 AED 000	2023 AED 000	
Lease liabilities	561,999	649,585	1,436,688	1,455,374	

The Group does not face a significant liquidity risk with regard to its lease liabilities. The Group does not have any variable component in lease payments.

19 Contract liabilities

	Cui	Current		rrent	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	
	AED 000	AED 000	AED 000	AED 000	
Contract liabilities	559,180	465,710	233,029	217,254	

Revenue recognized during the year that was included in the contract liabilities balances at the beginning of 2024 was AED 350,373 thousand (2023: AED 354,803 thousand)

There was no revenue recognized in the current reporting period that is related to performance obligations that were satisfied in the prior year. The Group's contracts with customers are for periods of one year or less or are billed based on service provided. As permitted under IFRS 15, the transaction price allocated to the unsatisfied contracts is not disclosed.

20 Provision for employees' end of service benefits

The Group provides end of service benefits (defined benefit obligations) to its eligible employees. The most recent actuarial valuations of the present value of the defined benefit obligations were carried out as at 31 December 2024 by a registered actuary in the UAE. The present value of defined benefit obligations and the related current and past service cost were measured using the Projected Unit Credit Method. Changes in the present value of defined benefit obligations are as follows:

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20 Provision for employees' end of service benefits (continued)

	2024 AED 000	2023 AED 000
At 1 January	208,471	197,166
Service cost	21,451	21,013
Interest cost	8,001	7,586
Actuarial (gain)/loss recognized in other comprehensive income (1)	(7,403)	14,663
Past service cost	-	(1,260)
Benefits paid during the year	(21,916)	(30,697)
At 31 December	208,604	208,471

⁽¹⁾ Actuarial (gain)/loss recognized in other comprehensive income relates to re-measurement of the employees' end of service benefits obligation net gain from changes in financial assumptions amounting to AED 8,114 thousand (2023: net loss of AED 7,306 thousand), net loss from experience adjustments amounting to AED 711 thousand (2023: net loss of AED 3,015 thousand) and demographic assumptions amounting to AED Nil (2023: net loss of AED 4,342 thousand).

The provision is recognized based on the following significant actuarial assumptions:

	2024	2023
Average period of employment (years)	4.75	5.05
Average annual rate of salary increase	2.5%	2.5%
Average annual rate of salary increase for next two years	2.5%	2.5%
Discount rate	4.90%	4.10%

Through its defined benefit plan, the Group is exposed to a number of actuarial risks, the most significant of which include, longevity risk, withdrawal risk and salary increase risk.

Sensitivity of the provision for employees' end of service benefits to changes in principal assumptions is included below:

			Impact on defined benefit obligation			
	Change in assumption		_	ease in mption	Decrea assum	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Withdrawal rate	10%	10%	0.83%	0.44%	(0.94%)	(0.53%)
Mortality age	1 year	1 year	0.04%	0.02%	(0.04%)	(0.02%)
Average annual rate of salary increase	1%	1%	5.56%	5.85%	(5.13%)	(5.38%)
Discount rate	1%	1%	(4.52%)	(4.80%)	4.98%	5.31%

Expected contribution to defined benefit obligations for the year ending 31 December 2025 is AED 30,136 thousand.

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21 Other provisions

Asset retirement obligations

In the course of the Group's activities, a number of sites and other commercial premises are utilised which are expected to have costs associated with exiting and ceasing their use. The associated cash outflows are expected to occur at the dates of exit of the assets to which they relate. These assets are long-term in nature, primarily up to the period of 10 years from when the asset is brought into use.

	2024 AED 000	2023 AED 000
At 1 January	210,778	208,801
Additions during the year	5,530	4,276
Deletions during the year	(2,390)	(8,038)
Adjustment for change in discount/inflation rates	(1,582)	1,410
Unwinding of discount	6,784	4,329
At 31 December	219,120	210,778
The provision is recognized based on the following significant assumptions:	2024	2023
Average period of restoration (years)	10	10
Inflation rate	2.02%	2.06%
Discount rate	3.99%	3.54%
22 Trade and other payables	2024	2023
	AED 000	AED 000
Trade payables and accruals (1)	2,435,421	2,135,354
Accrued federal royalty on regulated activities (Note 23.1)	-	2,033,172
Due to other telecommunication operators (2)	616,097	641,140
Valued Added Tax (VAT) payable	25,187	24,674
Other payables and accruals	456,311	412,947
	3,533,016	5,247,287

⁽¹⁾ Trade payables and accruals include ICT fund payable to TDRA based on 1% of regulated revenue of AED 10,095,989 thousand (31 December 2023: AED 9,410,136 thousand).

⁽²⁾ Due to other telecommunication operators are presented after netting off receivable balances amounting to AED 1,537,253 thousand (31 December 2023: AED 1,686,315 thousand).

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23 Federal royalty and corporate income tax

		2024 AED 000	2023 AED 000
Federal royalty on profit	23.2	1,675,882	-
Corporate income tax	23.2	247,570	
As at 31 December		1,923,452	

23.1 Federal royalty on regulated activities

In year 2023, the federal royalty was calculated as 15% on regulated revenue and 30% on regulated profit after deducting royalty on regulated revenue according to the guidelines issued for the relevant period by the MoF.

Movement in the accrued federal royalty on regulated activities is as follows:

	2024	2023
	AED 000	AED 000
At 1 January	2,033,172	1,830,421
Payment made during the year	(1,928,939)	(1,687,899)
(Release)/charge for the year - net	(104,233)	1,890,650
As at 31 December	<u> </u>	2,033,172

23.2 Federal royalty on profit and corporate income tax

Federal royalty on profit

As per Cabinet of Ministers of UAE decision no. 8/38 of 2023 and the UAE Ministry of Finance ("the MoF") royalty guidelines, the federal royalty, effective from 2024 to 2026, is equal to 38% of yearly total regulated and non-regulated UAE profits (calculated before royalty and corporate income tax) of the Group. The total amount of federal royalty on profit and corporate income tax payable by the Group shall not be lower than AED 1.8 billion per year.

Corporate income tax

UAE Federal Decree-Law No. 47 of 2022 on the Taxation of Corporations and Businesses was published on 9 December 2022. Cabinet decisions are issued to specify the implementation of certain provisions in the corporate tax law ("the Law"). The Group is subject to corporate income tax at 9% on profit after royalty in the financial year beginning 1 January 2024.

Federal royalty on profit and corporate income tax have been provided for in the consolidated financial statements in accordance with the royalty guidelines and tax laws enacted or substantively enacted at year end. The effective annual income tax rate for the current year is 44.7% (2023: Nil).

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

Federal royalty and corporate income tax (continued)

23.2 Federal royalty on profit and corporate income tax (continued)

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(a) Corporate income tax expense	2024 AED 000	2023 AED 000
Corporate income tax expense attributable to:		
- Current corporate income tax	246,955	-
- Other comprehensive income not reclassified to profit or loss	615	-
	247,570	

The reconciliation between federal royalty on profit and corporate income tax charge and the product of standard rate of 38% and 9% respectively, on accounting profit is as follows:

	2024 AED 000	2023 AED 000
Profit before federal royalty on profit and corporate income tax	4,306,151	-
Federal royalty on profit calculated at a rate of 38%	1,636,337	-
Prior period adjustments	39,609	-
International operations	(64)	
Federal royalty on profit	1,675,882	
Profit before corporate income tax after deduction of federal royalty on profit Income subject to 0% corporate income tax rate	2,630,269 (375)	
Income subject to 9% corporate income tax rate	2,629,894	-
Corporate income tax calculated at rate of 9%	236,690	-
Prior period adjustments	9,381	-
Disallowed deductions and others	1,499	
Corporate income tax charge	247,570	
Total federal royalty on profit and corporate income tax	1,923,452	

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

Federal royalty and corporate income tax (continued)

23.2 Federal royalty on profit and corporate income tax (continued)

(b) Amount recognized in other comprehensive income

		2024			2023	
	Before-	Corporate	Net-of-	Before-	Corporate	Net-of-
	corporate	Income	corporate	corporate	Income	corporate
	income	tax	income	income	tax	income
	tax	(expense)	tax	tax	(expense)	tax
AED '000	amount	/ benefit	amount	amount	/benefit	amount
Fair value changes on financial asset at fair value through other comprehensive						
income	(612)	55	(557)	(1,571)	_	(1,571)
Actuarial gain/(loss) on defined benefit obligations	7,403	(670)	6,733	(14,663)	-	(14,663)
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	6,791	(615)	6,176	(16,234)	_	(16,234)
24 Share capital				AED	2024 0 000	2023 AED 000
Authorised, issued and fully paid (4,532,905,989 shares of AED		apital		4,53	2,906	4,532,906
25 Share premium				AED	2024 0 000	2023 AED 000
Premium on issue of common sh	nare capital			232	2,332	232,332

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

26 Other reserves

	Statutory reserve (1) AED 000	Other Reserve ⁽²⁾ AED 000	Total AED 000
At 1 January 2023 Transfer from retained earnings Fair value changes on financial asset at fair value through other	2,140,441 126,012	(13,851)	2,126,590 126,012
comprehensive income At 31 December 2023	2,266,453	(1,571) (15,422)	(1,571) 2,251,031
At 1 January 2024 Fair value changes on financial asset at fair value through other	2,266,453	(15,422)	2,251,031
comprehensive income (net of tax) At 31 December 2024	2,266,453	(557) (15,979)	(557) 2,250,474

⁽¹⁾ In accordance with Federal Commercial Companies Law and the Company's Articles of Association, 10% of the net profit is required to be transferred annually to a non-distributable statutory reserve. Such transfers are required to be made until the balance of the statutory reserve equals one half of the Company's paid up share capital. In September 2023, the statutory reserves balance has reached 50% of paid-up capital.

27 Operating expenses

• •	31 December	
	2024	2023
	AED 000	AED 000
Interconnect costs	2,811,223	2,729,605
Depreciation and impairment on property, plant and equipment (Note 6)	1,569,189	1,544,182
Cost of devices and direct services	1,402,121	1,405,604
Staff costs	1,070,046	1,069,596
Network operation and maintenance	945,376	880,791
Commission	596,223	535,469
Depreciation on right-of-use assets (Note 7)	374,505	445,042
Telecommunication licence and related fees	422,496	398,608
Marketing	264,122	235,994
Amortization and impairment on intangible assets (Note 8)	209,896	209,053
Outsourcing and contracting	123,893	83,551
Others	270,434	255,743
	10,059,524	9,793,238
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During the year ended 31 December 2024, the Group has paid AED 1,220 thousand (2023: AED 1,150 thousand) for various social contribution purposes.

⁽²⁾ This relates to the change in the fair value of financial asset at fair value through other comprehensive income.

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28 Finance income and costs

	2024 AED 000	2023 AED 000
Finance income	ALD 000	7 ILD 000
Interest income	75,243	56,025
Finance income on lease receivable	4,687	5,302
	79,930	61,327
Finance costs		
Interest expense on lease liabilities	63,671	78,696
Interest expense others (1)	26,274	22,734
	89,945	101,430

^{(1) &}quot;Interest expense others" mainly include interest cost and commitment fees on borrowings, interest cost on defined benefit obligations and unwinding of discount on asset retirement obligations.

On 29 April 2021, the Group signed a long-term financing agreement with a group of local and international banks for an unsecured credit facility ("the Financing") of AED 3,769 million equivalent, comprising a term loan facility and a revolving credit facility. In March 2024, the term loan facility has been cancelled and related unamortized loan fees have been recognized in profit or loss. The remaining revolving credit facility of AED 1,981 million equivalent has a maturity of 5 years extendable to 7 years.

29 Earnings per share

	2024	2023
Profit for the year (AED 000)	2,487,547	1,667,851
Weighted average number of shares (000)	4,532,906	4,532,906
Basic and diluted earnings per share (AED)	0.55	0.37

There were no potentially dilutive shares outstanding at any time during the year and, therefore, the dilutive earnings per share is equal to the basic earnings per share.

30 Changes in other operating assets and liabilities

	2024	2023
	AED 000	AED 000
Change in:		
Inventories	(82,789)	(5,490)
Contract costs	(142,708)	(81,679)
Trade receivables, contract assets and other assets	(301,655)	(341,367)
Trade and other payables	26,246	2,332,449
Contract liabilities	109,245	(2,736)
Due from related parties	31,717	41,148
Due to related parties	653	330
Net changes in other operating assets and liabilities	(359,291)	1,942,655
Non-cash transactions:		
Accruals for property, plant and equipment	173,723	(59,789)
Accruals for intangible assets	(4,332)	29,928
Additions and remeasurement to right-of-use assets	438,429	650,860

The reconciliation for the changes in lease liabilities arising from financing activities are presented in Note 18 of the consolidated financial statements.

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

31 Contingencies and commitments

The Group has outstanding bank guarantees amounting to AED 205,973 thousand (2023: AED 90,993 thousand). Bank guarantees are secured against margin of AED 2,412 thousand (2023: AED 2,346 thousand) (Note 17).

The Group is subject to litigations in the normal course of business and the management is of the view that the outcome of these court cases will not have a material impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements. Details of these cases are not disclosed in order not to prejudice the Group's position in these litigations.

The Group has contractual capital expenditure commitments amounting to AED 1,745,064 thousand (2023: AED 929,720 thousand).

32 Financial instruments and risk management

32.1 Credit risk

Exposure to credit risk

The carrying amount of financial assets represent the maximum credit exposure. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date was:

	Note	Carrying amount		Fair value	
		2024	2023	2024	2023
		AED 000	AED 000	AED 000	AED 000
Non-derivatives					
Financial asset at fair value through other					
comprehensive income	11	2,334	2,946	2,334	2,946
Lease receivable	9	111,602	127,710	111,602	127,710
Trade receivables, contract assets and					
other assets (1)	12	2,202,782	2,154,114	2,202,782	2,154,114
Due from related parties	15	21,732	53,449	21,732	53,449
Term deposits	16	1,299,283	1,326,586	1,299,283	1,326,586
Cash and bank balances	17	983,969	610,036	983,969	610,036
		4,621,702	4,274,841	4,621,702	4,274,841
Cash and bank balances	1/				

⁽¹⁾ For the purpose of the exposure to credit risk on financial assets disclosure, non-financial assets (prepayments and advances to suppliers) amounting to AED 297,601 thousand (2023: AED 327,307 thousand) have been excluded from trade receivables, contract assets and other assets.

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

32 Financial instruments and risk management (continued)

32.1 Credit risk (continued)

Exposure to credit risk (continued)

Impairment of financials assets

The ageing of trade receivables, contract assets, due from related parties and due from other telecommunication operators are as follows:

31 December 2024

	Not past due AED 000	Past due 0-30 days AED 000	Past due 31-180 days AED 000	More than 180 days AED 000	Total AED 000
Gross carrying amount – trade receivables, contract assets					
and due from related parties	700,793	172,416	444,029	1,416,789	2,734,027
Loss allowance Expected loss rate	(47,605) 6.79%	(22,362) 12.97%	(115,333) 25.97%	(613,890) 43.33%	(799,190)

	Not past due AED 000	Past due 0-30 days AED 000	Past due 31-180 days AED 000	More than 180 days AED 000	Total AED 000
Gross carrying amount – due from other telecom operators	165,842	67,645	317,624	1,197,540	1,748,651
Loss allowance Expected loss rate	<u>(1)</u> 0%	0%	(39)	(12,837)	(12,877)

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

32 Financial instruments and risk management (continued)

32.1 Credit risk (continued)

Exposure to credit risk (continued)

31 December 2023

	Not past	Past due	Past due	More than	
	due	0-30 days	31-180 days	180 days	Total
	AED 000	AED 000	AED 000	AED 000	AED 000
Gross carrying amount – trade receivables, contract assets					
and due from related parties	963,966	109,300	328,184	1,173,088	2,574,538
_					
Loss allowance	(47,513)	(22,217)	(91,730)	(582,952)	(744,412)
Expected loss rate	4.93%	20.33%	27.95%	49.69%	
	Not past	Past due	Past due	More than	
	due	0-30 days	31-180 days	180 days	Total
	AED 000	AED 000	AED 000	AED 000	AED 000
Gross carrying amount –					
due from other telecom operators	114,238	269,513	295,859	1,265,138	1,944,748
Loss allowance	(1)		(32)	(12,548)	(12,581)
Expected loss rate	0%	0%	0%	0.99%	

The above gross carrying amount of due from other telecommunication operators amount excludes netting amounting to AED 1,537,253 thousand (31 December 2023: AED 1,686,315 thousand) (Note 12).

The impairment provision in respect of trade receivables, contract assets and due from related parties is used to record impairment losses unless the Group is satisfied that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery of the amount due; at that point the amounts considered irrecoverable are written-off. Indicators that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery include, amongst others, the failure of a debtor to engage in a repayment plan with the Group, and a failure to make contractual payments for a period greater than 365 days past due.

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

32 Financial instruments and risk management (continued)

32.2 Liquidity risk

The following are the contractual maturities of financial liabilities along with fair values:

31 December 2024

			Contractual cash flows				
	Fair value	Carrying amount	Total	6 months or less	6-12 months	1-2 years	Above 2 years
Non-derivative financial liabilities	AED 000	AED 000	AED 000	AED 000	AED 000	AED 000	AED 000
Lease liabilities Future interest on	1,998,687	1,998,687	1,998,687	260,859	301,140	315,211	1,121,477
lease liabilities	-	-	283,684	28,860	16,206	38,332	200,286
Trade payables and accruals	2,435,421	2,435,421	2,435,421	2,435,421	-	-	-
Due to other telecommunication							
operators	616,097	616,097	616,097	616,097	-	-	-
Other payables and accruals	456,311	456,311	456,311	456,311	-	-	-
Due to related	6717	6717	6 717	6717			
parties	6,717 5,513,233	6,717 5,513,233	<u>6,717</u> 5,796,917	6,717 3,804,265	317,346	353,543	1,321,763
	3,313,433	3,313,433	5,170,711	3,007,203	317,340	333,373	1,341,703

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

32 Financial instruments and risk management (continued)

32.2 Liquidity risk (continued)

31 December 2023

01 2 000				Contr	actual cash	flows	
	Fair value AED 000	Carrying amount AED 000	Total AED 000	6 months or less AED 000	6-12 months AED 000	1-2 years AED 000	Above 2 years AED 000
Non-derivative financial liabilities							
Lease liabilities Future interest on	2,104,959	2,104,959	2,104,959	337,782	311,804	298,686	1,156,687
lease liabilities Trade payables and	-	-	215,541	30,623	17,196	40,674	127,048
accruals	2,135,354	2,135,354	2,135,354	2,135,354	-	-	-
Due to other telecommunication							
operators	641,140	641,140	641,140	641,140	-	-	-
Accrued federal royalty Other payables and	2,033,172	2,033,172	2,033,172	2,033,172	-	-	-
accruals	412,947	412,947	412,947	412,947	-	-	-
Due to related parties	6,064	6,064	6,064	6,064	-	-	-
	7,333,636	7,333,636	7,549,177	5,597,082	329,000	339,360	1,283,735

32.3 Currency risk

Exposure to currency risk

The Group's exposure to foreign currency risk was as follows:

	31 December 2024		31 December 2023	
	AED 0	000	———AED 000 ———	
	EUR	GBP	EUR	GBP
Trade receivables	8,879	738	8,916	340
Trade payables	(161)	(19)	(333)	(48)
Net exposure	8,718	719	8,583	292

The following significant exchange rates against AED have been applied during the year:

	Average	Average rate		Reporting date spot rate	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	
EUR 1	3.9925	3.9762	3.8220	4.0546	
GBP 1	4.7083	4.5481	4.6087	4.6761	

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

32 Financial instruments and risk management (continued)

32.3 Currency risk (continued)

Sensitivity analysis

A 10% strengthening of the AED against the following currencies at 31 December would have increased/(decreased) equity and profit by the amounts shown below. This analysis assumes that all other variables, in particular interest rates, remain constant.

	2024	2023
	AED 000	AED 000
Decrease in profit		
EUR	(3,481)	(3,413)
GBP	(339)	(133)

Conversely a 10% weakening of the AED against the above currencies at 31 December will have the exact reverse effect.

32.4 Financial instruments by category

The accounting policies for financial instruments have been applied to the line items below:

	2024 AED 000	2023 AED 000
Financial asset at fair value through other comprehensive income	2,334	2,946
Financial assets measured at amortized cost		
Lease receivable	111,602	127,710
Trade receivables, contract assets and other assets (1)	2,202,782	2,154,114
Due from related parties	21,732	53,449
Term deposits	1,299,283	1,326,586
Cash and bank balances	983,969	610,036
	4,619,368	4,271,895
Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost		
Lease liabilities	1,998,687	2,104,959
Trade and other payables (2)	3,507,829	5,222,613
Due to related parties	6,717	6,064
	5,513,233	7,333,636

⁽¹⁾Non-financial assets (prepayments and advances to suppliers) amounting to AED 297,601 thousand (2023: AED 327,307 thousand) have been excluded from trade receivables, contract assets and other assets.

⁽²⁾ Non-financial liability (Value Added Tax) amounting to AED 25,187 thousand (2023: AED 24,674 thousand) has been excluded from trade and other payables.

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

33 Offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the consolidated statement of financial position if, and only if, there is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realize the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously.

The following table presents the recognized financial instruments that are offset in the statement of financial position.

	31 December 2024			31 December 2023		
		Gross	Net		Gross	Net
	Gross	amounts	amount	Gross	amounts	amount
	amounts	set off	presented	amounts	set off	presented
	AED 000	AED 000	AED 000	AED 000	AED 000	AED 000
Financial assets						
Due from other						
telecommunication						
operators	1,748,651	(1,537,253)	211,398	1,944,748	(1,686,315)	258,433
Financial liabilities						
Due to other						
telecommunication						
operators	2,153,350	(1,537,253)	616,097	2,327,455	(1,686,315)	641,140

34 Segment analysis

The Group has operations mainly in the UAE. The Group is organized into four major business segments as follows:

- Mobile segment offers mobile services to the enterprise and consumer customers. Services include mobile voice and data, mobile content and mobile broadband Wi-Fi.
- Fixed segment provides fixed services to the enterprise and consumer customers. Services include broadband, IPTV, home wireless, IP/VPN business internet and telephony.
- Wholesale segment provides voice and SMS to national and international carriers and operators. Services include termination of inbound international voice traffic and international hubbing.
- Others include broadcasting services, data center co-location, multi-cloud, cybersecurity, IOT, international roaming, equipment and site sharing etc. The point in time includes revenue from sale of handsets and other devices.

Segment contribution, referred to by the Group as gross margin, represents revenue less direct costs of sales. It is calculated before charging network operating costs, sales and general and administration expenses. This is the measure reported to the Group's Board of Directors for the purpose of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance.

Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

34 Segment analysis (continued)

31 December 2024

	Mobile AED 000	Fixed AED 000	Wholesale AED 000	Others AED 000	Total AED 000
Segment revenue					
Timing of revenue recognition					
Over time	6,548,135	4,002,658	1,831,132	1,129,647	13,511,572
At a point in time				1,124,345	1,124,345
_	6,548,135	4,002,658	1,831,132	2,253,992	14,635,917
Segment contribution	3,985,612	3,387,593	1,604,099	840,172	9,817,476
Unallocated costs					(5,502,351)
Other income					3,468
Finance income/(costs) and share of loss on investment accounted for using the					
equity method					(12,442)
Federal royalty on regulated					
profit					104,233
Federal royalty on profit					(1,675,882)
Corporate income tax					(246,955)
Profit for the year				•	2,487,547
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Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

34 Segment analysis (continued)

31 December 2023

	Mobile AED 000	Fixed AED 000	Wholesale AED 000	Others AED 000	Total AED 000
Segment revenue					
Timing of revenue recognition					
Over time	6,105,327	3,774,481	1,768,447	1,047,309	12,695,564
At a point in time				940,776	940,776
- -	6,105,327	3,774,481	1,768,447	1,988,085	13,636,340
Segment contribution	3,560,894	3,130,183	1,500,167	775,387	8,966,631
Unallocated costs					(5,366,148)
Other income					841
Finance income/(costs) and share of loss on investment accounted for using the					
equity method					(42,823)
Federal royalty on regulated activities					(1,890,650)
				-	
Profit for the year				-	1,667,851

In order to conform with current period presentation, at a point in time revenue and segment contribution previously reported under mobile and fixed segment have been re-presented under Others based on the internal management reporting. Such re-presented figures did not affect the previously reported total revenue, profit, comprehensive income or equity.

The Group's assets and liabilities have not been identified to any of the reportable segments as the majority of the operating fixed assets are fully integrated between segments. The Group believes that it is not practical to provide segment disclosure relating to total assets and liabilities since a meaningful segregation of available data is not feasible.

The Group's operations are subject to limited level of seasonality and cyclicality.