

“SILK WAY DEVELOPMENT” LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Consolidated Financial Statements and
Independent Auditor's Report
for the year ended 31 December 2023

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"SILK WAY DEVELOPMENT" LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

STATEMENT OF MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE PREPARATION AND APPROVAL OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Management is responsible for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements that present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of "Silk Way Development" Limited Liability Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") as at 31 December 2023, consolidated statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the year then ended, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and of significant accounting policies and notes to the consolidated financial statements in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs").

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for:

- Properly selecting and applying accounting policies;
- Presenting information, including accounting policies, in a manner that provides relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable information;
- Providing additional disclosures when compliance with the specific requirements in IFRSs are insufficient to enable users to understand the impact of particular transactions, other events and conditions on the Group's consolidated financial position and consolidated financial performance; and
- Making an assessment of the Group's ability to continue as a going concern.

Management is also responsible for:

- Designing, implementing and maintaining an effective and sound system of internal controls throughout the Group;
- Maintaining adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Group's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time consolidated financial position of the Group, and which enable them to ensure that the consolidated financial statements of the Group comply with IFRSs;
- Maintaining statutory accounting records in compliance with local legislation and accounting standards;
- Taking such steps as are reasonably available to them to safeguard the assets of the Group; and
- Preventing and detecting fraud and other irregularities.


The consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 were authorised for issue by management on 18 July 2024.

On behalf of Management:



Mr. Zaur Akhundov
President

Baku, the Republic of Azerbaijan
18 July 2024



Mr. Mir Samad Movsum-zada
Vice President, Finance

Baku, the Republic of Azerbaijan
18 July 2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Shareholders and the Supervisory Board of "Silk Way Development" Limited Liability Company

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of "Silk Way Development" Limited Liability Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group"), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, and the consolidated statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, consolidated statement of cash flows and consolidated statement of changes in equity for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of material accounting policy information.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2023, and its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs").

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 are independent of the Group in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the "IESBA Code"), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

DELOITTE + TOUCHE LLAC

18 July 2024



“SILK WAY DEVELOPMENT” LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023
(in thousands of Azerbaijani Manats)**

	Notes	Year ended 31 December 2023	Year ended 31 December 2022
Revenue	5	2,068,662	3,378,636
Other operating income		17,488	19,522
Total revenue		2,086,150	3,398,158
Expenses			
Fuel		(794,558)	(990,610)
Handling, landing and navigation charges		(336,847)	(341,461)
Depreciation	16, 17	(195,956)	(191,052)
Staff costs	6	(117,684)	(129,786)
Commissions		(72,979)	(123,311)
Aircraft and engine lease costs	7	(57,949)	(53,261)
Engineering and maintenance		(53,491)	(81,973)
Crew rental and other crew costs		(46,963)	(41,775)
Material expenses		(44,172)	(36,093)
Trucking costs		(32,585)	(38,550)
Taxes, other than income tax	8	(30,369)	(26,736)
Fees for transportation by chartered flights		(187)	(15,872)
Other costs	9	(54,447)	(45,029)
Total operating expenses		(1,838,187)	(2,115,509)
Operating profit		247,963	1,282,649
Finance costs	10	(75,378)	(74,550)
Corporate social responsibility expenses ¹	11	(44,605)	(3,980)
Foreign exchange loss		(32,218)	(85,611)
Foreign exchange gain		31,443	73,502
Finance income ²		10,039	2,014
Net loss on revaluation of aircraft and engines	16	(50,510)	-
Gain / (loss) from sale of property and equipment		(1,157)	4,862
Recoveries from / (impairment losses on) financial assets, net ³	22	2,813	(3,321)
Other income	12	46,742	13,634
Profit before income tax		135,132	1,209,199
Income tax expense	13	(35,037)	(245,063)
Profit for the year		100,095	964,136
Discontinued operations			
(Loss) / profit for the year from discontinued operations	15	-	(2,261)
Profit for the year		100,095	961,875

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023
(in thousands of Azerbaijani Manats)

	Notes	Year ended 31 December 2023	Year ended 31 December 2022
Other comprehensive income:			
Foreign exchange differences on translation of foreign operations		887	(672)
Loss on property revaluation, net of income tax		(499)	-
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of profit tax		388	(672)
Total comprehensive income for the year		100,483	961,203
Profit for the year attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		100,483	959,885
Non-controlling interests		-	1,990
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		100,483	959,213
Non-controlling interests		-	1,990

¹AZN 3,980 thousand of “Corporate social responsibility expenses” that were presented within “Other costs” in the prior year consolidated financial statements, are presented separately in order to conform to the presentation for the current year.

² AZN 2,014 thousand of “Finance income” were presented within “Finance costs” in the prior year consolidated financial statements are presented separately in order to conform to the presentation for the current year.

³2023 impairment includes AZN 228 thousand recovery of previously written-off trade receivable.

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

“SILK WAY DEVELOPMENT” LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

(in thousands of Azerbaijani Manats)

	Notes	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Non-current assets			
Right-of-use assets	16	1,250,372	1,054,784
Property and equipment	17	624,397	490,685
Advances paid	18	424,119	373,184
Restricted cash	20	-	20,400
Inventories	19	29,359	12,593
Security deposits		19,444	19,846
Other long-term assets	23	4,245	6,505
Total non-current assets		2,351,936	1,977,997
Current assets			
Cash and bank balances	20	80,940	435,268
Bank deposits	21	674,390	425,000
Trade and other receivables ¹	22	194,076	169,935
Restricted cash	20	23,241	-
Advances paid	18	23,771	38,211
Inventories	19	18,183	53,681
Other short-term assets ¹	23	6,898	24,169
Total current assets		1,021,499	1,146,264
Total assets		3,373,435	3,124,261
Equity			
Charter capital	24	12,329	12,329
Retained earnings		1,197,562	1,096,703
Properties revaluation reserve	25	393,233	394,496
Foreign exchange translation reserve		67	(820)
Equity attributable to owners of the Company		1,603,191	1,502,708
Total equity		1,603,191	1,502,708
Non-current liabilities			
Lease liabilities	26	685,047	655,939
Loans and borrowings	27	366,718	308,667
Deferred tax liabilities	14	102,434	110,515
Provisions	28	1,395	31,489
Total non-current liabilities		1,155,594	1,106,610

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (CONTINUED)

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

(in thousands of Azerbaijani Manats)

	Notes	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	29	236,355	234,252
Loans and borrowings	27	199,274	66,001
Lease liabilities	26	146,622	135,787
Current income tax payable		3,256	44,778
Other liabilities	30	29,143	34,125
Total current liabilities		614,650	514,943
Total liabilities		1,770,244	1,621,553
Total equity and liabilities		3,373,435	3,124,261

¹ AZN 3,931 thousand of “Tax receivables” that were presented as “Other short-term assets” in the prior year consolidated financial statements, are presented within “Trade and other receivables” in the consolidated financial statements in order to conform to the presentation for the current year.

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

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023
(in thousands of Azerbaijani Manats)**

	Notes	Charter Capital	Properties revaluation reserve	Foreign exchange translation reserve	Retained earnings	Attributable to owners of the parent	Non-controlling interest	Total equity
Balance at 1 January 2022		12,329	394,496	10,190	254,018	671,033	12,613	683,646
Profit for the year		-	-	-	959,885	959,885	1,990	961,875
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-	(672)	-	(672)	-	(672)
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	-	(672)	959,885	959,213	1,990	961,203
Transfer		-	-	(10,338)	10,338	-	-	-
Dividends	30	-	-	-	(127,538)	(127,538)	(8,424)	(135,962)
Disposal of subsidiary	15	-	-	-	-	-	(6,179)	(6,179)
Balance at 31 December 2022		12,329	394,496	(820)	1,096,703	1,502,708	-	1,502,708
Profit for the year		-	-	-	100,095	100,095	-	100,095
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	(499)	887	-	388	-	388
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	(499)	887	100,095	100,483	-	100,483
Utilisation of revaluation reserve	25	-	(764)	-	764	-	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2023		12,329	393,233	67	1,197,562	1,603,191	-	1,603,191

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

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023
(in thousands of Azerbaijani Manats)

	Notes	Year ended 31 December 2023	Year ended 31 December 2022
Profit for the year before tax		135,132	1,208,966
<i>Adjustments for:</i>			
Depreciation	16, 17	195,956	191,611
Finance cost	10	75,378	74,550
Finance income ¹		(10,039)	(2,014)
Foreign exchange loss		32,218	85,611
Foreign exchange gain		(31,443)	(73,502)
Net loss on revaluation of aircraft and engines	16	50,510	-
Gain on de-recognition of re-delivery provision	12	(30,358)	-
Gain on early termination of lease	12	(14,427)	-
(Recoveries from) / impairment losses on financial assets, net ²	22	(2,813)	3,321
Loss / (gain) on disposal of property and equipment		1,157	(4,862)
Trade and other payables write-off		-	(639)
Loss on disposal of subsidiary		-	7,237
Operating cash flow before movements in working capital		401,271	1,490,279
Change in trade and other receivables		(240,005)	(385,620)
Change in advances paid		13,812	(8,425)
Change in inventories		17,459	(21,133)
Change in other short-term assets		4,718	48,952
Change in other long-term assets		(909)	88
Change in trade and other payables		153,223	238,883
Change in other liabilities		(1,114)	19,261
Cash generated by operating activities		348,455	1,382,285
Income tax paid		(62,000)	(240,758)
Interest paid		(59,366)	(60,912)
Net cash generated by operating activities		227,089	1,080,615
Investing activities			
Bank deposits placement	21	(674,390)	(425,000)
Advance payments for aircraft and engine purchase	18	(170,094)	(182,770)
Payments for property and equipment purchases and overhauls		(40,980)	(84,277)
Advance payments for aircraft repair services	18	(36,455)	(41,139)
Advance payments for flight simulator purchase	18	(20,744)	-
Security deposit payments		(443)	(1,316)
Bank deposit withdrawal	21	425,000	-
Cash released from collateral	20	20,400	-
Cash proceeds from finance lease receivables		15,001	2,637
Interest received for bank deposits	21	7,601	-
Cash proceeds from disposal of property and equipment		28	5,313
Disposal of subsidiary, net of cash disposed of		-	(8,975)
Net cash used in investing activities		(475,076)	(735,527)

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023
(in thousands of Azerbaijani Manats)

	Notes	Year ended 31 December 2023	Year ended 31 December 2022
Financing activities			
Dividends paid	30	(3,868)	(129,953)
Principal payments on lease liabilities and aircraft	27	(269,022)	(99,900)
Principal payments on loans and borrowings	27	(113,289)	(92,924)
Proceeds from loans and borrowings	27	303,390	72,051
Advance payment for lease liability	20	(23,241)	-
Net cash used in financing activities		(106,030)	(250,726)
Net change in cash and bank balances		(354,017)	94,362
Foreign currency effect on cash		(311)	(3,382)
Cash and bank balances, beginning of the year	20	435,268	344,288
Cash and bank balances, end of the year	20	80,940	435,268

¹ AZN 2,014 thousand of “Finance income” were presented within “Finance costs” in the prior year consolidated financial statements, are presented separately in order to conform to the presentation for the current year.

²2023 impairment includes AZN 228 thousand recovery of previously written-off trade receivable

Following non-cash transactions were not included in consolidated statement of cash flows for the year ended 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022:

- (a) Recognition of right-of-use assets of AZN 483,001 thousand through lease liabilities (2022: AZN 42,265 thousand) (Note 27);
- (b) Capitalisation of pre-delivery payments of AZN 166,228 thousand (Note 18) by transfer from advances paid (advance payments for purchase of aircraft) to right-of-use assets (2022: nil);
- (c) Capitalisation of AZN 10,130 thousand for overhaul of an engine by transfer from other long-term assets (advance payments for aircraft repair service providers under power-by-hour (PBH)) (2022: AZN 9,359 thousand);
- (d) Transfer of right-of-use assets of AZN 196,727 thousand to property and equipment upon purchase of a previously leased aircraft (2022: AZN 13,470) (Notes 16 and 17);
- (e) De-recognition of right-of-use assets of AZN 138,120 thousand upon termination of lease contract against lease liabilities (2022: nil) (Notes 12 and 16);
- (f) Derecognition of lease liabilities of AZN 12,750 thousand against properties revaluation reserve as per discount received from early repayment of lease (2022: nil) (Notes 16 and 25);
- (g) Net revaluation decrease of AZN 20,345 thousand and net revaluation increase of AZN 15,086 thousand recognized through other comprehensive income for aircraft and engines within right-of-use asset and property and equipment, (2022: nil and nil), respectively (Note 25);
- (h) Transfer from lease liability to trade and other payables of AZN 24,902 thousand of unpaid invoices of a lessor (Note 27) (2022: nil);
- (i) Offset of AZN 30,630 thousand current income tax liability with other tax receivables (2022: AZN 142,692 thousand);
- (j) Offset of amount due from related parties and trade and other receivables of AZN nil thousand (2022: AZN 47,282 thousand);
- (k) Offset of trade and other receivables with trade and other payables of AZN 191,310 thousand (2022: AZN 238,161 thousand);
- (l) Offset of trade and other receivables with amount due to related parties (within other liabilities) of AZN 18,586 thousand in 2022;
- (m) Offset of security deposit of AZN 2,125 thousand and refundable contributions to maintenance reserve of AZN 26,165 thousand with amount payable upon purchase of previously leased aircraft in 2022;
- (n) Transfer from foreign exchange translation reserve to retained earnings of AZN 10,338 thousand in 2022;
- (o) In 2022 offset of amount due from related parties and trade and other payables of AZN 1,532 thousand.

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

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (CONTINUED) (in thousands of Azerbaijani Manats)

1. NATURE OF ACTIVITIES

“Silk Way Development” Limited Liability Company (the “Company”) is a legal entity registered by the State Tax Service under the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Azerbaijan on 12 December 2011. The registered office of the Company is Heydar Aliyev Airport, Baku, Azerbaijan Republic.

The principal activity of the Company and its subsidiaries (the “Group”) is provision of regular and charter air cargo transportation throughout Europe, Asia and America with its central hub located in Heydar Aliyev Airport, Baku, Azerbaijan Republic.

The Company’s immediate owners as at 31 December 2023 and 2022 were as follows:

Shareholders	Ownership, %
Mr. Zaur Akhundov	89.78%
Mrs. Dilara Akhundova	10.22%

The ultimate controlling party of the Group as at 31 December 2023 and 2022 is Mr. Zaur Akhundov.

The Group has several subsidiaries. Details of the Group’s material subsidiaries, which are consolidated in these financial statements, as at the end of the reporting period are as follows:

Name of Subsidiary	Principal activity	Place of incorporation and operation	Proportion of direct or indirect ownership interest held %	
			2023	2022
Silk Way Holding	Holding Company	The Republic of Azerbaijan	100% ¹	100% ¹
Silk Way Airlines LLC	Air cargo transportation	The Republic of Azerbaijan	100% ²	100% ²
Silk Way West Airlines LLC	Air cargo transportation and technical services to aircraft	The Republic of Azerbaijan	100% ³	100% ³
Silk Way Airlines Germany GmbH	Air cargo agency services	Germany	100% ¹	100% ¹
Silk Way Airlines Limited	Air cargo agency services	China (Hong Kong)	100% ¹	100% ¹
Silk Way Airlines USA Inc.	Air cargo agency services	USA	100% ⁴	100% ⁴
Silk Way AFEZCO LLC	Airport services	The Republic of Azerbaijan	100% ⁵	-

¹ 100% owned by Silk Way Development LLC;

² 62% owned by Silk Way Holding and 38% owned by Silk Way Development LLC;

³ 98% owned by Silk Way Airlines LLC and 2% owned by Silk Way Development LLC;

⁴ 100% owned by Silk Way Airlines LLC;

⁵ 100% owned by Silk Way West Airlines LLC.

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (CONTINUED) (in thousands of Azerbaijani Manats)

Silk Way West Airlines LLC provides transportation services in the global market through its representative offices and branches located in different regions of the world. Representative offices and branches through which transportation services are provided as of 31 December 2023 and 2022 are listed below:

Representative offices and branches	Place of operation
Silk Way Zhengzhou	China
Silk Way Seoul	Korea
Silk Way Shanghai	China
Silk Way Tokyo	Japan
Silk Way Alma-Ata	Kazakhstan
Silk Way Tbilisi	Georgia
Silk Way West Ukraine	Ukraine
Silk Way Tianjin Binhai	China
Silk Way Singapore	Singapore
Silk Way West Airlines Dubai ¹	UAE
Silk Way West Airlines Hanoi ¹	Vietnam

¹Silk Way West Airlines Dubai and Silk Way West Airlines Hanoi were established in 2023.

In 2023, Silk Way West Airlines LLC made an investment of AZN 1,224 thousand and established a new subsidiary, Silk Way AFEZCO Limited Liability Company, which is consolidated into the Company's financial statements. Starting from 2024, the Company plans to construct its own international airport in the Alat Free Economic Zone (AFEZ) in Azerbaijan, offering an attractive business environment with special preferences and opportunities for carriers and freight forwarders.

Silk Way West Airlines LLC also has a branch located in Azerbaijan, Silk Way West Technics that provides technical maintenance services to aircraft.

On 1 March 2022, the Board of Directors has authorized the decision to dispose of its 60% shares in Sky Gates Rus LLC. The respective entry on disposal has been made in the Unified State Register of Legal Entities on 18 April 2022. The results of discontinued operations are disclosed in detail in Note 15.

The Company, its subsidiary, representative offices, and branches are consolidated in the financial statements and collectively referred as the "Group".

**NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (CONTINUED)**
(in thousands of Azerbaijani Manats)

2. ADOPTION OF NEW AND REVISED STANDARDS

New and amended IFRS Accounting Standards that are effective for the current year

In the current year, the Group has applied a number of amendments to IFRS Accounting Standards issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) that are mandatorily effective for an accounting period that begins on or after 1 January 2023. Their adoption has not had material impact on the disclosures or on the amounts reported in these consolidated financial statements, except for application *Amendments to IAS 12 Income Taxes—Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction*.

Amendments to IAS 12 Income Taxes—Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction

The Group has adopted the amendments to IAS 12 for the first time in the current year. The amendments introduce a further exception from the initial recognition exemption. The amendments narrow the scope of the initial recognition exemption to exclude transactions that give rise to equal and offsetting temporary differences – e.g lease and decommissioning liabilities. For leases and decommissioning liabilities, an entity is required to recognise the associated deferred tax assets and liabilities from the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented, with any cumulative effect recognised as an adjustment to retained earnings or other components of equity at that date. For all other transactions, an entity applies the amendments to transactions that occur on or after the beginning of the earliest period presented.

The Group previously accounted for deferred tax on leases by applying the “integrally linked” approach, resulting in a similar outcome as under the amendments, except that the deferred tax asset or liability was recognised on a net basis. Following the amendments, the Group has recognised a separate deferred tax asset in relation to its right-of-use assets. However, there was no impact on the consolidated statement of financial position because the balances qualify for offset under paragraph 74 of IAS 12. There was also no impact on the opening retained earnings as at 1 January 2022 as a result of the change. The key impact for the Group relates to disclosure of the deferred tax assets and liabilities recognised (Note 14).

Amendments to IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements and IFRS Practice Statement 2 Making Materiality Judgements—Disclosure of Accounting Policies

The Group has adopted the amendments to IAS 1 for the first time in the current year. The amendments change the requirements in IAS 1 with regard to disclosure of accounting policies. The amendments replace all instances of the term ‘significant accounting policies’ with ‘material accounting policy information’. Accounting policy information is material if, when considered together with other information included in the Group’s consolidated financial statements, it can reasonably be expected to influence decisions that the primary users of general purpose financial statements make on the basis of those financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (CONTINUED) (in thousands of Azerbaijani Manats)

The supporting paragraphs in IAS 1 are also amended to clarify that accounting policy information that relates to immaterial transactions, other events or conditions is immaterial and need not be disclosed. Accounting policy information may be material because of the nature of the related transactions, other events or conditions, even if the amounts are immaterial. However, not all accounting policy information relating to material transactions, other events or conditions is itself material.

The IASB has also developed guidance and examples to explain and demonstrate the application of the 'four-step materiality process' described in IFRS Practice Statement 2.

Amendments to IAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors—Definition of Accounting Estimates

The Group has adopted the amendments to IAS 8 for the first time in the current year. The amendments replace the definition of a change in accounting estimates with a definition of accounting estimates. Under the new definition, accounting estimates are "monetary amounts in financial statements that are subject to measurement uncertainty". The definition of a change in accounting estimates was deleted.

New and revised IFRS Standards in issue but not yet effective

At the date of authorisation of these consolidated financial statements, the Group has not applied amendments to the following IFRS Standards that have been issued but are not yet effective:

Standards	Effective date
Amendments to IFRS 10 and IAS 28 - <i>Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture</i>	To be set by the Board
Amendments to IAS 1 - <i>Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current</i>	1 January 2024
Amendments to IAS 1 - <i>Non-current Liabilities with Covenants</i>	1 January 2024
Amendments to IAS 7 and IFRS 7 - <i>Supplier Finance Arrangements</i>	1 January 2024
Amendments to IFRS 16 - <i>Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback</i>	1 January 2024
IFRS 18 - <i>Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements</i>	1 January 2027
IFRS 19 - <i>Subsidiaries without Public Accountability: Disclosures</i>	1 January 2027

Management do not expect that the adoption of the Standards listed above will have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements of the Group in future periods.

3. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION

Basis of accounting

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs") and comply with all issued and effective IFRSs at the time of preparing these consolidated financial statements.

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These consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for revaluation of aircraft, related overhauls and engines that are measured at revalued amounts at the end of each reporting period as explained in the accounting policies below. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for assets. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date, regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique. In estimating the fair value of an asset or a liability, the Group takes into account the characteristics of the asset or liability if market participants would take those characteristics into account when pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. Fair value for measurement and/or disclosure purposes in these consolidated financial statements is determined on such a basis, except for leasing transactions that are within the scope of IFRS 16 Leases, and measurements that have some similarities to fair value but are not fair value, such as net realisable value in IAS 2 Inventories.

The same accounting policies, presentation and methods of computation have been followed the year ended 31 December 2023 as were applied in the preparation of the Group's consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

Going concern

Management have, at the time of approving the consolidated financial statements, a reasonable expectation that the Group have 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.

Basis for consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Company and entities controlled by the Company (its subsidiaries) made up to 31 December each year. Control is achieved when the Company:

- Has the power over the investee;
- Is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee;
- Has the ability to use its power to affect its returns.

The Company reassesses whether or not it controls an investee if facts and circumstances indicate that there are changes to one or more of the three elements of control listed above. When the Company has less than a majority of the voting rights of an investee, it considers that it has power over the investee when the voting rights are sufficient to give it the practical ability to direct the relevant activities of the investee unilaterally. The Company considers all relevant facts and circumstances in assessing whether or not the Company's voting rights in an investee are sufficient to give it power, including:

- The size of the Company's holding of voting rights relative to the size and dispersion of holdings of the other vote holders;

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- Potential voting rights held by the Company, other vote holders or other parties;
- Rights arising from other contractual arrangements;
- Any additional facts and circumstances that indicate that the Company has, or does not have, the current ability to direct the relevant activities at the time that decisions need to be made, including voting patterns at previous shareholders' meetings.

Consolidation of a subsidiary begins when the Company obtains control over the subsidiary and ceases when the Company loses control of the subsidiary. Specifically, the results of subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the year are included in profit or loss from the date the Company gains control until the date when the Company ceases to control the subsidiary.

Where necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring the accounting policies used into line with the Group's accounting policies.

All intragroup assets and liabilities, equity, income, expenses and cash flows relating to transactions between the members of the Group are eliminated on consolidation.

Functional and presentation currency

The national currency of Azerbaijan is the Azerbaijani Manat ("AZN"), which is the Group's functional currency, because it reflects the economic substance of the underlying events and circumstances of the Group. Azerbaijani Manat is also the presentation currency for these consolidated financial statements. All values are rounded to the nearest thousand AZN, except when otherwise indicated.

Foreign currency transactions

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, transactions in currencies other than the Group's functional currency (foreign currencies) are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing at the dates of the transactions. At each reporting date, monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing at that date. Non-monetary items carried at fair value that are denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rates prevailing at the date when the fair value was determined. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are not retranslated. Exchange differences on monetary items are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise.

The relevant exchange rates are as follows:

	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
AZN / USD	1.7000	1.7000
AZN / EUR	1.8766	1.8114

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Revenue recognition

Revenue is measured based on the consideration to which the Group expects to be entitled in a contract with a customer and excludes amounts collected on behalf of third parties. The Group recognises revenue at a point in time when it transfers control of a service to a customer as described below.

Transportation revenue

Revenue from transportation services includes sales generated from the transportation of goods through scheduled and chartered flights and is recognised when the air transportation is provided.

Technical maintenance and repair revenue

Revenue from maintenance services is recognised in the period in which the services are rendered.

Leases

The Group as lessee

The Group assesses whether a contract is or contains a lease, at inception of the contract. The Group recognises a right-of-use asset and a corresponding lease liability with respect to all lease arrangements in which it is the lessee, except for short-term leases and leases of low value assets. For these leases, the Group recognises the lease payments as an operating expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease unless another systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which economic benefits from the leased assets are consumed.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted by using the rate implicit in the lease. If this rate cannot be readily determined, the Group uses its incremental borrowing rate.

The incremental borrowing rate depends on the term, currency and start date of the lease and is determined based on a series of inputs including: the risk-free rate based on government bond rates; a country-specific risk adjustment; a credit risk adjustment based on bond yields.

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

- Fixed lease payments (including in-substance fixed payments), less any lease incentives receivable;
- Variable lease payments that depend on an index or rate, initially measured using the index or rate at the commencement date; and
- Fixed or in-substance fixed payments to the maintenance reserve, that are not expected to be refunded in cash by lessor.

The lease liability is presented as a separate line in the consolidated statement of financial position.

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The lease liability is subsequently measured by increasing the carrying amount to reflect interest on the lease liability (using the effective interest method) and by reducing the carrying amount to reflect the lease payments made. The Group remeasures the lease liability (and makes a corresponding adjustment to the related right-of-use asset) whenever:

- The lease term has changed or there is a significant event or change in circumstances resulting in a change in the assessment of exercise of a purchase option, in which case the lease liability is remeasured by discounting the revised lease payments using a revised discount rate.
- The lease payments change due to changes in an index or rate or a change in expected payment under a guaranteed residual value, in which cases the lease liability is remeasured by discounting the revised lease payments using an unchanged discount rate (unless the lease payments change is due to a change in a floating interest rate, in which case a revised discount rate is used).
- A lease contract is modified and the lease modification is not accounted for as a separate lease, in which case the lease liability is remeasured based on the lease term of the modified lease by discounting the revised lease payments using a revised discount rate at the effective date of the modification.

The right-of-use assets comprise the initial measurement of the corresponding lease liability, lease payments made at or before the commencement day, less any lease incentives received, non-refundable maintenance contributions and any initial direct costs. Leased aircraft and engines are subsequently measured at revalued amounts whereas remaining right-of-use asset classes are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

The Group recognises maintenance provisions related to return obligations constituting major maintenance and restoration work, airframe and engine potential reconstitution within the framework of the leasing of aircraft. These costs are included in the related right-of-use asset.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated over the shorter period of lease term and useful life of the right-of-use asset. If a lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset or the cost of the right-of-use asset reflects that the Group expects to exercise a purchase option, the related right-of-use asset is depreciated over the useful life of the underlying asset, as set out in "Property and equipment" policy below. The depreciation starts at the commencement date of the lease.

The right-of-use assets are presented as a separate line in the consolidated statement of financial position. Variable rents that do not depend on an index or rate are not included in the measurement the lease liability and the right-of-use asset. The related payments are recognised as an expense in the period in which the event or condition that triggers those payments occurs and are included in the line "Aircraft and engine lease costs" in profit or loss.

Finance costs

Finance costs primarily comprise interest expense on loans and borrowings and lease liabilities. All finance costs are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they are incurred.

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Employee benefit obligations

Remuneration to employees in respect of services rendered during the reporting period, including accruals for unused vacation and bonuses and related social payments, is recognised as an expense in the period when it is earned. In accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan, pension payments are calculated by an employer as certain percentages of salary expenses and transferred to the State Social Protection Fund of the Republic of Azerbaijan. This expense is charged to profit or loss in the period in which the related salaries are earned. Upon retirement, all retirement benefit payments are made by the fund. The Group does not have any pension arrangements separate from the state pension system of the Republic of Azerbaijan. In addition, the Group has no post-retirement benefits or other significant compensated benefits requiring accrual.

Taxation

Income tax expense represents the sum of current income and deferred tax charges.

Current tax

Taxable profit differs from profit as reported in the consolidated statement of profit or loss because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The Group's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date at the end of the reporting period.

A provision is recognised for those matters for which the tax determination is uncertain but it is considered probable that there will be a future outflow of funds to a tax authority. The provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amount expected to become payable. The assessment is based on the judgement of tax professionals within the Group supported by previous experience in respect of such activities and in certain cases based on specialist independent tax advice.

Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised on temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the consolidated financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit. Such deferred tax assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference from the initial recognition of assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period in which the liability is settled or the asset realised, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period. The measurement of deferred tax liabilities and assets reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Group expects, at the end of the reporting period, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

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Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority and the Group intends to settle its current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

Current tax and deferred tax for the year

Current and deferred tax are recognised in profit or loss, except when they relate to items that are recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, in which case, the current and deferred tax are also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

Operating taxes

Azerbaijan also has various other taxes (such as property tax, social tax and withholding tax), which are assessed on the Group's activities. These taxes are included as a component of operating expenses in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

Accounting for payments made to aircraft repair service providers under power-by-hour agreements

As part of aircraft maintenance and overhaul (major maintenance) expenditure, the Group enters into power-by-hour ("PBH") agreement for engine maintenance with original equipment manufacturers of aircraft engines. The monthly payments are based on the number of flight hours multiplied by fixed rate per hour and rate per flight hour is escalated on an annual basis in accordance with PBH agreement. Monthly payments made are partially recorded as an advance payment, to the extent that it is to be utilised through future overhaul and partially is expensed-off as part of daily maintenance expenses.

Upon completion of an overhaul during the year, part of advanced payments is capitalised over aircraft. The proportion of the amount to be expensed-off and capitalised is determined based on the best estimate of the proportion of day-to-day maintenance compared to that, which extends the useful lives of the engines.

Property and equipment

Items of property and equipment held for use in the supply of services, or for administrative purposes, except aircraft, related overhauls, and engines ("aircraft and engines") are stated in the consolidated statement of financial position at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Cost includes expenditures that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset.

Aircraft and engines are carried at a revalued amount, being its fair value at the date of the revaluation less any accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Revaluation is performed with sufficient regularity to ensure that the carrying amounts do not differ materially from those that would be determined using fair values at the end of each reporting period.

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Any revaluation increase arising on the revaluation of such aircraft and engines is recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity, except to the extent that it reverses a revaluation decrease for the same asset previously recognised in profit or loss, in which case the increase is credited to profit or loss to the extent of the decrease previously expensed. A decrease in the carrying amount arising on the revaluation of such aircraft and engines is recognised in profit or loss to the extent that it exceeds the balance, if any, held in the properties revaluation reserves relating to a previous revaluation of that asset.

Depreciation on revalued aircraft and engines is recognised in profit or loss. On the subsequent sale or retirement of a revalued asset, the attributable revaluation surplus remaining in the properties revaluation reserve is transferred directly to retained earnings.

When parts of an item of property and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items (major components) of property and equipment. The cost relating to an acquired (owned or leased) aircraft reflects all components in its full service potential excluding the maintenance condition of its landing gear, airframe, auxiliary power unit, engines and its limited life parts (major components). The cost relating to the major maintenance element is identified on acquisition as a separate component and depreciated till its next major maintenance event.

Major spare parts and stand-by equipment are classified as property and equipment when the Group expects to use them during more than one period. Similarly, if the spare parts and servicing equipment can be used only in connection with an item of property and equipment, they are accounted for as property and equipment.

The cost of replacing part of an item of property and equipment is recognised in the carrying amount of the item if it is probable that the future economic benefits embodied within the part will flow to the Group and its cost can be measured reliably. Capitalised costs include major expenditures for improvements and replacements that extend the useful lives of the assets or increase their revenue generating capacity. Repairs and maintenance expenditures that do not meet the foregoing criteria for capitalization are charged to the profit or loss as incurred.

Depreciation of overhaul components of engines and aircraft is calculated using the units of production method based on the estimated flying hours or cycles, and depreciation for remaining property and equipment is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives, using the straight-line method on the following bases:

Category	Useful life	Residual value
Aircraft and related overhauls		
<i>Airframe</i>	25-42 years	10% of cost
<i>Overhauls and checks</i>	8-10 years, 10,000 hours	nil
Engines and related overhauls		
<i>Engine</i>	25 years	nil
<i>Limited life parts</i>	8,800-30,000 cycles	nil
<i>Overhaul component of engines</i>	3,000-3,500 cycles	nil
Building and infrastructure	25 years	nil
Others	5-10 years	nil

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The estimated useful lives, residual values and depreciation method are reviewed at the end of each reporting period, with the effect of any changes in estimate accounted for on a prospective basis.

An item of property and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of the asset. The gain or loss arising on the disposal or retirement of an asset is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in profit or loss.

Impairment of property and equipment and right-of-use assets

At each reporting date, the Group reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where the asset does not generate cash flows that are independent from other assets, the Group estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. Where a reasonable and consistent basis of allocation can be identified, corporate assets are also allocated to individual cash-generating units, or otherwise they are allocated to the smallest Group of cash-generating units for which a reasonable and consistent allocation basis can be identified.

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset (or cash-generating unit) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease and to the extent that the impairment loss is greater than the related revaluation reserves, the excess impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (or cash-generating unit) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss to the extent that it eliminates the impairment loss which has been recognised for the asset in prior years. Any increase in excess of this amount is treated as a revaluation increase.

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Advances paid

Advance payments are carried at cost less impairment losses. An advance payment is classified as non-current when the goods or services relating to the advance payment are expected to be obtained after one year, or when the advance payment relates to an asset which will itself be classified as non-current upon initial recognition. Advance payment to acquire assets are transferred to the carrying amount of the asset once the Group has obtained control of the asset and it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the asset will flow to the Group. If there is an indication that the assets, goods or services relating to an advance payment will not be received, the carrying value of the advance payment is written down accordingly and a corresponding impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss for the period.

Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition. Cost is calculated using the weighted average cost method. Net realisable value represents the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that the Group will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where a provision is measured using the cash flows estimated to settle the present obligation, its carrying amount is the present value of those cash flows (where effect of the time value of money is material). When some or all of the economic benefits required to settle a provision are expected to be recovered from a third party, the receivable is recognised as an asset if it is virtually certain that reimbursement will be received and the amount of the receivable can be measured reliably.

Maintenance provisions

Maintenance provisions for the costs to restore leased assets to their original condition, as required by the terms and conditions of the lease, are recognised when the obligation is incurred, either at the commencement date or as a consequence of having used the underlying asset during a particular period of the lease, at management's best estimate of the expenditure that would be required to restore the assets. Estimates are regularly reviewed and adjusted as appropriate for new circumstances.

Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

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Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets and financial liabilities are added to or deducted from the fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities, as appropriate, on initial recognition.

For financial reporting purposes, fair value measurements are categorised into Level 1, 2 or 3 based on the degree to which the inputs to the fair value measurements are observable and the significance of the inputs to the fair value measurement in its entirety, which are described as follows:

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date;
- Level 2 inputs are inputs, other than quoted prices included within Level 1, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

Financial assets

All financial assets are recognised and derecognised on a trade date where the purchase or sale of a financial asset is under a contract whose terms require delivery of the financial asset within the timeframe established by the market concerned, and are initially measured at fair value, plus transaction costs.

All recognised financial assets that are within the scope of IFRS 9 are required to be subsequently measured at amortised cost or fair value on the basis of the Group's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets.

Amortised cost and effective interest method

The amortised cost of a financial asset is the amount at which the financial asset is measured at initial recognition minus the principal repayments, plus the cumulative amortisation using the effective interest method of any difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount, adjusted for any loss allowance. The gross carrying amount of a financial asset is the amortised cost of a financial asset before adjusting for any loss allowance.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and of allocating interest income over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset, or, where appropriate, a shorter period, to the net carrying amount on initial recognition.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents primarily comprise of bank balances and cash in transit.

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Impairment of financial assets

The Group recognises a loss allowance for expected credit losses on financial assets that are measured at amortised cost. The amount of expected credit losses is updated at each reporting date to reflect changes in credit risk since initial recognition of the respective financial instrument. The Group always recognises lifetime expected credit losses (ECL) for trade receivables. The credit losses on trade receivables 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, credit ratings and an assessment of both the current as well as the forecast direction of conditions at the reporting date, including time value of money where appropriate.

For other financial instruments, the Group recognises lifetime ECL when there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition. However, if 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-month ECL.

Lifetime ECL represents the expected credit losses that will result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument. In contrast, 12-month ECL represents the portion of lifetime ECL that is expected to result from default events on a financial instrument that are possible within 12 months after the reporting date.

(i) Significant increase in credit risk

In assessing whether the credit risk on a financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Group compares the risk of a default occurring on the financial instrument at the reporting date with the risk of a default occurring on the financial instrument at the date of initial recognition. In making this assessment, the Group considers both quantitative and qualitative information that is reasonable and supportable, including historical experience and forward-looking information that is available without undue cost or effort.

Forward-looking information considered includes the future prospects of the industries in which the Group's debtors operate, obtained from economic expert reports, financial analysts, governmental bodies, relevant think-tanks and other similar organizations, as well as consideration of various external sources of actual and forecast economic information that relate to the Group's core operations.

In particular, the following information is taken into account when assessing whether credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition:

- An actual or expected significant deterioration in the financial instrument's external (if available) or internal credit rating;
- Significant deterioration in external market indicators of credit risk for a particular financial instrument, e.g. a significant increase in the credit spread, the credit default swap prices for the debtor, or the length of time or the extent to which the fair value of a financial asset has been less than its amortised cost;

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- Existing or forecast adverse changes in business, financial or economic conditions that are expected to cause a significant decrease in the debtor's ability to meet its debt obligations;
- An actual or expected significant deterioration in the operating results of the debtor;
- Significant increases in credit risk on other financial instruments of the same debtor; and
- An actual or expected significant adverse change in the regulatory, economic, or technological environment of the debtor that results in a significant decrease in the debtor's ability to meet its debt obligations.

Irrespective of the outcome of the above assessment, the Group presumes that the credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition when contractual payments are more than 30 days past due, unless the Group has reasonable and supportable information that demonstrates otherwise.

Despite the foregoing, the Group assumes that the credit risk on a financial instrument has not increased significantly since initial recognition if the financial instrument is determined to have low credit risk at the reporting date. A financial instrument is determined to have low credit risk if:

1. The financial instrument has a low risk of default,
2. The debtor has a strong capacity to meet its contractual cash flow obligations in the near term, and
3. Adverse changes in economic and business conditions in the longer term may, but will not necessarily, reduce the ability of the borrower to fulfil its contractual cash flow obligations.

The Group considers a financial asset to have low credit risk when the asset has external credit rating of 'investment grade' in accordance with the globally understood definition or if an external rating is not available, the asset has an internal rating of 'performing'. Performing means that the counterparty has a strong financial position and there is no past due amounts.

The Group regularly monitors the effectiveness of the criteria used to identify whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk and revises them as appropriate to ensure that the criteria are capable of identifying significant increase in credit risk before the amount becomes past due.

(ii) Definition of default

If historical experience indicates that financial assets, for which information developed internally or obtained from external sources indicates that the debtor is unlikely to pay its creditors, including the Group, in full, the Group considers this as an event of default for internal risk management purposes.

Irrespective of the above analysis, the Group considers that default has occurred when a financial asset is more than 90 days past due unless the Group has reasonable and supportable information to demonstrate that a more lagging default criterion is more appropriate.

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(iii) Credit-impaired financial assets

A financial asset is credit-impaired when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of that financial asset have occurred. Evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired includes observable data about the following events:

- (a) Significant financial difficulty of the issuer or the borrower;
- (b) A breach of contract, such as a default or past due event (see (ii) above);
- (c) The lender(s) of the borrower, for economic or contractual reasons relating to the borrower's financial difficulty, having granted to the borrower a concession(s) that the lender(s) would not otherwise consider;
- (d) It is becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganization; or
- (e) The disappearance of an active market for that financial asset because of financial difficulties.

It may not be possible to identify a single discrete event instead; the combined effect of several events may have caused financial assets to become credit-impaired.

(iv) Write-off policy

The Group writes off a financial asset when there is information indicating that the debtor is in severe financial difficulty and there is no realistic prospect of recovery, e.g. when the debtor has been placed under liquidation or has entered into bankruptcy proceedings, or in the case of trade receivables, when the amounts are over two years past due, whichever occurs sooner. Financial assets written off may still be subject to enforcement activities under the Group's recovery procedures, taking into account legal advice where appropriate. Recoveries resulting from the Group's enforcement activities will result in impairment gains and recognised in profit or loss.

(v) Measurement and recognition of expected credit losses

The measurement of expected credit losses is a function of the probability of default, loss given default (i.e. the magnitude of the loss if there is a default) and the exposure at default.

The assessment of the probability of default and loss given default is based on historical data adjusted by forward-looking information as described above. As for the exposure at default, for financial assets, this is represented by the assets' gross carrying amount at the reporting date.

For financial assets, the expected credit loss is estimated as the difference between all contractual cash flows that are due to the Group in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Group expects to receive, discounted at the original effective interest rate.

If the Group has measured the loss allowance for a financial instrument at an amount equal to lifetime ECL in the previous reporting period, but determines at the current reporting date that the conditions for lifetime ECL are no longer met, the Group measures the loss allowance at an amount equal to 12-month ECL at the current reporting date, except for assets for which simplified approach was used.

The Group recognises an impairment gain or loss in profit or loss for all financial instruments with a corresponding adjustment to their carrying amount through a loss allowance account.

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Derecognition of financial assets

The Group derecognises a financial asset only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire; or it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another entity. If the Group neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership and continues to control the transferred asset, the Group recognises its retained interest in the asset and an associated liability for amounts it may have to pay. If the Group retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of a transferred financial asset, the Group continues to recognise the financial asset and also recognises a collateralised borrowing for the proceeds received.

On derecognition of a financial asset measured at amortised cost, the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received and receivable is recognised in profit or loss.

Financial liabilities

Classification as debt or equity

Debt and equity instruments issued by the Group are classified as either financial liabilities or as equity in accordance with the substance of the contractual arrangements and the definitions of a financial liability and an equity instrument.

Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities (other than financial guarantee), including trade and other payables are initially measured at fair value, net of transaction costs. Financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, with interest expense recognised on an effective yield basis.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

The Group derecognises financial liabilities when, and only when, the Group's obligations are discharged, cancelled or have expired. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability derecognised and the consideration paid and payable is recognised in profit or loss.

Offsetting

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the consolidated statement of financial position only when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realise the assets and settle the liability simultaneously. Income and expense is not offset in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income unless required or permitted by any accounting standard or interpretation, and as specifically disclosed in the accounting policies of the Group.

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Dividends

Dividends are recognised as a liability and deducted from equity at the reporting date only if they are declared before or on the reporting date. Dividends are disclosed when they are proposed before the reporting date or proposed or declared after the reporting date but before the consolidated financial statements are authorised for issue.

4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

In applying the Group's accounting policies management is required to make judgements (other than those involving estimations) that have a significant impact on the amounts recognised, and to make 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 recognised 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 following are the critical judgements, apart from those involving estimations (which are presented separately below) that management has made in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in consolidated financial statements.

Critical judgments in applying accounting policies

Transactions with general sales agents

In normal course of business, the Group sells air cargo transportation services through general sales agents. Certain portion of Group's air cargo transportation services (2023: nil and 2022: AZN 76,987 thousand) are sold through related parties under common control, who act as general sales agents. Critical judgement is applied by management in considering whether general sales agents act as agents or principals in relation to the services provided to final customers.

Management considers whether agent has performance obligation to provide services to the customer or whether the agent's obligation is to facilitate the services provided by the Group. Group management assessed and concluded that the Group is primarily responsible for fulfilling the promise to provide the service and it has discretion in establishing the price for the air cargo transportation service, even though agents bear credit risks associated with payments from final customers. Consequently, all revenue is recognised at gross amount from final customer and commission paid to agents is recognised as operating expense.

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Leases

The determination of whether an arrangement is, or contains a lease, is based on the substance of the arrangement at the inception date and whether the fulfilment of the arrangement is dependent on the use of a specific asset or assets or the arrangement conveys a right to use the asset or assets, even if that right is not explicitly specified in an arrangement.

Agreement to lease engines

The Group signed certain framework lease agreement (the “Framework Agreement”) with one of its engine providers. The Framework Agreement contains specified list of engines with the maximum flight potential available for lease per each engine until the maturity date of 31 December 2025. When the Group needs an engine, a separate lease agreement (“Lease Agreement”) is signed with reference to the specific engine. The Lease Agreement specifies the engine leased (which is from the list in the Framework Agreement), minimum utilization per month and fee per cycle. Management concluded the arrangement contains a lease, as:

- Both Lease Agreement and Framework Agreement includes identifiable asset/pool of assets;
- The Group is able to control the use of the engine being leased for the lease period and can make economic decisions about the use of the engine;
- The Group has the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from use of the engine during the lease term.

Agreement to lease an aircraft

The Group entered into a lease agreement that does not specify a particular contractual term, but continues indefinitely until either party to the contract gives notice to terminate. It includes a notice period and does not oblige either party to make a payment on termination. Management considered below facts and circumstances and concluded that non-cancelable period could not be determined:

- No leasehold improvements are undertaken by the Group over the term of the lease agreement;
- No significant costs or termination penalties will be incurred and the Group will be able to use and obtain economic benefit from the aircraft during the notice period;
- There are available alternatives in the market that could be found during the notice period;
- The Group’s historical practice with the lease agreements containing option to extend.

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Taxation

Significant judgment is required in determining the provision for income taxes. There are certain transactions and calculations for which the ultimate tax determination is uncertain. The Group recognises liabilities for anticipated additional tax assessments as a result of tax audits based on estimates of whether it is probable that additional taxes will be due. No such liabilities were recognised as of 31 December 2023 and 2022. Where the final tax outcome of these matters is different from the amounts that were initially recorded, such differences will impact the income tax provisions in the period in which such determinations are made. Fiscal periods remain open to review by the tax authorities in respect of taxes for the three calendar years preceding the year of tax review. Under certain circumstances reviews may cover longer periods. While the Group believes it has provided adequately for all tax liabilities based on its understanding of the tax legislation, the above facts may create additional financial risks for the Group.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

Useful lives of property and equipment

The Group's property and equipment are depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives which are based on management's business plans and operational estimates. When parts of an item of property and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items (major components) of property and equipment.

The factors that could affect the estimation of the life of a non-current asset and its residual value include the following:

- Changes in maintenance technology;
- Changes in regulations and legislation; and
- Unforeseen operational issues.

Any of the above could affect prospective depreciation of property and equipment and their carrying and residual values. The estimation of the useful lives of items of property and equipment is a matter of judgment based on the Group's experience with similar assets. The future economic benefits embodied in the assets are consumed principally through use. However, other factors, such as technical or commercial obsolescence and condition of the assets (including operational factors and utilization of maintenance programs), often will result in a change of the economic benefit from these assets.

Management periodically reviews the appropriateness of the remaining useful lives of property, and equipment. Revisions to estimates of the useful lives of items of property and equipment are recognised prospectively in the period of the revision and where applicable, future periods. Accordingly, this may impact the amount of depreciation charge and carrying amount of property and equipment to be recognised in the future.

Residual value of aircraft is based on the estimated future fair value of the aircraft at the end of useful life and changes in these estimations may have significant effect on results for the periods.

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Aircraft maintenance and overhaul expenditure under power-by-hour agreements

The Group has entered into several power-by-hour (“PBH”) engine maintenance agreements with original equipment manufacturers of aircraft engines. The monthly payments are based on the number of hours flown. A portion of the cost is expensed at a fixed rate per hour during the term of the PBH agreement. The remaining payments made are recorded as advance payment, to the extent that it is to be utilised through future maintenance activities and capitalised upon completion of an overhaul.

The proportion of the amount to be expensed off and capitalised is determined based on the best estimate of the proportion of day-to-day maintenance compared to maintenance which extends the useful lives of the engine.

Revaluation of aircraft, related overhauls and engines

The Group applies revaluation model for aircraft, related overhauls and engines classes of assets (“aircraft and engines”).

Market Approach

Independent appraiser was involved by management to determine market values of Boeing aircraft and its engines owned and leased where the Group expects to exercise the purchase option as of 31 December 2023. The fair value was determined based on the market comparable approach that reflects recent transaction prices for similar assets but adjusted for the actual technical status and maintenance condition of the asset.

Methodology outlined above means that the appraiser calculated best estimate of trading price under current market conditions for comparable aircraft (same type, same age, half-life technical maintenance status) using its database and later adjusted this price by considering the actual technical status and maintenance condition of each aircraft and engine.

The calculated fair value was most sensitive to market price of aircraft and engines including engine overhauls.

2% change in market price of aircraft and engines would result in AZN 22,402 thousand change in the fair value of aircraft and engines. Management compared the appraiser’s values to estimates of several other independent sources and found them to be close to the median of those.

20% change in market price of overhauls would result in AZN 23,370 thousand change in fair value of aircraft and engines. Management compared the appraiser’s estimates to historic actual costs as adjusted by inflation and found them to be reasonable.

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Income Approach

The fair value of Ilyushin aircraft was based on a Discounted Cash Flow (DCF) model prepared by management's internal specialists. The following key assumptions were used in performing the DCF:

- Cash flows: Projected up until the remaining useful life of the aircraft.
- Sales per aircraft for 2024: Based on the approved budget for 2024 and adjusted for the contracts agreed with customers subsequent to the budget approval until the reporting date. Further forecasted demand growth rates are considered to be 3.02 per cent on average in accordance with the industry forecast of air cargo transportation demand per respective route. The tariff forecast is based on the expected inflation adjusted with expected jet oil price change;
- Direct flight expenses: Forecasted based on the number of flights, hours, and volume of cargo transported as per the sales forecast, multiplied by the price adjusted for expected inflation.
- Jet fuel price: Forecasted based on the market forecast for oil price.
- Capital repairs: Assessed based on past experience adjusted for predicted flight hours and planned maintenance by engineers.
- Discount rate: A pre-tax nominal discount rate (based on WACC) of 15% was applied.

No change in fair value was identified as a result of the test. Management conducted a sensitivity analysis of the results of the model to changes in the discount rate and sales. 2.55 per cent decrease in estimated sales would result in an AZN 20,000 thousand impairment.

Management believes that the discount rate appropriately reflects all risks and uncertainties pertaining to the airline industry in the market as of the reporting date. If the estimated discount rate used in the calculation had been 2 percentage points higher or lower than management's estimate, the fair value would have been AZN 9,853 thousand lower or AZN 12,816 thousand higher, respectively.

5. REVENUE

	Year ended 31 December 2023	Year ended 31 December 2022
Transportation revenue	2,024,759	3,332,729
Technical maintenance and repair revenue	30,245	23,165
Operating lease rental income	173	4,029
Other revenue	13,485	18,713
Total revenue	2,068,662	3,378,636

Revenue is recognised at a point in time when respective services are provided.

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6. STAFF COSTS

	Year ended 31 December 2023	Year ended 31 December 2022
Salaries and bonuses	104,137	111,880
Social taxes	13,547	17,906
Total staff costs	117,684	129,786

7. AIRCRAFT AND ENGINE LEASE COSTS

The Group incurred AZN 57,949 thousand (2022: AZN 53,261 thousand) aircraft and engine lease costs for the use of lessors' several aircraft and engines. Major part of the agreements comprise variable charges based on actual cycles and hours flown.

8. TAXES OTHER THAN INCOME TAX

	Year ended 31 December 2023	Year ended 31 December 2022
Property tax	18,858	13,098
Withholding tax	11,077	11,644
Other taxes	434	1,994
Total taxes other than income tax	30,369	26,736

9. OTHER COSTS

	Year ended 31 December 2023	Year ended 31 December 2022
Aircraft insurance	9,922	7,272
Consulting	6,513	6,277
Licenses	7,528	5,257
Penalties	4,283	99
Advertising	3,259	1,299
Training	2,337	1,823
Communication	2,343	2,407
Others	18,262	20,595
Total other costs	54,447	45,029

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10. FINANCE COSTS

	Year ended 31 December 2023	Year ended 31 December 2022
Interest on lease liabilities	44,204	49,341
Interest on loans and borrowings	26,620	23,929
Other finance costs ¹	4,554	1,280
Total finance costs	75,378	74,550

¹ AZN 2,014 thousand of "Finance income" that were presented within "Finance costs" in the prior year consolidated financial statements, are presented separately in order to conform to the presentation for the current year.

11. CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY EXPENSES

As part of its corporate social responsibility activities ("CSR"), the Group signed agreement with Education Development Fund to finance construction of public schools paying AZN 40,000 thousand during 2023 with an additional contribution of AZN 40,000 thousand to be made in 2024. The amount paid was charged to the consolidated statement of profit or loss as "corporate social responsibility" expense. The remaining AZN 4,605 thousand (2022: AZN 3,980 thousand) is made to other sport and cultural programs and organizations in the country.

12. OTHER INCOME

	Year ended 31 December 2023	Year ended 31 December 2022
Gain on derecognition of provision	30,358	-
Gain on early termination of lease	14,427	-
Other income	1,957	13,634
Total other income	46,742	13,634

Starting from 16 March 2023, a leased aircraft recognised under right-of-use assets with a carrying amount of AZN 138,120 thousand (Note 16) has been grounded due to the sanctions imposed on the lessor. The lease agreement was terminated based on the termination notice sent to the lessor. Therefore, lease liability of AZN 152,547 thousand was de-recognised against the corresponding right-of-use asset and AZN 14,427 thousand gain was recognised in profit or loss within other income as a result of the termination of respective lease agreement.

The Group's payment obligations under the lease agreement were recognised up to mid-March 2023, however no payments could have been made due to the sanctions imposed on Lessor B. AZN 24,902 thousand of unpaid invoices were reclassified to trade and other payables as of the lease derecognition date (Note 27).

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The obligation to repair and re-deliver the aircraft was discharged at the point of sanctions imposed per the applicable laws and, therefore, the respective re-delivery provision of AZN 30,358 thousand (Note 28) was released to profit or loss as a gain from reversal of provision within other income. The Group acquired shares of Lessor B subsequent to the reporting date (Note 34).

13. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	Year ended 31 December 2023	Year ended 31 December 2022
Current income tax expense	(49,724)	(246,604)
Deferred tax benefit	13,755	1,541
Changes in estimates related to prior years' deferred tax	2,316	-
Changes in estimates related to prior years' current income tax	(1,384)	-
Total income tax expense	(35,037)	(245,063)

The income tax expense for the year calculated at statutory income tax rate of 20% can be reconciled to the accounting profit as follows:

	Year ended 31 December 2023	Year ended 31 December 2022
Profit before income tax	135,132	1,209,199
Income tax expense at statutory tax rate (20%)	(27,056)	(241,840)
Tax effect of expenses that are not deductible in determining taxable profit	(8,913)	(3,223)
Total income tax expense	(35,969)	(245,063)

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14. DEFERRED TAX LIABILITY

Deferred income taxes reflect the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes. The tax effect on the major temporary differences that give rise to the deferred liabilities as at 31 December 2023 and 2022 are presented below:

Movement in temporary differences during the year

	1 January 2023	IAS 12 amendment	Recognised in profit or loss	Recognised in OCI	Reclassification due to de- recognition of lease	31 December 2023
Right-of-use assets	3,365	(75,211)	2,610	(4,973)	53,468	(20,741)
Property and equipment	(82,279)	-	21,003	(3,017)	(19,127)	(83,420)
Other long-term assets	(18,021)	-	(6,941)	-	-	(24,962)
Trade and other receivables	4,156	-	(741)	-	-	3,415
Other assets	1,008	-	2,698	-	-	3,706
Lease liabilities	(19,763)	70,662	7,286	-	(34,341)	23,844
Provisions	1,749	4,549	(6,019)	-	-	279
Finance lease receivables	(324)	-	441	-	-	117
Other liabilities	(406)	-	382	-	-	(24)
Restricted cash	-	-	(4,648)	-	-	(4,648)
Total	(110,515)	-	16,071	(7,990)	-	(102,434)

	1 January 2022	Recognised in profit or loss	31 December 2022
Right-of-use assets	(4,636)	8,001	3,365
Property and equipment	(79,506)	(2,773)	(82,279)
Other long-term assets	(17,886)	(135)	(18,021)
Trade and other receivables	6,331	(2,175)	4,156
Other short-term assets	(2,342)	3,350	1,008
Lease liabilities	(17,293)	(2,470)	(19,763)
Provisions	1,661	88	1,749
Finance lease receivables	(324)	-	(324)
Other liabilities	1,939	(2,345)	(406)
Total	(112,056)	1,541	(110,515)

15. DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

After initiation of Russian invasion to Ukraine on 24 February 2022, the Group management decided to discontinue its operations with Sky Gates Rus LLC, a Russian based company where Silk Way Development LLC held 60% of participation interest. On 1 March 2022 management entered into a sale agreement to dispose Sky Gates Rus LLC. The disposal was completed on 18 April 2022 when control of Sky Gates Rus LLC passed to the acquirer. The comparative consolidated statement of profit or loss has been re-presented to show the discontinued operation separately from continuing operations. Details of the assets and liabilities disposed of, and the calculation of the profit or loss on disposal, are disclosed below.

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The results of the discontinued operations, which have been included in the profit for the year, were as follows:

	Period ended 18/04/2022 000'AZN
Revenue	13,484
Expenses	(6,480)
Profit before tax	7,004
Attributable tax expense	(2,028)
Gain from discontinued operations	4,976
Loss on disposal of subsidiary	(7,237)
(Loss) / profit	(2,261)
(Loss) / profit attributable to:	
Owners of the Company	(4,251)
Non-controlling interest	1,990

The loss on discontinued operations disclosed above is attributable entirely to the owners of the company.

The net assets of Sky Gates LLC at the date of disposal were as follows:

	18/04/2022 000'AZN
Property and equipment	(5,049)
Trade receivables	(11,307)
Bank balances and cash	(8,975)
Trade payables	10,419
Loans and borrowings	864
Other liabilities	632
Net assets disposed of	(13,416)
Loss on disposal	(7,237)
Non-controlling interest	(6,179)
Net cash inflow arising on disposal:	
Consideration received in cash and cash equivalents	-
Less: cash and cash equivalents disposed of	(8,975)
Net cash outflows	(8,975)

During the year Sky Gates Rus LLC contributed AZN 29,105 thousand to the Group's net operating cash flows and paid AZN 28,924 thousand in respect of financing activities.

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16. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSET

	Aircraft and related overhauls	Engines	Other	Total
Cost				
Balance at 1 January 2022	1,196,215	92,037	2,849	1,291,101
Additions	7,382	51,729	-	59,111
Fully depreciated overhaul write-off	-	(9,054)	-	(9,054)
Transfer to property and equipment	(34,539)	(4,348)	-	(38,887)
Decrease upon termination of lease	-	(1,982)	-	(1,982)
Balance at 31 December 2022	1,169,058	128,382	2,849	1,300,289
Additions	602,223	58,809	-	661,032
Revaluation increase / (decrease)	(39,378)	19,033	-	(20,345)
Eliminated on revaluation	(159,015)	(65,485)	-	(224,500)
Transfer to property and equipment	(205,641)	-	-	(205,641)
Derecognition at maturity of lease	-	(4,078)	-	(4,078)
Decrease upon termination of a lease	(249,643)	-	-	(249,643)
Balance at 31 December 2023	1,117,604	136,661	2,849	1,257,114
Accumulated depreciation				
Balance at 1 January 2022	(139,137)	(19,616)	(180)	(158,933)
Depreciation charge for the year	(98,197)	(22,026)	(51)	(120,274)
Fully depreciated overhaul write-off	-	9,054	-	9,054
Transfer to property and equipment	21,069	1,597	-	22,666
Decrease upon termination of lease	-	1,982	-	1,982
Balance at 31 December 2022	(216,265)	(29,009)	(231)	(245,505)
Depreciation charge for the year	(68,806)	(41,231)	(231)	(110,268)
Eliminated on revaluation	159,030	65,485	-	224,515
Transfer to property and equipment	8,914	-	-	8,914
Derecognition at maturity of lease	111,523	-	-	111,523
Decrease upon termination of lease	-	4,079	-	4,079
Balance at 31 December 2023	(5,604)	(676)	(462)	(6,742)
Net book value				
At 31 December 2023	1,112,000	135,985	2,387	1,250,372
At 31 December 2022	952,793	99,373	2,618	1,054,784
At 1 January 2022	1,057,078	72,421	2,669	1,132,168
Net book value if no revaluation took place				
At 31 December 2023	1,080,266	119,474	2,387	1,202,127
At 31 December 2022	756,836	99,373	2,618	858,827
At 1 January 2022	851,776	72,421	2,669	926,866

The Group leases several aircraft and engines. The average remaining lease term is seven years (2022: six years).

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The Group has options to purchase certain aircraft for a nominal amount at the end of the lease term. The Group's obligations are secured by the lessors' title to the leased assets for such leases. One of the lease agreements, in addition to being secured by the title to the leased asset, is also secured by property and equipment with a carrying amount of AZN 23,032 thousand as of 31 December 2023 (2022: AZN 20,105 thousand).

In June 2023 the Group exercised an option to purchase an aircraft previously recognised as a right-of-use asset under a lease agreement financed through a new loan obtained from Bank E. The carrying value of purchased aircraft of AZN 196,727 as of the acquisition date was reclassified from right-of-use assets to property and equipment (Note 17). As a result of this acquisition, the lessor provided discount of AZN 12,750 thousand related to the lease which was recognised as reduction of lease liability through properties revaluation reserve to adjust purchase price of previously revalued aircraft (Note 25).

The Group's aircraft and engines included in property and equipment and right-of-use assets are stated at their revalued amounts, being the fair value at the date of revaluation, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Independent appraiser was involved by management to determine market values of Boeing aircraft and their engines owned and leased where the Group expects to exercise the purchase option as of 31 December 2023. The appraiser has appropriate qualifications and recent experience in the fair value measurement of respective aircraft types. The valuation conforms to International Valuation Standards and was based on recent market transactions on arm's length terms for similar aircraft (Note 3).

The fair value measurement of engines leased with no purchase option was estimated by management's internal specialist based on the present value of current market fixed lease rates discounted with the incremental borrowing rate for remaining lease term of each lease. The current market fixed lease rates as of the revaluation date were obtained from a recent arms-length lease agreement.

As a result of aircraft and engine revaluation, net revaluation decreases of AZN 20,345 thousand and AZN 35,424 thousand were recognised in right-of-use assets and property and equipment (Note 17), respectively, resulting in net deficit of AZN 5,259 thousand and loss of AZN 50,510 thousand recognised through other comprehensive income (Note 25) and statement of profit or loss, respectively.

The revalued right-of-use assets and property and equipment of AZN 1,247,985 thousand and AZN 570,253 thousand, respectively were classified as Level 3 as they contain one or more inputs to valuation which are unobservable.

During 2023, the Group terminated one of the lease arrangements and AZN 138,120 thousand right-of-use asset was derecognised against corresponding lease liability (Note 12).

The maturity analysis of lease liabilities is presented in Note 26.

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	Year ended 31 December 2023	Year ended 31 December 2022
Depreciation expense on right-of-use assets	(110,268)	(120,274)
Interest expense on lease liabilities	(44,204)	(49,341)
Unwinding of discount related to provision	264	(442)
Expense relating to short-term leases	(3,345)	(4,685)
Expense relating to variable lease payments not included in the measurement of the lease liabilities	(54,604)	(48,576)
Total amount recognised in profit or loss	(212,157)	(223,318)

The total cash outflow for leases amount to AZN 374,659 thousand (2022: AZN 186,201 thousand).

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17. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

	Aircraft, parts and related equipment	Buildings and building improvements	Engines	Other assets	Construction in progress	Total
Cost						
Balance at 1 January 2022	339,580	50,336	158,000	9,218	3,080	560,214
Additions	98,213	-	25,257	6,275	2,704	132,449
Disposal and write offs	-	-	(4,670)	(603)	-	(5,273)
Transfer from right-of-use assets	13,470	-	2,751	-	-	16,221
Fully depreciated asset write-off	-	-	(13,886)	-	-	(13,886)
Disposal of subsidiary	(6,378)	(3,008)	(3,494)	-	-	(12,880)
Transfer	-	5,784	-	-	(5,784)	-
Balance at 31 December 2022	444,885	53,112	163,958	14,890	-	676,845
Additions	36,808	2,908	10,316	8,588	-	58,620
Disposal and write offs	-	-	-	(2,069)	-	(2,069)
Transfer from right-of-use assets	196,727	-	-	-	-	196,727
Revaluation increase / (decrease)	(42,646)	-	7,222	-	-	(35,424)
Eliminated on revaluation	(158,892)	-	(41,760)	-	-	(200,652)
Fully depreciated asset write-off	(1,058)	(181)	(9,365)	(9,470)	-	(20,074)
Transfer	13,354	79	(45,007)	31,574	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2023	489,178	55,918	85,364	43,513	-	673,973
Accumulated depreciation						
Balance at 1 January 2022	(36,782)	(20,334)	(71,775)	(8,347)	-	(137,238)
Depreciation charge for the year	(50,758)	(2,457)	(15,101)	(2,462)	-	(70,778)
Depreciation of discontinued operation	(559)	-	-	-	-	(559)
Disposal and write-offs	-	-	698	-	-	698
Fully depreciated asset write offs	-	-	13,886	-	-	13,886
Disposal of subsidiary	677	3,019	3,218	917	-	7,831
Balance at 31 December 2022	(87,422)	(19,772)	(69,074)	(9,892)	-	(186,160)
Depreciation charge for the year	(69,214)	(2,713)	(10,267)	(3,494)	-	(85,688)
Disposal and write-offs	-	-	-	1,546	-	1,546
Eliminated on revaluation	158,892	-	41,760	-	-	200,652
Fully depreciated asset write offs	1,058	181	9,365	9,470	-	20,074
Transfer	(3,684)	102	24,317	(20,735)	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2023	(370)	(22,202)	(3,899)	(23,105)	-	(49,576)
Net book value						
At 31 December 2023	488,808	33,716	81,465	20,408	-	624,397
At 31 December 2022	357,463	33,340	94,884	4,998	-	490,685
At 1 January 2022	302,798	30,002	86,225	871	3,080	422,976
Net book value if no revaluation took place						
At 31 December 2023	423,548	33,714	70,532	20,336	-	548,130
At 31 December 2022	260,033	33,340	94,884	4,998	-	393,255
At 1 January 2022	206,047	30,002	86,225	871	3,080	326,225

The Group's Boeing aircraft and their engines were revalued as of 31 December 2023 by independent appraiser as detailed in Notes 3 and 16.

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The Group's Ilyushin aircraft and their engines were revalued as of 31 December 2023 by management's internal specialists as detailed in Note 3.

During 2023 the Group exercised an option to purchase an aircraft previously recognised as a right-of-use asset under a lease agreement before the expiration of the lease. The carrying value of purchased aircraft of AZN 196,727 thousand as of the acquisition date was reclassified from right-of-use assets to property and equipment (Note 16).

During 2022, an aircraft previously leased and recognised as right-of-use asset by the Group was purchased before the expiration of the lease. As a result, right-of-use asset with a carrying value of AZN 13,470 thousand as of purchase date was reclassified to property and equipment.

As at 31 December 2023 and 2022, property and equipment with a carrying amount of AZN 455,136 thousand and AZN 235,728 thousand, respectively, were pledged as collateral on loans and borrowings obtained by the Group.

18. ADVANCES PAID

	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Current advances paid		
Advance payments for expenses	23,771	38,211
Total advances paid, current	23,771	38,211
Non-current advances paid		
Advance payments for purchase of aircraft and engines	287,934	284,068
Advance payments for aircraft repair service providers for PBH	115,441	89,116
Advance payment for purchase of flight simulator	20,744	-
Total advances paid, non-current	424,119	373,184

The carrying amount of the advance payment relating to PBH agreement for the Group for the year ended 31 December 2023 was AZN 115,441 thousand (2022: AZN 89,116 thousand). The maintenance and repair costs covered by PBH agreement expensed off during the year amounted to AZN 13,056 thousand (2022: AZN 10,403 thousand) for the Group.

During 2023, AZN 166,228 thousand of pre-delivery payment was capitalised from "advance payments for purchase of aircraft and engines" to "right-of-use assets".

Advance payments for expenses primarily relate to payments made to fuel and airport service suppliers and are presented as advance paid under current assets.

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19. INVENTORIES

	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Current inventories		
Spare parts and consumables	15,763	40,642
Fuel	2,420	14,382
Less: allowance for slow-moving inventories	-	(1,343)
Total inventories, current	18,183	53,681
Non-current		
Aircraft spare parts	29,359	12,593
Total inventories, non-current	29,359	12,593

None of the inventories has been pledged as security for loans and borrowings as of 31 December 2023 and 2022.

Aircraft spare parts are primarily maintained to meet minimum levels set by respective regulatory requirements. Increase during 2023 is mainly due to requirements of a new aircraft maintenance agreement and other purchases.

Management has not recognised any write-off to net realisable value or impairment loss allowance for expected obsolescence as at 31 December 2023 and 2022 as this would not have any material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

20. CASH AND BANK BALANCES

	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Current bank accounts	80,860	418,176
Cash in transit	52	16,310
Cash on hand	-	228
VAT deposit	28	554
Total cash and bank balances	80,940	435,268

AZN 20,400 thousand was held in one of the current bank accounts as a collateral of a guarantee for five years and presented as restricted cash under non-current assets as of 31 December 2022. During 2023, the amount was released from collateral and recognised as part of cash and cash equivalents.

Three-months lease payments of AZN 23,241 thousand were prepaid to a security trustee to be transferred to the lessor in due date as per the terms of current lease agreements and were presented as restricted cash under current assets as of 31 December 2023.

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Management has not recognised any loss allowance for expected credit losses under IFRS 9 for cash and cash equivalents as at 31 December 2023 and 2022 as this would not have any material impact on the consolidated financial statements. The Group's exposure to foreign currency, credit risk as well as a sensitivity analysis for financial assets and liabilities are disclosed in Note 31.

21. BANK DEPOSITS

During 2023, 0.4% interest-bearing USD denominated deposit of AZN 425,000 thousand placed in Bank A matured. 1.75% interest-bearing USD denominated deposits of AZN 595,000 thousand and AZN 79,390 thousand were placed in Bank A and Bank E, respectively. The Group recognised interest income of AZN 7,601 thousand on bank deposits within finance income in 2023.

Bank deposits of AZN 86,750 thousand (2022: nil) are pledged as part of loans and borrowings obtained from the same banks.

22. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Trade receivables	158,579	167,376
Other receivables	9,827	13,258
Tax receivables ¹	37,715	3,931
Less: expected credit losses	(12,045)	(14,630)
Total trade and other receivables	194,076	169,935

¹AZN 3,931 thousand of "Tax receivables" that were presented within "Other short-term assets" in the prior year consolidated financial statements, are presented within "Trade and other receivables" in order to conform to the presentation for the current year.

The average credit period on sales of services is 22 days (2022: 30 days). No interest is charged on outstanding trade receivables.

The Group has considered a probability of default of 100 per cent against all receivables over 90 days past due because historical experience has indicated that these receivables are generally not recoverable.

There has been no change in the estimation techniques or significant assumptions made during the current reporting period.

The following table details the risk profile of trade receivables based on the Group's provision matrix. As the Group's historical credit loss experience does not show significantly different loss patterns for different customer segments, the provision for loss allowance based on past due status is not further distinguished between the Group's different customer segments.

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31 December 2023	Trade and other receivables – days past due ¹						Total
	Not past due	<30	31-60	61-90	91-120	>120	
Expected credit loss rate	2.12%	5.69%	6.70%	10.91%	18.41%	34.27%	7.15%
Estimated total gross carrying amount at default	109,347	33,101	1,925	1,494	1,054	21,485	168,406
Lifetime ECL	(2,313)	(1,883)	(129)	(163)	(194)	(7,363)	(12,045)
							156,361

31 December 2022	Trade and other receivables – days past due ¹						Total
	Not past due	<30	31-60	61-90	91-120	>120	
Expected credit loss rate	1.17%	3.68%	8.77%	24.86%	48.87%	73.36%	8.10%
Estimated total gross carrying amount at default	121,064	40,785	2,929	173	397	15,286	180,634
Lifetime ECL	(1,421)	(1,501)	(257)	(43)	(194)	(11,214)	(14,630)
							166,004

¹ Excludes taxes receivables

The following table shows the movement in lifetime ECL that has been recognised for trade and other receivables in accordance with the simplified approach set out in IFRS 9.

	2023	2022
Balance as at 1 January	14,630	11,309
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	1,911	5,620
Amount recovered	(5,811)	(4,829)
Change in loss allowance due to new trade and other receivables originated net of those derecognised due to settlement	1,315	2,530
Balance as at 31 December	12,045	14,630

The Group's exposure to credit and currency risks are disclosed in Note 31.

23. OTHER ASSETS

As of 31 December 2022, other short-term and long-term assets primary comprise AZN 16,884 thousand finance lease receivable. During 2023, several leases were fully repaid by the lessee before the expiry of the lease term and AZN 1,167 thousand remains in the balance as of 31 December 2023.

24. CHARTER CAPITAL

In accordance with the charter, the Company's charter capital constitutes AZN 12,329 thousand (2022: AZN 12,329 thousand) comprised of 12,329,000 participation interest (2022: 12,329,000 participation interest) with par value of AZN 1.

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25. PROPERTIES REVALUATION RESERVE

The properties revaluation reserve arises on the revaluation of aircraft and related overhauls and engines. When revalued assets are sold, the portion of the properties revaluation reserve that relates to that asset is transferred directly to retained earnings. Items of other comprehensive income included in the properties revaluation reserve will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss.

As of 31 December 2023, the Group conducted a revaluation of its aircraft and engines. This revaluation was necessitated by the changes in the air cargo transportation market (Note 3).

	Properties revaluation reserves
Balance at 1 January 2022	394,496
Change	-
Balance at 1 January 2023	394,496
Revaluation surplus on aircraft and engines (Note 16)	57,048
Revaluation deficit on aircraft and engines (Note 16)	(62,307)
Deferred tax liability arising on revaluation	(7,990)
Recognition of discount on historical cost of aircraft	12,750
Utilisation of revaluation reserve	(764)
Balance at 31 December 2023	393,233

The Group exercised an option to purchase an aircraft previously recognised as a right-of-use asset under a lease agreement before the maturity of lease. As a result of this acquisition, lessor provided discount of AZN 12,750 thousand related to the lease which was recognised as a reduction of lease liability through properties revaluation reserve to adjust purchase price of previously revalued aircraft (Note 16).

26. LEASE LIABILITIES

	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Lease liabilities	826,411	783,387
Accrued interest on lease liabilities	5,258	8,339
Total lease liabilities	831,669	791,726
Lease liabilities, non-current portion	685,047	655,939
Lease liabilities, current portion	146,622	135,787
Total lease liabilities	831,669	791,726

Reconciliation of future lease payments and their present values at the end of reporting period:

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	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Onwards	Total
Lease payments	202,344	199,677	128,644	87,412	85,248	416,234	1,119,559
Unearned finance charges	(55,722)	(46,895)	(38,331)	(30,554)	(26,889)	(89,499)	(287,890)
Present value of minimum lease payments	146,622	152,782	90,313	56,858	58,359	326,735	831,669

31 December 2022

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Onwards	Total
Lease payments	186,167	164,856	162,592	124,586	86,566	276,045	1,000,812
Unearned finance charges	(50,380)	(43,433)	(36,112)	(27,956)	(19,536)	(31,669)	(209,086)
Present value of minimum lease payments	135,787	121,423	126,480	96,630	67,030	244,376	791,726

All lease arrangements are denominated in USD and classified per maturity and rate terms:

Group	Maturity	31 December 2023		31 December 2022	
		Rate, %	Amount	Rate, %	Amount
Lessor A	2032	7.00%	176,845	7.00%	192,592
Lessor A	2031	-	-	7.00%	186,712
Lessor B	2029	-	-	6.70%	175,290
Lessor C	2026	0.6% + 3-month SOFR	115,740	0.6% + 3-month LIBOR	156,917
Lessor D	2026	3.90%	107,463	3.90%	74,541
Lessor E	2033	3.88%	2,172	3.88%	2,352
Lessor F	2024	3.90%	1,099	3.90%	2,157
Lessor G	2023	-	-	3.90%	1,165
Lessor H	2035	5.37%/5.66%	428,350	-	-
Total lease liabilities			831,669		791,726

Lease liability from Lessor B was de-recognised on 16 March 2023 before its maturity as detailed in Note 12.

27. LOANS AND BORROWINGS

	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Loans and borrowings	563,703	373,399
Accrued interest on loans and borrowings	2,289	1,269
Total loans and borrowings	565,992	374,668
Loans and borrowings, non-current portion	366,718	308,667
Loans and borrowings, current portion	199,274	66,001
Total loans and borrowings	565,992	374,668

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Loans and borrowings classified as per lender, interest rate and currency in the below table:

	Currency	Interest rate	31 December 2023		31 December 2022	
			Rate, %	Amount	Rate, %	Amount
Bank A	USD	Fixed	3.88%-5.50%	140,107	3.88%-5.50%	92,397
Bank B	USD	Fixed	4.50%-5.00%	131,516	4.50%-5.00%	131,176
Bank D	USD	Fixed	-	-	2.24%	9,508
Bank E	USD	Fixed	4.5%	17,754	4.5%	25,314
Bank E	USD	Floating	2% + 3-month SOFR	164,993	-	-
Bank E	USD	Fixed	3.75%	20,400	-	-
Bank F	USD	Floating	-	-	4% + 3-month LIBOR	24,814
Bonds issued to public	USD	Fixed	5.00%	51,213	5.00%	51,213
Bonds issued to individuals	USD	Fixed	4%	40,009	4%	40,246
Total loans and borrowings				565,992		374,668

The maturity profile of loans and borrowings is as follows:

	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Due in one month	6,901	5,606
Due from one month to one year	192,373	60,395
Total current portion of loans and borrowings	199,274	66,001
Due from one year to five years	119,940	147,128
Due over five years	246,778	161,539
Total long-term portion of loans and borrowings	366,718	308,667
Total loans and borrowings	565,992	374,668

The collateral profile of loans and borrowings is as follows:

Collateral	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Aircraft, related overhauls and engines	388,019	273,409
Deposit	86,750	34
Unsecured bonds	91,223	91,717
Unsecured loans	-	9,508
Total loans and borrowings	565,992	374,668

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Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities

The table below details changes in the Group's liabilities arising from financing activities, including both cash and non-cash changes. Liabilities arising from financing activities are those for which cash flows were, or future cash flows will be, classified in the Group's statement of cash flows as cash flows from financing activities.

As of 31 December 2023	Cash changes		Non-cash changes					Other changes (ii)	31-Dec 23
	01-Jan-23	Financing cash flows (i)	New leases	De-recognition of lease (iii)	Discount on lease (Note 25)	Re-class of unpaid invoices (iii)	Index change		
Lease liabilities	791,726	(269,022)	483,001	(152,547)	(12,750)	(24,902)	5,928	10,235	831,669
Loans and borrowings	374,668	190,101	-	-	-	-	-	1,223	565,992
Total liabilities from financing activities	1,166,394	(78,921)	483,001	(152,547)	(12,750)	(24,902)	5,928	11,458	1,397,661

As of 31 December 2022	Cash changes		Non-cash changes				Other changes (ii)	31-Dec 22
	01-Jan-22	Financing cash flows (i)	Disposal of subsidiary	New leases	Re-measurement	Forex		
Lease liabilities	837,080	(99,900)	-	42,265	(58)	-	12,339	791,726
Loans and borrowings	396,580	(20,873)	(864)	-	-	(194)	19	374,668
Total liabilities from financing activities	1,233,660	(120,773)	(864)	42,265	(58)	(194)	12,358	1,166,394

- (i) Financing cash flows make up the net amount of proceeds from and payment for loans and borrowings and lease liabilities in the consolidated statement of cash flows.
- (ii) Other changes include interest accruals and payments.
- (iii) Offset of lease with corresponding right-of-use asset and transfer of unpaid lease invoices to trade and other payables (Note 12).

28. PROVISIONS

Present value of estimated last overhaul costs was recognised as provision within non-current liabilities in accordance to IAS 37 as at the lease commencement date. Maintenance provisions were estimated based on the costs of the overhauls and flight hours/cycles of aircraft under the lease. The expected cost of the last overhaul was then discounted from the lease commencement date till the last overhaul date using risk-free rate. The estimates are reviewed on an ongoing basis and revised whenever appropriate.

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	Notes	Maintenance provisions
At 1 January 2022		31,047
Unwinding of discount		442
At 1 January 2023		31,489
Unwinding of discount		264
Reversal of provision	12	(30,358)
At 31 December 2023		1,395

29. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Trade payables	211,670	206,079
Staff payables	19,426	12,343
Other taxation and social security	5,108	15,576
Other	151	254
Total trade and other payables	236,355	234,252

The Group's exposure to currency and liquidity risk related to trade and other payables is disclosed in Note 31.

30. OTHER LIABILITIES

	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Dividends payable	16,696	20,564
Advances from customers	11,665	7,177
Other	782	6,384
Total other liabilities	29,143	34,125

No dividends were declared during 2023 (2022: AZN 127,538 thousand, inclusive of 10% withholding tax).

AZN 3,868 thousand (2022: 2,415 thousand) dividend payables were repaid to shareholder which were declared in 2020.

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31. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

Exposure to credit, interest rate, currency and liquidity risk arises in the normal course of the Group's business. The Group does not hedge its exposure to such risks.

Capital management

The Group manages its capital to ensure the Group will be able to continue as a going concern while maximising the return to shareholder through the optimisation of the debt and equity balance. The Group's overall strategy remains unchanged from 2022.

The capital structure of the Group consists of net debt (total debt in Note 26 and 27 after deducting cash and cash equivalents) and shareholder equity of the Group. The Group is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements.

Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the risk that a counterparty will default on its contractual obligations resulting in financial loss to the Group. The Group has adopted a policy of only dealing with creditworthy counterparties as a means of mitigating the risk of financial loss from defaults.

Trade and other receivables (excluding VAT recoverable and tax receivable) consist of a large number of customers, spread across diverse industries and geographical areas.

Concentration of trade and other receivables excluding tax receivables is set out in below table:

	31 December 2023		31 December 2022	
Company A	14,059	8%	21,281	12%
Company B	-	-	8,513	5%
Company C	2,917	2%	7,410	4%
Company D	-	-	7,257	4%
Company E	15,588	9%	4,937	3%
Company F	5,936	4%	3,981	2%
Others	129,906	77%	127,255	70%
Total gross amount	168,406	100%	180,634	100%

Apart from above, the Group does not have significant credit risk exposure to any single counterparty or any group of counterparties having similar characteristics. The Group defines counterparties as having similar characteristics if they are related entities. The concentration of credit risk is limited due to the fact that the customer base is large and unrelated. In the opinion of management, the Group has no significant credit risk with abovementioned agents, as the Group maintains long-term and stable business relationships with healthy repayment history.

Bank deposits of AZN 595,000 thousand and AZN 79,390 thousand, are held in Bank A and Bank E, respectively (2022: AZN 425,000 thousand and nil in Bank A and Bank E, respectively). Cash and cash equivalents of AZN 44,043 thousand and AZN 18,588 thousand were held at Bank A and Bank G (2022: AZN 292,458 thousand and AZN 87,484 thousand in Bank A and Bank E), respectively.

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Exposure to credit risk

The carrying amount of financial assets represents the maximum credit exposure, except for cash and bank balances where exposure is reduced by the amount of cash in hand. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date was:

Carrying amount	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Bank deposits	674,390	425,000
Cash and cash equivalents	80,940	435,268
Trade and other receivables (excluding tax receivables)	156,361	166,004
Restricted cash	23,241	20,400
Security deposits	19,444	19,846
Finance lease receivables ¹	1,167	16,884
Total	955,543	1,083,402

¹ Finance lease receivables are included under "Other short-term assets" and "Other long-term assets" line in the consolidated statement of financial position.

Interest rate risk

The Group is exposed to interest rate risk because entities in the Group borrow funds at both fixed and floating interest rates. The Group is exposed to the following rates: [SOFR / LIBOR]. Changes in interest rate impact primarily lease liabilities by changing their cash flows.

An increase of the variable interest rates would not have material impact on equity and profit or loss at the end of 31 December 2023 and 2022.

Foreign currency risk

The Group undertakes transactions denominated in foreign currencies; consequently, exposures to exchange rate fluctuations arise.

The Group is exposed to foreign currency risk on sales and purchases and lease liabilities and loans and borrowings that are denominated in currencies other than the AZN.

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Foreign currency sensitivity analysis

The Group is mainly exposed to the risk of change of exchange rates of AZN against USD and EUR. The book values of the Group's monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currency as at the reporting date have been provided below:

31 December 2023	AZN	USD	EUR	CNY	JPY	KRW	Other	Total
Bank deposits	-	674,390	-	-	-	-	-	674,390
Cash and cash equivalents	17,441	24,914	25,016	7,672	-	2,488	3,409	80,940
Trade and other receivables ²	20,229	41,292	43,070	30,838	3,633	8,062	9,237	156,361
Security deposits	-	19,444	-	-	-	-	-	19,444
Restricted cash	-	23,241	-	-	-	-	-	23,241
Finance lease receivables ¹	1,167	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,167
Total financial assets	38,837	783,281	68,086	38,510	3,633	10,550	12,646	955,543
Lease liabilities	-	831,669	-	-	-	-	-	831,669
Loans and borrowings	-	565,992	-	-	-	-	-	565,992
Trade and other payables ²	74,391	102,722	39,325	6,011	725	680	7,393	231,247
Provisions	-	1,395	-	-	-	-	-	1,395
Dividend payable	16,696	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,696
Total financial liability	91,087	1,501,778	39,325	6,011	725	680	7,393	1,646,999
Open position		(718,497)	28,761	32,499	2,908	9,870	5,253	(639,206)
31 December 2022	AZN	USD	EUR	CNY	JPY	KRW	Other	Total
Bank deposits	-	425,000	-	-	-	-	-	425,000
Cash and cash equivalents	28,957	310,090	84,257	5,108	-	1,362	5,494	435,268
Trade and other receivables ²	9,613	57,138	31,337	42,519	7,890	10,078	7,429	166,004
Security deposits	-	19,846	-	-	-	-	-	19,846
Restricted cash	-	20,400	-	-	-	-	-	20,400
Finance lease receivables ¹	16,884	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,884
Total financial assets	55,454	832,474	115,594	47,627	7,890	11,440	12,923	1,083,402
Lease liabilities	-	791,726	-	-	-	-	-	791,726
Loans and borrowings	-	374,668	-	-	-	-	-	374,668
Trade and other payables	87,978	72,856	37,192	7,062	1,243	3,327	9,018	218,676
Provisions	-	31,489	-	-	-	-	-	31,489
Dividend payable	20,564	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,564
Total financial liability	108,542	1,270,739	37,192	7,062	1,243	3,327	9,018	1,437,123
Open position		(438,265)	78,402	40,565	6,647	8,113	3,905	(300,633)

¹ Finance lease receivables are included under "Other short-term assets" and "Other long-term assets" line in the consolidated financial statements.

² Excludes tax payables and receivables.

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Sensitivity analysis

A weakening of the AZN against the following currencies at year end would have decreased profit or loss by the amounts shown below. This analysis is based on foreign currency exchange rate variances that the Group considered to be reasonably possible at the end of the reporting period. The analysis assumes that all other variables, in particular interest rates, remain constant.

31 December 2023	USD	EUR	CNY	JPY	KRW	Other	Total
10% weakening of AZN	(71,850)	2,876	3,250	291	987	525	(63,921)
31 December 2022	USD	EUR	CNY	JPY	KRW	Other	Total
10% weakening of AZN	(43,827)	7,840	4,057	665	811	391	(30,063)

A strengthening of the AZN against the above currencies would have had the equal but opposite effect on the above currencies to the amounts shown above, on the basis that all other variables remain constant.

Master netting

The Group may enter into sales and purchase agreements with the same counterparty in the normal course of business. The following table sets out the carrying amounts of recognised financial instruments that are subject to the above agreements.

31 December 2023	Trade and other receivables ¹	Trade and other payables ¹
Gross amounts	224,559	299,445
Amounts offset in accordance with IAS 32 offsetting criteria	(68,198)	(68,198)
Net amounts presented in the consolidated statement of financial position	156,361	231,247
Amounts related to recognised financial instruments that do not meet some or all of the offsetting criteria	(21,944)	(21,944)
Net amounts	134,417	209,303
31 December 2022	Trade and other receivables ¹	Trade and other payables ¹
Gross amounts	270,544	323,216
Amounts offset in accordance with IAS 32 offsetting criteria	(104,540)	(104,540)
Net amounts presented in the consolidated statement of financial position	166,004	218,676
Amounts related to recognised financial instruments that do not meet some or all of the offsetting criteria	(17,465)	(17,465)
Net amounts	148,539	201,211

¹Excludes tax receivables and payables

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As of 31 December 2023, the Group did not have any transactions with related party agents.

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	Amounts due from related parties	Amounts due to related parties
Gross amounts	38,207	38,207
Amounts offset in accordance with IAS 32 offsetting criteria	(38,207)	(38,207)
Net amounts presented in the consolidated statement of financial position	-	-
Amounts related to recognised financial instruments that do not meet some or all of the offsetting criteria	-	-
Net amounts	-	-

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will not be able to settle all liabilities as they are due. The Group's liquidity position is carefully monitored and managed.

The following tables detail the Group's remaining contractual maturity for its non-derivative financial liabilities. The contractual maturity is based on the earliest date on which the Group may be required to pay. The tables have been drawn up based on the undiscounted cash flows of financial liabilities based on the earliest date on which the Group can be required to pay.

31 December 2023				
	Within one year	1 to 5 years	Over 5 years	Total
Lease liabilities	202,344	500,981	416,234	1,119,559
Loans and borrowings	207,315	207,808	267,349	682,472
Trade and other payables ¹	231,247	-	-	231,247
Provisions	-	-	1,395	1,395
Dividends payable	16,696	-	-	16,696
Total financial liabilities	657,602	708,789	684,978	2,051,369

31 December 2022				
	Within one year	1 to 5 years	Over 5 years	Total
Lease liabilities	186,167	538,600	276,045	1,000,812
Loans and borrowings	84,196	190,941	174,376	449,513
Trade and staff payables	218,676	-	-	218,676
Provisions	-	-	31,489	31,489
Dividends payable	20,564	-	-	20,564
Total financial liabilities	509,603	729,541	481,910	1,721,054

¹ Excludes tax payables

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Fair values versus carrying amounts

Management believes that the fair value of the Group's financial assets and liabilities, which are classified within Level 2 category of the above hierarchy, approximates their carrying amounts. The estimated fair values of financial instruments have been determined by the Group using available market information, where it exists, and appropriate valuation methodologies. However, judgment is necessarily required to interpret market data to determine the estimated fair value. Management has used all available market information in estimating the fair value of financial instruments. The Group uses the hierarchy mentioned in Note 3 to determine and disclose fair value of financial instruments.

32. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Capital commitments

Commitments related to the pre-delivery payments for the acquisition of new aircraft and engines were AZN 642,031 thousand (2022: AZN 756,478 thousand). Authorised future commitments (excluding pre-delivery payments) for the acquisition of new aircraft and engines by the Group for which contracts were signed until 31 December 2023 amounted AZN 1,993,953 thousand. The maturity of undiscounted future capital expenditures (including pre-delivery payments) as of 31 December 2023 is set out below:

	Within one year	1 to 5 years	Over 5 years	Total
31 December 2023	179,562	1,905,739	550,683	2,635,984
31 December 2022	557,859	1,443,206	809,215	2,810,280

Taxation contingencies

The taxation system in the Republic of Azerbaijan continues to evolve and is characterised by regular changes in legislation, official pronouncements and court decisions, which may be subject to varying interpretation by different tax authorities. Taxes are subject to review and investigation by state authorities who have the authority to impose severe fines, penalties and interest charges. A tax year remains open for review by the tax authorities during the three subsequent calendar years; however, under certain circumstances a tax year may remain open longer. Recent events within the Republic of Azerbaijan suggest that the tax authorities are taking a more assertive position in their interpretation and enforcement of tax legislation.

The Tax Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan establishes general principles of taxation in Azerbaijan, sets the rule for determining, payment and collection of taxes, identifies the rights and responsibilities of taxpayers and tax authorities. The Tax Code does not contain provisions specifically regulating air transportation services. For withholding and value added tax purposes such services fall under the category of international transportation, whereas for profit tax purposes general services provided. All clauses in respect of these service categories are general and subject to interpretations. Therefore, the interpretation for air cargo transportation services involves uncertainty and judgement.

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These circumstances may create tax risks in Azerbaijan that are substantially more significant than in other countries. Management believes that it has provided adequately for tax liabilities based on its interpretations of applicable Azerbaijan tax legislation, official pronouncements and court decisions. However, the interpretations of the relevant authorities could differ and the effect on the consolidated financial statements, if the authorities were successful in enforcing their interpretations, could be significant.

Operating environment

Emerging markets such as Azerbaijan are subject to different risks than more developed markets, including economic, political and social, and legal and legislative risks. Laws and regulations affecting businesses in Azerbaijan continue to change rapidly, tax and regulatory frameworks are subject to varying interpretations. The future stability of the Azerbaijan economy is heavily influenced by reforms and developments and the effectiveness of economic, financial and monetary measures undertaken by the government.

Because Azerbaijan produces and exports large volumes of oil and gas, its economy is particularly sensitive to the price of oil and gas on the world market.

Due to Russian Federation invasion in Ukraine, the US, UK, EU and other countries announced numerous sanctions on certain Russian officials, businessmen and companies, which are targeted to have a negative impact on the Russian economy. As a result of these events the flights were cancelled over airspace of Russia and Ukraine. Because of existing interdependencies between Russian and other CIS economies, these developments may result in reduced access of the regional businesses to international capital and export markets, weakening of the Russian Ruble and other CIS regional currencies, decline in capitals markets and other negative economic consequences.

The suspension of flights to and from Russia and Ukraine has no material commercial impact on the operations of the Group as these two countries represent insignificant portion of the Group's total operations.

The Group's management carefully evaluates all transactions with Russian based vendors and none of these transactions are in the breach of sanctions as of the issuance date of these consolidated financial statements.

The Group's management is monitoring developments in the current environment and taking necessary measures to support the sustainability and development of the Group's business in the foreseeable future. The impact of further economic and political developments on future operations and financial position of the Group might be significant.

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33. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Related parties comprise the shareholder of the Group and all other companies in which those shareholders, either individually or together, have a controlling interest.

During the year, the Group entered into the following trading transactions with related parties:

	Notes	Year ended 31 December 2023		Year ended 31 December 2022	
		Related party transactions	Total per category	Related party transactions	Total per category
Revenue	5		2,068,228		3,378,636
- entities under common control		-		76,987	
Handling, landing and navigation charges			336,847		341,461
- entities under common control		-		8,543	
Aircraft and engine lease costs			57,949		53,261
- entities under common control		-		2,583	
Commissions			72,979		123,311
- entities under common control		-		6,083	
Fees for transportation by chartered flights			187		15,872
- entities under common control		-		14,627	
Staff costs	6		117,684		129,786
- key management personnel		12,285		20,798	
Finance costs ¹	10		75,378		74,550
-ultimate owner		710		782	

¹ AZN 2,014 thousand of "Finance income" were presented within "Finance costs" in the prior year consolidated financial statements, are presented separately in order to conform to the presentation for the current year.

The following balances with related parties were outstanding at the end of the reporting period:

		31 December 2023		31 December 2022	
		Related party balances	Total per category	Related party balances	Total per category
Loans and borrowing:	27		565,992		374,668
-ultimate owner		19,609		19,796	

The Group's exposure to credit and currency risks are disclosed in Note 31.

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34. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING DATE

Bank deposits

In May 2024, the Group placed USD denominated deposit of AZN 85,000 thousand in Bank E with a term of 12 months and interest rate of 3.25 per cent.

In June 2024, the Group extended the term of USD denominated deposit of AZN 170,000 thousand and AZN 425,000 thousand placed in Bank A for additional 12 months with a revised interest rate of 3 per cent.

In June 2024, the Group placed USD denominated deposit of AZN 17,000 thousand in Bank G with a term of 12 months and interest rate of 5.04 per cent.

In June 2024, the Group placed USD denominated deposit of AZN 17,000 thousand in Bank H with a term of 12 months and interest rate of 5.05 per cent.

Loans and borrowings

During five months of 2024, the Group obtained USD denominated loan of AZN 33,150 thousand from Bank A with an interest rate of 3.1 per cent and a maturity of one year, guaranteed with deposit from the same bank.

During April-May 2024, the subsidiary of the Group obtained a USD denominated loan of AZN 10,433 thousand from Bank A with an interest rate of 6.3 per cent and the maturity date of 2028.

Lease liabilities

In January 2024, the Group refinanced the purchase of an asset under a USD denominated lease agreement of AZN 38,971 thousand with fixed interest rate of 4.727 per cent and a maturity of 12 years with Lessor C.

Property and equipment

The Group sold two aircraft to a third-party company for AZN 124,950 thousand in April 2024.

Acquisition

In February 2024, the Group acquired entire share capital of Lessor B in return of payment of (i) EUR 2 as purchase consideration, and (ii) AZN 51,850 thousand, as compensation for rights and interests to loan assigned by the parent of Lessor B in favor of the Group. Simultaneously with the transaction and as part of share sale-purchase, the Group assumed a debt in book value of AZN 119,646 thousand due to a related party of Lessor B.

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Corporate social responsibility expenses

The Group made additional CSR contribution of AZN 40,000 thousand in March and April 2024 pursuant to the agreement with Education Development Fund to finance construction of public schools (Note 11).

Dividends

Subsequent to the reporting date, until issuance date, the Group declared and paid dividends of AZN 15,651 thousand to the shareholders.