



**Gasamamo**

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**2020** ANNUAL REPORT AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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# MISSION STATEMENT



## OUR CUSTOMERS

We will consistently work towards meeting customers' expectations. We will always advertise in a truthful, positive, and educational manner. We will only make promises we can keep.

## OUR PEOPLE

We will endeavour to provide job satisfaction, career growth prospects, and competitive working conditions. We will consistently provide a safe and healthy working environment. We will support and expect total honesty and integrity by all employees. We will foster quality throughout our operations. We will, as an employer, act in a humane and ethical manner. We will actively encourage the development of employees' professional skills, knowledge, and qualifications.

## OUR CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

We will contribute to relevant philanthropic and social causes. We will fulfill a social role as a leading corporate citizen and will support the development of the Maltese economy. We will seek to adopt environmentally friendly policies and further the cause of the protection of our natural environment.

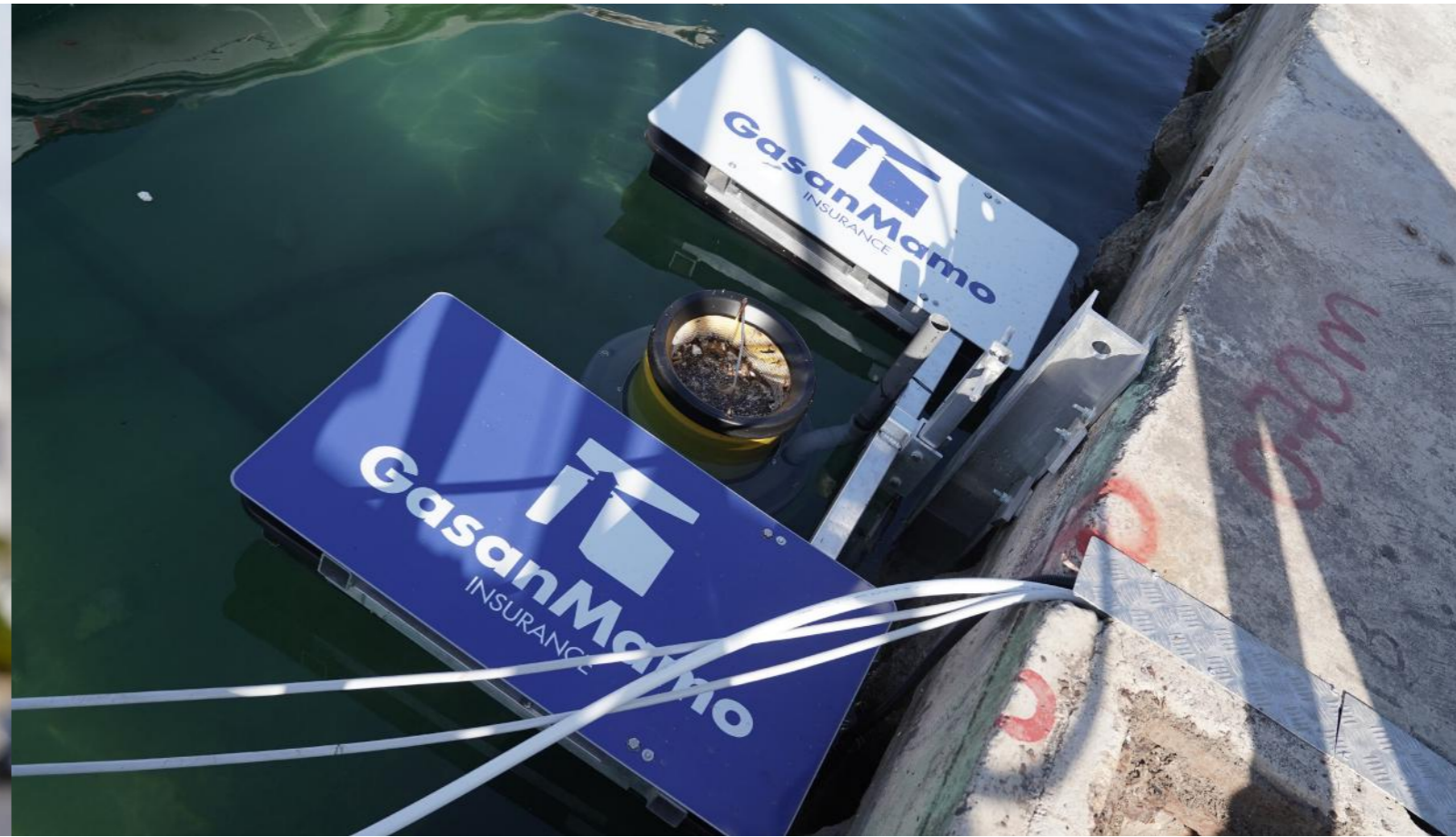
OUR CUSTOMERS.  
OUR PEOPLE.  
OUR CSR.



Gasamamo proudly supported Fabio Spiteri as he completed a 1,000 km journey along Sicily's coastline with the aim of raising funds to support various animal shelters across Malta.



We strengthened our commitment to safeguarding the environment by collaborating with local NGO Žibel by sponsoring a seabin to collect various pollutants in the Ta' Xbiex Marina.



Supporting local business is central to our CSR strategy. To this end, we rolled out a small campaign to support and promote local artisans across our social media and corporate gifts.



For the seventh year running, we continued to support the Notarial Archives supporting the 'Adopt a Notary Scheme' with the restoration of the works of notary Placido Abela.



Another key pillar in our CSR strategy is supporting youth in sport, which is why we supported Mosta FC Youth Academy for the eleventh consecutive year.



# CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

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Once again, I am pleased to present to you the Annual Report and Financial Statements for 2020. I am proud of the achievements of this company as it has evolved and grown over the years.

This year, for reasons we are all familiar with, the challenges were broad and deep. 2020 was a year that most organizations had never contemplated. I am pleased to say that our sure-footed steady approach to all that we do has been fundamental in enabling us to remain on course and to be there for the benefit of all stakeholders.

The impact on our human and organisational life has been immense. The board and management oversaw a rapid transition to cope with lockdown and quasi-lockdown scenarios without for one day falling short of being there to meet the needs of our clients and intermediaries. The mantra of putting the customer at the heart of all that we do made the transition smooth and once we had the technology in place, clients were completely unaware if our staff were working from home or from the office.

Our solid balance sheet coupled with the robust reinsurance programme that is in place has meant that the company was well placed to weather the storm and our focus immediately shifted to meeting our obligations and being there for our clients.

Client retention and renewals remain very strong. A significant factor is the customer loyalty that has been nurtured through mutual respect over the years. This has meant that in a year where there was bound to be a decline in market premium, GasanMamo Insurance managed to retain premium levels along the lines of 2019, that is GWP 2020 €52.8M while GWP 2019 €52.6M

At end Q1 2020, there was a major loss in investment markets shaving up to 40% off some balance sheets. Thanks to the prudent Asset Allocation Policy that's in place, as well as the diligent approach of our appointed investment managers, losses were mitigated. It was indeed of some relief that as the year developed, markets recovered and GasanMamo recovered the losses, ending the year with a flat investment return.

The prudent underwriting and claims handling has meant that the technical result was once again outstanding.

I would like to pause to recognise the important role played by our reinsurers who have been involved in a number of Covid 19-related claims. Our longstanding relationship with many of them is in fact because we see great value in taking the long view and we value our partnership with them as important stakeholders in the business.

GasanMamo Insurance has ended the year by augmenting the enterprise value, strengthening the balance sheet and improving the solvency ratio to close the year at 246% of the Solvency Capital Requirement.

We remain committed to the community within which we operate and have maintained our support for initiatives that have been close to our heart for many years, Sports and Youth, Culture, The Environment as well as numerous charitable causes who need financial support, now more than ever.

The results that are explained in detail in the following pages would not have been possible without the support of our clients who have placed and continue to place trust in us, Agents, Tied Insurance Intermediaries, Brokers and all stakeholders have all come together as we successfully close another year.

GasanMamo Insurance has once again produced a formidable set of numbers that positions it well to withstand the challenges ahead and grasp opportunities that will arise with confidence and peace of mind that the future remains bright.



Joseph A Gasan  
Chairman



# MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REVIEW

In many ways 2020 proved to be a year that tested us all. It has been a year where weaknesses were exposed and limits stretched. I am pleased to report that in the pages ahead you will see that GasanMamo Insurance has passed this test with flying colours. We take pride in that and recognise this achievement, while at the same time, we remain grounded in the knowledge of what has brought us to this point and the uncertainties that still lay ahead. Year on year, I have had the privilege of writing a review on excellent results illustrating steady growth and strong technical performance. 2020 was a particular year mainly due to the on-going pandemic.

The macro economic environment had been booming for several years with GDP growth between 5% and 6% for the last seven years. There was a general expectation that the growth would slow down, but this was mainly driven by reputational challenges that Malta was facing as a country and a result of an economy's cyclical nature. As we know, the global pandemic hit in January 2020 in China and had soon spread across the entire world. The proportions of the pandemic and its effects were huge. By end Q1 2020 economies were in shock and governments grappled with their economic and health crises. Inevitably, this impacted businesses including GasanMamo Insurance. Market corrections led to significant losses, a slowdown in business and cashflow strains as well as significant COVID-19 related claims followed.

In addition to the forgoing, there was the important task to look after the wellbeing of staff and visitors, while at the same time being there to deliver service to our customers at the standard to which they had grown accustomed. I am proud to say that in a practical and methodical way the entire team came together with a like-minded approach and "can do" attitude. Together, we got things done, found solutions and continued operations without skipping a beat.

Understandably in this scenario, budgets in terms of Gross Written Premium were not achieved and focus shifted to business retention. I am pleased to report that using that as a measure we did succeed 100%, retaining Gross Written Premium ("GWP") ever so slightly higher than 2019. 2020 GWP was €52.8M while 2019 GWP was €52.6M.

Travel insurance, a line of business that has been an important part of our portfolio, had practically stopped overnight. New business across most lines had also practically come to halt. This amplifies the achievement in having such a high policy

retention level, which is mainly driven by the excellent customer loyalty that the company has earned.

The claims pattern for the year is different to what we are used to as we have seen a significant increase in COVID 19 related claims and an improvement, in particular the loss ratio for the Motor and Medical books. The reinsurance structure in place has served well and our long-standing relationship with most reinsurers on the panel is seen as critical.

Our operations in Greece, Cyprus and France have fared robustly and we look forward to an improved economic environment where we are confident that they will resume their respective growth trajectories.

Given the uncertainties, extra attention was given to expenditure and cost to income ratio was 17.8% compared to 17.7% in 2019.

Profit Before Tax for the year closed at €12.2M compared to €11.4M in 2019. Undoubtedly, this is an outstanding result which has in turn strengthened the balance sheet and improved the Solvency Capital Ratio. Capital and Reserves for 2020 closed at €43.1M compared to €36.9M in 2019.

The Solvency Capital Ratio improved to 246% compared to 215% as at 31st December 2019.

I cannot end this review without a few words of thanks. First and foremost, our customers, naturally you are the reason that we exist. We remain committed to bringing you value effectively and efficiently. Thank you also to all our partners, Agents, Tied Insurance Intermediaries and Brokers. Thank you to the Board of Directors for their wise guidance and to the Management and Staff who have once again shown their true mettle.

We look forward to the future confident that we will meet challenges head on and grasp opportunities for continued profitable growth as they arise. The future is sure to be exciting and we relish this journey together.



Julian J Mamo  
Director

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# THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Gasamamo Insurance Limited has a Board of Directors whose members have a wealth of experience in the world of business, insurance and financial services both locally and abroad.



**JOSEPH A. GASAN**  
CHAIRMAN

Joseph A. Gasan is the chairman of Gasan Group Limited, Gasamamo Insurance Limited and several other companies constituting the Gasan group of companies. He is also a director of several other companies including MIDI plc, The Quad Ltd, Embassy Ltd, and Main Street Complex Ltd. Mr. Gasan assumed the running of the family business in 1971 and in the mid-70s initiated and directed an expansion and diversification programme which resulted in the development of the Gasan group of companies to its present level of development. The result has been the creation of a dynamic enterprise with the necessary human and financial resources to continue to seek fresh opportunities at home and abroad.



**ALBERT P. MAMO**  
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

Albert P. Mamo has been involved in insurance for all his working life of 48 years and served as Managing Director of Galdes & Mamo Ltd. From 1990 to 1999 and Managing Director of Gasamamo Insurance Ltd. from 2000 to 2013 when he retired from his executive role. During this period he steered the business through merger, and subsequently transformation from an Insurance Agency to an Insurance Company. Mr. Mamo has had considerable input into the evolution of Malta's insurance market, having served on the Council of the Malta Insurance Association for 22 years, 6 years of which as President.



**JULIAN J. MAMO**  
MANAGING DIRECTOR

Julian Mamo, a graduate in Business Management has been in the insurance industry for over 25 years. Having been a Director of Galdes & Mamo Ltd and playing an instrumental role in the development of the Company and has witnessed the insurance industry evolve first hand. Mr. Mamo has been Managing Director of Gasamamo Insurance since 2013 and has led the company on a steady path of profitable growth providing solid stakeholder returns. Mr. Mamo is a Non-Executive Director on several Boards in companies operating in diverse industries.



**BAUDOIN DESCHAMPS**  
DIRECTOR

Mr. Deschamps has 30 years of insurance experience including almost 25 years with the Aviva Group where he served in Senior Management in various parts of the group including as CEO. His involvement with Malta started in 2001, when he was Director Europe for Aviva. Today he is an independent consultant in Risk Management and Governance and sits on several boards in the finance and consultancy sectors.



**MARK GASAN**  
DIRECTOR

Mark Gasan is the CEO of Gasan Group and a director of several other companies. Mr. Gasan assumed the Chief Executive position of the group in 2014 and has led the group on a strong growth path ever since. His leadership has seen the business strengthen its focus on its four key pillars whilst still delivering solid growth across all the sectors that the group operates in. Mr. Gasan brings a distinct area of expertise in leading and developing various group interests in the property, building services solutions, automotive and insurance sectors.



**ROBERT ROGERS**  
DIRECTOR

Robert Rogers has 35 years' experience as a reinsurance underwriter and broker, latterly at Willis Towers Watson where he was Regional Director with particular responsibility for UK and Irish clients. Having advised insurance companies in many geographies and with very different business approaches, he brings a broad experience and understanding of the insurance industry, particularly focused on reinsurance, to the Gasamamo Insurance Board.



**NICHOLAS BELL**  
DIRECTOR

Mr. Bell has a Masters degree in economics and an MBA from INSEAD. He has held a variety of senior roles within investment banking both in Europe and the US spanning fixed income, equities, venture capital and corporate finance. In recent years his focus has been on advising fast growing technology-enabled businesses within the consumer and financial service sectors.



**VANESSA PORTELLI**  
COMPANY SECRETARY

Vanessa Portelli, a lawyer by profession joined Gasamamo Insurance as Legal Officer in 2002. She served as Board Secretary from 2005 and was appointed Company Secretary in 2008. In 2011, Dr Portelli was appointed Compliance Officer of the Company and in 2015 she joined the management team as General Manager responsible for Operations, Legal and Compliance.

# THE SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM



**JULIAN J. MAMO**  
MANAGING DIRECTOR



**LESLIE CAUSON**  
GENERAL MANAGER  
PERSONAL & COMMERCIAL, REINSURANCE AND OVERSEAS MARKETS



**MICHAEL FARRUGIA**  
FINANCIAL CONTROLLER



**MARK MAMO**  
GENERAL MANAGER  
NETWORK, HEALTH & IT



**VANESSA PORTELLI**  
GENERAL MANAGER  
OPERATIONS, RISK & COMPLIANCE



**FRANCIS VALLETTA**  
GENERAL MANAGER  
MOTOR

# NETWORK

At GasanMamo Insurance we feel that clients should choose how they wish to deal with us. To cater for this, a strategy has been developed that ensures that we are accessible to all clients.

GasanMamo Insurance has a distribution network that is unparalleled in Malta with a large centrally located Head Office and strategically located branches. In General Insurance, GasanMamo has Malta's largest network of Tied Insurance Intermediaries. These are located throughout Malta and Gozo and provide a very personalised level of service to their customers. Brokers are seen as an essential source of business and GasanMamo Insurance has excellent relationships with all leading brokers and provides market-leading support.

Three excellent agency appointments are in place: Thomas Smith Insurance Agency Limited in Malta and Prodromou & Makryiannis Insurance Underwriting Agents & Consultants Limited in Cyprus and ELPA Insurance Brokers in Greece. The company is pleased with their performance and confident of their continued growth.

## BRANCH OFFICES

Birkirkara • Hal Qormi  
Mellieħa • Mosta • Mrieħel  
Paola • Rabat  
Tas-Sliema • Valletta

## HEAD OFFICE

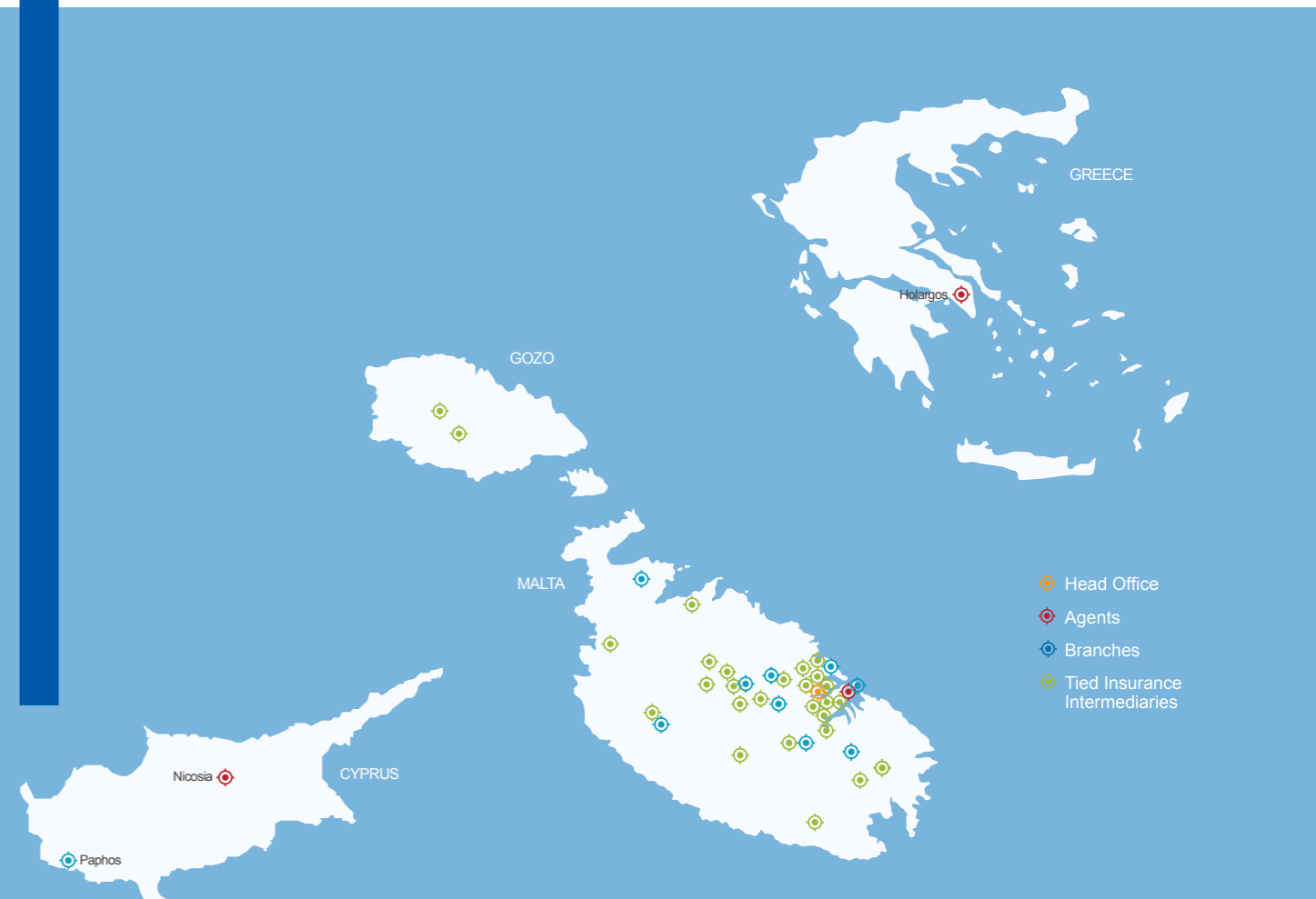
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## AGENTS

Thomas Smith Insurance Agency Limited  
Malta

Prodromou & Makryiannis Insurance  
Underwriting Agents & Consultants Limited  
Cyprus

ELPA Insurance Agents S.A.  
Greece





GASANMAMO INSURANCE LIMITED

Annual Report and Financial Statements  
31 December 2020

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## Directors' report

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

### Principal activities

The principal activities of the company are that of an insurance company licensed by the Malta Financial Services Authority to write general insurance business in Malta in terms of section 7 of the Insurance Business Act 1998.

### Review of the Business

The economic backdrop in Malta, and indeed globally, is very different to previous years. Following a steady run of strong economic growth, 2020 proved to be the year that marked the end of the boom run. Although this was arguably bound to happen sooner or later due to the cyclical nature of economics, it was the outbreak of the global pandemic COVID-19 that had a devastating effect on the world economy. Malta was not spared, and although the economic impact was softened by the governments' emergency measures the economy contracted and government debt soared. Malta's prime economic pillar, tourism was all but stopped overnight. The direct and secondary effect of the absence of visitors to our island was to be a mega blow and once bustling hotels and restaurants fell silent. GasanMamo was faced with heavy investment losses and looming significant Business Interruption claims due to the forced closure of businesses following the outbreak. The initial upheaval gradually subsided as the world learned to cope with remote working, home schooling and very limited travel. Investment and work on a vaccine gained momentum and a glimmer of hope started to break through. Financial markets recovered and Business Interruption claims had been quantified by year-end.

As a Company, GasanMamo has been committed to seek out profitable growth in its chosen markets, by primarily keeping customers at the heart of its business, focusing on quality service and products. This is achieved primarily by investing in people, building a team of outstanding individuals working towards a common purpose. GasanMamo also invests in systems to ensure that it remains at the forefront of its industry and maintains efficiency levels that are essential in today's environment. The prudent approach adopted by the Company and the long-standing relationships built over the years with reinsurance partners, brokers and clients reaped rewards. Challenges were met with reasoned consideration, discussion and transparency and solutions were found. GasanMamo was in a good shape and was there to meet its obligations and its clients' needs. In the new economic and working environment, focus shifted to ensuring that we were able to service existing customers and offer underwriting and claims service at the levels that people had come to expect of us. Client retention was fundamental and here again, the strong customer relationships prevailed and there was no drop in retention levels. On the other hand, new business was scarce and understandably people were being cautious. Travel insurance, a line of business that GasanMamo was a market leader in suffered the most significant shift. After March 2020, travel all but stopped, serving a devastating blow to this line of business.

Overall premium levels were maintained, and the Company ended the reporting year with an overall Gross Written Premium (GWP) of €52.8M registering a growth of 0.4%, when compared to €52.6M in GWP and a growth of 17.9% for 2019. The Combined Operating Ratio (COR) has improved due to the improved loss ratio, particularly in Motor and Medical. COR for the year was 74.3% compared to 83.8% in 2019.

The solvency position of the company remains strong with a Solvency Capital Requirement, ('SCR') of €17.0M and Own Funds of €41.9M, at 31 December 2020, thus having an SCR ratio of 246% and a Minimum Capital Requirement ratio of 619%.

The company is well positioned to proceed on its journey seeking out profitable growth in line with its strategy. In addition to organic growth in markets where it currently operates, prudent growth that is in line with predetermined objectives is being sought in other EU jurisdictions.

## Directors' report – CONTINUED

### Risks and uncertainty

The main risk that affects an insurance company is insurance risk. The risk under any one insurance contract is the possibility that the insured event occurs and the uncertainty of the amount of the resulting claim. By the very nature of an insurance contract, this risk is random and therefore unpredictable. The Board is confident that the reinsurance that is in place coupled with the experience in all areas of operation renders the risk manageable and in line with the risk appetite.

#### COVID-19

##### *Underwriting*

The impact of the global pandemic COVID 19 is well known and individuals, business and governments, not to mention health service providers have been navigating this challenging environment. The economic fallout has been severe and has not been fully played out. It is widely acknowledged that, thanks to the vaccine, there is an end in sight for the havoc that has been caused and the road to economic recovery will commence. Insurance losses have by now been quantified and absorbed in respective balance sheets. It is clear that COVID-19 is a significant CAT event from an insurance perspective, but not one that the sector is unable to cope with.

The underwriting exposure to the Company emanating from COVID-19 has been considerable. This is due to the Business Interruption covers that are in place. Exposure is predominantly in respect of policies covering the hospitality trade. The extension in question was not designed for a global pandemic scenario and wordings across the market have been tightened. The Company is in a good position to meet all its obligations due to the strong balance sheet position that it had coming into this situation and the strength of the reinsurance programme that is in place. This will have an impact on the future reinsurance costs as international markets harden.

##### *Operational*

Following an initial major adjustment, assisted by the entire team and the Business Continuity Plan that was in place, operations have settled and service is being delivered in line with the high standards for which we are known.

##### *Economic*

Following several years of economic growth, it is expected that there will be an economic slowdown, this will most likely result in a contraction of gross written premiums in some lines of business, but Management remains optimistic that business levels overall will be retained.

### Financial risk management

Information pertaining to the company's insurance and financial risk management is included in Notes 2.1 and 2.2 of these financial statements.

### Events after reporting date

In 2021, the directors recommended the payment of a final net dividend of €1,500,000 which was paid in February 2021.

There were no other particular important events affecting the company which occurred after the reporting date other than those mentioned in the Directors' report.

### Future developments

The directors intend to continue to operate in line with the company's current business plan.

## Directors' report – CONTINUED

### Results and dividends

The statement of comprehensive income is set out on pages 18 and 19. The interim net ordinary dividends of €1,500,000 (2019: €3,000,000) were declared and paid out in 2020.

### Reserves

The directors propose that the balance of retained earnings amounting to €28,575,143 (2019: €22,341,520) be carried forward to the next financial year, and that a final dividend be paid in 2021 as described above.

### External actuarial function holder

The company's external actuarial function holder is Mr Dimitris Dimitrou, fellow of the Institute of Actuaries, partner of Deloitte Actuarial Services Ltd (Cyprus).

### Directors

Joseph A Gasan - *Chairman*  
Albert P Mamo - *Deputy Chairman*  
Julian J Mamo - *Managing Director*  
Mark Gasan  
Baudouin Deschamps  
Robert Rogers  
Nicholas Bell

The company's Articles of Association do not require any of the directors to retire.

### Statement of Directors' responsibilities for the financial statements

The directors are required by the Insurance Business Act, 1998 and the Maltese Companies Act, (Cap. 386) to prepare financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each reporting period and the profit and loss for the period.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for:

- ensuring that the financial statements have been drawn up in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU;
- selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies;
- making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances;
- ensuring that the financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business as a going concern.

The directors are also responsible for designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls as the directors determine necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and that comply with the Companies Act (Cap. 386). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The financial statements of GasanMamo Insurance Limited for the year ended 31 December 2020 are included in the Annual Report 2020, which is published in hard copy printed form and may be made available on the Company's website. The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the Annual Report on the website in view of their responsibility for the controls over, and the security of the website. Access to information published on the company's website is available in other countries and jurisdictions where legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from requirements or practice in Malta.

## Directors' report – CONTINUED

### Company Secretary

Vanessa Portelli B.A., LL.D., Dip.CII

### Auditors

PricewaterhouseCoopers have indicated their willingness to continue in office and a resolution for their reappointment will be proposed.

### Corporate Governance

The company continues to make endeavours to ensure that it complies with the requirements of the Malta Financial Services Authority guidelines and to exceed these where it deems necessary so as to ensure that high standards are met in this area.

### Corporate Social Responsibility

The company acknowledges its responsibility as a corporate citizen and hence its obligations toward society at large. It complies with the applicable laws of the country as befits a good corporate citizen company. Furthermore, the company supports various entities in the sphere of national heritage, culture, sport as well as initiatives of a social nature that benefit the country as well as overseas.

### The Board of Directors

The Board meets regularly, at least on a quarterly basis to review the performance to date and to assess the position of the company at that time. The members are a mix of appointees of the shareholders, together with independent members who bring with them international experience in various areas of the business. During the quarterly meetings senior officials of the company make detailed presentations to the board members for their evaluation and assessment of performance and progress.

The Board also meets once a year for a separate and specific meeting to discuss strategy and set strategic direction for the company.

An Executive Committee of the Board consisting of all local directors together with five senior members of management meets on a monthly basis to review the management accounts of the previous month. All members of the Board are circulated with the same level of management information including detailed monthly financial performance reports, investment reports, as well as other key performance indicators, together with the minutes of meetings.

### Board and Executive Committees

The following committees are appointed by and report to the Board of Directors.

#### Audit Committee

The committee meets regularly to review processes connected with internal controls, to review reports prepared by the internal auditor, to coordinate the work of the external auditors and the internal auditor, and to make any recommendations that it deems necessary for the better performance and governance of the company. The audit committee is made up of:

Baudouin Deschamps - *Chairman*  
Robert Rogers - *Director*  
Nicholas Bell - *Director*

## Directors' report – CONTINUED

The following are normally invited to attend these meetings:

Julian J Mamo - *Managing Director*  
Vanessa Portelli - *Company Secretary*  
Michael Farrugia - *Financial Controller*  
KPMG as the company's internal auditor

### Investment Committee

The Committee has the function to consider and propose to the Board the asset allocation policy of the company and to monitor the performance of the portfolio managers. The Investment Committee is made up of:

Joseph A Gasan - *Chairman*  
Albert P Mamo  
Julian J Mamo  
Mark Gasan  
Baudouin Deschamps  
Robert Rogers  
Nicholas Bell  
Michael Farrugia  
Vanessa Portelli - *Member & Secretary*

### Property Investment Sub-Committee

The investment committee has appointed this sub-committee to consider and propose investment in immovable property and to subsequently manage any rental property the company may own. The Property Investment Committee is made up of:

Julian J Mamo - *Chairman*  
Mark M Mamo  
Mark Gasan  
Eliseo Fenech  
Vanessa Portelli - *Member & Secretary*

### Governance, Risk and Compliance Committee

This committee is responsible for defining and revising the corporate governance as well as overseeing arrangements of the company in order to ensure the sound and prudent management of the business. The committee, as an advisory committee to the Board, assists the Board to actively promote ethical and responsible decision-making and ensures that the company recognises legal and other obligations to all legitimate stakeholders.

Moreover the committee contributes in the formulation of the company's overall risk strategies and policies for managing significant business risks, and is responsible for designing and implementing the company's Risk Management Framework. Finally, it ensures that the company's overall system of internal control operates effectively, monitors risk exposures and breaches. The Governance, Risk and Compliance Committee is made up of:

Julian J Mamo - *Chairman*  
Albert P Mamo  
Vanessa Portelli  
Leslie Causon  
Francis Valletta  
Michael Farrugia  
Mark M Mamo  
Marcon Agius

## Directors' report – CONTINUED

### Product Oversight and Governance Sub-Committee

This sub-committee has been appointed by the Governance, Risk and Compliance Committee to execute the Product Oversight and Governance (POG) process of the Company in relation to products manufactured and distributed to ensure the on-going compliance with the requirements of the Conduct of Business Rulebook.

The sub-committee implements the product approval process as outlined in the Product Oversight and Governance Policy and shall ensure that there is a sound product governance for the protection of consumers. The Committee is made up of:

Vanessa Portelli – *Chairman*  
Marcon Agius  
Donna Briggs  
Steve Mizzi  
Shawn O'Dea  
Petra Satariano  
Olivia Sciberras

### Remuneration Committee

This committee, as an advisory committee to the Board of Directors, assists with the formulation of GasanMamo's overall remuneration policy for defining remuneration practices. In addition, the committee ensures that these policies promote an effective system of internal control and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors for improvements. The committee is made up of Non-Executive Directors and invites the Managing Director to attend the meetings as required. Meetings are held at least annually and are minuted. The Remuneration Committee is made up of:

Albert P Mamo - *Chairman*  
Joseph A Gasan  
Robert Rogers  
Mark Gasan

### Other Committees

#### Reinsurance Committee

This committee is representative of the various areas of operation of the company and meets regularly towards the end of the year to assess and propose to the Board any changes that may be considered for the reinsurance programme of the company for the following year. It also meets as and when required during the course of the year to consider particular issues that affect the reinsurance programme and which may require ad-hoc solutions. The Reinsurance Committee is made up of:

Julian J Mamo - *Chairman*  
Leslie Causon  
Francis Valletta  
Vanessa Portelli  
Mark M Mamo  
Shawn O'Dea - *Member & Secretary*

## Directors' report - CONTINUED

### Health & Safety Committee

The Health & Safety Committee is composed of representatives of the company as well as representatives of the staff. This Committee's role is to ensure that the premises and work environment in general complies with legal requirements and is of an acceptable level, as well as to make any related recommendations in this regard. The Health & Safety Committee is made up of:

Vanessa Portelli - *Chairman*  
Mario Farrugia  
Marcel Bonaci  
Petra Satariano - *Staff Representative*  
Kurt Caruana - *Staff Representative*

### Debtors Review Committee

The committee meets on a monthly basis, to oversee the management of the debtors of the company. It also takes cognisance of debtors and any related action required, legal or otherwise, and recommends any required bad debt write-offs. The company recognises that it manages to retain a very positive time-frame for debt collection through the collective efforts of this committee. The Debtors Review Committee is made up of:

Julian J Mamo - *Chairman*  
Leslie Causon  
Eliseo Fenech  
Mark M Mamo  
Sandra Micallef  
Mary Grace Tibay – *Member & Secretary*

### Going Concern

The directors are satisfied that taking into account the financial position of the company it is reasonable to assume that there are adequate resources to enable the company to continue its operations in the foreseeable future. Therefore the directors have adopted this position as a basis for the preparation of these accounts.

On behalf of the Board

  
Joseph A Gasan  
Chairman

  
Julian J Mamo  
Director

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Malta

24 March 2021



## Independent auditor's report

To the Shareholders of GasanMamo Insurance Limited

### Report on the audit of the financial statements

#### Our opinion

In our opinion:

- The financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of GasanMamo Insurance Limited as at 31 December 2020, and of the company's financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ('IFRSs') as adopted by the EU; and
- The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Maltese Companies Act (Cap. 386).

Our opinion is consistent with our additional report to the Audit Committee.

#### What we have audited

Gasamamo Insurance Limited's financial statements, set out on pages 17 to 65, comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2020
- the statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended;
- the statement of other comprehensive income for the year then ended;
- the statement of changes in equity for the year then ended;
- the statement of cash flows for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

#### Basis for opinion

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

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

#### Independence

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



## Independent auditor's report - continued

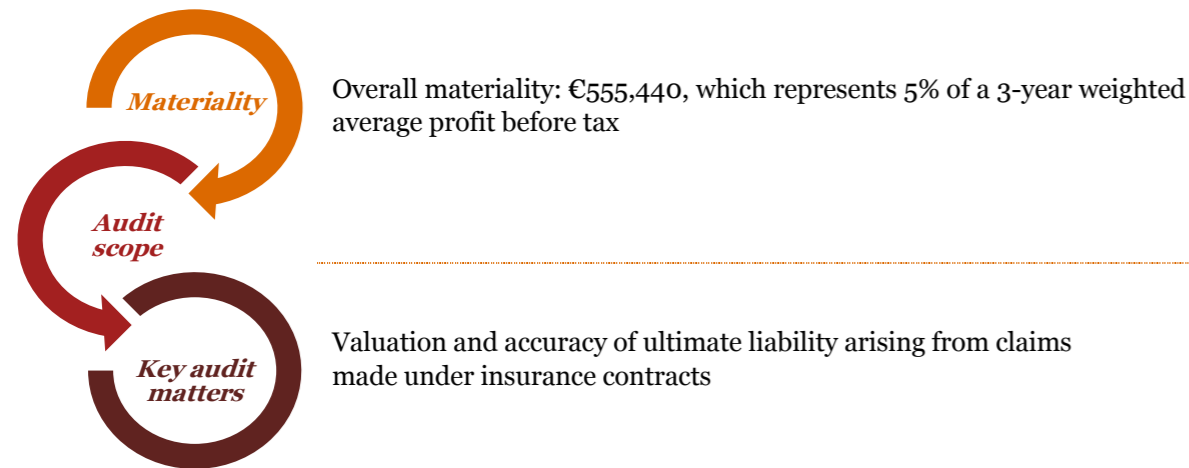
To the Shareholders of GasanMamo Insurance Limited

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

The non-audit services that we have provided to the company, in the period from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020, are disclosed in note 17 to the financial statements.

### Our audit approach

#### Overview



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

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



## Independent auditor's report - continued

To the Shareholders of GasanMamo Insurance Limited

#### Materiality

The scope of our audit was influenced by our application of materiality. An audit is designed to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. Misstatements may arise due to fraud or error. They are considered material if individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

Based on our professional judgement, we determined certain quantitative thresholds for materiality, including the overall materiality for the financial statements as a whole as set out in the table below. These, together with qualitative considerations, helped us to determine the scope of our audit and the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures and to evaluate the effect of misstatements, both individually and in aggregate on the financial statements as a whole.

<b>Overall materiality</b>	€555,440
<b>How we determined it</b>	5% of a 3-year weighted average profit before tax
<b>Rationale for the materiality benchmark applied</b>	We chose a 3-year weighted average profit before tax as reflected in the statement of comprehensive income of 2018 to 2020 as the benchmark because, in our view, profit is a key financial statement metric used in assessing the performance of the company, and considering that profit tends to fluctuate year on year. We selected 5% based on our professional judgement, noting that it is also within the range of commonly accepted profit-related benchmarks.

We agreed with the Audit Committee that we would report to them misstatements identified during our audit above €55,544 as well as misstatements below that amount that, in our view, warranted reporting for qualitative reasons.

## Independent auditor's report - continued

To the Shareholders of GasanMamo Insurance Limited

### Key audit matters

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

#### Key audit matter

#### How our audit addressed the Key audit matter

##### *Valuation and accuracy of ultimate liability arising from claims made under insurance contracts*

Valuation of insurance provisions is judgemental and requires a number of assumptions to be made that have estimation uncertainty. This is particularly the case for those liabilities that are recognised in respect of claims that have occurred but have not yet been reported to the company, referred to as 'IBNR', as some claims can take time to emerge or develop. The determination of the value of these insurance reserves requires judgement, *inter alia*, in the selection of key assumptions and methodologies.

The company has estimated claims outstanding on a case by case basis, which also include an estimated allowance for subrogation or salvage recoveries, and supplemented this with IBNR claims provision based on different reserving methodologies applicable to relevant policy portfolios.

The company's net claims outstanding and IBNR provisions are disclosed in note 13 at €15.3m and €1.1m respectively, and net favourable variations arising from prior year claims, when also considering the impact of the recovery reserve and IBNR, amounting to €1.5m. Further information on the development of the ultimate cost of claims over the year is disclosed in note 13.

We focused on this area due to its inherent subjectivity and complexity (refer to notes 2.1, 3 and 13).

Our audit procedures addressing the valuation of the company's claims outstanding and incurred but not reported claims provision included the following procedures, including the involvement of our actuarial expert team:

- we applied our industry knowledge and experience in the understanding and evaluating the IBNR reserving methodology, models and assumptions used;
- we also performed our own independent IBNR projections on a sample basis, and compared the results to management's estimates;
- we considered whether the claims outstanding and IBNR reserving methodology was applied consistently across the years;
- we considered the quality of historical reserving by reviewing variations arising from prior year technical provisions, including the impact of the recovery reserve and IBNR, on a gross and net basis;
- we analysed claim patterns and based on our risk assessment, tested a sample of case estimates (including increases or releases of reserves during the year) by tracing to supporting documentation, and holding discussions with senior claims handlers to obtain comfort that the basis of reserve was reasonable and in line with the information available to the company; and
- we considered the extent of related disclosures to the financial statements.

Based on the work performed, we found the claims outstanding and IBNR to be consistent with the explanations and evidence obtained.

## Independent auditor's report - continued

To the Shareholders of GasanMamo Insurance Limited

### Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Directors' report, the Managing director's review and the Chairman's statement (but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon).

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon except as explicitly stated within the *Report on other legal and regulatory requirements*.

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

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

### *Responsibilities of the directors and those charged with governance for the financial statements*

The directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the EU and the requirements of the Maltese Companies Act (Cap. 386), and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company'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 the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

### *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements*

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 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 financial statements.





## Independent auditor's report - continued

To the Shareholders of GasanMamo Insurance Limited

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's 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 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, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the company's ability to continue as a going concern. In particular, it is difficult to evaluate all of the potential implications that COVID-19 will have on the company's trade, customers and suppliers, and the disruption to its business and the overall economy.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

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



## Independent auditor's report - continued

To the Shareholders of GasanMamo Insurance Limited

### Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

The *Annual Report and Financial Statements 2020* contains other areas required by legislation or regulation on which we are required to report. The Directors are responsible for these other areas.

The table below sets out these areas presented within the Annual Report, our related responsibilities and reporting, in addition to our responsibilities and reporting reflected in the *Other information* section of our report. Except as outlined in the table, we have not provided an audit opinion or any form of assurance.

Area of the <i>Annual Report and Financial Statements 2020</i> and the related Directors' responsibilities	Our responsibilities	Our reporting
<p><b>Directors' report</b> (on pages 1 to 7) The Maltese Companies Act (Cap. 386) requires the directors to prepare a Directors' report, which includes the contents required by Article 177 of the Act and the Sixth Schedule to the Act.</p>	<p>We are required to consider whether the information given in the Directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.</p> <p>We are also required to express an opinion as to whether the Directors' report has been prepared in accordance with the applicable legal requirements.</p> <p>In addition, we are required to state whether, in the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment obtained in the course of our audit, we have identified any material misstatements in the Directors' report, and if so to give an indication of the nature of any such misstatements.</p>	<p>In our opinion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the information given in the Directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and</li> <li>• the Directors' report has been prepared in accordance with the Maltese Companies Act (Cap. 386).</li> </ul> <p>We have nothing to report to you in respect of the other responsibilities, as explicitly stated within the <i>Other information</i> section.</p>



### Independent auditor's report - continued

To the Shareholders of GasanMamo Insurance Limited

Area of the Annual Report and Financial Statements 2020 and the related Directors' responsibilities	Our responsibilities	Our reporting
	<p><b>Other matters on which we are required to report by exception</b></p> <p>We also have responsibilities under the Maltese Companies Act (Cap. 386) to report to you if, in our opinion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us.</li> <li>the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns.</li> <li>we have not received all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, we require for our audit.</li> </ul>	<p>We have nothing to report to you in respect of these responsibilities.</p>



### Independent auditor's report - continued

To the Shareholders of GasanMamo Insurance Limited

#### Other matter – use of this report

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

#### Appointment

We were first appointed as auditors of the Company on 25 August 1975. Our appointment has been renewed annually by shareholder resolution representing a total period of uninterrupted engagement appointment of 46 years. The company became licensed as an insurance undertaking in terms of the Maltese Insurance Business Act (Cap. 403) on 11 April 2003.

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Lucienne Pace Ross  
Partner

24 March 2021

## Statement of financial position

	Notes	As at 31 December	
		2020 €	2019 €
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Property, plant and equipment:			
- land and buildings	4	5,324,059	5,659,505
- plant and equipment	4	429,637	601,997
Right of use assets	25	742,276	635,006
Investment property	5	10,751,149	10,551,308
Other assets	8	2,970,132	2,955,924
Investments	6	45,010,059	39,764,244
Reinsurers' share of technical provisions	13	13,228,827	5,446,744
Deferred acquisition costs	7	4,230,173	4,080,725
Current taxation		-	368,964
Receivables:			
- receivables arising from direct insurance operations	8	7,238,080	6,895,742
- other receivables	8	292,142	413,307
- prepayments and accrued income	8	428,065	387,281
Cash and cash equivalents	10	14,045,007	12,351,086
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>104,689,606</b>	<b>90,111,833</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Share capital	11	12,000,000	12,000,000
Retained earnings	12	28,575,143	22,341,520
Revaluation reserve	26	2,554,226	2,554,226
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>43,129,369</b>	<b>36,895,746</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Technical provisions	13	52,898,927	46,326,843
Payables:			
- payables arising out of direct insurance operations	14	1,345,059	1,419,755
- other payables	14	1,413,929	1,424,721
- accruals and deferred income	14	2,473,578	1,809,748
Lease liability	25	756,057	640,938
Current taxation		1,135,042	-
Deferred taxation	9	1,537,645	1,594,082
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>61,560,237</b>	<b>53,216,087</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>		<b>104,689,606</b>	<b>90,111,833</b>

The notes on pages 22 to 65 are an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 17 to 65 were authorised by the Board on 24 March 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
Joseph A Gasan  
Chairman

  
Julian J Mamo  
Director

## Statement of comprehensive income Technical account - General business

	Notes	Year ended 31 December	
		2020 €	2019 €
<b>Earned premiums, net of reinsurance</b>			
Gross premiums written		52,783,783	52,564,389
Outward reinsurance premiums		(8,306,710)	(8,038,116)
<b>Net premiums written</b>		<b>44,477,073</b>	<b>44,526,273</b>
Change in the gross provision for unearned premiums	13	(647,174)	(1,885,871)
<b>Earned premiums, net of reinsurance</b>		<b>43,829,899</b>	<b>42,640,402</b>
<b>Allocated investment (charge) / return transferred from the non-technical account</b>			
	16	(16,617)	2,486,483
<b>Total technical income</b>		<b>43,813,282</b>	<b>45,126,885</b>
<b>Claims incurred, net of reinsurance</b>			
Claims paid			
- gross amount		23,290,556	22,815,751
- reinsurers' share	13	(3,099,873)	(2,182,830)
		<b>20,190,683</b>	<b>20,632,921</b>
Change in the provision for claims			
- gross amount	13	5,741,466	3,273,163
- reinsurers' share	13	(7,598,642)	(1,763,214)
		<b>(1,857,176)</b>	<b>1,509,949</b>
<b>Claims incurred, net of reinsurance</b>		<b>18,333,507</b>	<b>22,142,870</b>
<b>Net operating expenses</b>	15,17	<b>13,654,846</b>	<b>13,044,285</b>
<b>Total technical charges</b>		<b>31,988,353</b>	<b>35,187,155</b>
<b>Balance on the technical account - general business</b> (page 19)		<b>11,824,929</b>	<b>9,939,730</b>

**Statement of comprehensive income  
Non-technical account**

	Notes	Year ended 31 December	
		2020 €	2019 €
<b>Balance on technical account - general business</b> (page 18)		<b>11,824,929</b>	9,939,730
Investment income	16	<b>386,519</b>	4,181,655
Investment expenses and charges	16	<b>(243,676)</b>	(238,913)
Allocated investment charge / (return) transferred to the general business technical account	16	<b>16,617</b>	(2,486,483)
Other income		<b>788,567</b>	754,119
Administration expenses	17	<b>(586,736)</b>	(547,500)
Impairment of assets	4	-	(216,546)
<b>Profit before income tax</b>		<b>12,186,220</b>	11,386,063
Tax expense	19	<b>(4,452,597)</b>	(3,724,718)
<b>Profit for the year</b>		<b>7,733,623</b>	7,661,345
<b>Earnings per share</b>	21	<b>0.64</b>	0.64

**Statement of other comprehensive income**

	Notes	Year ended 31 December	
		2020 €	2019 €
Profit for the year		<b>7,733,623</b>	7,661,345
<b>Other comprehensive income: items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss</b>			
Revaluation movement on land and buildings	4, 26	-	3,193,666
Consequential deferred tax impact	9, 26	-	(639,440)
<b>Total other comprehensive income, net of tax</b>		<b>7,733,623</b>	2,554,226
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>7,733,623</b>	10,215,571

The notes on pages 22 to 65 are an integral part of these financial statements.

**Statement of changes in equity**

	Notes	Share capital	Retained earnings	Revaluation reserve	Total
		€	€	€	€
Balance at 1 January 2019		12,000,000	17,680,175	-	29,680,175
<b>Comprehensive income</b>					
Profit for the year - total comprehensive income		-	7,661,345	-	7,661,345
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>					
Revaluation movement on land and buildings, net of deferred tax	26	-	-	2,554,226	2,554,226
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>7,661,345</b>	<b>2,554,226</b>	<b>10,215,571</b>
<b>Transactions with owners</b>					
Dividends - total transactions with owners	22	-	(3,000,000)	-	(3,000,000)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2019</b>		<b>12,000,000</b>	<b>22,341,520</b>	<b>2,554,226</b>	<b>36,895,746</b>
Balance at 1 January 2020		12,000,000	22,341,520	2,554,226	36,895,746
<b>Comprehensive income</b>					
Profit for the year - total comprehensive income		-	7,733,623	-	7,733,623
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>7,733,623</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,733,623</b>
<b>Transactions with owners</b>					
Dividends - total transactions with owners	22	-	(1,500,000)	-	(1,500,000)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2020</b>		<b>12,000,000</b>	<b>28,575,143</b>	<b>2,554,226</b>	<b>43,129,369</b>

The notes on pages 22 to 65 are an integral part of these financial statements.

## Statement of cash flows

	Notes	Year ended 31 December	
		2020 €	2019 €
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	23	11,364,698	12,141,116
Dividends received	16	178,754	289,339
Interest received	16	474,497	490,245
Rental income	16	318,775	357,730
Tax paid		(3,005,028)	(4,261,367)
Net cash generated from operating activities		9,331,696	9,017,063
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Investment in an associate	6	(35,000)	(375,000)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	4	(85,781)	(174,667)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		4,000	28,000
Purchase of investment property	5	(32,181)	(62,825)
Proceeds from disposal of investment property – net	5	-	1,700,154
Payment of commitment in relation to other assets	8	(14,208)	(2,955,924)
Purchase of investments - fair value through profit or loss	6	(24,382,808)	(14,349,862)
Disposal of investments - fair value through profit or loss	6	18,263,766	11,501,656
Collection of loan to group undertaking	6	-	1,250,000
Withdrawal / (placement) of deposits with banks or financial institutions	6	307,899	(1,200,000)
Net cash used in investing activities		(5,974,313)	(4,638,468)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Lease payments	25	(163,462)	(150,713)
Dividends paid	22	(1,500,000)	(3,000,000)
Net cash used in financing activities		(1,663,462)	(3,150,713)
<b>Net movement in cash and cash equivalents</b>		1,693,921	1,227,882
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>		12,351,086	11,123,204
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	10	14,045,007	12,351,086

The notes on pages 22 to 65 are an integral part of these financial statements.

## Notes to the financial statements

### 1. Summary of significant accounting policies

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

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the EU and the requirements of the Maltese Companies Act, (Cap. 386).

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the fair valuation of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (including all derivative financial instruments), land and buildings and investment properties.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRSs as adopted by the EU requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires directors to exercise their judgement in the process of applying the company's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in Note 3.

The statement of financial position is organised in increasing order of liquidity, with additional disclosures on the current or non-current nature of the company's assets and liabilities provided within the notes to the financial statements.

#### *Other standards, interpretations and amendments to published standards effective in 2020*

In 2020, the company adopted new standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards that are mandatory for the Company's accounting period beginning on 1 January 2020. The adoption of these revisions to the requirements of IFRSs as adopted by the EU did not result in substantial changes to the company's accounting policies and financial statements.

#### *Standards, interpretations and amendments to published standards that are not yet effective*

Certain new standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards have been published by the date of authorisation for issue of these financial statements but are mandatory for the company's accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2021. The company has not early adopted these revisions to the requirements of IFRSs as adopted by the EU and the company's directors are of the opinion that there are no requirements that will have a possible significant impact on the company's financial statements in the period of initial application, other than as described below.

IFRS 17 was issued in May 2017 and sets out the requirements that an entity should apply in accounting for insurance contracts it issues and reinsurance contracts it holds. IFRS 17 had an effective date of 1 January 2021, delayed to 1 January 2022 on 14 November 2018. On 17 March 2020, the IASB took the decision to defer IFRS 17 implementation by a year, with a new effective date of 1 January 2023.

In 2020, the company carried out a gap analysis to determine the tasks necessary for a smooth implementation of IFRS 17. Pursuant to an industry-wide thematic review carried out by the Malta Financial Services Authority, the company has also prepared an impact assessment on its 31 December 2019 financial statements, comparing the financial results under the present accounting framework with the financial results should IFRS 17 been effective. The impact assessment also

**1. Summary of significant accounting policies - continued**

**1.1 Basis of preparation - continued**

considered the effect that IFRS 17 will have on current business practices, such as risk management, pricing and purchase of reinsurance. The impact assessment has not been audited by the external auditors of the company. The company expects to continue its IFRS 17 implementation in the coming financial periods.

**1.2 Foreign currency translation**

(a) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in these financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the company operates ('the functional currency'). The euro is the company's functional and presentation currency.

(b) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions or valuation where items are re-measured. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in profit or loss.

All foreign exchange gains and losses are presented in profit or loss.

**1.3 Property, plant and equipment**

Property, plant and equipment (except for land and buildings) are recorded at historical cost less depreciation and accumulated impairment losses (if any). Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Starting 31 December 2019, the company's land and buildings held for own use are carried at revalued amount. The revalued amount is the fair value of the assets at the date of the revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Increases in the carrying amounts arising on revaluation of land and buildings are recognised, net of tax, in other comprehensive income and accumulated in 'Revaluation reserve' in shareholders' equity. To the extent that the increase reverses a decrease previously recognised in profit or loss, the increase is first recognised in profit or loss. Decreases that reverse previous increases of the same asset are first recognised in other comprehensive income to the extent of the remaining surplus attributable to the asset; all other decreases are charged to profit or loss.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the company and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the statement of comprehensive income during the financial period in which they are incurred.

**1. Summary of significant accounting policies - continued**

**1.3 Property, plant and equipment - continued**

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

	%
Buildings	2
Leasehold improvements, office furniture and equipment	10 - 20
Computer equipment	20
Motor vehicles	20 - 25

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period. An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount. The asset's recoverable amount is the higher between its fair value less cost to sell and value-in-use.

Gains and losses on disposals of property, plant and equipment are determined by comparing the proceeds with carrying amount and are recognised in profit or loss.

**1.4 Investment property**

Property held for long term rental yields or for capital appreciation or both and which is not occupied by the company is classified as investment property. Investment property comprises land and buildings and is measured initially at its cost, including related transaction costs. After initial recognition, investment property is carried at fair value. Fair value is based on active market prices, adjusted, if necessary, for any difference in the nature, location or condition of the specific asset. If this information is not available, the company uses alternative valuation methods such as recent prices on less active markets or discounted cash flow projections. These valuations are reviewed bi-annually by the directors. Investment property being redeveloped for continuing use as investment property or for which the market has become less active continues to be measured at fair value. The fair value of investment property reflects, among other things, rental income from current leases and assumptions about rental income from future leases in the light of current market conditions.

Subsequent expenditure is added to the asset's carrying amount only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the company and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance costs are charged to profit or loss during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Changes in fair values are recorded in profit or loss.

## 1. Summary of significant accounting policies – continued

### 1.5 Financial assets

#### *Classification*

The company classifies its financial assets as “financial assets at fair value through profit or loss” and “financial assets at amortised cost”. The classification depends on the company’s business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual terms of the cash flows. Management determines the classification of the company’s financial assets at initial recognition.

The company reclassifies these debt instruments when and only when its business model for managing those assets changes.

#### (a) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

The company classifies the following financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:

- Debt instruments that do not qualify for measurement at either amortised cost or at FVOCI (i.e., financial assets mandatorily required to be measured at fair value),
- Equity investments that are held for trading (i.e., financial assets mandatorily required to be measured at fair value), and
- Equity investments for which the company has not elected to recognise the fair value gains and losses through other comprehensive income.

Financial assets in this category are considered as current assets if expected to be settled within twelve months; otherwise, they are considered as non-current. The company’s financial assets at fair value through profit or loss include debt and equity securities (Note 6).

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss include financial assets managed on a fair value basis. Derivatives are also categorised as held for trading unless they are designated as hedges. A financial asset is classified in this category on initial recognition if, as a company’s business model, it is part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that are managed together in the above manner.

#### (b) Financial assets at amortised cost

The company classifies its financial assets as at amortised cost only if both of the following criteria are met:

- The asset is held within a business model whose objective is to collect the contractual cash flows, and
- The contractual terms give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest.

Financial assets in this category are considered as current assets if expected to be settled within twelve months or within normal operating cycle; otherwise, they are considered as non-current.

The company’s deposits with banks or financial institutions, receivable from group undertakings, other receivables and accrued income on financial assets at amortised cost in the statement of financial position are classified under this category (Notes 6, 8 and 10).

## 1. Summary of significant accounting policies - continued

### 1.5 Financial assets - continued

#### *Recognition and measurement*

All purchases and sales of investments are recognised on the trade date, which is the date that the company commits to purchase and sell the asset. Investments are initially recognised at fair value plus, in the case of all financial assets not carried at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs that are directly attributable to their acquisition. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or have been transferred and the company has also transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are subsequently carried at fair value. Financial assets at amortised cost are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any provision for impairment. Realised and unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in fair value of the ‘financial assets at fair value through profit or loss’ category are included in profit or loss in the period in which they arise.

The fair values of quoted investments and units in collective investment schemes are based on quoted market prices at the end of the reporting period. If the market for an investment is not active, the company establishes fair value by using valuation techniques. Equity securities for which the fair value cannot be measured reliably are recognised at cost less impairment. On disposal, the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount is included in the net profit or loss for the period.

### 1.6 Associated companies and joint ventures

Joint ventures are entities over which the company has joint control and associates are entities over which the company has significant influence as a result of contractual arrangements, and rights to the net assets of the entities. Investments in associated companies and joint ventures are accounted for in the financial statements using the equity method of accounting less impairment losses, if any.

#### *(i) Acquisitions*

Acquisitions of investments in associated companies and joint ventures are initially recognised at cost. The cost of an acquisition is measured at the fair value of the assets given, equity instruments issued or liabilities incurred or assumed at the date of exchange, plus costs directly attributable to the acquisition. Goodwill on associated companies and joint ventures represents the excess of the cost of acquisition of the associated company or joint venture over the company’s share of the fair value of the identifiable net assets of the associated company or joint venture and is included in the carrying amount of the investments.

#### *(ii) Equity method*

Investments are initially recognised at cost and adjusted thereafter to recognise company’s share of its associated companies’ or joint ventures’ post-acquisition profits or losses of the investee in profit or loss and its share of movements in other comprehensive income of the investee’s other comprehensive income. Dividends received or receivable from the associated companies or joint ventures are recognised as a reduction of the carrying amount of the investments. When the company’s share of losses in an associated company or joint venture equals to or exceeds its interest in the associated company or joint venture, the company does not recognise further losses, unless it has legal or constructive obligations to make, or has made, payments on behalf of the associated

## 1. Summary of significant accounting policies - continued

### 1.6 Associated companies and joint ventures - continued

#### (ii) Equity method - continued

company or joint venture. If the associated company or joint venture subsequently reports profits, the company resumes recognising its share of those profits only after its share of the profits equals the share of losses not recognised.

#### (iii) Unrealised gains

Unrealised gains on transactions between the company and its associated companies or joint ventures are eliminated to the extent of the company's interest in the associated companies or joint ventures. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transactions provide evidence of impairment of the assets transferred. The accounting policies of associated companies or joint ventures are changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the accounting policies adopted by the company.

#### (iv) Disposals

Investments in associated companies or joint ventures are derecognised when the company loses significant influence or joint control. If the retained equity interest in the former associated company or joint venture is a financial asset, the retained equity interest is remeasured at fair value. The difference between the carrying amount of the retained interest at the date when significant influence or joint control is lost, and its fair value and any proceeds on partial disposal, is recognised in profit or loss.

### 1.7 Impairment of assets

#### Accounting policies on financial assets within scope of IFRS 9

The company assesses on a forward-looking basis the expected credit losses associated with its debt instruments carried at amortised cost. The impairment methodology applied depends on whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk. The company measures loss allowances at an amount equal to lifetime expected credit losses, except for the following, which are measured at 12-month expected credit losses (i.e., resulting from default events that are possible within 12 months after the reporting date or a shorter period if the expected life of the instrument is less than 12 months):

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

The company considers a debt instrument to have low credit risk when its credit risk rating is equivalent to the globally understood definition of 'investment grade' (i.e., typically at least 'BBB-' rating by S&P's or equivalent rating issued by other institutions).

Any impairment is recognised directly in statement of comprehensive income. If in a subsequent period, the amount of expected credit loss decreased, the previously recognised loss is reversed by adjusting the allowance account. The amount of the reversal is recognised in statement of comprehensive income.

The company's financial assets mainly pertain to cash and cash equivalents. While cash and cash equivalents are also subject to the impairment requirements of IFRS 9, the identified expected credit loss was immaterial.

## 1. Summary of significant accounting policies - continued

### 1.7 Impairment of assets - continued

#### Accounting policies on assets within scope of IFRS 4

The company assesses at the end of each reporting period whether there is objective evidence that an asset or group of assets is impaired. An asset or group of assets is impaired and impairment losses are incurred only if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that have occurred after the initial recognition of the asset (a 'loss event') and that loss event or events have an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the asset or group of assets that can be reliably estimated.

Objective evidence that a asset or group of assets is impaired includes observable data that comes to the attention of the company about the following events:

- (i) significant financial difficulty of the issuer or debtor;
- (ii) a breach of contract, such as default or delinquency in payments;
- (iii) it becoming probable that the issuer or debtor will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation;
- (iv) observable data indicating that there is a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flow from a group of assets since the initial recognition of those assets, although the decrease cannot yet be identified with the individual assets in the group.

The company first assesses whether objective evidence of impairment exists individually for assets that are individually significant. If the company determines that no objective evidence of impairment exists for an individually assessed asset, whether significant or not, it includes the asset in a group of assets with similar credit risk characteristics and collectively assesses them for impairment. Assets that are individually assessed for impairment and for which an impairment loss is or continues to be recognised are not included in a collective assessment of impairment.

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss has been incurred on assets, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the recoverable value. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of an allowance account and the amount of the loss is recognised in profit or loss.

If in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised (such as improved credit rating), the previously recognised impairment loss is reversed by adjusting the allowance account. The amount of the reversal is recognised in profit or loss.

### 1.8 Current and deferred tax

The tax expense for the period comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in profit or loss, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity. In this case, the tax is also recognised in equity.



## 1. Summary of significant accounting policies - continued

### 1.8 Current and deferred tax - continued

Deferred tax is recognised, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. However, the deferred tax is not accounted for if it arises from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction other than a business combination that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss. Deferred tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period and are expected to apply when the related deferred tax asset is realised or the deferred tax liability is settled. Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised. Deferred income taxes and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set-off under the Malta Income Tax regime.

### 1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

### 1.10 Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

### 1.11 Insurance contracts - classification

The company issues contracts that transfer significant insurance risk to the company and that are classified as insurance contracts. As a general guideline, the company defines as significant insurance risk the possibility of having to compensate the policyholder if a specified uncertain future event (the insured event) adversely affects the policyholder.

#### Insurance contracts - General business

The results for general business are determined on an annual basis whereby the incurred cost of claims, commissions and related expenses are charged against the earned proportion of premiums, net of reinsurance as follows:

- (i) Premiums written relate to business incepted during the year together with any differences between the booked premiums for prior years and those previously accrued, less cancellations.
- (ii) Unearned premiums represent the proportion of premiums written in the year that relate to unexpired terms of policies in force at the end of each reporting period, calculated on a time apportionment basis.
- (iii) Commissions and other acquisition costs that vary with and are related to securing new contracts and renewing existing contracts are apportioned over the period in which the related premiums are earned. These are capitalised and are shown as deferred acquisition costs ("DAC") in the statement of financial position. DAC is amortised over the term of the policies as the premium is earned. All other costs are recognised as expenses when incurred.
- (iv) Claims incurred comprise claims and related expenses paid in the year and changes in the provision for outstanding claims, including provisions for claims incurred but not reported ("IBNR") and related expenses, together with any other adjustments to claims from previous years. Where applicable, deductions are made for salvage and other recoveries.

## 1. Summary of significant accounting policies - continued

### 1.11 Insurance contracts - classification - continued

- (v) Provision is made at the year-end for the estimated cost of claims incurred but not settled at the end of each reporting period, including the cost of claims incurred but not yet reported to the company. The estimated cost of claims includes expenses to be incurred in settling claims. The company takes all reasonable steps to ensure that it has appropriate information regarding its claims exposures. However, given the uncertainty in establishing claims provisions, it is likely that the final outcome will prove to be different from the original liability established. Liabilities for unpaid claims are estimated using the input of assessments for individual cases reported to the company and statistical analyses for the claims incurred but not reported. The company does not discount its liabilities for unpaid claims. The estimation of claims IBNR is generally subject to a greater degree of uncertainty than the estimation of the cost of settling claims already notified to the company, where more information about the claim event is generally available.
- (vi) Provision in the form of an unexpired risk provision will be made for any deficiencies arising when unearned premiums, net of associated acquisition costs, are insufficient to meet expected claims and expenses after taking into account future investment return on the investments supporting the unearned premiums provision and unexpired risks provision. The expected claims are calculated having regard to events that have occurred prior to the end of the reporting period.

The above method of provisioning satisfies the minimum liability adequacy required by IFRS 4.

#### Reinsurance contracts held

Contracts entered into by the company with reinsurers under which the company is compensated for losses on one or more contracts issued by the company and that meet the classification requirements for insurance contracts are classified as reinsurance contracts held.

The benefits to which the company is entitled under its reinsurance contracts held are recognised as reinsurance assets. These assets consist of short-term balances due from reinsurers (classified within receivables), as well as longer term receivables (classified within reinsurers' share of technical provisions) that are dependent on the expected claims and benefits arising under the related reinsured insurance contracts. Amounts recoverable from or due to reinsurers are measured consistently with the amounts associated with the reinsured insurance contracts and in accordance with the terms of each reinsurance contract. Reinsurance liabilities are primarily premiums payable for reinsurance contracts and are recognised as an expense when due.

#### Receivables and payables related to insurance contracts

Receivables and payables are recognised when due. These include amounts due to and from reinsurers, agents, brokers and insurance policy holders.

The company assesses its reinsurance assets and its receivables related to insurance contracts for impairment on a regular basis. If there is objective evidence that the reinsurance asset or the insurance receivable is impaired, the company will reduce the carrying amount to its recoverable amount and recognises that impairment loss in the statement of comprehensive income. The company gathers the objective evidence that a reinsurance asset or insurance receivable is impaired using the same process adopted for financial assets classified as loans and receivables. The impairment loss is also calculated following the same method used for these financial assets. These processes are described in accounting policy 1.7.

### 1.12 Trade and other payables

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less (or in the normal operating cycle of the business if longer). If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade and other payables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1. Summary of significant accounting policies - continued

1.13 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the company has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate of the amount of the obligation can be made.

1.14 Derivative financial instruments and hedging activity

Derivative financial instruments are initially recognised in the statement of financial position at cost and subsequently are remeasured at their fair value. The method of recognising the resulting gain or loss is dependent on the nature of the item being hedged. On the date a derivative contract is entered into, the company designates certain derivatives as either (1) hedge of the fair value of a recognised asset or liability (fair value hedge), or (2) a hedge of a forecasted transaction or of a firm commitment (cash flow hedge). The Company did not have material hedging activities in 2020 (no hedging activities in 2019).

1.15 Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the statement of financial position when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

1.16 Revenue recognition

Revenue comprises the fair value for services and is recognised as follows:

- (a) *Rendering of services*  
Premium recognition is described in accounting policy 1.11 dealing with insurance contracts.
- (b) *Interest income*  
Interest income from financial assets not classified as fair value through profit or loss is recognised using the effective interest method. When an insurance receivable is impaired, the company reduces the carrying amount to its recoverable amount, being the estimated future cash flow discounted at the original effective interest rate of the instrument and continues unwinding the discount as interest income.
- (c) *Dividend income*  
Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive payment is established.
- (d) *Rental income*  
Rent receivable from investment property is accounted for on an accruals basis in accordance with the substance of the relative lease agreements.

1.17 Investment return

Investment return comprises investment income including fair value movements, interest income, dividends, rental income, and is net of investment expenses, charges and interest.

Investment return is initially recorded in the non-technical account. A transfer is made from the non-technical account to the general business technical account of the actual investment return on investments supporting the insurance technical provisions.

1. Summary of significant accounting policies - continued

1.18 Leases

Company as a lessee

Leases are recognised as a right-of-use asset and a corresponding liability at the date at which the leased asset is available for use by the company. Assets and liabilities arising from a lease are initially measured on a present value basis.

Lease liabilities include the net present value of lease payments which include, among other, fixed payments and payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the company exercising that option. Lease payments to be made under reasonably certain extension options are also included in the measurement of the liability.

The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease. If that rate cannot be readily determined, which is generally the case for leases in the company, the lessee's incremental borrowing rate is used, being the rate that the company would have to pay to borrow the funds necessary to obtain an asset of similar value to the right-of-use asset in a similar economic environment with similar terms, security and conditions.

To determine the incremental borrowing rate, the company uses as a starting point third-party financing rate applicable had the company received financing and makes adjustments specific to the lease such as the lease term.

Lease payments are allocated between principal and finance cost. The finance cost is charged to profit or loss over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period.

Right-of-use assets are measured at cost comprising the amount of the initial measurement of lease liability, any lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received (if any), any initial direct costs and restoration costs.

Right-of-use assets are generally depreciated over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term on a straight-line basis. If the company is reasonably certain to exercise a purchase option, the right-of-use asset is depreciated over the underlying asset's useful life. Right-of-use assets are depreciated over terms ranging from 3 to 16 years.

While the company revalues its land and buildings that are presented within property, plant and equipment, it has chosen not to do so for the right-of-use buildings held by the company.

Company as a lessor

The company has entered into property leases on its investment properties. The company has determined, based on an evaluation of the terms and conditions of the arrangements, such as the lease term not constituting a major part of the economic life of the property and the present value of the minimum lease payments not amounting to substantially all of the fair value of the property, that it retains substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of this property and accounts for the contracts as operating leases.

**1. Summary of significant accounting policies - continued**

**1.19 Dividend distribution**

Dividend distribution to the company's shareholders is recognised as a liability in the company's financial statements in the period in which the dividends are approved by the company's shareholders.

**2. Management of insurance and financial risk**

The company is exposed to insurance risk and financial risk. This section summarises these risks and the way the company manages them.

**2.1 Insurance risk**

The risk under any one insurance contract is the possibility that the insured event occurs and the uncertainty of the amount of the resulting claim. By the very nature of an insurance contract, this risk is random and therefore unpredictable.

The terms and conditions of the contracts set out the basis for the determination of the company's liability should the insured event occur. The risks underwritten include accident and health, motor (including third party liability), marine and transport, fire and other damage to property and liability.

For a portfolio of insurance contracts where the theory of probability is applied to pricing and provisioning, the principal risk that the company faces under its insurance contracts is that the actual claims and benefit payments exceed the carrying amount of the insurance liabilities. This could occur because the frequency or severity of claims are greater than estimated. Insurance events are random and the actual number and amount of claims may vary from year to year from the estimate established using statistical techniques.

Experience shows that the larger the portfolio of similar insurance contracts, the smaller the variability about the expected outcome will be. In addition, a more diversified portfolio is less likely to be affected across the board by a change in any subset of the portfolio. The company writes business in a number of classes and assesses its exposure at individual class level but it places more emphasis on assessing class groups. The company's underwriting strategy is to diversify the type of insurance risks accepted and within each of these categories to achieve a sufficiently large population of risks to reduce the variability of the expected outcome.

Factors that aggravate insurance risks include the lack of risk diversification in terms of type and amount and the concentration in the portfolio on a few large risks.

*(a) Frequency and severity of claims*

The frequency and severity of claims can be affected by several factors, but primarily by the types of risks that the company accepts to insure. Risk can be significantly affected by a single event such as a severe storm or a drastic change in the methods of compensation awarded by courts.

The company writes only annual policies (with the exceptions of Contractors All Risks contract term cover, Travel and Marine Cargo short term policies), and therefore has the ability to rate risks individually and to impose conditions in accordance with the risk under consideration. For property insurance contracts there is no distinct seasonality in claims patterns except storm-related claims to which the Maltese islands are susceptible at periodic intervals in certain months of the year. The company purchases adequate Catastrophe reinsurance cover to protect against this eventuality.

The company manages these risks through its underwriting strategy, adequate reinsurance arrangements and proactive claims handling.

**2. Management of insurance and financial risk - continued**

**2.1 Insurance risk - continued**

*(a) Frequency and severity of claims - continued*

Underwriting

The underwriting strategy attempts to ensure that the underwritten risks limit the company's exposure to large commercial and industrial risks and to risks with a high probability of causing a severe claim. Internal underwriting guidelines and limits are in place to enforce appropriate risk selection criteria and are reinforced by the proper IT driven controls. Thus intermediaries and branches are unable to give quotations unless these are within their underwriting limits or through direct computer links. Head Office underwriters handle all referrals on risks exceeding such limits. Insurance risks are contracted on the basis of the legal principle of "utmost good faith" and thus the company is able to refuse to settle claims where it can prove that there was non-disclosure or misrepresentation of a material fact at underwriting stage with the aim of circumventing such limits. The company also has systems in place that ensure that certain risks are reviewed prior to renewal terms being offered. As a licensed motor insurer the company is obliged to observe the terms, conditions and limitations of compulsory motor insurance legislation currently in force.

The risks underwritten by the company may also be in the form of reinsurance contracts issued on a one-off facultative basis with other direct re-insurers whereby it assumes a portion of the risk which such insurers undertake with their direct clients.

Reinsurance arrangements

The company has reinsurance protection in place substantially for all classes of business. The reinsurance arrangements consist mainly of a variety of non-proportional programs, with deductibles that are commensurate with the company's financial standing. In certain specific cases, proportional protection is purchased, especially in the case of new areas/ lines of business. This is done to afford increased protection against volatility which can occur in such cases. The company purchases adequate reinsurance cover to protect against the eventuality of a single event such as a storm.

The company's policy is to only utilise reinsurers with a minimum Standard & Poor's rating (or equivalent when not available) of "A minus".

Claims handling

The company's Head Office claims handling departments process, oversee and/or investigate as necessary all claims. Reserves are set in accordance with the company's reserving policy and these are reviewed individually on a regular basis. These limits vary in accordance with the individual's experience and seniority in a manner that ensures that the potentially serious claims are handled by senior and experienced personnel.

The company limits its delegation of claims handling authority to one agent in Malta and to two overseas agents, all of which are monitored by appropriate auditing processes carried out by Head Office personnel. Authority limits in relation to the handling and the settlement of claims are in place.

The company aims to achieve as short a settlement period as possible that allows it to achieve a higher degree of certainty with regard to the estimated cost of claims.

## 2. Management of insurance and financial risk - continued

### 2.1 Insurance risk - continued

#### (a) Frequency and severity of claims - continued

##### Concentration of insurance risk

The company derives 82% (2019: 83%) of its premium income from risks written in Malta whilst the other 18% (2019: 17%) is derived from risks written in Cyprus, France and Greece.

Property risks underwritten by the company are mainly geographically situated on the Maltese Islands with some exposure in Cyprus, and limited exposure in Greece and France. The nature of some policies underwritten by the company in Malta, such as Motor Third Party Liability, Marine Cargo, Travel Insurance and Liability expose the company to claims relating to incidents occurring outside the Maltese Islands, in spite of the fact that the risks are based within them.

In the company's portfolio there is no undue concentration of risk or of policy holders or of business sectors, with a healthy balance between Personal Lines risks and Commercial risks.

#### (b) Sources of uncertainty in the estimation of future claim payments

The most significant risks are changes in the pattern of awards for bodily injury and fatality claims, and inflationary trends. Claims on casualty contracts are payable on a claims-occurrence basis. The company is liable for all insured events that occurred during the term of the contract, even if the loss is discovered after the end of the contract period. Some liability claims tend to be settled over a longer period and in addition to case estimates, an element of claims provision at year-end relates to incurred but not reported claims. Statistical analyses are carried out annually to ascertain that the provision for IBNR is adequate. The compensation paid on these contracts is the monetary award granted for bodily injury suffered. Such awards are lump sum payments that are calculated as the present value of the lost earnings and actual related costs incurred that the injured party suffers as a result of the accident. For fatalities the amount of compensation is also a monetary amount paid as a lump sum to heirs relating to the lost future earnings of the deceased plus actual costs incurred as a result of the accident.

The estimated cost of claims includes direct expenses to be incurred in settling claims gross of expected subrogation value and other recoveries. The company takes all reasonable steps to ensure that it has appropriate information regarding its claims exposures. An initial reserve based on average claims cost is attributed to each reported incident where insufficient information is available at that time. Analysis of the development of past claims has shown that reserves have in overall terms proven to be sufficient to meet the ultimate cost. In calculating the estimated cost of notified but unpaid claims, the company's estimation techniques include a combination of past experience, medical assessments, legal precedent and current trends in compensation awards. All the company's claims reserves are an accumulation of individual case estimates coupled with an estimation of claims recoveries and IBNR. The company's independent actuarial function holder periodically reviews the estimation methodology and reports his observations to management.

The estimation of IBNR is generally subject to a greater degree of uncertainty than the estimation of the cost of settling claims already notified to the company, where information about the claim event is available. Claims IBNR may often not be apparent to the insured until several years after the event giving rise to the claims would have happened. The company estimates IBNR as a fixed percentage of gross written premiums in order to reflect the consequence of changes in portfolio size. Adequacy tests are carried out annually. Classes of business where the IBNR proportion of the total reserve is high will typically display greater variations between initial estimates and final outcome because of the greater degree of difficulty in estimating these reserves.

## 2. Management of insurance and financial risk - continued

### 2.1 Insurance risk - continued

#### (b) Sources of uncertainty in the estimation of future claim payments - continued

Classes of business where claims are typically reported relatively quickly after the claim event tend to display lower levels of volatility.

Note 13 presents the development of the estimate of ultimate claims costs for claims notified in a given year. This gives an indication of the accuracy of the company's estimation techniques for claims payments.

The underwriting exposure to the company emanating from COVID-19 has been material. This is due to the business interruption covers that were in place. Exposure is predominantly in respect of policies covering the hospitality trade. The directors believe that the company is in a good position to meet all its obligations due to the strong balance sheet position and solvency cover that it had coming into this situation and the strength of the reinsurance programme that is in place.

### 2.2 Financial risk management

The company is exposed to financial risk through its financial assets, financial liabilities, and insurance and reinsurance assets and liabilities. The key financial risk is that the proceeds from its financial assets are not sufficient to fund the obligations arising from its insurance risk. The most important components of this financial risk are market risk (including interest rate risk, equity price risk and currency risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. These risks arise from open positions in interest rate, currency and equity positions, all of which are exposed to general and specific market movements. The risk management policies employed by the company to manage these risks are discussed below.

#### (a) Market risk

##### (i) Interest rate risk

In general, the company is exposed to risk associated with the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates. Assets issued at variable rates expose the company to cash flow interest rate risk. Assets issued at fixed rates expose the company to fair value interest rate risk. The company holds investments mostly in equity and debt securities. Debt securities are subject to interest rate risk.

Fair value interest rate risk is the risk that the relative value of a security will worsen due to an interest rate increase. Interest rate risk is mitigated through the distribution of fixed interest investments over a range of maturity dates. Moreover, the company's asset allocation policy limits the amount of investment in any one asset or towards any one counterparty. The exposure to interest rate risk in respect of borrowings is not material considering the short term nature of the company's external borrowings. Notes 6 and 10 incorporate interest rate and maturity information with respect to the company's assets and liabilities.

The total assets and liabilities subject to interest rate risk are the following:

	2020 €	2019 €
Assets at floating interest rates (Notes 6 and 10)	13,715,739	8,493,657
Assets at fixed interest rates (Note 6)	25,528,955	24,302,225
	<b>39,244,694</b>	<b>32,795,882</b>

## 2. Management of insurance and financial risk - continued

### 2.2 Financial risk management - continued

#### (a) Market risk - continued

##### (i) Interest rate risk - continued

Up to the end of the reporting period the company did not have any hedging policy with respect to interest rate risk as exposure to such risks was not deemed to be significant by the directors.

The sensitivity analysis for interest rate risk illustrates how changes in the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates at the end of the reporting period.

At 31 December 2020 the company was mainly exposed to fair value interest rate risk on listed fixed interest rate debt securities. If interest rates at that date would have been 50 basis points lower with all other variables held constant, the increase in pre-tax profit for the year would have been €830,871 (2019: €624,785) higher. An increase of 50 basis points, with all other variables held constant, would have resulted in pre-tax profit being €794,571 (2019: €599,467) lower. The Company's financial instruments subject to cash flow interest rate risk are short-term in nature and accordingly the level of interest rate risk is contained.

##### (ii) Price risk

The company is exposed to market price risk on its financial assets, particularly on its equity investments. These investments are subject to stock market volatility and the value can decline significantly in response to adverse political, market or economic developments.

The company reduces this risk by diversifying its investments in different countries and in different sectors. The company also operates a number of investment portfolios in order to spread risk. These investment portfolios are administered by different investment managers.

The company's investment portfolio is overseen by the Investment Committee that meets on a regular basis in order to review the position of its investments and to plan its investment strategy in accordance with established guidelines. Investment decisions are taken on the basis of an Asset Allocation Policy approved by the Board. The Asset Allocation Policy includes benchmarks and guidelines on various aspects of portfolio management, including currency, instrument, rating, localization, concentration and maturity. It is periodically reviewed by the Investment Committee and, subject to Board approval, amended as necessary so as to reflect the company's overall investment objective, which is principally the preservation of capital and the ability to meet claim liabilities.

The total assets subject to equity price risk are the following:

	2020	2019
	€	€
Assets subject to equity price risk (Note 6)	<b>16,875,391</b>	13,917,458

## 2. Management of insurance and financial risk - continued

### 2.2 Financial risk management - continued

#### (a) Market risk - continued

##### (ii) Price risk - continued

The sensitivity for equity price risk illustrates how changes in the fair value of equity securities will fluctuate because of changes in market prices, whether these changes are caused by factors specific to the individual equity issuer, or factors affecting all similar equity securities traded in the market. The sensitivity for equity price risk is derived based on global equity returns, assuming that currency exposures are hedged.

Given the investment strategy of the company, a 10% positive or negative movement in equity prices is considered to be an appropriate benchmark for sensitivity purposes. A 10% increase/decrease in equity prices, with all other variables held constant, would result in an impact on the pre-tax profit for the year of €1,687,539 (2019: €1,391,746).

##### (iii) Currency risk

Currency risk arises from the possibility that fluctuations in foreign exchange rates will impact on the amounts that are paid to settle liabilities and on the amounts that are realised from the company's assets. Most of the company's liabilities are in local currency and are therefore not subject to currency risk. On the other hand, the company's exposure to foreign exchange risk arises primarily from investments that are denominated in currencies other than the Euro. The company's Investment Committee establishes allowable thresholds with regards to the company's exposure to foreign exchange risk.

As at 31 December 2020, the company's exposure to foreign currency investments, principally comprising a mix of US Dollar and UK Pound, represented 8% of the company's total investments (2019: 8%). The directors do not consider the company's exposure to exchange risk to be significant.

#### (b) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty will be unable to pay amounts in full when due. The company's exposure to credit risk can arise mainly from the following sources:

1. Amounts due from insurance intermediaries
2. Amounts due from insurance contract holders
3. Reinsurers' share of insurance liabilities
4. Intercompany/related party borrowings
5. Investments and cash and cash equivalents

As a general rule the company transacts its business on a cash basis. The company has in place internal control structures to assess and monitor credit exposures and risk thresholds. Normal credit terms provided by the Company range from 1 to 3 months. Credit risk with respect to debts is limited due to the large number of customers comprising the company's debtor base.

2. Management of insurance and financial risk - continued

2.2 Financial risk management - continued

(b) Credit risk - continued

For the first two categories the company manages its credit risks through the work of its Debtors Review Committee. This committee meets on a regular basis and ensures that credit is controlled within pre-agreed timed payment schedules on a case-by-case basis. The company experiences an insignificant level of bad debts.

In view of the nature of the company's activities, its receivables include amounts due from group and related undertakings. The company's management monitors credit exposures with related parties at individual entity level on a regular basis and ensures timely performance of these assets in the context of overall liquidity management. The company assesses the credit quality of these related parties taking into account financial position, performance and other factors. The company takes cognisance of the related party relationship with these entities and management does not expect any losses from non-performance or default.

Reinsurance is used to manage insurance risks. This does not, however, discharge the company's liability as primary insurer. If a reinsurer fails to pay a claim for any reason, the company remains liable for the payment to the policyholder. The creditworthiness of reinsurers is considered on an annual basis by the company's Reinsurance Committee that reviews their financial strength in accordance with MFSA guidelines prior to finalisation of any contract. The company's policy is to only contract Reinsurers with a minimum Standard & Poor's rating (or equivalent when not available) of "A minus".

The company is also exposed to credit risk on its cash at bank and investments. The company's cash is placed with quality financial institutions. The company has no significant exposure to credit risk with respect to investments since such assets exposing the company to credit risk mainly consist of investments in government bonds and corporate bonds quoted on a reputable stock exchange. Credit risk in respect of concentration of investments is not considered by the directors to be significant in view of the credit standing of the issuers.

The following table illustrates the assets that expose the company to credit risk as at the end of the reporting period and includes the Standard & Poor's composite rating (or equivalent), when available. Unrated financial assets principally comprise locally traded bonds on the Malta Stock Exchange, receivables and certain deposits with local bank institutions for which no recognised rating is available.

2. Management of insurance and financial risk - continued

2.2 Financial risk management - continued

(b) Credit risk - continued

Financial assets bearing credit risk at the end of the reporting period are analysed in the following tables. Deposits with banks or financial institutions, and cash and cash equivalents classified as unrated are held with reputable local banks or an unrated local subsidiary of a financial institution with a credit rating of A. At 31 December 2020 and 2019, significantly all of the company's receivables classified as unrated were not past due or impaired.

	As at 31 December 2020					
	AAA to AA- €	A+ to A- €	B to BB- €	BBB+ to BBB- €	Unrated €	Total €
<b>Investments</b>						
Fair value through profit or loss	1,358,396	7,748,513	1,117,406	12,040,007	1,403,208	<b>23,667,530</b>
Deposits with banks or financial institutions	-	-	-	200,000	4,000,000	<b>4,200,000</b>
	1,358,396	7,748,513	1,117,406	12,240,007	5,403,208	<b>27,867,530</b>
<b>Loans and receivables</b>						
Receivables and accrued income	-	-	-	-	7,783,054	<b>7,783,054</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	-	4,791	949,325	7,498,577	5,592,314	<b>14,045,007</b>
	-	4,791	949,325	7,498,577	13,375,368	<b>21,828,061</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,358,396</b>	<b>7,753,304</b>	<b>2,066,731</b>	<b>19,738,584</b>	<b>18,778,576</b>	<b>49,695,591</b>
Reinsurers' share of technical provisions						<b>11,709,441</b>
<b>Total assets bearing credit risk</b>						<b>61,405,032</b>

2. Management of insurance and financial risk - continued

2.2 Financial risk management - continued

(b) Credit risk - continued

	As at 31 December 2019					
	AAA to AA- €	A+ to A- €	B to BB- €	BBB+ to BBB- €	Unrated €	Total €
<b>Investments</b>						
Fair value through profit or loss	1,391,882	8,152,718	1,160,175	9,289,272	913,144	20,907,191
Deposits with banks or financial institutions	-	-	-	1,957,899	2,550,000	4,507,899
	1,391,882	8,152,718	1,160,175	11,247,171	3,463,144	25,415,090
<b>Loans and receivables</b>						
Receivables and accrued income	-	-	-	-	7,563,208	7,563,208
Cash and cash equivalents	-	2,379	1,079,582	3,182,153	8,086,971	12,351,086
	-	2,379	1,079,582	3,182,153	15,650,179	19,914,294
<b>Total</b>	1,391,882	8,155,097	2,239,757	14,429,324	19,113,323	45,329,384
Reinsurers' share of technical provisions						4,110,799
<b>Total assets bearing credit risk</b>						49,440,183

(c) Liquidity risk

The company's exposure to liquidity risk arises from the eventuality that the frequency or severity of claims are greater than estimated. Liquidity risk is the risk that cash may not be available to pay obligations when due at a reasonable cost.

The directors do not consider this risk as significant given the nature of the company's financial assets and liabilities. The company's financial assets are considered to be in their greater part readily realisable as they consist of local and foreign securities listed on recognised stock markets and deposits held with reputable credit institutions. Moreover, the company ensures that a reasonable level of funds is available at any point in time for unexpected large claims and the company may also resort to overdraft facilities as a means of finance.

2. Management of insurance and financial risk - continued

2.2 Financial risk management - continued

(c) Liquidity risk - continued

The table below analyses the company's financial and other liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the end of the reporting period to the contractual maturity date. The amounts disclosed in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

	As at 31 December 2020					Total €
	Less than one year €	Between one and two years €	Between two and five years €	Over five years €	Contracted undiscounted cash outflows	
Trade and other payables	2,758,988	-	-	-	-	2,758,988
Accruals and deferred income	2,473,578	-	-	-	-	2,473,578
	5,232,566	-	-	-	-	5,232,566
	Expected undiscounted cash outflows					Total €
Less than one year €	Between one and two years €	Between two and five years €	Over five years €	Contracted undiscounted cash outflows		
Technical provisions - Claims outstanding and IBNR	15,310,916	2,443,012	3,746,345	6,566,028	-	28,066,301
	As at 31 December 2019					Total €
Less than one year €	Between one and two years €	Between two and five years €	Over five years €	Contracted undiscounted cash outflows		
Trade and other payables	2,844,476	-	-	-	-	2,844,476
Accruals and deferred income	1,809,748	-	-	-	-	1,809,748
	4,654,224	-	-	-	-	4,654,224
	Expected undiscounted cash outflows					Total €
Less than one year €	Between one and two years €	Between two and five years €	Over five years €	Contracted undiscounted cash outflows		
Technical provisions - Claims outstanding and IBNR	12,311,564	2,224,724	2,978,242	4,810,305	-	22,324,835

## 2. Management of insurance and financial risk - continued

### 2.3 Capital risk management

The company's objectives when managing capital are:

- to comply with the insurance capital requirements required by the Malta Financial Services Authority ("MFSA");
- to safeguard the company's ability to continue as a going concern so that it can continue to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders; and,
- to provide an adequate return to shareholders by pricing insurance contracts commensurately with the level of risk.

In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the company may issue new shares or capitalise contributions received from its shareholders.

The company is required to hold regulatory capital for its general insurance business in compliance with the rules issued by the MFSA. The minimum capital requirement (defined as 'the required minimum margin') must be maintained at all times throughout the year. The company monitors its capital level on a regular basis at least once a month through detailed reports compiled with the management accounts. Such reports are circulated to the Board and senior management. Any transactions that may potentially affect the company's solvency position are immediately reported to the directors and shareholders for resolution prior to notifying the MFSA.

The Company is subject to the requirements of the EU Solvency II directive. The Solvency II regime establishes a new set of EU-wide capital requirements, risk management and disclosure standards. The Company must hold eligible own funds to cover the solvency capital requirement (SCR) and eligible basic own funds to cover the minimum capital requirement (MCR). The SCR shall be calculated either in accordance with the standard formula or using a full or partial internal model (PIM) as approved by the Regulator. The Company must immediately inform the Regulator where it observes that its SCR or MCR are no longer complied with or where there is risk of non-compliance in the following six months for SCR and three months for MCR.

The Company opted for the standard formula under the Solvency II regime to calculate the SCR as the assumptions underlying the standard formula are considered to be a good fit for the Company's risk profile.

The Company was in full compliance with its regulatory capital requirements throughout the financial year and at 31 December 2020, the Company's eligible own funds amounting to €41.9 million (2019: €35.4 million) were in excess of the required SCR.

### 2.4 Fair value estimation

The fair value of publicly traded investments classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is based on quoted market prices at the end of the reporting period. At 31 December 2020 and 2019, the carrying amount of the company's other financial assets and liabilities approximate their fair value due to their short-term nature.

## 2. Management of insurance and financial risk - continued

### 2.4 Fair value estimation - continued

IFRS 13 requires disclosure for fair value measurements by level of the following fair value measurement hierarchy for financial instruments that are measured in the statement of financial position at fair value:

- Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1).
- Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices) (level 2).
- Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs) (level 3).

The following table presents the company's assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value at 31 December.

	2020	2019
	€	€
<b>Assets</b>		
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
Investments - Level 1	40,542,921	34,824,649

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the end of the reporting period. A market is regarded as active if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service, or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis. The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the company is the current bid price. These instruments are included in Level 1.

## 3. Critical accounting estimates and judgements in applying accounting policies

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The estimate and assumptions that have a significant risk of affecting the reported amount of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

The estimation of the ultimate liability arising from claims made under insurance contracts is the company's most critical accounting estimate. There are sources of uncertainty that need to be considered in the estimate of liability that the company will ultimately pay for such claims. As disclosed in note 2.1 the estimated cost of unpaid claims, both reported and not, is calculated on a case by case basis using a combination of past experience, medical assessments, legal precedent and current trends in compensation awards. The company believes that the liability arising from claims under insurance contracts is adequately reserved as at the financial year end. Further detail about the development of claims is provided in note 13 to these financial statements.



#### 4. Property, plant and equipment

	Land and buildings including leasehold improvements €	Office furniture and equipment €	Computer equipment €	Motor vehicles €	Total €
<b>At 1 January 2019</b>					
Cost	4,327,448	1,705,867	3,095,829	683,954	9,813,098
Accumulated depreciation	(1,576,078)	(1,561,218)	(2,704,225)	(493,210)	(6,334,731)
Net book amount	2,751,370	144,649	391,604	190,744	3,478,367
<b>Year ended 31 December 2019</b>					
Opening net book amount	2,751,370	144,649	391,604	190,744	3,478,367
Additions	38,154	68,801	67,711	-	174,666
Disposals	-	-	-	(56,325)	(56,325)
Revaluation increase	2,234,760	-	-	-	2,234,760
Revaluation decrease	(216,546)	-	-	-	(216,546)
Depreciation charge	(107,139)	(54,256)	(153,840)	(53,416)	(368,651)
Released on disposal	-	-	-	56,325	56,325
Reversal of accumulated depreciation	958,906	-	-	-	958,906
Closing net book amount	5,659,505	159,194	305,475	137,328	6,261,502
<b>At 31 December 2019</b>					
Revalued amount / cost	6,383,816	1,774,668	3,163,540	627,629	11,949,653
Accumulated depreciation	(724,311)	(1,615,474)	(2,858,065)	(490,301)	(5,688,151)
Net book amount	5,659,505	159,194	305,475	137,328	6,261,502
<b>Year ended 31 December 2020</b>					
Opening net book amount	5,659,505	159,194	305,475	137,328	6,261,502
Additions	14,715	27,238	26,743	17,085	85,781
Disposals	-	(36,636)	-	(17,975)	(54,611)
Transfers (Note 5)	(275,000)	-	-	-	(275,000)
Depreciation charge	(75,161)	(45,301)	(139,881)	(56,833)	(317,176)
Depreciation released on disposals	-	35,225	-	17,975	53,200
Closing net book amount	5,324,061	139,720	192,335	97,580	5,753,696
<b>At 31 December 2020</b>					
Revalued amount / cost	6,123,531	1,765,270	3,190,283	626,739	11,705,823
Accumulated depreciation	(799,472)	(1,625,550)	(2,997,946)	(529,159)	(5,952,127)
Net book amount	5,324,059	139,720	192,337	97,580	5,753,696

The above assets are considered non-current in nature.

#### 4. Property, plant and equipment - continued

##### Land and buildings

Land and buildings for own use were revalued in December 2019 based on professional independent valuations, but valuations were deemed to have remained unchanged when compared to the valuations in the year ended 31 December 2020.

Fair valuation adjustments from the net book value of land and buildings is adjusted to revaluation reserve, net of consequential deferred tax impact (Note 26).

The company is required to disclose fair values by level of the fair value measurement hierarchy. The recurring property fair value measurements at 31 December 2020 and at 31 December 2019 use significant unobservable inputs and is accordingly categorised within Level 3 of the fair valuation hierarchy.

The revaluation increase in the year ended 31 December 2019 amounting to €2,234,760 and reversal of accumulated depreciation amounting to €958,906 were accounted for through other comprehensive income. The revaluation decrease amounting to €216,546 was accounted for in the statement of comprehensive income – non-technical account and was presented as ‘impairment of assets’. There were neither revaluation increase / decrease nor impairment during the year ended 31 December 2020. Had the cost model been used, the carrying amount as at 31 December would have been as follows:

	2020 €	2019 €
Historical cost	4,149,339	4,365,602
Accumulated depreciation	(1,715,273)	(1,683,217)
	<b>2,434,066</b>	2,682,385

##### Valuation processes, valuation techniques and information about fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)

The Company's policy is to value property on periodic valuation by the directors after seeking professional advice from independent professionally qualified valuers who hold a recognised relevant professional qualification and have the necessary experience in the location and segments of the property being valued. Since external valuations are carried out in accordance with this policy, the valuer reports directly to the board of directors and discussions on the valuation techniques and its results, including an evaluation of the inputs to the valuation, are held between these parties.

The valuation was determined using the sales comparison approach. Properties valued using this approach take into consideration comparable properties in proximity. These values are adjusted for differences in key attributes such as property size and quality of interior fittings. The most significant input into this valuation is price per square metre. The average price per square metre as at December 2020 was circa €1,797 (2019: €1,834) in the case of properties used in operations. An increase in the adjusted sales price per square metre would result in a higher value.

5. Investment property

	2020 €	2019 €
<b>Year ended 31 December</b>		
At beginning of year	10,551,308	11,852,673
Transfers (Note 4)	275,000	-
Additions	32,181	62,825
Disposal	-	(1,420,000)
Fair value (loss) / gain on revaluation	(107,340)	55,810
At end of year	<b>10,751,149</b>	10,551,308
<b>At 31 December</b>		
Cost	<b>8,838,772</b>	8,590,328

The above assets are considered non-current in nature. As at 31 December 2020, the fair value of investment property available for rent and for capital appreciation totalled €9,659,645 (2019: €10,551,308) and €1,091,504 (2019: Nil), respectively.

In 2019, investment property was disposed of and the resulting gain amounted to €414,949. This was recognised under investment income in profit or loss (Note 16).

In 2020, property with a carrying amount of €275,000, was reclassified under Investment Property due to a change in use. The property was previously classified as Property, Plant and Equipment (Note 4).

An internal valuation of the company's investment property was performed to determine the fair value as at 31 December 2020. The directors are of the opinion that the carrying amount of the investment property as at 31 December 2020 is not materially different from its fair value. The company is required to disclose fair values by level of the fair value measurement hierarchy as described in note 2.4.

The company's recurring fair value measurements of investment property are categorised as Level 3 as they are based on significant unobservable inputs.

The fair value movement is accounted for in the statement of comprehensive income.

*Valuation processes*

The valuations of the properties are performed annually by the directors on the basis of information such as current rents, terms and conditions of lease agreements, capital expenditure, etc. The information used to value the properties and the valuation models used - are reviewed by the Property Investment Committee. This includes a review of fair value movements over the period.

The Property Investment Committee is a sub-committee of the Investment Committee and when the Investment Committee considers that the valuation report is appropriate, the valuation report is recommended to the audit committee. The audit committee considers the valuation report as part of its overall responsibilities.

5. Investment property - continued

*Valuation technique*

The valuation was determined by capitalising future net income streams based on significant unobservable inputs. These inputs include:

Future rental cash inflows	based on the actual location, type and quality of the properties and supported by the terms of any existing lease, other contracts or external evidence such as current market rents for similar properties;
Capitalisation rates	based on actual location, size and quality of the properties and taking into account market data at the valuation date.

*Information about fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)*

Description	Fair value €	Valuation technique	Range of significant unobservable inputs	
			Rental value €	Capitalisation rate %
Residential and commercial property	10.8m	Capitalisation of future net income streams	0.3m	3.75 – 5.00

Description	Fair value €	Valuation technique	Range of significant unobservable inputs	
			Rental value €	Capitalisation rate %
Residential and commercial property	10.6m	Capitalisation of future net income streams	0.4m	3.75 - 5.55

For each valuation for which rental value and capitalisation rate have been determined to be the significant unobservable inputs, the higher the rental value and the lower the capitalisation rate, the higher the fair value. Conversely, the lower the rental value and the higher the capitalisation rate, the lower the fair value.

## 6. Investments

The investments are summarised by measurement category in the table below.

	2020 €	2019 €
Fair value through profit or loss (Note a)	40,542,921	34,824,649
Loans and deposits (Note b)	4,200,000	4,507,899
Investment in joint venture (Note c)	267,138	431,696
	<u>45,010,059</u>	<u>39,764,244</u>

### (a) Investment at fair value through profit or loss

	2020 €	2019 €
Equity securities, other variable yield securities and units in collective investment schemes	16,875,391	13,917,458
Debt securities - listed fixed interest rate	21,328,955	19,794,326
Debt securities - listed floating interest rate	2,338,575	1,112,865
	<u>23,667,530</u>	<u>20,907,191</u>
<b>Total investments at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<b>40,542,921</b>	<b>34,824,649</b>

Equity securities, other variable yield securities and units in collective investment schemes are classified as non-current.

Maturity of debt securities and treasury bills:

	2020 €	2019 €
Within 1 year	1,111,650	1,217,365
Between 1 and 2 years	952,880	1,297,617
Between 2 and 5 years	6,106,197	7,183,857
Over 5 years	15,496,803	11,208,352
	<u>23,667,530</u>	<u>20,907,191</u>

	2020	2019
Weighted average effective interest rate	<u>1.96%</u>	<u>2.36%</u>

## 6. Investments - continued

The movements for the year are summarised as follows:

	2020 €	2019 €
<b>Year ended 31 December</b>		
At beginning of year	34,824,649	29,381,163
Additions	24,382,808	14,349,862
Disposals (sale and redemptions)	(18,263,766)	(11,501,656)
Net unrealised fair value (losses)/gains	(400,770)	2,595,280
	<u>40,542,921</u>	<u>34,824,649</u>
<b>As at 31 December</b>		
Cost	38,624,113	33,161,456
Accumulated net fair value gains	1,918,808	1,663,193
	<u>40,542,921</u>	<u>34,824,649</u>

### (b) Loans and deposits

	2020 €	2019 €
<b>At 31 December</b>		
Deposits with banks or financial institutions	4,200,000	4,507,899

Maturity of deposits with banks or financial institutions and loans:

	2020 €	2019 €
Within 1 year	4,200,000	4,307,899
Between 1 and 2 years	-	200,000
	<u>4,200,000</u>	<u>4,507,899</u>

The deposits with banks or financial institutions earn interest as follows:

	2020 €	2019 €
At fixed rates	4,200,000	4,507,899

Investments amounting to €2,109,500 (2019: €2,109,500) are pledged with banks or financial institutions against borrowings.

6. Investments - continued

(c) Investment in joint venture and associate

	2020 €	2019 €
CCGM Pension Administrators Limited	36,986	56,696
IVALIFE Insurance Limited	<b>230,152</b>	375,000

CCGM Pension Administrators Limited's share capital is made up as follow:

	2020 €	2019 €
<b>Authorised, issued and fully paid up</b>		
100,000 Ordinary 'A' shares of €1 each	100,000	100,000
100,000 Ordinary 'B' shares of €1 each	100,000	100,000
	<b>200,000</b>	200,000

Shares carry equal voting rights, and rights to dividends and rank pari-passu. The company has 50% interest in the equity of CCGM. The investment's carrying value is determined by reference to the company's share of the net asset value of CCGM. Unrealised loss on this investment in 2019 amounted to €40,620. In 2020, the net downward movement of €19,710 was the net result of both a shareholder contribution of €35,000 and an unrealised loss on this investment amounting to €54,710.

IVALIFE Insurance Limited's share capital is made up as follow:

	2020 €	2019 €
<b>Issued and partly paid up</b>		
7,500,000 Ordinary shares of €1 each	7,500,000	7,500,000
	<b>7,500,000</b>	7,500,000

Shares carry equal voting rights, and rights to dividends and rank pari-passu. The company has 25% interest in the equity of IVALIFE Insurance Limited. The investment's carrying value is determined by reference to the company's share of the net asset value of IVALIFE Insurance Limited. The €144,848 net downward movement relates to the unrealised loss on the investment in 2020.

7. Deferred acquisition costs

	2020 €	2019 €
<b>Year ended 31 December</b>		
At beginning of year	4,080,725	3,764,556
Net amount credited to profit or loss (Note 17)	149,448	316,169
At end of year	<b>4,230,173</b>	4,080,725
Current portion	<b>4,230,173</b>	4,080,725

8. Receivables, prepayments, accrued income and other assets

	2020 €	2019 €
<b>Receivables</b>		
Receivables arising from direct insurance operations:		
- due from policyholders	1,134,173	1,517,585
- due from agents, brokers and intermediaries	6,103,907	5,378,157
	<b>7,238,080</b>	6,895,742
<b>Other receivables</b>		
- receivables from group undertakings	238,106	387,717
- receivables from related parties	41,356	16,706
- receivables from directors	12,680	8,884
	<b>292,142</b>	413,307
<b>Prepayments and accrued income</b>		
- prepayments	175,233	133,122
- accrued interest	252,832	254,159
	<b>428,065</b>	387,281
<b>Other assets</b>	<b>2,970,132</b>	2,955,924
<b>Total receivables, prepayments, accrued income and other assets</b>	<b>10,928,419</b>	10,652,254
Current portion	<b>10,928,419</b>	10,652,254

**8. Receivables, prepayments, accrued income and other assets - continued**

Receivables from group undertakings, related parties and directors are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

Receivables are presented net of an allowance for impairment of €166,511 (2019: €175,144). As at 31 December 2020, receivables amounting to €6,569,874 (2019: €6,108,098) were fully performing, whereas receivables amounting to €960,348 (2019: €1,200,951) were past due but not impaired. These dues related to a number of independent parties for whom there is no recent history of significant default. The ageing analysis of the past due but not impaired receivables is as follows:

	2020 €	2019 €
Less than 3 months	682,755	741,103
Less than 6 months but more than 3 months	105,482	202,130
Less than 12 months but more than 6 months	134,838	211,009
More than 12 months	37,273	46,709
	<b>960,348</b>	<b>1,200,951</b>

Other assets amounting to €2,970,132 (2019: €2,955,924), represents a payment on a promise of sale agreement entered into in January 2019 to acquire property which is under construction.

**9. Deferred income tax**

	2020 €	2019 €
<b>Year ended 31 December</b>		
At beginning of year	(1,594,082)	(257,244)
Credited/(charged) to profit or loss (Note 19)	56,437	(697,398)
Charged to other comprehensive income (Note 26)	-	(639,440)
At end of year	<b>(1,537,645)</b>	<b>(1,594,082)</b>

Deferred income taxes are calculated on all temporary differences under the liability method using a principal tax rate of 35% (2019: 35%), with the exception of investment property and freehold and other property, for which deferred income taxes are calculated using a principal tax rate of 8% or 10% of the carrying amount depending on the acquisition date. The directors consider the deferred taxation as at the end of the reporting period to be of a non-current nature.

The balance at 31 December represents:

	2020 €	2019 €
Temporary difference on fixed assets	(25,162)	(25,162)
Temporary differences attributable to unrealised foreign exchange differences	60,489	(33,316)
Temporary differences on impairment of receivables	58,279	61,445
Temporary difference on revaluation on land and buildings	(639,440)	(639,440)
Temporary differences on investment property	(637,910)	(645,735)
Temporary differences on unrealised capital gains	(353,901)	(311,874)
	<b>(1,537,645)</b>	<b>(1,594,082)</b>

**9. Deferred income tax - continued**

Movements in deferred tax arising on revaluation of land and buildings are accounted for in other comprehensive income. All other temporary differences are accounted for in the profit and loss account. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set-off under the Malta Income Tax regime.

**10. Cash and cash equivalents**

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, the year-end cash and cash equivalents comprise the following:

	2020 €	2019 €
Cash at bank and in hand	<b>14,045,007</b>	12,351,086

Cash at bank and in hand includes amounts held with investment managers amounting to €2,643,799 (2019: €4,954,164).

The deposits held with banks earn interest as follows:

	2020 €	2019 €
At floating rates	<b>11,377,164</b>	7,380,792

**11. Share capital**

	2020 €	2019 €
<b>Authorised</b>		
15,000,000 Ordinary shares of €1 each	<b>15,000,000</b>	15,000,000
<b>Issued and fully paid up</b>		
6,750,000 Ordinary 'A' shares of €1 each	<b>6,750,000</b>	6,750,000
5,250,000 Ordinary 'B' shares of €1 each	<b>5,250,000</b>	5,250,000
	<b>12,000,000</b>	12,000,000

The 'A' and 'B' ordinary shares rank pari passu in all respects except for the appointment of the directors. The holders of the 'A' and 'B' ordinary shares are entitled to appoint an equal number of persons as directors of the company.

**12. Retained earnings**

The retained earnings balance represents the amount available for dividend distribution to the ordinary shareholders except for any amount that is not distributable in terms of the solvency capital requirements which the company is required to adhere to in terms of the Insurance Business Act (Cap. 403) and any amount that is not distributable under the Maltese Companies Act, (Cap. 386), to the extent that it represents unrealised profits.

### 13. Technical provisions and reinsurance assets

	2020 €	2019 €
<b>Gross technical provisions</b>		
Claims reported and loss adjustment expenses	26,980,675	20,439,540
Claims incurred but not reported	1,085,626	1,855,292
Unearned premiums	24,832,626	24,002,011
<b>Total technical provisions - Gross</b>	<b>52,898,927</b>	46,326,843
<b>Reinsurers' share of technical provisions</b>		
Claims reported and loss adjustment expenses	11,709,441	4,110,799
Unearned premium	1,519,386	1,335,945
<b>Total reinsurers' share of technical provisions</b>	<b>13,228,827</b>	5,446,744
<b>Net technical provisions</b>		
Claims reported and loss adjustment expenses	15,271,234	16,328,741
Claims incurred but not reported	1,085,626	1,855,292
Unearned premiums	23,313,240	22,666,066
<b>Total technical provisions - Net</b>	<b>39,670,100</b>	40,880,099
Current portion	<b>38,624,156</b>	34,977,630

Claims reserves are calculated utilising a combination of internal and market data and are made up of the sum of individual case estimates. In the case of property damage claims estimates are based on expert reports, while those for injury or fatality claims are calculated using formulas established by jurisprudence to which legal costs are added on. Based on this process, no key variable has been identified for which a change would have a material impact on the profit or loss for the year. Such an assessment and the relative materiality of the key variables may change in the future.

Statistical analyses on the adequacy of claims reserves are regularly carried out and these consistently show that the reserves are reliable and adequate. As at 31 December 2020, the provision for claims reported and loss adjustment expenses includes an allowance for subrogation or salvage recoveries amounting to €2,550,259 (2019: €2,990,004).

The company's policy with regards to IBNR reserves is to calculate this as a percentage of gross written premium based on statistical analysis of late reported claims. Percentages were updated during the year. This did not have a significant impact.

The risk and claim profile of the company does not indicate any conditions or variables that are likely to impact significantly upon the company's cash flow.

### 13. Technical provisions and reinsurance assets - continued

The development of insurance liabilities provides a measure of the company's ability to estimate the ultimate value of claims. The top half of each table below illustrates how the company's estimate of total claims incurred for each accident year has changed at successive year-ends. The bottom half of the table reconciles the cumulative claims to the amount appearing in the statement of financial position. The accident-year basis is considered to be the most appropriate for the business written by the company.

#### Claims outstanding - Gross

Estimate of the ultimate claims costs:

	2011 €	2012 €	2013 €	2014 €	2015 €	2016 €	2017 €	2018 €	2019 €	2020 €	Total €
At end of reporting year	13,925,721	14,165,946	14,919,844	16,680,060	19,521,393	15,758,540	18,823,566	22,244,950	26,006,094	26,985,629	
- one year later	12,753,049	13,562,717	14,828,377	14,593,910	18,580,047	14,164,549	17,075,810	21,701,974	27,318,626	27,318,626	
- two years later	12,574,462	13,383,321	14,580,222	14,221,863	18,825,596	14,684,713	16,404,444	21,065,858			
- three years later	12,627,392	13,235,431	14,369,068	14,234,696	18,332,484	14,469,250	16,269,544				
- four years later	12,662,183	13,194,822	14,244,658	14,176,098	18,803,557	14,426,057					
- five years later	12,403,455	13,121,787	14,114,118	14,028,506	18,900,773						
- six years later	12,354,460	12,994,125	14,167,682	13,984,739							
- seven years later	12,365,565	12,831,493	14,231,420								
- eight years later	12,339,186	12,828,889									
- nine years later	12,368,660										
Current estimates of : Cumulative claims	12,368,660	12,828,889	14,231,420	13,984,739	18,900,773	14,426,057	16,269,544	21,065,858	27,318,626	26,985,629	178,380,195
Cumulative payments to date	(12,008,223)	(12,758,102)	(13,758,160)	(13,905,280)	(17,364,698)	(13,729,368)	(15,441,974)	(19,062,707)	(21,390,579)	(11,373,854)	(150,792,945)
Liability recognised in the statement of financial position	360,437	70,786	473,261	79,458	1,536,075	696,689	827,570	2,003,151	5,928,047	15,611,775	27,587,249
Liability in respect of prior years											479,052
Total liability recognised in the statement of financial position											28,066,301

13. Technical provisions and reinsurance assets - continued

Claims outstanding - Net

Estimate of the ultimate claims costs:

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
At end of reporting year	13,925,721	13,875,114	14,206,396	15,976,787	17,904,856	15,758,540	18,491,566	20,039,335	22,511,412	18,244,673	
- one year later	12,753,049	13,280,100	14,127,162	14,221,788	17,086,976	14,164,549	17,075,810	19,530,721	21,988,151		
- two years later	12,574,462	13,108,062	13,885,349	13,796,256	17,154,951	14,684,713	16,404,444	18,787,564			
- three years later	12,627,392	12,966,166	13,675,346	13,809,068	16,902,151	14,440,807	16,269,544				
- four years later	12,662,183	12,926,133	13,550,935	13,750,470	16,907,743	14,404,859					
- five years later	12,403,455	12,853,098	13,420,395	13,611,065	16,963,477						
- six years later	12,354,460	12,725,436	13,473,959	13,584,318							
- seven years later	12,365,565	12,562,804	13,537,697								
- eight years later	12,339,186	12,560,200									
- nine years later	12,368,660										
Current estimates of : Cumulative claims	12,368,660	12,560,200	13,537,697	13,584,318	16,963,477	14,404,859	16,269,544	18,787,564	21,988,151	18,244,673	158,709,143
Cumulative payments to date	(12,008,223)	(12,489,143)	(13,064,437)	(13,504,859)	(16,556,180)	(13,708,170)	(15,441,974)	(17,034,795)	(18,566,446)	(10,456,839)	(142,831,336)
Liability recognised in the statement of financial position	360,437	70,786	473,261	79,458	407,297	696,689	827,570	1,752,769	3,421,705	7,787,834	15,877,806
Liability in respect of prior years											479,054
Total liability recognised in the statement of financial position											16,356,860

13. Technical provisions and reinsurance assets - continued

(a) Claims and loss adjustment expenses

	Year ended 31 December 2020		
	Gross €	Reinsurance €	Net €
Notified claims still outstanding	20,439,543	(4,110,799)	16,328,744
Incurred but not reported	1,885,292	-	1,885,292
Total at beginning of year	22,324,835	(4,110,799)	18,214,036
Claims settled during the year	(21,738,213)	3,099,873	(18,638,340)
Increase/(decrease) in liabilities			
- arising from current year claims	26,985,627	(8,740,954)	18,244,673
- arising from prior year claims	494,052	(1,957,561)	(1,463,509)
<b>Total at the end of year</b>	<b>28,066,301</b>	<b>(11,709,441)</b>	<b>16,356,860</b>
Notified claims still outstanding	26,980,675	(11,709,441)	15,271,234
Incurred but not reported	1,085,626	-	1,085,626
<b>Total at the end of year</b>	<b>28,066,301</b>	<b>(11,709,441)</b>	<b>16,356,860</b>
	Year ended 31 December 2019		
	Gross €	Reinsurance €	Net €
Notified claims still outstanding	16,974,113	(2,347,585)	14,626,528
Incurred but not reported	2,077,559	-	2,077,559
Total at beginning of year	19,051,672	(2,347,585)	16,704,087
Claims settled during the year	(21,334,064)	2,182,830	(19,151,233)
Increase/(decrease) in liabilities			
- arising from current year claims	26,006,094	(3,494,682)	22,511,412
- arising from prior year claims	(1,398,867)	(451,362)	(1,850,229)
Total at the end of year	22,324,835	(4,110,799)	18,214,036
Notified claims still outstanding	20,439,543	(4,110,799)	16,328,744
Incurred but not reported	1,885,292	-	1,885,292
Total at the end of year	22,324,835	(4,110,799)	18,214,036

The company registered a gross adverse run-off of €0.5m (2019: gross favourable run-off of €1.40m). After the effect of reinsurance, mainly coming from the company's business in Greece which is heavily reinsured, this amounted to a net favourable run-off of €1.5m (2019: €1.85m).

Variations occur when compared to prior year claims estimates due to a combination of factors including claims being settled for different amounts than estimated, and changes made to reserve estimates as more information becomes available. Favourable movements are indicative of an adequate reserving methodology in prior years.

13. Technical provisions and reinsurance assets - continued

(b) Unearned premiums

The movements for the year are summarised as follows:

	Gross €	Reinsurance €	Net €
<b>Year ended 31 December 2020</b>			
At beginning of year	24,002,011	(1,335,945)	22,666,066
Net amount charged/(credited) to profit or loss	830,615	(183,441)	647,174
At end of year	24,832,626	(1,519,386)	23,313,240
<b>Year ended 31 December 2019</b>			
At beginning of year	21,299,640	(519,445)	20,780,195
Net amount charged/(credited) to profit or loss	2,702,369	(816,498)	1,885,871
At end of year	24,002,011	(1,335,945)	22,666,066

14. Other payables, accruals and deferred income

	2020 €	2019 €
<b>Payables arising out of direct insurance operations</b>	<b>1,345,059</b>	1,419,755
<b>Other payables</b>		
Payables to fellow subsidiaries	3,221	53,633
Other payables	442,023	382,324
Document duty and other tax payables	968,685	988,764
	<b>1,413,929</b>	1,424,721
<b>Accruals and deferred income</b>		
Accrued expenses and deferred income	2,473,578	1,809,748
<b>Total other payables and accruals and deferred income</b>	<b>5,232,566</b>	4,654,224
Current portion	5,232,566	4,654,224

15. Net operating expenses

	2020 €	2019 €
Acquisition costs	10,338,175	9,849,225
Change in deferred acquisition costs (Note 7)	(149,448)	(316,169)
Administrative expenses	3,466,119	3,511,229
	<b>13,654,846</b>	13,044,285

Total commissions accounted for in the financial period in the company's technical result amounted to €6,725,021 (2019: €6,252,070). Administrative expenses mainly comprise staff costs.

16. Investment return

	2020 €	2019 €
<b>Investment income</b>		
Interest receivable from financial assets that are not at fair value through profit or loss	41,849	111,171
Income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:		
- Dividend income	178,754	289,339
- Interest income	474,497	490,245
Rental income on investment property	318,775	357,730
Exchange differences	(209,021)	24,961
(Losses from)/gains on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(111,437)	2,478,070
Gain on disposal of investment property (Note 5)	-	414,949
(Losses from)/gains on revaluation of investment property (Note 5)	(107,340)	55,810
Loss from investments in joint venture and associate (Note 6)	(199,558)	(40,620)
	<b>386,519</b>	4,181,655
<b>Investment expenses and charges</b>		
Investment management fees and charges	199,822	183,312
Other investment expenses	43,854	55,601
	<b>243,676</b>	238,913
Total investment return	<b>142,843</b>	3,942,742
<b>Analysed between:</b>		
Allocated investment (charge)/return transferred to the general technical account	(16,617)	2,486,483
Investment return included in the non-technical account	159,460	1,456,259
	<b>142,843</b>	3,942,742



## 17. Expenses by nature

	2020 €	2019 €
Employee benefit expense and directors' fees	4,228,886	3,876,729
Commissions (Note 15)	6,725,021	6,252,070
Change in deferred acquisition costs (Note 7)	(149,448)	(316,169)
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment (Note 4)	263,976	312,326
Amortisation of right-of-use asset (Note 25)	147,919	147,920
Decrease in provision for impairment of receivables (Note 8)	(8,633)	(25,551)
Other expenses	3,034,687	3,344,460
<b>Total operating expenses and administration expenses</b>	<b>14,241,582</b>	13,591,785
<b>Analysed between:</b>		
Included in the general business technical account (Note 15)	13,654,846	13,044,285
Included in the non-technical account	586,736	547,500
	<b>14,241,582</b>	13,591,785

### Auditor's fees

Fees charged by the auditor for services rendered during the financial period relate to the following:

	2020 €	2019 €
Annual statutory audit	58,400	56,000
Other assurance services	24,544	23,624
Tax compliance services	3,139	2,183

## 18. Employee benefit expense

	2020 €	2019 €
Salaries (including directors' salaries)	5,445,233	5,052,759
Social security costs	342,116	312,519
	<b>5,787,349</b>	5,365,278

The average number of persons employed during the year was:

	2020 €	2019 €
Directors	1	1
Direct	110	106
Indirect	49	47
	<b>160</b>	154

## 19. Tax expense

	2020 €	2019 €
Current income tax expense	4,509,034	3,027,320
Deferred income tax charge/(credit) (Note 9)	(56,437)	697,398
	<b>4,452,597</b>	3,724,718

The tax on the company's profit before tax differs from the theoretical amount that would arise using the basic tax rate as follows:

	2020 €	2019 €
Profit before income tax	12,186,220	11,386,063
Tax on profit at 35%	4,265,177	3,985,122
Tax effect of:		
Expenses not allowable for tax purposes	293,897	66,302
Exempt losses and application of flat rate foreign tax credit	(82,053)	(87,408)
Different tax rates applicable to investment property	29,744	(166,183)
Income charged at lower rates of tax	(67,823)	(73,115)
Overstatement of tax in prior year	13,655	-
Tax expense	<b>4,452,597</b>	3,724,718

## 20. Directors' emoluments

	2020 €	2019 €
Directors' fees, salaries and other emoluments	528,336	530,235

During the year, no benefits in kind were provided to the directors (2019: Nil).

## 21. Earnings per share

Earnings per share is based on the net profit for the year divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year.

	2020	2019
Net profit attributable to shareholders (€)	7,733,623	7,661,345
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue	12,000,000	12,000,000
Earnings per share (€)	<b>0.64</b>	0.64

## 22. Dividends

	2020 €	2019 €
Net dividends paid on ordinary shares	<b>1,500,000</b>	3,000,000
Dividends per ordinary share	<b>0.13</b>	0.25

After the end of the reporting period, the directors recommended the payment of a final dividend in the net amount of €1,500,000 which was paid in February 2021.

## 23. Cash generated from operations

	2020 €	2019 €
Profit before tax	<b>12,186,220</b>	11,386,063
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation of plant and equipment (Note 4)	<b>317,176</b>	368,651
Profit on disposal of plant and equipment (Note 4)	<b>(4,000)</b>	(28,000)
Decrease in provision for bad debts (Note 8)	<b>(8,633)</b>	(25,551)
Profit on disposal of investment property (Note 5)	-	(414,949)
Non-cash movements in plant and equipment (Note 4)	-	216,546
Non-cash movements in investments (Notes 5 and 6)	<b>(262,949)</b>	(3,632,554)
Non-cash movements in leases (Note 25)	<b>171,313</b>	175,798
Movements in:		
Technical provisions (net)	<b>(1,209,999)</b>	3,395,820
Debtors and prepayments including DAC	<b>(402,772)</b>	(842,149)
Creditors and accruals	<b>578,342</b>	1,541,441
Cash generated from operations	<b>11,364,698</b>	12,141,116

## 24. Related party transactions

Due to common ultimate shareholders, all companies forming part of the Gasan Group of Companies and the Galdes & Mamo Group are considered by the directors to be related parties.

The following transactions were carried out by the company with related parties:

	2020 €	2019 €
<b>Income</b>		
Gross premium income - Parent company	<b>125,997</b>	137,377
Gross premium income - Other related parties	<b>385,363</b>	341,769
Interest - Parent company	-	35,445
Interest - Other related parties	-	36,904
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Services provided in relation to claims paid	<b>4,103,324</b>	4,608,922
Rent	<b>12,670</b>	12,956
Administrative and operating expenses	<b>27,625</b>	35,212
<b>Capital expenditure</b>		
Fixed asset additions	<b>21,178</b>	20,420

## 24. Related party transactions - continued

Year-end balances owed by or to group undertakings and other related parties are disclosed in notes 6, 8 and 14 to these financial statements respectively.

The key management of the company are considered to be the directors. Directors' remuneration has been disclosed in note 20 to these financial statements.

## 25. Lease commitments

### Lease commitments - where the Company is the lessee Rights-of-use assets

	2020 €	2019 €
Recognition of right-of-use assets upon adoption of IFRS 16 on 1 January 2019	-	782,926
Opening carrying amount of right-of-use assets	<b>635,006</b>	-
Adjustment to right-of-use asset	<b>255,189</b>	-
Amortisation charge	<b>(147,919)</b>	(147,920)
Closing carrying amount of right-of-use assets	<b>742,276</b>	635,006

### Lease liabilities

	2020 €	2019 €
Recognition of lease liability upon adoption of IFRS 16 on 1 January 2019	-	763,774
Opening carrying amount of lease liability	<b>640,938</b>	-
Adjustment to lease liability	<b>255,187</b>	-
Lease payments	<b>(163,462)</b>	(150,714)
Interest expense	<b>23,394</b>	27,878
Closing carrying amount of lease liability	<b>756,057</b>	640,938


The undiscounted maturity analysis of lease liability follows:

	2020 €	2019 €
Not later than 1 year	<b>162,050</b>	163,640
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	<b>441,705</b>	360,096
Later than 5 years	<b>280,064</b>	223,705
	<b>883,819</b>	747,441

The right of use asset and the lease liability relate to property being leased for own use. The right-of-use assets are non-current assets. Current portion of lease liability as at 31 December 2020 amounted to €134,460 (2019: €140,245).







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