

**THE GENERAL SOFT DRINKS  
COMPANY LIMITED**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements  
31 December 2025**

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## Directors' report

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025.

### Principal activities

The company's principal activity, which is unchanged since last year, is the bottling and sale of soft drinks and mineral water.

### Review of the business

All the company's revenues are derived from sales to GSD Marketing Limited, a fellow related party forming part of Mizzi Organisation, which acts as the sole point of contact for all customers of the Organisation's beverage activities. During 2025 the company achieved a revenue increase to €40,208,865 from €39,721,344 in 2024. Gross profit decreased from €16,141,233 in 2024 to €14,969,653 in 2025. Despite a decrease in distribution and selling costs as well as administrative expenses, in 2025 the company registered a decrease in operating profit amounting to €4,420,919, compared to €4,643,813 in 2024. Finance charges in relation to borrowings decreased from €283,352 in 2024 to €194,888 in 2025.

The company registered a profit for the financial year of €4,084,238 (2024: €4,230,451).

During 2025, the company repaid €1,014,987 (2024: €1,015,179) in loan obligations. Total borrowings as at 31 December 2025 decreased to €4,031,999 from €5,060,499 as at 31 December 2024.

### A message from the Board

2025 has been a year of continued progress for the company, but also one marked by a number of external challenges that required resilience, agility, and disciplined execution.

Against a backdrop of economic uncertainty across Europe, shifting consumer dynamics, and ongoing geopolitical pressures, we remained focused on delivering sustainable growth while safeguarding the strength of our operations and partnerships.

During the year, the European market experienced increased volatility, which had a direct impact on the local beverage landscape. In particular, economic imbalances across certain markets contributed to a significant influx of parallel trade beverages into Malta. This development intensified price competition and created additional pressure on locally produced products, requiring a disciplined and balanced commercial response to protect both market share and brand equity.

At the same time, we faced structural cost pressures linked to evolving regulatory frameworks. The continued rollout of the Beverage Container Refund Scheme ('BCRS') represents an important milestone in advancing circularity in Malta. However, during 2025, increases in administration fees associated with the scheme placed additional pressure on our cost base. While we remain fully supportive of its long-term environmental objectives, these developments required careful management to maintain competitiveness and operational efficiency.

These challenges were further compounded by broader inflationary pressures across key inputs, including raw materials, packaging, energy, and logistics factors which are particularly pronounced in an island economy dependent on imports and international supply chains.

Despite these headwinds, the company delivered a strong and resilient performance supported by strong brand equity, effective route-to-market execution, and continued demand across both retail and HoReCa channels. This performance highlights the importance of portfolio diversification in enhancing resilience and capturing growth opportunities across different consumer segments.

## **Directors' report** - continued

During 2025, the Company also successfully implemented a planned leadership transition, further strengthening its governance and management structure. Elisa Krantz assumed the role of Managing Director, Maria Micallef was appointed Executive Director, and Mark Farrugia took on the role of General Manager. This transition reflects the Company's commitment to strong succession planning, continuity of leadership, and the development of internal talent, ensuring stability while positioning the organisation for its next phase of growth.

Alongside this commercial and organisational progress, we continued to invest in the future of the business. Our three-year investment plan, coupled with ongoing business process optimisation initiatives, is designed to enhance operational efficiency, improve scalability, and mitigate external cost pressures over the medium term.

Importantly, we did not lose sight of our long-term priorities. We continued to advance our sustainability agenda, strengthen our governance framework, and invest in our people and communities—ensuring that short-term challenges do not detract from our long-term vision.

While the operating environment remains complex, the actions taken during 2025 have strengthened our foundations and enhanced our ability to respond to future challenges with confidence.

### **Driving sustainable progress**

Sustainability remains central to our strategy and an essential driver of long-term value.

In 2025, we made a significant step forward in reducing our environmental footprint through the installation of photovoltaic panels across our production facility. This investment is expected to generate approximately 2.8 million kWh of renewable electricity annually and reduce carbon emissions by around 1,100 tonnes per year. It represents a clear demonstration of our commitment to climate action and to supporting Malta's transition towards a lower-carbon economy.

Water stewardship continues to be another priority area. Through our long-standing involvement in the Alter Aqua programme, funded by The Coca-Cola Foundation, we are contributing to innovative solutions that improve water resilience in Malta, including rainwater harvesting and grey water reuse systems. These initiatives are particularly important in a water-scarce environment and reflect our responsibility to manage natural resources sustainably.

We also contributed to programmes such as Zero Waste HoReCa, funded by The Coca-Cola Foundation, supporting businesses in reducing their environmental footprint and advancing sustainable tourism practices.

We have also maintained strong momentum in advancing circularity. As active contributors to Malta's Beverage Container Refund Scheme, we supported the achievement of an 85% collection rate in 2025 highlighting the impact of effective collaboration between industry, government, and consumers.

### **Investing in our people and communities**

Our people are at the heart of our success, and we remain committed to fostering a safe, inclusive, and supportive working environment.

During the year, we strengthened our workplace wellbeing initiatives through our partnership with the Richmond Foundation. We trained managers to better recognise and respond to mental health challenges, introduced Mental Health First Aiders across the organisation, and launched a Healthy Minds Survey to better understand employee needs. These actions reflect our belief that a strong culture of care and openness is fundamental to organisational performance.

## **Directors' report** - continued

Beyond our operations, we continue to play an active role in supporting the communities we serve. In 2025, we proudly supported initiatives that promote inclusion, sustainability, and youth development, including our long-standing partnership with Special Olympics Malta and our sponsorship of major international sporting events hosted locally.

### **Strong governance and responsible business**

Our ability to deliver consistent performance is underpinned by a robust governance framework and a clear commitment to ethical business conduct.

The Board of Directors provides active oversight of strategy, risk, and ESG performance, supported by dedicated committees and a strong senior leadership team. Throughout 2025, we maintained a strong compliance record, with no incidents of non-compliance, corruption, or anti-competitive behaviour reported. We continue to strengthen our governance practices and our ESG disclosures are prepared in accordance with Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Standards and supported by independent assurance on selected KPIs, reinforcing transparency and stakeholder trust.

### **Creating value through partnerships**

As part of the wider The Coca-Cola Company system, we benefit from strong global partnerships while remaining deeply rooted in the Maltese economy.

We source both foreign and local suppliers, demonstrating our ongoing commitment to supporting local businesses and strengthening supply chain resilience.

At the same time, we continued to expand our product offering and diversify our portfolio. This enhances our ability to respond to evolving consumer preferences while supporting long-term growth.

### **Outlook for 2026**

As we look to the future, we remain confident in the strength of our strategy and the opportunities ahead. At the same time, we recognise that the global environment is becoming increasingly complex, with geopolitical developments continuing to shape economic conditions and business performance.

Ongoing geopolitical tensions, including conflicts in key regions such as the Middle East and evolving global trade dynamics, are contributing to increased volatility in energy markets, supply chains, and commodity prices. These developments have already led to higher freight costs, disruptions to traditional shipping routes, and upward pressure on raw material and packaging costs.

For an island economy such as Malta, which is highly dependent on imported goods and international logistics, these pressures are particularly relevant. Increased transportation costs, coupled with supply chain uncertainty, continue to influence input costs across the food and beverage sector, while inflationary pressures in categories such as food and non-alcoholic beverages have remained elevated relative to the broader Euro Area.

At the same time, sustained geopolitical uncertainty is also impacting consumer sentiment across Europe, with rising energy and commodity prices placing pressure on household disposable income and potentially moderating demand.

In this context, the beverage industry faces a dual challenge: managing cost inflation across the value chain while continuing to deliver affordability, quality, and innovation to consumers. These dynamics reinforce the importance of operational efficiency, supply chain resilience, and disciplined cost management.

## **Directors' report** - continued

Against this backdrop, the company remains focused on strengthening its resilience and adaptability. Our ongoing investments in local production capabilities, energy efficiency, and process optimisation position us well to mitigate external pressures while maintaining service levels and product quality. At the same time, our diversified portfolio and strong partnerships enable us to respond effectively to evolving market conditions and consumer preferences.

Looking ahead, we will continue to closely monitor geopolitical and macroeconomic developments, while maintaining a proactive approach to risk management and strategic planning. By remaining agile and focused on long-term value creation, we are confident in our ability to navigate uncertainty and sustain our growth trajectory.

The Boards of Directors of The General Soft Drinks Company Limited and of the companies comprising the Mizzi Organisation are satisfied with the condition and performance of each entity within the Group. Following recent refinancing activities, which have provided the Group with fixed borrowing rates, the Group remains vigilant in monitoring interest rate developments to secure the most advantageous rates and to mitigate the impact of market volatility. Over time, Mizzi Organisation has consistently upheld the highest standards of corporate governance and financial discipline, thereby reinforcing the Group's ability to meet its servicing obligations. Furthermore, Mizzi Organisation Limited (a related party) has assumed a treasury function within the Group, facilitating oversight and management of the Group's aggregate loan exposure. The directors persist in their policy of undertaking only necessary capital expenditure, thereby enhancing the Group's value and profitability. The directors are of the opinion that the Organisation and all companies within the Mizzi Organisation remain a going concern. Consequently, the going concern assumption applied in preparing these financial statements is deemed appropriate, and there are no significant uncertainties that would raise substantial doubt regarding the Organisation's and its companies' ability to continue as a going concern.

### **Financial risk management**

In 2025, there has been no change in the company's financial risk management objectives and policies, details of which, together with further information on the company's risk exposures can be found in Note 2 to the financial statements.

### **Results and dividends**

The financial results are set out in the income statement. The directors have proposed and paid a final net dividend of €1,549,004 (2024: €2,000,000).

The directors propose that the balance of retained earnings amounting to €40,423,981 (2024: €37,888,747) be carried forward to the next financial year.

### **Directors**

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

Brian R. Mizzi (resigned on 31 December 2025)  
Taryn Camilleri de Marco  
Elisa H. Krantz  
Maria Micallef  
Simon Mizzi  
Andrew Muscat  
Kevin Rapinett

Pursuant to a company announcement of Mizzi Organisation Finance p.l.c. dated 27 April 2026, Mr. Andrew Muscat will resign from office with effect from 1 May 2026 and Mr. John Zarb will be appointed as director in his stead.

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

## Directors' report - continued

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

The directors are required by 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 of the profit or loss for that period.

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

- ensuring that the financial statements have been drawn up in accordance with 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 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, and that comply with the Maltese 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 The General Soft Drinks Company Limited for the year ended 31 December 2025 are included in the Annual Report and Financial Statements 2025, which is published in hard-copy printed form and made available on the Mizzi Organisation website ([www.mizziorganisation.com](http://www.mizziorganisation.com)). The directors of the entities constituting the Mizzi Organisation 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 Organisation'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.

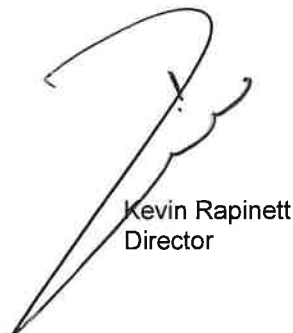
### Auditors

PricewaterhouseCoopers have indicated their willingness to continue in office and a resolution for their re-appointment will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

On behalf of the board



Elisa Hanna Krantz  
Director



Kevin Rapinett  
Director

Registered office:  
The General Soft Drinks Company Limited  
Marsa Industrial Estate  
Marsa  
Malta

30 April 2026



## **Independent auditor's report**

To the Shareholders of The General Soft Drinks Company Limited

### **Report on the audit of the financial statements**

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#### **Our opinion**

In our opinion:

- The financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of The General Soft Drinks Company Limited (the Company) as at 31 December 2025, 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).

#### **What we have audited**

The General Soft Drinks Company Limited's financial statements, set out on pages 13 to 52, comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2025;
- the statement of 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, comprising material accounting policy information and other explanatory information.



## **Independent auditor's report** - continued

To the Shareholders of The General Soft Drinks Company Limited

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### **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 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 audits of financial statements in Malta and the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA Code). We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these Codes.

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### **Other information**

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Directors' report (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.



## **Independent auditor's report - continued**

To the Shareholders of The General Soft Drinks Company Limited

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.

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### **Responsibilities of the directors 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.

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### **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 The General Soft Drinks Company 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, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- 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 the directors 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.



**Independent auditor’s report** - continued

To the Shareholders of The General Soft Drinks Company Limited

**Report on other legal and regulatory requirements**

The *Annual Report and Financial Statements 2025* 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 2025</i> and the related Directors’ responsibilities	Our responsibilities	Our reporting
<p><b>Directors’ report</b></p> <p>(on pages 1 to 5)</p> <p>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 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>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>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 The General Soft Drinks Company Limited

Area of the <i>Annual Report and Financial Statements 2025</i> 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 The General Soft Drinks Company Limited

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### **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.



**Stephen Mamo**

Principal

*For and on behalf of*

#### **PricewaterhouseCoopers**

78, Mill Street

Zone 5, Central Business District

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Malta

30 April 2026

## Statement of financial position

		<b>As at 31 December</b>	
		2025	2024
		€	€
	Notes		
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	4	22,423,648	21,374,953
Right-of-use assets	5	3,790,438	4,004,137
Trade and other receivables	6	7,344,780	7,583,247
		<b>33,558,866</b>	<b>32,962,337</b>
<b>Total non-current assets</b>			
 <b>Current assets</b>			
Inventories	7	5,938,727	5,978,413
Trade and other receivables	6	20,385,106	21,042,344
Current tax assets		2,256	2,256
Cash and cash equivalents	8	5,422	5,422
		<b>26,331,511</b>	<b>27,028,435</b>
<b>Total current assets</b>			
		<b>59,890,377</b>	<b>59,990,772</b>
<b>Total assets</b>			

**Statement of financial position - continued**

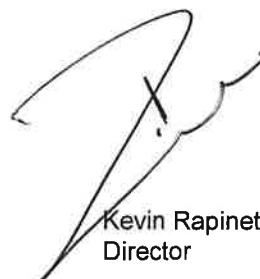
		As at 31 December	
		2025	2024
		€	€
	Notes		
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Share capital	9	500,000	500,000
Retained earnings		40,423,981	37,888,747
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>40,923,981</b>	<b>38,388,747</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	11	57,353	56,716
Borrowings	12	571,068	1,484,541
Lease liabilities	13	3,670,624	3,869,881
Employee benefit obligations	14	214,767	131,606
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>4,513,812</b>	<b>5,542,744</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	11	10,670,005	11,264,199
Borrowings	12	3,460,931	3,575,958
Lease liabilities	13	321,648	283,124
Employee benefit obligations	14	-	936,000
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>14,452,584</b>	<b>16,059,281</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>18,966,396</b>	<b>21,602,025</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>		<b>59,890,377</b>	<b>59,990,772</b>

The notes on pages 18 to 52 are an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 13 to 52 were authorised for issue by the Board on 30 April 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:



Elisa Hanna Krantz  
Director



Kevin Rapinett  
Director

**Statement of comprehensive income**

		Year ended 31 December	
		2025	2024
		€	€
	Notes		
<b>Revenue</b>	15	<b>40,208,865</b>	39,721,344
Cost of sales	16	<b>(25,239,212)</b>	(23,580,111)
		<b>14,969,653</b>	16,141,233
<b>Gross profit</b>			
Distribution and selling costs	16	<b>(7,325,308)</b>	(7,936,141)
Administrative expenses	16	<b>(3,327,843)</b>	(3,673,140)
Other operating income	18	<b>104,417</b>	111,861
		<b>4,420,919</b>	4,643,813
<b>Operating profit</b>			
Finance costs	19	<b>(336,681)</b>	(413,362)
		<b>4,084,238</b>	4,230,451
<b>Profit for the year - total comprehensive income</b>		<b>4,084,238</b>	4,230,451

The notes on pages 18 to 52 are an integral part of these financial statements.

## Statement of changes in equity

	Note	Share capital €	Retained earnings €	Total €
Balance at 1 January 2024		500,000	35,658,296	36,158,296
<b>Comprehensive income</b>				
Profit for the year				
- total comprehensive income		-	4,230,451	4,230,451
<b>Transactions with owners</b>				
Dividends relating to 2024	22	-	(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)
Balance at 31 December 2024		500,000	37,888,747	38,388,747
<b>Comprehensive income</b>				
Profit for the year				
- total comprehensive income		-	4,084,238	4,084,238
<b>Transactions with owners</b>				
Dividends relating to 2025	22	-	(1,549,004)	(1,549,004)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2025</b>		<b>500,000</b>	<b>40,423,981</b>	<b>40,923,981</b>

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## Statement of cash flows

	Notes	Year ended 31 December	
		2025 €	2024 €
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	23	6,847,470	6,254,784
Interest paid	19	(194,888)	(283,352)
Tax paid		-	(2,256)
<b>Net cash generated from operating activities</b>		<b>6,652,582</b>	5,969,176
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(3,634,095)	(4,456,383)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		27,394	29,800
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		<b>(3,606,701)</b>	(4,426,583)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Proceeds from borrowings from related party forming part of Mizzi Organisation	12	-	36,811
Repayments of borrowings from related party forming part of Mizzi Organisation	12	(1,014,987)	(1,015,179)
Dividends paid	22	(1,549,004)	(2,000,000)
Principal elements of lease payments	13	(468,377)	(365,646)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>		<b>(3,032,368)</b>	(3,344,014)
<b>Net movement in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>13,513</b>	(1,801,421)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>		<b>(2,555,833)</b>	(754,412)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	8	<b>(2,542,320)</b>	(2,555,833)

The notes on pages 18 to 52 are an integral part of these financial statements.

## Notes to the financial statements

### 1. Summary of material accounting policies

The material 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

The financial statements include the financial statements of The General Soft Drinks Company Limited. 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). They have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRSs as adopted by the EU requires the use of certain accounting estimates. It also requires the directors to exercise their judgement in the process of applying the company's accounting policies (see Note 3 - Critical accounting estimates and judgements).

#### *Assessment of appropriateness of the going concern assumption in the preparation of the financial statements*

The Company is due to extend the ongoing franchise agreement with The Coca Cola Company. The legal agreements relating to this extension are in the process of being formalised and this process is expected to be finalised over the next months. However, the Board of Directors has received written formal communication that confirms this renewal.

The projections for FY2026 are that the company will continue growing further in line with positive economic indicators.

The Boards of Directors of The General Soft Drinks Company Limited and of the companies comprising the Mizzi Organisation are satisfied with the condition and performance of each entity within the Group. Following recent refinancing activities, which have provided the Group with fixed borrowing rates, the Group remains vigilant in monitoring interest rate developments to secure the most advantageous rates and to mitigate the impact of market volatility. Over time, Mizzi Organisation has consistently upheld the highest standards of corporate governance and financial discipline, thereby reinforcing the Group's ability to meet its servicing obligations. Furthermore, Mizzi Organisation Limited (a related party) has assumed a treasury function within the Group, facilitating oversight and management of the Group's aggregate loan exposure. The directors persist in their policy of undertaking only necessary capital expenditure, thereby enhancing the Group's value and profitability. The directors are of the opinion that the Organisation and all companies within the Mizzi Organisation remain a going concern. Consequently, the going concern assumption applied in preparing these financial statements is deemed appropriate, and there are no significant uncertainties that would raise substantial doubt regarding the Organisation's and its companies' ability to continue as a going concern.

#### *Standards, interpretations and amendments to published standards effective in 2025*

In 2025, the company adopted new standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards that are mandatory for the company's accounting period beginning on 1 January 2025. 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 impacting the company's financial results and position.

## 1. Summary of material accounting policies - continued

### 1.1 Basis of preparation - continued

*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 after 1 January 2025. The Company has not early adopted these revisions to the requirements of IFRSs as adopted by the EU, and the Directors are of the opinion that there are no requirements that will have a material impact on the Company's financial results and financial position in the period of initial application, other than what's described below.

*IFRS 18 'Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements' (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2027)*

IFRS 18 (issued on 9 April 2024) was endorsed for use in the European Union on 16 February 2026 and is set to replace IAS 1 'Presentation of Financial Statements', introducing new requirements that will help to achieve comparability of the financial performance of similar entities and provide more relevant information and transparency to users. Even though IFRS 18 will not impact the recognition or measurement of items in the financial statements, its impact on presentation and disclosure are expected to be pervasive, particularly those related to the statement of financial performance. IFRS 18 will also require the disclosure of management-defined performance measures within the financial statements.

The Directors are currently assessing the implications of applying IFRS 18 on the financial statements.

The new standard will be applicable from its mandatory effective date of 1 January 2027, with retrospective application, meaning that comparative information will be restated to reflect the new presentation and disclosure requirements introduced.

### 1.2 Functional and presentation currency

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

### 1.3 Property, plant and equipment

All property, plant and equipment is initially recorded at historical cost and subsequently stated at historical cost less depreciation and impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items, including borrowing costs as specified in Note 1.16.

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. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to profit or loss during the financial period in which they are incurred.

**1. Summary of material 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 and integral assets	1 $\frac{2}{3}$ - 10
Plant and machinery	10 - 25
Office furniture and equipment	10 - 33 $\frac{1}{3}$
Motor vehicles	10 - 25

Assets in the course of construction and payments on account are not depreciated. Buildings and integral assets are depreciated over the term of the lease arrangement or over the estimated useful life of the assets if shorter than the lease term. The estimated useful life of the integral assets ranges from ten to twenty years.

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

Property, plant and equipment is reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. 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. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash-generating units). Property, plant and equipment that suffered an impairment is reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at the end of each reporting period.

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

**1.4 Financial assets**

**Classification**

The company classifies its financial assets in the following measurement categories:

- those to be measured subsequently at fair value (through other comprehensive income); and
- those to be measured at amortised cost.

The classification depends on the entity's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual terms of the cash flows. For assets measured at fair value, gains and losses will be recorded in other comprehensive income (OCI). For investments in equity instruments that are not held for trading, the company is allowed to make an irrevocable election at the time of initial recognition to account for the equity investment at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI).

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

## 1. Summary of material accounting policies - continued

### 1.4 Financial assets - continued

#### Recognition and derecognition

The company recognises a financial asset in its statement of financial position when it becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on settlement date, the date on which an asset is delivered to or by the company. 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 transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership or has not retained control of the asset.

#### Measurement

At initial recognition, the company measures a financial asset at its fair value plus, in the case of a financial asset not at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL), transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the financial asset.

#### *Debt instruments*

Assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows where those cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Interest income from these financial assets is included in finance income using the effective interest rate method. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition is recognised directly in profit or loss. Impairment losses are presented in the statement of profit or loss.

Accordingly the company subsequently measures its financial assets comprising of trade and other receivables and cash and cash equivalent at amortised cost.

#### Impairment

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.

For trade receivables and contract assets, the company applies the simplified approach permitted by IFRS 9, which requires expected lifetime losses to be recognised from initial recognition of the receivables (see Note 2 for further details).

#### 1.4.1 Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables comprise amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business. If collection is expected in one year or less (or in the normal operating cycle of the business if longer), they are classified as current assets. If not, they are presented as non-current assets.

Trade receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less expected credit loss allowances.

Trade receivables are recognised initially at the amount of consideration that is unconditional unless they contain significant financing components, when they are recognised at fair value. The company holds the trade receivables with the objective to collect the contractual cash flows and therefore measures them subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

## **1. Summary of material accounting policies - continued**

### **1.4.2 Cash and cash equivalents**

In the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities in the statement of financial position.

### **1.5 Inventories**

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out method. The cost of raw materials, spare parts and other consumables comprises the invoiced value of materials, and, in general, includes transport and handling costs. The cost of finished goods comprises raw materials, direct labour, other direct costs and related production overheads. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less applicable variable selling expenses. In respect of container stocks, net realisable value is estimated by writing down the cost of these stocks to estimated residual values over their estimated useful life.

### **1.6 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.

### **1.7 Financial liabilities**

The company recognises a financial liability in its statement of financial position when it becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. The company's financial liabilities are classified as financial liabilities measured at amortised cost, i.e. not at fair value through profit or loss under IFRS 9. Financial liabilities not at fair value through profit or loss are recognised initially at fair value, being the fair value of consideration received, net of transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or the issue of the financial liability. These liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost. The company derecognises a financial liability from its statement of financial position when the obligation specified in the contract or arrangement is discharged, is cancelled or expires.

#### **1.7.1 Trade and other payables**

Trade payables comprise obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payables 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.

#### **1.7.2 Borrowings**

Borrowings are recognised initially at the fair value of proceeds received, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost; any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption value is recognised in profit or loss over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method. Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the company has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the end of the reporting period.

## 1. Summary of material accounting policies - continued

### 1.8 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.

Provisions are measured at the present value of the expenditures expected to be required to settle the obligation using a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the obligation. The increase in the provision due to passage of time is recognised as finance cost.

### 1.9 Employee benefits

#### *Post-employment benefits*

The company has set up a post-employment scheme in the form of a defined benefit plan. A defined benefit plan defines an amount of post-employment benefit that an employee will receive on retirement. In the case of the company, this amount is dependent on an employee's final compensation upon resignation/end of contract, as well as completed months/years of service. The liability recognised in the statement of financial position in respect of a defined benefit plan is the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the end of the reporting period, together with adjustments for unrecognised past-service costs. A defined benefit obligation is calculated annually using the projected unit credit method. The present value of a defined benefit obligation is determined by discounting the estimated future cash outflows using interest rate yields of government or high-quality corporate bonds that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits will be paid, and that have terms to maturity approximating to the terms of the related post-employment benefit liability.

Actuarial gains and losses arising from experience adjustments and changes in actuarial assumptions are charged or credited to equity in other comprehensive income in the period in which they arise. Past-service costs are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

#### *Long-term employee benefits*

The company has set up a long-term employee benefit scheme in the form of a defined benefit plan. Long-term employee benefits are employee benefits (other than post-employment benefits) that are not expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the service that gives rise to the benefit. Under the company's scheme, the long-term employee benefits are dependent on senior management employees' achievement of identifiable performance objectives and defined periods of service. Long-term employee benefits are accounted for in the same way as post-employment benefits referred to above, utilising the accounting principles applicable to defined benefit plans and obligations, with the exception that remeasurements are recognised immediately through profit or loss.

### 1.10 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. Summary of material accounting policies - continued

### 1.11 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 in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. In this case, the tax is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

Deferred tax is recognised in full, 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, 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 substantially enacted by the end of the reporting period and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realised or the deferred tax liability is settled.

Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when the deferred tax assets and liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the same taxable entity or different taxable entities where there is an intention to settle the balances on a net basis.

### 1.12 Revenue recognition

Revenues include all revenues from the ordinary business activities of the company. Ordinary activities do not only refer to the core business but also to other recurring sales of goods or rendering of services. Revenues are recorded net of value added tax. The company's business includes various activities as disclosed in Note 15 'Revenue'.

#### (a) Sale of goods and services

Revenues are recognised in accordance with the provision of goods or services, provided that collectability of the consideration is probable.

IFRS 15 requires that at contract inception the goods or services promised in a contract with a customer are assessed and each promise to transfer to the customer the good or service is identified as a performance obligation. Promises in a contract can be explicit or implicit if the promises create a valid expectation to provide a good or service based on the customary business practices, published policies, or specific statements.

A contract asset must be recognised if an entity forming part of the company recorded revenue for fulfilment of a contractual performance obligation before the customer paid consideration or before - irrespective of when payment is due - the requirements for billing and thus the recognition of a receivable exist.

A contract liability must be recognised when the customer paid consideration or a receivable from the customer is due before the company fulfilled a contractual performance obligation and thus recognised revenue.

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

**1.12 Revenue recognition - continued**

*Sales of beverages - wholesale*

The company manufactures and sells a range of beverage products in the wholesale market. Sales are recognised when control of the products has transferred, being when the products are delivered to the wholesaler, the wholesaler has full discretion over the channel and price to sell the products, and there is no unfulfilled obligation that could affect the wholesaler's acceptance of the products. Delivery occurs when the products have been delivered to the specific location, the risks of obsolescence and loss have been transferred to the wholesaler, and either the wholesaler has accepted the products in accordance with the sales contract, the acceptance provisions have lapsed, or the company has objective evidence that all criteria for acceptance have been satisfied.

The beverage goods are also sold with retrospective volume discounts based on aggregate sales over a 12 months period. Revenue from these sales is recognised based on the price specified in the contract, net of the estimated volume discounts. Accumulated experience is used to estimate and provide for the discounts, using the expected value method, and revenue is only recognised to the extent that it is highly probable that a significant reversal will not occur. A refund liability (within trade and other payables) would be recognised for expected volume discounts payable to customers in relation to sales made until the end of the reporting period. No element of financing is deemed present.

A receivable is recognised when the goods are delivered as this is the point in time that the consideration is unconditional because only the passage of time is required before the payment is due.

*Financing*

The company does not expect to have any contracts where the period between the transfer of the promised goods or services to the customer and payment by the customer exceeds one year. As a consequence, the company does not adjust any of the transaction prices for the time value of money.

**1.13 Customer contract assets and liabilities**

The timing of revenue recognition may differ from customer invoicing. Trade receivables presented in the statement of financial position represent an unconditional right to receive consideration (primarily cash), i.e. the services and goods promised to the customer have been transferred.

By contrast, contract assets mainly refer to amounts allocated per IFRS 15 as compensation for goods or services provided to customers for which the right to collect payment is subject to providing other services or goods under that same contract. Contract assets, like trade receivables, are subject to impairment for credit risk. The recoverability of contract assets is also verified, especially to cover the risk of impairment should the contract be interrupted.

Contract liabilities represent amounts paid by customers before receiving the goods and/or services promised in the contract. This is typically the case for advances received from customers or amounts invoiced and paid for goods or services not transferred yet (previously recognised in deferred income).

## 1. Summary of material accounting policies - continued

### 1.14 Government grants

Grants from the government are recognised at their fair value where there is a reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and the company will comply with all attached conditions. Government grants related to costs are deferred and recognised in profit or loss over the period necessary to match them with the costs they are intended to compensate.

Government grants related to assets, i.e. in respect of the purchase of property, plant and equipment, are included in liabilities as deferred government grants, and are credited to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the expected lives of the related assets, presented under 'Other operating income'.

Grants related to income are presented as a deduction in reporting the related expense.

### 1.15 Leases

A lease is an agreement whereby the lessor conveys to the lessee in return for a payment, or a series of payment, the right to use an asset for an agreed period of time.

*The company is the lessee*

At inception of a contract, an entity shall assess whether the contract is, or contains, a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

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 the following lease payments:

- fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments), less any lease incentives receivable;
- variable lease payments that are based on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate as at the commencement date;
- amounts expected to be payable by the company under residual value guarantees;
- the exercise price of a purchase option if the company is reasonably certain to exercise that option; 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 individual lessee 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.

## 1. Summary of material accounting policies - continued

### 1.15 Leases - continued

To determine the incremental borrowing rate, the company:

- where possible, uses recent third-party financing received by the lessee as a starting point, adjusted to reflect changes in financing conditions since third party financing was received;
- uses a build-up approach that starts with a risk-free interest rate adjusted for credit risk for leases held by the company, where there is no third party financing; and
- makes adjustments specific to the lease, eg 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 following:

- the amount of the initial measurement of lease liability;
- any lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received; and
- any initial direct 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.

Payments associated with short-term leases of equipment and vehicles and all leases of low-value assets are recognised on a straight-line basis as an expense in profit or loss. Short-term leases are leases with a lease term of 12 months or less. In determining the lease term, management considers all facts and circumstances that create an economic incentive to exercise an extension option, or not exercise a termination option. Extension options (or periods after termination options) are only included in the lease term if the lease is reasonably certain to be extended (or not terminated).

For leases of properties, the following factors are normally the most relevant in considering to extend (or not terminate):

- if there are significant penalties to terminate (or not extend), the company is typically reasonably certain to extend (or not terminate); and
- if any leasehold improvements are expected to have a significant remaining value, the company is typically reasonably certain to extend (or not terminate).

Otherwise, the group undertaking considers other factors including historical lease durations and the costs and business disruption required to replace the leased assets.

The lease term is reassessed if an option is actually exercised (or not exercised) or the Group becomes obliged to exercise (or not exercise) it. The assessment of reasonable certainty is only revised if a significant event or a significant change in circumstances occurs, which affects this assessment, and that is within the control of the lessee.

## 1. Summary of material accounting policies - continued

### 1.16 Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs which are incurred for the purpose of acquiring or constructing qualifying property, plant and equipment are capitalised as part of its cost. Borrowing costs are capitalised while acquisition or construction is actively underway, during the period of time that is required to complete and prepare the asset for its intended use. Capitalisation of borrowing costs is ceased once the asset is substantially complete and is suspended if the development of the asset is suspended. All other borrowing costs are expensed. Borrowing costs are recognised for all interest-bearing instruments on an accrual basis using the effective interest method. Interest costs include the effect of amortising any difference between initial net proceeds and redemption value in respect of interest-bearing borrowings.

### 1.17 Dividend distribution

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

## 2. Financial risk management

### 2.1 Financial risk factors

The company's activities potentially expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including foreign exchange risk, cash flow and fair value interest rate risk and price risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The company's overall risk management, focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the company's financial performance. The company's board of directors provides principles for overall company risk management, as well as policies covering risks referred to above and specific areas such as investment of excess liquidity. The company did not make use of derivative financial instruments to hedge certain risk exposures during the current and preceding financial years.

#### (a) Market risk

##### (i) Foreign exchange risk

Foreign exchange risk arises from future commercial transactions and recognised assets and liabilities, which are denominated in a currency that is not the entity's functional currency. The company's revenues, purchases and other expenditure, financial assets and liabilities, including financing, are mainly denominated in euro. The company's risk exposures reflecting the carrying amount of payables denominated in foreign currencies at the end of the reporting period were not significant.

The company's revenues, purchases and other expenditure, financial assets and liabilities, including financing, are mainly denominated in euro except as outlined above. As outlined previously, management does not consider foreign exchange risk attributable to recognised liabilities arising from purchase transactions to be significant since the volume of such purchases and outstanding balances at end of the reporting period are not significant in relative terms. Balances are settled within very short periods in accordance with the negotiated credit terms. Also, foreign exchange risk attributable to future transactions is not deemed to be material since the company manages the risk by reflecting, as far as is practicable, the impact of exchange rate movements registered with respect to purchases in the respective sales prices.

Accordingly, the company is not significantly exposed to foreign exchange risk and a sensitivity analysis for foreign exchange risk disclosing how profit or loss and equity would have been affected by changes in foreign exchange rates that were reasonably possible at the end of the reporting period is not deemed necessary.

**2. Financial risk management - continued**

(ii) Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

The company has no significant interest-bearing assets other than non-current other receivables (see Note 6), which are subject to fixed interest rates. These instruments potentially expose the company to fair value interest rate risk, but are measured at amortised cost. The company's bank borrowings and borrowings from a related party are subject to floating rates of interest. Balances subject to variable interest rates expose the company to cash flow interest rate risk. Management monitors the impact of changes in market interest rates on amounts reported in profit or loss in this respect. Based on this analysis, management considers the potential impact on profit or loss of a defined interest rate shift that is reasonably possible at the end of the reporting period to be immaterial. The level of interest rate risk is contained and the company's cash flows are substantially independent of changes in market interest rates.

(iii) Price risk

The company is exposed to commodity price risk in relation to purchases of certain raw materials. The company enters into contractual arrangements for the procurement of these raw materials at variable market prices but at the end of the reporting period there were no outstanding contractual commitments in this respect. Management does not consider the potential impact on profit or loss of a defined shift in commodity prices that is reasonably possible at the end of the reporting period to be significant, particularly in view of the weighting of purchases of such raw materials in relation to the company's total purchases.

(b) Credit risk

Credit risk arises from cash and cash equivalents and credit exposures to customers, including outstanding debtors and committed transactions. The company's exposures to credit risk at the end of the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2025	2024
	€	€
Financial assets measured at amortised cost:		
Trade and other receivables (Note 6)	<b>26,518,441</b>	27,736,656
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 8)	<b>5,422</b>	5,422
	<b>26,523,863</b>	27,742,078

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the end of the reporting period in respect of the financial assets mentioned above is equivalent to their carrying amount as disclosed in the respective notes to the financial statements. The company does not hold any significant collateral as security in this respect. The figures disclosed above in respect of trade and other receivables exclude prepayments and advance payments to suppliers.

Cash and cash equivalents

The company principally banks with local financial institutions with high-quality standing or rating. While cash and cash equivalents are also subject to the impairment requirements of IFRS 9, the identified expected credit loss is insignificant.

## 2. Financial risk management - continued

### Trade and other receivables (including contract assets)

The company's entire goods for resale which are sold are invoiced to GSD Marketing Limited, a related party forming part of Mizzi Organisation (Note 25). In turn the related party sells the goods to third parties with the objective that the related party acts as the sole customer facing entity for the Organisation's beverage activities. In this respect, both the company and the related party reflect expected credit loss allowances, including provisions for credit impaired receivables in relation to receivables attributable to the respective business operations, as further explained below. These financial assets are considered as trade receivables within this note, for the purpose of credit risk management disclosures, even though they are presented as amounts receivable from related parties forming part of Mizzi Organisation.

The company assesses the credit quality of its trade customers taking into account financial position, past experience and other factors. It has policies in place to ensure that sales of products are effected to customers with an appropriate credit history. The company monitors the performance of its trade and other receivables on a regular basis to identify incurred and expected collection losses, which are inherent in the company's debtors, taking into account historical experience in collection of accounts receivable.

In view of the nature of the company's activities and the market in which it operates, a limited number of customers account for a certain percentage of the company's trade and other receivables. Whilst no individual customer or group of dependent customers is considered by management as a significant concentration of credit risk with respect to contractual debts, these exposures are monitored and reported more frequently and rigorously. Generally, these customers trade frequently with the company and are deemed by management to have positive credit standing, usually taking cognisance of the performance history without defaults.

The company manages credit limits and exposures actively in a practicable manner such that past due amounts receivable from customers are within controlled parameters. The company's trade and other receivables, which are not credit impaired financial assets, are principally debts in respect of transactions with customers for whom there is no recent history of default. Management does not expect any losses from non-performance by these customers.

### *Impairment of trade receivables (including contract assets)*

The company applies the IFRS 9 simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses which uses a lifetime expected loss allowance for all trade receivables and contract assets.

To measure the expected credit losses, trade receivables and contract assets have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due. Contract assets have substantially the same risk characteristics as the trade receivables for the same types of contracts. The company has therefore concluded that the expected loss rates for trade receivables are a reasonable approximation of the loss rates for contract assets.

The expected loss rates are based on the payment profiles of sales over a period of time before the reporting date and the corresponding historical credit losses experienced within this period. The historical loss rates are adjusted to reflect current and forward-looking information on macroeconomic factors affecting the ability of the customers to settle the receivables. The company uses judgement in making these assumptions and selecting the inputs to the impairment calculation and adjusts the historical loss rates based on expected changes in these factors. Credit loss allowances include specific provisions against credit impaired individual exposures with the amount of the provisions being equivalent to the balances attributable to credit impaired receivables.

## 2. Financial risk management - continued

On that basis, the loss allowance for trade receivables, for both the company and the related party referred to previously, as at 31 December 2025 and 2024 was determined as follows:

	Up to 60 days past due	61 to 120 days past due	121 to 272 days past due	273 to 365 days past due	+365 days past due	Total
<b>31 December 2025</b>						
Expected loss rate	0.5%-3.8%	1.9%-7.9%	4.3%-13%	8.4%-25.1%	100%	
Gross carrying amount (€)	12,773,129	776,718	389,576	98,945	2,277,946	16,316,314
Loss allowance (€)	141,644	36,398	41,491	18,700	2,277,946	2,516,179
<b>31 December 2024</b>						
Expected loss rate	0.5%-3.8%	1.9%-7.9%	4.3%-13%	8.4%-25.1%	100%	
Gross carrying amount (€)	11,524,050	812,676	275,971	110,337	2,127,378	14,850,412
Loss allowance (€)	147,263	35,297	27,613	19,619	2,127,378	2,357,170

The loss allowance for trade receivables for an amount of €1,825,529 (2024: €1,725,379) is recognised by the Company and the remaining amounts by the related party referred to previously. The movements in credit loss allowances recognised by the company are disclosed in Note 16.

The company engages in routine monitoring of the account activity and repayment patterns of its trade receivables. Customers are segmented based on shared credit risk characteristics predominantly by economic sector, and accordingly receivables pertaining to certain higher risk segments are subjected to more rigorous monitoring. The Company also engages in monitoring information available on macro-economic factors affecting customer repayment ability, with a view to also assess the respective actual and projected repayment ability of the customers serviced by the company. The Company determines expected credit loss rates by taking cognisance of the projected impact on the repayment ability of the Company's customers, the repayment pattern actually experienced, and the estimated life of trade receivables. As at 31 December 2025, the Company retained the same expected credit loss rates as those applied as at 31 December 2024.

The company established an allowance for impairment that represented its estimate of expected credit losses in respect of trade receivables. The individually credit impaired trade receivables mainly relate to a number of independent customers which are in unexpectedly difficult economic situations and which are accordingly not meeting repayment obligations. Hence, provisions for impairment in respect of credit impaired balances with corporate trade customers relate to entities which are in adverse trading and operational circumstances. Reversals of provisions for impairment of credit impaired receivables arise in those situations where customers recover from unfavourable circumstances and accordingly start meeting repayment obligations. The company does not hold any significant collateral as security in respect of the credit impaired assets.

Trade receivables and contract assets are written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. Indicators that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery include, amongst others, the failure of a debtor to engage in a repayment plan with the company, and a failure to make contractual payments for a period of greater than a year past due.

Credit losses on trade receivables and contract assets are presented within administrative expenses under operating profit. Subsequent recoveries of amounts written off are credited against the same line item.

## 2. Financial risk management - continued

### *Ageing analysis of trade receivables*

Categorisation of receivables as past due is determined by the company on the basis of the nature of the credit terms in place and credit arrangements actually utilised in managing exposures with customers. At 31 December 2025 and 2024, the company's past due but not impaired receivables and the carrying amount of trade receivables that would otherwise be past due or credit impaired whose terms have been renegotiated, were not deemed material in the context of the company's trade receivables figures.

### *Impairment of other receivables*

The arrangement between the company and the related party referred to previously also includes receivables from customers in relation to contractual arrangements with such debtors. These financial assets are deemed other contractual receivables within this note, for the purposes of credit risk management disclosures, even though they are presented as amounts receivable from related parties forming part of Mizzi Organisation. In this respect, management assesses on a forward-looking basis the expected credit losses ('ECL') on the basis of the 'three-stage' model for impairment outlined by IFRS 9, based on changes in credit quality since initial recognition as summarised below:

- Other receivables that are not credit impaired on initial recognition are classified in 'Stage 1' and their credit risk is continuously monitored by the company. Their ECL is measured at an amount equal to the portion of lifetime expected credit losses that result from default events possible within the next 12 months.
- If a significant increase in credit risk ('SICR') since initial recognition is identified, the receivables are moved to 'Stage 2' but are not yet deemed to be credit impaired.
- If the receivables are credit impaired, they are then moved to 'Stage 3'.
- Instruments in 'Stage 2' or 'Stage 3' have their ECL measured based on expected credit losses on a lifetime basis. A description of inputs and assumptions used in measuring the ECL are outlined below.

The assessment of SICR incorporates forward-looking information and is reviewed on a periodic basis. As required by IFRS 9, management presumptively considers that a SICR generally occurs when an asset is more than 30 days past due. The entity determines days past due by counting the number of days since the earliest elapsed due date in respect of which full payment has not been received. The probability of default (PD) is also derived from internally compiled statistics and other historical data, adjusted to reflect forward-looking information.

The assessment to determine the extent of increase in credit risk attributable to other receivables since initial recognition is performed by considering the change in the risk of default occurring over the remaining life of the receivable. As a result, the definition of default is important and considers qualitative (such as non-adherence to terms and conditions of agreement and overdue status) and quantitative factors where appropriate.

Management determines that a receivable is in default (or credit impaired and accordingly stage 3 for IFRS 9 purposes) by considering relevant objective evidence, primarily whether contractual payments of either principal or interest are past due for more than 60 days for any material credit obligations and there are other indicators that the debtor is unlikely to pay.

The default definition has been applied consistently to model the probability of default (PD), exposure at default (EAD) and Loss Given Default (LGD) throughout the company's expected loss calculations.

### *Impairment of other receivables: Explanation of inputs*

The ECL is measured on either a 12-month or on a lifetime basis depending on whether a significant increase in credit risk has occurred since initial recognition or whether an asset is considered to be credit impaired. Expected credit losses are the product of the PD, EAD and LGD.

## 2. Financial risk management - continued

The PD represents the likelihood of a customer defaulting on its financial obligation either over the next 12 months (12M PD), or over the remaining lifetime (Lifetime PD) of the obligation. Accordingly, the 12-month and lifetime PDs represent the probability of default occurring over the next 12 months and the remaining maturity of the receivable, respectively.

EAD represents the expected exposure in the event of a default. The EAD of a financial asset is the gross carrying amount at default. The 12-month and lifetime EADs are determined based on the expected payment profiles.

LGD represents management's expectation of the extent of loss on a defaulted exposure. Hence, the LGD represents expected credit losses on the EAD given the event of default, taking into account, among other attributes, the mitigating effect of any collateral value at the time it is expected to be realised and the time value of money.

The loss allowance for other receivables from customers in relation to contractual arrangements as at 31 December 2025 and 2024 was determined as follows:

<b>As at 31 December 2025</b>	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Probability of default (PD)	<b>5 - 7.5%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>100%</b>	
Loss given default (LGD)	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	
Gross carrying amount (EAD) - €	<b>5,543,384</b>	<b>499,023</b>	<b>1,364,982</b>	<b>7,407,389</b>
Loss allowance (€)	<b>379,493</b>	<b>99,805</b>	<b>1,364,982</b>	<b>1,844,280</b>
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<b>As at 31 December 2024</b>	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Probability of default (PD)	7.5%	20%	100%	
Loss given default (LGD)	100%	100%	100%	
Gross carrying amount (EAD) - €	5,161,296	1,054,550	1,359,843	7,575,689
Loss allowance (€)	387,097	210,910	1,359,843	1,957,850

The loss allowance for other receivables from customers in relation to contractual arrangements is recognised in full by the company. The movement in these credit loss allowances is disclosed in Note 16.

Credit loss allowances include specific provisions against credit impaired individual exposures with the amount of the provisions being equivalent to the balances attributable to credit impaired receivables.

Management established an allowance for impairment that represented its estimate of expected credit losses in respect of other receivables. The individually credit impaired receivables mainly relate to a number of independent debtors which are in unexpectedly difficult economic situations and which are accordingly not meeting repayment obligations. Reversals of provisions for impairment of credit impaired receivables arise in those situations where customers recover from unfavourable circumstances and accordingly start meeting repayment obligations. The company does not hold any significant collateral as security in respect of the credit impaired assets.

## 2. Financial risk management - continued

Receivables are written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. Indicators that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery include, amongst others, the failure of a debtor to engage in a repayment plan with the company, and a failure to make contractual payments for a period of greater than a year past due. Credit losses are presented within operating profit. Subsequent recoveries of amounts written off are credited against the same line item.

As at 31 December 2025 other receivables from customers in relation to contractual arrangements of €785,995 (2024: €843,640) were past due but not credit impaired. These mainly relate to a number of independent customers for whom there is no recent history of default. Categorisation of other receivables as past due is determined by the company on the basis of the nature of the credit terms in place and credit arrangements actually utilised in managing exposures with customers. At 31 December 2025 and 2024, the carrying amount of other receivables that would otherwise be past due or credit impaired whose terms have been renegotiated, were not deemed material in the context of the company's other receivables figures.

### Amounts owed by related parties

As noted earlier, the company's entire sales of products are invoiced to GSD Marketing Limited, a related party forming part of Mizzi Organisation, with the objective that the related party acts as the sole customer facing entity for the Organisation's beverage activities. Accordingly, the company's debtors include significant amounts due from this related party (see Note 6). In this respect, the company has also undertaken not to request repayment of amounts due by this related party, until alternative financing is available, to enable the latter to continue to manage its net current liability position effectively within the context of a normalised liquidity management stance.

The Organisation's treasury monitors intra-group credit exposures at individual entity level on a regular basis and ensures timely performance of these assets in the context of overall group liquidity management. The company assesses the credit quality of 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. Other than the sales arrangement with the related party referred to previously, all other balances owed by related parties are repayable on demand. Accordingly, expected credit losses are based on the assumption that repayment of the balances is demanded at the reporting date. The expected credit loss allowance attributable to related party balances is insignificant.

### (c) *Liquidity risk*

The company is exposed to liquidity risk in relation to meeting future obligations associated with its financial liabilities, which comprise lease liabilities (Note 13), borrowings (Note 12) and trade and other payables (Note 11). Prudent liquidity risk management includes maintaining sufficient cash and committed credit lines to ensure the availability of an adequate amount of funding to meet the company's obligations.

Management monitors liquidity risk by reviewing expected cash flows, and ensures that no additional financing facilities are expected to be required over the coming year. This is also performed at a central treasury function which controls the overall liquidity requirements of the Mizzi Organisation within certain parameters. The company's liquidity risk is actively managed taking cognisance of the matching of cash inflows and outflows arising from expected maturities of financial instruments, together with the company's committed bank borrowing facilities and other intra-Organisation financing that it can access to meet liquidity needs. In this respect management does not consider liquidity risk to the company as significant taking into account the liquidity management process referred to above.

## 2. Financial risk management - continued

The company's trade and other payables are predominantly repayable within one year from the end of the reporting period. The table below analyses the company's principal financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining term at the end of the reporting period to the contractual maturity date. The amounts disclosed in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows. Balances due within twelve months equal their carrying balances, as the impact of discounting is not significant.

	Less than 1 year €	Between 1 and 2 years €	Between 2 and 5 years €	Over 5 years €	Total €
<b>At 31 December 2025</b>					
Lease liabilities	449,488	450,803	1,061,629	3,906,952	5,868,872
Bank borrowings	2,547,742	-	-	-	2,547,742
Loan from related party forming part of Mizzi Organisation	951,843	546,270	40,087	-	1,538,200
Trade and other payables	9,948,785	-	-	-	9,948,785

	Less than 1 year €	Between 1 and 2 years €	Between 2 and 5 years €	Over 5 years €	Total €
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>					
Lease liabilities	416,404	417,719	1,121,674	4,194,541	6,150,338
Bank borrowings	2,561,255	-	-	-	2,561,255
Loan from related party forming part of Mizzi Organisation	1,092,556	951,843	586,357	-	2,630,756
Trade and other payables	10,255,024	-	-	-	10,255,024

### 2.2 Capital risk management

The company's capital is managed at the level of Mizzi Organisation by reference to the aggregate level of equity and borrowings or debt as disclosed in the respective consolidated financial statements of Consolidated Holdings Limited and Mizzi Organisation Limited, together with the financial statements of The General Soft Drinks Company Limited, GSD Marketing Limited and Mizzi EV Limited. The capital of the entities forming part of the Mizzi Organisation, which have been mentioned above, is managed on an aggregate basis by the Organisation as if they were organised as one entity. The Organisation's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the company's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders, and to maintain an optimal capital structure to reduce the cost of capital. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the company may issue new shares or adjust the amount of dividends paid to shareholders.

## 2. Financial risk management - continued

The Organisation monitors the level of capital on the basis of the ratio of aggregated net debt to total capital. Net debt is calculated as total borrowings (as shown in the respective statement of financial position) less cash and cash equivalents. Total capital is calculated as equity, as shown in the respective statement of financial position, plus net debt. The aggregated figures in respect of the Organisation's equity and borrowings are reflected below:

	2025 €	2024 €
Total borrowings	<b>98,012,764</b>	101,417,350
Less: Cash and cash equivalents	<b>(12,466,781)</b>	(13,953,471)
Net debt	<b>85,545,983</b>	87,463,879
Total equity	<b>201,979,651</b>	196,635,350
Total capital	<b>287,525,634</b>	284,099,229
Net debt/total capital	<b>30%</b>	31%

The Organisation manages the relationship between equity injections and borrowings, being the constituent elements of capital as reflected above, with a view to managing the cost of capital. The level of capital of The General Soft Drinks Company Limited, as reflected in the statement of financial position, is maintained by reference to its respective financial obligations and commitments arising from operational requirements. In view of the nature of the company's activities and the extent of borrowings or debt, the capital level at the end of the reporting period determined by reference to the financial statements is deemed adequate by the directors.

### 2.3 Fair values of financial instruments

At 31 December 2025 and 2024 the carrying amounts of cash at bank, receivables, payables, accrued expenses and short-term borrowings reflected in the financial statements are reasonable estimates of fair value in view of the nature of these instruments or the relatively short period of time between the origination of the instruments and their expected realisation.

The fair value of non-current financial instruments for disclosure purposes is estimated by discounting the future contractual cash flows at the current market interest rate that is available to the company for similar financial instruments. The carrying amount of the company's non-current receivables fairly approximates the estimated fair value of these assets based on discounted cash flows. The fair value of the company's non-current floating interest rate borrowings from a related party forming part of Mizzi Organisation at the end of the reporting period is not significantly different from the carrying amount. The carrying amounts of the other financial liabilities as at 31 December, comprising lease liabilities, are reasonable estimates of their fair value. The current market interest rates utilised for discounting purposes, which were almost equivalent to the respective instruments' contractual interest rates, are deemed observable and accordingly these fair value estimates have been categorised as level 2 within the fair value measurement hierarchy required by IFRS 7, '*Financial Instruments: Disclosure*'.

**3. Critical accounting estimates and judgements**

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

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

#### 4. Property, plant and equipment

	Buildings and integral assets €	Plant and machinery €	Office furniture and equipment €	Motor vehicles €	Others €	Total €
<b>At 1 January 2024</b>						
Cost	28,211,716	26,599,471	7,231,134	3,880,135	126,255	66,048,711
Accumulated depreciation	(10,903,681)	(23,686,420)	(6,846,145)	(3,268,392)	-	(44,704,638)
Net book amount	17,308,035	2,913,051	384,989	611,743	126,255	21,344,073
<b>Year ended 31 December 2024</b>						
Opening net book amount	17,308,035	2,913,051	384,989	611,743	126,255	21,344,073
Additions	283,294	1,372,867	91,761	433,019	134,767	2,315,708
Reclassifications	-	-	261,022	-	(261,022)	-
Disposals	-	(18,820)	-	(195,406)	-	(214,226)
Depreciation charge	(935,537)	(802,646)	(317,298)	(214,812)	-	(2,270,293)
Depreciation released upon disposals	-	11,292	-	188,399	-	199,691
Closing net book amount	16,655,792	3,475,744	420,474	822,943	-	21,374,953
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>						
Cost	28,495,010	27,953,518	7,583,917	4,117,748	-	68,150,193
Accumulated depreciation	(11,839,218)	(24,477,774)	(7,163,443)	(3,294,805)	-	(46,775,240)
Net book amount	16,655,792	3,475,744	420,474	822,943	-	21,374,953
<b>Year ended 31 December 2025</b>						
Opening net book amount	16,655,792	3,475,744	420,474	822,943	-	21,374,953
Additions	1,655,413	883,943	239,863	654,713	-	3,433,932
Disposals	-	(1,769,042)	-	(253,863)	-	(2,022,905)
Depreciation charge	(1,008,179)	(847,060)	(256,776)	(265,421)	-	(2,377,436)
Depreciation released upon disposals	-	1,762,116	-	252,988	-	2,015,104
Closing net book amount	<b>17,303,026</b>	<b>3,505,701</b>	<b>403,561</b>	<b>1,211,360</b>	-	<b>22,423,648</b>
<b>At 31 December 2025</b>						
Cost	30,150,423	27,068,419	7,823,780	4,518,598	-	69,561,220
Accumulated depreciation	(12,847,397)	(23,562,718)	(7,420,219)	(3,307,238)	-	(47,137,572)
Net book amount	<b>17,303,026</b>	<b>3,505,701</b>	<b>403,561</b>	<b>1,211,360</b>	-	<b>22,423,648</b>

## 5. Right-of-use assets

### *The company's leasing activities*

The company mainly has a 65 year emphyteutical grant for land in Marsa entered into in 2005. The company also has a number of other leases for certain warehouse equipment. Such rental contracts are typically made for fixed periods between 5 and 10 years, but may have extension options as described below. Lease terms are negotiated on an individual basis and contain a wide range of different terms and conditions. The lease agreements do not impose any covenants. Leased assets may not be used as security for borrowing purposes.

Extension and termination options are included in the majority of the company's leases. These terms are used to maximise operational flexibility in respect of managing contracts. The majority of extension and termination options held are exercisable only by the company and not by the lessor. In respect of the majority of lease arrangements, the extension periods have been included in determining lease term for the respective arrangement.

The statement of financial position reflects the following assets relating to leases:

	2025 €	2024 €
Properties	1,785,910	1,783,848
Warehouse equipment	2,004,528	2,220,289
<b>Total right-of-use assets</b>	<b>3,790,438</b>	<b>4,004,137</b>

The movement in the carrying amount of these assets is analysed in the following table:

	2025 €	2024 €
As at 1 January	4,004,137	2,448,127
Additions	165,851	1,844,218
Depreciation	(379,550)	(288,208)
<b>As at 31 December</b>	<b>3,790,438</b>	<b>4,004,137</b>

The income statement reflects the following amounts relating to leases:

	2025 €	2024 €
<i>Depreciation charge of right-of-use assets</i>		
Warehouse equipment	299,351	249,033
Properties	80,199	39,175
	<b>379,550</b>	<b>288,208</b>
<i>Interest expense (included in finance costs)</i>	<b>141,793</b>	<b>130,010</b>

**6. Trade and other receivables**

	2025	2024
	€	€
<b>Current</b>		
Amounts owed by related parties forming part of Mizzi Organisation	<b>18,646,318</b>	19,276,544
Advance payments to suppliers	<b>692,795</b>	671,607
Other receivables	<b>527,343</b>	876,865
Prepayments	<b>518,650</b>	217,328
	<b>20,385,106</b>	21,042,344
<b>Non-current</b>		
Amounts owed by related party forming part of Mizzi Organisation	<b>4,900,600</b>	5,139,067
Other receivables	<b>2,444,180</b>	2,444,180
	<b>7,344,780</b>	7,583,247

Current and non-current amounts owed from related parties forming part of Mizzi Organisation, principally represent amounts which are ultimately due from third party customers (in relation to sale of goods and contractual arrangements entered into with these parties), in accordance with the arrangement in place between the company and the related party as referred to previously in Note 2. As part of this arrangement current amounts owed by related parties forming part of Mizzi Organisation are presented net of expected credit loss allowances in respect of trade receivables on sale of goods of €1,825,529 (2024: €1,725,379), and in respect of other receivables relating to contractual arrangements of €1,398,802 (2024: €1,473,923). Non-current amounts owed by related party forming part of Mizzi Organisation are receivable within five years from the end of the reporting period and are presented net of credit loss allowances amounting to €445,478 (2024: €483,927). attributable to other receivables relating to contractual arrangements.

As at 31 December 2024, current other receivables included the amounts deposited in court with respect to the matters disclosed in Note 24(b) to the financial statements, together with other amounts receivable in the ordinary course of business.

Non-current other receivables consist of amounts owed by a third party under the Maltese beverage container refund scheme. These amounts are unsecured, subject to interest at 2.75% per annum and repayable as follows:

	2025	2024
	€	€
Over 5 years	<b>2,444,180</b>	2,444,180

During the previous financial year, the repayment terms of these receivables have been modified such that the full amount became repayable by 31 March 2033. These modifications were not related to any financial difficulties attributable to the borrower but merely for the purposes of better liquidity management at borrower level. These financial assets are categorised as Stage 1 for credit risk management purposes in terms of IFRS 9 requirements (i.e. deemed performing). The expected credit loss allowances on such receivables are based on the 12-month probability of default, capturing 12-month expected losses and hence are considered insignificant.

**7. Inventories**

	2025	2024
	€	€
Raw materials	2,596,121	2,643,994
Finished goods	1,159,074	1,445,295
Containers (carried at net realisable value)	250,343	200,993
Spare parts and consumables	1,412,745	1,063,650
Goods in transit	520,444	624,481
	<b>5,938,727</b>	<b>5,978,413</b>

The cost of inventories recognised as expense is appropriately disclosed in Note 16 to the financial statements. During the current financial year, inventory write-downs amounted to €149,596 (2024: €27,520). These amounts have been included in 'Cost of sales' in profit or loss.

**8. Cash and cash equivalents**

For the purposes of the statements of cash flows, the year-end cash and cash equivalents comprise the following:

	2025	2024
	€	€
Cash at bank and in hand	5,422	5,422
Bank overdraft (Note 12)	(2,547,742)	(2,561,255)
	<b>(2,542,320)</b>	<b>(2,555,833)</b>

**9. Share capital**

	2025	2024
	€	€
<b>Authorised, issued and fully paid</b>		
166,665 (2024: 166,665) 'A' ordinary shares of €1 each	166,665	166,665
166,665 (2024: 166,665) 'B' ordinary shares of €1 each	166,665	166,665
166,665 (2024: 166,665) 'C' ordinary shares of €1 each	166,665	166,665
5 (2024: 5) 'D' ordinary shares of €1 each	5	5
	<b>500,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>

All ordinary shares are ranked pari passu in all respects and there are no shares having special control rights in the company. The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared from time to time and are entitled to one vote per share at meetings of the company.

## 10. Deferred taxation

Deferred income taxes are calculated on all temporary differences under the liability method and are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or the liability is settled based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted by the end of the reporting period. The principal tax rate used is 35% (2024: 35%).

The movement on the deferred tax account is as follows:

	2025 €	2024 €
At beginning of year	-	-
Deferred income taxes attributable to right-of-use assets (Note 20)	<b>(74,795)</b>	544,604
Deferred income taxes attributable to lease liabilities (Note 20)	<b>74,795</b>	(544,604)
At end of year	-	-

All the amounts disclosed in the table above, which have been referenced to Note 20, are recognised in profit or loss.

The balance at 31 December represents:

	2025 €	2024 €
Temporary differences arising on right-of-use assets	<b>1,326,653</b>	1,401,448
Temporary differences arising on lease liabilities	<b>(1,326,653)</b>	(1,401,448)
	-	-

The recognised deferred tax assets and liabilities are expected to be recovered or settled principally after twelve months.

At 31 December 2025 and 2024, the company had the following unutilised tax credits and temporary differences:

	Unrecognised		Recognised	
	2025 €	2024 €	2025 €	2024 €
Unutilised tax credits arising from:				
Investment tax credits	<b>7,708,429</b>	8,985,403		-
Deductible temporary differences arising on:				
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	<b>1,514,021</b>	1,373,229		-
Credit loss allowances in respect of trade and other receivables	<b>3,669,809</b>	4,183,229		-
Lease liabilities	<b>201,835</b>	148,868	<b>3,790,437</b>	4,004,137
Taxable temporary differences arising on:				
Right-of-use assets	-	-	<b>(3,790,437)</b>	(4,004,137)

**10. Deferred taxation - continued**

Under the Business Promotion Regulations 2001, the company is entitled to investment tax credits on "qualifying" capital expenditure, the full amount of which would be available for set-off against the company's tax liability.

The unrecognised deferred tax assets at the end of the reporting periods have not been reflected in these financial statements due to the uncertainty of the realisation of the related tax benefits. Unutilised investment tax credits are forfeited upon cessation of the trade.

**11. Trade and other payables**

	2025	2024
	€	€
<b>Current</b>		
Trade payables	<b>8,708,955</b>	7,457,005
Amounts payable in respect of capital expenditure	<b>154,387</b>	354,550
Amounts owed to related parties forming part of Mizzi Organisation	<b>220,000</b>	322,206
Other payables	<b>57,750</b>	80,624
Indirect taxation	<b>707,857</b>	997,312
Deferred Government grants related to assets	<b>13,363</b>	11,863
Accruals	<b>807,693</b>	2,040,639
	<b>10,670,005</b>	11,264,199
<b>Non-current</b>		
Deferred Government grants related to assets	<b>57,353</b>	56,716

Deferred Government grants included above represent state aid, obtained in prior years, in respect of the energy grant scheme and the electric motor vehicle scheme. These grants relate to assets and the amount of the liability is reflected in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the expected lives of the related assets. The impact of these grants on the current and preceding year's results is presented within 'Other operating income' as disclosed in Note 16.

## 12. Borrowings

	2025 €	2024 €
<b>Current</b>		
Bank overdraft	2,547,742	2,561,255
Loan from related party forming part of Mizzi Organisation	913,189	1,014,703
	<b>3,460,931</b>	<b>3,575,958</b>
<b>Non-current</b>		
Loan from related party forming part of Mizzi Organisation	571,068	1,484,541
	<b>4,031,999</b>	<b>5,060,499</b>

The company's banking facilities as at 31 December 2025 amounted to €3,375,230 (2024: €3,375,230). These facilities are mainly secured by:

- (a) a general hypothec over the company's assets for €11,429,000 (2024: €11,429,000);
- (b) general hypothecary guarantees given by two related parties forming part of Mizzi Organisation for the amount of €1,164,700 (2024: €1,164,700) over assets, supported by special hypothecary guarantees for the amounts of €6,522,000 (2024: €6,522,000) and €1,165,000 (2024: €1,165,000) respectively over property held; and
- (c) guarantees by related parties forming part of Mizzi Organisation for amounts ranging from €2,397,000 to €13,976,000 (2024: €2,397,000 to €13,976,000).

The company's bank borrowings are entirely subject to variable rates of interest linked to Euribor. The weighted average effective interest rates for bank borrowings at the end of the reporting period are as follows:

	2025 %	2024 %
Bank overdraft	4.5	5

The company's loan from related party forming part of Mizzi Organisation is unsecured, subject to a floating rate of interest and the effective interest rate at the end of the reporting period was 3.6% (2024: 3.6%). The maturity of the non-current portion of this loan is disclosed below:

	2025 €	2024 €
Between 1 and 2 years	534,168	912,133
Between 2 and 5 years	36,900	572,408
	<b>571,068</b>	<b>1,484,541</b>

### 13. Lease liabilities

The lease liabilities associated with the recognised right-of-use assets are analysed below:

	2025 €	2024 €
<b>Non-current</b>		
Properties	1,877,765	1,876,111
Warehouse equipment	1,792,859	1,993,770
	<b>3,670,624</b>	<b>3,869,881</b>
<b>Current</b>		
Properties	39,526	19,283
Warehouse equipment	282,122	263,841
	<b>321,648</b>	<b>283,124</b>
<b>Total lease liabilities</b>	<b>3,992,272</b>	<b>4,153,005</b>

The movement in the carrying amount of these liabilities is analysed in the following table:

	2025 €	2024 €
As at 1 January	4,153,005	2,544,423
Additions	165,851	1,844,218
Payments	(468,377)	(365,646)
Interest charge	141,793	130,010
As at 31 December	<b>3,992,272</b>	<b>4,153,005</b>

The total cash outflows for leases in 2025 were €489,374 (2024: €414,060). The contractual undiscounted cash flows attributable to lease liabilities as at 31 December are analysed in Note 2(c). The weighted average incremental borrowing rate applied to the lease liabilities by the company was 3%.

**14. Employee benefit obligations**

	2025 €	2024 €
Employment benefit obligations:		
Post-employment benefits	-	936,000
Long-term employee benefits	<b>214,767</b>	131,606
	<b>214,767</b>	1,067,606

The movements in each category are analysed below:

	2025 €	2024 €
<b>Post-employment benefits</b>		
At 1 January	<b>936,000</b>	873,000
Charged to profit or loss:		
- Current service cost	<b>65,000</b>	63,000
Settlements	<b>(1,001,000)</b>	-
<b>At 31 December</b>	<b>-</b>	936,000
Classified as follows:		
Current	<b>-</b>	936,000

In prior years, the company has set up a post-employment scheme in the form of a defined benefit plan which has been settled during the current year. The provision disclosed above represented the present value of post employment benefits for one or more employees under the category of a defined benefit plan within the scope of IAS 19, 'Employee Benefits'. Accordingly, the company measured such obligations using the accounting rules applicable to defined benefit plans. A defined benefit plan relating to post employment defines an amount of benefit that an employee will receive on retirement, which in the case of the company is dependent on an employee's final compensation upon retirement, as well as completed years of service. The sole beneficiary of this plan was an executive director of the company.

Actuarial gains and losses arising from experience adjustments and changes in actuarial assumptions during the current and the preceding financial periods are not deemed to be material. The impact of discounting the estimated cash outflows in respect of these post-employment benefits is insignificant for measurement and disclosure purposes.

	2025 €	2024 €
<b>Long-term employee benefits</b>		
At 1 January	<b>131,606</b>	-
Charged to profit or loss:		
- Current service cost	<b>83,161</b>	131,606
<b>At 31 December</b>	<b>214,767</b>	131,606
Classified as follows:		
Non-current	<b>214,767</b>	131,606

**14. Employee benefit obligations - continued**

During the preceding financial year, the company has set up a long-term employee benefits scheme in the form of a defined benefit plan, whereby performance related pay for certain senior management employees would be determined based on achievement of specific objectives, which is deferred over defined periods of required service and paid upon the lapse of such required periods. The provision disclosed above represents the present value of long-term employee benefits under the category of a defined benefit plan within the scope of IAS 19, 'Employee Benefits'. The company has measured such obligations using the accounting rules applicable to defined benefit plans. A defined benefit plan relating to long-term employee benefits defines an amount of benefit that an employee will receive upon achieving identifiable performance objectives and attaining defined periods of service. As at 31 December 2025 and 2024, the beneficiaries of this plan consist of senior management employees of the company.

**15. Revenue**

All the company's revenue is derived from activities in the beverage sector relating to the bottling of soft drinks and mineral water. All revenues are attributable to sales to GSD Marketing Limited, a related party forming part of Mizzi Organisation, which acts as the sole point of focus for all customers of the Organisation's beverage activities. The company's revenues are entirely recognised at a point in time and the company had no unfulfilled performance obligations as at 31 December 2025 and 2024.

**16. Expenses by nature**

	2025	2024
	€	€
Raw materials and other consumables used	15,872,943	16,597,927
Changes in inventories of finished goods	286,221	(102,836)
Employee benefit expense (Note 17)	9,491,783	9,545,204
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment (Note 4)	2,377,436	2,270,293
Depreciation of right-of-use assets (Note 5)	379,550	288,208
Utilities and similar charges	1,011,925	1,020,893
Repairs and maintenance	2,631,570	2,423,784
Expense relating to short-term leases	20,997	48,414
Business promotion and similar service charges	1,167,731	1,190,401
BCRS administration fees	1,251,798	594,601
Other expenses	1,400,409	1,312,503
<b>Total cost of sales; distribution and selling costs; and administrative expenses</b>	<b>35,892,363</b>	<b>35,189,392</b>

Operating profit is stated after (crediting)/charging the following:

	2025	2024
	€	€
Movement in provisions for expected credit losses in respect of receivables (included in 'Distribution and selling costs')	(513,420)	110,566
Profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(19,593)	(15,265)
Government grants recognised (included in 'Other operating income')	(14,863)	(11,863)

**16. Expenses by nature - continued**

Auditor's fees

Fees charged by the auditor for services rendered during the financial periods ended 31 December 2025 and 2024 relate to the following:

	2025 €	2024 €
Annual statutory audit	106,500	56,500
Other non-audit services	22,530	1,000
	129,030	57,500

During the current year, fees in relation to non-assurance services have been charged by connected undertakings of the company's auditor as follows:

	2025 €	2024 €
Tax advisory and compliance services	1,665	3,390
Other non-audit services	8,875	-
	10,540	3,390

**17. Employee benefit expense**

	2025 €	2024 €
Wages and salaries	8,852,092	8,843,559
Social security costs	491,530	507,039
	9,343,622	9,350,598
Employment benefit obligations (Note 14)	148,161	194,606
	9,491,783	9,545,204

Average number of persons employed during the year:

	2025	2024
Direct	152	166
Administration	90	80
	242	246

**18. Other operating income**

Other operating income comprises income that is ancillary to the company's operating activities and also includes any gains on disposal of specific assets, including assets which were surplus to the company's requirements.

**19. Finance costs**

	2025 €	2024 €
Interest payable on loan from related party forming part of Mizzi Organisation	71,640	143,298
Bank interest and charges	123,248	140,054
Interest charges on lease liabilities	141,793	130,010
	<b>336,681</b>	<b>413,362</b>

**20. Tax expense**

No provision for current taxation has been made in the financial statements principally in view of the utilisation of the investment tax credit.

The tax on the profit before tax differs from the theoretical amount that would arise using the applicable tax rate as follows:

	2025 €	2024 €
Profit before tax	4,084,238	4,230,451
Tax on profit at 35%	1,429,483	1,480,658
Tax effect of:		
Movement in temporary differences arising on property, plant and equipment, credit loss allowances in respect of trade and other receivables	(64,414)	302,364
Tax incentives in respect of investment tax credits (refer to note below)	(1,444,009)	(1,755,407)
Tax incentives in respect of electric motor vehicle scheme	(28,690)	(73,981)
Income not subject to tax	(6,858)	(19,809)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	114,488	66,175
	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

The company is eligible to qualify for tax incentives under the Business Promotion Regulations 2001. Accordingly, the company is entitled to investment tax credits on "qualifying" capital expenditure, the full amount of which would be available for set-off against the respective company's tax liability (also refer to Note 10).

**21. Directors' emoluments**

	2025 €	2024 €
Salaries and other emoluments:		
Non-executive directors (included in 'Other expenses' - Note 16)	75,000	101,163
Executive directors (included in 'Employee benefit expense' - Note 17)	505,428	514,199
	580,428	615,362

**22. Dividends**

	2025 €	2024 €
Final dividends paid on ordinary shares:		
Gross and net dividends	1,549,004	2,000,000
	1,549,004	2,000,000
Dividends per share	3.1	4.0
	3.1	4.0

**23. Cash generated from operations**

Reconciliation of operating profit to cash generated from operations:

	2025 €	2024 €
Operating profit	4,420,919	4,643,813
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment (Note 4)	2,377,436	2,270,293
Depreciation of right-of-use assets (Note 5)	379,550	288,208
Profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(19,593)	(15,265)
Movement in provisions for expected credit losses in respect of receivables (refer to Note 2.1(b))	(513,420)	110,566
Movement in provisions for employment benefits	148,161	194,606
Changes in working capital:		
Inventories	39,686	140,803
Trade and other receivables	1,409,125	(3,306,290)
Trade and other payables	(393,394)	1,928,050
Employee benefit obligations	(1,001,000)	-
Cash generated from operations	6,847,470	6,254,784

*Net debt reconciliation*

The principal movements in the company's net debt relate to cash inflows and outflows presented as part of financing activities within the statement of cash flows.

## 24. Contingent liabilities

- (a) The company, together with other related parties forming part of Mizzi Organisation, is jointly and severally liable in respect of guarantees given to secure the banking facilities of related parties forming part of Mizzi Organisation up to a limit of €99,800,000 (2024: €99,800,000) respectively, together with interest and charges thereon. These guarantees are supported by general hypothecary guarantees on the company's assets for the amount of €24,482,000 (2024: €24,482,000).
- (b) As at 31 December 2024, the company also had a contingent liability relating to a garnishee order that was issued against the company in prior years, for an amount of €1 million (which the company deposited in court, refer to Note 6) in respect of a dispute with a third party, relating to importation rights of certain products. During the current financial year, the court adjudicated the case even after appeal in favour of the company; and the €1 million was refunded back to the company in full.

## 25. Related party transactions

The General Soft Drinks Company Limited forms part of the Mizzi Organisation. The Mizzi Organisation is not a legal entity and does not constitute a group of companies within the meaning of the Maltese Companies Act (Cap. 386) of the laws of Malta. The Organisation is a conglomerate of companies principally comprising Consolidated Holdings Limited and Mizzi Organisation Limited, together with all their respective subsidiaries, The General Soft Drinks Company Limited, GSD Marketing Limited and Mizzi EV Limited.

The entities constituting the Mizzi Organisation are ultimately fully owned by Daragon Limited, Demoncada Holdings Limited, Demoncada Limited, Investors One Limited and Maurice Mizzi. Members of the Mizzi family in turn ultimately own and control the above mentioned companies.

Accordingly, the members of the Mizzi family, the shareholder companies mentioned above, all entities owned or controlled by the members of the Mizzi family and the shareholder companies, the associates of entities comprising the Organisation and the Organisation entities' key management personnel are the principal related parties of the entities forming part of the Mizzi Organisation.

Trading transactions with these related parties would typically include interest charges, management fees, service charges and other such items which are normally encountered in a group context.

Taking cognisance of the arrangement referred to in Note 2.1(b) to the financial statements, in the ordinary course of its operations, the company invoices all its revenue in respect of sales of goods and services to GSD Marketing Limited, a company forming part of the Organisation. The Organisation's objective is to earmark the latter company as the sole customer facing entity for the beverage activities of the Organisation. The company also purchases goods and services from related parties for trading purposes.

In the opinion of the directors, disclosure of related party transactions, which are generally carried out on commercial terms and conditions, is only necessary when the transactions effected have a material impact on the operating results and financial position of the company. The aggregate invoiced amounts in respect of a considerable number of transaction types carried out with related parties are not considered material and accordingly they do not have a significant effect on these financial statements.

**25. Related party transactions - continued**

Except for transactions disclosed or referred to previously, the following significant operating transactions, which were carried out principally with related parties forming part of Mizzi Organisation, have a material effect on the operating results and financial position of the company:

	2025 €	2024 €
<b>Sales of goods and services</b>		
Sales of goods held for resale	<b>40,208,865</b>	39,721,343
<b>Purchases of goods and services</b>		
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	<b>285,674</b>	202,308
Servicing, advertising and similar charges	<b>546,003</b>	523,156
Management fees payable and similar charges	<b>106,130</b>	101,076
	<b>937,807</b>	826,540

The transactions disclosed above were carried out on commercial terms. Year-end balances with related parties, arising principally from the transactions referred to previously, are disclosed in Notes 6 and 11 to these financial statements. Other balances with related parties are disclosed in Note 12. These balances are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand, unless otherwise stated in these financial statements.

Expenditure amounting to €4,176,096 (2024: €3,858,923) has been recharged by the company to related parties forming part of Mizzi Organisation. The company's expenditure reflected in profit or loss comprises amounts recharged from a related party forming part of Mizzi Organisation of €15,580,126 (2024: €13,341,043).

Key management personnel comprise the directors of the company. Information on key management personnel compensation has been disclosed in Note 21. All amounts have been recharged to the company by a related party forming part of Mizzi Organisation.

**26. Statutory information**

The General Soft Drinks Company Limited is a limited liability company and is incorporated in Malta.