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FAIRPRICE GROUP
FINANCIAL REPORT 2021



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Directors' Statement

The Directors present this annual report to the members together with the audited financial statements of NTUC Fairprice Co-operative Limited (the "Co-operative") for the financial year ended 31 December 2021.

In our opinion:

- (a) the financial statements set out on pages 6 to 81 are drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and the Co-operative as at 31 December 2021 and of the results, changes in equity of the Group and the Co-operative and cash flows of the Group for the year ended on that date in accordance with the provisions of the Co-operative Societies Act, Chapter 62 (the "Act") and Financial Reporting Standards in Singapore;
- (b) at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Co-operative will be able to pay its debts when they fall due; and
- (c) the receipts, expenditure, investment of monies, acquisition and disposal of assets made by the Co-operative during the year ended 31 December 2021 have been made in accordance with the By-Laws of the Co-operative and the provisions of the Act and the Rules (made under section 95 of the Act).

The Board of Directors has, on the date of this statement, authorised these financial statements for issue.

(A) DIRECTORS

The Directors of the Co-operative in office at the date of this statement are as follows:

Bobby Chin Yoke Choong
Ronald Ong Whatt Soon
Albert Cheng Yong Kim
Lim Sau Hoong
Kristy Tan Ruyan
Lee Seow Hiang
Ho Wah Lee
Kee Teck Koon
Tan Hwee Bin
Ong Hwee Liang
Robert Yap Min Choy
Seah Kian Peng

(Appointed on 5 April 2022)

(B) ARRANGEMENTS TO ENABLE DIRECTORS TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURES

Neither at the end of, nor at any time during the financial year, was the Co-operative a party to any arrangement whose object is to enable the Directors of the Co-operative to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in or debentures of the Co-operative or any other body corporate.

Directors' Statement

(C) DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

The Directors of the Co-operative held office during the financial year who had interests in the shares of the Co-operative and its related corporations as recorded in the register of Directors' shareholdings kept by the Co-operative are as follows:

Name of Directors and Co-operative in which interests are held	Shareholdings registered in the name of Directors	
	At beginning of the financial year	At end of the financial year
NTUC Fairprice Co-operative Limited		
Bobby Chin Yoke Choong	20	20
Stephen Lim Beng Lin	20	*
Ronald Ong Whatt Soon	20	20
Albert Cheng Yong Kim	20	20
Lim Sau Hoong	20	20
Kristy Tan Ruyan	20	20
Lee Seow Hiang	20	20
Ho Wah Lee	20	20
Kee Teck Koon	20	20
Tan Hwee Bin	5,000	5,000
Ong Hwee Liang	26	26
Robert Yap Min Choy	–	20

* Retired on 27 May 2021

(D) SHARE OPTIONS

There were no share options granted by the Co-operative during the financial year.

There were no shares issued during the financial year by virtue of the exercise of options to take up unissued shares of the Co-operative.

There were no unissued shares of the Co-operative under options as at the end of the financial year.

(E) AUDITORS

The auditors, KPMG LLP, have indicated their willingness to accept re-appointment.

On behalf of the Board of Directors

Bobby Chin Yoke Choong

Director

Ho Wah Lee

Director

Singapore

18 April 2022

Independent Auditors' Report

Members of the Co-operative
NTUC Fairprice Co-operative Limited

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of NTUC Fairprice Co-operative Limited ('the Co-operative') and its subsidiaries ('the Group'), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position of the Group and the statement of financial position of the Co-operative as at 31 December 2021, and the consolidated statement of profit or loss, consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows of the Group and statement of profit or loss, statement of comprehensive income and statement of changes in equity of the Co-operative for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, as set out on pages 6 to 81.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Group and the statement of financial position, statement of profit or loss, statement of comprehensive income and statement of changes in equity of the Co-operative are properly drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Co-operative Societies Act, Chapter 62 ('the Act') and Financial Reporting Standards in Singapore ('FRSs') so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and the Co-operative as at 31 December 2021 and of the results and changes in equity of the Group and the Co-operative and consolidated cash flows of the Group for the year ended on that date.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing ('SSAs'). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 'Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements' section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics for Public Accountants and Accounting Entities ('ACRA Code') together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Singapore, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the ACRA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other information

Management is responsible for the other information contained in the annual report. Other information is defined as all information in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon.

We have obtained all other information prior to the date of this auditors' report.

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

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of management and directors for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the provisions of the Act and FRSs, and for such internal controls as management determines 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, management is responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The directors' responsibilities include overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

Independent Auditors' Report

Members of the Co-operative
NTUC Fairprice Co-operative Limited

Auditors' 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 auditors' 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 SSAs 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.

As part of an audit in accordance with SSAs, 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 controls.
- Obtain an understanding of internal controls relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal controls.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' 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 auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

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

Independent Auditors' Report

Members of the Co-operative
NTUC Fairprice Co-operative Limited

REPORT ON OTHER LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

Opinion

In our opinion:

- (a) the receipt, expenditure, investment of monies and the acquisition and disposal of assets by the Co-operative during the year are, in all material respects, in accordance with the By-laws of the Co-operative and the provisions of the Act and the Rules (made under section 95 of the Act); and
- (b) proper accounting and other records have been kept by the Co-operative.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with SSAs. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 'Auditors' responsibilities for the compliance audit' section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the ACRA Code together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Singapore, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the ACRA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on management's compliance.

Management's responsibility for compliance with legal and regulatory requirements

Management is responsible for ensuring that the receipt, expenditure, investment of monies and the acquisition and disposal of assets, are in accordance with the By-laws of the Co-operative and the provisions of the Act and the Rules (made under section 95 of the Act). This responsibility includes monitoring related compliance requirements relevant to the Co-operative, and implementing internal controls as management determines are necessary to enable compliance with the By-laws of the Co-operative and the provisions of the Act and the Rules (made under section 95 of the Act).

Auditors' responsibility for the compliance audit

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's compliance based on our audit of the financial statements. We planned and performed the compliance audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the receipt, expenditure, investment of monies and the acquisition and disposal of assets, are in accordance with the By-laws of the Co-operative and the provisions of the Act and the Rules (made under section 95 of the Act).

Our compliance audit includes obtaining an understanding of the internal control relevant to the receipt, expenditure, investment of monies and the acquisition and disposal of assets; and assessing the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements from non-compliance, if any, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal controls. Because of the inherent limitations in any internal control system, non-compliances may nevertheless occur and not be detected.

KPMG LLP

Public Accountants and
Chartered Accountants

Singapore

18 April 2022

Statements of Financial Position

As at 31 December 2021

	Note	Group		Co-operative	
		2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Non-current assets					
Property, plant and equipment	4	738,789	620,598	537,669	432,903
Right-of-use assets	5	1,362,066	1,432,285	1,103,015	1,174,303
Investment properties	6	10,852	3,116	–	–
Intangible assets	7	291,249	251,763	7,516	10,136
Subsidiaries	8	–	–	310,477	310,477
Associates	9	939,787	894,494	1,008,844	990,889
Other investments	10	1,596,303	1,472,486	1,590,543	1,467,014
Trade and other receivables	11	64,214	12,346	230,688	127,417
Total non-current assets		5,003,260	4,687,088	4,788,752	4,513,139
Current assets					
Trade and other receivables	11	216,886	280,431	160,184	248,865
Inventories	12	291,264	356,611	271,348	337,937
Cash and cash equivalents	13	535,438	618,869	404,239	477,456
Total current assets		1,043,588	1,255,911	835,771	1,064,258
Total assets		6,046,848	5,942,999	5,624,523	5,577,397
Equity					
Share capital	14	435,493	436,205	435,493	436,205
Retained earnings		2,152,508	2,107,594	1,968,244	1,958,374
Other reserves	15	214,269	127,012	200,432	126,212
Equity attributable to members of the Co-operative		2,802,270	2,670,811	2,604,169	2,520,791
Non-controlling interests	8	16,167	4,623	–	–
Total equity		2,818,437	2,675,434	2,604,169	2,520,791
Non-current liabilities					
Borrowings	16	270,516	414,005	267,000	414,005
Lease liabilities	17	1,158,682	1,229,131	966,460	1,033,658
Provisions	18	58,340	51,152	46,575	39,737
Deferred tax liabilities	19	27,135	23,173	–	–
Trade and other payables	20	6,767	7,452	94,329	–
Total non-current liabilities		1,521,440	1,724,913	1,374,364	1,487,400
Current liabilities					
Borrowings	16	208,349	40,000	207,000	40,000
Lease liabilities	17	276,565	257,283	184,130	174,153
Trade and other payables	20	1,219,385	1,244,937	1,254,860	1,355,053
Current tax liabilities		2,672	432	–	–
Total current liabilities		1,706,971	1,542,652	1,645,990	1,569,206
Total liabilities		3,228,411	3,267,565	3,020,354	3,056,606
Total liabilities and equity		6,046,848	5,942,999	5,624,523	5,577,397

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

Statements of Profit or Loss

Year ended 31 December 2021

	Note	Group		Co-operative	
		2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Revenue	21	4,252,342	4,507,232	3,835,069	4,135,527
Inventories consumed		(3,043,635)	(3,244,277)	(2,978,005)	(3,207,917)
Other income	22	399,024	400,314	266,853	269,122
Staff and related costs		(699,467)	(711,528)	(500,785)	(503,786)
Depreciation expense		(383,559)	(388,309)	(243,303)	(236,691)
Impairment loss on non-financial assets		–	(68,600)	–	(68,600)
Other operating expenses	23	(426,089)	(455,834)	(311,894)	(290,389)
Profit from operations		98,616	38,998	67,935	97,266
Investment income	24	60,641	42,937	82,685	75,791
Finance costs	25	(49,355)	(51,456)	(44,772)	(46,031)
Share of profit of equity-accounted investees (net of tax)		33,949	23,711	–	–
Profit before tax and contributions		143,851	54,190	105,848	127,026
Tax expense	26	(728)	(203)	–	–
Contributions to:					
– Central Co-operative Fund		–	–	25	(25)
– Singapore Labour Foundation	27	(6,095)	(25,307)	(6,087)	(25,307)
Profit for the year		137,028	28,680	99,786	101,694
Profit attributable to:					
Members of the Co-operative		134,830	27,954	99,786	101,694
Non-controlling interest		2,198	726	–	–
Profit for the year		137,028	28,680	99,786	101,694

Statements of Comprehensive Income

Year ended 31 December 2021

	Group		Co-operative	
	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Profit for the year	137,028	28,680	99,786	101,694
Other comprehensive income				
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss				
Equity investments at FVOCI – net change in fair value	74,584	(38,890)	74,220	(14,124)
Items that are or may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss				
Debt investments at FVOCI – net change in fair value	–	(800)	–	(742)
Debt investments at FVOCI – reclassified to profit or loss	–	(6,587)	–	(6,587)
Share of net change in reserves of associates	9,916	–	–	–
Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the year, net of tax	84,500	(46,277)	74,220	(21,453)
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	221,528	(17,597)	174,006	80,241
Total comprehensive income/(loss) attributable to:				
Members of the Co-operative	219,309	(18,117)	174,006	80,241
Non-controlling interest	2,219	520	–	–
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	221,528	(17,597)	174,006	80,241

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

Year ended 31 December 2021

	Attributable to members of the Co-operative						Total	Non-controlling interest	Total equity
	Note	Share capital	Retained earnings	Fair value reserve	Foreign currency translation reserve	Capital reserve			
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Group									
At 1 January 2020		436,740	1,944,755	377,810	(276)	1,536	2,760,565	4,184	2,764,749
Total comprehensive income for the year									
Profit for the year		-	27,954	-	-	-	27,954	726	28,680
Other comprehensive income									
Net change in fair value:									
- equity investments at FVOCI		-	-	(38,684)	-	-	(38,684)	(206)	(38,890)
- debt investments at FVOCI		-	-	(800)	-	-	(800)	-	(800)
Debt investments at FVOCI – reclassified to profit or loss		-	-	(6,587)	-	-	(6,587)	-	(6,587)
Total other comprehensive loss		-	-	(46,071)	-	-	(46,071)	(206)	(46,277)
Total comprehensive loss for the year		-	27,954	(46,071)	-	-	(18,117)	520	(17,597)
Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity									
Contributions by and distributions to owners									
Issue of shares	14	670	-	-	-	-	670	-	670
Redemption of shares	14	(1,205)	-	-	-	-	(1,205)	-	(1,205)
Payments relating to appropriations/ distributions approved by members of the Co-operative:									
- Dividends	28	-	(21,587)	-	-	-	(21,587)	(81)	(21,668)
- Patronage rebates		-	(49,630)	-	-	-	(49,630)	-	(49,630)
Write-back of Patronage rebates		-	115	-	-	-	115	-	115
Total transactions with owners		(535)	(71,102)	-	-	-	(71,637)	(81)	(71,718)
Transfer of fair value reserve of equity investments at FVOCI upon disposal		-	205,987	(205,987)	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2020		436,205	2,107,594	125,752	(276)	1,536	2,670,811	4,623	2,675,434

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity (cont'd)

Year ended 31 December 2021

Note	Attributable to members of the Co-operative						Total \$'000	Non- controlling interest \$'000	Total equity \$'000
	Share capital \$'000	Retained earnings \$'000	Fair value reserve \$'000	Foreign currency translation reserve \$'000	Capital reserve \$'000				
Group									
At 1 January 2021	436,205	2,107,594	125,752	(276)	1,536	2,670,811	4,623	2,675,434	
Total comprehensive income for the year									
Profit for the year	-	134,830	-	-	-	134,830	2,198	137,028	
Other comprehensive income									
Net change in fair value:									
- equity investments at FVOCI	-	-	74,563	-	-	74,563	21	74,584	
Share of net change in reserves of associates	-	-	(2,519)	(6,250)	18,685	9,916	-	9,916	
Total other comprehensive income	-	-	72,044	(6,250)	18,685	84,479	21	84,500	
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	134,830	72,044	(6,250)	18,685	219,309	2,219	221,528	
Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity									
Contributions by and distributions to owners									
Acquisition of subsidiaries under common control	32	-	-	-	3,067	3,067	-	3,067	
Issue of shares	14	651	-	-	-	651	-	651	
Redemption of shares	14	(1,363)	-	-	-	(1,363)	-	(1,363)	
Payments relating to appropriations/ distributions approved by members of the Co-operative:									
- Dividends	28	-	(23,579)	-	-	(23,579)	(300)	(23,879)	
- Patronage rebates		-	(66,584)	-	-	(66,584)	-	(66,584)	
Write-back of Patronage rebates		-	247	-	-	247	-	247	
		(712)	(89,916)	-	-	3,067	(87,561)	(300)	(87,861)
Changes in ownership interest in subsidiary									
Acquisition of subsidiaries with non-controlling interest	32	-	-	-	(289)	(289)	9,625	9,336	
Total transactions with owners		(712)	(89,916)	-	-	2,778	(87,850)	9,325	(78,525)
At 31 December 2021		435,493	2,152,508	197,796	(6,526)	22,999	2,802,270	16,167	2,818,437

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

Statement of Changes in Equity

Year ended 31 December 2021

	Note	Share capital \$'000	Retained earnings \$'000	Fair value reserve \$'000	Total \$'000
Co-operative					
At 1 January 2020		436,740	1,770,673	304,774	2,512,187
Total comprehensive income for the year					
Profit for the year		–	101,694	–	101,694
Other comprehensive income					
Net change in fair value:					
– equity investments at FVOCI		–	–	(14,124)	(14,124)
– debt investments at FVOCI		–	–	(742)	(742)
Debt investments at FVOCI – reclassified to profit or loss		–	–	(6,587)	(6,587)
Total other comprehensive loss		–	–	(21,453)	(21,453)
Total comprehensive income for the year		–	101,694	(21,453)	80,241
Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity					
Contributions by and distributions to owners					
Issue of shares	14	670	–	–	670
Redemption of shares	14	(1,205)	–	–	(1,205)
Payments relating to appropriations/distributions approved by members of the Co-operative:					
– Dividends	28	–	(21,587)	–	(21,587)
– Patronage rebates		–	(49,630)	–	(49,630)
Write-back of Patronage rebates		–	115	–	115
Total transactions with owners		(535)	(71,102)	–	(71,637)
Transfer of fair value in respect of equity investments at FVOCI upon disposal					
		–	157,109	(157,109)	–
At 31 December 2020		436,205	1,958,374	126,212	2,520,791

Statement of Changes in Equity (cont'd)

Year ended 31 December 2021

	Note	Share capital \$'000	Retained earnings \$'000	Fair value reserve \$'000	Total \$'000
Co-operative					
At 1 January 2021		436,205	1,958,374	126,212	2,520,791
Total comprehensive income for the year					
Profit for the year		–	99,786	–	99,786
Other comprehensive income					
Net change in fair value:					
– equity investments at FVOCI		–	–	74,220	74,220
Total other comprehensive income		–	–	74,220	74,220
Total comprehensive income for the year		–	99,786	74,220	174,006
Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity					
Contributions by and distributions to owners					
Issue of shares	14	651	–	–	651
Redemption of shares	14	(1,363)	–	–	(1,363)
Payments relating to appropriations/distributions approved by members of the Co-operative:					
– Dividends	28	–	(23,579)	–	(23,579)
– Patronage rebates		–	(66,584)	–	(66,584)
Write-back of Patronage rebates		–	247	–	247
Total transactions with owners		(712)	(89,916)	–	(90,628)
At 31 December 2021		435,493	1,968,244	200,432	2,604,169

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 December 2021

	Note	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Profit before tax and contributions		143,851	54,190
Adjustments for:			
Allowance for inventory obsolescence		2,479	9,425
Amortisation of intangible assets		10,275	12,406
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment		78,977	88,245
Depreciation of right-of-use assets		304,416	300,064
Depreciation of investment properties		166	248
Loss/(gain) on derecognition of right-of-use assets		430	(245)
Gain on disposal of debt investments – FVOCI		–	(6,587)
Loss on disposal of other investment		190	–
Gain on disposal of investment property		–	(6,618)
Intangible assets written-off		44	222
Inventories written-off		41,959	44,881
Loss on disposal of intangible assets		–	1,128
(Gain)/loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment, net		(278)	8,254
Property, plant and equipment written-off		927	2,593
Impairment losses/(reversal of) recognised on:			
– trade receivables		4,341	1,185
– debt investments – FVOCI		–	(309)
– intangible assets		–	68,600
Share of profit of equity-accounted investees		(33,949)	(23,711)
Dividend income		(49,662)	(19,164)
Interest income		(10,979)	(16,877)
Finance costs		49,165	51,456
		542,352	569,386
Changes in:			
– inventories		21,262	(112,154)
– trade and other receivables		65,159	(258,453)
– trade and other payables		(81,653)	222,346
– provision		(1,158)	(2,558)
Cash generated from operations		545,962	418,567
Contribution to Central Co-operative Fund paid		–	(25)
Contribution to Singapore Labour Foundation paid		(25,901)	(23,277)
Taxes paid		(88)	(1,469)
Net cash from operating activities		519,973	393,796

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows (cont'd)

Year ended 31 December 2021

	Note	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Cash flows from investing activities			
Acquisitions through business combinations (net of cash acquired)	32	(8,758)	–
Additions in investments in associates		(1,428)	(1,428)
Dividend received		49,662	19,164
Interest received		10,935	19,553
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		1,388	1,256
Proceeds from sale of investment property		–	12,000
Proceeds from sale of other investments		–	154,550
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(187,435)	(92,267)
Purchase of intangible assets		(1,642)	(7,202)
Purchase of other investments		(49,423)	–
Receipt of deferred income	20	43,609	–
Loan to a related party		(47,000)	–
Net cash (used in)/from investing activities		(190,092)	105,626
Cash flows from financing activities			
Dividends paid on members' shares	28	(23,579)	(21,587)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interest		(300)	–
Interest paid		(49,165)	(51,456)
Fixed deposit pledged with bank		(129)	–
Proceeds from issuance of shares		651	670
Proceeds from borrowings		47,000	150,000
Payment made for redemption of shares	14	(1,363)	(1,205)
Payment of patronage rebates to members		(66,584)	(49,630)
Repayment of borrowings		(30,464)	(52,229)
Payment of lease liabilities		(289,508)	(269,522)
Net cash used in financing activities		(413,441)	(294,959)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(83,560)	204,463
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		618,869	414,406
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	13	535,309	618,869

Significant non-cash transactions:

- During the year, the Group acquired subsidiaries, Kiosks Collective Pte Ltd and NTUC Link Pte Ltd for total considerations amounting to \$33,471,000 (note 32).
- Dividends amounting to \$17,955,000 (2020: \$22,768,000) were paid by an associate to the Group in the form of subscribing additional shares in the associate.
- In 2020, the Group and Co-operative transferred investment portfolio amounting to \$1,010,053,000 to Angsana Macro Fund (AMF) in exchange for 744,997,614 units in AMF which holds investments in quoted unit trust, quoted equity investments and quoted debt investment.

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These notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 18 April 2022.

1 DOMICILE AND ACTIVITIES

NTUC Fairprice Co-operative Limited (the "Co-operative") is a co-operative incorporated in Singapore with its principal place of business and registered office at No. 1 Joo Koon Circle, #13-01, Singapore 629117.

The Co-operative's immediate and ultimate holding entity is NTUC Enterprise Co-operative Limited, which is incorporated in the Republic of Singapore.

The principal activities of the Co-operative are those relating to supermarket, department store and convenience store retailing and investment holding, with the social mission to contribute towards a reduction in the cost of living in Singapore.

The principal activities of the subsidiaries are disclosed in note 8.

The financial statements of the Group as at and for the year ended 31 December 2021 comprise the Co-operative and its subsidiaries (together referred to as the "Group" and individually as "Group entities") and the Group's interest in equity-accounted investees.

2 BASIS OF PREPARATION

2.1 Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Co-operative Societies Act, Chapter 62 (the "Act") and Financial Reporting Standards ("FRSs") in Singapore.

2.2 Basis of measurement

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except as otherwise described in the notes below.

2.3 Functional and presentation currency

These financial statements are presented in Singapore dollars, which is the Co-operative's functional currency. All financial information presented in Singapore dollars have been rounded to the nearest thousand, unless otherwise stated.

2.4 Use of estimates and judgements

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with FRSs requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

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2 BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONT'D)

2.4 Use of estimates and judgements (cont'd)

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised prospectively.

Management is of the opinion that there are no critical judgements in applying the Group's accounting policies that have significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Information about assumptions and estimation uncertainties that have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are included in the following notes:

- Note 4 – measurement of recoverable amounts of property, plant and equipment;
- Note 5 – measurement of recoverable amounts of right-of-use assets;
- Note 7 – measurement of recoverable amounts of intangible assets;
- Note 8 – assumptions of recoverable amounts relating to investments in subsidiaries;
- Note 9 – assumptions of recoverable amounts relating to investments in associates;
- Note 11 – measurement of expected credit loss (ECL) allowance for trade receivables: key assumptions in determining the weighted-average loss rate; and
- Note 18 – provision for reinstatement cost.

Measurement of fair values

A number of the Group's accounting policies and disclosures require the measurement of fair values, for both financial and non-financial assets and liabilities.

The Group has an established control framework with respect to the measurement of fair values. The finance team has overall responsibility for all significant fair value measurements, including Level 3 fair values, and reports directly to the Chief Financial Officer.

The finance team regularly reviews significant unobservable inputs and valuation adjustments. If third party information, such as property valuations, broker quotes or pricing services, is used to measure fair values, then the finance team assesses and documents the evidence obtained from the third parties to support the conclusion that such valuations meet the requirements of FRS, including the level in the fair value hierarchy in which such valuations should be classified.

When measuring the fair value of an asset or a liability, the Group uses observable market data as far as possible. Fair values are categorised into different levels in a fair value hierarchy based on the inputs used in the valuation techniques as follows:

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

If the inputs used to measure the fair value of an asset or a liability fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy, then the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety in the same level of the fair value hierarchy as the lowest level input that is significant to the entire measurement (with Level 3 being the lowest).

The Group recognises transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy as of the end of the reporting period during which the change has occurred.

Further information about the assumptions made in measuring fair values is included in the following notes:

- Note 6 – investment properties
- Note 33 – financial instruments

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2 BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONT'D)

2.5 Changes in accounting policies

New standards and amendments

The Group has applied the following FRSs, amendments to and interpretations of FRSs for the first time for the annual period beginning on 1 January 2021:

- *COVID-19-Related Rent Concessions (Amendments to FRS 116)*
- *Interest Rate Benchmark Reform – Phase 2 (Amendments to FRS 109, FRS 39 and FRS 107, FRS 104 and FRS 116)*

The application of these standards and amendments to standards did not have a material effect on the financial statements.

3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements, and have been applied consistently by Group entities.

3.1 BASIS OF CONSOLIDATION

(i) Business combinations

The Group accounts for business combinations using the acquisition method when the acquired set of activities and assets meets the definition of a business and control is transferred to the Group (see note ii). In determining whether a particular set of activities and assets is a business, the Group assesses whether the set of assets and activities acquired includes, at a minimum, an input and substantive process and whether the acquired set has the ability to produce outputs.

The Group has an option to apply a 'concentration test' that permits a simplified assessment of whether an acquired set of activities and assets is not a business. The optional concentration test is met if substantially all of the fair value of the gross assets acquired is concentrated in a single identifiable asset or group of similar identifiable assets.

The Group measures goodwill at the date of acquisition as:

- the fair value of the consideration transferred; plus
- the recognised amount of any non-controlling interest ("NCI") in the acquiree; plus
- if the business combination is achieved in stages, the fair value of the pre-existing equity interest in the acquiree, over the net recognised amount (generally fair value) of the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed. Any goodwill that arises is tested annually for impairment.

When the excess is negative, a bargain purchase gain is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

The consideration transferred does not include amounts related to the settlement of pre-existing relationships. Such amounts are generally recognised in profit or loss.

Any contingent consideration payable is recognised at fair value at the date of acquisition and included in the consideration transferred. If the contingent consideration that meets the definition of a financial instrument is classified as equity, it is not remeasured and settlement is accounted for within equity. Otherwise, other contingent consideration is remeasured at fair value at each reporting date and subsequent changes to the fair value of the contingent consideration are recognised in profit or loss.

NCI that are present ownership interests and entitle their holders to a proportionate share of the acquiree's net assets in the event of liquidation are measured either at fair value or at the NCI proportionate share of the recognised amounts of the acquiree's identifiable net assets, at the acquisition date. The measurement basis taken is elected on a transaction-by-transaction basis. All other NCI are measured at acquisition-date fair value, unless another measurement basis is required by FRSs.

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3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

3.1 Basis of consolidation (cont'd)

(i) Business combinations (cont'd)

Costs related to the acquisition, other than those associated with the issue of debt or equity securities, that the Group incurs in connection with a business combination are expensed as incurred.

Changes in the Group's interest in a subsidiary that do not result in a loss of control are accounted for as equity transactions.

(ii) Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are entities controlled by the Group. The Group controls an entity when it is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. The financial statements of subsidiaries are included in the consolidated financial statements from the date that control commences until the date that control ceases.

The accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed when necessary to align them with the policies adopted by the Group. Losses applicable to NCI in a subsidiary are allocated to the NCI even if doing so causes the NCI to have a deficit balance.

(iii) Acquisitions from entities under common control

Business combinations arising from transfers of interests in entities that are under the control of the shareholder that controls the Group are accounted for as if the acquisition had occurred at the beginning of the earliest comparative year presented or, if later, at the date that common control was established. The assets and liabilities acquired are recognised at the carrying amounts recognised previously in the Group's controlling shareholder's financial statements. The components of equity of the acquired entities are added to the same components within Group equity and any gain or loss arising is recognised directly in equity.

(iv) Loss of control

When the Group loses control over a subsidiary, it derecognises the assets and liabilities of the subsidiary, and any related NCI and other components of equity. Any resulting gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss. Any interest retained in the former subsidiary is measured at fair value when control is lost.

(v) Investments in associates ("equity-accounted investees")

Associates are those entities in which the Group has significant influence, but not control or joint control, over the financial and operating policies of these entities. Significant influence is presumed to exist when the Group holds 20% or more of the voting power of another entity.

Investments in associates are accounted for using the equity method. They are recognised initially at cost, which includes transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, the consolidated financial statements include the Group's share of the profit or loss and other comprehensive income ("OCI") of equity-accounted investees, after adjustments to align the accounting policies with those of the Group, from the date that significant influence commences until the date that significant influence ceases.

When the Group's share of losses exceeds its investment in an equity-accounted investee, the carrying amount of the investment, together with any long-term interests that form part thereof, is reduced to zero, and the recognition of further losses is discontinued except to the extent that the Group has an obligation to fund the investee's operations or has made payments on behalf of the investee.

(vi) Transactions eliminated on consolidation

Intra-group balances and transactions, and any unrealised income and expenses arising from intra-group transactions, are eliminated in preparing the consolidated financial statements. Unrealised gains arising from transactions with equity-accounted investees are eliminated against the investment to the extent of the Group's interest in the investee. Unrealised losses are eliminated in the same way as unrealised gains, but only to the extent that there is no evidence of impairment.

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3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

3.1 Basis of consolidation (cont'd)

(vii) Subsidiaries and associates in the separate financial statements

Investments in subsidiaries and associates are stated in the Co-operative's statement of financial position at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

3.2 Foreign currency

(i) Foreign currency transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the respective functional currencies of Group entities at exchange rates at the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the reporting date are translated to the functional currency at the exchange rate at that date. The foreign currency gain or loss on monetary items is the difference between amortised cost in the functional currency at the beginning of the year, adjusted for effective interest and payments during the year, and the amortised cost in foreign currency translated at the exchange rate at the end of the year.

Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are measured at fair value are translated to the functional currency at the exchange rate at the date that the fair value was determined. Non-monetary items in a foreign currency that are measured in terms of historical cost are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Foreign currency differences arising on translation are generally recognised in profit or loss. However, foreign currency differences arising from the translation of an equity investment designated as at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI") are recognised in the OCI.

(ii) Foreign operations

The assets and liabilities of foreign operations, including goodwill and fair value adjustments arising on acquisition, are translated to Singapore dollars at the reporting date. The income and expenses of foreign operations are translated to Singapore dollars at exchange rates at the dates of the transactions.

Foreign currency differences are recognised in OCI, and presented in the foreign currency translation reserve ("translation reserve") in equity. When a foreign operation is disposed of such that significant influence or joint control is lost, the cumulative amount in the translation reserve related to that foreign operation is reclassified to profit or loss as part of the gain or loss on disposal. When the Group disposes of only part of its investment in an associate or joint venture that includes a foreign operation while retaining significant control or joint control, the relevant proportion of the cumulative amount is reclassified to profit or loss.

3.3 Financial instruments

(i) Recognition and initial measurement

Non-derivative financial assets and financial liabilities

Trade receivables and debt investments issued are initially recognised when they are originated. All other financial assets and financial liabilities are initially recognised when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

A financial asset (unless it is a trade receivable without a significant financing component) or financial liability is initially measured at fair value plus, or minus, for an item not at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL"), transaction costs that are directly attributable to its acquisition or issue. A trade receivable without a significant financing component is initially measured at the transaction price.

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3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

3.3 Financial instruments (cont'd)

(ii) Classification and subsequent measurement

Non-derivative financial assets

On initial recognition, a financial asset is classified as measured at amortised cost; FVOCI – debt investment; FVOCI – equity investment; or FVTPL.

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the Group changes its business model for managing financial assets, in which case all affected financial assets are reclassified on the first day of the first reporting period following the change in the business model.

Financial assets at amortised cost

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVTPL:

- it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

Debt investments at FVOCI

A debt investment is measured at FVOCI if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVTPL:

- it is held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets; and
- its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

Equity investments at FVOCI

On initial recognition of an equity investment that is not held-for-trading, the Group may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in the investment's fair value in OCI. This election is made on an investment-by-investment basis.

Financial assets at FVTPL

All financial assets not classified as measured at amortised cost or FVOCI as described above are measured at FVTPL. On initial recognition, the Group may irrevocably designate a financial asset that otherwise meets the requirements to be measured at amortised cost or at FVOCI as at FVTPL if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch that would otherwise arise.

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3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

3.3 Financial instruments (cont'd)

(ii) Classification and subsequent measurement (cont'd)

Financial assets: Business model assessment

The Group makes an assessment of the objective of the business model in which a financial asset is held at a portfolio level because this best reflects the way the business is managed and information is provided to management. The information considered includes:

- the stated policies and objectives for the portfolio and the operation of those policies in practice. These include whether management's strategy focuses on earning contractual interest income, maintaining a particular interest rate profile, matching the duration of the financial assets to the duration of any related liabilities or expected cash outflows or realising cash flows through the sale of the assets;
- how the performance of the portfolio is evaluated and reported to the Group's management;
- the risks that affect the performance of the business model (and the financial assets held within that business model) and how those risks are managed;
- how managers of the business are compensated – e.g. whether compensation is based on the fair value of the assets managed or the contractual cash flows collected; and
- the frequency, volume and timing of sales of financial assets in prior periods, the reasons for such sales and expectations about future sales activity.

Transfers of financial assets to third parties in transactions that do not qualify for derecognition are not considered sales for this purpose, consistent with the Group's continuing recognition of the assets.

Financial assets that are held-for-trading or are managed and whose performance is evaluated on a fair value basis are measured at FVTPL.

Non-derivative financial assets: Assessment whether contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest

For the purposes of this assessment, 'principal' is defined as the fair value of the financial asset on initial recognition. 'Interest' is defined as consideration for the time value of money and for the credit risk associated with the principal amount outstanding during a particular period of time and for other basic lending risks and costs (e.g. liquidity risk and administrative costs), as well as a profit margin.

In assessing whether the contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest, the Group considers the contractual terms of the instrument. This includes assessing whether the financial asset contains a contractual term that could change the timing or amount of contractual cash flows such that it would not meet this condition. In making this assessment, the Group considers:

- contingent events that would change the amount or timing of cash flows;
- terms that may adjust the contractual coupon rate, including variable rate features;
- prepayment and extension features; and
- terms that limit the Group's claim to cash flows from specified assets (e.g. non-recourse features).

A prepayment feature is consistent with the solely payments of principal and interest criterion if the prepayment amount substantially represents unpaid amounts of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding, which may include reasonable additional compensation for early termination of the contract. Additionally, for a financial asset acquired at a significant discount or premium to its contractual par amount, a feature that permits or requires prepayment at an amount that substantially represents the contractual par amount plus accrued (but unpaid) contractual interest (which may also include reasonable additional compensation for early termination) is treated as consistent with this criterion if the fair value of the prepayment feature is insignificant at initial recognition.

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3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

3.3 Financial instruments (cont'd)

(ii) Classification and subsequent measurement (cont'd)

Non-derivative financial assets: Subsequent measurement and gains and losses

Financial assets at FVTPL

These assets are subsequently measured at fair value. Net gains and losses, including any interest or dividend income, are recognised in profit or loss.

Financial assets at amortised cost

These assets are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The amortised cost is reduced by impairment losses. Interest income, foreign exchange gains and losses and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Any gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in profit or loss.

Debt investments at FVOCI

These assets are subsequently measured at fair value. Interest income calculated using the effective interest method, foreign exchange gains and losses and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Other net gains and losses are recognised in OCI. On derecognition, gains and losses accumulated in OCI are reclassified to profit or loss.

Equity investments at FVOCI

These assets are subsequently measured at fair value. Dividends are recognised as income in profit or loss unless the dividend clearly represents a recovery of part of the cost of the investment. Other net gains and losses are recognised in OCI and are never reclassified to profit or loss.

Non-derivative financial liabilities: Classification, subsequent measurement and gains and losses

Financial liabilities are classified as measured at amortised cost or FVTPL. A financial liability is classified as at FVTPL if it is classified as held-for-trading or it is designated as such on initial recognition. Financial liabilities at FVTPL are measured at fair value and net gains and losses, including any interest expense, are recognised in profit or loss. Directly attributable transaction costs are recognised in profit or loss as incurred.

Other financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value less directly attributable transaction costs. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Interest expense and foreign exchange gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss.

(iii) Derecognition

Financial assets

The Group derecognises a financial asset when:

- the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire; or
- it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows in a transaction in which either:
 - substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred; or
 - the Group neither transfers nor retains substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership and it does not retain control of the financial asset.

Transferred assets are not derecognised when the Group enters into transactions whereby it transfers assets recognised in its statement of financial position, but retains either all or substantially all of the risks and rewards of the transferred assets.

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3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

3.3 Financial instruments (cont'd)

(iii) Derecognition (cont'd)

Financial liabilities

The Group derecognises a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged or cancelled, or expire. The Group also derecognises a financial liability when its terms are modified and the cash flows of the modified liability are substantially different, in which case a new financial liability based on the modified terms is recognised at fair value.

On derecognition of a financial liability, the difference between the carrying amount extinguished and the consideration paid (including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed) is recognised in profit or loss.

(iv) Offsetting

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statements of financial position when, and only when, the Group currently has a legally enforceable right to set off the amounts and it intends either to settle them on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

(v) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash balances that are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in their fair value, and are used by the Group in the management of its short-term commitments.

(vi) Share capital

Ordinary shares

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of ordinary shares are recognised as a deduction from equity.

Members' shares

Members' shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of members' shares are recognised as a deduction from equity.

3.4 Property, plant and equipment

(i) Recognition and measurement

Items of property, plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. The cost of self-constructed assets includes:

- the cost of materials and direct labour;
- any other costs directly attributable to bringing the assets to a working condition for their intended use;
- when the Group has an obligation to remove the asset or restore the site, an estimate of the costs of dismantling and removing the items and restoring the site on which they are located; and
- capitalised borrowing costs.

If significant parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items (major components) of property, plant and equipment.

The gain or loss on disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment is recognised in profit or loss.

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3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

3.4 Property, plant and equipment (cont'd)

(ii) Subsequent costs

The cost of replacing a component of an item of property, plant and equipment is recognised in the carrying amount of the item if it is probable that the future economic benefits embodied within the component will flow to the Group, and its cost can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced component is derecognised. The costs of the day-to-day servicing of property, plant and equipment are recognised in profit or loss as incurred.

(iii) Provision for instatement costs

A provision is recognised for the estimated costs of dismantlement, removal or restoration of property, plant and equipment arising from the acquisition or use of assets. The estimated costs are capitalised and included in the cost of property, plant and equipment and are depreciated over the useful life of the asset.

(iv) Depreciation

Depreciation is based on the cost of an asset less its residual value. Significant components of individual assets are assessed and if a component has a useful life that is different from the remainder of that asset, that component is depreciated separately.

Depreciation is recognised as an expense in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of each component of an item of property, plant and equipment, unless it is included in the carrying amount of another asset. Freehold land and construction-in-progress are not depreciated.

Depreciation is recognised from the date that the property, plant and equipment are installed and are ready for use, or in respect of internally constructed assets, from the date that the asset is completed and ready for use.

The estimated useful lives for the current and comparative years are as follows:

Freehold buildings	– 20 to 52 years
Leasehold buildings	– 15 to 84 years
Furniture, fittings and renovation	– 1 to 15 years
Plant and machinery	– 2 to 20 years
Equipment and motor vehicles	– 2 to 10 years
Computers	– 1 to 5 years

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at the end of each reporting period and adjusted if appropriate.

3.5 Intangible assets

(i) Goodwill

Goodwill that arises upon the acquisition of subsidiaries is included in intangible assets. For the measurement of goodwill at initial recognition, see note 3.1(i).

Subsequent measurement

Goodwill is measured at cost less accumulated impairment losses. In respect of associates, the carrying amount of goodwill is included in the carrying amount of the investment, and an impairment loss on such an investment is not allocated to any asset, including goodwill, that forms part of the carrying amount of the associates.

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3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

3.5 Intangible assets (cont'd)

(ii) Brand name

Brand names that arise upon acquisition of subsidiaries are measured initially at cost. The cost of brand name acquired is the fair value as at the date of acquisition. Following to initial acquisition, brand name is measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment losses. These costs are amortised to profit or loss using straight-line method over 10 to 15 years.

A brand name is assessed to have indefinite useful life when there is no foreseeable limit to the period over which the brand name is expected to generate net cash inflows for the Group based on the current market share of the brand name. The brand name is tested for impairment annually or whenever there is indication of impairment.

The useful life of the brand name with indefinite useful life is reviewed annually to determine whether the useful life assessment continues to be supportable. If not, the change in useful life from indefinite to finite is made on a prospective basis.

(iii) Other intangible assets

Other intangible assets that are acquired by the Group and have finite useful lives are measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses.

Subsequent expenditure

Subsequent expenditure is capitalised only when it increases the future economic benefits embodied in the specific asset to which it relates. All other expenditure is recognised in profit or loss as incurred.

Amortisation

Amortisation is calculated based on the cost of asset, less its residual value.

Amortisation is recognised on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of other intangible assets, from the date that they are available for use. The estimated useful lives for current and comparative years are as follows:

Software and licenses	–	3 to 5 years
Tenant contracts	–	4 to 5 years

Amortisation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at the end of each reporting period and adjusted if appropriate.

3.6 Investment properties

Investment properties are held either to earn rental income or capital appreciation or both, but not for sale in the ordinary course of business, use in the production or supply of goods or services, or for administrative purposes. Investment properties are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition or construction of the investment properties. The cost of self-constructed investment properties includes the cost of materials and direct labour and any other costs directly attributable to bringing the investment properties to a working condition for their intended use and capitalised borrowing costs.

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3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

3.6 Investment properties (cont'd)

Depreciation is recognised in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives at each component of investment properties.

The estimated useful lives for the current year are as follows:

Investment properties	–	26 to 84 years
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3.7 Leases

At inception of a contract, the Group assesses whether a 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.

(i) As a lessee

At commencement or on modification of a contract that contains a lease component, the Group allocates the consideration in the contract to each lease component on the basis of its relative stand-alone prices. However, for the leases of property in which it is a lessee, the Group has elected not to separate non-lease components and account for the lease and non-lease components as a single lease component.

The Group recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the lease commencement date. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, plus any initial direct costs incurred and an estimate of costs to dismantle and remove the underlying asset or to restore the underlying asset or the site on which it is located, less any lease incentives received.

The right-of-use asset is subsequently depreciated using the straight-line method from the commencement date to the end of the lease term, unless the lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset to the Group by the end of the lease term or the cost of the right-of-use asset reflects that the Group will exercise a purchase option. In that case the right-of-use asset will be depreciated over the useful life of the underlying asset, which is determined on the same basis as those of property and equipment. In addition, the right-of-use asset is periodically reduced by impairment losses, if any, and adjusted for certain remeasurements of the lease liability.

The right-of-use asset is subsequently stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the Group's incremental borrowing rate. Generally, the Group uses its incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate.

The Group determines its incremental borrowing rate by obtaining interest rates from various external financing sources and makes certain adjustments to reflect the terms of the lease and type of the asset leased.

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

- fixed payments, including in-substance fixed payments;
- variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate as at the commencement date; and
- the exercise price under a purchase option that the Group is reasonably certain to exercise, lease payments in an optional renewal period if the Group is reasonably certain to exercise an extension option, and penalties for early termination of a lease unless the Group is reasonably certain not to terminate early.

The lease liability is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. It is remeasured when there is a change in future lease payments arising from a change in an index or rate, if the Group changes its assessment of whether it will exercise a purchase, extension or termination option or if there is a revised in-substance fixed lease payment.

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3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

3.7 Leases (cont'd)

(i) As a lessee (cont'd)

When the lease liability is remeasured in this way, a corresponding adjustment is made to the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset, or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero.

The Group presents right-of-use assets that do not meet the definition of investment property in 'right-of-use assets' and lease liabilities in the statements of financial position.

Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

The Group has elected not to recognise right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for leases of low-value assets and short-term leases, including IT equipment. The Group recognises the lease payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

(ii) As a lessor

At inception or on modification of a contract that contains a lease component, the Group allocates the consideration in the contract to each lease component on the basis of their relative stand-alone prices.

When the Group acts as a lessor, it determines at lease inception whether each lease is a finance lease or an operating lease.

To classify each lease, the Group makes an overall assessment of whether the lease transfers substantially all of the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the underlying asset. If this is the case, then the lease is a finance lease; if not, then it is an operating lease. As part of this assessment, the Group considers certain indicators such as whether the lease is for the major part of the economic life of the asset.

When the Group is an intermediate lessor, it accounts for its interests in the head lease and the sub-lease separately. It assesses the lease classification of a sub-lease with reference to the right-of-use asset arising from the head lease, not with reference to the underlying asset. If a head lease is a short-term lease to which the Group applies the exemption described above, then it classifies the sub-lease as an operating lease.

If an arrangement contains lease and non-lease components, then the Group applies FRS 115 to allocate the consideration in the contract.

The Group recognises lease payments received under operating leases as income on a straight-line basis over the lease term as part of 'other income'. Rental income from sub-leased property is recognised as "other income".

3.8 Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The cost of inventories is based on the weighted average method, and includes expenditure incurred in acquiring the inventories and other costs incurred in bringing them to their existing location and condition.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less the estimated costs of completion and estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

3.9 Impairment

(i) Non-derivative financial assets

The Group recognises loss allowances for ECLs on:

- financial assets measured at amortised cost;
- debt investments measured at FVOCI; and
- lease receivables.

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3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

3.9 Impairment (cont'd)

(i) Non-derivative financial assets (cont'd)

Loss allowances of the Group are measured on either of the following bases:

- 12-month ECLs: these are ECLs that result from default events that are possible within the 12 months after the reporting date (or for a shorter period if the expected life of the instrument is less than 12 months); or
- Lifetime ECLs: these are ECLs that result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument.

Simplified approach

The Group applies the simplified approach to provide for ECLs for all trade receivables (including lease receivables). The simplified approach requires the loss allowance to be measured at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs.

General approach

The Group applies the general approach to provide for ECLs on all other financial instruments. Under the general approach, the loss allowance is measured at an amount equal to 12-month ECLs at initial recognition.

At each reporting date, the Group assesses whether the credit risk of a financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition. When credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition, loss allowance is measured at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs.

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition and when estimating ECLs, the Group considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis, based on the Group's historical experience and informed credit assessment and includes forward-looking information.

If credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition or if the credit quality of the financial instruments improves such that there is no longer a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, loss allowance is measured at an amount equal to 12-month ECLs.

The Group considers a financial asset to be in default when the borrower is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Group in full, without recourse by the Group to actions such as realising security (if any is held).

The maximum period considered when estimating ECLs is the maximum contractual period over which the Group is exposed to credit risk.

Measurement of ECLs

ECLs are probability-weighted estimates of credit losses. Credit losses are measured at the present value of all cash shortfalls (i.e. the difference between the cash flows due to the entity in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Group expects to receive). ECLs are discounted at the effective interest rate of the financial asset.

Credit-impaired financial assets

At each reporting date, the Group assesses whether financial assets carried at amortised cost and debt investments at FVOCI are credit-impaired. A financial asset is 'credit-impaired' when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred.

Evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired includes the following observable data:

- significant financial difficulty of the debtor;
- a breach of contract such as a default;

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3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

3.9 Impairment (cont'd)

(i) Non-derivative financial assets (cont'd)

Credit-impaired financial assets (cont'd)

- the restructuring of a loan or advance by the Group on terms that the Group would not consider otherwise;
- it is probable that the debtor will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation; or
- the disappearance of an active market for a security because of financial difficulties.

Presentation of allowance for ECLs in the statements of financial position

Loss allowances for financial assets measured at amortised cost are deducted from the gross carrying amount of these assets.

For debt investments at FVOCI, loss allowances are charged to profit or loss and recognised in OCI.

Write-off

The gross carrying amount of a financial asset is written off (either partially or in full) to the extent that there is no realistic prospect of recovery. This is generally the case when the Group determines that the debtor does not have assets or sources of income that could generate sufficient cash flows to repay the amounts subject to the write-off. However, financial assets that are written off could still be subject to enforcement activities in order to comply with the Group's procedures for recovery of amounts due.

(ii) Non-financial assets

The carrying amounts of the Group's non-financial assets, other than inventories, are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. For goodwill, and intangible assets that have indefinite useful lives, the recoverable amount is estimated each year at the same time. An impairment loss is recognised if the carrying amount of an asset or its related cash-generating unit ("CGU") exceeds its estimated recoverable amount.

The recoverable amount of an asset or CGU is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs of disposal. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset or CGU. For the purpose of impairment testing, assets that cannot be tested individually are grouped together into the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows from continuing use that are largely independent of the cash inflows of other assets or CGUs. Subject to an operating segment ceiling test, for the purposes of goodwill impairment testing, CGUs to which goodwill has been allocated are aggregated so that the level at which impairment testing is performed reflects the lowest level at which goodwill is monitored for internal reporting purposes. Goodwill acquired in a business combination is allocated to groups of CGUs that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination.

The Group's corporate assets do not generate separate cash inflows and are utilised by more than one CGU. Corporate assets are allocated to CGUs on a reasonable and consistent basis and tested for impairment as part of the testing of the CGU to which the corporate asset is allocated.

Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. Impairment losses recognised in respect of CGUs are allocated first to reduce the carrying amounts of any goodwill allocated to the CGU ("group of CGUs"), and then to reduce the carrying amounts of the other assets in the group of CGUs on a *pro rata* basis.

An impairment loss in respect of goodwill is not reversed. In respect of other assets, impairment losses recognised in prior periods are assessed at each reporting date for any indications that the loss has decreased or no longer exists. An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount and only to the extent that the recoverable amount increases. An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised.

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3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

3.9 Impairment (cont'd)

(ii) Non-financial assets (cont'd)

An impairment loss in respect of an associate is measured by comparing the recoverable amount of the investment with its carrying amount in accordance with the requirements for non-financial assets. An impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss. An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount and only to the extent that the recoverable amount increases.

Goodwill that forms part of the carrying amount of an investment in an associate is not recognised separately, and therefore is not tested for impairment separately. Instead, the entire amount of the investment in an associate is tested for impairment as a single asset when there is objective evidence that the investment in an associate may be impaired.

3.10 Employee benefits

(i) Defined contribution plans

A defined contribution plan is a post-employment benefit plan under which an entity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity and will have no legal or constructive obligation to pay further amounts. Obligations for contributions to defined contribution pension plans are recognised as an employee benefit expense in profit or loss in the periods during which related services are rendered by employees.

(ii) Short-term employee benefits

Short-term employee benefit obligations are measured on an undiscounted basis and are expensed as the related service is provided. A liability is recognised for the amount expected to be paid under short-term cash bonus or profit-sharing plans if the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation to pay this amount as a result of past service provided by the employee, and the obligation can be estimated reliably.

3.11 Provision

A provision is recognised if, as a result of a past event, the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation that can be estimated reliably, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. Provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as finance cost.

3.12 Revenue

(i) Sale of food and beverages and retail goods

Revenue from sale of goods in the ordinary course of business is recognised when the Group satisfied a performance obligation ("PO") by transferring control of a promised good to the customer. The amount of revenue recognised is the amount of the transaction price allocated to the satisfied PO.

The transaction price is allocated to each PO in the contract on the basis of the relative stand-alone selling prices of the promised goods. The individual stand-alone selling price of a good that has not previously been sold on a stand-alone basis, or has a highly variable selling price, is determined based on the residual portion of the transaction price after allocating the transaction price to goods with observable stand-alone selling prices. A discount or variable consideration is allocated to one or more, but not all, of the performance obligations if it relates specifically to those POs.

Transaction price is the amount of consideration in the contract to which the Group expects to be entitled in exchange for transferring the promised goods. Consideration payable to a customer is deducted from the transaction price if the Group does not receive a separate identifiable benefit from the customer.

(ii) Income from food and beverage operations

Rental income arising from investment properties and operating leases on sub-leases of food stall is accounted for on a straight-line basis over the lease term. The aggregate costs of incentives provided to lessees are recognised as a reduction of rental income over the lease term on a straight-line basis. The variable portion of the rental income which is computed based on a percentage of the food court tenants' gross sales is recognised when such sales are earned.

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3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

3.13 Other income

(i) Rental income

Rental income arising from operating leases on sub-leases of space is accounted for on a straight-line basis over the lease terms. The aggregate costs of incentives provided to lessees are recognised as a reduction of rental income over the lease term on a straight-line basis. The variable portion of the rental income which is computed based on a percentage of the tenants' gross sales is recognised when such sales are earned.

(ii) Concessionary and commission income

Concessionary and commission income are recognised at a point of time in which the services are provided by the Group.

(iii) Advertising, promotion and other service income

Advertising, promotion and other service income are recognised over time based on the percentage of completion reflecting the progress towards complete satisfaction of that PO.

(iv) Management fee income

Management fee income received from subsidiaries and related parties relates to the charges of services provided to the subsidiaries and related parties.

3.14 Investment income

(i) Dividend income

Dividend income is recognised in profit or loss on the date that the Group's right to receive payment is established, which in the case of quoted securities is normally the ex-dividend date.

(ii) Interest income or interest expense

The Group's interest income and finance costs include:

- interest income;
- interest expense; or
- loss on disposal of other investment.

Interest income or expense is recognised using the effective interest method.

The 'effective interest rate' is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument to:

- the gross carrying amount of the financial asset; or
- the amortised cost of the financial liability.

In calculating interest income and expense, the effective interest rate is applied to the gross carrying amount of the asset (when the asset is not credit-impaired) or to the amortised cost of the liability. However, for financial assets that have become credit-impaired subsequent to initial recognition, interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the amortised cost of the financial asset. If the asset is no longer credit-impaired, then the calculation of interest income reverts to the gross basis.

Borrowing costs that are not directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset are recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest method.

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3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

3.15 Government grants

Government grants related to assets are initially recognised as deferred income at fair value when there is reasonable assurance that they will be received and the Group will comply with the conditions associated with the grant. These grants are then recognised in profit or loss as 'other income' on a systematic basis over the useful life of the asset. Grants that compensate the Group for expenses incurred are recognised in profit or loss as 'other income' on a systematic basis in the same periods in which the expenses are recognised, unless the conditions for receiving the grant are met after the related expenses have been recognised. In this case, the grant is recognised when it becomes receivable.

3.16 Patronage rebates

Patronage rebates distributed to the members of the Co-operative/NTUC Union cardholders ("members") are recognised as a liability in the Co-operative's and the Group's financial statements in the period in which the patronage rebates are approved by the members at the annual general meeting. Patronage rebates which are not claimed within 3 years from the date of payment by members are written back in accordance with By-laws 12.4 and the rules of NTUC Union Card Scheme.

3.17 Tax

Tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. Current tax and deferred tax are recognised in profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to a business combination, or items recognised directly in equity or in OCI.

The Group has determined that interest and penalties related to income taxes, including uncertain tax treatments, do not meet the definition of income taxes, and therefore accounted for them under FRS 37 *Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets*.

Current tax is the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years. The amount of current tax payable or receivable is the best estimate of the tax amount expected to be paid or received that reflects uncertainty related to income taxes, if any. Current tax also includes any tax arising from dividends.

Current tax assets and liabilities are offset only if certain criteria are met.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes.

Deferred tax is not recognised for:

- temporary differences on the initial recognition of assets or liabilities in a transaction that is not a business combination and that affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss;
- temporary differences related to investments in subsidiaries and associates to the extent that the Group is able to control the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference and it is probable that they will not reverse in the foreseeable future; and
- taxable temporary differences arising on initial recognition of goodwill.

The measurement of deferred taxes reflects the tax consequences that would follow the manner in which the Group expects, at the reporting date, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities. Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to be applied to temporary differences when they reverse, based on the laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

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3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

3.17 Tax (cont'd)

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset if there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax liabilities and assets, and they relate to taxes levied by the same tax authority on the same taxable entity, or on different tax entities, but they intend to settle current tax liabilities and assets on a net basis or their tax assets and liabilities will be realised simultaneously.

Deferred tax assets are recognised for unused tax losses, unused tax credits and deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be used. Future taxable profits are determined based on the reversal of relevant taxable temporary differences. If the amount of taxable temporary differences is insufficient to recognise a deferred tax asset in full, then future taxable profits, adjusted for reversals of existing temporary differences, are considered, based on the business plans for individual subsidiaries in the Group. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised; such reductions are reversed when the probability of future taxable profits improves.

Unrecognised deferred tax assets are reassessed at each reporting date and recognised to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be used.

3.18 New standards and interpretations not yet effective

A number of new standards, interpretations and amendments to standards are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 January 2021 and earlier application is permitted; however, the Group has not early adopted the new or amended standards and interpretations in preparing these financial statements.

The following new FRSs, interpretations and amendments to FRSs are not expected to have a significant impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements and the Co-operative's statement of financial position.

- FRS 117 *Insurance Contracts* and Amendments to FRS 117 *Insurance Contracts*
- *Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current* (Amendments to FRS 1)
- *Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions beyond 30 June 2021* (Amendment to FRS 116)
- *Reference to the Conceptual Framework* (Amendments to FRS 103)
- *Property, Plant and Equipment – Proceeds before Intended Use* (Amendments to FRS 16)
- *Onerous Contracts – Costs of Fulfilling a Contract* (Amendments to FRS 37)
- *Annual Improvements to FRSs 2018 – 2020*
- *Disclosure of Accounting Policies* (Amendments to FRS 1 and FRS Practice Statement 2)
- *Definition of Accounting Estimates* (Amendments to FRS 8)
- *Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction* (Amendments to FRS 12)

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4 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Note	Freehold land and buildings \$'000	Leasehold buildings \$'000	Furniture, fittings and renovation \$'000	Equipment, motor vehicles and computers \$'000	Construction- in-progress \$'000	Total \$'000
Group							
Cost							
At 1 January 2020		27,010	449,980	442,560	417,028	16,987	1,353,565
Additions		–	–	21,060	18,186	56,011	95,257
Disposals/Write-off		(3)	(8)	(37,531)	(41,853)	–	(79,395)
Reclassification and transfer		–	(37,867)	1,009	(390)	33,830	(3,418)
At 31 December 2020		27,007	412,105	427,098	392,971	106,828	1,366,009
Acquisitions of subsidiaries	32	–	–	2,999	1,576	–	4,575
Additions		–	–	34,876	25,583	145,387	205,846
Disposals/Write-off		–	(8,962)	(25,223)	(12,590)	–	(46,775)
Reclassification and transfer		–	(8,799)	(860)	1,635	(2,445)	(10,469)
At 31 December 2021		27,007	394,344	438,890	409,175	249,770	1,519,186
Accumulated depreciation and impairment losses							
At 1 January 2020		14,749	98,866	326,375	284,468	–	724,458
Depreciation charge for the year		357	11,965	42,707	33,216	–	88,245
Disposals/Write-off		(2)	(3)	(31,771)	(35,516)	–	(67,292)
At 31 December 2020		15,104	110,828	337,311	282,168	–	745,411
Acquisitions of subsidiaries	32	–	–	914	706	–	1,620
Depreciation charge for the year		357	12,037	37,456	29,127	–	78,977
Disposals/Write-off		–	(8,962)	(24,417)	(11,359)	–	(44,738)
Reclassification and transfer		–	(897)	(783)	807	–	(873)
At 31 December 2021		15,461	113,006	350,481	301,449	–	780,397
Carrying amounts							
At 1 January 2020		12,261	351,114	116,185	132,560	16,987	629,107
At 31 December 2020		11,903	301,277	89,787	110,803	106,828	620,598
At 31 December 2021		11,546	281,338	88,409	107,726	249,770	738,789

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4 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONT'D)

	Freehold land and buildings \$'000	Leasehold buildings \$'000	Furniture, fittings and renovation \$'000	Equipment, motor vehicles and computers \$'000	Construction- in-progress \$'000	Total \$'000
Co-operative						
Cost						
At 1 January 2020	27,010	352,687	280,024	235,147	–	894,868
Additions	–	–	10,640	10,396	47,911	68,947
Disposals/Write-off	(3)	–	(7,796)	(20,756)	–	(28,555)
Reclassification and transfer	–	(37,867)	846	(63)	37,867	783
At 31 December 2020	27,007	314,820	283,714	224,724	85,778	936,043
Additions	–	–	17,047	16,795	118,376	152,218
Disposals/Write-off	–	–	(6,253)	(5,696)	–	(11,949)
At 31 December 2021	27,007	314,820	294,508	235,823	204,154	1,076,312
Accumulated depreciation and impairment losses						
At 1 January 2020	14,749	55,199	215,996	189,361	–	475,305
Depreciation charge for the year	357	10,466	18,425	20,620	–	49,868
Disposals/Write-off	(2)	–	(6,507)	(16,307)	–	(22,816)
Reclassification and transfer	–	–	783	–	–	783
At 31 December 2020	15,104	65,665	228,697	193,674	–	503,140
Depreciation charge for the year	357	10,466	20,201	16,392	–	47,416
Disposals/Write-off	–	–	(6,236)	(5,677)	–	(11,913)
At 31 December 2021	15,461	76,131	242,662	204,389	–	538,643
Carrying amounts						
At 1 January 2020	12,261	297,488	64,028	45,786	–	419,563
At 31 December 2020	11,903	249,155	55,017	31,050	85,778	432,903
At 31 December 2021	11,546	238,689	51,846	31,434	204,154	537,669

Included within the carrying amounts of furniture, fittings and renovation is provision for reinstatement costs of \$18,428,000 (2020: \$19,869,000) for the Group and \$15,792,000 (2020: \$16,387,800) for the Co-operative.

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4 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONT'D)

Impairment test for property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets

The Group reviews the carrying amounts of the assets at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. When considering impairment indicators, the Group considers both internal (e.g. adverse changes in operating and financial performance of the assets) and external sources (e.g. adverse changes in the business environment). If an indicator of impairment is noted, further management estimate is required to determine the amount of impairment, if any. The recoverable amount of the Group's property, plant and equipment was determined based on the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value-in-use calculation.

Determining the value-in-use ("VIU") of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets, which require the determination of future cash flows expected to be generated from the continued use and ultimate disposition of such assets, requires the Group to make estimates and assumptions that can materially affect the financial statements. Any resulting impairment losses could have a material adverse impact on the Group's financial condition and results of operations.

The Group has considered the market conditions (including the impact of COVID-19) as at the reporting date, in making estimates and judgments on the recoverability of assets. Based on the management's VIU assessment, no impairment loss is necessary as at the reporting date. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, the Group continues to be impacted by the measures taken by the government to combat the spread of the pandemic. The Group expects that the situation will not persist with the "measured approach" to reopening. If the situation persists beyond management's current expectations, the Group's assets may be subject to impairment loss in the subsequent financial periods.

5 RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS

	Note	Land and buildings \$'000	Equipment \$'000	Total \$'000
Group				
Cost				
At 1 January 2020		1,730,502	21	1,730,523
Additions		188,422	626	189,048
Reassessment and modification		71,599	–	71,599
Derecognition of right-of-use assets*		(93,060)	(39)	(93,099)
At 31 December 2020		1,897,463	608	1,898,071
Acquisitions of subsidiaries	32	17,608	19	17,627
Additions		157,094	202	157,296
Reassessment and modification		(41,596)	–	(41,596)
Derecognition of right-of-use assets*		(18,713)	(125)	(18,838)
At 31 December 2021		2,011,856	704	2,012,560

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5 RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS (CONT'D)

	Note	Land and buildings \$'000	Equipment \$'000	Total \$'000
Group				
Accumulated depreciation and impairment losses				
At 1 January 2020		283,919	4	283,923
Depreciation charge for the year		299,912	152	300,064
Reassessment and modification		(67,600)	–	(67,600)
Derecognition of right-of-use assets*		(50,590)	(11)	(50,601)
At 31 December 2020		465,641	145	465,786
Acquisitions of subsidiaries	32	1,932	1	1,933
Depreciation charge for the year		304,110	306	304,416
Reassessment and modification		(106,086)	–	(106,086)
Derecognition of right-of-use assets*		(15,499)	(56)	(15,555)
At 31 December 2021		650,098	396	650,494
Carrying amounts				
At 1 January 2020		1,446,583	17	1,446,600
At 31 December 2020		1,431,822	463	1,432,285
At 31 December 2021		1,361,758	308	1,362,066
Co-operative				
Cost				
At 1 January 2020		1,334,054	–	1,334,054
Additions		60,375	–	60,375
Reassessment and modification		84,801	–	84,801
Derecognition of right-of-use assets*		(3,905)	–	(3,905)
At 31 December 2020		1,475,325	–	1,475,325
Additions		56,781	–	56,781
Reassessment and modification		(24,476)	–	(24,476)
Derecognition of right-of-use assets*		(2,168)	–	(2,168)
At 31 December 2021		1,505,462	–	1,505,462
Accumulated depreciation and impairment losses				
At 1 January 2020		182,121	–	182,121
Depreciation charge for the year		186,823	–	186,823
Reassessment and modification		(65,492)	–	(65,492)
Derecognition of right-of-use assets*		(2,430)	–	(2,430)
At 31 December 2020		301,022	–	301,022
Depreciation charge for the year		195,887	–	195,887
Reassessment and modification		(93,455)	–	(93,455)
Derecognition of right-of-use assets*		(1,007)	–	(1,007)
At 31 December 2021		402,447	–	402,447
Carrying amounts				
At 1 January 2020		1,151,933	–	1,151,933
At 31 December 2020		1,174,303	–	1,174,303
At 31 December 2021		1,103,015	–	1,103,015

* Derecognition of the right-of-use assets including early termination of the lease agreements.

Information about leases for which the Group and Co-operative is a lessee is discussed in note 30.

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6 INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

	Group \$'000
Cost	
At 1 January 2020	12,403
Disposal of assets	(6,500)
At 31 December 2020	<u>5,903</u>
Transfer from property, plant and equipment	8,775
At 31 December 2021	<u>14,678</u>
Accumulated depreciation	
At 1 January 2020	3,657
Depreciation charge for the year	248
Disposal of assets	(1,118)
At 31 December 2020	<u>2,787</u>
Depreciation charge for the year	166
Transfer from property, plant and equipment	873
At 31 December 2021	<u>3,826</u>
At 1 January 2020	<u>8,746</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>3,116</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>10,852</u>

The fair value of investment properties for the Group as at 31 December 2021 is \$14,850,000 (2020: \$5,970,000).

The management has considered sale of comparable properties approach in arriving at the fair value as at the reporting date. The sale of comparable properties approach involves the analysis of comparable sales of similar properties and adjusting the sales prices to that reflective of the investment properties.

The valuation technique involves certain estimates. The key assumption used to determine the fair value of investment properties include price per square meter.

The fair values of the investment properties are categorised as Level 3 fair value.

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7 INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Note	Goodwill \$'000	Brand name \$'000	Software and licences \$'000	Tenant contracts \$'000	Total \$'000
Group						
Cost						
At 1 January 2020		206,332	100,678	33,918	4,490	345,418
Additions		250	–	6,952	–	7,202
Transfer from property, plant & equipment	4	–	–	3,418	–	3,418
Write-off/Disposal		–	–	(2,381)	–	(2,381)
At 31 December 2020		206,582	100,678	41,907	4,490	353,657
Acquisitions of subsidiaries	32	19,461	26,808	2,694	–	48,963
Additions		–	–	1,642	–	1,642
Transfer from property, plant & equipment	4	–	–	1,694	–	1,694
Write-off/Disposal		–	–	(1,154)	–	(1,154)
At 31 December 2021		226,043	127,486	46,783	4,490	404,802
Amortisation and impairment losses						
At 1 January 2020		–	–	21,733	186	21,919
Amortisation charge for the year		–	–	11,283	1,123	12,406
Write-off/Disposal		–	–	(1,031)	–	(1,031)
Impairment losses		68,600	–	–	–	68,600
At 31 December 2020		68,600	–	31,985	1,309	101,894
Acquisitions of subsidiaries	32	–	–	2,494	–	2,494
Amortisation charge for the year		–	2,012	7,364	899	10,275
Write-off/Disposal		–	–	(1,110)	–	(1,110)
At 31 December 2021		68,600	2,012	40,733	2,208	113,553
Carrying amounts						
At 1 January 2020		206,332	100,678	12,185	4,304	323,499
At 31 December 2020		137,982	100,678	9,922	3,181	251,763
At 31 December 2021		157,443	125,474	6,050	2,282	291,249

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7 INTANGIBLE ASSETS (CONT'D)

	Goodwill \$'000	Software and licences \$'000	Total \$'000
Co-operative			
Cost			
At 1 January 2020	6,085	20,509	26,594
Additions	–	6,649	6,649
Write-off	–	(2,099)	(2,099)
At 31 December 2020	6,085	25,059	31,144
Additions	–	674	674
Write-off	–	(9)	(9)
At 31 December 2021	6,085	25,724	31,809
Amortisation			
At 1 January 2020	–	14,308	14,308
Amortisation charge for the year	–	7,681	7,681
Write-off	–	(981)	(981)
At 31 December 2020	–	21,008	21,008
Amortisation charge for the year	–	3,294	3,294
Write-off	–	(9)	(9)
At 31 December 2021	–	24,293	24,293
Carrying amounts			
At 1 January 2020	6,085	6,201	12,286
At 31 December 2020	6,085	4,051	10,136
At 31 December 2021	6,085	1,431	7,516

During the year, the Group recognised goodwill of \$19,461,000 due to purchase consideration paid for the acquisition of Kiosks Collective Pte Ltd. Please refer to note 32 for additional information on the acquisition.

In 2020, the Group recognised additional goodwill of \$250,000 due to additional purchase consideration paid for the acquisition of Kopitiam in 2019.

Impairment testing of CGUs containing goodwill

For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill has been allocated to the Group's CGU as follows:

	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Food and beverage	134,174	114,713
Retail	6,085	6,085
Trading	17,184	17,184
	157,443	137,982

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7 INTANGIBLE ASSETS (CONT'D)

Impairment test

Key assumptions used in the estimation of value in use were as follows:

	Discount rate		Average growth rate		Terminal growth rate	
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Food and beverage	7.0 – 10.0	7.5	10.2 – 10.8	14.6	1.5	1.5
Retail	6.5	7.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Trading	6.5	7.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

In 2020, the food and beverage CGU was adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, with the economic downturn, lockdown measures and dine-in restrictions leading to losses recorded. The recoverable amount of the CGU was estimated and \$68,600,000 impairment losses was recognised.

The impairment loss on goodwill in the food and beverage CGU was included in 'impairment of non-financial assets' in profit or loss. No asset other than goodwill was impaired.

In 2021, no further impairment losses were recognised as the recoverable amounts exceeded the carrying value.

The recoverable amounts of the CGUs are determined based on value in use calculations. The value in use calculation is a discounted cash flow model using cash flow projections based on the most recent forecasts approved by management covering 1 to 5 years. Cash flows beyond these periods are extrapolated using the estimated terminal growth rates stated in the table above. The terminal growth rates used for each CGU are within management's expectation of the long-term average growth rates of the respective industry in which the CGUs operate. The discount rates applied are the weighted average cost of capital from the relevant business segments.

Management has identified that a reasonably possible change in a key assumption could cause the carrying amount to exceed the recoverable amount. The following table shows the amount by which this assumption would need to change for the estimated recoverable amount to be equal to the carrying amount.

	Change required for carrying amount to equal to the recoverable amount	
	2021	2020
	%	%
Discount rate:		
– Food and beverage	1.7	*
– Retail	4.0	2.2
– Trading	10.9	6.1

* Not relevant for 31 December 2020 as the food and beverage CGU has been impaired to its recoverable amount

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8 SUBSIDIARIES

	Co-operative	
	2021	2020
	\$'000	\$'000
Unquoted equity shares, at cost	39,352	383,613
Less: Impairment loss	(4,536)	(73,136)
	34,816	310,477
Advances to subsidiaries	275,661	–
	310,477	310,477

Movement in allowance for impairment loss is as follows:

	Co-operative	
	2021	2020
	\$'000	\$'000
As at 1 January	73,136	4,536
Disposal of a subsidiary	(68,600)	–
Impairment loss during the year	–	68,600
As at 31 December	4,536	73,136

During the year, the Co-operative transferred certain subsidiaries to intermediate holding companies, which are direct subsidiaries of the Co-operative, as part of a group restructuring exercise. As a result of the group restructuring, the investments have been converted to advances to the intermediate holding companies of the subsidiaries. There is no impact to the Group as this is a common control transaction.

The advances to subsidiaries are unsecured, interest-free and have no fixed terms of repayment. The settlement of the advances is neither planned nor likely to occur in the foreseeable future and hence the advances are classified as non-current. Allowance for impairment on these advances is insignificant.

The Co-operative assessed the carrying amount of its investments in subsidiaries for indicators of impairment loss. Based on the Co-operative's assessment, the Co-operative has recognised an impairment loss of \$nil (2020: \$68,600,000) on its investment in Kopitiam Investment Pte Ltd ("Kopitiam"). The recoverable amount of Kopitiam is determined based on the value-in-use calculations by management, on CGU basis. Kopitiam is the holding company of the food and beverage CGU, which goodwill was recognised and tested for impairment at Group level (note 7).

As at the reporting date, the impairment loss of \$4,536,000 recognised on its investment in NewFront Investments Pte Ltd in the prior years continued to be appropriate as the subsidiary was still loss-making. The recoverable amount of the investment was determined based on net asset position of the subsidiary which approximated its fair value as at 31 December 2021.

As at 31 December 2021, there were no indications of impairment loss for the other subsidiaries.

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8 SUBSIDIARIES (CONT'D)

Details of the subsidiaries as at 31 December are as follows:

Name of subsidiaries	Principal activities	Country of incorporation and operation	Ownership interest	
			2021 %	2020 %
AlphaPlus Investments Pte Ltd ⁽¹⁾	Investment holding	Singapore	100.0	100.0
NewFront Investments Pte Ltd ⁽¹⁾	Investment holding	Singapore	100.0	100.0
Cheers Holdings (2004) Pte Ltd ⁽¹⁾	Convenience store operator	Singapore	100.0	100.0
Interstates Market (2007) Pte Ltd ⁽¹⁾	Trading	Singapore	100.0	100.0
FPTM Pte Ltd ⁽¹⁾	Investment holding	Singapore	100.0	100.0
Fairprice International (2010) Pte Ltd ⁽¹⁾	Investment holding	Singapore	100.0	100.0
NTUC Enterprise Nexus Co-operative Limited ("Nexus") ⁽¹⁾	Shared services provider	Singapore	99.0	99.0
NTUC Foodfare Co-operative Ltd ("NTUC Foodfare") ⁽¹⁾	Managing of food outlets	Singapore	99.9	99.9
Fairprice Group Holdings Pte Ltd ⁽¹⁾	Investment holding	Singapore	100.0	100.0
NTUC Link Private Limited ("Link") ⁽¹⁾	Operation of a loyalty program business	Singapore	100.0	–
<u>Subsidiary of Fairprice Group Holdings Pte Ltd</u>				
Fairprice Group Food Services Pte Ltd ⁽¹⁾	Operation of food courts and food kiosks	Singapore	100.0	100.0
Fairprice Group Food Solutions Pte Ltd ⁽¹⁾	Wholesale of food and beverages	Singapore	100.0	100.0
Fairprice Group Supply Chain Pte Ltd ⁽¹⁾	Wholesale trade of goods without a dominant product	Singapore	100.0	100.0
<u>Subsidiary of Fairprice Group Supply Chain Pte Ltd</u>				
Grocery Logistics of Singapore Pte Ltd ⁽¹⁾	Warehousing and distribution	Singapore	100.0	100.0
<u>Subsidiary of Fairprice Group Food Solutions Pte Ltd</u>				
Origins Healthcare Pte Ltd ⁽¹⁾	Trading	Singapore	100.0	100.0
<u>Subsidiary of Fairprice Group Food Services Pte Ltd</u>				
Kopitiam Investment Pte Ltd ⁽¹⁾	Food outlets operator	Singapore	100.0	100.0
Kiosks Collective Pte Ltd ("Kiosks Collective") ⁽²⁾	Investment holding	Singapore	60.0	–

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8 SUBSIDIARIES (CONT'D)

Name of subsidiaries	Principal activities	Country of incorporation and operation	Ownership interest	
			2021 %	2020 %
<u>Subsidiary of AlphaPlus Investments Pte Ltd ^(a)</u>				
Thomson Plaza Investments Pte Ltd ⁽¹⁾	Property owner	Singapore	100.0	100.0
<u>Subsidiary of Nexus</u>				
Cleaning Concept Pte Ltd ⁽¹⁾	Provision of cleaning services	Singapore	100.0	100.0
<u>Subsidiary of NTUC Foodfare</u>				
Foodfare Catering Pte Ltd ⁽¹⁾	Catering and supply of food and beverages	Singapore	70.0	70.0
<u>Subsidiaries of Kopitiam</u>				
Kopitiam Properties Pte Ltd ⁽¹⁾	Investment holding	Singapore	*	100.0
S28 Holdings Pte Ltd ⁽¹⁾	Investment holding	Singapore	*	100.0
Renaissance Properties Pte Ltd ⁽¹⁾	Operation of food courts/centre, operation and promotion of the Lau Pa Sat festival market and provision of related services	Singapore	100.0	100.0
Shiok! Retail Concepts Pte Ltd (f.k.a Shi Hui Yuan Pte Ltd) ⁽¹⁾	Food stall operator and restaurants	Singapore	100.0	100.0
iMetrics Pte Ltd ^{** (1)}	Software and hardware engineering and all activities related to information technology	Singapore	100.0	100.0
Fairprice Group Hawker Centre Pte Ltd (f.k.a OTMH Pte Ltd) ⁽¹⁾	Operation of food courts/ coffee shops	Singapore	100.0	100.0
Ichido Pte Ltd ^{** (1)}	Toto and 4D retailer	Singapore	100.0	100.0
<u>Subsidiary of Link</u>				
Link Loyalty Services Pte Ltd ⁽¹⁾	General trading and operation of a jointly controlled business	Singapore	100.0	–

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8 SUBSIDIARIES (CONT'D)

Name of subsidiaries	Principal activities	Country of incorporation and operation	Ownership interest	
			2021 %	2020 %
<u>Subsidiary of Kiosks Collective Pte Ltd</u>				
Pezzo-International Pte Ltd ⁽²⁾	Leasing of non-financial intangible assets	Singapore	60.0	–
Pezzo Singapore Pte Ltd ⁽²⁾	Operation of food kiosks	Singapore	60.0	–
Crave Foods Pte Ltd ⁽²⁾	Operation of food kiosks	Singapore	60.0	–
Ya Lor Braised Duck Pte Ltd ⁽²⁾	Operation of food kiosks	Singapore	42.0	–
Hey Yogurt Pte Ltd ⁽²⁾	Operation of food kiosks	Singapore	60.0	–
Big Bird Takeout Pte Ltd ⁽²⁾	Operation of food kiosks	Singapore	60.0	–
Lucky Dumplings Pte Ltd ⁽²⁾	Operation of food kiosks	Singapore	42.0	–

⁽¹⁾ Audited by KPMG LLP, Singapore.

⁽²⁾ Audited by Assurance Partners LLP.

* The entities are amalgamated into Kopitiam Investment Pte Ltd during the year.

** The entities are under voluntary liquidation.

⁽ⁱ⁾ AlphaPlus Investment Pte Ltd is a member of NTUC Fairprice Foundation Ltd. The result and net assets of NTUC Fairprice Foundation Ltd ("Foundation") have not been consolidated as the Memorandum of Association ("M&A") of the Foundation provides that it cannot pay, or transfer directly or indirectly from its income and property to the member in the form of dividend, bonus, or by way of profit, except for payments made in good faith in return for goods and services. Furthermore, the Memorandum provides that in the event of winding up of the Foundation, the residual assets after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities shall not be paid to or distributed to the member of the Foundation. Approval from the Commissioner of Charities is required if the member were to amend the clauses in the M&A. Consequently, the Group does not have control over the assets and reserve of the Foundation and hence the Foundation is not accounted for as a subsidiary of the Group.

Non-controlling interests

Name of entity	Country of incorporation	Ownership interests held by NCI	
		2021 %	2020 %
NTUC Foodfare	Singapore	0.025	0.025
Kiosks Collective Pte Ltd	Singapore	40	–

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8 SUBSIDIARIES (CONT'D)

The following summarises the financial information of the Group's subsidiaries with material non-controlling interests, prepared in accordance with FRS and the Group's accounting policies. The information is before inter-company eliminations with other entities in the Group.

	NTUC Foodfare \$'000	Kiosks Collective \$'000	Total \$'000
2021			
Revenue	83,878	40,037	123,915
Profit for the year	5,473	4,105	9,578
Other comprehensive income for the year	369	–	369
Total comprehensive income for the year	5,842	4,105	9,947
Attributable to NCI from the date of acquisition to 31 December:			
– Profit	1,266	932	2,198
– Other comprehensive income	21	–	21
– Total comprehensive income	1,287	932	2,219
Non-current assets	86,723	18,697	105,420
Current assets	36,389	12,313	48,702
Non-current liabilities	(33,665)	(10,827)	(44,492)
Current liabilities	(39,446)	(14,983)	(54,429)
Net assets	50,001	5,200	55,201
Net assets attributable to Group	5,610	1,885	7,495
Goodwill	–	9,340	9,340
Amortisation of brand name	–	(668)	(668)
Net assets attributable to NCI	5,610	10,557	16,167
Cash flows from operating activities	19,828	9,662	29,490
Cash flows used in investing activities	(6,260)	(1,950)	(8,210)
Cash flows used in financing activities	(20,170)	(5,868)	(26,038)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(6,602)	1,844	(4,758)

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8 SUBSIDIARIES (CONT'D)

	NTUC Foodfare \$'000
2020	
Revenue	79,214
Loss for the year	(7,407)
Other comprehensive loss for the year	(783)
Total comprehensive loss for the year	(8,190)
Attributable to NCI from the date of acquisition to 31 December:	
– Profit	726
– Other comprehensive loss	(206)
– Total comprehensive income	520
Non-current assets	90,500
Current assets	40,172
Non-current liabilities	(43,714)
Current liabilities	(42,099)
Net assets	44,859
Net assets attributable to NCI	4,623
Cash flows from operating activities	52,250
Cash flows used in investing activities	(35,106)
Cash flows used in financing activities	(20,294)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(3,150)

9 ASSOCIATES

	Group		Co-operative	
	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Interests in associates	939,787	894,494	1,008,844	990,889

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9 ASSOCIATES (CONT'D)

Details of the associates as at 31 December are as follows:

Name of associates	Principal activities	Country of incorporation and operation	Ownership interest	
			2021 %	2020 %
SG Domain Pte Ltd ⁽¹⁾	Investment holding	Singapore	20.0	20.0
Mercatus Co-operative Limited ⁽¹⁾	Property investment	Singapore	41.37	41.37
<u>Associates of NewFront Investments Pte Ltd</u>				
NTUC Co-operatives Suzhou Investments Pte Ltd ⁽¹⁾	Investment holding	Singapore	26.6	26.6
Nextmall (Cayman Islands) Holdings Corporation ⁽²⁾	Hypermarket retailing	Cayman Islands	33.7	33.7
<u>Associate of AlphaPlus Investments Pte Ltd</u>				
Stellar Alpha Pte. Ltd. (f.k.a SMRT Alpha Pte Ltd) ⁽³⁾	Real estate management	Singapore	30.0	30.0
<u>Associate of Fairprice International (2010) Pte Ltd</u>				
Saigon Co-operative Fairprice Limited Liability Company ⁽⁴⁾	Supermarket retailing	Vietnam	36.0	36.0

⁽¹⁾ Audited by KPMG LLP, Singapore.

⁽²⁾ Under members' voluntary liquidation.

⁽³⁾ Audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Singapore.

⁽⁴⁾ Audited by A&C Auditing and Consulting Co., Ltd.

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9 ASSOCIATES (CONT'D)

Summarised financial information of each of the Group's material associates, based on their respective unaudited financial statements prepared in accordance with FRS, modified for fair value adjustments on acquisition and differences in the Group's accounting policies and analysis, in aggregate, the carrying amount and share of profit and other comprehensive income of the remaining individually immaterial associates are as follows:

	Mercatus Co-operative Limited \$'000	Immaterial associates \$'000	Total \$'000
2021			
Revenue	253,723		
Profit after tax	89,908		
Other comprehensive income	27,876		
Total comprehensive income	117,784		
Attributable to investee's shareholders	115,423		
Attributable to NCI	2,361		
Non-current assets	4,676,631		
Current assets	620,553		
Non-current liabilities	(2,057,198)		
Current liabilities	(588,513)		
Net assets	2,651,473		
Attributable to NCI	145,972		
Attributable to investee's shareholders	2,505,501		
Group's interest in net assets of investee at beginning of the year	845,516	48,978	894,494
Group's share of:			
– Profit after tax	32,917	1,032	33,949
– Other comprehensive income	13,043	(3,127)	9,916
– Total comprehensive income	45,960	(2,095)	43,865
Dividend received during the year	(17,955)	–	(17,955)
Group's contribution during the year	17,955	1,428	19,383
Carrying amount of interest in investee at end of the year	891,476	48,311	939,787

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9 ASSOCIATES (CONT'D)

	Mercatus Co-operative Limited \$'000	Immaterial associates \$'000	Total \$'000
2020			
Revenue	222,397		
Profit after tax	54,420		
Other comprehensive income	(15,632)		
Total comprehensive income	38,788		
Attributable to investee's shareholders	36,985		
Attributable to NCI	1,803		
Non-current assets	4,371,093		
Current assets	556,789		
Non-current liabilities	(2,030,095)		
Current liabilities	(362,904)		
Net assets	2,534,883		
Attributable to NCI	144,805		
Attributable to investee's shareholders	2,390,078		
Group's interest in net assets of investee at beginning of the year	826,128	43,227	869,355
Group's share of:			
– Profit after tax and other comprehensive income	19,388	4,323	23,711
– Total comprehensive income	19,388	4,323	23,711
Dividend received during the year	(22,768)	–	(22,768)
Group's contribution during the year	22,768	1,428	24,196
Carrying amount of interest in investee at end of the year	845,516	48,978	894,494

During the year, \$17,955,000 (2020: \$22,768,000) of the Group's contribution relates to the dividend paid via issuance of ordinary shares by Mercatus Co-operative Limited.

The Group's share of results of certain associates has been recognised to the extent of the carrying amount of the investments as there is no obligation to contribute to any losses in excess of the amount of investment. The accumulated unrecognised share of losses amounted to approximately \$10,202,000 (2020: \$15,650,000).

There are no significant restrictions on the ability of associates to transfer funds to the Group in form of cash dividends, or to repay loans or advances made by the Group.

At each reporting date, the Group assesses whether the investments are impaired. This assessment takes into account the assumptions about future business outlook, operational and financial cash flows of the investee companies. Under the Group's formal impairment assessment of its investment, the recoverable amount is determined based on the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value-in-use calculations by management, on CGU basis.

Based on the Group's assessment, there were no indications of possible impairment for its interests in associates.

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10 OTHER INVESTMENTS

	Group		Co-operative	
	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Quoted equity investments – FVOCI	5,254	4,960	–	–
Unquoted equity investments – FVOCI	1,260,449	1,136,776	1,259,943	1,136,264
Unquoted debt investment – at amortised cost	330,000	330,000	330,000	330,000
Other investments	600	750	600	750
	1,596,303	1,472,486	1,590,543	1,467,014
Non-current	1,596,303	1,472,486	1,590,543	1,467,014
	1,596,303	1,472,486	1,590,543	1,467,014

The fair value of quoted equity investments is based on quoted bid price.

Dividend income related to equity investments at FVOCI for the Group and Co-operative amounting to \$49,662,000 (2020: \$19,164,000) and \$49,406,000 (2020: \$15,962,000) respectively.

In 2020, the Group and Co-operative transferred investment portfolio amounting to \$1,010,053,000 to Angsana Macro Fund (AMF) in exchange for 744,997,614 units in AMF which holds investments in quoted unit trust, quoted equity investments and quoted debt investment.

The fair value of the unquoted equity investments is categorised as Level 2 fair value based on observable market data (see note 2.4).

Investments in unquoted debt with effective interest rate of 3.1% (2020: 3.1%) per annum for the Group and Co-operative have maturity date until April 2047 (2020: April 2047).

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11 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	Group		Co-operative	
	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Trade receivables	60,050	51,714	20,360	22,024
Less: Impairment loss	(13,476)	(8,989)	(794)	(270)
	46,574	42,725	19,566	21,754
Trade amounts due from:				
– Ultimate holding entity	212	844	–	–
– Related parties	4,866	4,364	1,783	–
– Subsidiaries	–	–	9,867	20,245
– Associates	–	28	–	–
	5,078	5,236	11,650	20,245
Loans to subsidiaries	–	–	280,650	178,183
Less: Impairment loss	–	–	(50,790)	(50,766)
	–	–	229,860	127,417
Loans to associates	–	4,333	–	–
Less: Impairment loss	–	(4,333)	–	–
	–	–	–	–
Lease receivables	2,954	125	2,954	125
Deposits	64,367	53,090	35,580	23,882
Prepayments	21,835	84,736	18,902	82,208
Interest receivables	7,275	7,231	8,858	8,164
Unbilled receivables	68,184	88,768	55,506	80,778
Other receivables:				
– External parties	17,233	8,938	5,268	6,635
– Ultimate holding entity	500	554	500	528
– Subsidiaries	–	–	2,128	3,174
– Associates	26	–	26	–
– Related parties	47,074	1,374	74	1,372
	281,100	292,777	390,872	376,282
Non-current	64,214	12,346	230,688	127,417
Current	216,886	280,431	160,184	248,865
	281,100	292,777	390,872	376,282

The average credit period on sale of goods is 30 to 60 days (2020: 30 to 60 days).

The loans to subsidiaries of \$222,471,000 (2020: \$127,674,000) are unsecured and bear interest ranging from 0.46% to 2.26% (2020: 2.9% to 3.0%) per annum and are not expected to be repaid within 12 months from the reporting period. The remaining loans to subsidiaries of \$58,179,000 (2020: \$50,509,000) are interest-free and are not expected to be repaid within 12 months from the reporting period. The Co-operative has recognised an impairment loss of \$24,000 (2020: \$113,000) on loans to subsidiaries during the year.

Loans to associates are written off during the year. The loans were fully impaired in prior year.

Included in the other receivables to related parties in 2021 is a loan amounted to \$47,000,000 which is unsecured, bears interest rate of 0.46% per annum and is not expected to be repaid within 12 months from the reporting period (2020: \$nil).

Unbilled receivables mainly relate to receivables from government and external parties. Prepayments comprise amounts paid to suppliers and for certain acquisition made by the Group.

The Group and the Co-operative's exposure to credit and currency risks, and impairment losses for trade and other receivables, are disclosed in note 33.

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12 INVENTORIES

	Group		Co-operative	
	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Raw materials and consumables	4,093	3,510	–	–
Retail goods	291,391	362,526	275,529	347,362
Allowance for inventory obsolescence	(4,220)	(9,425)	(4,181)	(9,425)
	291,264	356,611	271,348	337,937

Movement in allowance for inventory obsolescence during the financial year are as follows:

	Group		Co-operative	
	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
At 1 January	9,425	–	9,425	–
Allowance made during the year	4,220	9,425	4,181	9,425
Reversal of allowance during the year	(1,741)	–	(1,741)	–
Utilised during the year	(7,684)	–	(7,684)	–
At 31 December	4,220	9,425	4,181	9,425

Inventories of \$41,959,000 (2020: \$44,881,000) and \$39,995,000 (2020: \$42,817,000) for the Group and the Co-operative respectively was written off in profit or loss during the year.

During the year, the Group and the Co-operative wrote down the inventories to their net realisable value, which resulted in a loss of \$4,220,000 and \$4,181,000 respectively (2020: \$9,425,000 and \$9,425,000).

Source of estimation uncertainty

The Group recognises allowance on inventory obsolescence when inventories are identified as obsolete. Obsolescence is based on the physical condition of inventory items and other factors including the age of the inventories, forecasted demand as well as discontinuation plan of the goods.

13 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	Group		Co-operative	
	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Cash on hand	9,213	10,822	7,149	8,846
Cash at bank	525,832	605,779	397,090	468,610
Fixed deposits	393	2,268	–	–
	535,438	618,869	404,239	477,456
Deposit pledged	(129)	–	–	–
Cash and cash equivalents in the consolidated statement of cash flows	535,309	618,869	404,239	477,456

Fixed deposits of the Group bear interest at average rates ranging from 0.1% to 0.5% (2020: 0.04% to 1.85%) per annum. The fixed deposits are placed with the financial institutions for an average tenure of approximately 90 days to 365 days (2020: 30 days).

During the year, fixed deposits of the Group amounting to \$129,000 were pledged to the banks for banking facilities granted to the Group.

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14 SHARE CAPITAL

	2021		Co-operative	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
	Number of ordinary shares			
	'000	'000	\$'000	\$'000
Authorised:				
Ordinary shares	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Issued and paid up:				
At beginning of the year	436,205	436,740	436,205	436,740
Issued during the year	651	670	651	670
Redemption during the year	(1,363)	(1,205)	(1,363)	(1,205)
At end of the year	435,493	436,205	435,493	436,205
The share capital is represented by:				
Members' shares held by the founder member				
National Trade Union Congress ^{(b) (c) (d)}	35,643	82,800	35,643	82,800
Other members' shares ^{(a) (c) (d)}	399,850	353,405	399,850	353,405
	435,493	436,205	435,493	436,205

^(a) This relates to the shares held by members where the Co-operative has the right of refusal to redeem the members' shares. Included in the members' shares is 100,000,000 shares allotted to NTUC Enterprise Co-operative Limited by the Co-operative amounting to \$100,000,000 which are not to be withdrawn or transferred within ten years from the date of their issue. Members include an individual person or institution or organisation duly admitted to the membership of the Co-operative in accordance with the By-laws of the Co-operative. In accordance with By-laws 5.6, the shares are redeemable at the lower of the nominal value of \$1 per share or the net asset value of the share.

^(b) This relates to the shares held by the founder member National Trade Union Congress.

^(c) In accordance with By-laws 4.2.2, the Board of Directors shall have the absolute discretion to approve or reject any application for membership or for additional shares without assigning any reason for its decision. By-laws 4.6 also states that, every member shall, unless otherwise disqualified under the Co-operative Societies Act, Chapter 62 or the By-laws, have the right to:

- (i) avail himself of all services of the Society;
- (ii) stand for election to office, subject to the provisions of the Act and the By-laws, where applicable;
- (iii) be co-opted to hold office in the Society, where applicable;
- (iv) participate and vote at general meetings; and
- (v) enjoy all other rights, privileges or benefits provided under the By-laws.

^(d) The Co-operative's ordinary shares carry no right to fixed income.

15 OTHER RESERVES

	Group		Co-operative	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Fair value reserve ^(a)	197,796	125,752	200,432	126,212
Foreign currency translation reserve ^(b)	(6,526)	(276)	–	–
Capital reserve ^(c)	22,999	1,536	–	–
	214,269	127,012	200,432	126,212

^(a) The fair value reserve comprises:

- the cumulative net change in the fair value of quoted equity investment and unquoted equity investment designated at FVOCI; and
- the cumulative net change in fair value of debt investments at FVOCI until the assets are derecognised or reclassified. This amount is reduced by the amount of loss allowance.

^(b) Foreign currency translation reserve comprises all foreign exchange differences arising from the translation of the financial statements of foreign associates.

^(c) Capital reserve arises from acquisition of subsidiaries under common control and share of reserves of associates.

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16 BORROWINGS

	Group		Co-operative	
	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Non-current				
Unsecured bank loan	267,000	267,000	267,000	267,000
Unsecured loan	3,516	147,005	–	147,005
	270,516	414,005	267,000	414,005
Current				
Unsecured bank loan	87,131	40,000	87,000	40,000
Unsecured loan	121,218	–	120,000	–
	208,349	40,000	207,000	40,000
	478,865	454,005	474,000	454,005

Information about the Group's and the Co-operative's exposure to interest rate and liquidity risks is included in note 33.

Terms and debt repayment schedule

Terms and conditions of outstanding Singapore dollar borrowings are as follows:

	Nominal interest rate %	Year of maturity	Face value \$'000	Carrying amount \$'000
Group				
2021				
Unsecured loan	2	2022 – 2025	124,912	124,734
Unsecured bank loan	0.46 – 5	2022 – 2024	368,916	354,131
			493,828	478,865
2020				
Unsecured loan	–	2023	150,000	147,005
Unsecured bank loan	1.63 – 2.76	2021 – 2024	329,694	307,000
			479,694	454,005
Co-operative				
2021				
Unsecured loan	–	2022	120,000	120,000
Unsecured bank loan	0.46 – 2.76	2022 – 2024	368,783	354,000
			488,783	474,000
2020				
Unsecured loan	–	2023	150,000	147,005
Unsecured bank loan	1.63 – 2.76	2021 – 2024	329,694	307,000
			479,694	454,005

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17 LEASE LIABILITIES

	Group		Co-operative	
	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Non-current	1,158,682	1,229,131	966,460	1,033,658
Current	276,565	257,283	184,130	174,153
	1,435,247	1,486,414	1,150,590	1,207,811

Terms and conditions of outstanding Singapore dollar lease liabilities are as follows:

	Nominal interest rate %	Year of maturity	Face value \$'000	Carrying amount \$'000
Group				
2021				
Lease liabilities	0.72 – 5.25	2022 – 2072	1,603,988	1,435,247
2020				
Lease liabilities	0.81 – 4.32	2021 – 2072	1,671,709	1,486,414
Co-operative				
2021				
Lease liabilities	0.81 – 3.07	2022 – 2072	1,293,923	1,150,590
2020				
Lease liabilities	0.81 – 1.95	2021 – 2072	1,380,458	1,207,811

Reconciliation of movements of liabilities to cash flows arising from financing activities

	Lease liabilities \$'000	Borrowings \$'000	Total \$'000
Group			
Balance at 1 January 2020	1,470,432	356,234	1,826,666
Changes from financing cash flows			
Repayment of borrowings	–	(52,229)	(52,229)
Proceeds from borrowings	–	150,000	150,000
Payment of lease liabilities	(269,522)	–	(269,522)
Interest paid	(42,043)	(9,413)	(51,456)
Total changes from financing cash flows	(311,565)	88,358	(223,207)
Other changes			
Liability-related			
New leases and revised rental rate	328,247	–	328,247
Interest expense	42,043	9,413	51,456
Derecognition of lease liabilities	(42,743)	–	(42,743)
Total liability-related other changes	327,547	9,413	336,960
Balance at 31 December 2020	1,486,414	454,005	1,940,419

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17 LEASE LIABILITIES (CONT'D)

Reconciliation of movements of liabilities to cash flows arising from financing activities (cont'd)

	Note	Lease liabilities \$'000	Borrowings \$'000	Total \$'000
Group				
Balance at 1 January 2021		1,486,414	454,005	1,940,419
Changes from financing cash flows				
Repayment of borrowings		–	(30,464)	(30,464)
Proceeds from borrowings		–	47,000	47,000
Payment of lease liabilities		(289,508)	–	(289,508)
Interest paid		(39,607)	(9,558)	(49,165)
Total changes from financing cash flows		(329,115)	6,978	(322,137)
Changes arising from obtaining control of subsidiaries	32	16,579	5,320	21,899
Other changes				
Liability-related				
Interest expense		39,607	9,558	49,165
Derecognition of lease liabilities		(2,917)	–	(2,917)
New leases and revised rental rate		224,679	–	224,679
Amortisation of deemed interest expense		–	3,004	3,004
Total liability-related other changes		261,369	12,562	273,931
Balance at 31 December 2021		1,435,247	478,865	1,914,112

18 PROVISIONS

This relates to the provision of reinstatement cost to be incurred for dismantle, removal or restoration of the property, plant and equipment arising from the acquisition or use of assets, which is capitalised and included in the cost of property, plant and equipment.

Movements in the provision are as follows:

	Note	Group		Co-operative	
		2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
At beginning of the year		51,152	53,211	39,737	40,907
Assumed in business combinations	32	775	–	–	–
Provisions made during the year		7,571	499	6,853	–
Utilised		(951)	(650)	(15)	(249)
Provisions reversed		(207)	(1,908)	–	(921)
At end of the year		58,340	51,152	46,575	39,737

A provision for reinstatement cost is recognised when the Group and the Co-operative have a legal and constructive obligation to rectify wear and tear to leased premises under property lease agreements with external parties. The unexpired lease terms range from 1 month to 51 years (2020: 1 month to 52 years). The provision is based on the best estimate of the expenditure with reference to past experience. It is expected that these costs will be incurred after one year from the date of the financial year. The provision is discounted using a current rate of 5.0% (2020: 5.0%) that reflects the risks specific to the liability.

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19 DEFERRED TAX LIABILITIES

The following are the major deferred tax liabilities recognised by the Group, and the movements thereon, during the current and prior reporting periods:

	At 1 January 2020 \$'000	Recognised in profit or loss (note 26) \$'000	At 31 December 2020 \$'000	Recognised in profit or loss (note 26) \$'000	Acquisition of subsidiaries (note 32) \$'000	At 31 December 2021 \$'000
Group						
Deferred tax liabilities						
Property, plant and equipment	6,329	(1,776)	4,553	8,014	25	12,592
Intangible assets	17,138	–	17,138	(763)	4,557	20,932
Provisions	767	1,765	2,532	(2,802)	–	(270)
Approved donation	(935)	(200)	(1,135)	(3,542)	–	(4,677)
Lease Liabilities	–	–	–	(12,558)	–	(12,558)
Right-of-use assets	–	–	–	12,176	–	12,176
Others	90	(5)	85	(1,145)	–	(1,060)
	23,389	(216)	23,173	(620)	4,582	27,135

20 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	Group		Co-operative	
	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Trade payables				
External parties	668,478	703,408	600,079	637,576
Amount due to ultimate holding entity	3	5	–	–
Amount due to subsidiaries	–	–	22,628	33,157
Amount due to associates	2	–	–	–
Amount due to related parties	97	72	–	–
	668,580	703,485	622,707	670,733
Other payables				
Amounts due to:				
– External parties	13,253	–	13,253	–
– Ultimate holding entity ^(a)	4	1,453	4	–
– Subsidiaries ^(a)	–	–	207,308	282,563
– Associates ^(a)	30,714	30,643	30,643	30,643
– Related parties ^(a)	201	11,441	130	329
Loan from a subsidiary ^(b)	–	–	94,329	–
Accrued operating expenses ^(c)	150,563	157,109	121,687	112,225
Accrued short-term employee benefits	149,605	134,768	114,034	105,468
Contributions to:				
– Central Co-operative Fund ^(d)	50	50	25	50
– Singapore Labour Foundation ^(e)	5,501	25,307	5,494	25,307
Contract liabilities ^(f)	82,297	54,894	73,418	54,894
Deposits received	23,136	24,739	4,892	5,445
Deferred grant income ^(g)	3,137	48,657	–	39,284
Deferred income ^(h)	43,609	–	40,265	–
Stored value cards ⁽ⁱ⁾	23,265	20,724	–	–
Others	32,237	39,119	21,000	28,112
	557,572	548,904	726,482	684,320
Total	1,226,152	1,252,389	1,349,189	1,355,053

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20 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES (CONT'D)

	Group		Co-operative	
	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Non-current	6,767	7,452	94,329	–
Current	1,219,385	1,244,937	1,254,860	1,355,053
	1,226,152	1,252,389	1,349,189	1,355,053

- (a) Outstanding non-trade balances with ultimate holding entity, subsidiaries, associates and related parties are unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand.
- (b) The loan from a subsidiary of \$94,329,000 is unsecured, bears interest of 1.95% per annum and expected to be repaid on 29 August 2025.
- (c) Accrued operating expenses include accruals for purchases of property, plant and equipment for the Group and the Co-operative amounting to \$18,473,000 and \$12,929,000 (2020: \$7,633,000 and \$6,456,000) respectively.
- (d) In accordance with Section 71(2)(a) of the Co-operative Societies Act, Chapter 62, the Co-operative contributes 5% of the first \$500,000 of its surplus resulting from the operations of the Co-operative to the Central Co-operative Fund and this amount is due to be paid in the next financial year.
- (e) In accordance with Section 71(2)(b) of the Co-operative Societies Act, Chapter 62, the Co-operative has opted to contribute 20% of the surplus in excess of \$500,000 from the operations of the Co-operative to the Singapore Labour Foundation ("SLF") and the amount is due to be paid in the next financial year.
- (f) The contract liabilities primarily relate to advance consideration received from customers for sale of gift vouchers, gift card and e-voucher of \$73,418,000 (2020: \$54,894,000) and loyalty points redeemable by cardholders of \$8,879,000 (2020: \$nil)
- (g) Deferred grant income relates to the wage support and subsidies received from the government but not earned as at reporting period.
- (h) Deferred income relates to payment received from vendor but not earned as at reporting period.
- (i) The amount represents advance payments from customers by way of purchase and top-up of Kopitiam card.

The average credit period on purchase of goods is 45 to 60 days (2020: 45 to 60 days). Trade payables principally comprise amounts outstanding for trade purchases and ongoing costs.

The Group and the Co-operative's exposures to currency and liquidity risks for trade and other payables are disclosed in note 33.

21 REVENUE

	Group		Co-operative	
	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Sale of food and beverage	158,526	125,323	–	–
Sale of retail goods	3,983,962	4,290,502	3,835,069	4,135,527
Income from food and beverage operations	109,854	91,407	–	–
	4,252,342	4,507,232	3,835,069	4,135,527

Revenue is recognised when control of the goods has transferred, being at the point the customer purchases the goods at the food court or retail outlets.

Payment of the transaction price is due immediately at the point the customer purchases the goods. It is the Group's policy to sell its retail goods to the end customers with a right of return. Based on the accumulated historical experience, the estimated amount of returns was negligible. It is considered highly probable that a significant reversal in the cumulative revenue recognised will not occur given the consistent level of returns in the past years. The validity of this assumption and the estimated amount of returns are reassessed at each reporting date.

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21 REVENUE (CONT'D)

Significant changes in the contract liabilities during the year are as follows:

	Note	Group		Co-operative	
		2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
At 1 January		54,894	61,911	54,894	57,157
Revenue recognised that was included in the contract liabilities at the beginning of the period		(54,894)	(61,911)	(54,894)	(57,157)
Additions due to advances received but performance obligation not fulfilled		82,297	54,894	73,418	54,894
At 31 December	20	82,297	54,894	73,418	54,894

22 OTHER INCOME

	Group		Co-operative	
	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Advertising, promotion and other service income	124,757	83,542	109,909	79,422
Concessionary and commission income	31,244	23,677	27,714	20,114
Discounts received	2,187	2,266	2,076	2,157
Government grants	92,804	146,459	59,484	105,408
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	322	–	–	–
Gain on disposal of investment property	–	6,618	–	–
Gain on derecognition of right-of-use assets	–	245	–	25
Management fee	11,607	2,870	133	–
Rental income from property sublease	26,032	24,825	34,909	30,581
Interest income from lease receivables	45	23	45	23
Subscription fee	14	112	14	112
Rental relief	20,889	45,127	1,771	16,328
Others	89,123	64,550	30,798	14,952
	399,024	400,314	266,853	269,122

Government grants recognised mainly relate to the wage support and subsidies from government to support businesses during the period of economic uncertainty due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Rental relief recognised relates to rental waiver given by landlords to the Group and the Co-operative.

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23 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES

	Group		Co-operative	
	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Amortisation of intangible asset	10,275	12,406	3,294	7,681
Donation to NTUC Fairprice Foundation Limited	21,134	20,000	21,134	4,650
Expenses relating to short-term leases	409	4,961	–	–
Expenses relating to leases of low-value assets	286	4	135	–
Expenses relating to variable lease payments	12,640	29,490	6,621	7,202
Impairment loss on loans to subsidiaries	–	–	24	113
Intangible assets written off	44	222	–	–
Property, plant and equipment written off	927	2,593	36	–
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	44	8,254	–	5,693
Loss on derecognition of right-of-use assets	430	–	–	–
Loss on disposal of intangible assets	–	1,128	–	1,118
Marketing expenses	30,057	40,740	36,237	38,983
Packing and logistic expenses	106,240	94,202	65,442	56,316
Property tax	4,041	3,767	1,910	1,998
Professional fee	18,809	27,072	15,804	21,487
Management fee	613	–	34,082	–
Repair, maintenance and supplies	56,620	63,891	41,559	49,213
Impairment loss on trade receivables	4,341	1,185	539	242
Security expense	3,785	5,501	3,785	5,501
Sundry expense	31,492	38,869	30,247	36,863
Utilities	57,757	49,235	35,261	33,486
Grant expenses	12,074	3,051	934	1,940
IT related expenses	25,094	12,615	–	–
Others	28,977	36,648	14,850	17,903
	426,089	455,834	311,894	290,389

24 INVESTMENT INCOME

	Group		Co-operative	
	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Dividend income				
– Associates	–	–	17,955	22,768
– Subsidiaries	–	–	400	10,400
– Other investments	49,662	19,164	49,406	15,962
Interest income				
– Financial institutions	705	1,456	496	1,100
– Debt investments	–	5,163	–	5,163
– Ultimate holding entity	10,202	10,258	10,202	10,258
– Loan to a related party	72	–	–	–
– Loans to subsidiaries	–	–	4,226	3,244
Gain on disposal of debt investments – FVOCI	–	6,587	–	6,587
Reversal of impairment loss				
– Debt investments – FVOCI	–	309	–	309
	60,641	42,937	82,685	75,791

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25 FINANCE COSTS

	Group		Co-operative	
	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Interest expense				
– Subsidiaries	–	–	5,079	3,782
– Financial institutions	9,558	9,413	9,451	9,274
Interest on lease liabilities	39,607	42,043	30,127	32,975
Loss on disposal of other investment	190	–	115	–
	49,355	51,456	44,772	46,031

26 TAX EXPENSE

	Note	Group	
		2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Current tax expense:			
Current year		2,308	787
Changes in estimates related to prior years		(960)	(368)
		1,348	419
Deferred tax expense:			
Origination and reversal of temporary difference		3,578	(1,172)
Changes in estimates related to prior years		(4,198)	956
	19	(620)	(216)
Total tax expense		728	203
Reconciliation of effective tax rate			
Profit before tax		143,851	54,190
Tax expense at statutory tax rate of 17% (2020: 17%)		24,455	9,212
Non-deductible expenses		2,379	15,448
Exempt income ⁽¹⁾		(19,034)	(19,107)
Effect of share of profit of equity-accounted investees		(5,772)	(4,031)
Unrecognised deferred tax assets		4,361	4,039
Effect of tax concessions-donations		(38)	(5,946)
Changes in estimates related to prior years		(5,158)	588
Others		(465)	–
		728	203

⁽¹⁾ Exempt income mainly pertains to the Co-operative's income. The income of any Co-operative Society registered under the Co-operative Societies Act, Chapter 62 is exempted from income tax under Section 13(1)(f)(ii) of the Singapore Income Tax Act, Chapter 134.

No deferred tax assets have been recognised in respect of the following:

	Group	
	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Deductible temporary differences	21,315	15,026
Unutilised tax losses	37,854	18,265
Capital allowances	846	1,071
	60,015	34,362

Deferred tax assets have not been recognised in respect of these items because it is not probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the Group can utilise the benefits therefrom. The unutilised tax losses which is available for set off against future profits are subject to agreement by the tax authority and compliance with tax regulations. These temporary differences and unutilised tax losses do not expire under the current the legislation.

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27 CONTRIBUTIONS TO SINGAPORE LABOUR FOUNDATION

	Group		Co-operative	
	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Current year	14,599	25,307	14,591	25,307
Changes related to prior year	(8,504)	–	(8,504)	–
	6,095	25,307	6,087	25,307

In December 2021, the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth gazetted that COVID-19-related income will be exempted from Co-operative's contributions. Accordingly, the contribution relating to prior year was adjusted.

28 DIVIDEND

	Group		Co-operative	
	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Distributions to members of the Co-operative – first and final dividend in respect of prior year of 5.5% (2020: 5.0%)	23,579	21,587	23,579	21,587

29 PATRONAGE REBATES, DIRECTORS' HONORARIA AND DIVIDENDS

Subsequent to the end of the financial year, the Board of Directors proposed the following patronage rebates, directors' honoraria and dividends. The patronage rebates, directors' honoraria and dividends have not been provided for, subject to approval in the Annual General Meeting.

	Group and Co-operative	
	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Patronage rebates of 4.5% (2020: 4.5%)	63,575	66,168
Directors' honoraria	562	553
First and final dividend of 5.5% (2020: 5.5%)	23,952	23,991
	88,089	90,712

30 LEASES

Leases as lessee

The Group leases properties and warehouses. The leases typically run for a period of three to five years, with an option to renew the lease after that date. Lease payments are renegotiated every three to five years to reflect market rentals. For certain leases, the Group is restricted from entering into any sub-lease arrangements.

The Group leases IT equipment with contract terms of one to three years. These leases are short-term and/or leases of low-value items. The Group has elected not to recognise right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for these leases.

Information about leases for which the Group is a lessee is presented below.

(i) Right-of-use assets

The Group and Co-operative leases many assets including land and buildings and equipment (see note 5 for right-of-use assets recognised on the statements of financial position as at reporting date).

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30 LEASES (CONT'D)

(ii) Amounts recognised in profit or loss

	Group		Co-operative	
	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Interest on lease liabilities	39,607	42,043	30,127	32,975
Income from sub-leasing right-of-use assets presented in 'other income'	(26,032)	(24,825)	(34,909)	(30,581)
Expenses relating to short-term leases	409	4,961	–	–
Expenses relating to leases of low-value assets, excluding short-term leases of low-value assets	286	4	135	–

(iii) Amounts recognised in consolidated statement of cash flows

	Group	
	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Total cash outflow for leases	329,115	311,565

Extension options

Some property leases contain extension options exercisable by the Group up to nine months before the end of the non-cancellable contract period. Where practicable, the Group seeks to include extension options in new leases to provide operational flexibility. The extension options held are exercisable only by the Group and not by the lessors. The Group assesses at lease commencement whether it is reasonably certain to exercise the extension options. The Group reassesses whether it is reasonably certain to exercise the options if there is a significant event or significant change in circumstances within its control.

Leases as lessor

The Group leases out its property leases. All leases are classified as operating leases from a lessor perspective with the exception of a sub-lease, which the Group has classified as a finance sub-lease.

Finance lease

During 2021, the Group has sub-leased a building that has been presented as part of a right-of-use asset.

During 2021, the Group and the Co-operative recognised interest income on lease receivables of \$45,000 (2020: \$23,000).

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30 LEASES (CONT'D)

Finance lease (cont'd)

The following table sets out a maturity analysis of lease receivables, showing the undiscounted lease payments to be received after the reporting date.

	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Less than one year	1,438	125
One to two years	1,438	–
Two to three years	121	–
Total undiscounted lease receivable	2,997	125
Unearned finance income	(43)	–
Net investment in the lease	2,954	125

Operating lease

The Group leases out its leased properties. The Group has classified these leases as operating leases, because they do not transfer substantially all of the risks and rewards incidental to the ownership of the assets.

Rental income from property sub-lease recognised by the Group during 2021 was \$26,032,000 (2020: \$24,825,000).

The following table sets out a maturity analysis of lease payments, showing the undiscounted lease payments to be received after the reporting date.

	Group		Co-operative	
	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Less than one year	54,000	66,835	20,656	28,760
One to two years	22,475	35,990	12,245	18,417
Two to three years	6,526	10,150	4,283	8,059
Three to four years	894	1,677	717	1,469
Four to five years	178	718	146	628
More than five years	116	124	101	106
Total	84,189	115,494	38,148	57,439

31 COMMITMENTS

As at the end of the financial year, the Group and the Co-operative have the following outstanding commitments which have not been provided in the financial statements:

	Group		Co-operative	
	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Capital commitments:				
Purchase of property, plant and equipment				
– contracted	92,020	269,186	49,432	147,206

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32 ACQUISITION OF SUBSIDIARIES

On 1 January 2021, the Group acquired 60% of the shares and voting interests in Kiosks Collective from Chiang Zhan Xiang. On the same date, the Group acquired 100% of the shares and voting interests in Link (NTUC Link Private Limited) with net asset of \$3,067,000 from the immediate and ultimate holding entity, NTUC Enterprise Co-operative Limited, through an internal restructuring at a nominal consideration of \$1.

From the date of acquisition to 31 December 2021, Kiosks Collective and Link contributed revenue of \$40,037,000 and \$nil respectively, and a profit of \$4,105,000 and a loss of \$745,000 respectively to the Group results.

Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed

The following table summarises the recognised amounts of assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the acquisition date:

	Note	2021 \$'000
Property, plant and equipment	4	2,955
Right-of-use assets	5	15,694
Intangible assets	7	27,008
Inventories		353
Trade and other receivables		7,950
Cash and cash equivalents		24,713
Trade and other payables		(24,024)
Provisions	18	(775)
Current tax liabilities		(980)
Deferred tax liabilities	19	(4,582)
Borrowings	17	(5,320)
Lease liabilities	17	(16,579)
Non-controlling interest		(9,336)
Total identifiable net assets		17,077
Goodwill arising from acquisition of business	7	19,461
Gain from acquisition of subsidiaries under common control		(3,067)
Total purchase considerations		33,471
Less: Cash and cash equivalents in subsidiaries acquired		(24,713)
Net cash outflow		8,758

Goodwill and gain from acquisition of subsidiary under common control

Goodwill from business combinations and gain from acquisition of subsidiaries under common control in the financial year ended 31 December 2021 amounted to \$19,461,000 and \$3,067,000 respectively. Gain from acquisition of subsidiary under common control is recognised in capital reserve.

The goodwill arising is mainly from expected synergies from combining operations.

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32 ACQUISITION OF SUBSIDIARIES (CONT'D)

Measurement of fair values

The valuation techniques used for measuring the fair value of material assets acquired were as follows:

Assets required	Valuation technique
Intangible assets	Relief-from-royalty method: The relief-from-royalty method considers the discounted estimated royalty payments that are expected to be avoided as result of the brand name being owned.

33 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial risk management

Risk management framework

The Group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks, particularly credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk. Where appropriate, the Group's risk management policies seek to minimise potential adverse effects of these risks on the financial performance of the Group.

Matters pertaining to risk management strategies and execution require the decision and approval of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors is regularly updated on the Group's financial investments.

There has been no change to the Group's exposure to these financial risks or the manner in which it manages and measures the risk. Financial risk exposures are measured using sensitivity analysis indicated below.

Credit risk

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

Transactions involving financial instruments are entered into only with counterparties that are of acceptable credit quality. Cash and fixed deposits are placed with banks and financial institutions which are regulated.

At the reporting date, there is no significant concentration of credit risk. The carrying amounts of financial assets represent the Group and the Co-operative's maximum exposure to credit risk, before taking into account any collateral held. The Group and the Co-operative do not hold any collateral in respect of their financial assets, except for balances with tenants where security deposits are obtained.

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33 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

Credit risk (cont'd)

Impairment loss

Expected credit loss assessment

The Group uses an allowance matrix to measure the ECLs of trade receivables.

Loss rates are based actual credit loss experience over the past 3 years. These rates are adjusted to reflect differences between economic conditions during the period over which the historic data has been collected, current conditions and the Group's view of economic conditions over the expected lives of the receivables.

The following table provides information about the exposure to credit risk and ECLs for trade receivables as at 31 December:

	Weighted average loss rate %	Group Gross carrying amount \$'000	Impairment loss allowance \$'000
2021			
Current (not past due)	–	28,378	–
1 – 30 days past due	0.11	6,650	(7)
31 – 60 days past due	0.34	3,481	(12)
More than 60 days past due	50.55	26,619	(13,457)
		65,128	(13,476)
2020			
Current (not past due)	–	18,713	–
1 – 30 days past due	–	10,283	–
31 – 60 days past due	–	5,629	–
More than 60 days past due	40.26	22,325	(8,989)
		56,950	(8,989)
	Weighted average loss rate %	Co-operative Gross carrying amount \$'000	Impairment loss allowance \$'000
2021			
Current (not past due)	–	21,441	–
1 – 30 days past due	–	7,026	–
31 – 60 days past due	–	1,667	–
More than 60 days past due	42.32	1,876	(794)
		32,010	(794)
2020			
Current (not past due)	–	25,317	–
1 – 30 days past due	–	8,007	–
31 – 60 days past due	–	537	–
More than 60 days past due	3.21	8,408	(270)
		42,269	(270)

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33 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

Credit risk (cont'd)

Other receivables/deposits/lease receivables

The Group assesses on a forward-looking basis the expected credit loss associated with financial assets at amortised cost. The impairment methodology applied depends on whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk. The Group considers that the credit risk of these counter parties has not increased.

Loans to a related party and subsidiaries

The Group and Co-operative had loans to a related party and subsidiaries with a carrying amount of \$47,000,000 and \$229,860,000 respectively (2020: \$nil and \$127,417,000). Impairment on these balances has been measured on the 12-month expected loss basis. The assessment is based on qualitative and quantitative factors that are indicative of the risk of default, including but not limited to audited financial statements, and management accounts, if available, and applying experienced credit judgement. The amount of the allowance on loans to subsidiaries is \$50,790,000 (2020: \$50,766,000).

Movements in allowance for impairment in respect of trade receivables

The movement in the allowance for impairment in respect of trade receivables during the year was as follows:

	Group Impairment loss allowance \$'000	Co-operative Impairment loss allowance \$'000
At 1 January 2020	7,830	54
Impairment loss recognised	1,203	259
Impairment loss reversed	(18)	(17)
Amounts written off	(26)	(26)
At 31 December 2020	<u>8,989</u>	<u>270</u>
At 1 January 2021	8,989	270
Acquisition of subsidiaries	371	-
Impairment loss recognised	4,646	783
Impairment loss reversed	(305)	(244)
Amounts written off	(225)	(15)
At 31 December 2021	<u>13,476</u>	<u>794</u>

Cash and cash equivalents

The Group and the Co-operative held cash and cash equivalents of \$535,438,000 and \$404,239,000 (2020: \$618,869,000 and \$477,456,000), respectively at 31 December 2021. The cash and cash equivalents are held with banks and financial institutions with sound credit ratings.

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33 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

Credit risk (cont'd)

Impairment on cash and cash equivalents has been measured on the 12-month expected loss basis and reflects the short maturities of the exposures. The Group considers that its cash and cash equivalents have low credit risk based on the external credit ratings of the counterparties. The amount of the allowance on cash and cash equivalents was insignificant.

Debt investment

The Group limits its exposure to credit risk on investments held by investing only in liquid debt, securities and only with counterparties that have a credit rating of at least B- from Fitch Ratings Inc and B- from Standard & Poor's Global Ratings.

The Group monitors the changes in credit risk to the tracking published external credit ratings annually. The 12-month and lifetime probabilities of default are based on historical data supplied by Moody's Investors Service for each credit rating and are recalibrated based on current bond yields and CDS prices. Loss given default ("LGD") parameters generally reflect an assumed recovery rate of 40% except when a security is credit-impaired, in which case the estimate of loss is based on the instrument's current market price and original effective interest rate.

The following table presents an analysis of the credit quality of debt investments at amortised cost and FVOCI. It indicates whether assets measured at amortised cost or FVOCI were subject to a 12-month ECL or lifetime ECL allowance and, in latter case, whether they are credit-impaired.

	2021 At amortised costs 12-month ECL \$'000	2020 At amortised costs 12-month ECL \$'000
Group/Co-operative		
Credit rating		
BBB- to AAA	330,000	330,000
Gross carrying amounts	330,000	330,000
Loss allowance	-	-
Carrying amount	330,000	330,000

The Group and the Co-operative did not have any debt investments that were past due but not impaired at 31 December 2021.

The movement in the allowance for impairment in respect of debt investments at FVOCI during the year was as follows:

	2021 12-month ECL \$'000	2020 12-month ECL \$'000
Group/Co-operative		
Balance as at 1 January	-	309
Impairment reversed	-	(309)
Balance as at 31 December	-	-

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33 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will encounter difficulty in meeting the obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset. The Group's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Group's reputation.

The following are the expected contractual undiscounted cash outflows of financial liabilities, including estimated interest payments and excluding the impact of netting agreements:

	Carrying amount \$'000	Contractual cash flows \$'000	Less than 1 year \$'000	1 – 5 years \$'000	Over 5 years \$'000
Group					
2021					
Borrowings	478,865	(493,828)	(208,499)	(285,329)	–
Lease liabilities	1,435,247	(1,603,991)	(312,257)	(847,653)	(444,081)
Trade and other payables*	1,097,109	(1,097,109)	(1,090,342)	(6,767)	–
	3,011,221	(3,194,928)	(1,611,098)	(1,139,749)	(444,081)
2020					
Borrowings	454,005	(479,694)	(47,467)	(432,227)	–
Lease liabilities	1,486,414	(1,670,624)	(293,042)	(860,758)	(516,824)
Trade and other payables*	1,148,838	(1,148,838)	(1,141,386)	(7,452)	–
	3,089,257	(3,299,156)	(1,481,895)	(1,300,437)	(516,824)
Co-operative					
2021					
Borrowings	474,000	(488,783)	(207,065)	(281,718)	–
Lease liabilities	1,150,590	(1,293,923)	(210,065)	(675,927)	(407,931)
Trade and other payables*	1,141,177	(1,141,177)	(1,141,177)	–	–
Loan from a subsidiary	94,329	(101,058)	(1,839)	(99,219)	–
	2,860,096	(3,024,941)	(1,560,146)	(1,056,864)	(407,931)
2020					
Borrowings	454,005	(479,694)	(47,467)	(432,227)	–
Lease liabilities	1,207,811	(1,379,372)	(203,803)	(682,218)	(493,351)
Trade and other payables*	1,260,875	(1,260,875)	(1,260,875)	–	–
	2,922,691	(3,119,941)	(1,512,145)	(1,114,445)	(493,351)

* Excludes contract liabilities, deferred income, deferred grant income and loan from a subsidiary

It is not expected that the cash flows in the maturity analysis could occur significantly earlier, or at significantly different amounts.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates and equity prices will affect the Group's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return.

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33 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

Currency risk

The Group is exposed to foreign currency risk on purchases that are denominated in currencies other than the respective functional currencies of Group entities. The currencies in which these transactions primarily are denominated in US Dollar ("USD") and Australian Dollar ("AUD").

The Group manages its foreign exchange exposure by adopting a policy of matching receipts and payments, and asset purchases, in the currency of the relevant entity, where possible.

Exposure to currency risk

The Group's and the Co-operative's exposures to foreign currencies are as follows:

	USD \$'000	AUD \$'000	Total \$'000
Group and Co-operative			
2021			
Financial assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5,215	1,047	6,262
Total financial assets	<u>5,215</u>	<u>1,047</u>	<u>6,262</u>
Financial liabilities			
Trade and other payables	(85)	(217)	(302)
Total financial liabilities	<u>(85)</u>	<u>(217)</u>	<u>(302)</u>
Net financial assets at end of the year	<u>5,130</u>	<u>830</u>	<u>5,960</u>
2020			
Financial assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4,075	740	4,815
Total financial assets	<u>4,075</u>	<u>740</u>	<u>4,815</u>
Financial liabilities			
Trade and other payables	(1,387)	(8)	(1,395)
Total financial liabilities	<u>(1,387)</u>	<u>(8)</u>	<u>(1,395)</u>
Net financial assets at end of the year	<u>2,688</u>	<u>732</u>	<u>3,420</u>

Sensitivity analysis

A 10% strengthening of the following major currencies against the functional currencies of the Group's entities at the reporting date held by the Group and the Co-operative would increase/(decrease) equity and profit or (loss) by the amounts shown below. Similarly, a 10% weakening would have the equal but opposite effect. This analysis assumes that all other variables, in particular interest rates, remain constant.

	Group and Co-operative Profit or (loss)	
	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
USD	513	269
AUD	<u>83</u>	<u>73</u>

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33 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

Market risk (cont'd)

Interest rate risk

The Group's exposure to changes in interest rates relates primarily to interest-earning financial assets and interest-bearing financial liabilities. Interest rate risk is managed by the Group on an on-going basis with the primary objective of limiting the extent to which net interest expense could be affected by an adverse movement in interest rates. The Group does not use derivative financial instruments to hedge against such risk exposure.

Exposure to interest rate risk

At the reporting date, the interest rate profile of the Group's interest-bearing financial instruments was as follows:

	Group		Co-operative	
	Nominal amount		Nominal amount	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Fixed rate instruments				
Other investments	330,000	330,000	330,000	330,000
Trade and other receivables	47,000	–	229,860	127,417
Cash and cash equivalents	393	2,268	–	–
Borrowings	(358,865)	(307,000)	(354,000)	(307,000)
Trade and other payables	–	–	(94,329)	–
	18,528	25,268	111,531	150,417

Sensitivity analysis for fixed rate instruments

The Group does not account for any fixed rate financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss. Therefore, in respect of the fixed rate instruments, a change in interest rates at the reporting date would not affect profit or loss.

Equity price risk

The Group and the Co-operative are exposed to equity price risks changes arising from equity investments at FVOCI. An increase in the underlying equity prices of the equity investments at FVOCI at the reporting date by 10% (2020: 10%) for the Group and the Co-operative, would increase other components of equity before any tax effect by the amounts shown below. Similarly, a 10% decrease in underlying equity price of the equity investments would have the equal but opposite effect. This analysis assumes that all other variables remain constant.

	Group	Co-operative
	\$'000	\$'000
2021		
Equity investments at FVOCI		
Equity	126,570	125,994
2020		
Equity investments at FVOCI		
Equity	114,174	113,626

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33 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

Market risk (cont'd)

Accounting classifications and fair values

The carrying amounts and fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities, including their levels in the fair value hierarchy are as follows. It does not include fair value information for financial assets and financial liabilities not measured at fair value if the carrying amount is a reasonable approximation of fair value.

	Carrying amount			Fair value				
	Amortised cost \$'000	Equity investments – FVOCI \$'000	Other financial liabilities at amortised cost \$'000	Total \$'000	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Group 2021								
Financial assets measured at fair value								
Quoted equity investments – FVOCI	–	5,254	–	5,254	5,254	–	–	5,254
Unquoted equity investments – FVOCI	–	1,260,449	–	1,260,449	–	1,260,449	–	1,260,449
	–	1,265,703	–	1,265,703				
Financial assets not measured at fair value								
Unquoted debt investment	330,000	–	–	330,000	–	297,763	–	297,763
Other investments	600	–	–	600				
Cash and cash equivalents	535,438	–	–	535,438				
Trade and other receivables*	259,265	–	–	259,265				
	1,125,303	–	–	1,125,303				
Financial liabilities not measured at fair value								
Borrowings	–	–	(478,865)	(478,865)	–	(463,407)	–	(463,407)
Lease liabilities	–	–	(1,435,247)	(1,435,247)				
Trade and other payables**	–	–	(1,097,109)	(1,097,109)				
	–	–	(3,011,221)	(3,011,221)				

* Excludes prepayments

** Excludes contract liabilities, deferred income and deferred grant income

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33 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

Market risk (cont'd)

Accounting classifications and fair values (cont'd)

	Carrying amount				Fair value			
	Amortised cost \$'000	Equity investments – FVOCI \$'000	Other financial liabilities at amortised cost \$'000	Total \$'000	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Group								
2020								
Financial assets measured at fair value								
Quoted equity investments – FVOCI	–	4,960	–	4,960	4,960	–	–	4,960
Unquoted equity investments – FVOCI	–	1,136,776	–	1,136,776	–	1,136,776	–	1,136,776
	<u>–</u>	<u>1,141,736</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>1,141,736</u>				
Financial assets not measured at fair value								
Unquoted debt investment	330,000	–	–	330,000	–	356,614	–	356,614
Other investments	750	–	–	750				
Cash and cash equivalents	618,869	–	–	618,869				
Trade and other receivables*	208,041	–	–	208,041				
	<u>1,157,660</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>1,157,660</u>				
Financial liabilities not measured at fair value								
Borrowings	–	–	(454,005)	(454,005)	–	(415,320)	–	(415,320)
Lease liabilities	–	–	(1,486,414)	(1,486,414)				
Trade and other payables**	–	–	(1,148,838)	(1,148,838)				
	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(3,089,257)</u>	<u>(3,089,257)</u>				

* Excludes prepayments

** Excludes contract liabilities, deferred income and deferred grant income

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33 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

Market risk (cont'd)

Accounting classifications and fair values (cont'd)

	Carrying amount				Fair value			
	Amortised cost \$'000	Equity investments – FVOCI \$'000	Other financial liabilities at amortised cost \$'000	Total \$'000	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Co-operative								
2021								
Financial assets measured at fair value								
Unquoted equity investments – FVOCI								
	–	1,259,943	–	1,259,943	–	1,259,943	–	1,259,943
	–	1,259,943	–	1,259,943				
Financial assets not measured at fair value								
Unquoted debt investment	330,000	–	–	330,000	–	297,763	–	297,763
Other investments	600	–	–	600				
Cash and cash equivalents	404,239	–	–	404,239				
Trade and other receivables*	142,110	–	–	142,110				
Loans to subsidiaries	229,860	–	–	229,860	–	224,181	–	224,181
	1,106,809	–	–	1,106,809				
Financial liabilities not measured at fair value								
Borrowings	–	–	(474,000)	(474,000)	–	(460,576)	–	(460,576)
Lease liabilities	–	–	(1,150,590)	(1,150,590)				
Trade and other payables**	–	–	(1,141,177)	(1,141,177)				
Loan from a subsidiary	–	–	(94,329)	(94,329)	–	(89,567)	–	(89,567)
	–	–	(2,860,096)	(2,860,096)				

* Excludes prepayments and loans to subsidiaries

** Excludes contract liabilities, deferred income, deferred grant income and loan from a subsidiary

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33 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

Market risk (cont'd)

Accounting classifications and fair values (cont'd)

	Carrying amount				Fair value			
	Amortised cost \$'000	Equity investments – FVOCI \$'000	Other financial liabilities at amortised cost \$'000	Total \$'000	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Co-operative								
2020								
Financial assets measured at fair value								
Unquoted equity investments – FVOCI	–	1,136,264	–	1,136,264	–	1,136,264	–	1,136,264
	–	1,136,264	–	1,136,264				
Financial assets not measured at fair value								
Unquoted debt investment	330,000	–	–	330,000	–	356,614	–	356,614
Other investments	750	–	–	750				
Cash and cash equivalents	477,456	–	–	477,456				
Trade and other receivables*	166,657	–	–	166,657				
Loans to subsidiaries	127,417	–	–	127,417	–	127,632	–	127,632
	1,102,280	–	–	1,102,280				
Financial liabilities not measured at fair value								
Borrowings	–	–	(454,005)	(454,005)	–	(415,320)	–	(415,320)
Lease liabilities	–	–	(1,207,811)	(1,207,811)				
Trade and other payables**	–	–	(1,260,875)	(1,260,875)				
	–	–	(2,922,691)	(2,922,691)				

* Excludes prepayments and loans to subsidiaries

** Excludes contract liabilities and deferred grant income

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33 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

Market risk (cont'd)

Determination of fair value

Fair values have been determined for measurement and disclosure purposes based on the following methods.

The fair values of quoted equity investments traded in an active market and are determined with reference to quoted bid prices at the reporting date.

The fair value of unquoted equity investments, held by the Co-operative, is determined based on the net asset value in the investment fund's valuation reports at the reporting date and is derived from prices from an observable market.

The fair values of certain unquoted equity investments included within level 3 are estimated based on the Group's share of the net assets values of the investee company, which take into consideration the fair value of the underlying investment portfolio held by the investee company. The fair value of the investment portfolio is determined based on the underlying values with reference to quoted bid prices traded in a quoted market.

Financial instruments measured at fair value based on level 3

	Unquoted equity investments – FVOCI \$'000
Group	
At 1 January 2020	10
Gains in other comprehensive income	11
Proceeds from disposal	(21)
At 31 December 2020	<u>–</u>

There were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy during the financial year.

Financial instruments not measured at fair value

Type	Valuation Technique
Group	
Unquoted debt investment, borrowings and lease liabilities	Discounted cash flows: The valuation model considers the present value of expected payment, discounted using a risk-adjusted discount rate.
Co-operative	
Unquoted debt investment, loans to subsidiaries, borrowings, lease liabilities and loan from a subsidiary	Discounted cash flows: The valuation model considers the present value of expected payment, discounted using a risk-adjusted discount rate.

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33 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

Financial instruments not measured at fair value (cont'd)

The interest rate used to discount estimated cash flows is set out below:

	2021 %	2020 %
Group and Co-operative		
Borrowings	<u>0.91 – 3.47</u>	5.30
Co-operative		
Loans to subsidiaries	2.29 – 3.22	2.10 – 2.40
Loan from a subsidiary	<u>3.47</u>	–

Capital management

The Group's policy is to maintain a strong capital base so as to maintain creditor and market confidence and to sustain future development of the business.

Management periodically reviews the capital structure. Capital comprises total equity.

In accordance with By-laws 12.2, the net profit shall be distributed as follows, subject to approval in the Annual General Meeting:

- a) by payment of a dividend not exceeding the maximum rate allowed under the Act, on the amount of shares held by members, subject to the provisions of the Act and in accordance with By-law 12.3;
- b) by payment of patronage rebates to members in accordance with By-laws 12.4;
- c) by payment of honoraria to some or all of the members of the Board of Directors in consideration of their services which would not otherwise be remunerated, subject to the provisions of the Act and in accordance with By-law 9.22;
- d) by issue of bonus certificates or bonus shares; or
- e) by payment to any other funds established in accordance with and subject to the provision of the Act and/or in accordance with the By-laws.

There were no changes in the Group's approach to capital management during the year.

Neither the Co-operative nor any of its subsidiaries are subject to externally imposed capital requirements.

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34 RELATED PARTIES

The Co-operative is a subsidiary of NTUC Enterprise Co-operative Limited, incorporated in the Republic of Singapore, which is also the Co-operative's ultimate holding entity.

During the financial year, the Group and Co-operative entered into the following transactions with related parties:

	Group		Co-operative	
	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Donations to NTUC Fairprice Foundation Limited	21,134	20,000	21,134	4,650
Sales of goods to:				
– Ultimate holding entity	(3)	–	(2)	–
– Subsidiaries	–	–	(47,360)	(58,919)
– Related parties	(9,582)	(1,053)	(1,399)	(1,053)
Rental income from:				
– Ultimate holding entity	–	(197)	–	(197)
– Subsidiaries	–	–	(9,221)	(8,735)
– Related parties	(439)	(1,421)	(439)	(609)
Interest income from:				
– Ultimate holding entity	(10,202)	(10,258)	(10,202)	(10,258)
– Subsidiaries	–	–	(4,226)	(3,244)
– Related parties	(72)	–	–	–
Other income from:				
– Ultimate holding entity	(1,639)	–	–	–
– Subsidiaries	–	–	(817)	–
– Related parties	(6,327)	–	–	–
Interest expense from subsidiaries	–	–	5,079	3,782
Rental expenses to:				
– Subsidiaries	–	–	1,395	1,391
– Associates	64,821	48,647	52,849	40,590
– Related parties	832	5,119	–	4,938
Issuance and redemption of link points issued by a subsidiary (2020: related party)	–	(6,733)	(7,378)	(6,685)
Dividend expenses to:				
– Ultimate holding entity	8,688	7,898	8,688	7,898
– Related parties	4,021	6,210	4,021	5,810
Purchases from:				
– Ultimate holding entity	99	–	99	–
– Subsidiaries	–	–	172,456	166,173
– Associates	4,158	9,103	4,142	9,103
– Related parties	28,683	12,137	28,683	12,137

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34 RELATED PARTIES (CONT'D)

	Group		Co-operative	
	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Other operating expenses to:				
– Ultimate holding entity	477	4,408	–	4,402
– Subsidiaries	–	–	83,461	19,299
– Associates	550	5,765	–	–
– Related parties	1,279	2,188	1,000	–
Sponsorship to:				
– Ultimate holding entity	–	90	–	90
– Related parties	–	4,000	–	4,000
Dividend income from:				
– Subsidiary	–	–	(400)	(10,400)
– Associates	(17,955)	(22,768)	(17,955)	(22,768)

Please refer to notes 11 and 20 for additional information on related parties balances.

Management personnel compensation

The remuneration of directors and other members of key management during the financial year was as follows:

	Group		Co-operative	
	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Salaries, short-term employee benefits and post-employment benefits:				
– directors	553	494	553	494
– officers	8,501	6,440	8,501	5,743
	9,054	6,934	9,054	6,237

In addition, certain officers receive remuneration directly from the Co-operative's holding entity. In respect of their services rendered to the Group, the Co-operative's holding entity did not recharge such costs to the Group.

35 SUBSEQUENT EVENT

In January 2022, the Group acquired 51% interest in a portfolio of companies in the food manufacturing industry for \$15,529,000.

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