

ADvTECH LIMITED
(Registration number: 1990/001119/06)
GROUP AND COMPANY
AUDITED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31 December 2024

Directors' responsibility for financial reporting

The Companies Act, No. 71 of 2008 of South Africa, as amended ("the Companies Act"), requires that a company must keep and maintain adequate accounting records. The directors are responsible for the content and integrity of the annual financial statements of ADVTECH Limited and its subsidiaries and related financial information included in this report. It is their responsibility to ensure that the annual financial statements fairly present the state of affairs of the company and the group as at the end of the financial year and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS Accounting Standards"), the Companies Act and the JSE Listings Requirements. The external auditors are engaged to express an independent opinion on the annual financial statements.

In preparing the annual financial statements, the group used appropriate accounting policies, supported by reasonable and prudent judgement and estimates, and prepared the annual financial statements in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards. The directors are of the opinion that the annual financial statements fairly present the financial position of the company and the group as at 31 December 2024, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended. The directors have considered the company's and the group's past results, expected future performance and reasonable changes thereto, and access to its funding, material and other resources, and in light of this review and the company's and the group's current financial position, are satisfied that the company and the group have access to adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future as a going concern.

The directors are responsible for the systems of internal control. These are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance as to the reliability of the annual financial statements, to adequately safeguard, verify and maintain accountability of assets, and to prevent and detect material misstatement and loss.

Based on the results of a formal documented review of the group's system of internal control and risk management by the internal audit function during the year and the information and explanations given by management nothing has come to the attention of the directors which indicates that, in all material aspects, the group's system of internal control and risk management is not effective and that the internal financial controls do not form a sound basis for the preparation of reliable annual financial statements. The opinion of the directors is supported by the group's audit committee.

The consolidated and separate financial statements have been audited by the independent auditing firm, Ernst & Young Inc., who were given unrestricted access to all financial records and related data, including minutes of all meetings of the shareholders, the board of directors and committees of the board. The directors believe that all representations made to the independent auditors during the audit were valid and appropriate. Their unmodified report appears on pages 6 to 11.

The preparation of the group's consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 was supervised by JDR Oesch CA(SA), the group's Chief Financial Officer.

The annual financial statements of the company and the group set out on pages 20 to 90, which have been prepared on the going concern basis, were approved by the board of directors on 20 March 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

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Geoff Whyte
Chief Executive Officer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D Oesch', with a stylized, cursive script.

Didier Oesch
*Group Commercial Director and
Chief Financial Officer*

Certificate by Group Company Secretary

In accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, I certify that, in respect of the year ended 31 December 2024, ADvTECH Limited has lodged with the Commissioner of the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission all returns and notices prescribed by the Companies Act and that all such returns and notices are true, correct and up to date.

**CB Crouse***Group Company Secretary*

20 March 2025

Chief Executive Officer's and Chief Financial Officer's responsibility statement

The directors, whose names are stated below, after due, careful and proper consideration, hereby confirm that:

- a) the annual financial statements set out on pages 20 to 90, fairly present in all material respects the financial position, financial performance and cash flows of the issuer in terms of IFRS Accounting Standards;
- b) to the best of our knowledge and belief, no facts have been omitted or untrue statements made that would make the annual financial statements false or misleading;
- c) internal financial controls have been put in place to ensure that material information relating to the issuer and its consolidated subsidiaries have been provided to effectively prepare the financial statements of the issuer;
- d) the internal financial controls are adequate and effective and can be relied upon in compiling the annual financial statements, having fulfilled our role and function as executive directors with primary responsibility for implementation and execution of controls;
- e) where we are not satisfied, we have disclosed to the audit and risk committee and the auditors any deficiencies in design and operational effectiveness of the internal financial controls, and have remediated the deficiencies; and
- f) We are not aware of any fraud involving directors.



Geoff Whyte
Chief Executive Officer



Didier Oesch
*Group Commercial Director and
Chief Financial Officer*

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Shareholders of ADvTECH Limited

Report on the Audit of the Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated and separate financial statements of ADvTECH Limited and its subsidiaries ('the Group') and company set out on pages 20 to 90, which comprise of the consolidated and separate statements of financial position as at 31 December 2024, and the consolidated and separate statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the consolidated and separate statements of changes in equity and the consolidated and separate statements of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated and separate financial statements, including material accounting policy information.

In our opinion, the consolidated and separate financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated and separate financial position of the Group and company as at 31 December 2024, and its consolidated and separate financial performance and consolidated and separate cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and the requirements of the Companies Act of South Africa.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Group and company in accordance with the Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors' Code of Professional Conduct for Registered Auditors (IRBA Code) and other independence requirements applicable to performing audits of financial statements of the Group and company and in South Africa. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IRBA Code and in accordance with other ethical requirements applicable to performing audits of the Group and company and in South Africa. The IRBA Code is consistent with the corresponding sections of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards). We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

In terms of the IRBA Rule on Enhanced Auditor Reporting for the Audit of Financial Statements of Public Interest Entities, published in Government Gazette Number 49309 dated 15 September 2023 (EAR Rule) we report:

Final Materiality

The ISAs recognise that:

- misstatements, including omissions, are considered to be material if the misstatements, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements;
- judgements about materiality are made in light of surrounding circumstances, and are affected by the size or nature of a misstatement, or a combination of both; and
- judgements about matters that are material to users of the financial statements consider users as a group rather than as specific individual users, whose needs may vary greatly.

The amount we set as materiality represents a quantitative threshold used to evaluate the effect of misstatements to the financial statements as a whole based on our professional judgment. Qualitative factors are also considered in making final determinations regarding what is material to the financial statements.

	Group	Company
Overall materiality	The final materiality for the Group is approximately R70 million, which is based on 5% of Earnings before Interest and Tax ('EBIT') as determined during the interim phase of the audit, based on projected financial data. This final materiality of R70 million amounts to 3.9% of EBIT for the year ended 31 December 2024. While the ISA's permit adjustments to the materiality threshold, we have opted to maintain the initially determined materiality figure.	We determined final materiality for the standalone company to be R20,3 million which is based on 1% of Total Assets for the year ended 31 December 2024.
Rationale for benchmark applied	We have identified Earnings before Interest and Tax as the most appropriate basis as we typically believe that profit companies are evaluated by the users on their ability to generate earnings. Our review of information provided to users by the entity confirms our view.	We have identified Total Assets as the most appropriate basis as the company is a holding company investing in trading subsidiaries offering education, training and placement services and evaluated by users on its ability to create value through its investments. Our review of information provided to users by the entity confirms our view.

Group Audit Scope

Our assessment of audit risk, our evaluation of materiality and our allocation of performance materiality determine our audit scope for each component within the Group. Taken together, this enables us to form an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We take into account the size and risk profile of the components in the Group. In addition, we further consider the organisation of the Group and effectiveness of Group wide controls, changes in the business environment, and other factors such as our experience in prior years and recent internal audit results when assessing the level of work to be performed at each component of the Group. Our process focuses on identifying and assessing the risk of material misstatements of the Group financial statements as a whole including, with respect to the consolidation process.

In establishing our overall approach to the Group audit, we determined the type of work that needed to be undertaken at each of the components by us, as the primary audit engagement team, or by component auditors under our instruction.

In selecting components, we perform risk assessment activities across the Group and its components to identify risks of material misstatement. We then identify how the nature and size of the account balances at the components contribute to those risks and thus determine which account balances require an audit response. We then consider for each component the degree of risk identified (whether pervasive or not) and the number of accounts requiring audit responses to assign either a full or specific scope (including specified procedures) to each component. We involved component auditors in this risk assessment process.

In our assessment of the residual account balances not covered by the audit procedures, we considered whether these could give rise to a risk of material misstatement of the Group financial statements. This assessment included performing overall analytical procedures at Group level.

Of the 7 components selected, we identified

- 2 components (“full scope components”) which were selected based on the pervasiveness of those components to the Group and for which we therefore performed procedures on what we considered to be the entire financial information of the component.
- 5 components (“specific scope components”) where our procedures were more focused or limited to specific accounts which we considered had the potential for the greatest impact on the significant accounts in the financial statements given the specific risks identified.

At Group level we tested the consolidation process, centrally tested the share incentive scheme, goodwill, leases, and payroll accounts.

Key Audit Matters

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

We have fulfilled the responsibilities described in the *Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements* section of our report, including in relation to these matters. Accordingly, our audit included the performance of procedures designed to respond to our assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated and separate financial statements. The results of our audit procedures, including the procedures performed to address the matters below, provide the basis for our audit opinion on the accompanying consolidated and separate financial statements.

In terms of the EAR Rule, we are required to report the outcome of audit procedures or key observations with respect to the key audit matters and these are included below.

The key audit matter only applies to the audit of the consolidated financial statements.

Key Audit Matter	How the matter was addressed in the audit
Assessment of the expected credit loss (ECL) allowance	
<p>The Trade receivables balance as at 31 December 2024 is R 808,8 million (2023: R 813 million), an expected credit loss allowance of R 394,9 million (2023: R 405 million) has been recognised against this balance as disclosed in note 20 of the consolidated financial statements.</p> <p>The calculation of the expected credit loss allowance per brand is based on an ECL model, in line with IFRS 9, where the inputs are subjective due to the high degree of judgment and estimation applied by management which is based on projecting future cash from which the potential future write-offs are estimated.</p>	<p>We performed the following procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We held discussions with management to understand their ECL model and the specific inputs they have used. • Considered the appropriateness of the debtors’ impairment methodology applied by brand in the current year to the requirements of IFRS 9: Financial Instruments. • Assessed the reasonability of the level of provisioning at a brand level by comparing the prior year provision to the actual current year write-offs. • Compared projected cash inflows to historic actual cash inflows, including to cash inflows

<p>The projection of future cash inflows is highly subjective because it involves reviewing the ageing of the debtors per brand at year end, assessing whether the debtors are still in the educational institution or have left, reviewing payment history and subsequent receipts as well as reviewing historic write-offs in order to determine an appropriate loss allowance percentage to apply to the outstanding debt.</p> <p>Due to the high estimation uncertainty in determining the allowance, we considered the expected credit loss allowance to be a key audit matter.</p>	<p>subsequent to year end per brand to assess the reasonableness of management's projected cash inflows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessed the accuracy of the age analysis per brand by inspecting a sample of invoices issued and recalculating the ageing category. Assessed the reasonability of the assumptions made by management in determining the provision by performing a recalculation of the allowance based on historic actual cash inflows and write offs including reviewing student statements to confirm if they are still in the educational system. Assessed the appropriateness and completeness of the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements.
<p>Based on the procedures performed over our assessment of the expected credit loss (ECL) allowance we did not identify any significant matters requiring further consideration in concluding on our procedures.</p>	

Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the 90-page document titled "ADvTECH Limited Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024", which includes the Directors' Report, the Audit and Risk Committee's Report and the Certificate by Group Company Secretary as required by the Companies Act of South Africa, which we obtained prior to the date of this report, and the Annual Integrated Report, which is expected to be made available to us after that date.

The other information does not include the consolidated or the separate financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

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

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

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

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements

The directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated and separate financial statements in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and the requirements of the Companies Act of South Africa, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated and separate financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated and separate financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Group and company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group and company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements

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

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated and separate financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group and company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group and company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated and separate financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group and/or the company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated and separate financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated and separate financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Plan and perform the Group audit to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence, regarding the financial information of the entities or business units within the Group, as a basis for forming an opinion on the consolidated and separate financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and review

of the audit work performed for the purposes 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 control that we identify during our audit.


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

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

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

Audit Tenure

In terms of the IRBA Rule published in Government Gazette Number 39475 dated 4 December 2015, we report that Ernst & Young Inc. has been the auditor of ADvTECH Limited for four (4) years.

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Ernst & Young Inc.
Director: Charles Edgar Trollope
Registered Auditor
Chartered Accountant (SA)
20 March 2025

Audit and Risk Committee report

ADvTECH's Audit and Risk Committee (ARCom) is pleased to present this report, which was approved by the board and prepared in accordance with section 94(7) of the Companies Act, the Listings Requirements and King IV™ Code of Governance ("King Code").

ARCom is satisfied that it has performed both the statutory requirements for an Audit and Risk committee as set out in the King Code, the Companies Act, the Listings Requirements, as well as the functions set out in the charter, and that it has therefore complied with its legal, regulatory and other responsibilities.

MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS

ARCom currently consists of three members, all of whom are independent non-executive directors and, as a whole, have the necessary financial literacy skills and experience to effectively execute their duties.

The chairman of the board is not a member of this committee, in compliance with the provisions of King IV™, but attends by invitation.

The board recommends that the following three non-executive directors, who are current members of the committee, who are eligible and have made themselves available for re-election to be re-elected by the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 28 May 2025 to hold office until the following AGM:

- KDM Warburton (Chairman)
- JS Chimhanzi
- CB Thomson

ARCom meets four times per year as required by its charter. Meetings are attended by the internal and external auditors, the group chief executive officer (CEO) and chief financial officer (CFO), as well as other board members and invitees as considered appropriate by the committee's chairman.

ARCom's charter provides for confidential meetings between committee members and the internal and external auditors without executive management being present. The internal and external auditors have unrestricted access to the committee.

ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

ARCom's duties and responsibilities are a combination of statutory and oversight duties to ensure the effectiveness of the internal and external assurance providers, risk management process, information technology (ICT), compliance and finance functions.

It also assists the board in discharging its responsibilities to ensure that proper accounting records are maintained, oversees the financial reporting process and ensures compliance with accounting policies, group policies, legal requirements and internal controls.

EXTERNAL AUDIT

ARCom performed the following functions in relation to the external audit of the group:

- nominated and recommended to shareholders that Ernst & Young Inc. be appointed as independent external auditors for the company and its subsidiaries and the appointment of C Trollope as the independent designated auditor for the company for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 in compliance with the Companies Act and the Listings Requirements
- received confirmation from the external auditors that they are independent of the group and is satisfied that the external auditors are independent of the group
- determined the fees to be paid to the auditors and set out the auditors' terms of engagement

- determined the nature and extent of any non-audit services that the auditors may provide to the group, or that the auditor must not provide to the group
- pre-approved any proposed agreement with the auditors for the provision of non-audit services to the group

INTERNAL CONTROL

The board and leadership committees are ultimately responsible for overseeing the establishment of effective internal control systems to provide reasonable assurance that the group's financial and non-financial objectives are achieved.

Internal controls are implemented through the proper delegation of responsibility within a clearly defined approval framework, accounting procedures and adequate segregation of duties. The group's internal accounting controls and systems are designed to provide reasonable assurance as to the integrity of the group's financial statements and to safeguard, verify and maintain accountability for all its assets.

The internal audit department monitors the operation of the internal controls and systems and reports their findings and recommendations to management and the committee. Corrective action is taken by management to address control deficiencies and improve systems where opportunities are identified.

The internal control and risk management process is ongoing and was considered effective at the date of approval of the annual financial statements.

INTERNAL FINANCIAL CONTROL ATTESTATION

ADvTECH continues to maintain a strong risk management culture and has implemented adequate and effective internal financial controls to ensure the integrity and reliability of the financial statements. These internal financial controls safeguard, verify and maintain accountability of ADvTECH's assets, are based on established policies and procedures and are implemented by trained and skilled personnel whose duties are duly segregated. Adherence with the implemented internal controls is monitored continuously by the ARCom.

The group CEO and CFO have reviewed the controls over financial reporting and presented their findings to the ARCom.

During the current financial year management identified no significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting of the controls evaluated throughout the year which address significant and high-risk areas.

The group CEO and CFOs evaluation of controls included:

- The identification and classification of risks including the determination of materiality
- Testing the design and determining the implementation of controls addressing significant and high-risk areas
- Utilising internal audit to test the operating effectiveness of controls addressing high-risk areas
- Obtaining control declarations from divisional managers on the operating effectiveness of all controls on an annual basis

Continuous improvements in controls are an ongoing process and improvements and enhancements will be implemented throughout the coming year.

The ARCom noted the group CEO and CFO final attestation and concluded that ADvTECH's internal financial controls can be relied upon as a reasonable basis for the preparation of the annual financial statements.

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ARCom reviewed the accounting policies and annual financial statements (of which this report forms a part of) to ensure that the annual financial statements comply with IFRS Accounting Standards and are appropriate for recommendation to the board of directors for approval. ARCom is satisfied that the board has performed a solvency and liquidity assessment on the company in terms of section 46 of the Companies Act and has concluded that the company satisfies the test.

INTERNAL AUDIT

The group's internal audit department has a specific mandate from the committee to independently appraise the adequacy and effectiveness of the group's internal controls, governance and risk management processes. The department, headed by the group internal audit manager, reports functionally to the chair of the committee and on an administrative basis to the CFO with direct access to the group CEO.

The internal audit coverage plan, which is subject to approval by the committee and updated annually, covers all major risk areas as identified and assessed by internal audit and the group's risk management process. This ensures that the audit coverage is focused on and identifies areas of high risk.

Internal audit provides an annual written assessment of the system of internal financial controls to the board and the committee. Nothing has come to the attention of the committee to indicate that any material breach of these controls has occurred during the year under review.

ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING

The directors are responsible for ensuring that the group maintains adequate records and reports on the financial position of the group and the results of activities with accuracy and reliability. Financial reporting procedures are applied at all levels in the group to meet this responsibility. The external auditors are responsible for independently auditing and reporting on these financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act and IFRS Accounting Standards.

The external auditors, Ernst & Young Inc., were given unrestricted access to all financial records and related data, including minutes of all meetings of shareholders, the board of directors, executive leadership committees and committees of the board.

The external and internal auditors have unrestricted access to the committee to ensure that their independence is in no way impaired. At least once annually (but generally prior to every meeting), the committee chairman meets independently with representatives of the internal and external auditors. Time is also set aside at least once a year, but generally at the end of every meeting, for the committee to meet independently of executive management with representatives of the internal and external auditors.

FINANCE FUNCTION

The committee has considered and is satisfied with the continued appropriateness of the expertise and experience of CFO, JDR Oesch CA(SA), and the finance function.

REPORTING

The committee has discharged all its responsibilities and carried out all its functions as contained in its terms of reference and as required by the Companies Act. In particular, the committee:

- reviewed the interim and year-end financial statements (and press announcements) and recommended them for adoption by the board
- approved the internal audit charter and audit plans

- received and reviewed reports from internal auditors, which included commentary on the effectiveness of the internal control environment, systems and processes and, where appropriate, made recommendations to the board
- received and reviewed S22 letter as required in terms of S22 of the JSE listings requirements from Ernst & Young Inc. and were satisfied with appointing them for the year ended 31 December 2024
- reviewed and considered the key audit matters as identified by the external auditors and was satisfied with the treatment of those matters in the financial statements
- reviewed the independence of the external auditors, Ernst & Young Inc., and will recommend them for reappointment as auditors for the 2025 financial year at the AGM, with C Trollope as the designated auditor
- reviewed the external auditor's report
- determined the terms of engagement of the external auditors and the fees to be paid
- concluded that, with the rotation of the audit firm, mandated partner rotation and policies and procedures in force, the risk of familiarity between the external auditor and management is mitigated
- determined the nature and extent of non-audit services that may be provided by the external auditors and pre-approved the contract terms for the provision of non-audit services by the external auditors
- reviewed the effectiveness of the group's assurance processes with particular focus on combined assurance arrangements including the external assurance audit, internal audit and the finance function
- received and dealt appropriately with complaints, from within or outside the group, relating to the accounting practices and internal controls of the group, to the content or auditing of its financial statements, the internal financial controls or any related matter, potential violations of the law and questionable accounting or auditing matters
- recommended the payment of dividends to the board
- reviewed the ICT strategy and ICT architecture reports
- reviewed the ESG strategy reports

RISK FUNCTIONS

ARCom oversees the following risk functions:

- monitor and oversee the group's risk register, including the IT risk register and International risk register
- monitor and assess the material risks as well as ensure the risk mitigation strategies are timeously actioned
- oversee the development and annual review of policy and work plan for risk management for recommendation for approval by the board
- make recommendations to the board concerning the levels of tolerance and risk appetite, and monitoring of risks to ensure these are managed within the levels of tolerance and appetite as approved by the board
- monitor the regulatory environment as well as the macroeconomic environment
- evaluation of the effectiveness of the risk management process

On behalf of the Audit and Risk Committee



KDM Warburton

Chairman: Audit and Risk Committee

19 March 2025

Director's report for the year ended 31 December 2024

Your directors have pleasure in presenting their report on the activities of the group and company for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Nature of business

The ADvTECH group is one of the largest diversified education, training and placement groups in South Africa. ADvTECH Limited (registration number 1990/001119/06) is listed in the Consumer Services sector subsector Education Services of the JSE Limited (JSE) (JSE code: ADH and ISIN number: ZAE 0000 31035).

The schools' division offers quality pre-primary, primary and secondary education via face to face and online learning and the tertiary division offers quality education on diploma, degree and postgraduate levels via face to face, online and distance learning.

The resourcing division is a significant force in the placement industry, particularly in the niche areas of IT, finance and engineering.

Financial results

The results for the year ended 31 December 2024 are set out herein.

Stated capital

The number of shares in issue during the year under review:

Number of shares in issue at 31 December 2023: 554 750 973

Number of shares in issue at 31 December 2024: 554 456 252

294 721 shares have been bought back during the year in terms of the general authority to acquire the company's own shares AGM shareholders resolution passed on 5 June 2024. All shares are fully paid up and none are encumbered.

1 044 637 shares have been purchased during the year in terms of the general authority to acquire the company's own shares AGM shareholders resolution passed on 5 June 2024, which shares were used to settle share awards under the Management Share Incentive Scheme.

Declaration of final dividend no. 29

In its deliberations concerning the declaration of the final dividend for 2024, the board decided to maintain the dividend cover of 2.0 times. This was informed by the group's strong cash generation and balancing the need to retain funds for its investment programme and return excess cash to shareholders. Management of the group's capital structure and optimising the return on equity was also considered.

Therefore, the board is pleased to announce a final gross dividend declaration of 63.0 cents (2023: 57.0 cents) per ordinary share in respect of the year ended 31 December 2024.

This brings the full year dividend to 101.0 cents (2023: 87.0 cents) per share. This is a dividend as defined in the Income Tax Act, 1962 and is payable from income reserves. The South African dividend taxation (DT) rate is 20%. The net amount per share payable to shareholders, who are not exempt from DT, is 50.4 cents per share, while net amount per share is 63.0 cents for those shareholders who are exempt from DT.

Compliance with the King code

ADvTECH Limited is listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange.

The King IV Report on Corporate Governance™ for South Africa, 2016 (“the King code”) is the primary corporate governance code in South Africa and is applicable to all types of entities.

The King code consists of a set of voluntary principles and leading practices with an ‘apply and explain’ disclosure regime.

The Listings Requirements of the JSE requires listed companies to apply King IV paragraph 8.63(a)(i) which stipulates that issuers are required to disclose the implementation of the King code through the application of the King code disclosure and application regime.

The document that outlines how we have applied the principles and recommendations of the King code in this report, can be found on the website at www.advtech.co.za.

Special resolutions adopted by the company

The company passed the following special resolutions at the AGM of shareholders held on 5 June 2024:

- non-executive directors’ fees for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025
- authority to make loans or give financial assistance to subsidiaries and related or inter-related companies
- general authority to acquire the company’s own shares

Special resolutions adopted by subsidiary companies

Special resolutions in terms of section 45 of the Companies Act, No. 71 of 2008, were passed by certain subsidiaries of the company with general authority to provide financial assistance to related and inter-related companies. No other special resolutions were passed by subsidiaries.

Directorate

The following changes to the board occurred:

- RJ Douglas retired as Group CEO and stepped down from the board, effective 29 February 2024
- GD Whyte was appointed as Group CEO following the retirement of RJ Douglas and was appointed to the board, effective 1 March 2024
- CH Boulle retired from the board following the conclusion of the 2024 AGM on 5 June 2024 and A Watson took up the role as board chairman, following CH Boulle’s retirement
- MM Nkosi resigned from the board on 28 February 2025
- DL Smith, who was previously an alternate director to MM Nkosi, was appointed to the board on 28 February 2025
- JDR Oesch, the Group commercial director, retires from the board at the end of April 2025
- JW Boonzaaier was appointed as the Group CFO designate and to the board, effective 1 February 2025

In accordance with the provisions of the company's Memorandum of Incorporation (Mol), one third of all non-executive directors will retire by rotation at the forthcoming AGM. JS Chimhanzi, SW van Graan and A Watson being eligible, have offered themselves for re-election.

Directors who have served the longest since their last re-election are selected for rotation at the end of each year. To ensure independence on ADvTECH's board, it has adopted the policy that all non-executive directors, who have served on the board for a period of nine years from the date of their appointment or longer and/or have reached the age of 70 years or older, will need to be invited by the board on an annual basis to continue to serve as a director. If invited, they are required to retire by rotation and stand for re-election by shareholders annually at the next AGM. Should a director not be invited by the board, such director will retire at the next AGM. In compliance with the policy, KDM Warburton will retire by rotation and stand for re-election at the AGM due to his tenure of serving on the board.

Interests of directors and prescribed officers

As at 31 December 2024, the directors' and prescribed officers' beneficial and non-beneficial, direct and indirect interests in the issued share capital of the company were 12% (2023: 12%) in aggregate.

The interests of directors and prescribed officers are as follows:

	Beneficial				Non-beneficial			
	Direct		Indirect		Direct		Indirect	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Directors								
CH Boulle	-	3 549	-	-	-	-	-	-
JS Chimhanzi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RJ Douglas	-	1 648 623	-	-	-	-	-	-
SS Lazar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MM Nkosi	-	-	-	-	-	-	53 368 188	52 982 461
JDR Oesch	2 670 000	2 602 880	-	-	-	-	56 312	56 312
DL Smith (alternate director to M Nkosi)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CB Thomson	-	-	19 340	19 340	-	-	-	-
SW van Graan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A Watson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KDM Warburton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GD Whyte	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prescribed officers								
MD Aitken	472 365	370 372	-	-	-	-	-	-
DL Honey	7 036 373	7 144 508	-	-	-	-	672 159	702 159
L Wiseman	484 447	437 053	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	10 663 185	12 206 985	19 340	19 340	-	-	54 096 659	53 740 932

At the date of this financial report, none of the current directors or prescribed officers have acquired or disposed of any of the shares held by them as at 31 December 2024.

Events after the reporting period

The group entered into a new revolving credit facility of R2 000 million effective from 18 March 2025, which replaced the old secured term loan and revolving credit facility. The secured term loan was settled on 19 March 2025 while the revolving credit facility was settled when it became due after year-end. Please refer to note 25 and 26 of the annual financial statements for further information.

The directors are not aware of any other matter or circumstance between the date of the statement of financial position and the date on which these financial statements were authorised for issue that materially affects the results of the group and company for the year ended 31 December 2024 or the financial position at that date.

Auditors

Ernst & Young Inc., under the management of the lead independent external auditor C Trollope, have been appointed as auditors of the company and its subsidiaries during the year under review.

The Audit and Risk committee has nominated Ernst & Young Inc. for re-appointment as auditors of the group and, at the AGM, shareholders will be requested to re-appoint them as the independent external auditors of the company and its subsidiaries for the 2025 financial year, and to confirm C Trollope as the lead independent external auditor.

Company Secretary

The company secretary is CB Crouse and her address, as well as the address of the registered office of the company, is:

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Postal address:	PO Box 2369, Randburg, 2125
Email address:	groupsec@advtech.co.za

Consolidated statement of profit or loss
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Audited 2024 R'm	Audited 2023 R'm
Revenue from contracts with customers	4	8 520.6	7 859.9
Placement costs		(1 253.2)	(1 369.2)
Staff costs	5	(3 256.3)	(2 898.6)
Rent and occupancy costs		(387.7)	(360.0)
Net credit losses	20	(195.3)	(169.8)
Share of profit from joint venture	18	0.4	2.2
Other operating expenses	5	(1 202.7)	(1 103.0)
Earnings before Interest, Taxation, Depreciation and Amortisation (EBITDA)		2 225.8	1 961.5
Depreciation and amortisation	5	(435.1)	(384.4)
Operating profit before interest and non-trading items		1 790.7	1 577.1
Non-trading items		(5.2)	1.2
Net (loss)/profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment		(4.4)	1.2
Profit from early termination of leases		1.6	-
Corporate action costs		(2.4)	-
Operating profit before interest	5	1 785.5	1 578.3
Net finance costs		(204.3)	(189.7)
Interest earned	6.1	32.8	17.1
Finance costs incurred	6.2	(85.9)	(91.7)
Finance costs on lease liabilities	6.3	(151.2)	(115.1)
Profit before taxation		1 581.2	1 388.6
Taxation	7	(429.6)	(390.4)
Profit for the year		1 151.6	998.2
Profit for the year attributable to:			
Owners of the parent		1 104.7	951.0
Non-controlling interests		46.9	47.2
		1 151.6	998.2
Earnings per share			
Basic (cents)	8	201.7	174.4
Diluted (cents)	8	200.0	173.1

Consolidated statement of other comprehensive income
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Audited 2024 R'm	Audited 2023 R'm
Profit for the year	1 151.6	998.2
Other comprehensive income, net of income taxation		
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss		
Exchange gain/(loss) on translating foreign operations	108.1	(57.1)
Total comprehensive income for the year	1 259.7	941.1
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to:		
Owners of the parent	1 211.3	891.5
Non-controlling interests	48.4	49.6
	1 259.7	941.1

Consolidated statement of financial position
as at 31 December 2024

	Notes	Audited 2024 R'm	Audited 2023 R'm
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	12	6 684.8	5 911.8
Proprietary technology systems	13	173.4	115.1
Right-of-use assets	14	1 038.1	891.7
Goodwill	15	1 488.4	1 434.7
Other intangible assets	16	138.1	135.4
Deferred taxation assets	17	39.3	39.5
Investment in joint venture	18	11.8	11.4
		9 573.9	8 539.6
Current assets			
Inventories	19	12.6	10.3
Trade and other receivables	20	506.2	469.5
Taxation	33.3	37.1	14.6
Prepayments		97.1	54.6
Cash and cash equivalents	21	509.4	381.4
		1 162.4	930.4
Non-current assets held for sale	22	40.3	-
Total assets		10 776.6	9 470.0
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Capital and reserves			
Stated capital	23	1 595.8	1 603.8
Shares held by the group (treasury shares)		(57.0)	(58.9)
Net stated capital		1 538.8	1 544.9
Share incentive reserve	24	28.1	69.4
Foreign currency translation reserve		88.2	(19.9)
Retained earnings		4 489.8	3 855.3
Equity attributable to owners of the parent		6 144.9	5 449.7
Non-controlling interests		34.2	48.6
Total equity		6 179.1	5 498.3
Non-current liabilities			
Long-term bank loans	25	9.9	600.0
Deferred taxation liabilities	17	186.1	128.1
Lease liabilities	30	1 134.4	934.3
Acquisition liabilities	28	52.9	51.8
		1 383.3	1 714.2
Current liabilities			
Current portion of long-term bank loans	25	600.7	0.3
Short-term bank loans	26	1 185.9	955.0
Current portion of lease liabilities	30	222.8	196.0
Trade and other payables	27	644.8	623.4
Current portion of acquisition liabilities	28	9.6	9.2
Fees received in advance and deposits	29	533.1	470.6
Shareholders for capital distribution		0.8	0.8
Shareholders for dividend		16.5	2.2
		3 214.2	2 257.5
Total equity and liabilities		10 776.6	9 470.0

Consolidated statement of changes in equity
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Stated capital R'm	Share incentive reserve R'm	Foreign currency translation reserve R'm	Shares held by the group (treasury shares) R'm	Retained earnings R'm	Equity attributable to owners of the parent R'm	Non-controlling interests R'm	Total equity R'm
Balance at 1 January 2023		1 601.5	70.5	37.2	(79.2)	3 275.6	4 905.6	45.6	4 951.2
Total comprehensive income for the year				(57.1)		951.0	893.9	47.2	941.1
Profit for the year						951.0	951.0	47.2	998.2
Other comprehensive loss for the year				(57.1)			(57.1)		(57.1)
Dividends declared to shareholders	11					(371.3)	(371.3)	(44.2)	(415.5)
Share award expense under the management share incentive scheme	5 & 24		39.5				39.5		39.5
Share-based payments in subsidiaries			0.4				0.4		0.4
Taxation effect of shares awarded under the management share incentive scheme					(2.2)		(2.2)		(2.2)
Vesting of shares under the management share incentive scheme			(41.0)		41.0		-		-
Shares issued for the management share incentive scheme		18.5			(18.5)		-		-
Share issue costs		(0.1)					(0.1)		(0.1)
Shares repurchased		(16.1)				-	(16.1)		(16.1)
Balance at 31 December 2023		1 603.8	69.4	(19.9)	(58.9)	3 855.3	5 449.7	48.6	5 498.3
Total comprehensive income for the year				108.1		1 104.7	1 212.8	46.9	1 259.7
Profit for the year						1 104.7	1 104.7	46.9	1 151.6
Other comprehensive loss for the year				108.1			108.1		108.1
Dividends declared to shareholders	11					(526.7)	(526.7)	(61.3)	(588.0)
Share award expense under the management share incentive scheme	5 & 24		46.3				46.3		46.3
Vesting of share-based payments in subsidiaries			(1.2)				(1.2)		(1.2)
Vesting of shares under the management share incentive scheme			(29.9)		29.9		-		-
Transfer of share incentive reserve to retained earnings	24		(56.5)			56.5	-		-
Shares repurchased for the management share incentive scheme	24				(28.0)		(28.0)		(28.0)
Shares repurchased	23	(8.0)					(8.0)		(8.0)
Balance at 31 December 2024		1 595.8	28.1	88.2	(57.0)	4 489.8	6 144.9	34.2	6 179.1

Consolidated statement of cash flows
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Audited 2024 R'm	Audited 2023 R'm
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	33.1	2 265.6	1 997.5
Movement in working capital	33.2	(15.3)	(56.7)
Cash generated by operating activities		2 250.3	1 940.8
Net finance costs		(200.6)	(189.2)
- interest received	6.1	32.8	17.1
- finance costs paid		(75.6)	(86.9)
- finance costs on lease liabilities	6.3	(151.2)	(115.1)
- borrowing costs capitalised to assets		(6.6)	(4.3)
Taxation paid	33.3	(423.9)	(374.5)
Dividends paid	33.4	(589.7)	(414.9)
Net cash inflow from operating activities		1 036.1	962.2
Cash flows from investing activities			
Additions to property, plant and equipment			
- to maintain operations	33.5	(313.0)	(234.3)
- to expand operations	33.6	(591.2)	(412.5)
Additions to proprietary technology systems	13	(78.0)	(22.2)
Net cash consideration for business combination	35	(75.8)	-
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment		30.0	24.9
Net cash outflow from investing activities		(1 028.0)	(644.1)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Shares repurchased		(36.0)	(16.1)
Settlement of short-term bank loans	26	(950.0)	(1 140.0)
Drawdowns of short-term bank loans	26	1 175.0	950.0
Repayment of principal portion of lease liabilities		(81.6)	(77.7)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities		107.4	(283.8)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		115.5	34.3
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		381.4	355.1
Net foreign exchange difference on cash and cash equivalents		12.5	(8.0)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	21	509.4	381.4

**Consolidated segmental report
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

	Percentage increase/ (decrease)	Audited 2024 R'm	Audited 2023 R'm
Revenue from contracts with customers	8%	8 520.6	7 859.9
Education*	13%	6 969.3	6 178.9
Schools	12%	3 568.6	3 190.6
- South Africa	11%	3 120.1	2 809.7
- Rest of Africa	18%	448.5	380.9
Tertiary	14%	3 400.7	2 988.3
Resourcing	(8%)	1 551.3	1 681.0
- South Africa	(14%)	196.2	228.9
- Rest of Africa	(7%)	1 355.1	1 452.1
Staff costs	12%	3 256.3	2 898.6
Education*	13%	3 054.1	2 697.4
Schools	12%	1 681.0	1 498.1
- South Africa	12%	1 499.9	1 342.4
- Rest of Africa	16%	181.1	155.7
Tertiary	14%	1 373.1	1 199.3
Resourcing	0%	202.2	201.2
- South Africa	(2%)	142.1	144.5
- Rest of Africa	6%	60.1	56.7
Rent and occupancy costs	8%	387.7	360.0
Education*	7%	380.5	354.0
Schools	7%	226.2	210.6
- South Africa	7%	209.1	195.7
- Rest of Africa	15%	17.1	14.9
Tertiary	8%	154.3	143.4
Resourcing	20%	7.2	6.0
- South Africa	22%	5.6	4.6
- Rest of Africa	14%	1.6	1.4
Net credit losses	15%	195.3	169.8
Education*	15%	193.7	168.9
Schools	52%	41.0	27.0
- South Africa	44%	35.1	24.4
- Rest of Africa	127%	5.9	2.6
Tertiary	8%	152.7	141.9
Resourcing	78%	1.6	0.9
- South Africa	(25%)	0.6	0.8
- Rest of Africa	900%	1.0	0.1
Earnings before Interest, Taxation, Depreciation and Amortisation (EBITDA)	13%	2 225.8	1 961.5
Education*	15%	2 112.6	1 841.9
Schools	15%	1 019.2	883.3
- South Africa	13%	846.3	752.1
- Rest of Africa	32%	172.9	131.2
Tertiary	14%	1 093.4	958.6
Resourcing	(5%)	113.2	119.6
- South Africa	(88%)	1.6	12.8
- Rest of Africa	4%	111.6	106.8
Depreciation and amortisation	13%	435.1	384.4
Education*	14%	423.7	370.9
Schools	17%	233.7	199.7
- South Africa	13%	206.3	182.6
- Rest of Africa	60%	27.4	17.1
Tertiary	11%	190.0	171.2
Resourcing	(16%)	11.4	13.5
- South Africa	(17%)	9.7	11.7
- Rest of Africa	(6%)	1.7	1.8

Consolidated segmental report (continued)
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Percentage increase/ (decrease)	Audited 2024 R'm	Audited 2023 R'm
Operating profit before interest and non-trading items	14%	1 790.7	1 577.1
Education*	15%	1 688.9	1 471.0
Schools	15%	785.5	683.6
- South Africa	12%	640.0	569.5
- Rest of Africa	28%	145.5	114.1
Tertiary	15%	903.4	787.4
Resourcing	(4%)	101.8	106.1
- South Africa		(8.1)	1.1
- Rest of Africa	5%	109.9	105.0
Property, plant and equipment, proprietary technology systems, right-of-use assets and non-current assets	15%	7 936.6	6 918.6
Education*	15%	7 902.7	6 894.4
Schools	12%	5 216.9	4 660.9
- South Africa	8%	4 531.7	4 176.8
- Rest of Africa	42%	685.2	484.1
Tertiary	20%	2 685.8	2 233.5
Resourcing	40%	33.9	24.2
- South Africa	48%	32.3	21.8
- Rest of Africa	(33%)	1.6	2.4
Current assets	25%	1 162.4	930.4
Education*	33%	936.6	705.9
Schools	52%	498.5	327.1
- South Africa	33%	246.0	184.5
- Rest of Africa	77%	252.5	142.6
Tertiary	16%	438.1	378.8
Resourcing	1%	225.8	224.5
- South Africa	26%	63.7	50.4
- Rest of Africa	(7%)	162.1	174.1
Total liabilities	16%	4 597.5	3 971.7
Education*	16%	4 491.8	3 870.5
Schools	17%	3 164.3	2 711.6
- South Africa	14%	2 725.9	2 399.2
- Rest of Africa	40%	438.4	312.4
Tertiary	15%	1 327.5	1 158.9
Resourcing	4%	105.7	101.2
- South Africa	(12%)	35.9	40.8
- Rest of Africa	16%	69.8	60.4
Capital expenditure	47%	988.8	673.3
Education*	46%	978.7	668.2
Schools	9%	456.1	418.9
- South Africa	5%	351.6	335.5
- Rest of Africa	25%	104.5	83.4
Tertiary	110%	522.6	249.3
Resourcing	98%	10.1	5.1
- South Africa	105%	8.6	4.2
- Rest of Africa	67%	1.5	0.9

* An additional sub-total for the education division (a combination of the schools and tertiary divisions) has been presented as it will provide useful information for users. The prior year has also been re-presented on this basis.

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

1. General information

ADvTECH Limited is a limited company incorporated in South Africa.

The principal business activities are the provision of education, training and staff placement in South Africa and other African countries.

2. Adoption of revised standards

During the current year, the group adopted the following amendments to standards which are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024:

- IAS 1: *Presentation of Financial Statements*: Classification of liabilities as current or non-current: narrow-scope amendments to IAS 1 to clarify how to classify debt and other liabilities as current or non-current; and
- IAS 1: *Presentation of Financial Statements*: Non-current liabilities with covenants: The amendment clarifies that only covenants with which an entity is required to comply on or before the reporting date affect the classification of a liability as current or non-current, with additional guidance to explain how an entity should disclose information in the notes to understand the risk that non-current liabilities with covenants could become repayable within twelve months.

These amendments to standards, which became effective in the year ended 31 December 2024, were assessed for applicability to the group and management concluded that they have had no material impact.

3. Material accounting policies

The accounting policies below apply to the consolidated and separate financial statements (hereafter referred to as the financial statements).

3.1 Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the JSE Listings Requirements and with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS accounting standards) including interpretations of such standards issued by the IFRS Interpretations Committee, the SAICA Financial Reporting Guides as issued by the Accounting Practices Committee and Financial Reporting Pronouncements as issued by the Financial Reporting Standards Council as well as the requirements of the Companies Act of South Africa.

3.2 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, except for assets and liabilities indicated as measured subsequently at fair value.

The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below. Except as noted in note 2, these were consistently applied in the previous year.

Notes to the consolidated financial statements (continued)

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3.3 Segmental reporting

The group's operating segments are determined by reference to the level of operating results regularly reviewed by the chief operating decision maker to make decisions about resources to be allocated and for which discrete financial information is available. Operating segments which exhibit similar long-term financial performance and have similar economic characteristics are amalgamated.

The revenue earned by the schools and tertiary segments are derived from educational services and that of the resourcing segment from placement fees. The major sources of revenue are earned within South Africa. Revenue earned outside South Africa has been attributed to the Rest of Africa segments for both schools and resourcing.

Interest received, finance costs and taxation are assessed by the chief operating decision maker at a total group level and not considered separately at a segmental level.

Intra-group transactions are conducted at an arms-length basis.

3.4 Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the company and entities (including special purpose entities) controlled by the company (its subsidiaries). Control is achieved when the company:

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

Where an acquisition is achieved through a purchase of shares in a company, control is usually achieved when the shares are transferred into the name of the company. Where an acquisition is achieved through the purchase of assets, control is achieved either when all conditions precedent have been met or when the transfer of the land and buildings has been achieved.

Income and expenses of subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and statement of other comprehensive income from the effective date of acquisition and up to the effective date of disposal, as appropriate.

The consolidated financial statements combine like items of assets, liabilities, equity, income, expenses and cash flows of the parent with those of its subsidiaries. The parent's investment in each subsidiary and the parent's portion of equity of each subsidiary is eliminated against each other. The full intragroup assets and liabilities, equity, income, expenses and cash flows relating to transactions between entities of the group are eliminated in full. Profits or losses resulting from intragroup transactions that are recognised in assets, such as inventory and fixed assets, are also eliminated in full.

Profit or loss and each component of the other comprehensive income are attributed to the owners of the company and to the non-controlling interests.

Notes to the consolidated financial statements (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2024

3.4 Basis of consolidation (continued)

When necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring their accounting policies in line with those used by other members of the group.

All intra-group transactions, balances, income and expenses are eliminated in full on consolidation.

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

3.5 Business combinations

Acquisitions of businesses are accounted for using the acquisition method. The consideration transferred in a business combination is measured at fair value, which is calculated as the sum of the acquisition-date fair values of the assets transferred to the group, liabilities incurred by the group to the former owners of the acquiree and the equity interests issued by the group in exchange for control of the acquiree. Acquisition-related costs are recognised in profit or loss as incurred.

At the acquisition date, the identifiable assets acquired and the liabilities assumed are recognised at their fair value at the acquisition date, except for deferred taxation assets or liabilities that are recognised and measured in accordance with IAS 12 *Income Taxes*.

Goodwill is measured as the excess of the sum of the consideration transferred, the amount of any non-controlling interests in the acquiree, and the fair value of the acquirer's previously held equity interest in the acquiree (if any) over the net of the acquisition-date amounts of the identifiable assets acquired and the liabilities assumed. If, after reassessment, the net of the acquisition-date amounts of the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed exceeds the sum of the consideration transferred, the amount of any non-controlling interests in the acquiree and the fair value of the acquirer's previously held interest in the acquiree (if any), the excess is recognised immediately in profit or loss as a bargain purchase gain.

Measurement period adjustments are adjustments that arise from additional information obtained during the "measurement period" (which cannot exceed one year from the acquisition date) about facts and circumstances that existed at the acquisition date.

If the initial accounting for a business combination is incomplete by the end of the reporting period in which the combination occurs, the group reports provisional amounts for the items for which the accounting is incomplete. Those provisional amounts are adjusted retrospectively during the measurement period (see above), or additional assets or liabilities are recognised, to reflect new information obtained about facts and circumstances that existed at the acquisition date that, if known, would have affected the amounts recognised at that date.

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3.6 Goodwill

Goodwill arising on the acquisition of a subsidiary or a joint venture represents the excess of the cost of acquisition over the group's interest in the net fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities of the subsidiary or joint venture recognised at the date of acquisition.

Goodwill is initially recognised as an asset at cost and is subsequently measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill is allocated to each of the group's cash-generating units expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination. Cash-generating units to which goodwill has been allocated are tested for impairment annually, or more frequently when there is an indication that the unit may be impaired. If the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit is less than the carrying amount of the unit, the impairment loss is allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the unit and then to the other assets of the unit prorata on the basis of the carrying amount of each asset in the unit. An impairment loss recognised for goodwill is not reversed in a subsequent period. Goodwill is assessed at each statement of financial position date for impairment.

3.7 Revenue recognition

The group recognises revenue from the following major sources:

- Revenue from tuition fees;
- Revenue from placement fees; and
- Dividend income (as recognised in the company financial statements).

Revenue is measured based on the transaction price specified in a contract with a customer. The group recognises revenue when it transfers control of a product or service to a customer.

3.7.1 Revenue from tuition fees

The group provides education services to students at schools as well as tertiary institutions. Such services include tuition, aftercare and boarding. At times, a student qualifies for a bursary or discount. The consideration (the gross amount less any bursaries and discounts awarded) for these services are recognised on a straight-line basis over the period that the service is to be rendered. Payment for these services are received either upfront, quarterly or monthly. The upfront payments give rise to fees received in advance (contract liability) which is realised over the period in which the services are delivered.

The non-refundable enrolment fees are received to perform an administrative task. The promised service is the delivery of education. Therefore, the enrolment fees have been deferred to the period over which the education services are performed and are included with fees received in advance.

For the sale of books and educational material, revenue is recognised when control of the goods has transferred which happens when the goods are handed to the customer. Payment of the transaction price is due immediately when the student purchases the goods.

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3.7 Revenue recognition (continued)

3.7.2 Revenue from placement fees

The group provides recruitment services to a range of businesses. Revenue from placement fees is recognised as and when the services are rendered and candidates are successfully placed.

In certain transactions, where the group acts as an agent, revenue is recorded net of related costs.

Some placement contracts have an attributable cost (being the contractor fees paid to contractors employed by the group but placed at clients) that is directly incurred in the performance of the contract. These costs are recognised as placement costs.

3.7.3 Dividend income

Dividend income from investments are recognised when the shareholders' rights to receive payment have been established.

3.8 Leases

The group assesses whether a contract is or contains a lease, at inception of the contract. The group recognises a right-of-use asset and a corresponding lease liability with respect to all lease arrangements in which it is the lessee, except for short-term leases (defined as leases with a lease term of 12 months or less) and leases of low value assets. For these leases, the group recognises the lease payments as an operating expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease unless another systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which economic benefits from the leased assets are consumed.

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

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

- Fixed lease payments; and
- Variable lease payments that depend on an index or rate, initially measured using the index or rate at the commencement date.

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

The lease liability is subsequently measured by increasing the carrying amount to reflect interest on the lease liability (using the effective interest method) and by reducing the carrying amount to reflect the lease payments made.

The group remeasures the lease liability (and makes a corresponding adjustment to the related right-of-use asset) whenever:

- The lease term has changed as a result of an extension, termination or purchase option in the lease;
- The lease payments change due to changes in an index or rate, in which cases the lease liability is remeasured by discounting the revised lease payments using an

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3.8 Leases (continued)

unchanged discount rate (unless the lease payments change is due to a change in a floating interest rate, in which case a revised discount rate is used); or

- A lease contract is modified and the lease modification is not accounted for as a separate lease, in which case the lease liability is remeasured based on the lease term of the modified lease by discounting the revised lease payments using a revised discount rate at the effective date of the modification.

Right-of-use assets comprise the initial measurement of the corresponding lease liability, lease payments made at or before the commencement day, less any lease incentives received and any initial direct costs. They are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated over the shorter period of lease term and useful life of the underlying asset. If a lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset or the cost of the right-of-use asset reflects that the group expects to exercise a purchase option, the related right-of-use asset is depreciated over the useful life of the underlying asset. Depreciation is recorded from the commencement date of the lease.

Right-of-use assets are presented as a separate line in the consolidated statement of financial position.

Variable rents that do not depend on an index or rate are not included in the measurement of the lease liability and the right-of-use asset. The related payments are recognised as an expense in the period in which the event or condition that triggers those payments occurs.

3.9 Foreign currencies

The individual financial statements of each group entity are presented in the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (its functional currency). For the purpose of the consolidated financial statements, the results and financial position of each entity are expressed in currency units, which is the functional currency of the company, and the presentation currency for the consolidated financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements of the group and individual entities, transactions in currencies other than the entity's functional currency (foreign currencies) are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing on the dates of the transactions. At each statement of financial position date, monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the statement of financial position date.

Exchange differences arising on the settlement of monetary items, and on the retranslation of monetary items, are recognised in profit or loss for the period.

For the purposes of presenting these consolidated financial statements, the assets and liabilities of the group's foreign operations are translated into currency units using exchange rates prevailing at the end of each reporting period. Income and expense items are translated at the average exchange rates for the period, unless exchange rates fluctuate significantly during that period, in which case the exchange rates at the dates of the transactions are used. Exchange differences arising, if any, are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity (and attributed to non-controlling interests as appropriate).

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3.9 Foreign currencies (continued)

Goodwill and fair value adjustments to identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed through acquisition of a foreign operation are treated as assets and liabilities of the foreign operation and translated at the rate of exchange prevailing at the end of each reporting period. Exchange differences arising are recognised in other comprehensive income.

3.10 Interest income and borrowing costs

Interest income is accrued on a time basis, by reference to the principal amount outstanding at the effective interest rate applicable, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to that asset's net carrying amount.

Borrowing costs that are not capitalised to property, plant and equipment or proprietary technology systems are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they are incurred.

3.11 Share-based payments

The group issues equity-settled share-based payments to certain employees under the Management Share Incentive (MSI) scheme. These equity-settled share-based payments are measured at fair value (excluding the effect of non-market-based vesting conditions) at grant date. The fair value determined at the grant date of the equity-settled share-based payments is expensed over the vesting period with a corresponding movement in the share reserve, based on the group's estimate of the shares that will eventually vest. The number of shares that will eventually vest fluctuates based on performance against pre-defined performance targets, which does not include market related vesting conditions.

3.12 Taxation

Income taxation expense represents the sum of the taxation currently payable and deferred taxation.

Current taxation

The taxation currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from profit as reported in the statement of profit or loss because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The group's liability for current taxation is calculated using taxation rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the statement of financial position date.

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is recognised on differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding taxation base used in the computation of taxable profit. Deferred taxation liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences and deferred taxation assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary differences arise from goodwill or from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit.

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3.12 Taxation (continued)

Deferred taxation (continued)

The carrying amount of deferred taxation assets is reviewed at each statement of financial position date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

Deferred taxation assets and liabilities are measured at the taxation rates that are expected to apply in the period in which the liability is settled or the asset realised, based on taxation rates (and taxation laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the statement of financial position date. Deferred taxation is charged or credited to profit or loss, except when it relates to items charged or credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred taxation is also dealt with in equity.

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

3.13 Earnings per share

Basic earnings per share

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing net profit attributable to owners of the company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year, net of shares repurchased and the group's interest in its own ordinary shares.

Diluted earnings per share

For diluted earnings per share, the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue, net of shares repurchased, is adjusted for the dilutive effect of potential ordinary shares. Potential ordinary shares are treated as dilutive when their conversion to ordinary shares would decrease basic earnings per share.

Headline earnings per share, normalised earnings per share and non-trading items

The presentation of headline earnings per share is mandated under the JSE Listings Requirements and is calculated in accordance with Circular 1/2023 – Headline Earnings, as issued by the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Normalised earnings is a non-IFRS measure which is included to provide an additional basis on which to measure the group's normalised earnings performance. It excludes the impact of certain operational income and expense items that are not from the day-to-day operations of the business. In the current year, it includes corporate action costs and profit on early termination of leases. In the prior year, no adjustments were made.

Management considers the adjustments made for headline and normalised earnings as important items for shareholders to be aware of when comparing operating profit between years. The adjustments made for headline and normalised earnings (before any taxation

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3.13 Earnings per share (continued)

Headline earnings per share, normalised earnings per share and non-trading items (continued)

adjustments made in these measures) combined are identified as non-trading items. These before taxation items form part of operating profit. However, for comparative purposes management also presents operating profit before these non-trading items so that shareholders are able to get a better understanding of the operating profit that is considered to be recurring in nature.

Free operating cash flow before capex

Free operating cash flow before capex is calculated by subtracting non-cash items, repayment of lease liabilities net of taxation, and movement in working capital from profit for the year. This is a non-IFRS measure.

Free operating cash flow before capex per share

Free operating cash flow before capex per share is calculated by dividing free operating cash flow before capex by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year, net of shares repurchased and the group's interest in its own ordinary shares.

3.14 Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment. Additions to land and buildings are recognised based on the stage of completion of the construction project. Land and work in progress assets are not depreciated. Depreciation is calculated on the straight-line basis at rates that will reduce the cost of the assets to their estimated residual values over their expected useful lives. The depreciation is recognised in profit or loss.

The annual rates for this purpose are:

Buildings	1%(The rate for astroturfs included in this category is 6.67%)
Computer equipment	25%
Computer software	33.3%
Furniture, fittings and equipment	10% – 20%
Motor vehicles	20%
Video equipment	33.3%
Leasehold improvements	Period of lease

The useful life, residual value and depreciation methods of property, plant and equipment are reviewed on an annual basis and no adjustments were required to be made to these estimates.

Items of property, plant and equipment are derecognised on disposal or when they have reached the end of their useful lives and no further economic benefits are expected to be obtained from them.

Borrowing costs incurred relating to the development of buildings and proprietary technology systems are capitalised and included in the cost of these assets until completion, less any identified impairment losses. The capitalisation rate used to determine the borrowing cost capitalised is the prevailing average borrowing rate.

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3.14 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Depreciation of these assets, on the same basis as other buildings and proprietary technology systems, commences when the assets are ready for their intended use.

3.15 Intangible assets

Intangible assets consist of proprietary technology systems (which are internally developed) and customer bases and brand values (which are usually acquired). Proprietary technology systems are disclosed separately from other intangible assets.

Intangible assets are reported at cost or fair value (if acquired) less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. Amortisation is charged on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives and is recognised in profit or loss. The estimated useful life and amortisation method are reviewed at the end of each annual reporting period, with the effect of any changes in estimate being accounted for on a prospective basis and there were no adjustments required to be made in the current year.

Due to their nature, certain brand values have been identified as having an indefinite useful life on the basis that there is no foreseeable end to the period over which the asset will generate economic benefits. The key factor in assessing the useful life as indefinite is the reputation of a school which increases over time as it becomes entrenched in its community.

3.16 Impairment of tangible and intangible assets, excluding goodwill

At each statement of financial position date, the group reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount (which is the higher of the value in use or the fair value less costs of disposal) of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss if any. The fair value less costs of disposal is based on available data from binding sales transactions, conducted at arm's length, for similar assets or observable market prices less the incremental costs of disposing of the asset. The value in use calculation is based on a DCF model.

3.17 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are measured at amortised cost and comprise cash on hand net of outstanding bank overdrafts and demand deposits and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

3.18 Share purchases

The Independent Institute of Education Proprietary Limited and ADvTECH Resourcing Proprietary Limited hold shares in the company to be used for the settlement of their obligations under their share incentive schemes. Shares held by the group are disclosed separately as treasury shares.

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3.19 Financial instruments

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

With the exception of trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component or for which the group has applied the practical expedient, the group initially measures a financial asset or financial liability at its fair value plus, in the case of a financial asset not at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL), transaction costs. Trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component or for which the group has applied the practical expedient are measured at the transaction price. Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets or financial liabilities at FVTPL are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

3.19.1 Financial assets

All regular way purchases or sales of financial assets are recognised and derecognised on a trade date basis. Regular way purchases or sales are purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the time frame established by regulation or convention in the marketplace.

All recognised financial assets are subsequently measured in their entirety at either amortised cost or fair value depending on the classification of the financial assets.

3.19.1.1 Classification of financial assets

Financial assets are classified as subsequently measured at amortised cost as:

- the financial asset is held by the group whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

By default, all other financial assets are subsequently measured at FVTPL.

3.19.1.2 Amortised cost and effective interest method

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a debt instrument and allocating interest income over the relevant period.

For financial instruments other than purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets, the effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts (including all fees and points paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) excluding expected credit losses, through the expected life of the debt instrument, or, where appropriate, a shorter period, to the gross carrying amount of the debt instrument on initial recognition. For purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets, a credit-adjusted effective interest rate is calculated by discounting the estimated future cash flows, including expected credit losses, to the amortised cost of the debt instrument on initial recognition.

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3.19 Financial instruments (continued)

3.19.1 Financial assets (continued)

3.19.1.2 Amortised cost and effective interest method (continued)

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

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method for debt instruments measured subsequently at amortised cost. For financial instruments other than purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets, interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset, except for financial assets that have subsequently become credit-impaired. For financial assets that have subsequently become credit-impaired, interest income is recognised by applying the effective interest rate to the amortised cost of the financial asset. If, in subsequent reporting periods, the credit risk on the credit-impaired financial instrument improves so that the financial asset is no longer credit-impaired, interest income is recognised by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of the financial asset. Interest income is recognised in profit or loss and is included in the 'interest earned' line item.

3.19.1.3 Foreign exchange gains and losses

The carrying amount of financial assets that are denominated in a foreign currency is determined in that foreign currency and translated at the spot rate at the end of each reporting period. For financial assets measured at amortised cost, exchange differences are recognised in profit or loss and disclosed in note 5 in the line items 'foreign exchange gains' and 'foreign exchange losses'.

3.19.1.4 Impairment of financial assets

The amount of expected credit losses (ECL) is updated at each reporting date to reflect changes in credit risk since initial recognition of the respective financial instrument. The group recognises lifetime ECL for trade receivables using the simplified approach.

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3.19 Financial instruments (continued)

3.19.1 Financial assets (continued)

3.19.1.4 Impairment of financial assets (continued)

The ECL on these financial assets is estimated using a provision calculation based on the group's historical credit loss experience as well as relevant forward looking information such as the operational environment affecting the education and recruitment industries as described in note 20.

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

Based on the above, the group has a credit risk grading framework against which financial assets are assessed for ECL. The current credit risk grading framework comprises the following categories:

Category	Description	Basis for recognising ECL
Trade receivables: Education institutions		
Performing	The counterparty has a low risk of default as the student is still in attendance and regular payments are received.	Lifetime ECL – not credit-impaired
In default	- Amount is greater than 30 days past due and the student is no longer in attendance but payments are still being received; or - The student is still in attendance but regular payments are not received.	Lifetime ECL – credit-impaired
Write-off	The student is no longer in attendance and no payments are being received.	Amount is written off
Trade receivables: Resourcing		
Performing & overdue	The counterparty has a low risk of default. Amounts could be greater than 30 days but default is not expected.	Lifetime ECL – not credit-impaired
In default	Legal credit collection steps have been instituted and there is evidence indicating the asset is credit-impaired.	Lifetime ECL – credit-impaired
Write-off	There is evidence indicating that the debtor is in severe financial difficulty and the group has no realistic prospect of recovery.	Amount is written off

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3.19 Financial instruments (continued)

3.19.1 Financial assets (continued)

3.19.1.4 Impairment of financial assets (continued)

Other financial assets and company receivables (using the general approach)		
Performing	The counterparty has a low risk of default and does not have any past-due amounts.	12 months ECL
Overdue	Amount is greater than 30 days past due and/or there has not been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition.	Lifetime ECL – not credit-impaired
In default	Amount is greater than 90 days past due or there is evidence indicating the asset is credit impaired.	Lifetime ECL – credit-impaired
Write-off	There is evidence indicating that the debtor is in severe financial difficulty and the group has no realistic prospect of recovery.	Amount is written off

The group considers that a default event on a financial asset has occurred prior to the aging reaching 90 days and, hence, the 90 day presumption is not applicable.

3.19.1.5 Significant increase in credit risk

In assessing whether the credit risk on a financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition, the group compares the risk of a default occurring on the financial instrument as at the reporting date with the risk of a default occurring on the financial instrument as at the date of initial recognition. In making this assessment, the group considers both quantitative and qualitative information that is reasonable and supportable, including historical experience and forward-looking information that is available without undue cost or effort. Forward looking information considered includes the future prospects of the industries in which the group's debtors operate as well as consideration of various external sources of actual and forecast economic information that relate to the group's core operations, namely the education and recruitment industries.

3.19.1.6 Definition of default

The group considers the following as constituting an event of default for internal credit risk management purposes as historical experience indicates that receivables that meet the following criteria are generally not recoverable:

- information developed internally or obtained from external sources indicates that the debtor is unlikely to pay its creditors, including the group, in full.

Irrespective of the above analysis, the group considers that default has occurred when the credit risk grading framework "In default" category is satisfied, unless the group has reasonable and supportable information to demonstrate that a more lagging default criterion is more appropriate.

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3.19 Financial instruments (continued)

3.19.1 Financial assets (continued)

3.19.1.7 Credit-impaired financial assets

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

- significant financial difficulty of the issuer or the borrower;
- a breach of contract, such as a default or past due event;
- it is becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation; or
- the disappearance of an active market for that financial asset because of financial difficulties.

3.19.1.8 Write-off policy

The group writes off a financial asset when there is information indicating that the counterparty is in severe financial difficulty and there is no realistic prospect of recovery. For educational trade receivables factors that indicate that there is no realistic prospect of recovering the debt include payment patterns, e.g., irregular payments, as well as whether the student is still attending classes. For resourcing trade receivables factors that indicate that there is no realistic prospect of recovery include when the counterparty has been placed under liquidation or has entered into bankruptcy proceedings. Another indicator is when the credit risk grading framework "write-off" category is satisfied. Financial assets written off may still be subject to enforcement activities under the group's recovery procedures, taking into account legal advice where appropriate. Any recoveries made are recognised in profit or loss.

3.19.1.9 Measurement and recognition of ECL

The measurement of ECL is a function of the probability of default, loss given default (i.e. the magnitude of the loss if there is a default) and the exposure at default. The assessment of the probability of default and loss given default is based on historical data adjusted by forward-looking information as described above. As for the exposure at default, for financial assets, this is represented by the assets' gross carrying amount at the reporting date.

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

Where lifetime ECL is measured on a collective basis to cater for cases where evidence of significant increases in credit risk at the individual instrument level may not yet be available, the financial instruments are grouped on the following basis:

- nature of financial instruments (i.e. the group's trade and other receivables and amounts due from customers are each assessed as a separate group. Loans to related parties are assessed for ECL on an individual basis);

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3.19 Financial instruments (continued)

3.19.1 Financial assets (continued)

3.19.1.9 Measurement and recognition of ECL (continued)

- past-due status;
- nature, size and industry of debtors; and
- external credit ratings where available.

The grouping is regularly reviewed by management to ensure the constituents of each group continue to share similar credit risk characteristics.

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

3.19.1.10 Derecognition of financial assets

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

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

3.19.2 Financial liabilities and equity instruments

3.19.2.1 Classification as debt or equity

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

3.19.2.2 Equity instruments

An equity instrument in the group consists of stated capital and share based payment instruments. Equity instruments issued by the group are recognised at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs.

No gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss on the purchase, sale, issue or cancellation of the company's own equity instruments.

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3.19 Financial instruments (continued)

3.19.2 Financial liabilities and equity instruments (continued)

3.19.2.3 Financial liabilities

All financial liabilities currently held in the group and company are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

3.19.2.3a Financial liabilities subsequently measured at amortised cost

Financial liabilities that are not contingent consideration of an acquirer in a business combination, are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial liability and allocating interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments (including all fees and points paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life of the financial liability, or (where appropriate) a shorter period, to the amortised cost of a financial liability.

3.19.2.3b Foreign exchange gains and losses

For financial liabilities that are denominated in a foreign currency and are measured at amortised cost at the end of each reporting period, the foreign exchange gains and losses are determined based on the amortised cost of the instruments. These foreign exchange gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss in note 5 in the line items 'foreign exchange gains' and 'foreign exchange losses'.

3.19.2.3c Derecognition of financial liabilities

The group derecognises financial liabilities when, and only when, the group's obligations are discharged, cancelled or they expire. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability derecognised and the consideration paid and payable, including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

3.20 Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Impairment of assets

An assessment of impairment at a cash-generating unit level for tangible and intangible assets, as well as individual assessments of goodwill and financial assets (including related provisions), is performed at the end of each reporting period.

The critical estimates used in individual impairment assessments of assets are the factors relating to the technical, economic and business circumstances which affect the inputs applied in determining the recoverable amount of the respective assets. Refer to notes 15 and 16.

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

Expected credit loss allowance

An assessment of impairment of trade receivables is performed at the end of each reporting period based on various factors as disclosed in note 20. Management judgement is required on estimating such information.

Useful lives and residual values of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets

Management judgement and assumptions are necessary in estimating the methods of depreciation/amortisation, useful lives and residual values of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets. The group reassesses the estimated useful lives and residual values of components of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets on an ongoing basis and makes appropriate changes as and when necessary. Indefinite useful lives are allocated to intangible assets if there is no foreseeable limit to the period over which the group expects to consume the future economic benefits embodied in the intangible asset.

3.21 Standards not yet effective

At the date of the authorisation of these financial statements, the following standards were in issue but not yet effective:

IFRS 7	<i>Financial Instruments: Disclosures:</i> Amendments to the classification and measurement of financial instruments - amendments to IFRS 9 and IFRS 7: The amendments to IFRS 7 introduce additional disclosure requirements to enhance transparency for investors regarding investments in equity instruments designated at fair value through other comprehensive income and financial instruments with contingent features, for example features tied to ESG-linked targets.	Annual period beginning on or after 1 January 2026
IFRS 7	<i>Financial Instruments: Disclosures:</i> Annual improvements to IFRS accounting standards -volume 11-gain or loss on derecognition- narrow scope amendment to update the language on unobservable inputs that remained in IFRS 7 following the publication of IFRS 13 and to make the wording of the requirements of IFRS 7 relating to disclosure of a gain or loss on derecognition consistent with the wording and concepts in IFRS 13.	Annual period beginning on or after 1 January 2026

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3.21 Standards not yet effective (continued)

IFRS 9	<p><i>Financial instruments:</i> Amendments to the classification and measurement of financial instruments - amendments to IFRS 9 and IFRS 7: narrow scope amendments to address diversity in accounting practice by making the classification and measurement requirements of IFRS 9 more understandable and consistent, by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clarifying the assessment of the cash flows which are applied when determining the classification of the financial assets with environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) and similar features; - Clarifying the treatment of non-recourse assets and contractually linked instruments; and - Clarifying the date on which a financial liability is derecognised when a liability is settled through electronic payment systems. These amendments also introduce an accounting policy option to allow a company to derecognise a financial liability before it delivers cash on the settlement date if specified criteria are met. 	Annual period beginning on or after 1 January 2026
IFRS 9	<p><i>Financial Instruments:</i> Annual improvements to IFRS accounting standards - volume 11 – two narrow scope amendments were made to IFRS 9:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Derecognition of lease liabilities. The amendment clarifies that, when a lessee has determined that a lease liability has been extinguished in accordance with IFRS 9, the lessee is required to recognise any resulting gain or loss arising from the difference between the carrying amount of the lease liability extinguished or transferred and any consideration paid in profit or loss. However, the amendment does not address how a lessee distinguishes between a lease modification as defined in IFRS 16 and an extinguishment of a lease liability in accordance with IFRS 9. - Transaction price. IFRS 9 has been amended to replace the reference to 'transaction price as defined by IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers' with 'the amount determined by applying IFRS 15. The use of the term 'transaction price' in relation to IFRS 15 was potentially confusing and has been removed. 	Annual period beginning on or after 1 January 2026

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3.21 Standards not yet effective (continued)

IFRS 10	<p><i>Consolidated Financial Statements:</i> Annual improvements to IFRS accounting standards - volume 11 - determination of a 'de facto agent' –The amendment serves to clarify that there are various relationships that might exist between the investor and other parties acting as de facto agents of the investor. The amendments are intended to remove the inconsistency with the requirements for an entity to use judgement, to determine whether other parties are acting as de facto agents.</p>	Annual period beginning on or after 1 January 2026
IFRS 18	<p><i>Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements:</i></p> <p>IFRS 18 introduces three sets of new requirements to improve companies' reporting of financial performance and give investors a better basis for analysing and comparing companies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improved comparability in the statement of profit or loss through the requirement to classify all income and expenses into one of five categories: operating; investing; financing; income taxes; and discontinued operations. Such classification will require an assessment of the entity's main business activities. IFRS 18 also requires an entity to present subtotals and totals for 'operating profit or loss', 'profit or loss before financing and income taxes' and 'profit or loss'. - Enhanced transparency of management-defined performance measures (MPMs). IFRS 18 introduces the concept of a management-defined performance measure (MPM), as defined. Disclosure of information about all of an entity's MPMs within a single note to the financial statements is required as well as several disclosures to be made about each MPM, including how the measure is calculated and a reconciliation to the most comparable subtotal specified by IFRS 18 or another IFRS accounting standard. - The standard differentiates between 'presenting' information in the primary financial statements and 'disclosing' it in the notes and introduces a principle for determining the location of information based on identified 'roles' of the primary financial statements and the notes. Aggregation and disaggregation of information is to be performed with reference to similar and dissimilar characteristics. <p>This standard replaces IAS 1. It carries forward many requirements from IAS 1 unchanged with some requirements previously included within IAS 1 being moved to IAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors, which has been renamed IAS 8 Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements. Consequential amendments to IAS 7 Statement of Cashflows and IAS 33 Earnings per share to align to IFRS 18 have also been made.</p>	Annual period beginning on or after 1 January 2027

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3.21 Standards not yet effective (continued)

IFRS 19	<i>Subsidiaries without Public Accountability Disclosures:</i> IFRS 19 permits eligible subsidiaries to use IFRS accounting standards with reduced disclosures while still applying the recognition, measurement and presentation requirements in other IFRS accounting standards. Subsidiaries, as defined, are eligible to apply IFRS 19 if they do not have public accountability, and their parent company applies IFRS accounting standards in their consolidated financial statements. A subsidiary does not have public accountability if it does not have equities or debt listed on a stock exchange and does not hold assets in a fiduciary capacity for a broad group of outsiders.	Annual period beginning on or after 1 January 2027
IAS 7	<i>Statement of Cash Flows:</i> Annual improvements to IFRS accounting standards - volume 11 – cost method - narrow scope amendment to replace the term 'cost method' with 'at cost' following the earlier removal of the definition of 'cost method' from IFRS accounting standards.	Annual period beginning on or after 1 January 2026
IAS 21	<i>The effects of changes in foreign exchange rates:</i> Lack of exchangeability: The amendments require an entity to apply a consistent approach to assessing whether a currency is exchangeable into another currency and, when it is not, to determining the exchange rate to use and the disclosures to provide.	Annual period beginning on or after 1 January 2025

The group intends to adopt the above standards at the start of the financial period following the effective date.

Other than IFRS 18 none of the standards that have been published, but not yet effective, are expected to have a significant impact on the amounts recorded in the financial statements.

IFRS 18 requires a comprehensive assessment of an entity's financial statements with specific focus on understanding its income and expenses and classifying them into the categories required by IFRS 18. This assessment will be done during the 2025 financial year.

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	Audited	Audited
	2024	2023
	R'm	R'm

4. Revenue from contracts with customers

The group derives its revenue from the transfer of services in the following major income streams. This is consistent with the revenue information that is disclosed for each reportable segment under IFRS 8 (see consolidated segmental report):

Education services - Schools	3 568.6	3 190.6
Tuition fees	3 600.5	3 217.3
Bursaries and discounts	(186.6)	(175.9)
Boarding fees	53.0	52.5
Enrolment and application fees	40.2	40.1
Extramural activities and aftercare	61.3	56.5
Education material and uniforms	0.2	0.1
Education services - Tertiary	3 400.7	2 988.3
Tuition fees	3 413.4	3 009.3
Bursaries and discounts	(71.6)	(67.1)
Boarding fees	18.0	15.0
Enrolment and application fees	40.9	31.1
Placement fees	1 551.3	1 681.0
	8 520.6	7 859.9

Timing of revenue recognition

Over time

Tuition fees, boarding fees, enrolment and application fees and extramural activities and aftercare	6 969.1	6 178.8
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At a point in time

Educational material and uniforms and placement fees	1 551.5	1 681.1
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Total	8 520.6	7 859.9
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		Audited 2024 R'm	Audited 2023 R'm
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5. Operating profit before interest

Operating profit before interest is stated after taking the following into account:

Other operating expenses includes the following:

Auditors' remuneration		20.5	19.1
- Current year audit fee - ADVTECH Limited		2.7	2.5
- Current year audit fee - subsidiaries		17.6	16.1
- Non-audit services		0.2	0.5
Advertising		209.1	187.3
Repairs and maintenance		152.1	159.3
Educational costs		260.6	220.2
Foreign exchange gains		(45.7)	(43.5)
Foreign exchange losses		5.9	1.7
Professional fees		39.5	56.7
Net loss/(profit) on disposal of property, plant and equipment		4.4	(1.2)
Profit from early termination of leases		(1.6)	-

Depreciation and amortisation includes the following:

Amortisation		27.4	25.1
-Proprietary technology systems	13	19.7	17.7
-Other intangible assets	16	7.7	7.4
Depreciation - property, plant and equipment	12	256.1	221.4
- Buildings		32.0	30.7
- Computer equipment		90.4	68.5
- Computer software		2.6	0.5
- Furniture, fittings and equipment		72.4	62.3
- Motor vehicles		3.2	3.4
- Video equipment		8.6	6.5
- Leasehold improvements		46.9	49.5
Depreciation - right-of-use assets	14	151.6	137.9
Total depreciation and amortisation		435.1	384.4

Rent and occupancy costs includes the following:

Lease charges		64.9	53.9
- Expense related to short term leases		41.2	30.1
- Expense relating to variable lease payments not included in the measurement of lease liabilities		21.3	20.6
- Expense related to low value assets		2.4	3.2

Rental income		(34.1)	(34.2)
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Directors' emoluments		39.8	22.9
- For services as directors	34	4.6	4.7
- VAT on non-executive director fees	34	0.5	0.5
- For managerial and other services	34	12.9	9.4
- Bonuses and catch-up benefits	34	21.8	8.3

Pension and provident fund contributions		180.3	173.9
Management share incentive scheme expense	24	46.3	39.5
Staff costs		2 989.9	2 662.3
Total staff costs		3 256.3	2 898.6

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		Audited	Audited
		2024	2023
	Note	R'm	R'm

6. Net finance costs

6.1 Interest earned

Call accounts at amortised cost		31.0	10.4
Current accounts at amortised cost		1.5	4.9
South African Revenue Service and other revenue authorities		-	0.9
Other		0.3	0.9
		32.8	17.1

6.2 Finance costs incurred

Bank loans		(78.8)	(85.9)
Bank loans facility fees		(0.7)	(0.3)
Bank overdrafts		(0.3)	(0.5)
South African Revenue Service and other revenue authorities		(0.7)	-
Acquisition liabilities		(4.7)	(4.8)
Other		(0.7)	(0.2)
		(85.9)	(91.7)

6.3 Finance costs on lease liabilities

Finance costs on lease liabilities	30	(151.2)	(115.1)
Net finance costs		(204.3)	(189.7)

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		Audited 2024 R'm	Audited 2023 R'm
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7. Taxation

7.1 Taxation expense comprises

Current taxation - current year		379.6	381.4
- prior year under provision		12.6	7.4
Deferred taxation - current year	17	56.8	1.5
- prior year (over)/under provision	17	(19.4)	0.1
Total taxation expense		429.6	390.4

Estimated taxation losses for the group carried forward at year-end were R243.5 million (2023: R222.1 million). A rand equivalent amount of R180.6 million (2023: R171.6 million) relates to Crawford International School in Kenya which had accelerated allowances relating to the construction of buildings allowing a taxation write-off over 2 years during the early years of construction.

Deferred taxation assets relating to taxation losses to the value of R6.6 million (2023: R6.5 million) have not been raised in the group.

7.2 Reconciliation of taxation

Profit before taxation		1 581.2	1 388.6
Taxation at 27%		426.9	374.9
Foreign taxation effect		(10.5)	(13.4)
Taxation at effective normal tax rate of 26% (2023: 26%)		416.4	361.5
Permanent differences		20.0	21.4
Disallowable expenditure - depreciation on buildings and amortisation on leasehold improvements		14.1	14.9
Disallowable expenditure - legal, consulting and other		2.7	2.6
Disallowable expenditure - foreign entities		4.3	4.8
Exempt income*		(1.1)	(0.9)
Current taxation - prior year under provision		12.6	7.4
Deferred taxation - prior year (over)/under provision		(19.4)	0.1
Taxation expense recognised in profit		429.6	390.4
Effective taxation rate		27.2%	28.1%

** The majority of the exempt income relates to equity accounted earnings and realised foreign exchange gains that are not taxable in certain tax jurisdictions where the group operates (2023: equity accounted earnings).*

	Audited 2024 R'm	Audited 2023 R'm
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8. Earnings per share

The calculation of the weighted average number of shares for basic and diluted earnings per share, headline earnings per share and normalised earnings per share attributable to equity holders is based on the following data:

Number of shares

Weighted average number of shares ('m)	554.6	554.9
Less: Weighted average number of shares held by the group ('m)	(6.8)	(9.6)
Weighted average number of shares for purposes of basic earnings per share ('m)	547.8	545.3
Dilutive effect of share awards ('m)	4.6	4.0
Weighted average number of shares for purposes of diluted earnings per share ('m)	552.4	549.3

Earnings

Earnings for the purpose of basic and diluted earnings per share	1 104.7	951.0
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Earnings per share

Basic (cents)	201.7	174.4
Diluted (cents)	200.0	173.1

	Audited 2024 R'm		Audited 2023 R'm	
	Gross	Net	Gross	Net

9. Headline earnings per share

Earnings

Earnings for the purpose of basic and diluted earnings per share		1 104.7		951.0
Items excluded from headline earnings per share	4.4	3.2	(1.2)	(0.9)
Net loss/(profit) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	4.4	3.2	(1.2)	(0.9)
Earnings for the purpose of basic and diluted headline earnings per share		1 107.9		950.1

Headline earnings per share

Basic (cents)	202.2	174.2
Diluted (cents)	200.6	173.0

10. Normalised earnings per share

Earnings

Earnings for the purpose of basic and diluted headline earnings per share		1 107.9		950.1
Items excluded from normalised earnings per share	0.8	1.2	-	-
Corporate action costs	2.4	2.4	-	-
Profit from early termination of leases	(1.6)	(1.2)	-	-
Earnings for the purpose of basic and diluted normalised earnings per share		1 109.1		950.1

Normalised earnings per share

Basic (cents)	202.5	174.2
Diluted (cents)	200.8	173.0

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	Audited 2024 R'm	Audited 2023 R'm
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11. Dividends

Final dividend No 27 paid on 22 April 2024: 57.0 cents per share (2023: 37.0 cents per share)	316.2	205.2
Interim dividend No 28 paid on 16 September 2024: 38.0 cents per share (2023: 30.0 cents per share)	210.7	166.7
Dividend attributable to shares held by the group	(0.2)	(0.6)
Dividends declared by subsidiaries to non-controlling interests	61.3	44.2
Total dividends	588.0	415.5

On 20 March 2025 the directors declared a dividend No 29 of 63.0 cents per share payable on 14 April 2025 to shareholders registered on the record date, being 11 April 2025.

Analysis of dividends per share declared:

Interim	38.0	30.0
Final	63.0	57.0
	101.0	87.0

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2024	Cost						31 Dec 2024
	1 Jan 2024	Reallocations	Additions	Acquisitions through business combination (refer note 35)	Disposals	Foreign currency effect	
	R'm	R'm	R'm	R'm	R'm	R'm	R'm
Land and buildings	5 138.0	0.8	487.8	122.1	(30.6)	51.7	5 769.8
Computer equipment	524.0	-	152.1	2.3	(19.2)	4.2	663.4
Computer software	10.7	-	1.5	-	-	(0.1)	12.1
Furniture, fittings and equipment	501.7	-	105.8	4.0	(21.2)	6.5	596.8
Motor vehicles	57.2	-	7.3	-	(20.3)	0.3	44.5
Video equipment	33.7	-	7.7	0.3	(8.9)	1.6	34.4
Leasehold improvements	827.4	(0.8)	148.6	2.3	(1.4)	9.4	985.5
	7 092.7	-	910.8	131.0	(101.6)	73.6	8 106.5

12. Property, plant and equipment

Accumulated depreciation and impairment						
	1 Jan 2024	Reallocations	Depreciation	Disposals	Foreign currency effect	31 Dec 2024
	R'm	R'm	R'm	R'm	R'm	R'm
Land and buildings	226.3	0.6	32.0	(0.3)	2.8	261.4
Computer equipment	330.0	-	90.4	(17.3)	3.0	406.1
Computer software	8.1	-	2.6	-	0.1	10.8
Furniture, fittings and equipment	292.0	-	72.4	(20.5)	3.9	347.8
Motor vehicles	48.9	-	3.2	(20.3)	0.3	32.1
Video equipment	21.2	-	8.6	(7.7)	0.7	22.8
Leasehold improvements	254.4	(0.6)	46.9	(1.1)	0.8	300.4
	1 180.9	-	256.1	(67.2)	11.6	1 381.4

Net book value		
	31 Dec 2024	31 Dec 2023
	R'm	R'm
Land and buildings	5 508.4	4 911.7
Computer equipment	257.3	194.0
Computer software	1.3	2.6
Furniture, fittings and equipment	249.0	209.7
Motor vehicles	12.4	8.3
Video equipment	11.6	12.5
Leasehold improvements	685.1	573.0
	6 725.1	5 911.8
Reclassified land and buildings as non-current assets held for sale	(40.3)	-
Cost	(41.7)	-
Accumulated depreciation	1.4	-
	6 684.8	5 911.8

Included in land and buildings is an amount of R31.7 million (2023: R19.3 million) which relates to buildings that are still in progress.

Included in leasehold improvements is an amount of R13.7 million (2023: R15.9 million) which relates to improvements that are still in progress.

The amount of borrowing costs capitalised to current year additions amounted to R6.6 million (2023: R4.3 million) at an average capitalisation rate of 9.7% (2023: 9.3%).

Although property, plant and equipment are held under the cost model, the group obtained an independent valuation of its fixed property during 2022. The valuation was conducted by the Quadrant Property Group, a group of independent sworn valuers. Their valuation based on present land use amounted to R6 563.7 million, a premium of R1 055.3 million or 19% over book value as at December 2024. The previous valuation conducted during 2019 valued the group's fixed property at R5 407.1 million. The fair value is determined using the present value of future cash flows and is level 3 on the fair value hierarchy. There were no material changes to information and assumptions used by the valuers.

Valuations are done on a triennial basis with the next valuation due in 2025.

Land and buildings having a net book value of R2 953.7 million (2023: R2 932.2 million) have been mortgaged as security for the banking facilities (refer to notes 25, 26 and 36).

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Cost						
2023	1 Jan 2023 R'm	Reallocations R'm	Additions R'm	Disposals R'm	Foreign currency effect R'm	31 Dec 2023 R'm

12. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Land and buildings	4 876.1	(4.1)	316.3	(16.4)	(33.9)	5 138.0
Computer equipment	424.1	2.4	135.5	(35.7)	(2.3)	524.0
Computer software	15.9	(0.4)	0.4	(5.4)	0.2	10.7
Furniture, fittings and equipment	426.9	3.3	94.0	(18.8)	(3.7)	501.7
Motor vehicles	59.0	-	3.2	(4.8)	(0.2)	57.2
Video equipment	25.5	-	9.7	(0.7)	(0.8)	33.7
Leasehold improvements	755.4	(1.2)	92.0	(15.1)	(3.7)	827.4
	6 582.9	-	651.1	(96.9)	(44.4)	7 092.7

Accumulated depreciation and impairment						
	1 Jan 2023 R'm	Reallocations R'm	Depreciation R'm	Disposals R'm	Foreign currency effect R'm	31 Dec 2023 R'm
Land and buildings	199.4	(1.1)	30.7	(0.3)	(2.4)	226.3
Computer equipment	298.1	-	68.5	(34.8)	(1.8)	330.0
Computer software	12.9	(0.1)	0.5	(5.3)	0.1	8.1
Furniture, fittings and equipment	249.2	1.2	62.3	(18.6)	(2.1)	292.0
Motor vehicles	50.5	-	3.4	(4.8)	(0.2)	48.9
Video equipment	15.7	-	6.5	(0.7)	(0.3)	21.2
Leasehold improvements	214.0	-	49.5	(8.7)	(0.4)	254.4
	1 039.8	-	221.4	(73.2)	(7.1)	1 180.9

Net book value		
	31 Dec 2023 R'm	31 Dec 2022 R'm
Land and buildings	4 911.7	4 676.7
Computer equipment	194.0	126.0
Computer software	2.6	3.0
Furniture, fittings and equipment	209.7	177.7
Motor vehicles	8.3	8.5
Video equipment	12.5	9.8
Leasehold improvements	573.0	541.4
	5 911.8	5 543.1
Reclassified land and buildings as non-current assets held for sale	-	(15.5)
Cost	-	(15.5)
Accumulated depreciation	-	-
	5 911.8	5 527.6

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	Audited 2024 R'm	Audited 2023 R'm
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13. Proprietary technology systems

Cost

Balance at beginning of the year	197.7	233.7
Additions	78.0	22.2
Disposals	(30.8)	(58.2)
Balance at end of the year	244.9	197.7

Accumulated amortisation

Balance at beginning of the year	82.6	123.1
Amortisation expense	19.7	17.7
Disposals	(30.8)	(58.2)
Balance at end of the year	71.5	82.6

Carrying amount

At beginning of the year	115.1	110.6
At end of the year	173.4	115.1

The student academic management system for schools and tertiary forms the bulk of the amount above. Useful lives of between six and ten years are used in the calculation of amortisation on a straight-line basis.

Included in proprietary technology systems is an amount of R32.0 million (2023: R21.9 million) which relates to systems that are still under development.

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Cost						
	1 Jan 2024	Foreign currency effect	Additions through business combination (refer note 35)	Additions and modifications	Terminations	31 Dec 2024
2024	R'm	R'm	R'm	R'm	R'm	R'm

14. Right-of-use assets

Land and buildings	1 319.7	16.4	7.6	277.4	(121.9)	1 499.2
Motor vehicles	-	-	-	8.7	-	8.7
	1 319.7	16.4	7.6	286.1	(121.9)	1 507.9

Accumulated depreciation					
	1 Jan 2024	Foreign currency effect	Depreciation	Terminations	31 Dec 2024
	R'm	R'm	R'm	R'm	R'm
Land and buildings	428.0	4.8	148.7	(114.6)	466.9
Motor vehicles	-	-	2.9	-	2.9
	428.0	4.8	151.6	(114.6)	469.8

Net book value		
	31 Dec 2024	31 Dec 2023
	R'm	R'm
Land and buildings	1 032.3	891.7
Motor vehicles	5.8	-
	1 038.1	891.7

The group leases several land and buildings and motor vehicles from which it conducts its operations. The leases range from 1 year to 35 years depending on the type of operation. Additions in the current year mainly consist of renewed leases on land and buildings as well as a new fleet of buses (2023: renewed leases on land and buildings).

Approximately 22% (2023: 9%) of the leases for land and buildings expired in the current financial year. Where appropriate, the expired contracts were replaced by new leases for identical underlying assets. The maturity analysis of lease liabilities is presented in note 30.

Some of the property leases in which the group is the lessee contain variable lease payment terms that are linked to revenue generated from tuition fees and is used to reduce the fixed costs of those businesses. The amount of variable lease payments are disclosed in note 5.

Overall the variable payments constitute up to 9% (2023: 10%) of the group's entire lease payments. The variable payments depend on sales and consequently on the overall economic development over the next few years.

There are certain leases within the group which have extension clauses. Where it is reasonably certain that these will be exercised, the extension term has been included in the determination of the right-of-use assets.

The total cash outflow for leases amounted to R 297.7 million (2023: R 246.7 million).

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Cost					
	1 Jan 2023	Foreign currency effect	Additions and modifications	Terminations	31 Dec 2023
2023	R'm	R'm	R'm	R'm	R'm

14. Right-of-use assets (continued)

Land and buildings	1 138.9	(12.0)	269.2	(76.4)	1 319.7
Motor vehicles	1.4	-	-	(1.4)	-
	<u>1 140.3</u>	<u>(12.0)</u>	<u>269.2</u>	<u>(77.8)</u>	<u>1 319.7</u>

Accumulated depreciation					
	1 Jan 2023	Foreign currency effect	Depreciation	Terminations	31 Dec 2023
	R'm	R'm	R'm	R'm	R'm
Land and buildings	369.7	(3.0)	137.7	(76.4)	428.0
Motor vehicles	1.2	-	0.2	(1.4)	-
	<u>370.9</u>	<u>(3.0)</u>	<u>137.9</u>	<u>(77.8)</u>	<u>428.0</u>

			Net book value	
			31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
			R'm	R'm
Land and buildings			891.7	769.2
Motor vehicles			-	0.2
			<u>891.7</u>	<u>769.4</u>

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	Note		

15. Goodwill

Cost

Balance at beginning of the year		1 434.7	1 454.4
Goodwill arising on acquisition	35	24.1	-
Foreign currency effect		29.6	(19.7)
Balance at end of the year		1 488.4	1 434.7

The group tests goodwill annually for impairment, or more frequently if there are indications that goodwill might be impaired.

When testing goodwill for impairment, the recoverable amounts of the cash-generating units (CGUs) are determined using value-in-use calculations taking into account estimated discount rates and growth rates. Goodwill is allocated to each CGU depending on the nature of the underlying business and the cash flows which support the recognition of the goodwill.

Cash flow projections for financial forecasts are based on expected revenue, operating margins, working capital requirements and capital expenditure. These are in line with the three year budgets which have been approved by the directors. The future cash flows are determined by taking the actual cash flow for the current year inflated by an expected growth rate for the CGU being considered. The future cash flows are supported by the underlying student numbers which are in line with expectations. Growth rates applied are determined based on past experience and industry trends relating to the CGU. Growth rates can fluctuate from year to year based on the assumptions used to determine these rates.

The discount rates present the current market assessment of the risks for each CGU, taking into consideration the time value of money and individual risks of the underlying assets that have not been incorporated in the cash flow projections. The discount rate calculations are derived from the weighted average cost of capital and takes into account both the cost of debt and the cost of equity. The cost of equity was arrived at by using the capital asset pricing model (CAPM) which, where necessary, takes into account an equity risk premium. The CAPM uses market betas of comparable entities in arriving at the cost of equity. The cost of debt is based on the interest-bearing borrowings the group is obliged to service.

The key assumptions used are as follows:

2024

Cash-generating unit	Goodwill R'm	Indefinite life intangible assets R'm	Period of projected cash flows Years	Applied growth rate %	Terminal growth rate %	Pre- taxation discount rate %	Post- taxation discount rate %
Schools - South Africa	1 095.0	84.6	5	7.0	6.0	15.12	12.81
Schools - Rest of Africa*	194.0	17.8	5	14.0	6.0	16.13	14.03
Tertiary	167.7	-	5	6.0	6.0	15.52	12.81
Resourcing - South Africa	4.3	-	5	6.0	6.0	13.20	13.32
Resourcing - Rest of Africa	27.4	-	5	6.0	6.0	14.61	13.45
	1 488.4	102.4					

2023

Cash-generating unit	Goodwill R'm	Indefinite life intangible assets R'm	Period of projected cash flows Years	Applied growth rate %	Terminal growth rate %	Pre- taxation discount rate %	Post- taxation discount rate %
Schools - South Africa	1 095.0	84.6	5	7.0	6.0	16.37	13.82
Schools - Rest of Africa*	140.8	15.0	5	14.0	6.0	19.40	16.55
Tertiary	167.7	-	5	6.0	6.0	17.00	13.82
Resourcing - South Africa	4.3	-	5	6.0	6.0	14.73	14.38
Resourcing - Rest of Africa	26.9	-	5	6.0	6.0	15.83	14.51
	1 434.7	99.6					

* Higher growth rates are used in the Schools - Rest of Africa CGU as these are new schools that will grow faster in the early years.

Please refer to note 16 for further detail on other intangible assets.

Goodwill acquired is allocated to the group's CGUs, or groups of CGUs, that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination. The CGUs represent the lowest level within the group at which goodwill is monitored for internal management purposes. These CGUs are used for the purpose of performing the goodwill impairment calculations.

The estimated recoverable amounts of the CGUs exceeded their carrying value. Due to the headroom available, a 10% variation to management's cash flow estimates would not impact the result of the recoverable amount exceeding the carrying value. Management have used a reasonable possible variation of 10% in the determination of the sensitivity of the key inputs. On the discount rates, a 5% variation would not result in the recoverable amount falling below the carrying amount. These variations have been deemed reasonable based on management's analysis of the inputs and as such this provides relevant and sufficient guidance on the sensitivity of goodwill.

The directors were satisfied that there were no impairment adjustments required to goodwill and intangible assets.

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		Customer bases R'm	Brand values R'm	Total audited R'm
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16. Other intangible assets

Cost

Balance at 1 January 2023		156.5	150.6	307.1
Disposals of zero net book value intangibles		(63.1)	(11.9)	(75.0)
Foreign currency effect		(0.6)	(1.9)	(2.5)
Balance at 1 January 2024		92.8	136.8	229.6
Acquisitions through business combination	35	1.5	5.3	6.8
Foreign currency effect		0.9	2.7	3.6
At 31 December 2024		95.2	144.8	240.0

Accumulated amortisation and impairment

Balance at 1 January 2023		115.1	46.7	161.8
Disposals of zero net book value intangibles		(63.1)	(11.9)	(75.0)
Amortisation expense	5	6.4	1.0	7.4
Balance at 1 January 2024		58.4	35.8	94.2
Amortisation expense	5	6.5	1.2	7.7
At 31 December 2024		64.9	37.0	101.9

Carrying amount

As at 31 December 2023		34.4	101.0	135.4
As at 31 December 2024		30.3	107.8	138.1

The following useful lives are used in the calculation of amortisation on a straight-line basis:

	Total useful life	Remaining useful life
Customer bases	10 to 16 years	4 to 16 years
Brand values	5 to 10 years, indefinite life	2 to 5 years, indefinite life

The range of useful lives above has been updated as a result of the lives assigned to the intangibles acquired through the business combination. The key factor in assessing the useful life as indefinite is the reputation of a school which increases over time and is evidenced by increasing student numbers as it becomes entrenched in its community. The value of a school brand would increase as the school builds its reputation. The brand value of various schools acquired having a carrying amount of R102.4 million (2023: R99.6 million) have an indefinite life. The appropriateness of the indefinite useful life is assessed annually. Refer to note 15 for details of the assumptions applied in assessing the indefinite useful life intangible assets for impairment.

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17. Deferred taxation

Opening deferred taxation		(88.6)	(82.1)
	7	(56.8)	(1.5)
Current year temporary differences		(57.0)	(0.7)
Foreign currency effect		0.2	(0.8)
Liability acquired through business combination	35	(26.7)	-
Foreign currency effect on opening balances		5.9	(4.9)
Prior year over/(under) provision	7	19.4	(0.1)
Balance at end of the year		(146.8)	(88.6)

The deferred tax balance is disclosed as follows:

Deferred taxation assets	39.3	39.5
Deferred taxation liabilities	(186.1)	(128.1)
	(146.8)	(88.6)

Deferred taxation assets of R64.5 million (2023: R58.6 million) relating to taxation losses were raised in businesses where it is probable (based on current performance and approved forecasts) that sufficient taxable profits will be available in future to utilise the taxation losses.

Deferred taxation assets relating to temporary differences (other than taxation losses) arising in profitable businesses are recognised as it is probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available in future to realise these assets.

The balance comprises:

Deferred and prepaid expenditure	(10.4)	(6.4)
Allowance for future expenditure (S24C)	(83.4)	(100.0)
Fees received in advance	104.1	100.6
Commercial building allowance	(167.5)	(145.0)
Allowance for doubtful debts	21.6	65.9
Leave pay accrual	11.8	11.5
Other	1.2	0.5
Property, plant and equipment allowances	(80.6)	(64.5)
Estimated taxation losses carried forward	64.5	58.6
Net lease liabilities	87.3	65.4
Bonus provision	36.8	35.3
Management share incentive scheme awards (MSI)	20.5	16.1
Intangible assets	(33.9)	(33.1)
Fair value of land and buildings acquired through business combinations	(118.8)	(93.5)
	(146.8)	(88.6)

Deferred taxation accounted for in the statement of profit or loss:

Deferred and prepaid expenditure	(4.0)	(0.6)
Allowance for future expenditure (S24C)	(2.7)	(4.5)
Fees received in advance	3.5	4.0
Commercial building allowance	(12.4)	(21.3)
Allowance for doubtful debts	(44.8)	(5.3)
Leave pay accrual	(0.5)	2.1
Other	0.7	0.5
Property, plant and equipment allowances	(16.2)	3.5
Movement in taxation losses	(6.9)	(3.1)
Net lease liabilities	19.5	7.7
Bonus provision	1.3	8.1
Management share incentive scheme awards (MSI)	4.4	(0.4)
Intangible assets	1.0	3.9
Fair value of land and buildings acquired through business combinations	0.3	3.9
	(56.8)	(1.5)

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18. Investment in joint venture

Investment held at 1 January	11.4	9.2
Share of profit from joint venture	0.4	2.2
Investment 50% held at 31 December	11.8	11.4

The group holds a 50% interest in Star Schools Proprietary Limited (incorporated in South Africa), a company involved in matric re-writes and the supply of educational study guides, which is classified as a joint venture. The investment in the joint venture is accounted for using the equity accounting method.

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19. Inventories		
Books	6.9	5.5
Inventory and consumables	5.5	4.5
Educational material and promotional items	0.2	0.3
	12.6	10.3

20. Trade and other receivables

Amounts receivable for tuition fees	767.3	776.2
Amounts receivable for placement fees	41.5	36.8
Trade receivables	808.8	813.0
Loss allowance	(394.9)	(405.3)
	413.9	407.7
Deposits	47.7	32.4
Staff debtors	1.0	1.6
VAT refundable	9.1	3.8
Other receivables*	34.5	24.0
	506.2	469.5

* The majority of other receivables is made up of rentals receivable and withholding tax credits.

Profit or loss impact

Credit losses [#]	195.3	169.8
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[#] Includes the profit or loss impact of net bad debts written-off and the movement in the loss allowance.

The average credit period is 35 days (2023: 38 days). No interest is charged on outstanding trade receivables.

The group measures the loss allowance for trade receivables at an amount equal to lifetime expected credit losses (ECL). This assessment takes into consideration the aging of the debtor as well as whether the student is still in the educational institution or has left in order to determine the risk. The ECL on trade receivables are estimated using a provision calculation by reference to past default experience of the debtor category. Relevant forward looking factors affecting the debtor category is also considered. Macro-economic factors that would impact the geographical areas where the entity operates are also considered. However, the effect of this is not likely to be material.

The group measures the loss allowance of other debtors that are overdue or in default at an amount equal to lifetime ECL. Other debtors are usually short term in nature and are written off when considered irrecoverable. The loss allowance applicable to other debtors is not considered significant as these mostly relate to rentals from tenants which are settled shortly after year end or withholding tax credits which can be recovered against future tax payable.

The group writes off a trade receivable when there is information indicating that the debtor is in severe financial difficulty and there is no realistic prospect of recovery. In the education institutions, debtors are considered in default when the account is more than 30 days overdue. However, these are written off only when the student is no longer in attendance and payments are not being received. In the resourcing division, debtors are written off when there is severe financial difficulty such as bankruptcy. Trade receivables written off in the current year of R224.3 million (2023: R214.1 million) remain subject to collection and enforcement activities. All trade receivables that have been previously written off remain subject to enforcement activities.

The following table details the risk profile of trade receivables based on the group's provision calculation. As the group's historical credit loss experience does show significantly different loss patterns for different customer segments, the provision for loss allowance based on past due status is further distinguished between the group's different customer bases.

Schools

	Performing	In default	Total	Performing	In default	Total
	2024			2023		
Gross carrying amount	50.2	81.2	131.4	34.8	71.5	106.3
Lifetime ECL	(1.5)	(75.1)	(76.6)	(1.0)	(63.0)	(64.0)
	48.7	6.1	54.8	33.8	8.5	42.3

Tertiary

	Performing	In default	Total	Performing	In default	Total
	2024			2023		
Gross carrying amount	273.4	362.5	635.9	301.2	368.7	669.9
Lifetime ECL	(8.2)	(305.2)	(313.4)	(9.0)	(328.9)	(337.9)
	265.2	57.3	322.5	292.2	39.8	332.0

Resourcing

	Performing & overdue	In default	Total	Performing & overdue	In default	Total
	2024			2023		
Gross carrying amount	36.6	4.9	41.5	33.4	3.4	36.8
Lifetime ECL	(0.4)	(4.5)	(4.9)	(0.3)	(3.1)	(3.4)
	36.2	0.4	36.6	33.1	0.3	33.4

20. Trade and other receivables (continued)

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

	Collectively assessed lifetime ECL	
	2024	2023
	R'm	R'm
Balance at beginning of the year	405.3	437.5
Remeasurement of loss allowance	214.0	181.9
Amounts written off	(224.3)	(214.1)
Balance at end of the year	395.0	405.3

The table below explains how significant changes in the gross carrying amount of the trade receivables contributed to changes in the loss allowance:

	Not credit- impaired	Credit-impaired	Total	Not credit- impaired	Credit-impaired	Total
	2024			2023		
	R'm	R'm	R'm	R'm	R'm	R'm
Increase in schools trade receivables	15.4	9.7	25.1	1.1	14.7	15.8
Increase in schools ECL	(0.5)	(12.1)	(12.6)	-	(9.6)	(9.6)
(Decrease)/increase in tertiary trade receivables	(27.8)	(6.2)	(34.0)	33.4	(33.0)	0.4
Decrease/(increase) in tertiary ECL	0.8	23.7	24.5	(1.0)	43.3	42.3
Increase/(decrease) in resourcing trade receivables	3.2	1.5	4.7	(5.7)	0.5	(5.2)
(Increase)/decrease in resourcing ECL	(0.1)	(1.4)	(1.5)	0.1	(0.6)	(0.5)
Total	(9.0)	15.2	6.2	27.9	15.3	43.2

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21. Cash and cash equivalents

Bank balances and cash	509.4	381.4
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Bank balances and cash comprise cash held by the group and short-term bank deposits with an original maturity of three months or less. The carrying value of these assets approximates their fair value.

The carrying amounts of the group's bank balances are denominated in the local currencies of the underlying operations as

South Africa (held in ZAR)	159.9	121.1
Botswana (held in BWP)	56.8	40.4
Ethiopia (held in ETB and USD)	51.8	-
Ghana (held in GHS)	8.0	-
Kenya (held in KES)	108.3	76.0
Mauritius (held in USD, GBP, EUR, ZAR and MUR)	124.6	143.9
	509.4	381.4

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22. Non-current assets held for sale

Land and buildings	12	40.3	-
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The group continues to review its property needs and had relocated a schools site within South Africa to a new premises in a prior year. As a result of this, those land and buildings were deemed surplus to requirements. Management committed to a plan to dispose of these assets and these were actively marketed to be sold at market value. Negotiations for the sale of the assets are at an advanced stage and transfer to the buyer is expected within six to twelve months after year end.

These assets were recorded at carrying value as the selling price was expected to exceed the book value of these assets.

23. Stated capital

Authorised

1 000 000 000 shares of no par value (2023: 1 000 000 000 shares)

	Number of shares 2024 'm	Audited Stated capital 2024 R'm	Number of shares 2023 'm	Audited Stated capital 2023 R'm
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Issued

Balance at 1 January	554.8	1 603.8	554.5	1 601.5
Shares issued for the management share incentive scheme	-	-	1.1	18.5
Share issue costs	-	-	-	(0.1)
Shares repurchased	(0.3)	(8.0)	(0.8)	(16.1)
Balance at 31 December	554.5	1 595.8	554.8	1 603.8

The unissued shares are under the control of the directors subject to the provisions of the Companies Act, the requirements of the JSE Limited and in certain circumstances shareholders approval.

24. ADvTECH management Share Incentive Scheme (MSI)

Certain employees and executive directors are eligible to participate in the scheme. Share awards accepted by participants vest three years after the offer date subject to certain performance and retention criteria being met. Participants will receive dividends and have voting rights in the three years before these shares vest. The MSI is equity-settled.

Date awards granted			Vesting date year ending	Fair value of awards granted (cents)
16 September 2020			31 Dec 2023	904
21 May 2021			31 Dec 2024	1 320
10 June 2022			31 Dec 2025	1 831
23 May 2023			31 Dec 2026	1 758
21 May 2024			31 Dec 2027	2 750

	Number of share awards	Weighted average price (cents)	Number of share awards	Weighted average price (cents)
Reconciliation of awards	2024		2023	
Awards outstanding on 1 January	6 978 961	1 637	8 950 288	1 254
Add - Awards granted during the year	2 259 858	2 750	2 639 384	1 758
Less - Vested	(2 264 316)	1 320	(3 580 733)	904
- Forfeited	-	-	(291 363)	904
- Forfeited due to employees leaving the group	(891 680)	1 856	(738 615)	1 269
Awards outstanding at 31 December	<u>6 082 823</u>	<u>2 125</u>	<u>6 978 961</u>	<u>1 637</u>

As at 31 December 2024 there were 35 (2023: 38) participants (including executive directors) in the MSI.

	Number of shares	
	2024	2023
Reconciliation of shares owned		
Shares owned by the group as at 1 January	7 592 012	9 285 108
Add - Shares bought from the Share Incentive trust	-	834 285
- Shares issued into the MSI	-	1 053 352
- Shares repurchased for the MSI	1 044 637	-
Less - Share awards vested during the year	(2 264 316)	(3 580 733)
Shares owned by the group at 31 December	<u>6 372 333</u>	<u>7 592 012</u>

The fair value of the share awards is based on the share price on the day the award is made.

The group recognised total expenses of R46.3 million (2023: R39.5 million) relating to the MSI during the year.

The previous share option scheme has ceased to exist with the last transactions occurring in 2023. This scheme had a balance on its share incentive reserve of R56.5 million (2023: R56.5 million) which has been transferred to retained earnings as no further movement is expected on this balance.

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25. Long-term bank loans

Secured term loan		600.0	600.3
Ethiopian subsidiary mortgage loan		10.6	-
		610.6	600.3

Disclosed as:

Current liabilities		600.7	0.3
Non-current liabilities		9.9	600.0
		610.6	600.3

Reconciliation of the long-term bank loans balance

Balance at 1 January		600.3	600.1
Acquired through business combination	35	10.9	-
Interest accrued		58.8	56.8
Interest paid		(59.4)	(56.6)
Balance at 31 December		610.6	600.3

The directors consider that the carrying amount of long-term bank loans approximates their fair value.

Secured term loans

The secured term loan is made up of one secured term facility, namely secured term loan F.

Secured term loan F is a three year facility amounting to R600.0 million which came into effect on 8 July 2022 and attracts interest at JIBAR + 1.45%. Subsequent to year end, on 19 March 2025, this loan was settled.

The Ethiopian subsidiary mortgage loan is made up of two facilities. The first facility which was used for the purchase of land has 14 years remaining and bears interest at 9.5%. The second facility which funded buildings has 7 years and 3 months remaining and bears interest at 15.0%.

These facilities and the revolving credit facility in note 26 are secured by mortgage bonds over properties having a net book value of R2 953.7 million (2023: R2 932.2 million). Refer to note 12.

Refer to note 36 for details of securities on the term loans.

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26. Short-term bank loans

Group revolving credit facility	1 185.9	955.0
Reconciliation of the short-term bank loans balance		
Balance at 1 January	955.0	1 145.5
Capital drawdowns	1 175.0	950.0
Capital repayments	(950.0)	(1 140.0)
Interest accrued	20.1	28.1
Interest paid	(14.2)	(28.6)
Balance at 31 December	1 185.9	955.0

The group revolving credit facility and the secured term loans (as per note 25) are secured by mortgage bonds over properties having a net book value of R2 953.7 million (2023: R2 932.2 million). Refer to notes 12, 25 and 36.

The directors consider that the carrying amount of the short-term bank loans approximates their fair value.

Group revolving credit facility

Effective from 8 July 2022, this represented a R1 350.0 million revolving credit facility available to the group for a 3 year period. Subsequent to year-end and effective from 18 March 2025, this facility was increased to R2 000.0 million and extended for an additional 3 years and may be extended for a further 1 to 2 years thereafter.

The facility utilised attracts interest at the following rates:

- total drawdowns are less than one third of the facility available: JIBAR + 1.45%
- total drawdowns are greater than one third but less than two thirds of the facility available: JIBAR + 1.5%
- total drawdowns are greater than two thirds of the facility available: JIBAR + 1.55%

The renewed facility that became effective after year end attracts interest at the following rates:

- total drawdowns are less than one third of the facility available: JIBAR + 1.05%
- total drawdowns are greater than one third but less than two thirds of the facility available: JIBAR + 1.1%
- total drawdowns are greater than two thirds of the facility available: JIBAR + 1.15%

The group has the option to make draw-downs for periods of one, three and six months (or for shorter periods agreed with the lender) and may elect to roll these for further periods.

Management continues to monitor the intended cessation of the JIBAR rate and its replacement with a new base rate. The change in JIBAR will only affect these facilities. Any change in the base rate used is not expected to have a material impact on the group. The impact of a 1% change in rates is disclosed in note 22.

Refer to note 36 for details of securities.

27. Trade and other payables

Trade payables and accruals	603.4	580.1
Leave pay accrual	41.4	43.3
	644.8	623.4

Trade payables and accruals principally comprise amounts outstanding for trade purchases and ongoing costs.

The directors consider that the carrying amount of trade payables, including the leave pay accrual, approximates their fair value. The average credit period on purchases is two months. No interest is charged on trade payables for the first 60 days from date of invoice. The group has financial risk management policies in place to ensure that payables are paid within the credit time frame.

28. Acquisition liabilities

Acquisition liabilities	62.5	61.0
Disclosed as:		
Current liabilities	9.6	9.2
Non-current liabilities	52.9	51.8
	62.5	61.0

A portion of the acquisition consideration of Pinnacle Colleges Kyalami (previously Summit Colleges) is settled through the provision of bursaries to students. The programme commenced on 1 January 2016 and runs for a period of 25 years. The carrying value represents the present value using a 9% discount rate. At year end, the seller is entitled to allocate a further R9.6 million (2023: R9.2 million) and there is an expectation that this could be settled within the next 12 months.

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29. Fees received in advance and deposits

Fees received in advance*	491.5	436.1
Deposits [#]	41.6	34.5
Total	533.1	470.6

There were no significant changes in the contract liability balance during the reporting period.

There was no revenue recognised in the current reporting period that related to performance obligations that were satisfied in a prior year.

Revenue recognised that was included in the contract liability balance at the beginning of the period:

Fees received in advance	436.1	417.9
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**The fees received in advance, representing a contract liability, is recognised over time as the education services are delivered. It represents performance obligations that are unsatisfied (or partially unsatisfied) as at the end of the reporting period. Management expects that 100% of the fees received in advance allocated to the unsatisfied contracts as of 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023 will be recognised as revenue during the next reporting period.*

[#] The deposits are refundable and therefore has no impact on revenue recognised. Accordingly this is not a contract liability but rather a financial instrument, refer to note 32.

30. Lease liabilities

Lease liabilities	1 357.2	1 130.3
Disclosed as:		
Current liabilities	222.8	196.0
Non-current liabilities	1 134.4	934.3
	1 357.2	1 130.3

Balance as at 1 January		1 130.3	952.7
Acquisitions through business combination	35	11.7	-
Foreign currency effect		19.6	(13.9)
Additions and modifications		286.1	269.2
Terminations		(8.9)	-
Finance costs on lease liabilities	6.3	151.2	115.1
Repayment of lease liabilities		(232.8)	(192.8)
Balance as at 31 December		1 357.2	1 130.3

Maturity analysis - undiscounted cash flows

Year 1	227.2	196.0
Year 2	215.1	168.0
Year 3	179.7	149.8
Year 4	174.8	117.6
Year 5	174.4	114.2
Onwards	2 320.1	2 145.0

The group applied an incremental borrowing rate on new leases ranging between 9.45% (2023: 7.7%) and 13.1% (2023: 12.0%) to determine the lease liabilities depending on the length of the lease, the jurisdiction and the market interest rates.

Certain leases were extended prior to their expiration date, which resulted in the lease liability and right-of-use asset increasing by R40.1 million (2023: R159.9 million).

The group does not face a significant liquidity risk with regard to its lease liabilities. Lease liabilities are monitored at a group level. Please refer to note 32 for details on how the group manages its liquidity risk.

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31. Commitments

31.1 Capital commitments

Capital expenditure approved by the directors:

Contracted but not provided for

Not contracted

366.1 308.9

927.2 1 025.5

1 293.3 1 334.4

Capital commitments will be financed through existing facilities and cash generated by operations.

Anticipated timing of spend:

0 - 1 year

1 - 2 years

3 - 5 years

more than 5 years

397.7 473.2

379.8 119.9

278.9 561.1

236.9 180.2

1 293.3 1 334.4

31.2 Equipment lease commitments in cash

0 - 1 year

2 - 5 years

1.4 1.2

0.7 1.3

2.1 2.5

The leases relate to equipment with various lease terms. The commitments include specified escalations in lease

32. Financial instruments

Categories of financial instruments

Financial assets

Amortised cost

Trade receivables

Bank balances and cash

413.9 407.7

509.4 381.4

Financial liabilities

Amortised cost

Long-term bank loans

Short-term bank loans

Trade payables and accruals

Deposits

Shareholders for dividends

610.6 600.3

1 185.9 955.0

603.4 580.1

41.6 34.5

16.5 2.2

Financial risk management objectives and policies

The group's principal financial instruments comprise bank loans, bank and cash equivalents and various items such as trade receivables and payables that arise directly from operations. All financial instruments are carried at amortised cost. The main purpose of these instruments is to finance the group's operations.

The support office function co-ordinates access to funds. The financial management function of the group monitors and manages the credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk (including interest rate risk, currency risk and other price risk).

Monthly reporting to the chief operating decision maker enables risk monitoring and risk exposure mitigation.

Capital risk management

The group manages its capital to ensure that subsidiaries/divisions will be able to continue as going concerns while maximising the return to stakeholders through optimisation of the debt and equity structure. In this regard the group targets an appropriate debt to equity ratio. Funding decisions are made in line with the achievement of this targeted ratio. The group's overall strategy remains unchanged.

The appropriate long-term capital structure for the group as percentage of total assets has been determined as follows:

- Equity: 45% to 50%

- Interest bearing debt: 35% to 40%

- Interest free funding: approximately 15%

The capital structure of the group consists of bank and cash equivalents, equity (comprising stated capital, reserves and retained earnings), the secured term loan and the short-term bank loans.

Capital projects are timed to coincide with additional capacity required to ensure facilities are utilised on completion.

32. Financial instruments (continued)

Liquidity risk

Ultimate responsibility for liquidity risk management rests with the board of directors, which have established appropriate liquidity risk management procedures for the management of the group's short-, medium- and long-term funding and liquidity management requirements. The group manages liquidity risk by maintaining adequate reserves, banking facilities and reserve borrowing facilities, by daily monitoring forecast and actual cash flows, and by assessing the maturity profiles of financial assets and liabilities. Surplus funds are placed on short-term deposits.

Bank overdraft, term loans and revolving credit facilities available at 31 December 2024 amounted to R 2 069.4 million (2023: R2 065.0 million) of which R1 775.0 million (2023: R1 550.0 million) has been utilised at year-end. The group did not breach any of its covenants during the year ended 31 December 2024. If covenants are breached, the group will be required to obtain additional capital which will be sufficient to remedy the breach. The group's covenants as per its borrowing facilities are disclosed below:

Covenant	Criteria	Audited 2024	Audited 2023
Interest cover ratio	greater than 3.5 times	10.9 times	10.3 times
Total net borrowings to EBITDA ratio	less than 3.0 times	1.4 times	1.3 times

All financial assets are expected to be realised within 1 year. The table below analyses the group's financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the reporting date to the contractual maturity set at the earliest date on which the group may be required to pay. The amounts disclosed in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

	Contractual outflows as at 31 December 2024		Contractual outflows as at 31 December 2023	
	Less than 1 year R'm	More than 1 Year R'm	Less than 1 year R'm	Between 1 to 2 years R'm
Secured term loan	627.6	-	59.4	629.6
Ethiopian subsidiary mortgage loan	1.9	15.0	-	-
Revolving credit facility	1 192.2	-	961.8	-
Trade and other payables	624.8	-	580.1	-
Deposits	41.6	-	34.5	-
Total	2 488.1	15.0	1 635.8	629.6

The secured term loans, the revolving credit facility and approximately 70% (2023: 70%) of the trade and other payables balance is expected to be settled between 0 - 3 months from year-end.

Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the risk that a counterparty will default on its contractual obligations resulting in financial loss to the group. The credit risk on liquid funds is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit ratings assigned by international credit rating agencies.

The group's credit risk is primarily attributable to its trade receivables. The amounts presented in the statement of financial position are shown net of expected loss allowances. The group has no concentration of credit risk, with exposure spread over a large number of unrelated counterparties and customers who do not necessarily experience the same economic conditions at the same time.

Credit risk controls are in place in the form of upfront deposits before enrolment. Other monitoring procedures are also in place to ensure that follow-up action is taken to recover overdue debts or ultimately the suspension of delivery of services.

In order to minimise credit risk, the group has tasked its financial management to categorise exposures according to their degree of risk of default. The credit rating information is obtained from the group's own trading records which is based on historical trends while being cognisant of the current economic environment. The group's exposure is continuously monitored.

At the end of the reporting period the group reviews the recoverable amount of trade debtors to ensure that adequate loss allowance is made for irrecoverable amounts. In this regard, the directors of the company consider that the group's credit risk is significantly mitigated.

The group has applied the simplified approach in IFRS 9 to measure the loss allowance at lifetime ECL. The group determines the ECL on these items by using a provision calculation, estimated based on historical credit loss experience with focus on the categories of the credit risk framework of the debtors, adjusted as appropriate to reflect current conditions and estimates of future economic conditions. Note 20 includes further details on the loss allowance for trade and other receivables.

Bank balances and cash falls under a performing internal credit rating resulting in the consideration of 12 months ECL. As bank balances and cash are held with reputable international banking institutions no loss allowance has been included against this balance.

32. Financial instruments (continued)

Market risk

The group's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks of changes in interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates. Market risk exposures are separately measured as detailed in the respective notes below. There has been no change to the group's exposure to market risks or the manner in which these risks are managed and measured.

Interest risk

The group is exposed to interest risk on the banking facilities and bank balances as these attract interest at floating interest rates. The group analyses its interest rate exposure and calculates the impact on profit or loss of an interest rate shift. Should it be appropriate swaps or other hedging instruments will be considered.

A sensitivity analysis has been determined based on the exposure to interest rates at the end of the reporting period. For floating rate liabilities, the analysis is prepared assuming the amount of the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period was outstanding for the whole year. A 1% increase or decrease is used as a reasonably possible change in interest rates. If interest rates varied by 1% higher or lower and all other variables were held constant the group's profits before taxation would have increased or decreased by R7.2 million (2023: R9.5 million).

The group's sensitivity to interest rates have decreased during the current year mainly due to the average decrease in the bank loans in place as detailed in notes 25 and 26.

The group's exposure to interest rates on financial liabilities are detailed in the table below:

	Interest rate	Interest outflow as at 31 December 2024		Interest outflow as at 31 December 2023	
		Less than 1 year	More than 1 Year	Less than 1 year	Less than 2 years
		R'm	R'm	R'm	R'm
Secured term loans	Variable	27.6	-	59.1	29.6
Ethiopian subsidiary mortgage loan	Fixed	1.2	5.1	-	-
Revolving credit facility	Variable	6.3	-	6.8	-
Total		35.1	5.1	65.9	29.6

Foreign currency risk management

The group undertakes certain transactions denominated in foreign currencies. Hence, exposure to exchange rate fluctuations arises.

Material foreign exchange exposures are hedged with a corresponding foreign exchange contract (FEC). There were no unsettled FECs as at year-end and hedge accounting did not apply.

The carrying amounts of the group's foreign currency denominated monetary assets and monetary liabilities at the end of the reporting period are as follows.

	Liabilities		Assets	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	R'm	R'm	R'm	R'm
United States Dollar	2.4	0.6	8.7	4.0
Great British Pound	-	-	-	0.6
Mauritian Rupee	-	-	0.6	-
Euro	3.3	0.1	3.1	-
Botswana Pula	2.1	2.3	-	-

The group's foreign currency exposure risk has not changed significantly year on year. The payables and receivables consist of invoices denominated in a foreign currency and are expected to be settled in a relatively short period of time. Fluctuations in the exchange rates are unlikely to have a material impact on the group's results.

Fair value measurements

The directors consider that the carrying amount of the financial assets and financial liabilities recognised in the consolidated financial statements approximate their fair values.

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		Audited 2024 R'm	Audited 2023 R'm
	Notes		

33. Notes to the statement of cash flows

33.1 Cash generated from operations

Profit before taxation		1 581.2	1 388.6
Adjusted for non-cash IFRS and other adjustments (before taxation)		42.2	36.0
Share based payment expenses	5	46.3	39.5
Other non-cash adjustments		(4.1)	(3.5)
		1 623.4	1 424.6
Adjustments:		642.2	572.9
Depreciation and amortisation	5	435.1	384.4
Net finance costs	6	204.3	189.7
Net loss/(profit) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	5	4.4	(1.2)
Profit from early termination of leases	5	(1.6)	-
		2 265.6	1 997.5

33.2 Movement in working capital

Increase in inventories		(2.3)	(3.3)
Increase in trade and other receivables and prepayments		(77.9)	(57.4)
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables		15.4	(13.0)
Increase in fees received in advance and deposits		49.5	17.0
Net outflow in working capital		(15.3)	(56.7)

33.3 Taxation paid

Balance at beginning of the year		14.6	26.1
Liability acquired through business combination	35	(10.5)	-
Foreign currency effect		(3.0)	-
Current charge	7	(392.4)	(388.8)
Taxation on equity item		-	(2.2)
Foreign taxation credits		4.5	5.0
Balance at end of the year		(37.1)	(14.6)
Cash amount paid		(423.9)	(374.5)

33.4 Dividends paid

Balance at beginning of the year		(2.2)	(1.6)
Liability acquired through business combination	35	(16.0)	-
Declared during the year	11	(588.0)	(415.5)
Balance at end of the year		16.5	2.2
Cash amount paid		(589.7)	(414.9)

33.5 Additions to property, plant and equipment to maintain operations

Land and buildings		(37.8)	(32.5)
Computer equipment		(138.1)	(84.3)
Computer software		(1.4)	(0.4)
Furniture, fittings and equipment		(88.6)	(59.7)
Motor vehicles		(6.0)	(3.0)
Video equipment		(7.7)	(9.7)
Leasehold improvements		(33.4)	(44.7)
		(313.0)	(234.3)

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	Audited	Audited
	2024	2023
	R'm	R'm

33. Notes to the statement of cash flows (continued)

33.6 Additions to property, plant and equipment to expand operations

Land and buildings	(444.2)	(281.6)
Computer equipment	(14.0)	(51.2)
Furniture, fittings and equipment	(17.2)	(34.3)
Motor vehicles	(1.3)	(0.2)
Leasehold improvements	(114.5)	(45.2)
	(591.2)	(412.5)

33.7 Free operating cash flow before capex per share

Profit for the year	1 151.6	998.2
Adjusted for non-cash IFRS and other adjustments (after taxation)	42.2	36.0
Net operating profit after taxation - adjusted for non-cash IFRS and other adjustments	1 193.8	1 034.2
Depreciation and amortisation	435.1	384.4
Repayment of principal portion of lease liabilities	(81.6)	(77.7)
Taxation adjustment on IFRS 16 leases	(18.9)	(16.3)
Net (loss)/profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment (after taxation)	3.2	(0.9)
Operating cash flow after taxation	1 531.6	1 323.7
Movement in working capital	(15.3)	(56.7)
Free operating cash flow before capex	1 516.3	1 267.0

Weighted average number of shares for purposes of basic earnings per share ('m)	547.8	545.3
Free operating cash flow before capex per share (cents)	276.8	232.3

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34. Related party transactions

The parent and ultimate controlling party of the group is ADvTECH Limited.

Transactions between the company and its subsidiaries, which are related parties of the company, have been eliminated on consolidation and are not disclosed in this note.

Please refer to note 4 of the company annual financial statements for details of group entities.

Directors, prescribed officers and senior executive remuneration

Emoluments paid to executive directors and prescribed officers of the group for the year ended 31 December 2024, are set out below:

	Salary R	Bonus R	Catch-up benefit# R	Expense allowances R	Provident fund contributions R	Total 2024 R	Total 2023 R
Executive							
RJ Douglas*	774 389	-	-	30 000	102 560	906 949	10 533 829
JDR Oesch	4 316 309	4 044 600	-	150 000	569 454	9 080 363	7 167 517
GD Whyte*	6 391 189	8 252 635	9 500 000	156 960	434 601	24 735 385	-
Total executive directors	11 481 887	12 297 235	9 500 000	336 960	1 106 615	34 722 697	17 701 346
Prescribed officers							
MD Aitken	2 742 273	1 739 191	-	480 920	429 341	5 391 725	6 232 819
DL Honey	3 613 778	934 761	-	232 414	472 997	5 253 950	6 985 125
LA Wiseman	3 257 436	2 018 030	-	55 812	221 506	5 552 784	5 197 759
Total prescribed officers	9 613 487	4 691 982	-	769 146	1 123 844	16 198 459	18 415 703

* RJ Douglas retired as a director from 29 February 2024 and GD Whyte was appointed as a director from 1 March 2024.

GD Whyte has been awarded the catch-up benefit to compensate him for the long-term benefits that he had forfeited in respect of his former employment as a result of him taking up employment with the group.

Emoluments paid to non-executive directors of the group for the ended 31 December 2024, are set out below:

	Board R	Audit and risk committee R	Remuneration committee R	Tsec R	Investment committee R	Nomination committee R	Total 2024 R	Total 2023 R
CH Boule*	280 180	-	-	29 709	-	26 946	336 835	750 582
JS Chimhanzi	340 564	135 210	-	120 898	-	-	596 672	573 612
SS Lazar	408 677	-	-	-	80 042	55 440	544 159	539 842
MM Nkosi	340 564	-	64 177	-	66 702	46 200	517 643	526 913
CB Thomson	340 564	135 210	64 177	-	125 000	-	664 951	658 628
S Van Graan	340 564	-	-	70 713	-	46 200	457 477	422 762
KDM Warburton	358 282	264 580	100 445	-	66 702	-	790 009	720 114
A Watson	635 597	53 049	28 597	3 122	-	3 214	723 579	523 283
Total non-executive	3 044 992	588 049	257 396	224 442	338 446	178 000	4 631 325	4 715 736

* CH Boule retired from the board following the conclusion of the AGM held on 5 June 2024.

An amount of R523 573 (2023: R540 342) relating to value-added tax was paid on director fees.

34. Related party transactions (continued)

MSI scheme

The directors and prescribed officers were awarded the following shares at 31 December 2024:

	Share awards as at 31 December 2023	Share awards awarded during the year	Share awards vested during the year		Share awards forfeited during the year ⁵	Share awards as at 31 December 2024
	Number	Number	Number	Benefit arising on vesting of awards (R)	Number	Number
Directors						
RJ Douglas	354 177 285 610 377 895		337 696	9 286 640	16 481 113 619 270 171	- 171 991 107 724
JDR Oesch	213 120 171 861 227 392		213 120	5 641 978		- 171 861 227 392
		191 413				191 413
		730 459				730 459
GD Whyte						
Prescribed officers						
MD Aitken	181 993 146 760 155 344		181 993	4 888 679		- 146 760 155 344
		106 045				106 045
DL Honey	203 759 174 172 184 359		203 759	5 603 373		- 174 172 184 359
		125 259				125 259
LA Wiseman	82 394 99 664 112 348		82 394	2 265 835		- 99 664 112 348
		77 056				77 056
	2 970 848	1 230 232	1 018 962	27 686 505	400 271	2 781 847

⁵ This relates to awards forfeited on the retirement of R Douglas. No awards were forfeited as a result of performance targets not being met.

Details regarding directors' and prescribed officers' interests are disclosed in the directors' report on pages 16 to 19.

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		Audited 2024 R'm
	Notes	

35. Business combination

Flipper International School PLC

A 100% interest in Flipper International School PLC, a company incorporated in Ethiopia was acquired through the acquisition of its holding companies, Sana Education Limited and Sana Education Ethiopia Limited (both companies incorporated in Mauritius) effective from 15 November 2024 for a gross cash consideration of R 135.5 million. After accounting for cash acquired at acquisition, the net consideration is R75.8 million.

Non-current assets acquired

Property, plant and equipment	12	131.0
Right-of-use assets	14	7.6
Intangible assets	16	6.8

Current assets acquired

Trade and other receivables		1.2
Cash and cash equivalents		59.7

Non-current liabilities acquired

Deferred taxation liability	17	(26.7)
Long-term bank loans	25	(10.9)
Lease liabilities	30	(11.7)

Current liabilities acquired

Trade and other payables		(6.1)
Fees in advance		(13.0)
Taxation payable	33.3	(10.5)
Shareholders for dividend	33.4	(16.0)

Fair value of identifiable assets and liabilities acquired

Goodwill arising on acquisition	15	24.1
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Gross cash consideration

		135.5
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Less: cash and cash equivalents		(59.7)
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Net cash consideration

	75.8
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Revenue of R11.9 million and profit for the year of R2.9 million has been included in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

The group would have reported revenue of R8 598.8 million and profit for the year of R 1 167.4 million if the acquisition was done at the beginning of the reporting period.

This acquisition was made as an addition to our schools - rest of Africa division and provides expansion opportunities in a new market in Africa, to which the goodwill relates. None of the goodwill recognised is expected to be deductible for tax purposes.

The impact of hyperinflation in Ethiopia was not deemed material for the 2024 year.

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36. Securities on term loans and short term bank loans

In terms of the group's banking arrangement, ADvTECH Limited, ADvTECH Resource Holdings Proprietary Limited, ADvTECH Resourcing Proprietary Limited and The Independent Institute of Education Proprietary Limited have issued to its bankers unlimited cross guarantees including cessions of loan accounts on behalf of each other's overdraft, secured term loans and revolving credit facilities. These facilities are also secured by mortgage bonds over properties having a net book value of R2 953.7 million (2023: R2 932.2 million). As at 31 December 2024 the total capital amount of facilities utilised amounted to R1 775.0 million (2023: R1 550.0 million).

37. Going concern

The annual financial statements of the group and company are prepared on a going concern basis.

Fees received in advance contributes a significant part of the negative working capital (excluding short term funding and the long term funding that is now current) where the obligation relates to providing services rather than the outflow of cash. Although current liabilities exceed current assets, receivables and cash exceed the amount of trade and other payables. The group also generates significant cash flow at the beginning of each year and is able to settle its liabilities in the ordinary course of business.

The directors have reviewed and approved the group and company budget and cash flow forecasts prepared by management. These forecasts have taken into account the potential revenue, costs (including the credit losses) and the expected level of capital expenditure. The directors have compared these forecasts against the cash reserves and borrowing facilities available to the group. It is concluded that the group will remain comfortably within its existing bank facility limits and covenants for at least the next 12 months from the date of approval of these annual financial statements with significant headroom available. Management prepared a detailed profit or loss, cash flow and balance sheet forecast. This forecast has been reviewed and approved by the board of directors.

Please refer to notes 25 and 26 for details of the extended banking facilities finalised subsequent to year end.

Nothing has come to the attention of the directors to indicate that the group and company will not remain a going concern for the foreseeable future.

38. Events after the reporting period

The group entered into a new revolving credit facility of R2 000 million effective from 18 March 2025, which replaced the old secured term loan and revolving credit facility. The secured term loan was settled on 19 March 2025 while the revolving credit facility was settled when it became due after year-end. Please refer to note 25 and 26 of the annual financial statements for further information.

The directors are not aware of any other matter or circumstance between the date of the statement of financial position and the date on which these financial statements were authorised for issue that materially affects the results of the group and company for the year ended 31 December 2024 or the financial position at that date.

Company statement of comprehensive income
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Audited 2024 R'm	Audited 2023 R'm
Revenue	1	700.0	700.0
Other income		17.5	15.6
Staff costs	2	(6.4)	(6.3)
Other operating expenses		(12.1)	(9.3)
Operating profit before interest		699.0	700.0
Net interest earned		0.1	0.1
Profit before taxation	2	699.1	700.1
Taxation	3	(0.1)	(0.2)
Profit for the year[#]		699.0	699.9

[#] The company did not earn other comprehensive income during the year.

Company statement of financial position
as at 31 December 2024

	Notes	Audited 2024 R'm	Audited 2023 R'm
Assets			
Non-current assets			
Investments in subsidiaries at cost	4	658.4	658.4
		658.4	658.4
Current assets			
Loans to subsidiaries	4	1 560.2	1 397.1
Trade and other receivables	5	7.2	5.2
Prepayments		0.3	0.1
Taxation		0.1	-
		1 567.8	1 402.4
Total assets		2 226.2	2 060.8
Equity and liabilities			
Capital and reserves			
Stated capital	6	1 595.8	1 603.8
Share incentive reserve		-	56.5
Retained earnings		621.2	392.4
Total equity		2 217.0	2 052.7
Non-current liabilities			
Deferred taxation liability	7	0.1	-
		0.1	-
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	8	5.6	4.1
Taxation		-	1.0
Shareholders for capital distribution		0.8	0.8
Shareholders for dividend		2.7	2.2
		9.1	8.1
Total equity and liabilities		2 226.2	2 060.8

Company statement of changes in equity
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Total stated capital R'm	Treasury shares held by the share incentive trust R'm	Share incentive reserve R'm	Retained earnings R'm	Total equity R'm
Balance at 1 January 2023		1 601.5	(4.7)	48.6	63.8	1 709.2
Profit for the year					699.9	699.9
Dividends declared to shareholders*					(371.3)	(371.3)
Shares issued	6	18.5				18.5
Share issue costs	6	(0.1)				(0.1)
Shares repurchased	6	(16.1)				(16.1)
Effect of share options forfeited**			4.7			4.7
Share awards under the management share incentive scheme (MSI)**				10.1		10.1
Taxation effect of share awards under the management share incentive scheme (MSI)				(2.2)		(2.2)
Balance at 31 December 2023		1 603.8	-	56.5	392.4	2 052.7
Profit for the year					699.0	699.0
Dividends declared to shareholders*					(526.7)	(526.7)
Shares repurchased	6	(8.0)				(8.0)
Transfer of share incentive reserve to retained earnings				(56.5)	56.5	-
Balance at 31 December 2024		1 595.8	-	-	621.2	2 217.0

* Refer to note 11 of the consolidated annual financial statements.

** Refer to note 24 of the consolidated annual financial statements for details on the share incentive scheme.

Company statement of cash flows
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Audited 2024 R'm	Audited 2023 R'm
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash utilised in operations	11.1	(1.0)	-
Movement in working capital	11.2	(0.7)	2.8
Cash (utilised in)/generated by operating activities		(1.7)	2.8
Net interest received		0.1	0.1
Taxation paid	11.3	(1.1)	(1.7)
Dividends paid	11.4	(526.2)	(370.7)
Net cash outflow from operating activities		(528.9)	(369.5)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Repayment of loans by subsidiaries*		536.9	352.4
Net cash inflow from investing activities		536.9	352.4
Cash flows from financing activities			
Shares issued		-	18.5
Shares repurchased		(8.0)	(16.1)
Proceeds from shares purchased by subsidiaries		-	14.7
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from financing activities		(8.0)	17.1
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		-	-
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		-	-
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year[#]		-	-

[#] The cash needs of the company is managed centrally by the group through intercompany loan accounts resulting in the entity always having a nil cash balance.

* Dividend income of R700.0 million (2023: R700.0 million) from The Independent Institute of Education Proprietary Limited was a non-cash transaction as it was not received at year-end and is included in the closing balance of loans to subsidiaries.

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The accounting policies applied are consistent with the group accounting policies detailed on pages 26 to 46.

	Audited 2024 R'm	Audited 2023 R'm
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1. Revenue

The company derives its revenue from dividends from subsidiaries which is recognised at a point in time when the rights to receive payment have been established.

Dividend received from subsidiary	700.0	700.0
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2. Profit before taxation

Profit before taxation is stated after taking the following into account:

Auditors' remuneration - current year audit fee	2.7	2.5
Directors' emoluments - for services as directors	4.6	4.7
Directors' emoluments - VAT on non-executive director fees	0.5	0.5
Staff costs	1.3	1.1
Total staff costs	6.4	6.3

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		Audited	Audited
		2024	2023
	Note	R'm	R'm

3. Taxation

3.1 Taxation expense comprises

Current taxation - current year		-	0.2
Deferred taxation - current year	7	0.1	-
Total taxation expense		0.1	0.2

3.2 Reconciliation of taxation

Profit before taxation	699.1	700.1
Taxation at 27%	188.8	189.0
Permanent differences	(188.7)	(188.8)
Disallowable expenditure - legal and consulting fees	0.3	0.2
Non-taxable income - dividend received	(189.0)	(189.0)
Taxation expense recognised in profit	0.1	0.2

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	Issued ordinary share capital		Proportion held directly or indirectly	Interest of holding company				Principal activity
				Shares		Loans receivable		
	31 Dec 2024 R	31 Dec 2023 R	31 Dec 2024 %	31 Dec 2023 %	31 Dec 2024 R'm	31 Dec 2023 R'm	31 Dec 2024 R'm	

4. Investments in and loans to subsidiaries and joint ventures

Direct:

The Independent Institute of Education (Pty) Ltd	597 404 309	597 404 309	100	100	598.6	598.6	1 559.3	1 396.2	1
Emeris (Pty) Ltd (formerly Maramedia (Pty) Ltd)	100	100	100	100	-	-	-	-	4
ADvTECH Resource Holdings (Pty) Ltd	3 150 023	3 150 023	100	100	59.8	59.8	0.9	0.9	2

Indirect:

ADvTECH Ghana Ltd (d)	11 385 437	-	100	-					1
ADvTECH Kenya Ltd (c)	119 560 239	119 560 239	100	100					1
ADvTECH Mauritius Ltd (a)	142 714	142 714	100	100					2
ADvTECH Resourcing (Pty) Ltd	68 156 396	68 156 396	100	100			-	-	3
ADvTECH Resourcing Investments (Pty) Ltd	68 508 341	68 508 341	100	100					2
Africa HR Solutions Ltd (a)	6 587 162	6 587 162	51	51					3
CA Global Finance (Pty) Ltd	1 000	1 000	47	52					3
CA Global Headhunters (Pty) Ltd	120	120	52	52					3
CA Mining (Pty) Ltd	1 185 938	100	43	52					3
CA Global HR (Pty) Ltd	120	120	52	52					3
Capsicum Culinary Studio (Pty) Ltd	1 000	1 000	100	100					4
Flipper International School PLC (e)	1 379 760	-	100	-					1
Future Indefinite Investments 82 (Pty) Ltd	100	100	100	100					4
Knyber (Botswana) (Pty) Ltd (b)	370 413	370 413	100	100					1
Latiano 754 (Pty) Ltd	47 435 741	47 435 741	100	100					2
Rosebank College (Pty) Ltd (formerly Maragon Private Schools Avianto (Pty) Ltd)	100	100	100	100					4
Maragon Private Schools Ruimsig (Pty) Ltd	100	100	100	100					4
Maragon Private Schools Tshwane (Pty) Ltd	120	120	100	100					4
Maravest (Pty) Ltd	1 000	1 000	100	100					4
Oxbridge Academy (Pty) Ltd	100	100	95	95					1
Resen Holdings (Pty) Ltd (b)	89 873 101	89 873 101	100	100					2
Sana Education Limited (a)	138 220 976	-	100	-					2
Sana Ethiopia Education Limited (a)	60 334 891	-	100	-					2
Schole Mauritius Ltd (a)	178 555 085	178 555 085	94	94					2
Shetland Investments (Pty) Ltd	100	100	100	100					4
Star Schools (Pty) Ltd (joint venture)	100	100	50	50					1
The Makini School Ltd (c)	74 514 789	74 514 789	94	94					1
The Private Hotel School (Pty) Ltd	100	100	100	100					4

658.4	658.4	1 560.2	1 397.1
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1 Independent provider of education.

2 Investment/property holding company.

3 Recruitment, placement and temporary staffing company.

4 Dormant company.

The Ulwazi Trust is consolidated into the group financial statements as it is controlled by the group. Control is achieved through the ability of the group to appoint the trustees of the trust.

Results of subsidiaries so far as they concern members of the company: aggregate profit after taxation R1 151.6 million (2023: R998.2 million). All companies are incorporated in the Republic of South Africa except as indicated: (a) Mauritius (b) Botswana (c) Kenya (d) Ghana (e) Ethiopia.

Flipper International School PLC has a year-end of 8 July. This was a new acquisition concluded on 15 November 2024 and the intention is to align the year-end with the year-end of the group. ADvTECH Ghana is a newly incorporated entity formed by the group in the current year.

The loans are unsecured, interest free and are repayable on demand. The inter-company loans do not carry a significant credit risk as the underlying entities are profitable, are forecasted to remain profitable in future based on budgets and cash flow forecasts and are expected to generate sufficient cash to meet their obligations. The expected credit losses on the loans is considered to be immaterial.

The directors consider that the carrying amounts of the loans receivable approximate their fair value as these are payable on demand.

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	Audited 2024 R'm	Audited 2023 R'm
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5. Trade and other receivables

Other receivables	7.2	5.2
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Other receivables consist of inter-company receivables. The inter-company receivables are unsecured and interest free.

The inter-company receivables are recognised as "performing" under the internal credit rating and the loss allowance is based on lifetime expected credit losses. As the underlying entities are profitable and generating sufficient cash to meet their obligations, which is expected to continue for the following 12 months, the loss allowance is considered to be immaterial.

The directors consider that the carrying amounts of the loans receivable approximate their fair value as these are payable on demand.

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6. Stated capital

Authorised

1 000 000 000 shares of no par value (2023: 1 000 000 000 shares of no par value)

	Number of shares 2024 'm	Audited 2024 R'm	Number of shares 2023 'm	Audited 2023 R'm
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Issued

Balance at 1 January	554.8	1 603.8	554.5	1 601.5
Shares issued	-	-	1.1	18.5
Share issue costs	-	-	-	(0.1)
Shares repurchased	(0.3)	(8.0)	(0.8)	(16.1)
Balance at 31 December	554.5	1 595.8	554.8	1 603.8

The unissued shares are under the control of the directors subject to the provisions of the Companies Act and the requirements of the JSE Limited and in certain circumstances shareholders' approval.

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	Audited	Audited
	2024	2023
	R'm	R'm

7. Deferred taxation liability

Opening deferred taxation liability	-	-
Current year temporary differences	0.1	-
Balance at end of the year	0.1	-
The balance comprises:		
Deferred and prepaid expenditure	0.1	-
	0.1	-
Deferred taxation accounted for in the statement of comprehensive income:		
Deferred and prepaid expenditure	0.1	-
	0.1	-

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	Audited 2024 R'm	Audited 2023 R'm
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8. Trade and other payables

Trade payables and accruals	5.6	4.1
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Trade payables and accruals principally comprise amounts outstanding for ongoing costs.

The directors consider that the carrying amount of trade payables approximates its fair value. The average credit period on purchases is two months. The company has financial risk management policies in place to ensure that payables are paid within the credit time frame.

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	Audited 2024 R'm	Audited 2023 R'm
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9. Financial instruments

9.1 Categories of financial instruments

Financial assets

Amortised cost

Loans to subsidiaries	1 560.2	1 397.1
Trade and other receivables	7.2	5.2

Financial liabilities

Amortised cost

Trade and other payables	5.6	4.1
Shareholders for dividend and capital distribution	3.5	3.0

Financial risk management objectives and policies

The company's principal financial instruments comprise various items such as other receivables, trade payables and loans to subsidiaries that arise directly from operations. These items have been classified as financial instruments carried at amortised cost. The main purpose of these instruments is to finance the company's operations.

The support office function co-ordinates access to funds. The financial management function of the group monitors and manages the credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk (including interest rate risk, currency risk and other price risk). Refer to note 32 in the consolidated annual financial statements for the policies and procedures in place to manage these risks.

Capital risk management

The company manages its capital to ensure that subsidiaries/divisions will be able to continue as going concerns while maximising the return to shareholders through optimisation of the debt and equity balance. The company's overall strategy remains unchanged.

The capital structure of the company consists of equity, comprising stated capital and reserves.

Liquidity risk

Maturity groupings are based on the remaining period at the reporting date to the contractual maturity set at the earliest date on which the company may be required to pay. The financial liability amounts disclosed are the contractual undiscounted cash flows. Both the trade and other payables as well as the shareholders for dividend and capital distribution, are due within less than 1 year. The loans to subsidiaries and other receivables are receivable in less than 1 year.

Credit risk

The company's credit risk is primarily attributable to its receivables and loans from subsidiaries. The credit risk on these are assessed as low and would only be considered in default should the circumstances in the underlying entities change adversely. The loss allowance on these is not considered significant as the underlying entities are profitable, are forecasted to remain profitable in future based on budgets and cash flow forecasts and are expected to generate sufficient cash to meet their obligations. The loan receivable from The Independent Institute of Education Proprietary Limited exceeds 5% of total financial assets, refer to note 4 for details of this loan.

The tables below detail the credit quality of the company's financial assets and other items, as well as the company's maximum exposure to credit risk according to the credit risk rating framework:

Financial instrument	Note	Internal credit rating	12 months or lifetime expected credit losses (ECL)	Gross carrying amount R'm	Loss allowance R'm	Net carrying amount R'm
31 December 2024						
Loans to subsidiaries	4	Performing	12 month ECL	1 560.2	-	1 560.2
Trade and other receivables	5	Performing	Lifetime ECL	7.2	-	7.2
31 December 2023						
Loans to subsidiaries	4	Performing	12 month ECL	1 397.1	-	1 397.1
Trade and other receivables	5	Performing	Lifetime ECL	5.2	-	5.2

Fair value measurements

The directors consider that the carrying amount of the financial assets and financial liabilities recognised in the financial statements approximate their fair values as they are payable on demand.

10. Contingent liabilities

In terms of the group's banking arrangement, ADVTECH Limited, ADVTECH Resource Holdings (Pty) Ltd, ADVTECH Resourcing (Pty) Ltd and The Independent Institute of Education (Pty) Ltd have issued to its bankers unlimited cross guarantees including cessions of loan accounts on behalf of each other's overdraft, secured term loans and revolving credit facilities. These facilities are also secured by mortgage bonds over properties having a net book value of R2 953.7 million (2023: R2932.2 million). As at 31 December 2024 the total amount of facilities utilised amounted to R1 775.0 million (2023: R1 550.0 million) as per notes 25 and 26 of the consolidated annual financial statements.

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		Audited	Audited
		2024	2023
	Note	R'm	R'm

11. Notes to the statement of cash flows

11.1 Cash utilised in operations

Profit before taxation		699.1	700.1
Adjust for non-cash items - dividend income		(700.0)	(700.0)
		(0.9)	0.1
Net interest earned		(0.1)	(0.1)
		(1.0)	-

11.2 Movement in working capital

(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables		(2.2)	1.6
Increase in trade and other payables		1.5	1.2
Net (outflow)/inflow in working capital		(0.7)	2.8

11.3 Taxation paid

Balance at beginning of the year		(1.0)	(0.3)
Current charge (excluding deferred taxation)	3	-	(0.2)
Taxation on equity item		-	(2.2)
Balance at end of the year		(0.1)	1.0
Cash amount paid		(1.1)	(1.7)

11.4 Dividends paid

Balance at beginning of the year		(2.2)	(1.6)
Declared during the year		(526.7)	(371.3)
Balance at end of the year		2.7	2.2
Cash amount paid		(526.2)	(370.7)

12. Related party transactions

ADvTECH Limited performed certain administrative services for The Independent Institute of Education (Pty) Ltd and for ADvTECH Resourcing (Pty) Ltd for which management fees of R16.7 million (2023: R14.1 million) and R0.8 million (2023: R1.5 million) respectively were charged and paid, being an appropriate allocation of costs incurred by the relevant administrative departments.

Refer to note 34 of the consolidated annual financial statements for information regarding the directors' remuneration.

13. Events after the reporting period

Refer to note 38 of the consolidated annual financial statements for information relating to events after the reporting period.

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Analysis of Ordinary Shareholders as at 31 December 2024

Range of shareholding	Number of shareholders	% of total shareholders	Number of shares	% of total issued share capital
1 to 1 000	12 969	82.23%	1 077 763	0.19%
1 001 to 10 000	1 838	11.65%	6 595 335	1.19%
10 001 to 100 000	624	3.96%	19 794 577	3.57%
100 001 to 1 000 000	265	1.68%	87 055 523	15.70%
Over 1 000 000	75	0.48%	439 933 054	79.35%
Total	15 771	100.00%	554 456 252	100.00%

Distribution of Shareholders	Number of shareholders	% of total shareholders	Number of shares	% of total issued share capital
Assurance Companies	39	0.25%	18 744 224	3.38%
Close Corporations	37	0.23%	229 713	0.04%
Collective Investment Schemes	235	1.49%	161 119 518	29.06%
Control Accounts	1	0.01%	14	0.00%
Custodians	17	0.11%	1 340 910	0.24%
Foundations & Charitable Funds	43	0.27%	10 816 792	1.95%
Hedge Funds	17	0.11%	25 669 157	4.63%
Insurance Companies	7	0.04%	2 395 598	0.43%
Investment Partnerships	19	0.12%	1 889 845	0.34%
Managed Funds	15	0.10%	24 621 334	4.44%
Medical Aid Funds	13	0.08%	1 813 265	0.33%
Organs of State	10	0.06%	113 303 401	20.44%
Private Companies	196	1.24%	9 249 960	1.67%
Public Companies	9	0.06%	487 933	0.09%
Public Entities	3	0.02%	217 011	0.04%
Retail Shareholders	14 195	90.01%	62 751 773	11.32%
Retirement Benefit Funds	568	3.60%	90 990 413	16.41%
Scrip Lending	7	0.04%	2 477 211	0.45%
Share Schemes	1	0.01%	1 000	0.00%
Sovereign Funds	2	0.01%	17 208 362	3.10%
Stockbrokers & Nominees	45	0.29%	2 931 993	0.53%
Trusts	284	1.80%	6 121 978	1.10%
Unclaimed Scrip	8	0.05%	74 847	0.01%
Total	15 771	100.00%	554 456 252	100.00%

In terms of Section 56(3) (a) & (b) and Section 56(5) (a) (b) & (c) of the South African Companies Act, 2008 (Act No. 71 of 2008) foreign disclosures have been incorporated into this analysis.

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Analysis of Ordinary Shareholders as at 31 December 2024 (continued)

Shareholder spread	Number of shareholders	% of total shareholders	Number of shares	% of total issued share capital
Non-public	10	0.06%	71 398 210	12.88%
Directors and Associates (Excl. Employee Share Schemes)				
Directors*	3	0.02%	56 113 840	10.13%
Prescribed Officers	3	0.02%	8 665 344	1.56%
Directors of a major subsidiary	2	0.01%	242 372	0.04%
Share Schemes	2	0.01%	6 376 654	1.15%
Public	15 761	99.94%	483 058 042	87.12%
Total	15 771	100.00%	554 456 252	100.00%

* Mr MM Nkosi has an indirect beneficial interest via shares held by Value Capital Partners Proprietary Limited.

Fund Managers With A Holding Greater Than 5% of The Issued Shares	Number of shares	% of total issued share capital
Coronation Fund Managers	158 062 553	28.51%
Public Investment Corporation	95 260 140	17.18%
Value Capital Partners	53 368 188	9.63%
Total	306 690 881	55.31%

Beneficial Shareholders With A Holding Greater Than 5% Of The Issued Shares	Number of shares	% of total issued share capital
Government Employees Pension Fund	108 634 573	19.59%
Coronation Fund Managers	97 475 205	17.58%
Total	206 109 778	37.17%

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Analysis of Ordinary Shareholders as at 31 December 2024 (continued)

Share Information	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Closing price at period end (cents)	3 384	2 454	1 818	1 758	950
JSE market price high (cents)	3 481	2 544	1 924	1 955	1 115
JSE market price low (cents)	2 328	1 615	1 504	950	576
Total number of transactions on JSE	94 868	76 749	63 555	68 328	57 008
Total number of shares traded	102 158 328	145 305 100	116 376 524	189 543 694	147 436 015
Total value of shares traded (R)	2 995 903 563	2 778 192 315	2 025 338 484	2 703 771 224	1 251 731 767
Average price per share (cents)	2 933	1 912	1 740	1 426	849
Shares in issue*	554 456 252	554 750 973	554 459 991	554 459 991	551 783 426
Percentage volume traded to shares in issue	18%	26%	21%	34%	27%
PE ratio	17.3	14.6	12.2	14.3	11.6

* Shares in issue per JSE as at 31 December 2024.

Shareholders Diary

Dividend	2025
Approval of dividend by the board	Thursday, 20 March
Announcement of annual results and declaration of dividend (if applicable) for 2024 on SENS	Monday, 24 March
Last day to trade in order to participate in the dividend	Tuesday, 8 April
Trading commences ex-dividend	Wednesday, 9 April
Record date	Friday, 11 April
Share certificates may not be dematerialised and rematerialised between Wednesday, 9 April and Friday, 11 April both days inclusive	Wednesday, 9 April and Friday, 11 April
Dividend payment date	Monday, 14 April
Annual general meeting (AGM)	
Record date to receive notices	Friday, 11 April
Posting date on SENS	Tuesday, 22 April
Last date to trade to be eligible to participate and vote at the AGM	Tuesday, 20 May
Record date to be recorded as a shareholder	Friday, 23 May
Proxy forms to be received by 10h00	Monday, 26 May
AGM to be held at 10h00	Wednesday, 28 May
Results of AGM published on SENS	Wednesday, 28 May
Interim results	
Interim results for the six months ended 30 June 2025	Monday, 25 August