

**SAUDI RESEARCH AND MEDIA GROUP
(SRMG)
(A SAUDI JOINT STOCK COMPANY)**

**UNAUDITED INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT**

**FOR THE THREE-MONTH AND NINE-MONTH PERIODS ENDED 30
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT ON THE INTERIM CONDENSED
CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
To the Shareholders of Saudi Research and Media Group (SRMG)
(A Saudi Joint Stock Company)**

Introduction

We have reviewed the accompanying interim condensed consolidated statement of financial position of Saudi Research and Media Group ("the Company") and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as "the Group") as at 30 September 2024, and the related interim condensed consolidated statements of profit or loss, comprehensive income for the three-month and nine-month periods ended 30 September 2024, and the related interim condensed consolidated statements of changes in equity and cash flows for the nine-month period then ended, and explanatory notes. Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of these interim condensed consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34, "Interim Financial Reporting" ("IAS 34") as endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on these interim condensed consolidated financial statements based on our review.

Scope of Review

We conducted our review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements 2410, "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity" as endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. A review of interim financial statement consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing that are endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying interim condensed consolidated financial statements are not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with IAS 34 as endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

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SAUDI RESEARCH AND MEDIA GROUP (SRMG)
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INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 September 2024

	Notes	As at 30 September 2024 (Unaudited) SR	As at 31 December 2023 (Audited) SR
Assets			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant, and equipment	7	1,283,569,749	1,324,940,667
Right-of-use assets	8	286,421,226	168,143,246
Intangible assets and goodwill	9	983,328,237	1,033,363,135
Investment properties	10	25,149,566	25,314,211
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	11	1,229,265,137	1,214,442,526
Derivative financial instruments	17	4,536,873	7,646,415
Non-current trade receivables		3,187,481	5,658,536
Total non-current assets		3,815,458,269	3,779,508,736
Current assets			
Inventories	13	169,690,945	193,563,872
Trade receivables		709,524,385	942,603,465
Prepayments and other current assets		250,286,259	207,231,579
Short-term investments		433,000,000	-
Cash and cash equivalents	12	651,958,483	607,417,788
Total current assets		2,214,460,072	1,950,816,704
Total assets		6,029,918,341	5,730,325,440
Equity and liabilities			
Equity			
Share capital	14	800,000,000	800,000,000
Statutory reserve	15	-	293,701,965
Contractual reserve	16	-	67,547,177
Other reserves		(267,700,710)	(206,718,474)
Retained earnings		2,806,351,677	2,128,360,766
Equity attributable to equity holders of the Parent Company		3,338,650,967	3,082,891,434
Non-controlling interests		135,404,694	177,705,117
Total equity		3,474,055,661	3,260,596,551
Liabilities			
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings and Murabaha	18	165,151,603	177,652,688
Contract liabilities		61,071,429	81,428,572
Defined employees' benefits liabilities		131,623,060	139,626,476
Non-current trade payables		196,823,916	264,583,126
Other non-current liabilities		22,045,005	15,566,497
Lease liabilities		251,758,989	130,091,599
Total non-current liabilities		828,474,002	808,948,958
Current liabilities			
Borrowings and Murabaha – current portion	18	619,198,485	595,760,604
Trade payables		361,198,810	335,670,807
Contract liabilities – current portion		360,123,511	252,810,407
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities		224,477,652	335,893,763
Lease liabilities – current portion		69,154,056	35,308,201
Provision for Zakat and income tax	19	93,236,164	105,336,149
Total current liabilities		1,727,388,678	1,660,779,931
Total liabilities		2,555,862,680	2,469,728,889
Total equity and liabilities		6,029,918,341	5,730,325,440

Chairman
Abdullahman Al Rowaita

CEO and Board Member
Jomana AlRashid

CFO
Mohammed Abdulfatah Nazer

The accompanying notes from 1 to 27 form an integral part of these interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

SAUDI RESEARCH AND MEDIA GROUP (SRMG)
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INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS
For the three-month and nine-month periods ended 30 September 2024

	Notes	For the three-month period ended 30 September		For the nine-month period ended 30 September	
		2024	2023	2024	2023
		(Unaudited) SR	(Unaudited) SR	(Unaudited) SR	(Unaudited) SR
Revenues	23	850,890,495	1,054,655,879	2,516,282,872	2,914,147,171
Cost of revenues		(542,111,212)	(673,002,495)	(1,726,174,641)	(1,915,333,355)
Gross profit		308,779,283	381,653,384	790,108,231	998,813,816
General and administrative expenses		(104,597,305)	(110,075,570)	(297,467,243)	(326,256,917)
Selling, marketing and distribution expenses		(39,555,873)	(22,648,552)	(84,256,452)	(69,699,065)
(Allowance)/reversal of expected credit losses on trade receivables		(3,536,747)	5,345,803	(10,132,539)	10,026,190
Impairment of property, plant and equipment and inventory spare parts	7+13	-	-	(30,461,470)	-
Other operational income, net		2,335,419	12,714,931	2,289,855	11,697,539
Income from operations		163,424,777	266,989,996	370,080,382	624,581,563
Finance costs		(27,033,333)	(22,300,177)	(94,065,053)	(65,107,577)
Finance income		10,467,709	4,258,513	27,139,394	25,498,850
Finance costs, net		(16,565,624)	(18,041,664)	(66,925,659)	(39,608,727)
Income before zakat and income tax		146,859,153	248,948,332	303,154,723	584,972,836
Zakat and income tax	19	(11,351,023)	(8,043,507)	(31,715,305)	(58,468,957)
Net income for the period		135,508,130	240,904,825	271,439,418	526,503,879
Attributable to:					
Equity holders of the Parent Company		148,459,218	248,958,388	316,741,769	551,544,072
Non-controlling interests		(12,951,088)	(8,053,563)	(45,302,351)	(25,040,193)
		135,508,130	240,904,825	271,439,418	526,503,879
Basic and diluted earnings per share					
Earnings per share from net income attributable to equity holders of the Parent Company	20	1.86	3.11	3.96	6.89

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SAUDI RESEARCH AND MEDIA GROUP (SRMG)
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INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the three-month and nine-month periods ended 30 September 2024

	For the three-month period ended 30 September		For the nine-month period ended 30 September	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
	SR	SR	SR	SR
Net income for the period	135,508,130	240,904,825	271,439,418	526,503,879
Other comprehensive income / (loss)				
<i>Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</i>				
- Fair value changes of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	15,079,506	4,535,274	(65,528,718)	(23,240,407)
<i>Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</i>				
- Foreign currency translation differences – foreign operations	8,960,786	(6,122,239)	4,488,410	(4,262,834)
Other comprehensive income / (loss) for the period	24,040,292	(1,586,965)	(61,040,308)	(27,503,241)
Total comprehensive income for the period	159,548,422	239,317,860	210,399,110	499,000,638
Attributable to:				
Equity holders of the Parent Company	172,499,510	247,371,425	255,759,533	524,059,655
Non-controlling interests	(12,951,088)	(8,053,565)	(45,360,423)	(25,059,017)
	159,548,422	239,317,860	210,399,110	499,000,638

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INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
For the nine-month period ended 30 September 2024

	Equity attributable to equity holders of the Parent Company								
				Other reserves					
	Capital SR	Statutory reserve SR	Contractual reserve SR	Translation reserve SR	Fair value of financial assets at FVOCI reserve SR	Retained earnings SR	Total SR	Non- controlling interests SR	Total equity SR
Balance as at 1 January 2023 (audited)	800,000,000	293,701,965	67,547,177	(44,705,472)	(34,874,098)	1,569,936,524	2,651,606,096	226,998,743	2,878,604,839
Net income/(loss) for the period	-	-	-	-	-	551,544,072	551,544,072	(25,040,193)	526,503,879
Other comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	-	(4,244,010)	(23,240,407)	-	(27,484,417)	(18,824)	(27,503,241)
Total comprehensive (loss) / income for the period	-	-	-	(4,244,010)	(23,240,407)	551,544,072	524,059,655	(25,059,017)	499,000,638
Balance as at 30 September 2023 (unaudited)	800,000,000	293,701,965	67,547,177	(48,949,482)	(58,114,505)	2,121,480,596	3,175,665,751	201,939,726	3,377,605,477
Balance as at 1 January 2024 (audited)	800,000,000	293,701,965	67,547,177	(43,363,101)	(163,355,373)	2,128,360,766	3,082,891,434	177,705,117	3,260,596,551
Transfer to retained earnings (note 15.16)	-	(293,701,965)	(67,547,177)	-	-	361,249,142	-	-	-
Net changes in non-controlling interests – additional capital contribution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,060,000	3,060,000
Net income/(loss) for the period	-	-	-	-	-	316,741,769	316,741,769	(45,302,351)	271,439,418
Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the period	-	-	-	4,546,482	(65,528,718)	-	(60,982,236)	(58,072)	(61,040,308)
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period	-	-	-	4,546,482	(65,528,718)	316,741,769	255,759,533	(45,360,423)	210,399,110
Balance as at 30 September 2024 (unaudited)	800,000,000	-	-	(38,816,619)	(228,884,091)	2,806,351,677	3,338,650,967	135,404,694	3,474,055,661

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INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the nine-month period ended 30 September 2024

		For the nine-month period ended 30 September	
		2024 (Unaudited) SR	2023 (Unaudited) SR
	Notes		
Operating activities:			
Income before zakat and income tax		303,154,723	584,972,836
<i>Adjustments to reconcile income before Zakat and income tax to net cash flow from operating activities:</i>			
Depreciation		147,247,509	127,783,233
Amortization		81,221,820	78,353,544
Fund management fees	11	5,898,671	2,233,615
(Gain)/loss from disposal of property, plant, and equipment		(1,009,741)	345,619
Finance income		(27,139,394)	(26,897,802)
Finance costs		94,065,053	65,107,577
Allowance/(reversal) of expected credit losses on trade receivables, net		10,132,539	(10,026,190)
Impairment of property, plant and equipment and inventory spare parts		30,461,470	-
Provision for slow-moving inventories		1,871,727	3,308,009
Amortization of premium on financial assets at amortized cost		-	1,398,952
Fair value change in derivative financial instruments		3,109,542	-
Loss from foreign exchange		2,473,926	1,103,066
Defined employees' benefits liabilities provision		19,920,033	21,947,386
		671,407,878	849,629,845
<i>Changes in operating assets and liabilities:</i>			
Inventories		17,474,926	74,590,421
Trade receivables		225,417,954	(565,350,489)
Prepayments and other current assets		(37,003,963)	(22,268,287)
Trade payables		(44,705,133)	(75,539,683)
Contract liabilities		86,958,961	(1,187,096,667)
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities		(111,419,110)	(49,853,996)
Cash generated from/(used in) operations		808,131,513	(975,888,856)
Zakat and income tax paid		(45,652,120)	(112,462,836)
Finance cost paid		(71,414,428)	(59,318,253)
Finance income received		22,905,184	41,305,061
Defined employees' benefits liabilities paid		(27,774,892)	(5,625,578)
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities		686,195,257	(1,111,990,462)
Investing activities:			
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant, and equipment		25,365,190	1,393,790
Acquisition of financial assets at amortised costs		-	(18,756,000)
Additions of property, plant, and equipment		(98,199,296)	(129,253,227)
Additions of intangible assets		(31,166,335)	(10,097,604)
Proceeds from financial assets at amortised costs		-	500,000,000
Short-term investments, net		(433,000,000)	1,060,000,000
Additions of financial assets at FVOCI	11	(86,250,000)	(183,915,000)
Net cash (used in)/from investing activities		(623,250,441)	1,219,371,959
Financing activities:			
Proceeds from Murabaha and term borrowings	18	947,067,543	1,106,150,232
Repayment of Murabaha and term borrowings	18	(939,140,747)	(1,141,675,289)
Lease liabilities paid		(30,556,396)	(27,237,449)
Change in non-controlling interests		3,060,000	-
Net cash used in financing activities		(19,569,600)	(62,762,506)

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INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (continued)

For the nine-month period ended 30 September 2024

		For the nine-month period ended 30 September	
		2024 (Unaudited) SR	2023 (Unaudited) SR
Notes			
	Net change in cash and cash equivalents	43,375,216	44,618,991
	Effect of movements in exchange rates	1,165,479	(5,042,724)
	Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	597,624,936	263,659,257
	Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	642,165,631	303,235,524
	Significant non-cash transactions:		
	Additions to right-of-use assets, lease liabilities and other non-current liability	8 168,988,384	18,301,474
	Intangible assets acquired but not yet settled and included under trade payables	9 -	168,988,999

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NOTES TO THE INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
At 30 September 2024

1. Corporate information

Saudi Research and Media Group (the “Company” or the “Parent Company”) is a Saudi joint stock company registered in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and operates under commercial registration number 1010087772 dated 29 Rabi Al-Awwal 1421H (corresponding to 1 July 2000) and has a registered branch in Jeddah under sub-commercial registration number 4030061258. The Company’s head office address is Al-Moutamarat District, Makkah Road, P.O. Box 53108, Riyadh 11583, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The Company has announced to the shareholders on 2 May 2021 the approval of the Extraordinary General Assembly held on 17 Ramadan 1442H (corresponding to 29 April 2021) to amend Article (2) of the Company’s by-laws regarding changing the Company’s name from Saudi Research and Marketing Group to Saudi Research and Media Group, after completion of all legal requirements on 5 Shawwal 1442H (corresponding to 17 May 2021).

The Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the “Group”) are engaged in trading, media, advertising, promotions, distribution, printing and publishing, and public relations, and operate mainly in the Middle East, Europe, and North Africa.

These interim condensed consolidated financial statements include the financial position and results of operations of the Company and its domestic and foreign subsidiaries in the schedule below.

The following is a list of the subsidiaries incorporated within these interim condensed consolidated financial statements:

<i>Subsidiaries</i>	<i>Country of incorporation and activities</i>	<i>Principal activity</i>	<i>Direct and indirect ownership %</i>	
			<i>As at 30 September 2024</i>	<i>As at 31 December 2023</i>
Intellectual Holding Company for Advertisements and Publicity	KSA	Investment in subsidiaries	100	100
Scientific Works Holding Company	KSA	Investment in subsidiaries	100	100
Saudi Research and Publishing Company	KSA	Publishing	100	100
Al-Khaleejiah Advertising and Public Relations Company	KSA	Advertisement and publicity	100	100
Arab Media Company Limited	KSA	Visual and readable media and advertising services	100	100
Saudi Distribution Company	KSA	Publishing and distribution	100	100
Moutamarat Company for Exhibitions and Conferences	KSA	Holding and organizing specialized exhibitions, conferences and forums	100	100
Emirates Printing, Publishing, and Distribution Company Ltd.	United Arab Emirates	Distribution	100	100
Moroccan Printing and Publishing Company	Morocco	Printing and publishing	100	100
VOX Asia Productions Limited	Pakistan	Advertising	100	100
Numu Media Holding Company	KSA	Management of subsidiaries	100	100
Scene Visual Media Company (previously “Numu Visual Media Company”)	KSA	Advertising	100	100
Numu Elmiah Co. (previously Educational Bookshop Co.)	KSA	Development of educational methods and books trade	100	100
Saudi Specialized Publishing Company	KSA	Specialized publishing	100	100
Saudi Commercial Company	KSA	Trading in printing accessories	100	100
Al-Ofoq Management Information System and communication Company	KSA	Trading in communication equipment and software development	100	100
Character Company Limited	KSA	Trade	100	100

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1. Corporate information (continued)

The following is a list of the subsidiaries incorporated within these interim condensed consolidated financial statements (continued):

<i>Subsidiaries</i>	<i>Country of incorporation and activities</i>	<i>Principal activity</i>	<i>Direct and indirect ownership</i>	
			<i>As at 30 September 2024</i>	<i>As at 31 December 2023</i>
			<i>%</i>	
Taoq Public Relations Company Limited	KSA	Public relations and communication	100	100
Takanah Public Relations Company Limited (c)	KSA	Finance and business services	100	100
Numu Training and Consulting Company	KSA	Training and consulting	100	100
Education Concept for Educational and Technical Solutions Company	KSA	Import, export, and wholesale trade	100	100
Numu Alelaniah for Advertising	KSA	Visual and readable media and advertising services	100	100
Arab Net Technology Co. Ltd	Guernsey Island	Internet services	100	100
Al Khaleejiah UK Company Ltd	United Kingdom	Advertising	100	100
Book Depot for Publishing and Distribution (Ethra'a)	Jordan	Publishing and Distribution	100	100
Al Nasheron International for Publishing and Distribution Company (previously Raff Publishing Company) (c)	KSA	Publishing and distribution	100	100
Taoq Media Research Company	KSA	Research and support	100	100
Al Sharq News Services Company Limited	United Arab Emirates	TV broadcasting, radio, and other media platforms	100	100
Content Specialized Media Company	United Arab Emirates	Specialized publishing	100	100
University Book Shop Company	United Arab Emirates	Publishing and distribution	100	100
Smart Super Stores Company	United Arab Emirates	Publishing and distribution	100	100
HH Saudi Research and Marketing Company	United Kingdom	Publishing and distribution	100	100
Media Investment Company Limited	Guernsey Island	Rental services	100	100
Al-Majalla Magazine Limited	United Kingdom	Commercial activities	100	100
Asharq Al Awsat Co. Ltd	United Kingdom	Main center activities	100	100
IPM Ltd	Guernsey Islands	Registration, maintenance, and ownership of the Group's intellectual property	100	100
Sayidaty Products Co.	Guernsey Islands	Commercial activities	100	100
Sayidaty Limited Company	United Kingdom	Commercial activities	100	100
Euromena Research Centre Company (formerly "Satellite Graphics")	United Kingdom	Commercial activities	100	100
Media Arabia Company Limited	Jersey	Commercial activities	100	100
Al Sharq News Services Company Limited	KSA	TV broadcasting, radio, and platforms	100	100
Alsharq TV Company	KSA	Television Broadcasting and Radio and Forums	100	100
The News Hub Limited	United Kingdom	News wire	100	100
The News Hub Limited	KSA	News wire	100	100
Raff Publishing LLC	KSA	Publishing and distribution	100	100
Manga Arabia LLC	KSA	Publishing and distribution	100	100
SRMG Godo Kaisha	Japan	Publishing	100	100
Manga International Godo Kaisha	Japan	Publishing	100	100

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1. Corporate information (continued)

The following is a list of the subsidiaries incorporated within these interim condensed consolidated financial statements (continued):

<i>Subsidiaries</i>	<i>Country of incorporation and activities</i>	<i>Principal activity</i>	<i>Direct and indirect ownership %</i>	
			<i>As at 30 September 2024</i>	<i>As at 31 December 2023</i>
Saudi Printing and Packaging Company (a)	KSA	Printing, packaging, and plastic industries	70	70
Argaam Investment and trading Company (b)	KSA	Publishing and electronic content	51	51
Thmanyah Co. for Publishing and distribution	KSA	Providing visual content	51	51

- (a) The Saudi Printing and Packaging Company (SPPC) owns the following subsidiaries:

<i>Subsidiaries</i>	<i>Country of incorporation and activities</i>	<i>Principal activity</i>	<i>The Group percentage of indirect ownership (%)</i>	
			<i>As at 30 September 2024</i>	<i>As at 31 December 2023</i>
Al Madinah Al Munawarah for Printing and Publishing Company	KSA	Printing	70	70
Hala Printing company	KSA	Printing	70	70
Future Industrial Investment Company	KSA	Printing and packaging	70	70
Emirates National Factory for Plastic Industries and its Subsidiaries (ENPI)	United Arab Emirates	Packaging and plastic industries	70	70

- (b) The Arab Media Company (a subsidiary) owns 51% of the shares in Argaam Investment and Trading Company (Argaam), a limited liability company. Argaam has the following subsidiaries:

<i>Subsidiaries</i>	<i>Country of incorporation and activities</i>	<i>Principal activity</i>	<i>The Group percentage of indirect ownership (%)</i>	
			<i>As at 30 September 2024</i>	<i>As at 31 December 2023</i>
Danat Free Zone Company	United Arab Emirates	Publishing and electronic content	51	51
Argaam Media Company	Arab Republic of Egypt	Publishing and electronic content	51	51

- (c) Takanah Public Relations Company Limited and Al Nasheron International for Publishing and Distribution Company own 100% of the shares in Global Media Company and its subsidiaries, based in the United Kingdom.

2. Basis of preparation

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the nine months ended 30 September 2024 have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting that is endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia by the Saudi Organization for Chartered and Professional Accountants ("SOCPA"). The Group has prepared the interim condensed consolidated financial statements on the basis that it will continue to operate as a going concern. The Management considers that there are no material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt over this assumption. They have formed a judgement that there is a reasonable expectation that the Group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, and not less than 12 months from the date of these interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements do not include all the information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the Group's annual consolidated financial statements as at 31 December 2023.

2. Basis of preparation (continued)

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, except for the following:

- Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) are measured at fair value;
- Derivative financial instruments are measured at fair value; and
- Defined employees' benefits liabilities are recognized at the present value of future obligations using the Projected Unit Credit Method.

Functional and presentation currency

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in Saudi Riyal (SR), which is the Company's functional currency and the Group's presentation currency. All amounts are shown in full unless otherwise indicated.

3. Significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the Group's interim condensed consolidated financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities, and the accompanying disclosures, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities. Uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets or liabilities affected in future periods.

The significant judgements exercised by management in applying the Group's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those described in the last annual consolidated financial statements.

4. Material accounting policies information

The material accounting policies applied in these interim condensed consolidated financial statements are the same as those applied in the Group's annual consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 December 2023 except for the depreciation method used for the plant, printing and packaging equipment which was calculated on the basis of the ratio of the number of actual units produced to the total production capacity of the equipment (unit of production method), which has been changed to the straight-line method to depreciate the equipment on straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets, in addition to the adoption of new standards effective as of 1 January 2024 disclosed below and in note 6.

5. Fair value measurements

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

The Group has an established control framework with respect to the measurement of fair values for financial assets and liabilities. This includes a team that has overall responsibility for overseeing all significant fair value measurements, including Level 3 fair values, and reports directly to the Chief Financial Officer.

The team regularly reviews significant unobservable inputs and valuation adjustments. If third party information, such as broker quotes or pricing services, is used to measure fair values, then the valuation team assesses the evidence obtained from the third parties to support the conclusion that these valuations meet the requirements of the standards, including the level in the fair value hierarchy in which the valuations should be classified. Significant valuation issues are reported to the Group's audit committee.

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

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

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

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6. New standards, interpretations and amendments adopted by the Group

The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the interim condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Group's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023, except for the change in depreciation method mentioned in note 4 in addition to the adoption of new standards effective as of 1 January 2024. The Group has not early adopted any standard, interpretation or amendment that has been issued but is not yet effective.

6.1 Supplier Finance Arrangements - Amendments to IAS 7 and IFRS 7

In May 2023, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows and IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures to clarify the characteristics of supplier finance arrangements and require additional disclosure of such arrangements. The disclosure requirements in the amendments are intended to assist users of financial statements in understanding the effects of supplier finance arrangements on an entity's liabilities, cash flows and exposure to liquidity risk.

The amendments do not have a material impact on the Group's interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

6.2 Amendments to IFRS 16: Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback

In September 2022, the IASB issued amendments to IFRS 16 to specify the requirements that a seller-lessee uses in measuring the lease liability arising in a sale and leaseback transaction, to ensure the seller-lessee does not recognise any amount of the gain or loss that relates to the right of use it retains.

The amendments had no impact on the Group's interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

6.3 Amendments to IAS 1: Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current

In January 2020 and October 2022, the IASB issued amendments to paragraphs 69 to 76 of IAS 1 to specify the requirements for classifying liabilities as current or non-current. The amendments clarify:

- What is meant by a right to defer settlement
- That a right to defer must exist at the end of the reporting period
- That classification is unaffected by the likelihood that an entity will exercise its deferral right
- That only if an embedded derivative in a convertible liability is itself an equity instrument would the terms of a liability not impact its classification

In addition, a requirement has been introduced whereby an entity must disclose when a liability arising from a loan agreement is classified as non-current and the entity's right to defer settlement is contingent on compliance with future covenants within twelve months.

The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024 and must be applied retrospectively. The Group is currently assessing the impact the amendments will have on current practice and whether existing loan agreements may require renegotiation.

7. Property, plant, and equipment

As at 30 September 2024, the cost of property, plant and equipment amounted to SR 2,629.1 million (31 December 2023: SR 2,684.6 million) and the accumulated depreciation as at 30 September 2024 amounted to SR 1,345.5 million (31 December 2023: SR 1,359.6 million).

During the nine-month period ended 30 September 2024, the Group purchased assets with a cost of SR 98.2 million (30 September 2023: SR 129.3 million). Certain property, plant and equipment were placed as collateral against long-term borrowing (note 18).

SPPC management, in line with the strategic plan, has resolved to reallocate specific assets to enhance resource distribution among the companies, aiming to ensure efficient use and to maximize returns. SPPC has evaluated certain assets to determine if their carrying amount exceeds their recoverable amount. Following this evaluation, the management has recognized an impairment loss of SR 25.9 million.

During the period, SPPC have revised the depreciation calculation method from unit of production to straight line for the plant, printing and packaging equipment associated with the printing and packaging segment, as SPPC management believes that the revised calculation method reflects the expected useful lives of the assets. The impact of the change in depreciation method have been accounted prospectively and resulted in an increase in the depreciation expense for the existing equipment for the period ended 30 September 2024 amounting to SR 587 thousand.

Capital commitments

The capital commitments of the Group pertaining to purchase of property, plant and equipment amounted to SR 199.4 million as at 30 September 2024 (31 December 2023: SR 251.3 million). These are expected to be delivered in 2025.

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8. Right-of-use assets

During the nine-month period ended 30 September 2024, the Group recognised a lease contract mainly for the headquarter which increased the right-of-use assets by SR 169.0 million (30 September 2023: SR 18.3 million).

9. Intangible assets and goodwill

The details of intangible assets and goodwill are as follows:

	As at 30 September 2024 SR	As at 31 December 2023 SR
Goodwill (*)	354,745,066	354,745,066
Visual content project, websites, and copyrights (a)	412,648,540	449,847,260
Mastheads (*)	172,126,350	172,126,350
Computer software	27,760,912	34,924,537
Trade names	6,470,500	7,441,075
Projects in progress	9,576,869	14,278,847
	983,328,237	1,033,363,135

(*) Sensitivity to changes in assumptions

With regard to the assessment of value-in-use, there are no significant changes to the key assumptions, or the sensitivity information disclosed in the annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

(a) Visual content project, websites, and copyrights

During the same period of the prior year, the Group recognised an intangible asset amounting to SR 163.9 million representing a license agreement to publish certain visual content.

10. Investment properties

As at 30 September 2024, the Group holds investment properties with carrying value of SR 25.1 million (31 December 2023: SR 25.3 million) which has a fair value of SR 49.9 million as at 31 December 2023.

11. Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI)

This includes investment in funds in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia regulated by the Saudi Capital Market Law and its executive regulations, a private equity fund and shares in quoted and unquoted companies.

Financial assets at FVOCI represents the investments which the Group has the intention to hold for the long term for strategic purposes. In accordance with IFRS 9, the Group has initially recognized them as financial assets at FVOCI.

The movement of financial assets at FVOCI is as follows:

	For the nine-month period ended 30 September 2024 SR	For the year ended 31 December 2023 SR
At 1 January	1,214,442,526	1,137,948,446
Additions	86,250,000	207,972,125
Fund management fees	(5,898,671)	(2,996,770)
Changes in fair value	(65,528,718)	(128,481,275)
	1,229,265,137	1,214,442,526

In accordance with the terms and conditions of investment funds with fair values of SR 1.22 billion (31 December 2023: SR 1.21 billion), the control of these investment funds rests with the fund manager.

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12. Cash and cash equivalents

	As at 30 September 2024 SR	As at 31 December 2023 SR
Cash at banks and on hand	192,165,631	152,624,936
Cash at banks – restricted accounts (*)	9,792,852	9,792,852
Cash at bank – term deposits	450,000,000	445,000,000
	651,958,483	607,417,788

For the purposes of the interim condensed consolidated statement of cash flows, the gross cash at banks and cash on hand consist of the following:

	As at 30 September 2024 SR	As at 31 December 2023 SR
Total cash and cash equivalents	651,958,483	607,417,788
Less: restricted accounts (*)	(9,792,852)	(9,792,852)
	642,165,631	597,624,936

*Restricted bank accounts represent deposit pledged against a loan obtained by the Saudi Printing and Packaging Company (a subsidiary).

13. Inventories

The provision for slow-moving inventories as at 30 September 2024 amounted to SR 36.9 million (31 December 2023: SR 31.2 million) was in line with the policy adopted by the Group.

SPPC management has conducted an evaluation for impairment on spare parts of inventory of its subsidiary (Al-Madinah Al Munawarah Printing & Publishing Company) and recognized an impairment loss of SR 4.5 million.

14. Share capital

The Company's share capital amounting to SR 800 million as of 30 September 2024 and 31 December 2023 is divided into 80 million shares of SR 10 each.

15. Statutory reserve

In accordance with the Parent Company's by-laws, the Group is required to set aside 10% of its net profit as statutory reserve. The general assembly may cease such transfer when this reserve equals 30% of the share capital. Based on the approval of the Ordinary General Assembly of Shareholders at its meeting on 18 Shawwal 1443H (corresponding to 19 May 2022), the transfer to statutory reserve was ceased. The statutory reserve is not available for distribution.

Further, during the extraordinary general assembly meeting held on 20 May 2024, the shareholders approved the transfer of statutory reserve balance to retained earnings.

16. Contractual reserve

In accordance with the Parent Company's by-laws, the Ordinary General Assembly may, based on the proposal of the Board of Directors, set aside 10% of net profits for the formation of a contractual reserve allocated for specific purpose(s).

During the extraordinary general assembly meeting held on 20 May 2024, the shareholders approved the transfer of contractual reserve balance to retained earnings.

17. Derivative financial instruments

The fair value of derivative financial instruments as at the reporting date was as follows:

	As at 30 September 2024 SR	As at 31 December 2023 SR
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments		
Profit rate swaps	4,536,873	7,646,415

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17. Derivative financial instruments (continued)

The Group uses derivative financial instruments mainly, profit rate swaps. Such derivative financial instruments are initially recognised at fair value on the date on which a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured at fair value. Derivatives are carried as financial assets when the fair value is positive and as financial liabilities when the fair value is negative. Accordingly, the Group has recognized asset of SR 7.6 million as a financial asset during the year ended 31 December 2023 and the asset has been decreased to SR 4.5 million during period ended 30 September 2024.

Other details related to the profit rate swap arrangement are as follows:

	As at 30 September 2024 SR	As at 31 December 2023 SR
Change in fair value of the derivative instrument	(3,109,542)	(1,019,522)
Carrying amount of the derivative instrument	4,536,873	7,646,415
Notional amount of the derivative instrument	133,479,938	141,458,678
Maturity date of the derivative instrument	6 December 2025	6 December 2025

18. Borrowings and Murabaha

The Group has signed several financing agreements and banking facilities with a number of local and foreign banks, which include borrowings and Murabaha, credit facilities, letters of credit and letters of guarantee, amounting to SR 1.5 billion at 30 September 2024 (31 December 2023: SR 1.4 billion). Of the facilities available to the Group, as at 30 September 2024, the balance outstanding amounted to SR 784.4 million (31 December 2023: SR 773.4 million).

SPPC and its subsidiaries (SPPC) have signed several financing agreements and banking facilities with a number of local and foreign banks, which include loans and Murabaha, credit facilities, letters of credit and letter of guarantee, on different periods subject to renewal. The credit limit for total facilities was SR 883.0 million as at 30 September 2024 (31 December 2023: SR 886.8 million). These agreements are subject to the terms and conditions of banking facilities that apply to all types of facilities provided by banks to their clients. The purpose of these facilities is to finance the activity, working capital, investments and capital expenditures as well as to finance the import of raw materials and equipment related to SPPC's activities and projects. These facilities are subject to interest charges according to the relevant agreements, ranging from 1.65% to 3.5% per annum in addition to SAIBOR or EIBOR as applicable.

The loan agreements contain covenants, mainly relating to certain current ratio, leverage ratio, total debt to equity ratio, and others. Under the terms of these agreements, the banks have the right to demand immediate repayment of the loans if any of the covenants are not met. SPPC did not comply with certain loans covenants as at 31 December 2023 and 30 September 2024. SPPC is in breach in certain financial covenants related to certain interest-bearing loan, accordingly this certain loan has been classified as short-term.

Under these agreements, SPPC provided a number of guarantees to cover the full value of the financing which consist of the following:

- Promissory notes with the value of the facilities.
- A plot of land in Abhor district in Jeddah placed as collateral.
- An insurance policy which grants the bank the right to be first beneficiary for the amount equal to the value of the facility.
- Restricted bank accounts amounting to SR 9.8 million (31 December 2023: SR 9.8 million) (note 12).
- Corporate Guarantee from Flexible Packaging Company Limited, Future Plus Company and Taibah Printing and Packaging Company Limited.
- Legal Mortgage over land and property of SR 107.6 million.
- Mortgage of Machineries worth SR 171.6 million.
- Assignment of all risk Islamic Insurance policy over mortgaged properties, inventory, and purchased machines.
- Pledge of stock/inventories in favor of the bank until full and final repayment of the total facilities.
- Hypothecation over inventories of ENPI amounting to the carrying value of the inventories at any given point in time.
- Hypothecation over ENPI receivable on pari passu basis between the lenders.
- Cross corporate guarantees of ENPI Companies for SR 410 million (31 December 2023: SR 410 million).
- Comfort letter from the shareholders of ENPI amounting to the full working capital facilities of SR 410 million (2023: SR 410 million).

Based on the decision of SPPC's Board of Directors held on 7 May 2018, the bank has the right, in the event of default by SPPC to recourse through some of the subsidiaries, and the bank has the right to request additional guarantees other than what is mentioned in the loan agreement.

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18. Borrowings and Murabaha (continued)

In January 2021, ENPI (a wholly owned subsidiary of SPPC in the United Arab Emirates) signed a banking facility agreement (in compliance with the provisions of Islamic Sharia) with a local bank in the United Arab Emirates for a total amount of SR 494 million, representing the following:

- Long-term financing of SR 356.8 million, repayable over 8 years. The facility was obtained for the purposes of financing capital projects in the amount of SR 76.4 million, in addition to early payment of existing facilities in favor of other banks in the United Arab Emirates, amounting to SR 280 million.
- Short-term financing of SR 137.6 million, for the purpose of working capital financing.

During the period, ENPI has signed an addendum to the facility agreement signed in January 2021 for additional drawdown up to SR 11.8 million equivalent to AED 11.5 million. This loan will be paid in monthly installments of SR 171 thousand and will expire in February 2031.

This loan has an IRS which has resulted in a derivative financial instrument asset as at 30 September 2024 (note 17).

The following is an analysis of the borrowings and Murabaha transactions of the Group:

	As at 30 September 2024 SR	As at 31 December 2023 SR
Long-term borrowing*	369,979,223	372,101,924
Short-term borrowing	379,487,253	377,416,393
Bank overdrafts	27,305,942	19,327,305
Accrued finance costs	7,577,670	4,567,670
Total borrowings and Murabaha	784,350,088	773,413,292
Less: Current portion	(619,198,485)	(595,760,604)
Non-current portion	165,151,603	177,652,688

* Including the current portion of long-term loans.

The following is the movement in the balance of borrowings and Murabaha:

	For the nine-month period ended 30 September 2024 SR	For the year ended 31 December 2023 SR
At 1 January	773,413,292	818,772,432
Proceeds from borrowings	947,067,543	1,287,554,769
Repayment of borrowings	(939,140,747)	(1,333,040,814)
Finance costs	49,558,277	60,437,436
Paid finance costs	(46,548,277)	(60,310,531)
	784,350,088	773,413,292

19. Zakat and income tax

Zakat and income tax assessments for the "Parent Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries"

Provision for zakat and income tax is recognized and provided within the interim condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss.

Zakat returns of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries are submitted to the Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority (ZATCA) based on the standalone financial statements prepared for zakat purposes up to 2006. Other non-wholly owned subsidiaries had filed their zakat returns separately.

During the year 2007, the Group had obtained the approval of ZATCA on filing a consolidated zakat return for the Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries. The Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries have filed the zakat returns to ZATCA for the years from 2007 through 2023.

19. Zakat and income tax (continued)

Zakat and income tax assessments for the “Parent Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries” (continued)

The Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries’ returns have been finalized, settled or closed up to the year 2013.

Status for the years from 2014 to 2018

The zakat position of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries has been finalized for the years from 2014 to 2018. In this respect, the Company settled the zakat liability amounting to SR 17,925,773 based on the final assessment letters for the years from 2014 to 2018.

Status for the years from 2019 to 2023

The final zakat assessments for the years from 2019 to 2023 have not yet been raised by ZATCA.

Zakat and income tax for “not-wholly-owned subsidiaries”

a. SPPC

Zakat provision is estimated and charged to the interim condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss. SPPC submitted zakat returns for all years up to 2023. The Zakat returns for the year 2021, 2022 and 2023 are still under review by the ZATCA.

SPPC received the consolidated zakat assessment for the years 31 December 2005 to 2008. However, ZATCA issued assessment notice requesting SPPC to pay an additional amount of SR 9,964,793 for which the company has filed an objection against the assessment. Subsequently, ZATCA partially accepted the appeal and zakat differences were reduced by SR 3,382,159. SPPC filed an additional objection for the remaining amount of SR 6,582,634. The objection was partially approved by the General Secretariate of Zakat, Tax and Custom department (“GSTC”) and zakat differences were reduced by SR 5,040,535. SPPC and ZATCA filed an objection to the GSTC, these objections are still being considered by GSTC at the date of preparing these interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

SPPC filed consolidated Zakat returns to ZATCA for the years ended 31 December 2009 until 2013 and received Zakat certificate for these years. ZATCA did not issue the final assessment for the mentioned years up to the date of preparing these interim condensed consolidated financial statements. ZATCA issued assessment notice for the year 2014 without additional amounts.

SPPC received the consolidated zakat assessment for the years 31 December 2015, 2016, and 2018 claiming additional zakat liability of SR 27,137,780, SPPC partially accepted an amount of SR 230,874 from ZATCA treatment and filed an appeal for the remaining amount. ZATCA partially accepted the appeal and issued a revised assessment amounted to SR 16,314,362. SPPC filed objections for these years to the first level of the General Secretariate of Tax and Committees (GSTC), and the objection was rejected by the first level. Then, SPPC filed its appeal to the second level of GSTC. The GSTC 2nd level has issued its ruling upholding ZATCA's treatment in majority of the items. However, SPPC did not accept this ruling and submitted a reconsideration request to the GSTC. The GSTC has issued its ruling in relation to the reconsideration request and upheld the ruling issued by the GSTC 2nd level. Accordingly, the ruling issued by the GSTC 2nd level for the years 2015, 2016, and 2018 should be considered as final. Further, the ZATCA has issued a revised assessment for above mentioned years amounting to SR 15,184,293.

SPPC received the final zakat assessment for the year 31 December 2017. Zakat position has been finalized with ZATCA for the year 2017.

SPPC received the zakat assessment for the years 31 December 2019 and 2020 claiming additional zakat liability of SR 22,428,203. SPPC filed objections for these years, and these objections were partially accepted where zakat differences are reduced to SR 21,809,019. SPPC filed an appeal on the revised assessment to the 1st level of the GSTC and settled 25% of the total zakat liability amounting to SR 6,170,214 (according to the zakat By-Laws for the year 2019). The GSTC 1st level has issued a favorable ruling to SPPC whereby the GSTC has upheld the SPPC's contention in the majority of the appealed items. ZATCA has appealed the ruling with the GSTC 2nd level. The GSTC 2nd level has issued its ruling, upholding the SPPC's contentions in majority of the items.

19. Zakat and income tax (continued)

Zakat and income tax for “not-wholly-owned subsidiaries” (continued)

b. Argaam Investment Trading Company:

Zakat returns have been filed to ZATCA till the year 2023. No zakat provisions accrued to Argaam Investment Trading Company for the years from 2019 to 2021 because the zakat base is negative. Argaam has not been subjected to any zakat examination up to the date of these interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

c. Thmanyah for Publishing and Distribution Company:

Zakat returns have been filed to ZATCA up to the year ended 31 December 2023.

Income tax:

Foreign subsidiaries regularly file tax returns, and the difference between the effective and accounting tax rate is deemed insignificant.

UAE Corporate Tax Law

On 9 December 2022, the UAE Ministry of Finance released Federal Decree-Law No. 47 of 2022 on the Taxation of Corporations and Businesses (Corporate Tax Law or the Law) to enact a Federal corporate tax (CT) regime in the UAE. The CT regime has become effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 June 2023. The Cabinet of Ministers Decision No. 116 of 2022 (widely accepted to be effective from 16 January 2023) specified the threshold of taxable income to which the 0% UAE CT rate would apply, and above which the 9% UAE CT rate would apply. It is widely considered that this would constitute ‘substantive enactment’ of the UAE CT Law for the purposes of IAS 12, the objective of which is to prescribe the basis for accounting for Income Taxes.

Current taxes should be measured at the amount expected to be paid to or recovered from the tax authorities by reference to tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted, by the end of any reporting period. Since no taxes were expected to be paid to or recovered from the tax authorities for the periods ended prior to 31 December 2023, no current tax was accounted for in the financial periods ended before 31 December 2023. Since the Group is expected to pay tax in accordance with the provision of the UAE CT Law on its operational results with effect from 1 January 2024, current taxes have been accounted for in the consolidated financial statements for the period beginning from 1 January 2024.

Deferred taxes should be measured by reference to the tax rates and laws, as enacted, or substantively enacted, by the end of the reporting period, that are expected to apply in the periods in which the assets and liabilities to which the deferred tax relates are realized or settled. As the UAE CT Law was ‘substantively enacted’ as at 31 December 2023 for the purposes of IAS 12, the Group considered the application of IAS 12 and any requirements for the measurement and recognition of deferred taxes (if any) for the financial periods ended post 1 June 2023.

SPPC is loss making and does not have any current tax, further the SPPC management has evaluated and recorded a deferred tax asset on the loss for the period in the interim condensed consolidated financial statements amounting to SR 1,816,512.

Movement in Group’s Zakat and income tax provision is as follows:

	For the nine-month period ended 30 September 2024			For the year ended 31 December 2023		
	SR			SR		
	Zakat	Income tax	Total	Zakat	Income tax	Total
At 1 January	105,009,404	326,745	105,336,149	212,109,713	317,437	212,427,150
Provision during the period/ year	32,275,304	1,256,513	33,531,817	26,159,310	1,398,647	27,557,957
Foreign currency translation adjustments	-	20,318	20,318	1,301	20,040	21,341
Paid during the period / year	(44,160,598)	(1,491,522)	(45,652,120)	(111,173,077)	(1,409,379)	(112,582,456)
Reversal of provision during the period / year	-	-	-	(22,087,843)	-	(22,087,843)
	93,124,110	112,054	93,236,164	105,009,404	326,745	105,336,149

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20. Earnings per share

Basic and diluted earnings per share (EPS) is calculated by dividing the net income for the period attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Parent Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period. Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding for the nine-month period ended 30 September 2024 amounted to 80,000,000 shares (nine-month period ended 30 September 2023: 80,000,000 shares). There are no contingent ordinary diluted shares. Diluted earnings per share are the same as the basic earnings per share as the Group does not have any convertible securities nor diluted instruments to exercise.

21. Financial instruments fair values and risk management

21.1 Financial assets

Set out below is an overview of financial assets, held by the Group.

	<i>As at 30 September 2024 SR</i>	<i>As at 31 December 2023 SR</i>
Financial assets:		
Financial assets at FVOCI (note 11)	1,229,265,137	1,214,442,526
Trade receivables	712,711,866	948,262,001
Short-term investments	433,000,000	-
Cash and cash equivalents (note 12)	651,958,483	607,417,788
Derivative financial instruments (note 17)	4,536,873	7,646,415
	<u>3,031,472,359</u>	<u>2,777,768,730</u>
Non-current	1,236,989,491	1,227,747,477
Current	1,794,482,868	1,550,021,253
	<u>3,031,472,359</u>	<u>2,777,768,730</u>

21.2 Financial liabilities

Set out below is an overview of financial liabilities, held by the Group.

	<i>As at 30 September 2024 SR</i>	<i>As at 31 December 2023 SR</i>
Financial liabilities at amortized cost		
Trade payables	558,022,726	600,253,933
Borrowings and Murabaha (note 18)	784,350,088	773,413,292
Lease liabilities	320,913,045	165,399,800
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	217,139,266	328,554,127
	<u>1,880,425,125</u>	<u>1,867,621,152</u>
Non-current	613,734,508	572,327,413
Current	1,266,690,617	1,295,293,739
	<u>1,880,425,125</u>	<u>1,867,621,152</u>

21.3 Financial instruments fair values:

The table below shows the carrying amount and fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities, including their levels and the fair value hierarchy as at 30 September 2024 and 31 December 2023:

		<i>Fair value</i>			
	<i>Carrying value SR</i>	<i>Level 1 SR</i>	<i>Level 2 SR</i>	<i>Level 3* SR</i>	<i>Total SR</i>
30 September 2024					
Financial assets measured at fair value					
Financial assets at FVOCI	1,229,265,137	6,548,001	1,213,492,575	9,224,561	1,229,265,137
Derivative financial instruments	4,536,873	-	4,536,873	-	4,536,873
	<u>1,233,802,010</u>	<u>6,548,001</u>	<u>1,218,029,448</u>	<u>9,224,561</u>	<u>1,233,802,010</u>
31 December 2023					
Financial assets measured at fair value					
Financial assets at FVOCI	1,214,442,526	8,014,500	1,192,171,686	14,256,340	1,214,442,526
Derivative financial instruments	7,646,415	-	7,646,415	-	7,646,415
	<u>1,222,088,941</u>	<u>8,014,500</u>	<u>1,199,818,101</u>	<u>14,256,340</u>	<u>1,222,088,941</u>

21. Financial instruments fair values and risk management (continued)

21.3 Financial instruments fair values: (continued)

*The fair value of the Group's investments in a private equity fund is obtained from the net assets value report ("NAV") from the fund manager.

There were no transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy during period ended 30 September 2024 (31 December 2023: none).

The fair value of financial instruments represented in trade receivables, cash and cash equivalents, short term investments, borrowings and murabaha, lease liabilities, accrued expenses and other current liabilities and trade payables closely approximate their book value. The Group assessed that the fair value of these financial assets and financial liabilities approximate their carrying amounts largely due to the short-term maturities of these instruments.

22. Commitments and contingencies

Contingent legal claims

Certain subsidiaries of the Group are involved in litigation matters in their ordinary course of business, which are being defended. The ultimate results of these matters cannot be determined with certainty. However, the management believes that the results of these matters will not have a significant impact on the Group's interim condensed consolidated financial statements as at 30 September 2024.

The Group has the following contingent liabilities and commitments:

	As at 30 September 2024 SR million	As at 31 December 2023 SR million
Uncovered letters of credit	8.8	21.0
Letters of guarantee	4.9	4.2
Trades and marketing liabilities	18.9	17.6
Capital commitments (note 7)	199.4	251.3

23. Segment information

For management purposes, the Group is organized into business units based on their products and services and has four reportable segments, as follows:

1. **Publishing, visual and digital content:** Comprise the publishing works locally and internationally, media activities, research and marketing the products of the Group and third parties. The segment is also involved in the publishing of specialized publications for third parties, issuance of licensed international publications / media platforms, translation services and selling electronic and visual content (note a).
2. **Public relations and advertising:** Comprise the local and international public relation services, studies, research, marketing, media events, international advertising, production, representation and marketing, audio visual and readable advertising media, and advertising panels.
3. **Printing and packaging:** Comprise printing works on paper and plastic, commercial posters, in addition to manufacturing of plastic products for the Group and others.
4. **All other segments:** Comprises of providing technical, training and educational courses, services, distribution of newspapers, magazines, publications, books and the publications of the Group, research, events management and other related activities. The wholesale and retail trading of school supplies, office furniture, installation, and maintenance of laboratories (note b).

The following segments have been aggregated in these interim condensed consolidated financial statements:

- a. **Publishing:** This segment comprises the publishing and specialized publishing segments. These two segments have been aggregated based on the criteria of having similar nature of services and similar type or class of customer for their products.
- b. **All other segments:** This segment is an aggregation of all other business activities and operating segments that do not individually meet the quantitative thresholds required under IFRS 8.

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The Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Operating Officer, both monitor the operating results of its business units separately for the purpose of making decisions about resource allocation and performance assessment. Segment performance is evaluated based on income and is measured consistently with income in the interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

The following table presents revenues and profit information for the Group's operating segments for the nine-month period ended 30 September 2024:

	Publishing, visual, and digital content SR	Public relations and advertising SR	Printing and packaging SR	All other segments SR	Total SR	Adjustments and eliminations SR	Total SR
Revenues							
External customers	1,255,447,428	644,938,317	521,844,106	94,053,021	2,516,282,872	-	2,516,282,872
Inter-segment	٢٦٥,٠٧٤,١٤٠	-	19,845,778	2,706,099	287,626,017	(287,626,017)	-
Total revenues	<u>١,٥٢٠,٥٢١,٥٦٨</u>	<u>٦٤٤,٩٣٨,٣١٧</u>	<u>541,689,884</u>	<u>96,759,120</u>	<u>2,803,908,889</u>	<u>(287,626,017)</u>	<u>2,516,282,872</u>
Gross profit	378,168,809	368,754,438	40,903,459	21,818,939	809,645,645	(19,537,414)	790,108,231
Segment profit / (loss) attributable to equity holders of the Parent Company	٢١٠,٠٩٦,٦٤١	254,767,440	(90,121,852)	(6,228,501)	368,513,728	(51,771,959)	316,741,769

The following table presents revenues and profit information for the Group's operating segments for the nine-month period ended 30 September 2023:

	Publishing, visual, and digital content SR	Public relations and advertising SR	Printing and packaging SR	All other segments SR	Total SR	Adjustments and eliminations SR	Total SR
Revenues							
External customers	1,377,674,483	843,457,221	570,214,605	122,800,862	2,914,147,171	-	2,914,147,171
Inter-segment	261,716,713	-	36,867,820	3,714,252	302,298,785	(302,298,785)	-
Total revenue	<u>1,639,391,196</u>	<u>843,457,221</u>	<u>607,082,425</u>	<u>126,515,114</u>	<u>3,216,445,956</u>	<u>(302,298,785)</u>	<u>2,914,147,171</u>
Gross profit	375,563,898	560,983,267	69,248,293	16,661,264	1,022,456,722	(23,642,906)	998,813,816
Segment profit / (loss) attributable to equity holders of the Parent Company	256,257,764	397,349,952	(40,143,110)	(6,560,399)	606,904,207	(55,360,135)	551,544,072

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The following table presents total assets and total liabilities information for the Group's operating segments as at 30 September 2024:

	Publishing, visual, and digital content SR	Public relations and advertising SR	Printing and packaging SR	All other segments SR	Total SR	Adjustments and eliminations SR	Total SR
Total assets	8,456,911,408	9,536,534,645	1,399,168,475	868,257,173	20,260,871,701	(14,230,953,360)	6,029,918,341
Total liabilities	7,890,126,336	3,626,764,147	1,026,436,797	394,259,214	12,937,586,494	(10,381,723,814)	2,555,862,680

The following table presents total assets and total liabilities information for the Group's operating segments as at 31 December 2023:

	Publishing, visual, and digital content SR	Public relations and advertising SR	Printing and packaging SR	All other segments SR	Total SR	Adjustments and eliminations SR	Total SR
Total assets	7,686,243,598	8,068,957,458	1,524,145,783	828,150,668	18,107,497,507	(12,377,172,067)	5,730,325,440
Total liabilities	6,907,520,158	3,319,158,136	1,022,701,289	385,054,292	11,634,433,875	(9,164,704,986)	2,469,728,889

Inter-segment revenues and balances at the reporting date are eliminated upon consolidation and reflected in the 'adjustments and eliminations' column.

Adjustments and eliminations

Finance costs and fair value gains and losses on financial assets are not allocated to individual segments as the underlying instruments are managed on a Group basis.

Zakat, income taxes, and certain financial assets and liabilities are not allocated to those segments as they are also managed on a Group basis.

23. Segment information (continued)

Revenue recognition timing:

The Group recognizes revenue as per the terms and conditions in the contracts with customers for media, advertising, publishing, and other segments services as follows:

Publishing and visual and digital content

Revenue is recognized when customers obtain control of services; when services are rendered to customers and have been accepted. Invoices are generated and revenue is recognized at that point in time.

Public relations and advertising

Revenue is recognized over time and on a 'stand-ready' basis. The performance obligations are stand-ready obligations and generally agreed that the nature of the promise in a stand-ready obligation is the promise that the customer will have access to a good or service. The standard describes a stand-ready obligation as a promised service that consists of standing ready to provide goods or services or making goods or services available for a customer to use as and when it decides to do so.

Advertising revenue is billed monthly, and payments are due shortly after the bill date. Such services are recognized as a performance obligation satisfied at a point in time. A receivable is recognized by the Group when the goods or services are delivered or rendered as this represents the point in time at which the right to consideration becomes unconditional, as only the passage of time is required before payment is due.

Printing and packaging

Revenue is recognized when customers obtain control of goods when the goods are delivered to customers and have been accepted at their premises. Invoices are generated and revenue is recognized at that point in time.

Some contracts allow customers to return goods and replace them with other new goods, and no refunds are permitted. Revenue is recognized when the goods are delivered and have been accepted by customers.

With respect to contracts that allow customers to return goods, revenue is recognized only to the extent that it is highly probable that a significant reversal will not occur in the amount of the accumulated revenue.

Other segments:

Subscription revenues are billed and collected in advance. Revenue billed in advance of the rendering of services is deferred and presented in the statement of financial position as contract liabilities. Subscription revenue is recognized over time as the Group satisfies its performance obligations over time. The transaction price allocated to these subscriptions is recognized as a contract liability at the time of the initial sales transaction and is released on a straight-line basis over the period of service.

Events management and research revenues are recognized when customers obtain control of services; when services are rendered to customers and have been accepted. Invoices are generated and revenue is recognized at that point in time.

Penalties on overdue trade receivables are recognized on an accrual basis using the rates stipulated in the service agreements.

	For the nine-month period ended 30 September 2024 SR	For the nine-month period ended 30 September 2023 SR
Over a period of time	1,907,013,704	2,202,383,606
At a point in time	609,269,168	711,763,565
	2,516,282,872	2,914,147,171

24. Related party transactions and balances

Related parties of the Group comprise entities where shareholders and key management personnel have control, joint control, or significant influence.

The remuneration and compensation of board members and senior executives during the period were as follows:

	For the nine-month period ended 30 September 2024 SR	For the nine-month period ended 30 September 2023 SR
BOD expenses, allowances, and respective committees	8,489,500	8,006,000
<i>Benefits of Group's key management personnel:</i>		
Short -term employee benefits	28,500,070	32,954,171
Long -term employee benefits	689,623	577,523
	29,189,693	33,531,694

The significant transactions and balances between the Group and its related party are as follows:

<u>Related parties name</u>	<u>Nature of relationship</u>	<u>Nature of Transaction</u>	For the nine-month period ended 30 September 2024 SR	For the nine- month period ended 30 September 2023 SR
Sela Company	Sela key management personnel is a close family member of a key management personnel	Events organization	780,000	-
Al-Fahed law firm	Owned by board of directors' member	Legal consultancy	-	189,249

As at 30 September 2024, the outstanding balances as a result of transactions with abovementioned related parties amounted to SR Nil (31 December 2023: SR Nil).

In addition, the Group has an outstanding balance of SR 42.7 million (31 December 2023: SR 40.6 million) and those amounts have been paid for media services to an entity owned by one of the subsidiaries' General Manager. This amount is included in prepayments and other current assets.

25. Comparative figures

Certain prior year figures have been reclassified to conform for better presentation of the interim condensed consolidated statement of financial position and interim condensed consolidated statement of cash flows. The reclassification did not affect the profits and equity of the previous years.

26. Subsequent events

No matters have occurred up to and including the date of approval of these interim condensed consolidated financial statements by the board of directors which would materially affect the interim condensed consolidated financial statements and the related disclosures for the period ended 30 September 2024.

27. Board of directors' approval

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 3 Jumada Al-Ula 1446H (corresponding to 5 November 2024).