Abridged Unaudited Group Financial Statements

for the quarter and six months ended 31 December 2020

"Healthy trading performance of the malls resulting in 4.8% increase in net operational income"



STATEMENTS OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Ascencia

In Rs 000	Unaudited quarter ended 31 December 2020	Unaudited quarter ended 31 December 2019	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 December 2020	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 December 2019	Audited year ended 30 June 2020
Continuing operations					
Operational revenue	326, 691	323,453	638,415	638,754	1,273,229
Other operating income	10,131	12,627	17,471	22,696	30,976
Straight line rental accrual	17,323	(1,386)		(2,443)	28,890
Total revenue	354,145	334,694	682,464	659,007	1,333,095
Direct operating expenses arising from investment properties	(94,449)	(97,696)	(186,069)	(185,453)	(379,527)
Net operational income	259,696	236,998	496,395	473,554	953,568
Investment and other income	4,959	6,183	7,983	13,029	26,526
Administrative expenses	(24,091)	(38,360)	(87,844)	(73,533)	(338,716)
Operating profit	240,564	204,821	416,534	413,050	641,378
Share of profit from joint ventures Increase in fair value of investment properties	4,976 -	2,376	9,573 -	2,305	(4,775) 109,809
Profit before finance costs Finance costs	245,540 (49,935)	207,197 (67,618)	426,107 (99,637)	415,355 (137,179)	746,412 (255,793)
Profit before tax	195,605	139,579	326,470	278,176	490,619
Income tax expense	(34,196)	(17,013)	(51,740)	(35,320)	(89,302)
Profit for the quarter/period from continuing operations	161,409	122,566	274,730	242,856	401,317
Discontinued operations Post tax profit from discontinued operations	277	2,574	564	4,945	5,292
Profit for the guarter/period	161,686	125,140	275,294	247,801	406,609
Other comprehensive income	-	-, -	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the quarter/period	161,686	125,140	275,294	247,801	406,609
Total comprehensive income attributable to: Ordinary equity holders of the parent	161,686	125,140	,	247,801	406,609
Class A ordinary share					
Number of shares in issue	487,314,989	484,817,301	487,314,989	484,817,301	487,314,989
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue	487,314,989	484,817,301	487,314,989	484,817,301	484,824,144
Basic earnings per share (Rs)	0.33	0.26	0.56	0.51	0.84
Diluted earnings per share (Rs)	-	-	-	-	0.84
Interim dividend per share (Rs)	_	-	0.17	0.37	0.37
Final dividend per share (Rs)	_		_		0.16
Net asset value per share (Rs)	17.02	16.44	17.02	16.44	16.62
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STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

In Rs 000	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 December 2020	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 December 2019	Audited year ended 30 June 2020
ASSETS			
Investment properties	13,107,841	12,348,783	12,744,899
Equipment	24,654	24,935	25,720
Investment in joint venture	145,326	130,730	135,753
Goodwill	-	4,006	-
Current assets	1,588,515	821,144	684,861
Non-current assets classified as held for sale	21,026	20,905	21,244
Total assets	14,887,362	13,350,503	13,612,477
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Shareholders' equity			
Stated capital	4,460,068	4,411,401	4,460,068
Retained earnings	3,832,740	3,559,452	3,640,290
Total equity	8,292,808	7,970,853	8,100,358
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	5,454,267	4,444,578	4,429,711
Other liabilities	596,608	687,637	596,606
Total non-current liabilities	6,050,875	5,132,215	5,026,317
Current liabilities			
Borrowings	62,457	29,193	62,030
Other liabilities	480,925	215,554	423,547
Total current liabilities	543,382	244,747	485,577
Liabilities directly associated with non-current assets classified as held for sale	297	2,688	225
Total equity and liabilities	14,887,362	13,350,503	13,612,477

COMMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ended 31 December 2020

Financial and operational review

Ascencia performed well with a net operational income of Rs 496m and a profit after tax of Rs 275m, representing a 4.8% and 11.1% increase respectively for the 6 months ending 31 December 2020 compared to the same period last year.

#SafeShopping

The key performance indicators of the portfolio showed resilience with healthy trading densities, low vacancies of 1.0% (Dec 19: 0.6%) as well as rent to turnover ratios of 7.5% (Dec 19: 7.1%). We recorded a 2.0% fall in trading densities for the period, a satisfactory performance, given the reduced footfalls as well as a change in the spending pattern of consumers among various categories. Collections from tenants increased to a commendable rate following management efforts. The rental relief plan was well received by the tenants.

Share price and dividend

Given the actual economic conditions and the lack of visibility over the next 12 months, the Group has adopted a conservative and prudent approach regarding the distribution of dividends. Therefore, an interim dividend of Rs 0.17 per share was paid in January 2021. The share price stood at Rs 20 at the end of January 2021 representing a 17.5% premium to its Net Asset Value per Share.

The Group has also completed the bond raising of Rs 1.5bn. Over the next months, efforts will be spent in consolidating the growth strategy through developments and new acquisitions such as the remaining stake in Bo'Valon Mall.

Development review

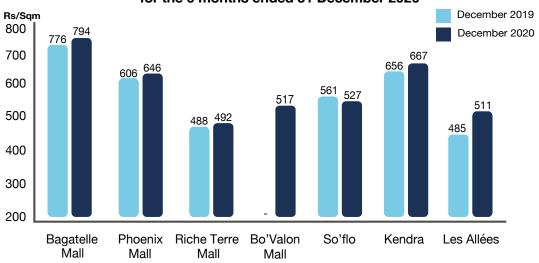
We are pleased to announce that we have completed and delivered the Decathlon box and its tenant has already started the fitout works. The official launch of the Bagatelle Mall extension is planned for March 2021 while three new shops that were included in the Phase 1 extension, have already opened and started their operations. These projects will uplift our offerings and are expected to generate additional revenues and contribute to job creation in these challenging post-lockdown times.

Outlook

We will continue to focus on sustaining shopper's needs and tenant retention while monitoring our liquidity in a market that is likely to become more challenging for the rest of 2021.

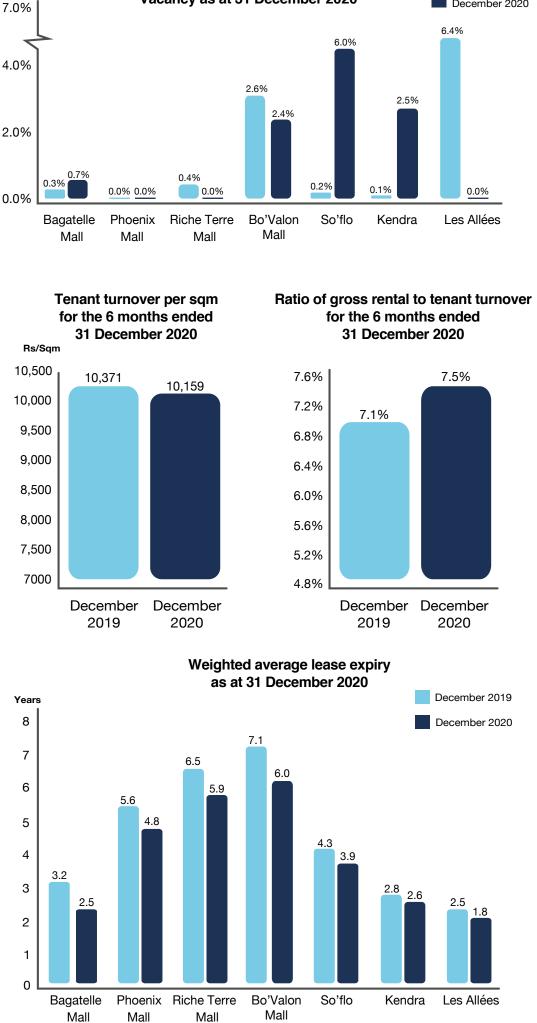
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Average net operational income per month per sqm for the 6 months ended 31 December 2020



Vacancy as at 31 December 2020





STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

In Rs 000	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 December 2020	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 December 2019	Audited year ended 30 June 2020
Net cash generated from operating activities	422,800	304,300	123,819
Net cash (used in) investing activities	(314,600)	(59,500)	(239,196)
Net cash from/(used in) financing activities	858,900	(540,400)	(411,939)
Net cash flows from discontinued operations	564	99,100	100,735
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	967,664	(196,500)	(426,581)
Cash and cash equivalents - opening	336,271	762,852	762,852
Cash and cash equivalents - closing	1,303,935	566,352	336,271

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

In Rs 000	Stated Capital	Retained Earnings	Total Equity
Balance at 01 July 2019	4,411,401	3,491,033	7,902,434
Total comprehensive income for the period Dividends	-	247,801 (179,382)	247,801 (179,382)
At 31 December 2019	4,411,401	3,559,452	7,970,853
Balance at 01 July 2020	4,460,068	3,640,290	8,100,358
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	275,294	275,294
Dividends	-	(82,844)	(82,844)
At 31 December 2020	4,460,068	3,832,740	8,292,808

The Board of Directors of Ascencia Limited accepts full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this report. The abridged financial statements are unaudited and have been prepared using same accounting policies as the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2020. Copies of this report are available free of charge and upon request from the Company Secretary at the registered office of Ascencia Limited. The abridged unaudited financial statements are issued pursuant to DEM Rule 17. The statement of direct and indirect interests of Officers pursuant to rule 8(2)(m) of the Securities (Disclosure Obligations of Reporting Issuers) Rules 2007 is available, free of charge at the registered office: No. 5, President John Kennedy Street, Port Louis.

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