

**American Express Saudi Arabia
(Saudi Closed Joint Stock Company)**

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

**FOR THE THREE AND NINE MONTH PERIODS ENDED
30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

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For The Three and Nine Month Periods Ended 30 September 2024

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Independent Auditor's Report on Review of the Interim Condensed Financial Statements

To the Shareholders of American Express Saudi Arabia

Introduction

We have reviewed the accompanying 30 September 2024 interim condensed financial statements of **American Express Saudi Arabia** ("the Company"), which comprises:

- the interim statement of profit or loss for the three and nine month periods ended 30 September 2024;
- the interim statement of other comprehensive income for the three and nine month periods ended 30 September 2024;
- the interim statement of financial position as at 30 September 2024;
- the interim statement of changes in shareholders' equity for the nine-month period ended 30 September 2024;
- the interim statement of cash flows for the nine-month period ended 30 September 2024; and
- the notes to the interim condensed financial statements.

Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of these interim condensed 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 financial statements based on our review.

Scope of review

We conducted our review in accordance with the International Standard on Review Engagements 2410, "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity" that is endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. A review of interim financial information 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 30 September 2024 interim condensed financial statements of the Company are not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with IAS 34 as endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

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INTERIM STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

For the three and nine month periods ended 30 September 2024

	Notes	<i>For the three month period ended (Unaudited)</i>		<i>For the nine month period ended (Unaudited)</i>	
		30 September	30 September	30 September	30 September
		2024	2023	2024	2023
		SR '000	SR '000	SR '000	SR '000
OPERATING INCOME					
<i>Revenue from merchants</i>					
Merchant transaction fees, net	5	77,148	64,268	206,674	166,222
<i>Revenue from card members</i>					
Foreign exchange income		37,560	41,173	90,646	90,534
Special commission income on Tawamuq		31,746	20,019	88,584	56,754
Card membership fees, net		18,603	16,409	54,199	48,204
Other income, net		3,250	2,754	8,970	7,961
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME		168,307	144,623	449,073	369,675
EXPENSES					
General and administration expenses		(64,314)	(59,194)	(186,874)	(177,778)
Selling and marketing expenses		(29,514)	(32,381)	(87,196)	(87,708)
Rebates		(7,310)	(6,514)	(17,756)	(12,258)
Impairment (charge) reversal for card members' receivable, net	6 (a)	(2,106)	352	(4,488)	(8,725)
Special commission expense		(9,548)	(7,823)	(25,468)	(18,820)
PROFIT BEFORE ZAKAT AND INCOME TAX		55,515	39,063	127,291	64,386
Zakat	8 (a)	(4,305)	(2,246)	(9,864)	(6,228)
Income tax, net of deferred tax	8 (a)	(2,826)	(2,102)	(6,880)	(3,348)
NET PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD		48,384	34,715	110,547	54,810

The accompanying notes 1 to 15 form an integral part of these interim condensed financial statements

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INTERIM STATEMENT OF OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the three and nine month periods ended 30 September 2024

	<i>For the three month period ended (Unaudited)</i>		<i>For the nine month period ended (Unaudited)</i>	
	<i>30 September</i>	<i>30 September</i>	<i>30 September</i>	<i>30 September</i>
	<i>2024</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2023</i>
	<i>SR '000</i>	<i>SR '000</i>	<i>SR '000</i>	<i>SR '000</i>
NET PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	48,384	34,715	110,547	54,810
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME				
<i>Item not to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:</i>				
Remeasurement gains on defined benefit plans	-	-	-	-
Total other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	48,384	34,715	110,547	54,810

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INTERIM STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 September 2024

		30 September 2024	31 December 2023
	Notes	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
		<u>SR '000</u>	<u>SR '000</u>
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents		45,796	45,215
Card members' receivable, net	6	1,367,942	1,085,815
Amounts due from a related party	10 (d)	165	95
Prepaid expenses and other assets	14	21,633	17,350
Deferred card acquisition costs		6,693	6,432
Deferred tax asset	8 (c)	4,912	4,433
Property and equipment, net		40,889	47,250
Intangible assets, net		35,373	31,860
Right of use assets, net		38,634	42,798
TOTAL ASSETS		1,562,037	1,281,248
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
LIABILITIES			
Amounts due to a related party	10 (d)	38,359	30,971
Accounts payable and accruals	7	235,734	227,606
Lease liabilities		37,819	43,021
Zakat and income tax payable	8 (b)	14,150	12,322
Short term borrowings	9	544,809	322,125
Card members' margins		34,287	33,963
Membership rewards		54,310	53,909
Deferred card membership fees		31,386	29,812
Employees' terminal benefits		56,298	52,581
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,047,152	806,310
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Share capital		100,000	100,000
Statutory reserve		40,943	40,943
Retained earnings		373,942	333,995
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		514,885	474,938
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		1,562,037	1,281,248

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INTERIM STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

For the nine month period ended 30 September 2024

<i>30 September 2024 (unaudited)</i>	<i>Share capital</i> <u>SR '000</u>	<i>Statutory reserve</i> <u>SR '000</u>	<i>Retained earnings</i> <u>SR '000</u>	<i>Total</i> <u>SR '000</u>
Balance at 1 January 2024	100,000	40,943	333,995	474,938
Total comprehensive income	-	-	110,547	110,547
Dividend (note 12)	-	-	(70,600)	(70,600)
<i>Balance at 30 September 2024</i>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>40,943</u>	<u>373,942</u>	<u>514,885</u>
<i>30 September 2023 (unaudited)</i>	<i>Share capital</i> <u>SR '000</u>	<i>Statutory reserve</i> <u>SR '000</u>	<i>Retained earnings</i> <u>SR '000</u>	<i>Total</i> <u>SR '000</u>
Balance at 1 January 2023	100,000	40,943	249,644	390,587
Total comprehensive income	-	-	54,810	54,810
<i>Balance at 30 September 2023</i>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>40,943</u>	<u>304,454</u>	<u>445,397</u>

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INTERIM STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the nine month period ended 30 September 2024

		<i>For the nine month period ended</i>	
		<i>30 September</i>	<i>30 September</i>
		<i>2024</i>	<i>2023</i>
		<i>(Unaudited)</i>	<i>(Unaudited)</i>
<i>Notes</i>		<i>SR '000</i>	<i>SR '000</i>
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
	Profit before zakat and income tax	127,291	64,386
	<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
	Depreciation on property and equipment	10,490	9,595
	Amortisation of intangible assets	7,459	7,352
	Depreciation on right of use assets	5,978	5,969
	Unwinding of special commission expense of lease liabilities	466	509
	Impairment of card members' receivables, net of recoveries	4,488	8,725
	Provision for card membership fees	4,720	3,618
	Provision for employees' terminal benefits	6,045	6,461
	(Gain) loss on disposal of property and equipment	(116)	46
	<i>Operating cash flows before working capital changes</i>	166,821	106,661
	<i>Changes in operating assets and liabilities:</i>		
	Card members' receivables	(291,335)	(254,161)
	Prepaid expenses and other assets	(4,283)	419
	Accounts payable and accruals	8,128	46,414
	Amounts due to related parties, net	7,318	10,124
	Card members' margins	324	(1,952)
	Membership rewards	401	9,861
	Deferred card membership fees, net	1,574	2,641
	Deferred card acquisition costs, net	(261)	(1,756)
	<i>Net cash used in operations</i>	(111,313)	(81,749)
	Employees' terminal benefits paid	(2,328)	(2,143)
	Zakat and tax paid	(15,395)	(12,024)
	<i>Net cash used in operating activities</i>	(129,036)	(95,916)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
	Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment	116	-
	Purchase of property and equipment	(4,129)	(6,480)
	Purchase of intangible assets	(10,972)	(7,946)
	<i>Net cash used in investing activities</i>	(14,985)	(14,426)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
	Proceeds from short term borrowing facilities	4,453,434	2,700,319
	Repayment of short term borrowing facilities	(4,230,750)	(2,639,944)
	Dividend paid	(70,600)	-
	Settlement of lease liabilities	(7,482)	(7,260)
	<i>Net cash from financing activities</i>	144,602	53,115
	INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	581	(57,227)
	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	45,215	79,409
	CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE PERIOD	45,796	22,182

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NOTES TO THE INTERIM CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1 ACTIVITIES

American Express Saudi Arabia (the “Company” or “AESA”) is a Saudi Closed Joint Stock Company incorporated in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (‘KSA’). The Company operates under commercial registration No. 1010183222 issued in Riyadh on 27 Shawwal 1423H (corresponding to 31 December 2002); and reissued on 28 Muhurram 1437H (corresponding to 10 November 2015), Service License No. 110/1 dated 13 Muhurram 1423H (corresponding to 12 April 2002) issued by the Saudi Arabian General Investment Authority (“SAGIA”) and License No. 40/ASH/201512 dated 28 Safar 1437H (corresponding to 10 December 2015) issued by the Saudi Central Bank (“SAMA”).

The registered head office of the Company is P. O. Box 6624, Riyadh 11652, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The Company has the following branches:

<i>Branch Commercial Registration Number</i>	<i>Date of registration</i>	<i>Location</i>
2051041721	2 Safar 1431H	Khobar
4030189461	11 Jumada Awal 1430H	Jeddah
JLT-69544	23 December 2013	Dubai, United Arab Emirates

The Company is licensed by American Express Travel Related Services (“AETRS”) to operate card and merchant establishment business in KSA.

2 BASIS OF PREPARATION

The interim condensed financial statements of the Company as at and for the nine month period ended 30 September 2024 have been prepared in compliance with International Accounting Standard (“IAS”) 34 “Interim Financial Reporting” as endorsed in KSA, other standards and pronouncements issued by the Saudi Organization for Chartered and Professional Accountants (“SOCPA”) and with the provisions of the Regulations for Companies in KSA and the By-laws of the Company. The interim condensed financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's annual audited financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 December 2023.

These interim condensed financial statements have been presented in Saudi Riyals, as it is the functional currency of the Company and are rounded off to the nearest thousands.

Assets and liabilities in the interim statement of financial position are presented in the order of liquidity.

3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

The preparation of interim condensed financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires the use of estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the interim condensed financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Although these estimates and judgments are based on management’s best knowledge of current events and actions, actual results ultimately may differ from those estimates.

The significant judgements made by management in applying the Company’s accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those described in the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

4 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The interim condensed financial statements do not contain all information and disclosures required for full financial statements prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (‘IFRS’) as issued by the International Accounting Standard Board (“IASB”) that are endorsed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and other standards and pronouncements issued by the Saudi Organization for Chartered and Professional Accountants (‘SOCPA’). The results for the period ended 30 September 2024 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the financial year ending 31 December 2024. The material accounting policies used in the preparation of the interim condensed financial statements are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Company’s annual audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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4A NEW STANDARDS, INTERPRETATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

Significant standards issued but not yet effective

The standards applied in these financial statements are those in issue as at the reporting date and are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024.

Following new standards and amendments that are issued, but not yet effective, up to the date of issuance of the Company's financial statements are disclosed below:

- Amendment to IAS 21 – Lack of exchangeability
- Sale and contribution of Assets between the investors and its associates or Joint ventures
- IFRS 18 – Presentation and disclosure in the financial statements

The Company has not early adopted any standards, interpretations or amendments before their effective date.

New standards, interpretations and amendments adopted by the Company

Following standard, interpretation or amendments are effective from the current period and are adopted by the Company. However, these did not have any significant impact on the financial statements of the period.

- Amendment to IFRS 16 – Leases on sale and leaseback
- Amendments to IAS 7 and IFRS 7 on Supplier finance arrangements
- Amendment to IAS 1 – Non-current liabilities with covenants

5 MERCHANT TRANSACTION FEES, NET

	<i>For the three month period ended (Unaudited)</i>		<i>For the nine month period ended (Unaudited)</i>	
	<i>30 September 2024</i>	<i>30 September 2023</i>	<i>30 September 2024</i>	<i>30 September 2023</i>
	<i>SR '000</i>	<i>SR '000</i>	<i>SR '000</i>	<i>SR '000</i>
Local card member transaction fees on 'out of Kingdom' spend (note 10 (a))	58,961	48,035	150,114	115,754
Transaction fees on 'in Kingdom' spend	22,489	19,039	70,095	60,208
Airline transaction fees (note 10 (a))	1,034	799	3,119	3,062
	82,484	67,873	223,328	179,024
Foreign card member transaction fees (note 10 (a))	(5,336)	(3,605)	(16,654)	(12,802)
	77,148	64,268	206,674	166,222

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6 CARD MEMBERS' RECEIVABLE, NET

	30 September 2024 (Unaudited) SR'000	31 December 2023 (Audited) SR'000
Card members' receivable	1,384,810	1,098,955
Less: Impairment in card members' receivable (see note (a) below)	(16,003)	(12,862)
Less: Provision for card membership fees	(865)	(278)
	<u>1,367,942</u>	<u>1,085,815</u>

AESA's card products are Shariah approved. Accordingly, card members' receivable are unconventional in nature. The ageing of card members' receivables is as follows:

	<i>Neither past due nor impaired</i>	<i>Past due but not impaired</i>			<i>Past due and impaired</i>	
	<i>Total</i>	<i>1 - 30 days</i>	<i>31 - 60 days</i>	<i>61 - 90 days</i>	<i>91 - 180 days</i>	
	<i>SR' 000</i>	<i>SR' 000</i>	<i>SR' 000</i>	<i>SR' 000</i>	<i>SR' 000</i>	
30 September 2024 (Unaudited)	<u>1,384,810</u>	<u>1,321,766</u>	<u>41,652</u>	<u>11,902</u>	<u>2,752</u>	<u>6,738</u>
<i>31 December 2023 (Audited)</i>	<u>1,098,955</u>	<u>1,043,805</u>	<u>36,087</u>	<u>8,836</u>	<u>6,602</u>	<u>3,625</u>

a) *Movement in impairment of card members' receivables:*

	<i>For the three month period ended (Unaudited)</i>		<i>For the nine month period ended (Unaudited)</i>	
	30 September 2024	<i>30 September 2023</i>	30 September 2024	<i>30 September 2023</i>
	SR'000	<i>SR'000</i>	SR'000	<i>SR'000</i>
At beginning of the period	15,256	12,279	12,862	9,199
Charge for the period	3,667	3,253	11,119	16,082
Written off during the period	(2,920)	(3,252)	(7,978)	(13,001)
At end of the period	<u>16,003</u>	<u>12,280</u>	<u>16,003</u>	<u>12,280</u>

The impairment charge to the interim statement of profit or loss for the nine month period ended 30 September 2024 amounting to SR 4.49 million is net of recoveries during the period of SR 6.63 million (unaudited) (30 September 2023: charge of SR 8.73 million net of recoveries of SR 7.35 million) (unaudited)).

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6 CARD MEMBERS' RECEIVABLE, NET (continued)

b) The following table shows reconciliation from the opening to the closing balance of the loss allowance

<i>30 September 2024 (Unaudited)</i>				
<i>Impairment loss on card members' receivable</i>	<i>12 month ECL</i>	<i>Lifetime ECL not credit impaired</i>	<i>Lifetime ECL credit impaired</i>	<i>Total</i>
SR'000				
Balance at 1 January 2024	6,457	3,473	2,932	12,862
Transfer to 12 month ECL	1,903	(1,458)	(445)	-
Transfer to lifetime ECL not credit impaired	(78)	426	(348)	-
Transfer to lifetime ECL credit impaired	(57)	(666)	723	-
Net impairment charge (reversal)	(20)	2,506	8,633	11,119
Write offs / settlements	(250)	(869)	(6,859)	(7,978)
Balance at 30 September 2024	7,955	3,412	4,636	16,003

<i>30 September 2023 (Unaudited)</i>				
<i>Impairment loss on card members' receivable</i>	<i>12 month ECL</i>	<i>Lifetime ECL not credit impaired</i>	<i>Lifetime ECL credit impaired</i>	<i>Total</i>
SR'000				
Balance at 1 January 2023	5,326	4,418	(545)	9,199
Transfer to 12-month ECL	993	(550)	(443)	-
Transfer to lifetime ECL not credit impaired	(52)	394	(342)	-
Transfer to lifetime ECL credit impaired	(45)	(144)	189	-
Net impairment charge	539	1,897	13,646	16,082
Write offs / settlements	(194)	(1,122)	(11,685)	(13,001)
Balance at 30 September 2023	6,567	4,893	820	12,280

7 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUALS

	30 September 2024	31 December 2023
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	SR'000	SR'000
Accrued expenses	114,245	101,604
Advance from card members	64,937	64,187
Payable to merchants	27,767	30,669
Employees' accrued compensation	23,037	27,448
Other payables	5,748	3,698
	235,734	227,606

8 ZAKAT AND INCOME TAX PAYABLE

The Company is owned by Saudi and Non-Saudi shareholders, and hence is subject to zakat (on Saudi shareholder's share) and income tax (on Non-Saudi shareholder's share). The zakat and income tax charge, for the nine month period ended 30 September 2024 amounting to SR 9.86 million and SR 7.36 million (30 September 2023: SR 6.23 million and SR 3.79 million) respectively, have been calculated on the basis of the Income Tax Law and the Zakat Regulations in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

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8 ZAKAT AND INCOME TAX PAYABLE (continued)

a) Charge for the period (interim statement of profit or loss)

	<i>For the three month period ended (Unaudited)</i>		<i>For the nine month period ended (Unaudited)</i>	
	<i>30 September 2024</i>	<i>30 September 2023</i>	<i>30 September 2024</i>	<i>30 September 2023</i>
	<i>SR'000</i>	<i>SR'000</i>	<i>SR'000</i>	<i>SR'000</i>
<i>Zakat charge for current period (note (b))</i>	4,305	2,246	9,864	6,228
<i>Income tax charge for current period (note (b))</i>	2,936	2,085	7,359	3,790
<i>Deferred tax (origination) reversal of temporary differences (note (c))</i>	(110)	17	(479)	(442)
<i>Income tax charge, net of deferred tax</i>	2,826	2,102	6,880	3,348

b) Movement in provision for zakat and income tax is set out below:

<i>For the nine month period ended 30 September 2024 (Unaudited)</i>	<i>Zakat</i> <i>SR '000</i>	<i>Income tax</i> <i>SR '000</i>	<i>Total</i> <i>SR '000</i>
Balance payable at the beginning of the period	8,850	3,472	12,322
Charge for the period	9,864	7,359	17,223
Payments made during the period	(8,842)	(6,553)	(15,395)
Balance payable at the end of the period	9,872	4,278	14,150
<i>For the nine month period ended 30 September 2023 (Unaudited)</i>	<i>Zakat</i> <i>SR '000</i>	<i>Income tax</i> <i>SR '000</i>	<i>Total</i> <i>SR '000</i>
Balance payable at the beginning of the period	7,333	3,065	10,398
Charge for the period	6,228	3,790	10,018
Payments made during the period	(7,333)	(4,691)	(12,024)
Balance payable at the end of the period	6,228	2,164	8,392
<i>For the year ended 31 December 2023 (Audited)</i>	<i>Zakat</i> <i>SR '000</i>	<i>Income tax</i> <i>SR '000</i>	<i>Total</i> <i>SR '000</i>
Balance payable at the beginning of the year	7,333	3,065	10,398
Charge for the year	8,850	5,880	14,730
Payments made during the year	(7,333)	(5,473)	(12,806)
Balance payable at the end of the year	8,850	3,472	12,322

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8 ZAKAT AND INCOME TAX PAYABLE (continued)

c) Deferred tax asset (unaudited)

Deferred tax asset as at 30 September 2024 amounting to SR 4.91 million (30 September 2023 : SR 4.32 million) includes deferred tax origination for the nine month period ended 30 September 2024 amounting to SR 0.48 million (30 September 2023: origination of SR 0.44 million) (see note 8 (a)). The tax impact is calculated based on the income tax rate of 20%.

Movement in deferred tax asset is set out below:

	<i>For the nine month period ended (Unaudited)</i>		<i>For the year ended (Audited)</i>
	30 September 2024	30 September 2023	31 December 2023
	SR '000	SR '000	SR '000
Balance at the beginning of the period / year	4,433	3,882	3,882
Origination of temporary differences	479	442	551
	4,912	4,324	4,433

d) Status of assessments

The Company has filed zakat and income tax returns (the 'Returns') for all years up till 31 December 2023 with the ZATCA. The ZATCA has provided zakat certificate, which is valid up till 30 April 2025. The ZATCA has finalized the Company's position up till the year ended 31 December 2011.

During 2022, the Company received assessment for the year 2016 with a additional zakat due aggregating SR 3.79 million. The Company submitted appeals against the zakat assessment with the General Secretariat of Tax Committee ("GSTC") Level 1 and Level 2 which were rejected. The Company is considering filing a request for reconsideration at the GSTC Level 2 to reconsider the matters that were appealed.

During January 2023, the ZATCA issued a assessment for the year 2017 with an additional zakat due aggregating SR 0.98 million. The Company's appeal against the zakat assessment with GSTC Level 1 was rejected. The appeal hearing is yet to take place at GSTC level 2.

During September 2023, the Company submitted an application to the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee ('ADRC') for both the above assessments years, which has been rejected.

Assessments for the years from 2012 to 2015 and 2018 to 2023 have not yet been raised by the ZATCA.

9 SHORT TERM BORROWINGS

Short term borrowings represent the following conventional loan / facilities obtained by the Company from:

- American Express Overseas Credit Corporation NV ("AEOCC NV") aggregating USD 95 million (equivalent to SR 356.25 million (unaudited)) (31 December 2023: USD 200 million equivalent to SR 750.00 million (audited)) to finance the working capital requirements of the Company. As of 30 September 2024, the outstanding balance under this facility was USD/ SAR nil (unaudited) (31 December 2023: USD 12.70 million equivalent to SR 47.63 million (audited)). The facility will be due for renewal during the last quarter of 2024.
- Domestic banks amounting to USD 300.00 million (equivalent to SR 1,125 million) (31 December 2023: USD 100 million equivalent to SR 375.00 million) including USD 100 million facility from The Saudi Investment Bank ("SAIB") (see note 10(a)) to finance the working capital requirements of the Company. These loans are secured by promissory notes signed by the Company. As of 30 September 2024, the outstanding balance under these facilities aggregated USD 145.28 million equivalent to SR 544.81 million (31 December 2023: USD 73.20 million equivalent to SR 274.50 million). These facilities will be due for renewal during 2025.

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10 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES

a) Significant transactions arising from transactions with related parties are as follows:

<i>Related party</i>	<i>Nature of transaction</i>	<i>For the three month period ended (Unaudited)</i>		<i>For the nine month period ended (Unaudited)</i>	
		<i>30 September 2024</i>	<i>30 September 2023</i>	<i>30 September 2024</i>	<i>30 September 2023</i>
		<i>SR'000</i>	<i>SR'000</i>	<i>SR'000</i>	<i>SR'000</i>
<i>Shareholder</i>					
SAIB	- Data support services	273	395	874	2,544
	- Service and annual card fees	(216)	(113)	(750)	(504)
	- Co-brand fees	97	40	262	225
	- Special commission expense	1,180	-	1,180	-
	- Short term loans received (note 9 (b))	188,559	-	188,559	-
<i>Affiliate</i>					
AETRS	- Merchant and airline transaction fees earned (note 5)	(59,995)	(48,834)	(153,233)	(118,816)
	- Foreign card member transaction fees (note 5)	5,336	3,605	16,654	12,802
	- Support and other services	120	231	412	596
	- Royalty expense	124	115	354	294
AEOCC NV	- Special commission expense	3,975	5,086	12,057	13,095
	- Short term loans received	597,750	541,125	2,041,125	1,569,750
	- Short term loans settled	(933,000)	(734,250)	(2,088,750)	(1,640,625)

In addition to the above, most of the routine banking transactions of the Company are carried out with SAIB. Bank balances as at 30 September 2024 with SAIB amounted to SR 23.09 million (unaudited) and are included under cash and cash equivalents (31 December 2023 : SR 44.06 million (audited)).

Transactions with related parties are on terms and conditions, as approved by the Board of Directors of the Company.

b) The compensation summary of key management personnel for the reporting period is set out below:

	<i>For the three month period ended (Unaudited)</i>		<i>For the nine month period ended (Unaudited)</i>	
	<i>30 September 2024</i>	<i>30 September 2023</i>	<i>30 September 2024</i>	<i>30 September 2023</i>
	<i>SR'000</i>	<i>SR'000</i>	<i>SR'000</i>	<i>SR'000</i>
Short term benefits	4,348	3,956	12,122	10,489
Termination and other long term benefits	782	823	2,597	3,713
	<u>5,130</u>	<u>4,779</u>	<u>14,719</u>	<u>14,202</u>

c) Card members' receivable include outstanding balances of the Board of Directors and key management personnel of the Company, arising out of credit card related transactions, as at 30 September 2024 of SR 2.02 million (unaudited) (31 December 2023: SR 1.47 million (audited)).

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d) In addition to the balances disclosed elsewhere in the interim condensed financial statements, the following receivable / (payable) balances arose as a result of transactions with related parties:

Related party	Name	Note	30 September 2024	31 December 2023
			(Unaudited) SR '000	(Audited) SR '000
Amounts due from / (to):				
Shareholder	SAIB		165	95
Affiliate	AETRS		(38,359)	(30,971)
	AEOCC	9 (a)	-	(47,630)
	SAIB		(188,559)	-

11 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCES

Capital commitments

Commitments in respect of capital expenditure outstanding as at 30 September 2024 amounted to SR 12.91 million (unaudited) (31 December 2023 : SR 11.03 million (audited)).

Undrawn commitments

The undrawn credit commitments in respect of revolve credit cards issued by the Company as at 30 September 2024 amounted to SR 851.21 million (unaudited) (31 December 2023 : SR 857.44 million (audited)).

Letter of guarantee

Letter of guarantee amounting to SR 7.50 million has been issued by the Company to AETRS in the normal course of business in respect of performance obligation of the Company's merchant as at 30 September 2024 (unaudited) (31 December 2023 : SR 7.50 million) (audited).

12 DIVIDEND

The shareholders in their Annual General Meeting held on 21 March 2024 approved the distribution of dividends amounting to SR 70.60 million at SR 7.06 per share (unaudited). There were no dividends declared during the year ended 31 December 2023.

13 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND FAIR VALUE

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either:

- In the principal market for the asset or liability; or
- In the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability.

The principal or the most advantageous market must be accessible to by the Company. Financial instruments comprise financial asset and financial liabilities. Financial assets consist of bank balances and receivables. Financial liabilities consist of borrowings, payables, card members' margins and membership rewards.

Fair value hierarchy

The Company uses the following hierarchy for determining and disclosing the fair value of financial instruments by valuation technique:

- Level 1: quoted (unadjusted) prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: other techniques for which all inputs which have a significant effect on the recorded fair value are observable, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3: techniques which use inputs which have a significant effect on the recorded fair value that are not based on observable market data.

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13 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND FAIR VALUE (continued)

For assets and liabilities that are recognised in the financial statements on a recurring basis, the Company determines whether transfers have occurred between levels in the hierarchy by re-assessing categorisation (based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole) at the end of each reporting period.

For the purpose of fair value disclosures, the Company has determined classes of assets and liabilities on the basis of the nature, characteristics and risks of the asset or liability and the level of the fair value hierarchy as explained above.

The Company's management determines the policies and procedures for both recurring fair value measurement, and for non-recurring measurement, such as assets held for distribution in a discontinued operation.

Due to the short term nature of the financial assets and liabilities, the management believes that the fair values of the financial assets and liabilities are not materially different from their carrying values. These are all classified within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy except for cash and cash equivalents which are classified under level 1. There have been no transfers to and from Level 3 during the current period or prior year.

14 SAMA PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES THAT WERE LAUNCHED

In response to COVID-19, SAMA launched the Private Sector Financing Support Program ("PSFSP") in March 2020 to provide the necessary support to the SME sector through empowering and facilitating the financing community. The PSFSP mainly encompasses the following programs:

- Deferred payments program;
- Funding for lending program;
- Loan guarantee program; and
- Point of sale ("POS") and e-commerce service fee support program.

As part of the Point of sale ("POS") and e-commerce service fee support program, SAMA bore the fees for two services on the stores and private sector establishments for a period of 6 months starting 14 March 2020 with the purpose of the program being to support the participants in the payments ecosystem in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, as well as ensuring the continuity of growth and continuous expansion in providing payment services safely and effectively to consumers under the current conditions. The total fees for the 6 months starting from 14 March 2020 to 14 September 2020 borne by SAMA was SR 20.08 million out of which SR 1.81 million is receivable from SAMA as at 30 September 2024 (SR 16.67 million was received during the year 2021) and is included in and presented under "prepaid expenses and other assets" in the interim statement of financial position.

15 APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The interim condensed financial statements have been approved by the Board of Directors on 15 Rabi AlThani 1446H (corresponding to 18 October 2024).