

Half-Year Report for the half-year ended 30 June 2021

APPENDIX 4D

Half-Year Report

Under ASX listing rule 4.2A.3

MA Financial Group Limited (formerly Moelis Australia Limited)
ABN 68 142 008 428

Reporting period: 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021

Previous corresponding period: 1 January 2020 to 30 June 2020

Results for announcement to the market	Half-year ended 30 Jun 2021 \$m	Half-year ended 30 Jun 2020 \$m	Up/Down	Movement %
Revenues from ordinary activities	88.5	64.7	Up	36.8%
Total income	100.8	74.2	Up	35.8%
Profit from ordinary activities after tax attributable to ordinary equity holders	14.3	8.9	Up	60.3%
Net profit after tax attributable to ordinary equity holders	14.3	8.9	Up	60.3%
Total comprehensive income	24.6	1.8	Up	1250.2%

Dividend per ordinary share	Amount per share (cents)	Franked amount per share (cents)	Tax rate for franking credit
2020 final dividend per share (paid 3 March 2021)	10.0	10.0	30.0%
2021 interim dividend per share (recommended)	5.0	5.0	30.0%

Other Disclosure Requirements	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
Net tangible assets per ordinary share	\$1.51	\$1.24

Additional Appendix 4D disclosure requirements and commentary on significant events relating to operating performance and results are included in the Half-Year Financial Report for the half-year ended 30 June 2021 and the Directors' Report for the half-year ended 30 June 2021.

This information should be read in conjunction with the 2020 Annual Report, the Half-Year Financial Report for the half-year ended 30 June 2021 and any public announcements made in the period by the Group in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) and the ASX Listing Rules.

This report is based on the interim consolidated financial statements for the half-year ended 30 June 2021 which have been reviewed by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu.

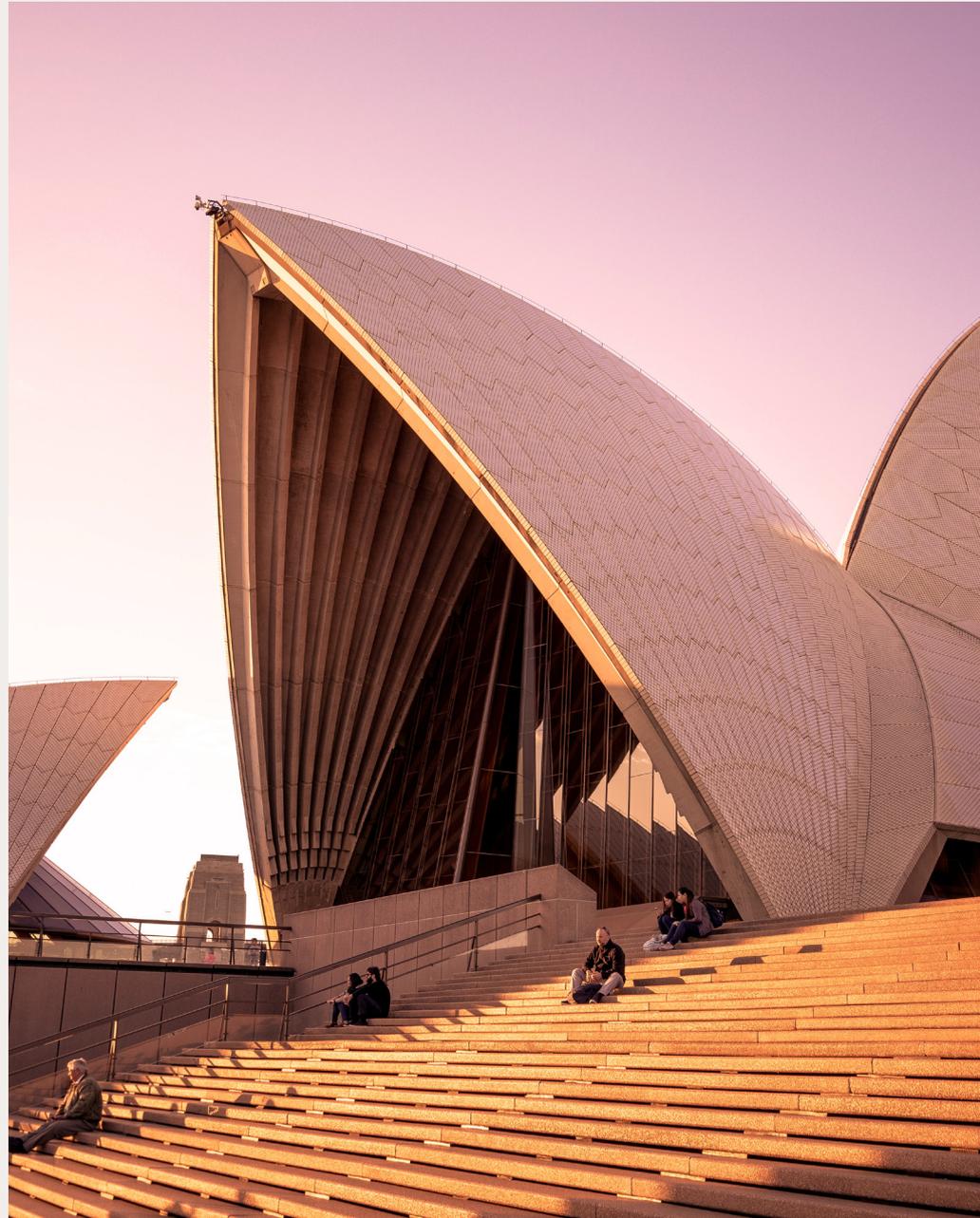


MA Financial Group

Consolidated Half-Year Financial Report

30 June 2021

MA Financial Group Limited
(formerly Moelis Australia Limited)
A.B.N. 68 142 008 428



Directors' Report

for the half-year ended 30 June 2021

Directors' Report

The Directors of MA Financial Group Limited (formerly Moelis Australia Limited) (Company) submit their report together with the consolidated financial report of the Company and its subsidiaries (Group) for the half-year ended 30 June 2021.

The names of the Directors of the Company during or since the end of the period are:

Jeffrey Browne	Independent Chairman and non-executive Director
Andrew Pridham	Group Vice Chairman
Alexandra Goodfellow	Non-executive Director
Kenneth Moelis	Non-executive Director
Kate Pilcher Ciafone	Non-executive Director
Simon Kelly	Non-executive Director (appointed 21 April 2021)
Julian Biggins	Joint Chief Executive Officer
Christopher Wyke	Joint Chief Executive Officer

The Directors have been in office since the start of the period to the date of this report unless otherwise noted.

Review of operations and results

Principal activities

The Group is a financial services provider with offices in Sydney, Melbourne and Shanghai. The Group's principal activities are providing asset management, lending, corporate advisory and equities services.

Results

The financial report for the half-year ended 30 June 2021 and the results herein are prepared in accordance with AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).

In accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, which comply with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), the total comprehensive income attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Group for the half-year ended 30 June 2021 was \$24.6 million (half-year ended 30 June 2020: \$1.8 million) and the profit after tax for the half-year ended 30 June 2021 was \$14.3 million (half-year ended 30 June 2020: \$8.9 million).

	Half-year ended 30 Jun 2021 \$'000	Half-year ended 30 Jun 2020 \$'000	Movement %
Statutory results			
Total income	100,750	74,174	36%
Profit before tax	20,694	14,004	48%
Profit after income tax	14,300	8,923	60%
Total comprehensive income	24,600	1,822	1250%
Underlying results			
Revenue	102,711	67,424	52%
EBITDA	38,189	21,508	78%
Net profit after income tax	23,362	12,107	93%

Directors' Report (continued) for the half-year ended 30 June 2021

Review of operations and results (continued)

Non-IFRS Underlying Results

The Group also utilises non-IFRS "Underlying" financial information in its assessment and presentation of Group performance. In particular, the Group references Underlying Revenue, Underlying Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortisation (EBITDA), Underlying Earnings Per Share (EPS) and Underlying Net Profit After Tax (NPAT).

The Directors place great importance and value on the IFRS measures. As such, the Directors believe that, when read in conjunction with the IFRS measures, the Underlying measures are useful to the reader as:

- The Underlying measures reveal the underlying run rate business economics of the Company;
- The Underlying measures are used by management to allocate resources and make financial, strategic and operating decisions. Further, all budgeting and forecasting is based on Underlying measures. This provides insight into management decision making; and
- The Underlying adjustments have been consistently applied in all reporting periods, regardless of their impact on the Underlying result.

The Underlying financial information is not prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and IFRS and is not audited. Adjustments to the IFRS information align with the principles by which the Company views and manages itself internally and consist of both differences in classification and differences in measurement.

Differences in classification arise because the Company chooses to classify some IFRS measures in a different manner to that prescribed by IFRS.

Differences in measurement principally arise where the Company prefers to use non-IFRS measures to better:

- Align with when management has greater certainty of timing of cash flows;
- Regulate the variability in the value of key strategic assets, specifically the investment in Japara Healthcare Limited (Japara);
- Normalise for the impacts of one-off transaction costs; and
- Recognise staff share-based bonus expense when granted as opposed to over the vesting period.

Please refer to note 2 of the Half-Year Financial Report for a detailed reconciliation between the IFRS and Underlying measures.

Group Overview

Underlying EBITDA achieved for the half-year ended 30 June 2021 was \$38.2 million, up 78% from \$21.5 million in the prior corresponding period.^[1] Underlying NPAT for the half-year ended 30 June 2021 was \$23.4 million, up 93% from \$12.1 million in the prior corresponding period. These results were underpinned by strong performance in the Group's three operating segments: Asset Management, Lending and Corporate Advisory and Equities (CA&E). Unallocated costs associated with the central executives and corporate support functions are shown separately as Corporate Services.

Key highlights were the Assets Under Management (AUM) growth and fund performance in Asset Management, a record first half revenue performance by CA&E and the continued scaling of the new Lending division. The financial impacts and business disruption from COVID-19 in the prior corresponding period further enhanced the movement in results between periods.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) impact

Following the initial declaration of COVID-19 as a world-wide pandemic in March 2020 the Group's business model has proven to be resilient and robust and the Group remains well positioned to execute on its long-term growth strategy. The Group will continue to monitor and respond to the evolving impact of COVID-19 on the operational and financial performance of the Group.

During the period the Group recognised no other income (half-year ended 30 June 2020: \$1.8 million) related to COVID-19 government wage subsidies. In addition, no deferrals of payments to the Australian Tax Office (ATO) (half-year ended 30 June 2020: \$18.5 million) were granted to the Group. All ATO tax deferrals granted during 2020 have now been paid.

Segment overview

The Group's Underlying measures directly align with the segment measures required by AASB 8 *Operating Segments*. Further information and reconciliations are provided in note 2 of the Half-Year Financial Report.

[1] Prior corresponding period (pcp) refers to the six months ended 30 June 2020.

Directors' Report (continued) for the half-year ended 30 June 2021

Review of operations and results (continued)

Segment Overview (continued)

	Half-year ended 30 Jun 2021 \$'000	Half-year ended 30 Jun 2020 \$'000
Asset Management	31,569	14,454
Lending	6,419	6,218
Corporate Advisory and Equities	6,524	5,431
Corporate Services	(6,323)	(4,595)
Underlying EBITDA	38,189	21,508
Depreciation and amortisation	2,202	1,791
Interest expense	2,613	2,420
Income tax expense	10,012	5,190
Underlying NPAT	23,362	12,107

Asset Management

Following the separation out of the new Lending segment, Asset Management contributed approximately 71% of Group Underlying EBITDA before Corporate Services in the half-year ended 30 June 2021. This result was derived from Underlying Revenue of \$64.6 million, up 94% from \$33.4 million on the prior corresponding period. AUM grew by \$0.7 billion over the period to \$6.1 billion at 30 June 2021. Net client inflows were \$506 million in the half-year ended 30 June 2021, up \$348 million on the prior corresponding period.

Base management fee revenue was up 28% on the prior corresponding period with total divisional revenue further augmented by strong growth in performance and transaction fee revenue up 157% and 211% respectively on the prior corresponding period. A key driver of the performance fee growth was the hospitality management platform with transaction fees benefitting from a rebound in activity following COVID-19 disruption in the half-year ended 30 June 2020.

Expense growth was largely due to the continued investment in platform growth and the impact of the RetPro acquisition in April 2021.

Lending

Following continued growth and investment in Lending, the Group has separated out Lending as a new operating segment. Lending is an operator of differentiated lending platforms and a funder of high-quality loan portfolios earning a net interest margin (NIM) on its invested capital.

Underlying Revenue, which represents Lending's NIM grew to \$10.2 million for the half-year ending 30 June 2021, up \$3.5 million or 32% on the prior corresponding period from \$7.7 million. This was a result of strong loan portfolio growth driven by continued market traction in loan portfolio funding initiatives, the continued investment in MKM Capital and organic growth in the specialty finance platform focused on

legal disbursement funding. The continued investment in the Lending platform and resources drove expense growth in the half-year ended 30 June 2021.

Corporate Advisory and Equities

Corporate Advisory recorded a record first half Underlying Revenue contribution of \$24.8 million for the half-year ended 30 June 2021 (half-year ended 30 June 2020: \$21.3 million) benefitting from a recovery in M&A activity and the completion of large restructuring mandates that rolled over from the prior year. Equities saw commission revenue reduce to \$3.1 million for the half-year ended 30 June 2021 (half-year ended 30 June 2020: \$5.1 million) due to the significant volatility and resultant elevated trading volumes in the prior corresponding period.

The Group continues to invest in Corporate Advisory and Equities with a net increase of seven Advisory executives during the half-year ended 30 June 2021. These new hires contributed to the increase in expenses compared to the prior corresponding period.

Financial position

Statutory total assets amounted to \$621 million (31 Dec 2020: \$569 million) with net assets of \$249 million (31 Dec 2020: \$237 million).

The statutory consolidated statement of financial position includes the consolidation of the MA Master Credit Trust (MCT), a Group managed credit fund. Management also uses an operating balance sheet when reviewing the Group's financial position, which deconsolidates the MCT and recognises the units held by the Group in the MCT as an investment. Management believes the operating balance sheet presents a simplified view of the total economic exposure of the Group and the capital available for management to allocate.

Directors' Report (continued)

for the half-year ended 30 June 2021

Review of operations and results (continued)

Financial position (continued)

	Statutory		Operating	
	30 Jun 2021 \$'000	31 Dec 2020 \$'000	30 Jun 2021 \$'000	31 Dec 2020 \$'000
Cash and cash equivalents	106,948	138,004	68,258	112,192
Loans receivable	265,303	224,271	88,703	63,215
Investments	156,656	119,497	154,523	136,752
Goodwill and other intangibles	34,854	30,864	34,854	30,864
Receivables and other assets	57,203	56,707	56,303	48,685
Total assets	620,964	569,343	402,641	391,708
Borrowings	310,458	267,570	95,030	95,030
Other liabilities	61,304	64,916	58,409	59,821
Total liabilities	371,762	332,486	153,439	154,851
Net assets	249,202	236,857	249,202	236,857
Net tangible assets	217,106	205,993	217,106	205,993

The Group manages its capital with the aim of maximising the return to shareholders through the optimisation of debt and equity capital balances. Fundamental to this is maintaining a strong balance sheet, which not only stands the business in good stead through economic shock but can also facilitate attractive investment opportunities.

Notable movements in the Group's operating balance sheet were centred on the deployment of cash. Group cash reduced in the period as capital allocations remained on growth investing, with a particular focus on the Lending division coupled with the acquisition of RetPro in the Asset Management division.

Cash reduced further due to the annual working capital cycle low point in the first half due to the payment of annual bonuses to employees and Group dividend in March 2021.

Group operating borrowings remained unchanged at \$95 million at 30 June 2021 with the next Bond maturity of \$25 million due in September 2022.

Dividends

A dividend of \$14.9 million (10.0 cents per share) was paid on 3 March 2021. This dividend was fully franked.

Subsequent to the half-year ended 30 June 2021, the Directors have resolved to pay a fully franked dividend of 5.0 cents per share for the half-year ended 30 June 2021. The dividend is payable on 22 September 2021.

Directors' Report (continued) for the half-year ended 30 June 2021

Review of operations and results (continued)

Earnings per share

	Half-year ended 30 Jun 2021		Half-year ended 30 Jun 2020	
	Underlying	Statutory	Underlying	Statutory
Basic earnings per share (cents/share)	16.3	10.0	8.5	6.2
Diluted earnings per share (cents/share)	15.6	9.6	8.2	6.1

Subsequent events

On 18 August 2021, Redcape Hotel Group Management Ltd, as responsible entity for the Redcape Hotel Group (ASX:RDC) announced a delisting proposal subject to RDC securityholder approval. The proposal includes a buy-back to be funded through \$115 million of additional debt and a \$132.3 million rights issue at \$1.15 per RDC security. Under the proposal RDC securityholders have the option to either retain their existing holding, increase their holding through participation in the rights issue or have their securities bought back. The Group has agreed to underwrite the rights issue should the proposal be approved by RDC securityholders. The Group has entered into further sub-underwriting agreements such that the Group's maximum underwriting commitment would be \$66.2 million.

Rounding of amounts

In accordance with ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191 amounts in the Directors' Report and the Half-Year Financial Report have been rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars unless otherwise indicated.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors made pursuant to s.306(3) of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).



Jeffrey Browne
Independent Director and Chairman
Sydney
18 August 2021



Julian Biggins
Director and Joint Chief Executive Officer
Sydney
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Auditor's independence declaration for the half-year ended 30 June 2021



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Dear Board Members

MA Financial Group Limited

In accordance with section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001*, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the directors of MA Financial Group Limited.

As lead audit partner for the review of the financial statements of MA Financial Group Limited for the half year ended 30 June 2021, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- (i) the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the review; and
- (ii) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

Yours sincerely

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu

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Independent auditor's review report for the half-year ended 30 June 2021



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Independent Auditor's Review Report to the Members of MA Financial Group Limited

Conclusion

We have reviewed the half-year financial report of MA Financial Group Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (the "Group"), which comprises the condensed consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021, and the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the condensed consolidated statement of cash flows and the condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity for the half-year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration as set out on page 11.

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report of the Group is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- Giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 30 June 2021 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- Complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for Conclusion

We conducted our review in accordance with ASRE 2410 Review of a *Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*. Our responsibilities are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Review of the Half-year Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards) (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the annual financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of the Company, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's review report.

Directors' Responsibilities for the Half-year Financial Report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the half-year financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the half-year financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Review of the Half-year Financial Report

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. ASRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 30 June 2021 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date, and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Regulations 2001*.

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Independent auditor's review report (continued) for the half-year ended 30 June 2021

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A review of a half-year financial report consists of making enquiries, 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 Australian Auditing Standards 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.

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu

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Partner
Chartered Accountants
Sydney, 18 August 2021

Directors' declaration for the half-year ended 30 June 2021

In the Directors' opinion:

- (a) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- (b) the financial statements and notes thereto set out on pages 14 to 38 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) including:
 - (i) complying with the Australian Accounting Standards; and
 - (ii) giving a true and fair view of the consolidated Group's financial position as at 30 June 2021 and performance for the half-year ended on that date.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors made pursuant to s.303(5) of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).



Jeffrey Browne
Independent Director and Chairman
Sydney
18 August 2021



Julian Biggins
Director and Joint Chief Executive Officer
Sydney
18 August 2021



MA Financial Group

Half-Year Financial Report



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Condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the half-year ended 30 June 2021

	Note	Half-year ended 30 Jun 2021 Consolidated \$'000	Half-year ended 30 Jun 2020 Consolidated \$'000
Fee and commission income	3	88,508	64,676
Fee and commission expense		(9,000)	(5,623)
Net fee and commission income		79,508	59,053
Share of profit/(loss) of associates		2,799	(1,930)
Investment income	4	15,230	15,357
Other income	5	3,213	1,694
Total income		100,750	74,174
Personnel expenses		57,567	38,078
Marketing and business development expenses		2,040	1,834
Communications, data and information technology expenses		2,581	2,444
Occupancy expenses		550	610
Interest expense		6,696	7,844
Depreciation and amortisation		4,426	2,710
Credit loss allowance	10	1,219	2,588
Other expenses		4,977	4,062
Total expenses		80,056	60,170
Profit before tax	2	20,694	14,004
Income tax expense		(6,394)	(5,081)
Profit after income tax for the period		14,300	8,923
Other comprehensive income, net of income tax			
Items that will not be classified subsequently to profit or loss:			
Fair value gain/(loss) on investments in equity instruments designated at FVTOCI		7,233	(5,280)
Share of other comprehensive income/(loss) of associates		3,067	(1,821)
Total other comprehensive income/(loss)		10,300	(7,101)
Total comprehensive income for the period		24,600	1,822
Earnings per share			
From continuing operations			
Basic (cents per share)		10.0	6.2
Diluted (cents per share)		9.6	6.1

The above condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Condensed consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021

	Note	30 Jun 2021 Consolidated \$'000	31 Dec 2020 Consolidated \$'000
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		106,948	138,004
Receivables	8	39,522	46,122
Loans receivable	9	140,783	132,943
Other assets		9,434	6,635
Other financial assets	11	7,118	18,429
Total current assets		303,805	342,133
Non-current assets			
Restricted cash		6,700	2,500
Loans receivable	9	124,520	91,328
Other financial assets	11	61,791	25,779
Property, plant and equipment		1,547	1,450
Right-of-use asset		4,038	5,338
Investments in associates and joint ventures	7	87,747	75,289
Intangible assets	12	15,948	11,794
Goodwill	13	14,868	9,827
Deferred tax asset		–	3,905
Total non-current assets		317,159	227,210
Total assets		620,964	569,343
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables		29,105	23,076
Borrowings	14	30,030	30,030
Lease liabilities		1,666	2,930
Income tax payable		1,568	6,345
Provisions		22,395	28,779
Total current liabilities		84,764	91,160
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	14	280,428	237,540
Lease liabilities		2,740	2,944
Provisions		1,072	842
Deferred tax liabilities		2,758	–
Total non-current liabilities		286,998	241,326
Total liabilities		371,762	332,486
Net assets		249,202	236,857
Equity			
Contributed equity	16	158,094	154,579
Reserves		34,577	25,141
Retained earnings		56,531	57,137
Total shareholders equity		249,202	236,857

The above consolidated statement of financial position is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity as at 30 June 2021

Consolidated	Contributed equity \$'000	Retained earnings \$'000	Share-based payment reserve \$'000	Associates OCI reserve \$'000	FVTOCI¹ reserve \$'000	Total equity \$'000
Balance as at 1 January 2020	156,972	45,189	22,888	11,598	(9,521)	227,126
Profit for the period	–	8,923	–	–	–	8,923
Other comprehensive loss for the period	–	–	–	(1,821)	(5,280)	(7,101)
Payment of dividends	–	(14,532)	–	–	–	(14,532)
Issue of ordinary shares	14,126	–	–	–	–	14,126
Treasury shares	(16,044)	–	(4,547)	–	–	(20,591)
Capitalised buy-back costs	(25)	–	–	–	–	(25)
Share-based payments	–	–	5,339	–	–	5,339
Balance as at 30 June 2020	155,029	39,580	23,680	9,777	(14,801)	213,265
Balance as at 1 January 2021	154,579	57,137	27,027	11,253	(13,139)	236,857
Profit for the period	–	14,300	–	–	–	14,300
Other comprehensive income for the period	–	–	–	3,067	7,233	10,300
Payment of dividends	–	(14,906)	–	–	–	(14,906)
Issue of ordinary shares	19,151	–	–	–	–	19,151
Treasury shares	(15,636)	–	–	–	–	(15,636)
Share-based payments	–	–	(864)	–	–	(864)
Balance as at 30 June 2021	158,094	56,531	26,163	14,320	(5,906)	249,202

The above condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

1. FVTOCI: Fair value through other comprehensive income.

Condensed consolidated statement of cash flows

for the half-year ended 30 June 2021

	Half-year ended 30 Jun 2021 Consolidated \$'000	Half-year ended 30 Jun 2020 Consolidated \$'000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts from customers	90,678	70,237
Interest received	11,129	3,310
Payments to suppliers and employees	(82,141)	(46,486)
Cash generated from operations	19,666	27,061
Interest paid	(6,509)	(4,797)
Income taxes paid	(13,504)	(2,915)
Net cash (used in)/generated by operating activities	(347)	19,349
Cash flows from investing activities		
Net (payments to)/receipts from financial investments	(4,847)	3,133
Receipts for employee loans	9	7
Amounts advanced to third parties	(47,301)	(25,175)
Amounts received from related parties	3	–
Payments to acquire subsidiary, net of cash acquired	(6,687)	–
Payments to acquire property, plant and equipment	(381)	(113)
Distributions received from investments	3,965	1,292
Net cash used in investing activities	(55,239)	(20,856)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Purchase of treasury shares	(4,915)	(7,560)
Proceeds from exercise of share options	1,483	1,094
Cash transferred (to)/from restricted cash accounts	(4,239)	331
Payments of lease liabilities	(2,250)	(1,342)
Proceeds from borrowings	49,154	60,113
Dividends paid to shareholders	(14,906)	(14,764)
Net cash generated by financing activities	24,327	37,872
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(31,259)	36,365
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	138,004	128,800
Effects of exchange rate changes on the balance of cash held in foreign currencies	203	14
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	106,948	165,179

The above condensed consolidated statement of cash flows is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements for the half-year ended 30 June 2021

1. Significant accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The Half-Year Financial Report is a general purpose financial report prepared in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) and AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* (AASB 134). Compliance with AASB 134 ensures compliance with International Financial Reporting Standard IAS 34 *Interim Financial Reporting*. The half-year report does not include notes of the type normally included in an annual financial report and should be read in conjunction with the most recent annual financial report.

Basis of preparation

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historical cost, except for the revaluation of certain non-current assets and financial instruments. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of this Half-Year Financial Report are consistent with those adopted and disclosed in the Group's 2020 Annual Financial Report for the financial year ended 31 December 2020, except for the impact of amendments to Accounting Standards described below. The accounting policies are consistent with Australian Accounting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards.

The Group is an entity of the kind referred to in *ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financials/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/91* and in accordance with that Corporations Instrument amounts in the Half-Year Financial Report are rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars, unless otherwise indicated.

All amounts are presented in Australian dollars.

Critical accounting estimates and significant judgements

The preparation of the Half-Year Financial Report in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgement in the process of applying the accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions are significant to the Group are the same as those disclosed in the Group's 2020 Annual Financial Report for the financial year ended 31 December 2020.

During the period the Group made significant accounting judgements and estimates with respect to the recognition, valuation of residual goodwill and measurement of intangible assets as part of the acquisition of a subsidiary (refer to further information in note 18). The process of identification, recognition, measurement of intangibles is consistent with the Group accounting policies.

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including reasonable expectations of future events.

Coronavirus (COVID 19) impact

COVID-19 was declared a world-wide pandemic by the World Health Organisation in March 2020 and has had a significant impact on global economies. While the specific areas of judgement did not change, the impact of COVID-19 resulted in the application of further judgement by management, within those identified areas, in preparing the Half-Year Financial Report. Any significant changes during the period to management's accounting estimates or judgements, as a result of COVID-19, have been disclosed in the notes to the Half-Year Financial Report.

Management believes that the estimates used in preparing this Half-Year Financial Report are reasonable. Given the dynamic and evolving nature of COVID-19 and limited recent experience of the economic and financial impacts of such a pandemic, changes to the estimates and outcomes that have been applied in the measurement of the Group's assets and liabilities may arise in the future that could require an adjustment to the carrying amounts of the reported assets and liabilities in future reporting periods.

Amendments to Accounting Standards that are mandatorily effective for the current reporting period

The Group has adopted all of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (the AASB) that are relevant to the Group's operations and mandatorily effective on or after 1 January 2021, including:

AASB 2020–8 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Interest Rate Benchmark Reform – Phase 2

The new and revised Standards and Interpretations adopted during the period do not materially affect the Group's accounting policies or any of the amounts recognised in the condensed consolidated financial statements.

In March 2021, the IFRS Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) released an agenda decision relating to the application of IAS 38 Intangible Assets to Configuration or Customisation Costs in a Cloud Computing Arrangement. Based on the observations made in IFRIC's agenda decision certain costs an organisation incurs in relation to the configuration and customisation of SaaS platforms do not meet the criteria for recognition as an intangible asset, where the supplier of the software and not the organisation, controls the software. As a result, those types of costs should be immediately expensed as incurred. The Group's SaaS assessment is progressing and a conclusion has not been reached at 30 June 2021.

Notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements (continued) for the half-year ended 30 June 2021

1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Standards and interpretations not yet adopted

Standard/Interpretation	Effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after	Expected to be initially applied in the financial year ending
AASB 2020-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current	1 January 2022	31 December 2022
AASB 2020-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Annual Improvements 2018-2020 and Other Amendments	1 January 2022	31 December 2022
AASB 2014-10 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture, AASB 2015-10 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Effective Date of Amendments to AASB 10 and AASB 128 and AASB 2017-5 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Effective Date of Amendments to AASB 10 and AASB 128 and Editorial Corrections	1 January 2022	31 December 2022
AASB 2021-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosure of Accounting Policies and Definition of Accounting Estimates	1 January 2023	31 December 2023

2. Segment information

AASB 8 *Operating Segments* requires the 'management approach' to disclose information about the Group's reportable segments. The financial information is reported on the same basis as used by senior management and the Board of Directors for evaluating operating segment performance and for deciding how to allocate resources to operating segments. The segment note is prepared on the same basis as the Group's non-IFRS (Underlying) financial measures. Please refer to the Directors' Report for an explanation of why the Directors believe these measures are useful.

The Board of Directors is considered to be the Chief Operating Decision Maker (CODM).

The Group is organised into the following business segments:

- Asset Management
- Lending
- Corporate Advisory and Equities (CA&E)

Corporate Services represents the unallocated costs associated with the central executives and corporate support functions.

2.1 Services from which reportable segments derive their revenues

The Asset Management segment incorporates the provision of asset management services and principal co-investment and strategic investments.

The Lending segment provides loan funding and invests in asset-backed credit securities.

The Corporate Advisory and Equities segment provides corporate advice, underwriting and institutional stockbroking services.

Corporate Services segment represents the unallocated costs of the executive and central support functions.

The main items of profit or loss and other comprehensive income used by management to assess each business are Underlying Revenue, Underlying net income, Underlying Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortisation (EBITDA) and Underlying profit after tax.

Information regarding these segments is presented below. The accounting policies of the reportable segments are the same as the Group's reporting policies.

Notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements (continued)

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2. Segment information (continued)

2.2 Segment results

Assets, liabilities, depreciation and amortisation and net interest expense are not disclosed by segment as they are not provided to the CODM and are only reported on a Group basis. The following is an analysis of segment performance:

	Asset Management \$'000	Lending ³ \$'000	CA&E \$'000	Corporate Services \$'000	Total Underlying segment \$'000	Adjustments \$'000	Statement of comprehensive income \$'000
30 Jun 2021							
Revenue ¹	64,593	10,212	27,906	-	102,711	(1,961)	100,750
Expenses	(33,024)	(3,793)	(21,382)	(6,323)	(64,522)	(4,412)	(68,934)
EBITDA²	31,569	6,419	6,524	(6,323)	38,189	(6,373)	31,816
Depreciation and amortisation					(2,202)	(2,224)	(4,426)
Interest expense					(2,613)	(4,083)	(6,696)
Profit before tax					33,374	(12,680)	20,694
Income tax expense					(10,012)	3,618	(6,394)
Net profit after income tax					23,362	(9,062)	14,300
Other comprehensive income					-	10,300	10,300
Total comprehensive income					23,362	1,238	24,600
30 Jun 2020							
Revenue ¹	33,372	7,701	26,351	-	67,424	6,750	74,174
Expenses	(18,918)	(1,483)	(20,920)	(4,595)	(45,916)	(3,700)	(49,616)
EBITDA²	14,454	6,218	5,431	(4,595)	21,508	3,050	24,558
Depreciation and amortisation					(1,791)	(919)	(2,710)
Interest expense					(2,420)	(5,424)	(7,844)
Profit before tax					17,297	(3,293)	14,004
Income tax expense					(5,190)	109	(5,081)
Net profit after income tax					12,107	(3,184)	8,923
Other comprehensive income					-	(7,101)	(7,101)
Total comprehensive income					12,107	(10,285)	1,822

1. Revenue refers to total income on the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

2. EBITDA is not an IFRS measure but has been presented to provide a comparable measure to the Underlying result.

3. The comparatives throughout the Half-Year Financial Report are restated to present the new lending segment.

Notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements (continued) for the half-year ended 30 June 2021

2. Segment information (continued)

2.2 Segment results (continued)

A reconciliation of the Underlying segment measures to the statutory measures is as follows:

	Note	Revenue ¹ \$'000	EBITDA ² \$'000	NPAT \$'000	Comprehensive income \$'000
Statutory result for the period ended 30 Jun 2021		100,750	31,816	14,300	24,600
<i>Differences in measurement</i>					
Business acquisition adjustments	(a)	–	2,100	4,325	4,325
Equity issued to staff	(b)	–	(644)	(644)	(644)
Net unrealised gains on investments	(c)	–	–	–	(9,889)
Adjustments relating to associates	(d)	7,532	7,532	7,532	2,939
Credit investments	(e)	209	1,152	1,152	1,152
<i>Differences in classification</i>					
Adjustments relating to Master Credit Trust	(f)	(4,028)	(4,041)	–	–
Interest income	(g)	(41)	(41)	–	–
Net unrealised losses on investments	(h)	315	315	315	–
Outgoings recovery	(i)	(1,751)	–	–	–
Credit investments	(j)	(275)	–	–	–
<i>Tax on adjustments</i>		–	–	(3,618)	879
Total adjustments		1,961	6,373	9,062	(1,238)
Underlying results for the period ended 30 Jun 2021		102,711	38,189	23,362	23,362
Statutory result for the period ended 30 Jun 2020					
		74,174	24,558	8,923	1,822
<i>Differences in measurement</i>					
Business acquisition adjustments	(a)	–	695	1,613	1,613
Equity issued to staff	(b)	–	460	460	460
Net unrealised losses on investments	(c)	–	–	–	7,415
Adjustments relating to associates	(d)	(1,003)	(1,003)	(1,003)	1,601
Credit investments	(e)	(119)	2,348	2,348	2,348
<i>Differences in classification</i>					
Adjustments relating to Master Credit Trust	(f)	(2,424)	(2,346)	–	–
Interest income	(g)	(3,079)	(3,079)	–	–
Net unrealised gains on investments	(h)	(125)	(125)	(125)	–
<i>Tax on adjustments</i>		–	–	(109)	(3,152)
Total adjustments		(6,750)	(3,050)	3,184	10,285
Underlying results for the period ended 30 Jun 2020		67,424	21,508	12,107	12,107

1. Revenue refers to total income on the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.
2. EBITDA is not an IFRS measure but has been presented to provide a comparable measure to the Underlying result.

Notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements (continued) for the half-year ended 30 June 2021

2. Segment information (continued)

2.2 Segment results (continued)

Differences in measurement

- (a) The acquisition of Armada Funds Management in 2017 and RetPro on 1 April 2021 for cash and shares gives rise to non-cash IFRS expenditure relating to the amortisation of intangible assets of \$1.7 million (30 June 2020: \$0.9 million) and \$0.5m (30 June 2020: \$nil) respectively and share-based payment expenses to vendors of Armada Funds Management and RetPro, who are now employees of the Group, of \$nil (30 June 2020: \$0.7 million) and \$2.0 million respectively (30 June 2020: \$nil).
- (b) The Underlying measure expenses the full value of the share-based payment equity awards issued to staff as part of the annual bonus awards in the year of grant as opposed to over the vesting period (up to 5 years) per IFRS.
- (c) Adjustment to remove unrealised (gains)/losses on the Group's strategic investment in Japara Healthcare Ltd.
- (d) The Underlying treatment records dividends and distributions received from associates in Underlying Revenue as opposed to the IFRS treatment of recording the Group's share of accounting profit or loss of an associate. Underlying Revenue recognises gains/losses in management's assessment of the movement in the underlying value of the associate.
- (e) The Underlying treatment excludes the movement in AASB 9 *Financial Instruments* Expected Credit Loss (ECL) provisions relating to loans receivable. However the Underlying approach does recognise the ECL provision for all MCT assets and specific provisions individually assessed against loans receivable. See note (j) for the classification treatment of the Underlying provision.

Differences in classification

- (f) The Underlying treatment records the distributions received from the MA Master Credit Trust (MCT) in Underlying Revenue as opposed to the IFRS treatment of consolidating MCT into the Group's results.
- (g) The Group previously consolidated the assets and liabilities of a fund related credit initiative which was restructured in December 2020 and is therefore not an adjustment in 2021. Interest expense in the prior corresponding period of \$2.7 million was reclassified to Underlying Revenue to offset against the interest income derived from the credit initiative to reflect the total net return to the Group. Further, interest income on cash and bank balances of (\$0.04) million (30 June 2020: \$0.4 million) is reclassified to Underlying net interest expense.
- (h) Unrealised (gains)/losses on investment, other than those identified in (c) above, are reclassified from Other Comprehensive Income to Underlying Revenue.
- (i) The RetPro business fully recovers direct site management expenses from its clients. The Underlying adjustment reclassifies these expenses against the outgoings recovery revenue to show the overall net \$nil impact.
- (j) The Underlying ECL loans receivable provisioning movements are reclassified from statutory expense to Underlying Revenue to be consistent with how management view the movement in the value of investments.

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	Half-year ended 30 Jun 2021 Consolidated \$'000	Half-year ended 30 Jun 2020 Consolidated \$'000
3. Fee and commission income		
Fee and commission income is accounted for in accordance with AASB 15 <i>Revenue from Contracts with Customers</i> .		
Timing of revenue recognition		
At a point in time		
Advisory success fees	23,181	20,327
Commission and brokerage income	3,560	5,333
Facilitation and transaction fees	11,234	5,408
Total revenue earned at a point in time	37,975	31,068
Over time		
Advisory retainer fees	1,703	1,124
Performance fees	12,565	2,933
Distribution fees	2,885	4,812
Management fees	33,380	24,739
Total revenue earned over time	50,533	33,608
Total fee and commission income	88,508	64,676
Fee and commission income by segment		
At a point in time		
Asset Management	11,234	5,566
Corporate Advisory and Equities	26,741	25,502
Total revenue earned at a point in time	37,975	31,068
Over time		
Asset Management	48,830	32,484
Corporate Advisory and Equities	1,703	1,124
Total revenue earned over time	50,533	33,608
Total fee and commission income	88,508	64,676

Notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements (continued)

for the half-year ended 30 June 2021

	Half-year ended 30 Jun 2021 Consolidated \$'000	Half-year ended 30 Jun 2020 Consolidated \$'000
4. Investment income		
Interest income on cash and bank balances	46	425
Interest income on loans receivable	14,626	14,318
Dividends and distributions from investments	558	614
Total investment income	15,230	15,357

5. Other income		
Other income	19	1,706
Outgoings recovery	1,751	–
Net foreign exchange gains	173	7
Net gains/(losses) on financial instruments	1,270	(19)
Total other income	3,213	1,694

6. Dividends

During the period, MA Financial Group Limited (formerly Moelis Australia Limited) made the following fully franked dividend payments:

Fully Paid Ordinary shares		
2019 dividend (paid on 4 March 2020)	–	14,532
2020 dividend (paid on 3 March 2021)	14,906	–
Total dividends	14,906	14,532

Dividends not recognised at the end of the financial year

Since the end of the half year, the Directors have resolved to pay a fully franked dividend of 5 cents per share, payable on 22 September 2021. The aggregate amount of the proposed dividend expected to be paid from retained profits, but not recognised as a liability at the end of the half-year is \$7.8 million. This amount has been estimated based on the number of shares eligible to participate as at 30 June 2021.

	30 Jun 2021 Consolidated \$'000	31 Dec 2020 Consolidated \$'000
7. Investments in associates and joint ventures		
MA Kincare Fund	9,143	9,037
MA Senior Secured Credit Fund II	2,712	2,353
MKM Capital	5,527	5,667
Redcape Hotel Group	70,365	58,232
	87,747	75,289

Notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements (continued) for the half-year ended 30 June 2021

7. Investments in associates and joint ventures (continued)

Impairment of investments in associates and joint ventures

In line with the Group's accounting policies, after application of the equity method of accounting, the Group's investments in associates and joint ventures were assessed for impairment at the reporting date. The Group performs an assessment to determine whether there is any objective evidence that its investments in associates and joint ventures are impaired. The main indicators of impairment are significant financial difficulty of the investee, significant changes in the technological, market, economic or legal environment and a significant or prolonged decline in fair value below cost. Refer to 7.2 below for further information on the Group's investments.

7.1 Details of ownership interest

Associates	Place of incorporation	Principal activity	Proportion of ownership interest and voting power held by the Group	
			30 Jun 2021	31 Dec 2020
Infinite Care Group ¹	Australia	Aged care facility operator	5.2%	5.2%
MA Aged Care Fund ¹	Australia	Investor in aged care facility operator	10.1%	10.1%
MA Kincare Fund	Australia	Credit funds management	25.5%	25.5%
MA Senior Secured Credit Fund II	Australia	Credit funds management	13.0%	13.0%
MKM Capital	Australia	Residential mortgage lending	47.5%	47.5%
Redcape Hotel Group	Australia	Owner & operator of hotels	10.9%	9.4%

1. The Group's investment in Infinite Care Group and MA Aged Care Fund are carried at \$nil at 30 June 2021 (31 Dec 2020: \$nil).

7.2 Details of investments

Details of investment in Redcape Hotel Group

At 30 June 2021, the Group has a 10.9% direct equity investment in Redcape Hotel Group (Redcape) and funds managed by the Group own a further 29.4% of Redcape. The Group earns trustee, asset manager and hotel operator fees from Redcape, as well as investment returns on its direct investment. The Group is considered to have significant influence over Redcape as a result of participating in the financial and operating policy decisions of Redcape through its roles as responsible entity, asset manager and hotel operator.

Redcape owns or operates 36 hotels in New South Wales and Queensland. Redcape venues in the Greater Sydney area were temporarily closed from 26 June 2021 in line with NSW Government COVID-19 restriction. Redcape assessed their assets for impairment at 30 June 2021, including considering the impact of COVID-19 on their operations. The Directors are satisfied with the independent audit report and procedures undertaken by Redcape management to prepare the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2021, including that the impairment testing performed by Redcape is reasonable. As a result no additional impairment is required for the Group's investment in Redcape. Redcape has recognised an increase in its net assets at 30 June 2021, of which the Group's share of the increase has been equity accounted.

During the period, the Group purchased 8.5 million units in the Redcape at a bargain purchase price. The gain on the bargain purchase of \$1.6 million is recognised in the share of profit of associates in the statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income.

Notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements (continued)

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	30 Jun 2021 Consolidated \$'000	31 Dec 2020 Consolidated \$'000
8. Receivables		
Accounts receivable	10,962	4,798
Fees receivable	16,094	16,748
Interest receivable	699	528
Sundry debtors	1,675	13,644
Receivables from associates	10,981	11,367
Loss allowance on receivables	(889)	(963)
Total receivables	39,522	46,122

8.1 Movement in loss allowance on receivables

Collectively assessed loss allowance on receivables		
Balance at the beginning of the period	(901)	(368)
Loss allowance on receivables movement for the period	204	(533)
Balance at the end of the period	(697)	(901)
Individually assessed loss allowance on receivables		
Balance at the beginning of the period	(62)	(40)
Loss allowance on receivables acquired in business combination during the period	(130)	–
Loss allowance on receivables movement for the period	–	(22)
Balance at the end of the period	(192)	(62)
Total loss allowance on receivables	(889)	(963)

Notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements (continued)

for the half-year ended 30 June 2021

	30 Jun 2021 Consolidated \$'000	31 Dec 2020 Consolidated \$'000
9. Loans receivable		
Current		
Loans to third parties	137,238	131,317
Loans to associates	4,006	2,000
Loss allowance	(461)	(374)
	140,783	132,943
Non-current		
Loans to third parties	122,038	87,502
Loans to associates	4,318	4,318
Loan to employees	430	439
Loss allowance	(2,266)	(931)
	124,520	91,328
Total loans receivable	265,303	224,271

Loans to third parties comprises of commercial loans provided to Australian corporates. The loans have terms of between three months and five years and are either fully or partially secured against the assets of the borrowers.

9.1 Loans receivable by industry

Consolidated	Loans receivable \$'000	Loss allowance Stage 1 12 months ECL Collectively assessed \$'000	Total \$'000
30 Jun 2021			
Child care	18,442	(659)	17,783
Construction and real estate	17,974	(362)	17,612
Financial services	124,936	(768)	124,168
Professional services	104,243	(768)	103,475
Other	2,435	(170)	2,265
	268,030	(2,727)	265,303
31 Dec 2020			
Child care	15,044	(472)	14,572
Construction and real estate	7,282	(268)	7,014
Financial services	109,291	(375)	108,916
Professional services	93,520	(167)	93,353
Other	439	(23)	416
	225,576	(1,305)	224,271

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10. Loss allowance

The table below presents the gross exposure and related ECL allowance for assets subject to impairment requirements of AASB 9 *Financial Instruments*.

Consolidated	Gross exposure for asset \$'000	Loss allowance \$'000	Total \$'000
30 Jun 2021			
Receivables	40,411	(889)	39,522
Loans receivable	268,030	(2,727)	265,303
	308,441	(3,616)	304,825
31 Dec 2020			
Receivables	47,085	(963)	46,122
Loans receivable	225,576	(1,305)	224,271
	272,661	(2,268)	270,393

10.1 Loss allowance on loans receivable

By providing loans to customers, the Group bears the risk that the future circumstances of customers might change, including their ability to repay their loans in part or in full. While the Group's credit lending policies and procedures aim to minimise this risk, there will always be instances where the Group will not receive the full amount owed and hence a provision for impaired loans will be necessary. The calculation of both the collectively and individually assessed expected loss allowance contains various factors that require judgement and estimates by management.

	30 Jun 2021 Consolidated \$'000	31 Dec 2020 Consolidated \$'000
10.2 Movement in loss allowance on loans receivable		
Current		
Collectively assessed loss allowance		
Balance at the beginning of the period	(374)	(464)
Loss allowance movement for the period	(87)	90
Balance at the end of the period	(461)	(374)
Individually assessed loss allowance		
Balance at the beginning of the period	–	(4,550)
Loss allowance movement for the period	–	4,550
Balance at the end of the period	–	–
Non-current		
Collectively assessed loss allowance		
Balance at the beginning of the period	(931)	(314)
Loss allowance movement for the period	(1,335)	(617)
Balance at the end of the period	(2,266)	(931)
Total loss allowance on loans receivable	(2,727)	(1,305)

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10. Loss allowance (continued)

10.2 Movement in loss allowance on loans receivable (continued)

The Group periodically assesses exposures to determine whether the credit risk of a loan receivable has increased significantly since initial recognition. The assessment, which requires judgement, considers both quantitative and qualitative information that is based on the Group's historical experience and informed credit assessment including forward-looking information, such as economic forecast and outlook, GDP growth, unemployment rates and interest rates.

During the period the Group undertook a review of its loans receivable portfolio and expected credit losses. The review considered the macroeconomic outlook, counterparty credit quality, the type of collateral held and exposure at default as at the reporting date. While the model inputs and forward-looking information were revised, the accounting policies of the Group remained consistent with prior periods. The Group's loss allowance provisions are a determination of probabilities of default and a determination of losses that may be incurred should a default occur.

	Half-year ended 30 Jun 2021 Consolidated \$'000	Half-year ended 30 Jun 2020 Consolidated \$'000
10.3 Credit loss allowance		
Credit loss allowance recognised in the statement of profit or loss:		
Credit loss allowance on receivables	(204)	801
Credit loss allowance on loans receivable	1,187	21
Credit loss allowance on loans to associates	236	1,744
Individually assessed credit loss allowance on loans receivable	–	22
Total credit loss allowance for the period	1,219	2,588
	30 Jun 2021 Consolidated \$'000	31 Dec 2020 Consolidated \$'000
11. Other financial assets		
Financial assets – current		
Financial assets held at FVTPL (equity securities)	2,118	18,429
Financial assets held at FVTOCI	5,000	–
	7,118	18,429
Financial assets – non-current		
Financial assets held at FVTOCI	37,786	25,097
Financial assets held at FVTPL (non-equity securities)	24,005	682
	61,791	25,779

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	30 Jun 2021 Consolidated \$'000	31 Dec 2020 Consolidated \$'000
12. Intangible assets		
Carrying amounts of:		
Identifiable intangible assets (net of amortisation)	15,948	11,794
Cost		
Balance at the beginning of the period	19,859	18,676
Additions	6,843	1,183
Balance at the end of the period	26,702	19,859
Accumulated amortisation and impairment		
Balance at the beginning of the period	(8,065)	(5,320)
Amortisation expense	(2,689)	(2,745)
Balance at the end of the period	(10,754)	(8,065)

Identifiable intangible assets are comprised of (net of amortisation):

- \$7.4 million (31 Dec 2020: \$9.2 million) relating to the net present value of management rights recognised as part of the 2017 acquisition of Armada Funds Management (Armada).
- \$2.3 million (31 Dec 2020: \$2.6 million) related to software and trademarks.
- \$6.2 million (31 Dec 2020: \$nil) relating to the net present value of customer contracts and property management agreements recognised as part of the acquisition of retail property manager RetPro Pty Ltd (RetPro) on 1 April 2021.

Included in the deferred tax liability of the Group as at 30 June 2021 is an amount of \$2.2 million (31 Dec 2020: \$2.8 million) and \$2.8 million (31 Dec 2020: \$nil) relating to the intangible assets recognised from the Armada and the RetPro acquisitions respectively.

Identifiable intangible assets recognised as part of the Armada acquisition were determined as the net present value of the forecast management fees less operating expenses, based on the expected lives of each fund which ranged from 2 years and 7 months to 7 years and 9 months at the time of acquisition. As at 30 June 2021, the Armada funds have remaining expected lives of 3 years and 8 months.

Identifiable intangible assets recognised as part of the RetPro acquisition were determined as the net present value of forecast property management fees less expenses, based on the expected remaining lives of each contract. The expected lives of customer contracts and property management agreements at the acquisition date is between one and 5 years and 5 years respectively.

Amortisation of Armada intangible assets

The amortisation of the aggregate value of the intangible assets over their useful lives is based on the forecast profile of the profit generated by the management rights, and is reassessed at the end of each reporting period.

Amortisation of RetPro intangible assets

Customer contracts and property management agreements are amortised over the expected life of the contracts.

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12. Intangible assets (continued)

Impairment assessment of Armada intangible assets

At 30 June 2021, the Group has assessed the Armada intangible asset for impairment, which included consideration of the impact of COVID-19. A value-in-use model was used that incorporated inputs for post-tax cash flow projections based on financial budgets over five years, a terminal growth rate of 2.5% (31 Dec 2020: 1%) and a discount rate of 12.5% (31 Dec 2020: 12.5%). The values assigned to the inputs represent the Group's assessment of future trends and have been based on historical data from both internal and external sources and include an assessment of the likely lives of the management rights, expectations about variations to management fee rates and amount and timing of transaction fees. In addition, the assessment includes consideration of expected changes to operating costs and discount rates that reflect the relative security of the cashflows and the market pricing for similar management rights.

No impairment charge was recognised in relation to Armada intangible assets during the period as the recoverable amount was determined to be in excess of the carrying amount. A sensitivity analysis was performed on the value-in-use calculation, stress testing the model inputs for reasonably possible changes in assumptions, such as discount rates and post-tax cash flows, to test for impairment and no additional indicators of impairment were identified.

	30 Jun 2021 Consolidated \$'000	31 Dec 2020 Consolidated \$'000
13. Goodwill		
Cost	14,868	9,827
Goodwill is allocated to the following cash-generating units:		
Asset Management	13,542	8,501
Corporate Advisory and Equities	1,326	1,326
	14,868	9,827

Goodwill with indefinite lives relate to the Group's integrated acquisitions. Goodwill is not amortised but reviewed for impairment at least annually.

As part of the acquisition of RetrPro on 1 April 2021, goodwill of \$5.0 million was recognised.

Impairment of goodwill

At 30 June 2021, the Group has assessed goodwill for impairment, which included consideration of the impact of COVID-19. A value-in-use model of the cash-generating unit (CGU), to which goodwill has been allocated, was used that incorporated inputs for post-tax cash flow projections based on financial budgets over five years, a terminal growth rate of 2.5% (31 Dec 2020: 1%) and a discount rates ranging from 10% to 12.5% (31 Dec 2020: 11% to 12.5%). The values assigned to the inputs represent the Group's assessment of future trends and have been based on historical data from both internal and external sources and include an assessment of the estimated future cash flows the Group expects to derive from the asset and the time value of money, represented by a market risk-free rate of interest. In addition the assessment considers of other factors that market participants would reflect in pricing the future cash flows the Group expects to derive from the asset.

No impairment charge was recognised in relation to goodwill during the period as the recoverable amount was determined to be in excess of the carrying amount. A sensitivity analysis was performed on the value-in-use calculation, stress testing the model inputs for reasonably possible changes in assumptions, such as discount rates and post-tax cash flows, to test for impairment and no additional indicators of impairment were identified.

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	30 Jun 2021 Consolidated \$'000	31 Dec 2020 Consolidated \$'000
14. Borrowings		
Current		
Unsecured notes – limited recourse	30,030	30,030
	30,030	30,030
Non-current		
Unsecured notes	65,000	65,000
Fund preferred units	215,428	172,540
	280,428	237,540

Except for the obligation to pay periodic interest and repay the principal, the terms of the unsecured notes, including the limited recourse notes, do not include any material undertakings or obligations which, if not complied with, would result in an acceleration of the amount owing.

(a) Unsecured notes

	MA Bond II	MA Bond IV
Classification	Non-current	Non-current
Issue	2018	2020
Maturity Date	Sep 2022	Sep 2024
Amount (\$m)	25.0	40.0
Interest rate per annum	5.75%	5.85%
Issue costs (\$'000)	6.5	9.0

(b) Unsecured notes – limited recourse

	MA Bond III
Classification	Current
Issue	2019
Maturity Date	May 2024
Amount (\$m)	30.0
Interest rate per annum	Variable

The limited recourse notes constitute unsecured, unsubordinated obligations of an issuing special purpose Group entity (issuing entity). The issuing entity was capitalised by the Group and invests the proceeds of the note issuance in a diversified portfolio of cash and loans. The notes have sole recourse to the assets of the issuing entity and are not guaranteed by the Company. Whilst the notes have a five year stated maturity, they can be redeemed at the option of the note holders subject to a minimum 12 month holding period following issue. The limited recourse notes are held for investors under the Significant Investor Visa (SIV) programme and, given the nature of the investors, it is anticipated that redemptions may be requested by the note holders prior to the stated maturity of the notes, as investors receive their permanent residency status. The interest rate is calculated at a margin of 4.35% over the RBA cash rate at the time of issue per tranche and then resets in February and August of each year. No redemptions of MA Bond III were paid during the period (year ended 31 Dec 2020: \$5.0 million redemption).

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14. Borrowings (continued)

(c) Fund Preferred Units

The Group manages the MA Priority Income Fund (MAPIF), formerly MA Fixed Income Fund. MAPIF provides investors with exposure to a diversified portfolio of credit investments via an investment in Class A Units (Fund Preferred Units) in the MA Master Credit Trust (Master Credit Trust). As a 10% co-investment, the Group holds Class B Units in the Master Credit Trust. The Master Credit Trust is a consolidated entity of the Group.

The Fund Preferred Units held by MAPIF receive a preferential distribution from the realised profit of Master Credit Trust, up to a maximum equal to the RBA Cash Rate plus 4.00%. The Class B Units receive any excess distributable profits after paying the preferential distribution to the Fund Preferred Units and fund expenses. The Class B units further provide a maximum 10% "first loss" capital buffer which affords the Fund Preferred Units preferential treatment on distribution and wind-up of the Master Credit Trust. As such the Group's maximum economic exposure is limited to the value of the Class B Units which at 30 June 2021 amounted to \$21.5 million (31 Dec 2020: \$17.3 million).

15. Financial instruments

Fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities

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, regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique. In estimating the fair value of an asset or liability, the Group takes into account the characteristics of the asset or liability if market participants would take those characteristics into account when pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. Fair value for measurement and/or disclosure purposes is determined on such a basis except for measurements that have some similarities to fair value but are not fair value, such as value in use in AASB 136 *Impairment of Assets*.

In addition, for financial reporting purposes, fair value measurements are categorised into Level 1, 2 or 3 based on the degree to which the inputs to the fair value measurements are observable and the significance of the inputs to the fair value measurement in its entirety, which are described as follows:

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date;
- Level 2 inputs are inputs, other than quoted prices included within Level 1, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

Valuation processes

The Group has an established control framework with respect to the measurement of fair values. This includes a valuation function 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 valuation function regularly reviews significant unobservable inputs and valuation adjustments. Significant valuation issues are reported to the Group's Audit and Risk Committee.

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15. Financial instruments (continued)

Valuation processes (continued)

Some of the Group's financial assets and financial liabilities are measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period. The following table summarises the levels of the fair value hierarchy and provides information about how the fair values of these financial assets and financial liabilities are determined (in particular, the valuation techniques and inputs used):

	Mandatorily at FVTPL	FVTOCI- equity instruments	Total	Level 1 (a)	Level 2 (b)	Level 3 (c)	Total
30 Jun 2021							
Loans receivable	20,330	–	20,330	–	–	20,330	20,330
Non-equity securities	24,005	–	24,005	–	329	23,676	24,005
Equity securities	2,118	42,786	44,904	20,707	24,197	–	44,904
Financial assets measured at fair value	46,453	42,786	89,239	20,707	24,526	44,006	89,239
31 Dec 2020							
Loans receivable	10,752	–	10,752	–	–	10,752	10,752
Non-equity securities	682	–	682	–	682	–	682
Equity securities	18,429	25,097	43,526	10,859	32,667	–	43,526
Financial assets measured at fair value	29,863	25,097	54,960	10,859	33,349	10,752	54,960

The carrying amount of the Group's cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash, trade receivables, redeemable preference shares, unsecured notes, Fund Preferred Units and trade payables approximate to their fair value at the current and prior reporting periods.

The Group reviewed its valuation techniques and key inputs for its Level 2 and Level 3 assets during the period, including a consideration of the impact of COVID-19 on the estimated fair values. The review considered the most recent independent valuations, quoted unit prices of recent equity transactions, expected duration the assets are likely to be held for and the macroeconomic outlook for the industries each asset operates in. As a result of the review, no significant change in the fair values of the assets was identified and the Group considers the fair values adopted to be appropriate at the end of the period.

Valuation techniques and key inputs

- Quoted bid prices in an active market.
- Inputs other than quoted prices, that are observable, such as unit prices or based on recent transactions.
- Short-term held assets or valued using a discounted cash flow valuation technique with inputs that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs) but are based on assumptions by reference to historical company and industry experience. Discount rate inputs range between 6.2% – 14.5%.

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15. Financial instruments (continued)

Reconciliation of balances in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy

During the period there were no transfers between Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 fair value hierarchies. The following table summarises the movements in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy for the financial instruments measured at fair value by the Group:

	Loan assets \$'000
Balance as at 1 January 2020	9,158
Additions	24,388
Disposals and repayments	(22,616)
Fair value movements recognised in profit or loss	(178)
Balance as at 31 December 2020	10,752
Balance as at 1 January 2021	10,752
Additions	12,762
Disposals and repayments	(3,112)
Fair value movements recognised in profit or loss	(72)
Balance as at 30 June 2021	20,330

Changing inputs to the Level 3 valuations to reasonably possible alternative assumptions would not change significantly amounts recognised in profit or loss, total assets, total liabilities or total equity.

	30 Jun 2021 Consolidated \$'000	31 Dec 2020 Consolidated \$'000
16. Contributed equity		
Ordinary shares – fully paid	158,094	154,579

The Company had authorised share capital at 30 June 2021 amounting to 155,426,070 ordinary shares (31 Dec 2020: 151,141,070). Ordinary shares entitle the holder to participate in dividends and the proceeds on the winding up of the Company in proportion to the number of and amounts paid on the shares held. The fully paid ordinary shares have no par value.

Shares purchased on-market for the purpose of an employee incentive scheme

During the period, the Group purchased 577,006 shares on-market (year ended 31 Dec 2020: 1,889,326 shares) and 512,858 shares via an off-market transfer from its employees during the staff trading window (year ended 31 Dec 2020: 378,030 shares) in order to meet the Group's shared based payments award requirements. The average price of all share purchases during the period was \$4.51 (year ended 31 Dec 2020: \$3.97).

Shares issued for the Loan Funded Share Plan

On 11 March 2021 and 4 June 2021, the Company issued 3,635,000 and 650,000 (year ended 31 Dec 2020: 3,500,000) fully paid ordinary shares respectively in order for eligible employees of the Group to acquire shares in the Company as part of the Loan Funded Share Plan (LFSP) employee equity incentive scheme. The average issue price of the shares was \$4.38 (year ended 31 Dec 2020: \$4.04). The purchase price of the shares acquired by eligible employees under the LFSP was fully funded by a limited recourse loan provided by the Company. The shares are subject to vesting conditions, including performance conditions and continuous employment, and carry the same rights as other fully paid ordinary shares.

Share Options

On 18 February 2021, the Chairman and non-executive Director, Jeffrey Browne, exercised 390,625 (year ended 31 Dec 2020: 390,625) options at an exercise price of \$3.00 (year ended 31 Dec 2020: \$2.80) per option for 390,625 fully paid ordinary shares of the Company.

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17. Key management personnel

Remuneration arrangements of key management personnel (KMP) are disclosed in the 2020 Annual Financial Report. Annual bonuses accrued in December 2020 for KMP consisted of cash and deferred equity. The cash component of the annual bonus was fully paid to KMP in March 2021. The remaining deferred equity component of the bonus was granted to KMP as restricted shares in March 2021 and is subject to vesting conditions. During the period the Company issued 800,000 fully paid ordinary shares of the Company to KMP as part of the LFSP. Non-recourse loans provided under the LFSP represent a transaction with a KMP that is an in-substance option and not considered a loan to the KMP.

18. Acquisition of subsidiary

Business acquisitions

On 1 April 2021 the Group acquired 100% of the issued share capital of RetPro Pty Ltd and RetPro Management Pty Ltd (RetPro Group), obtaining control of the RetPro Group. The RetPro Group is engaged in the provision of property management, retail leasing and consultancy as well as strategic advisory services to retail property owners and qualifies as a business as defined in AASB 3 *Business Combinations*.

The initial accounting for the acquisition of the RetPro Group has only been provisionally determined at the end of the reporting period. The Group retrospectively adjusts the provisional amounts recognised and also recognises additional assets or liabilities during the measurement period, based on new information obtained about the facts and circumstances that existed at the acquisition-date. The measurement period ends on either the earlier of (i) 12 months from the date of the acquisition or (ii) when the Group receives all the information possible to determine fair value.

The amounts recognised in respect of the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed are as set out in the table below.

	Fair value \$'000
Current assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	7,940
Receivables	3,176
Total current assets	11,116
Non-current assets	
Fixed Assets	148
Identifiable intangible assets	6,676
Total non-current assets	6,824
Total assets	17,940
Liabilities	
Current liabilities	
Trade and other payables	1,334
Income tax payable	1,101
Provisions	1,361
Deferred tax liabilities	2,861
Total current liabilities	6,657
Total identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed	11,283
Goodwill	5,041
Total consideration	16,324
Satisfied by:	
Cash	14,627
Contingent consideration arrangement	1,697
Total consideration transferred	16,324
Net cash outflow arising on acquisition	
Cash consideration	14,627
Less: cash and cash equivalent balances acquired	7,940
Total net cash outflow arising on acquisition	6,687

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18. Acquisition of subsidiary (continued)

Goodwill

The goodwill of \$5.0 million arising from the acquisition consists of:

- the experience and employment of key management;
- expectation of customer property management contract renewal; and
- future contracts.

None of the goodwill is expected to be deductible for income tax purposes.

Acquisition related costs

Business acquisition costs of \$0.4 million comprising legal fees and due diligence costs were included in the Group's consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

Contingent consideration

The contingent consideration to be transferred by the Group is recognised at the acquisition-date fair value.

The contingent consideration arrangement requires the settlement of outstanding matters and is payable 12 months after the acquisition date. The potential undiscounted amount of all future payments that the Group could be required to make under the contingent consideration arrangement is between \$nil million and \$1.7 million.

Contribution to the Group's results

The RetPro Group contributed \$4.6 million of revenue and \$0.7 million to the Group's profit before tax for the period between the date of acquisition and the reporting date.

If the acquisition of the Retro Group had been completed on the first day of the period, Group revenues for the half-year ended 30 June 2021 would have been \$106.6 million and Group profit before tax would have been \$23.1 million. The Directors of the Group consider these 'pro-forma' numbers to represent an approximate measure of the performance of the combined Group for the half-year ended 30 June 2021 and to provide a reference point for comparison in future half-years.

19. Commitments

At 30 June 2021, the Group had undrawn loan commitments of \$38.1 million (31 Dec 2020: \$30.9 million). Subsequent to 30 June 2021, \$7.6 million of this commitment was either cancelled or drawn upon.

At 30 June 2021, the Group has the following capital commitments:

- The Group has committed to a 10% co-investment in Class B Units in MCT, a consolidated entity of the Group. At 30 June 2021, \$21.5 million (31 Dec 2020: \$17.3 million) has been invested by the Group in MCT. Refer to further information in note 14(c).
- The Group has entered into commercial leases for the rental of office premises in Sydney and Melbourne. These leases have terms of 7 years with renewal terms included in the contracts. Renewals are at the specific option of the Group. The Group's lease commitments of \$52.1 million have not been recognised as a right-of-use asset and lease liability as the respective lease commencement dates are after the end of the financial period.

20. Contingent liabilities

On 17 June 2021, the Group entered into a put and call agreement to purchase a real estate asset for \$140 million and on that same day paid a security deposit of \$7 million. Prior to expiry of the option in September 2021, the Group's obligations under the agreement are expected to be assigned to a fund managed by the Group.

On 30 June 2021, the Group entered into a contract to purchase a hospitality property and business for \$54.5 million and a deposit of \$2.7 million was paid. Prior to the completion date, the Group is expected to nominate a fund managed by the Group to fulfil the purchase obligations.

21. Structured entity

The Group has an exposure to an unconsolidated structured entity (SE) which is collateralised by asset finance loan receivables. The terms of the SE are such that voting or similar rights are not the dominant factor in determining who controls the SE. The Group assesses at inception and at each reporting date, whether the SE should be consolidated based on the Group's consolidation accounting policy. At 30 June 2021, the carrying value of the investment was \$23.7 million (31 Dec 2020: \$nil) and is reported in non-current financial assets held at FVTPL. The group's exposure to the SE is represented by an investment in partly paid notes issued by the SE. The maximum exposure to loss is limited to \$23.7 million (31 Dec 2020: \$nil). The total assets of the unconsolidated SE at 30 June 2021 is \$275 million (31 Dec 2020: \$nil), based on the most current available information to the Group.

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22. Subsequent events

On 18 August 2021, Redcape Hotel Group Management Ltd, as responsible entity for the Redcape Hotel Group (ASX:RDC) announced a delisting proposal subject to RDC securityholder approval. The proposal includes a buy-back to be funded through \$115 million of additional debt and a \$132.3 million rights issue at \$1.15 per RDC security. Under the proposal RDC securityholders have the option to either retain their existing holding, increase their holding through participation in the rights issue or have their securities bought back. The Group has agreed to underwrite the rights issue should the proposal be approved by RDC securityholders. The Group has entered into further sub-underwriting agreements such that the Group's maximum underwriting commitment would be \$66.2 million.

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