



Virtu Finance p.l.c.

“Virtu”, Ta’ Xbiex Terrace, Ta’ Xbiex, XBX 1034 - Malta

COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

Virtu Finance plc

Approval of interim financial statements and publication of FAS Business update to the market

Date of Announcement	25 August 2020
Reference	21/2020
In terms of Chapter 5 of the Listing Rules	

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Approval of unaudited interim financial statements

The Board of Directors of Virtu Finance p.l.c. (the “**Company**”) approved the unaudited interim financial statements of the Company for the financial period ended 30 June 2020. The interim financial statements are attached herewith and are also available for viewing at the registered office of the Company and on its website <http://www.virtu.com.mt/investor-downloads/>.

Publication of FAS 2020

The Board of Directors of the Company further announces that the Financial Analysis Summary dated 25 August 2020, prepared by Rizzo, Farrugia & Co (Stockbrokers) Ltd, has been approved for publication and may be accessed at <http://www.virtu.com.mt/investor-downloads/>.

Update on ferry operations

Further to the company announcement published by the Company on 12 June, 2020, providing updates on the operations of the group of companies of which the Company forms part (the “**Virtu Maritime Group**”), the Board of Directors of the Company wishes to inform the market of the most recent developments relating to group operations.

The M/V JEAN DE LA VALETTE is currently under charter, operating on the route connecting the main island of Trinidad to its sister island of Tobago until the end of 2020. Upon the expiration of the existing charter party agreement, during the first quarter of 2021 the Virtu Maritime Group intends to deploy the M/V JEAN DE LA VALETTE as a second vessel operating on the group’s Malta- Sicily route. Whilst the



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M/V SAINT JOHN PAUL II will continue to operate between the ports of Valletta and Pozzallo, the M/V JEAN DE LA VALETTE shall be operating between the ports of Valletta, Augusta and Catania. The additional deployment of the M/V JEAN DE LA VALETTE as a second vessel operating between Malta and Sicily is intended to permit the Virtu Maritime Group to continue to meet the increasing requirements of Maltese and Sicilian importers and exporters, while continuing to work towards supporting trade and tourism between the two islands.

Since its return to the Valletta Grand Harbour in late March 2020, the M/V MARIA DOLORES has undergone an extensive refit in preparation of its resumption of operations on the route between Morocco and Spain.

The Virtu Maritime Group will continue to monitor the ongoing situation in Malta, Italy and all other territories in which its fleet operates, whilst treating the health and safety of all of its crew and passengers with utmost priority. The market will be kept duly informed of developments relative to the operations of the Virtu Maritime Group.

UNQUOTE

By order of the Board of Directors of Virtu Finance p.l.c.

Malcolm Falzon
COMPANY SECRETARY

VIRTU FINANCE P.L.C.

**Condensed Interim Financial Statements
30 June 2020**

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Interim directors' report

The directors present their report in terms of Chapter 5 of the Listing Rules issued by The Listing Authority, and in terms of the Prevention of Financial Markets Abuse Act 2005. The underlying accounting policies are the same as those adopted by Virtu Finance p.l.c. (the 'Company') in its published annual report for the year ended 31 December 2019. The interim financial information included in this report has been extracted from the Company's unaudited accounts for the six months ended 30 June 2020 which have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 'Interim Financial Reporting'.

Principal activities

Virtu Finance plc (the "Company") is a public liability company and was registered in Malta on 6 July 2017. The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Virtu Holdings Ltd and its principal activity is to raise financial resources from capital markets to finance operations and capital projects of the Virtu Group of companies.

Review of the business

During the period under review, the Company registered a gross profit amounting to €53,500 (2019: €54,540). Revenue amounting to €546,100 (2019: €549,100) is generated from a facility fee and interest charged on loans advanced to Virtu Maritime Limited. Financial costs comprise interest payable on the outstanding bond issue and amortisation of the issue costs thereof amounting to €492,600 (2019: €494,560). Administrative expenses mainly comprise directors' emoluments amounting to €22,500.

Principal risks and uncertainties for the remaining six months of the financial year

The Company's principal activity is to act as a finance company for the Virtu Maritime Group of companies (the "Group"). In this context, the Company's ability to recover loans issued to its fellow subsidiary is dependent on the performance of the companies within the Group to which amounts have been advanced by the Company.

The Group's business activities mostly comprise a fast ferry service between Malta and Sicily, the lease of two ferries, and other ancillary services related to the fast ferry service. The Group is therefore susceptible to negative local economic developments and overseas trends related to the demand for commercial transport and tourists to travel by ferry.

As reported in the 2019 audited financial statements of the Company, despite the COVID-19 pandemic the directors do not expect any significant changes in the Company's activities during 2020 and are confident that the Company will be able to honour its obligations when they fall due. The assumption on which this expectation is based factors in significant changes in the groups' level of operations for 2020 as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic. The directors concur with the going concern assumption for preparation of these interim financial statements and do not envisage any material uncertainty in this regard.

Interim directors' report - continued

Results and dividends

The condensed interim statement of comprehensive income is set out on page 5. The directors do not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the period under review.

Directors

The directors of the company who held office during the period were:

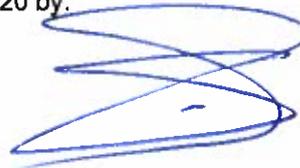
Charles Borg - Non-Executive, Independent Chairman
Matthew Portelli - Executive Director
Roderick Chalmers - Non-Executive, Independent Director
Stephanie Attard Montalto - Executive Director
Stefan Bonello Ghio - Non-Executive Director

Directors are appointed during the Company's Annual General Meeting for periods of one year, at the end of which term they may stand again for re-election. The Articles of Association of the Company clearly set out the procedures to be followed for the appointment of directors.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors on 25th August 2020 by:



Charles Borg
Chairman of the Board



Stephanie Attard Montalto
Director

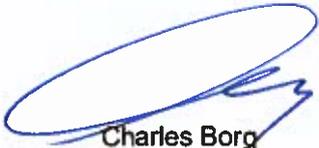
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Statement pursuant to listing rule 5.75.3

We hereby confirm that to the best of our knowledge:

- the condensed interim financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 30 June 2020, as well as of the financial performance and cash flows for the said period, in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU applicable to interim financial reporting (IAS 34: 'Interim Financial Reporting'); and
- the Interim Directors' Report includes a fair review of the information required in terms of Listing Rule 5.81.

On behalf of the board:



Charles Borg
Chairman of the Board



Stephanie Attard Montalto
Director

25th August 2020

Condensed interim statement of financial position

	As at 30 June 2020 Unaudited	As at 31 December 2019 Audited
	€	€
ASSETS		
Non-current assets	24,400,000	24,400,000
Current assets	1,260,882	781,893
Total assets	25,660,882	25,181,893
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Total equity	515,672	505,972
Non-current liabilities		
Interest bearing borrowings	24,537,256	24,459,007
Current liabilities	607,954	216,914
Total liabilities	25,145,210	24,675,921
Total equity and liabilities	25,660,882	25,181,893

The notes on pages 8 to 10 are an integral part of these condensed interim financial statements.

The condensed interim financial statements on pages 4 to 10 were authorised for issue by the board on 25th August 2020 and were signed on its behalf by:


Charles Borg
Chairman of the Board


Stephanie Attard Montalto
Director

Condensed interim statement of comprehensive income

	Period from 1 January to 30 June 2020	Period from 1 January to 30 June 2019
	Unaudited	Unaudited
	€	€
Investment and other related income	546,100	549,100
Interest payable and similar charges	(492,600)	(494,560)
Gross Profit	53,500	54,540
Administrative expenses	(51,976)	(53,340)
Profit before tax	1,524	1,200
Tax expense	(534)	(420)
Profit for the period	990	780
Earnings per share	0.0020	0.0016

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Condensed interim statement of changes in equity

	Share capital	Retained Earnings	Total
	€	€	€
Balance at 1 January 2020	500,000	14,682	514,682
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Comprehensive income			
Profit for the period - total comprehensive income	-	990	990
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Balance at 30 June 2020	500,000	15,672	515,672
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Balance at 1 January 2019	500,000	5,972	505,972
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Comprehensive income			
Profit for the period - total comprehensive income	-	780	780
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Balance at 30 June 2019	500,000	6,782	506,782
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The notes on pages 8 to 10 are an integral part of these condensed interim financial statements.

Condensed interim statement of cash flows

	Period from 1 January to 30 June 2020 Unaudited	Period from 1 January to 30 June 2019 Unaudited
	€	€
Net cash used in operating activities	(2,438)	(81,460)
Net movement in cash and cash equivalents	(2,438)	(81,460)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	8,026	89,486
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	5,588	8,026

The notes on pages 8 to 10 are an integral part of these condensed interim financial statements.

Notes to the condensed interim financial statements

1. General information

Virtu Finance p.l.c. ("the Company") is a limited liability company domiciled and incorporated in Malta.

The financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 are available upon request from the company's registered office at 'Virtu', Ta'Xbiex Terrace, Ta'Xbiex XBX1034.

This condensed interim financial information was approved for issue by the Board of Directors on 25th August 2020.

2. Basis of preparation

The condensed interim financial information for the six-month period ended 30 June 2020 has been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU applicable to interim financial reporting (International Accounting Standard 34, 'Interim Financial Reporting'. The condensed interim financial information should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019, which have been prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the EU.

Assessment of going concern assumption

The directors have a reasonable expectation at the time of approving the condensed interim financial statements that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, the directors continue to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of the condensed interim financial statements.

3. Summary of significant accounting policies

The accounting policies applied in the preparation of the condensed interim financial information are the same as those applied in the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019.

4. Financial risk management

The Company's financial risk management objectives and policies are consistent with those disclosed in the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019.

5. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and based on historical experience and other factors including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

In the opinion of the directors, the accounting estimates and judgements made in the course of preparing these financial statements are not difficult, subjective or complex to a degree which would warrant their description as critical in terms of the requirements of IAS 1.

6. Segment reporting

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision-maker. The chief operating decision-maker, who is responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments has been identified as the board of directors that makes strategic decisions. The board of directors considers the Company to be made up of one segment, that is raising financial resources from capital markets to finance the operations and capital projects of the Company and the Virtu Maritime Group. All the Company's revenue and expenses are generated in Malta, interest revenue is mainly earned from other companies forming part of the Virtu Maritime Group.

7. Taxation

The tax charge for the period ended 30 June 2020 amounting to €534 (2019: €420) comprises tax at 35% on the profit.

8. Loans receivable

In the ordinary course of its business activities, the Company advances funds to a fellow subsidiary, Virtu Maritime Ltd. The Company does not hold collateral as security on its loans receivable. Virtu Maritime Ltd has issued corporate guarantees with respect to the Company's bonds.

9. Capital commitments

As at 30 June 2020, the Company did not have any capital commitments.

10. Earnings per share

Earnings per share is calculated by dividing the result attributable to owners of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year:

	30 June 2020	30 June 2019
	€	€
Earnings per share	0.0020	0.0016

11. Interest-bearing borrowings

By virtue of the prospectus dated 30 October 2017, the Company issued €25,000,000 3.75% Bonds redeemable on 30 November 2027. Interest on the Bonds is payable annually in arrears, on 30 November of each year. The next interest payment is due on 30 November 2020.

The Bonds constitute the general, direct, unconditional, unsecured, unsubordinated obligations of the Company, and rank equally without any priority or preference with all other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Company.

12. Contingent liabilities

No events occurred since 31 December 2019 that require disclosure of any contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2020.

13. Related parties

The companies forming part of the Virtu Maritime Group are considered by the directors to be related parties as these companies are ultimately owned by Virtu Holdings Limited.

The Company is a subsidiary of Virtu Holdings Limited, the registered office of which is situated at 'Virtu' Ta'Xbiex Terrace Ta'Xbiex XBX1034.

The following transactions were carried out with related parties:

	30 June 2020 €	30 June 2019 €
Income		
Interest and other related income	546,100	549,100

Non-current receivables as at 30 June 2020 include loans advanced to related companies amounting to €24,400,000 (31 December 2019: €24,400,000). Current assets as at 30 June 2020 include amounts advanced to related companies falling due in less than one year amounting to €701,386 (31 December 2019: €738,074). Such amounts are unsecured.

14. Subsequent events

There were no material events relevant to the Company which occurred subsequent to the balance sheet date.