

WOOLWORTHS HOLDINGS LIMITED

2025

*Unaudited Condensed Interim Group Results
for the 26 weeks ended 29 December 2024 and
Cash Dividend Declaration*

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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

<i>Turnover and concession sales</i>	R40.3^{bn} +5.7% on LY
<i>Turnover</i>	R39.6^{bn} +5.4% on LY
<i>Profit before tax</i>	R2.6^{bn} +6.3% on LY
<i>Adjusted profit before tax</i>	R2.0^{bn} -20.6% on LY
<i>Adjusted diluted headline earnings per share</i>	169.1^{cps} -19.4% on LY
<i>Headline earnings per share</i>	152.8^{cps} -24.8% on LY
<i>Earnings per share</i>	245.4^{cps} +20.9% on LY
<i>Net borrowings (excluding lease liabilities)</i>	R4.7^{bn} (R4.1bn LY)
<i>Interim dividend per share</i>	107.0^{cps} (-27.7% on LY; 148.0cps LY)
<i>Return on capital employed</i>	17.0% (22.3% LY)



GROUP

The Group's results for the first half of the 2025 financial year ("current period" or "period") reflect the continued strong performance from our leading Food business, offset by lower contributions from our apparel businesses, with both Fashion Beauty Home ("FBH") and Country Road Group ("CRG") in the throes of significant transformation.

From a macro-economic perspective, in South Africa, whilst discretionary spend remains constrained, consumer sentiment is improving, supported by moderating inflation, easing interest rates, and the suspension of loadshedding. In Australia, notwithstanding improved consumer sentiment and the uplift in retail sector sales, buoyed by Black Friday, the sustained effect of high interest rates and elevated living costs continues to weigh on consumer behaviour and discretionary spend, resulting in elevated promotional intensity, and significantly reduced profitability at a sector level.

Within this context, Group turnover and concession sales for the current period increased by 5.7% and by 6.2% on a constant currency basis against the prior comparative 26-week period (the "prior period"). The impact of softer-than-expected topline growth in our apparel businesses, coupled with pressure on gross profit margins and the increased operating expenditure attributable to our transformation initiatives, negatively impacted profitability during the period, particularly in the case of CRG. As a result, Group adjusted earnings before interest and tax ("aEBIT") declined by 13.7% on the prior period, to R2.8 billion. Group adjusted earnings before interest and tax, depreciation and amortisation ("aEBITDA") decreased by a lesser 6.4% to R4.5 billion, reflecting the impact of the investment in our various strategic and growth-enabling initiatives. Adjusted diluted headline earnings per share declined by 19.4% to 169.1cps over the prior period, while headline earnings per share was down 24.8% to 152.8cps.

As part of the David Jones ("DJ") sale transaction in 2023, the Group retained the flagship property situated at 294 to 310 Bourke Street, Melbourne, Australia (the "property"). The property was held as an investment asset and leased back to DJ on market-related terms. In December 2024, the Group successfully disposed of the property for A\$223.5 million (R2.6 billion), recognising a profit on disposal. As a result of the sale of the property, earnings per share increased by 20.9% to 245.4cps.

The Group ended the period with net borrowings of R4.7 billion versus net borrowings of R5.8 billion for the 53 weeks ended 30 June 2024, with the Australian subsidiaries in a net cash position of A\$226.1 million, following the sale proceeds received for the property. The net debt to EBITDA ratio of 1.37 times is within our targeted gearing ratio and the Return on Capital Employed of 17.0% remains well above the weighted average cost of capital of 13.1%.

WOOLWORTHS

The combined South African business grew turnover and concession sales by 9.1% for the period, notwithstanding the aforementioned context. Whilst our Food business delivered strong aEBIT growth, this was offset by the lower contribution of FBH.

WOOLWORTHS FOOD

Our Food business delivered market-leading turnover and concession sales growth of 11.4% and 7.3% on a comparable-store basis. This was driven by positive underlying volume growth from improved availability, ongoing innovation, and our enhanced value proposition, reinforcing the trust that customers continue to place in our Woolies brand. Excluding Absolute Pets, which was acquired in the fourth quarter of the previous financial year, Food sales increased by 9.0%, supported by continued market share gains arising from the continued successful execution of our strategies. Price movement for the period averaged 6.0%. Trading space, excluding Absolute Pets, increased by 1.3% on the prior period. Woolies Dash, our on demand offering, delivered sales growth of 49.2% for the period, with total online sales increasing by 37.2% and contributing 6.4% of Food sales.

Gross profit margin increased by 30bps to 24.9%, driven by more targeted and effective promotions, as well as value chain efficiencies, which more than offset the impact of a growing online channel and the ongoing investment in our value proposition. An increase in operating expenses from investments in growth initiatives, higher inflation and the inclusion of Absolute Pets, resulted in expense growth of 15.2%. Adjusted operating profit grew by 7.8% to R1 720 million, delivering an operating profit margin of 6.7% for the current period.

WOOLWORTHS FASHION, BEAUTY AND HOME

Whilst our FBH business continues to make steady progress against its strategic priorities, performance over the half was impacted in part by a temporary setback in product flow arising from the implementation of new processes and systems within our Distribution Centre ("DC") Transformation – a specific initiative within our broader Value Chain Transformation. This, coupled with late supplier deliveries, resulted in reduced product availability across much of our store base during the peak festive season. FBH turnover and concession sales increased by 2.5% and by 2.7% on a comparable-store basis over the period, with price movement of 1.2%. Notwithstanding the slower topline performance, Fashion also achieved positive underlying volume growth, with deflation of 0.8%. Our Beauty business has pleasingly sustained its momentum, delivering growth of 17.3% over the period, and further establishing Woolies as the Beauty destination in South Africa. In line with our strategy to rationalise unproductive space, net trading space decreased by 2.1% relative to the prior period, whilst online sales increased by 25.2% and contributed 6.6% of FBH sales.

An increased level of promotional activity during the period relative to the prior period, additional supply chain costs associated with the DC transformation, coupled with the margin dilutive impact of a strongly growing Beauty contribution, resulted in gross profit margin declining by 170bps to 46.3%. Expense growth was well managed at 4.5%, notwithstanding the increased investment and associated costs of strategic initiatives. Adjusted operating profit declined by 17.7% to R763 million, resulting in an operating margin of 9.8% for the current period.

WOOLWORTHS FINANCIAL SERVICES ('WFS')

The WFS book decreased by 3.7% on a year-on-year basis to the end of December 2024, but increased by 1.0% when excluding the sale of part of the legal book. The annualised impairment rate for the six months ended 31 December 2024 improved to 5.4%, compared to 6.3% in the prior period, and remains sector leading. WFS delivered underlying growth of 6.6% in profit after tax (excluding IFRS 17 transition adjustment in the prior period) and a return on equity of 22.3%.

COUNTRY ROAD GROUP

Following the sale of David Jones in the 2023 financial year, and the successful separation of CRG from DJ in the 2024 financial year, CRG is currently in the midst of a significant restructure to reconfigure its operating model and reset its structural economics as a standalone business. This restructuring is being implemented in an accelerated timeframe. In addition, as mentioned, the apparel trading environment in Australia and New Zealand remains significantly constrained, characterised by reduced footfall and spend, and intense promotional activity.

Within this context, sales declined by 6.2% for the period and by 7.8% on a comparable-store basis. Trading space decreased by 2.4%, while online sales contributed 27.1% of total sales for the period, up from 26.8% in the prior period.

Higher promotional activity to manage inventory levels and the impact of a weaker Australian Dollar on input costs resulted in a 320bps decrease in the gross profit margin to 58.9%. Whilst expenses were well controlled, decreasing by 1.3%, the impact of a weaker topline and the business's temporarily higher cost base post the David Jones separation, resulted in significant negative operational leverage in the period. Adjusted operating profit of A\$14.2 million decreased by 71.7%, returning an operating profit margin of 2.6%.

OUTLOOK

Notwithstanding signs of improving consumer confidence across both geographies, recent positions taken by the USA regarding global trade relations have elevated the forecast risk with regards to the macro-economic outlook for the current year, particularly in the case of South Africa.

In Australia, whilst a gradual recovery in GDP growth, alongside easing monetary policy is expected, the retail sector is likely to remain highly promotional until such time as the pressures of living costs ease. During the second half of the financial year, we will undertake a reassessment of the carrying value of the assets of our underperforming brands within the Country Road Group. This exercise will give due consideration to the macroeconomic environment, our strategic plans and our reset operating model.

Notwithstanding the potential impact of external factors across both our geographies, we are confident in our ability to achieve our strategic objectives, and are well-positioned to benefit from any cyclical recovery in consumer spending.

Any reference to future financial performance included in this announcement has not been reviewed or reported on by the Group's external auditors and does not constitute an earnings forecast.

C Thomson
Chairman
Cape Town
4 March 2025

R Bagattini
Group Chief Executive Officer

DIVIDEND DECLARATION

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of WHL ("Board") has declared an interim gross cash dividend per ordinary share ("dividend") of 107.0 cents (85.6 cents net of dividend withholding tax) for the 26 weeks ended 29 December 2024, being a 27.7% decrease on the prior period's interim dividend of 148.0 cents, based on a payout ratio of 70% of earnings.

The dividend has been declared from reserves and therefore does not constitute a distribution of "contributed tax capital" as defined in the Income Tax Act, 58 of 1962. A dividend withholding tax of 20% will be applicable to all shareholders who are not exempt.

The issued share capital at the declaration date is 988 695 949 ordinary shares. The salient dates for the dividend will be as follows:

Last day of trade to receive a dividend	Tuesday, 25 March 2025
Shares commence trading 'ex' dividend	Wednesday, 26 March 2025
Record date	Friday, 28 March 2025
Payment date	Monday, 31 March 2025

Share certificates may not be dematerialised or rematerialised between Wednesday 26, March 2025 and Friday 28, March 2025, both days inclusive.

Ordinary shareholders who hold dematerialised shares will have their accounts at their CSDP or broker credited or updated on Monday, 31 March 2025. Where applicable, dividends in respect of certificated shares will be transferred electronically to shareholders' bank accounts on the payment date. Where the transfer secretaries do not have the banking details of any certificated shareholders, the cash dividend will be held in trust by the transfer secretaries pending receipt of the relevant certificated shareholder's banking details after which the cash dividend will be paid via electronic transfer into the personal bank account of the certificated shareholder.

CHANGES TO THE WHL BOARD COMMITTEES

In terms of our ongoing Board succession programme, the Board is pleased to announce the appointments of Lulu Gwagwa to the WHL Social and Ethics Committee and Itumeleng Kgaboesele to the WHL Audit Committee, with effect from 5 March 2025.

CA Reddiar
Group Company Secretary
Cape Town
4 March 2025

**UNAUDITED CONDENSED INTERIM
GROUP RESULTS**



INTERIM GROUP STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Note	Unaudited 26 weeks to 29 Dec 2024 Rm	Unaudited 26 weeks to 24 Dec 2023 Rm	% change	Restated* Audited 53 weeks to 30 Jun 2024 Rm
Revenue	2	39 965	37 930	5.4	77 335
Turnover		39 568	37 536	5.4	76 533
Cost of sales		25 768	23 775	8.4	49 064
Gross profit		13 800	13 761	0.3	27 469
Other revenue		340	309	10.0	636
Expenses		11 414	10 926	4.5	22 121
Store costs		7 370	7 046	4.6	14 256
Other operating costs		4 044	3 880	4.2	7 865
Operating profit from core trading activities		2 726	3 144	(13.3)	5 984
Non-core trading expenses and capital items	5	(569)	116	>(100)	990
Operating profit before net finance costs		3 295	3 028	8.8	4 994
Investment income		57	85	(32.9)	166
Finance costs		897	836	7.3	1 724
Profit before earnings from joint ventures		2 455	2 277	7.8	3 436
Earnings from joint ventures		152	175	(13.1)	223
Profit before tax		2 607	2 452	6.3	3 659
Tax expense		406	631	(35.7)	1 059
Profit for the period		2 201	1 821	20.9	2 600
Amounts that may be reclassified to profit or loss					
Fair value adjustments on financial instruments, after tax		359	(10)		(164)
Exchange differences on translation of foreign subsidiaries		(371)	(2)		(240)
Other comprehensive income from joint ventures		12	(30)		(17)
Amounts that may not be reclassified to profit or loss					
Post-retirement medical benefit liability: actuarial gain, after tax		–	–		26
Other comprehensive loss for the period		–	(42)		(395)
Total comprehensive income for the period		2 201	1 779		2 205
Profit attributable to:		2 201	1 821		2 600
Shareholders of the parent		2 195	1 818		2 593
Non-controlling interests		6	3		7
Total comprehensive income attributable to:		2 201	1 779		2 205
Shareholders of the parent		2 195	1 776		2 198
Non-controlling interests		6	3		7
Earnings per share (cents)	3	245.4	202.9	20.9	289.2
Diluted earnings per share (cents)	3	243.7	200.9	21.3	286.2
Number of shares in issue (millions)		893.3	896.6	(0.4)	897.1
Weighted average number of shares in issue (millions)		894.5	896.1	(0.2)	896.5
ADDITIONAL EARNINGS MEASURES					
Headline earnings per share (cents)	4	152.8	203.3	(24.8)	364.2
Diluted headline earnings per share (cents)	4	151.8	201.3	(24.6)	360.4
Adjusted headline earnings per share (cents)	5	170.3	211.8	(19.6)	391.3
Adjusted diluted headline earnings per share (cents)	5	169.1	209.7	(19.4)	387.2

* Comparative information for certain expenses have been reclassified to disaggregate expenses that have been identified as "Non-core trading expenses and capital items", and which have now been presented below the "Operating profit from core trading activities" subtotal. These expenses are taken into account as adjustments for the calculation of Adjusted profit before tax and Adjusted headline earnings. The reclassification had no impact on Profit before tax, nor on the Statement of financial position, Statement of cash flows, Earnings per share or Headline earnings per share for the comparative prior period and prior year. Refer to note 5.

INTERIM GROUP STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Note	Unaudited At 29 Dec 2024 Rm	Unaudited At 24 Dec 2023 Rm	Audited At 30 Jun 2024 Rm
ASSETS				
Non-current assets		26 192	27 261	27 518
Property, plant and equipment	6	7 780	6 699	7 209
Investment property	6	–	1 754	1 701
Intangible assets	6	8 508	8 315	8 498
Right-of-use assets		7 551	8 134	7 902
Investment in joint ventures		1 240	1 191	1 163
Investments and other loans		82	45	85
Derivative financial instruments	10	49	30	8
Deferred tax		982	1 093	952
Current assets		16 584	12 679	11 184
Inventories		8 902	7 603	7 441
Trade and other receivables		2 005	1 996	1 376
Derivative financial instruments	10	325	61	32
Tax		37	113	26
Cash and cash equivalents		5 315	2 906	2 309
TOTAL ASSETS		42 776	39 940	38 702
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES				
TOTAL EQUITY		11 793	11 628	10 926
Equity attributable to shareholders of the parent		11 727	11 600	10 864
Non-controlling interests		66	28	62
Non-current liabilities		16 571	15 636	15 594
Interest-bearing borrowings		7 715	5 450	6 314
Lease liabilities		8 102	9 411	8 655
Post-retirement medical benefit liability		341	358	333
Provisions and other payables		311	373	252
Derivative financial instruments	10	61	6	1
Deferred tax		41	38	39
Current liabilities		14 412	12 676	12 182
Trade and other payables		9 412	9 051	7 946
Provisions		707	725	861
Lease liabilities		1 972	1 241	1 649
Derivative financial instruments	10	7	142	163
Tax		45	21	65
Overdrafts and interest-bearing borrowings		2 269	1 496	1 498
TOTAL LIABILITIES		30 983	28 312	27 776
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		42 776	39 940	38 702
Net asset book value per share (cents)		1 313	1 294	1 211

INTERIM GROUP STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Note	Unaudited 26 weeks to 29 Dec 2024 Rm	Unaudited 26 weeks to 24 Dec 2023 Rm	Audited 53 weeks to 30 Jun 2024 Rm
Cash flow from operating activities			
Cash inflow from trading	4 291	4 287	9 510
Working capital movements	(798)	220	(949)
Cash generated by operating activities	3 493	4 507	8 561
Investment income received	57	74	166
Finance costs paid	(902)	(822)	(1 737)
Tax paid	(509)	(708)	(911)
Cash generated by operations	2 139	3 051	6 079
Dividends received from joint ventures	88	–	91
Dividends paid	(1 065)	(1 402)	(2 741)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	1 162	1 649	3 429
Cash flow from investing activities			
Investment in property, plant and equipment and intangible assets to maintain operations	(366)	(692)	(1 048)
Investment in property, plant and equipment and intangible assets to expand operations	(1 250)	(936)	(2 303)
Consideration paid for business acquisitions	(3)	–	–
Net proceeds on disposal of investment property	2 575	–	–
Net cash outflow on acquisition of subsidiary	–	–	(581)
Other loans advanced	(1)	–	–
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities	955	(1 628)	(3 932)
Cash flow from financing activities			
Net acquisition of Treasury shares	7	(292)	(296)
Settlement of share-based payments through share purchases	7	(102)	(341)
Consideration paid to non-controlling interests	(3)	–	–
Lease liabilities repaid	(857)	(886)	(1 854)
Borrowings raised	4 718	2 794	4 342
Borrowings repaid	(2 493)	(1 713)	(3 507)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities	971	(501)	(1 656)
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	3 088	(480)	(2 159)
Net cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	1 117	3 296	3 296
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	(45)	(6)	(20)
Net cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	4 160	2 810	1 117

INTERIM GROUP STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Share- holders of the parent Rm	Non- controlling interests Rm	Unaudited Total 26 weeks to 29 Dec 2024 Rm	Share- holders of the parent Rm	Non- controlling interests Rm	Unaudited Total 26 weeks to 24 Dec 2023 Rm	Audited Total 53 weeks to 30 Jun 2024 Rm
Shareholders' interest at the beginning of the period	10 864	62	10 926	11 991	30	12 021	12 021
Movements for the period:							
Profit for the period	2 195	6	2 201	1 818	3	1 821	2 600
Other comprehensive loss	–	–	–	(42)	–	(42)	(395)
Total comprehensive income for the period	2 195	6	2 201	1 776	3	1 779	2 205
Share-based payments	107	–	107	158	–	158	219
Net acquisition of Treasury shares and share-based payments settlements	(394)	–	(394)	(696)	–	(696)	(637)
Transfer of Financial Instrument Revaluation Reserve to inventories	21	–	21	(232)	–	(232)	(123)
Remeasurement/recognition of put option reserve	(3)	–	(3)	–	–	–	(48)
Recognition of non-controlling interests on acquisition of subsidiary	–	–	–	–	–	–	30
Dividends paid	(1 063)	(2)	(1 065)	(1 397)	(5)	(1 402)	(2 741)
Shareholders' interest at the end of the period	11 727	66	11 793	11 600	28	11 628	10 926
Dividend per ordinary share (cents)			107.0			148.0	265.5
Dividend cover (based on headline earnings)			1.43			1.37	1.37

INTERIM GROUP SEGMENTAL ANALYSIS

	Note	Unaudited 26 weeks to 29 Dec 2024 Rm	Unaudited 26 weeks to 24 Dec 2023 Rm	% change	Audited 53 weeks to 30 Jun 2024 Rm
REVENUE					
Turnover		39 568	37 536	5.4	76 533
Woolworths Fashion, Beauty and Home		7 638	7 505	1.8	14 751
Woolworths Food		24 960	22 438	11.2	47 132
Woolworths Logistics		374	362	3.3	750
Country Road Group		6 596	7 231	(8.8)	13 900
Other revenue and investment income		397	394	0.8	802
Woolworths Fashion, Beauty and Home		46	35	31.4	69
Woolworths Food		114	89	28.1	196
Country Road Group		83	89	(6.7)	174
Treasury		154	181	(14.9)	363
Total Group		39 965	37 930	5.4	77 335
GROSS PROFIT					
Woolworths Fashion, Beauty and Home		3 537	3 599	(1.7)	7 148
Woolworths Food		6 207	5 509	12.7	11 626
Country Road Group		3 884	4 488	(13.5)	8 360
Intragroup	13	172	165	4.2	335
Total Group		13 800	13 761	0.3	27 469
PROFIT BEFORE TAX					
Woolworths Fashion, Beauty and Home		583	738	(21.0)	1 417
Woolworths Food		1 565	1 445	8.3	3 124
Woolworths Financial Services		130	174	(25.3)	223
Country Road Group		31	483	(93.6)	404
Treasury		(271)	(272)	(0.4)	(519)
Total Group – adjusted		2 038	2 568	(20.6)	4 649
Adjustments		569	(116)		(990)
Restructure costs		(252)	–		–
Separation and transaction costs		(12)	(116)		(365)
Unrealised foreign exchange gains/(losses)		41	–		(16)
Profit on disposal of investment property		792	–		–
Impairment of assets		–	–		(609)
Total Group – unadjusted		2 607	2 452	6.3	3 659
Woolworths Fashion, Beauty and Home		619	738	(16.1)	1 403
Woolworths Food		1 567	1 433	9.4	3 107
Woolworths Financial Services		130	174	(25.3)	223
Country Road Group		(227)	400	>(100)	(533)
Treasury		518	(293)	(276.8)	(541)

	Unaudited 26 weeks to 29 Dec 2024 Rm	Unaudited 26 weeks to 24 Dec 2023 Rm	Audited 53 weeks to 30 Jun 2024 Rm
TOTAL ASSETS	42 776	39 940	38 702
Woolworths*	25 869	22 589	23 242
Country Road Group	12 168	13 868	11 752
Woolworths Financial Services	1 227	1 177	1 150
Treasury	3 512	2 306	2 558
INVENTORIES	8 902	7 603	7 441
Woolworths*	6 721	5 348	5 545
Country Road Group	2 181	2 255	1 896
TOTAL LIABILITIES	30 983	28 312	27 776
Woolworths*	14 812	14 452	13 704
Country Road Group	5 906	6 709	6 078
Treasury	10 265	7 151	7 994
APPROVED CAPITAL COMMITMENTS	1 640	1 643	3 210
Woolworths*	1 331	1 376	2 768
Country Road Group	309	267	442
CASH GENERATED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	3 493	4 507	8 561
Woolworths*	3 207	3 862	6 639
Country Road Group	184	640	1 573
Treasury	102	5	349

* Includes Woolworths Fashion, Beauty and Home, Woolworths Food and Woolworths Logistics.

NOTES TO THE INTERIM GROUP RESULTS

1. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE AND BASIS OF PREPARATION

The Unaudited Condensed Interim Group Results are prepared in accordance with the requirements of the JSE Limited Listings Requirements and Debt and Specialist Securities Listings Requirements for condensed consolidated interim financial statements, and the requirements of the Companies Act of South Africa. The JSE Limited Listings Requirements and Debt and Specialist Securities Listings Requirements require condensed consolidated interim financial statements to be prepared in accordance with the framework concepts and the measurement and recognition requirements of IFRS® Accounting Standards and the SAICA Financial Reporting Guides, as issued by the Accounting Practices Committee and Financial Pronouncements, as issued by Financial Reporting Standards Council.

The accounting policies applied in the preparation of the Unaudited Condensed Interim Group Results are in terms of IFRS Accounting Standards and are consistent with those applied in the preparation of the Group Annual Financial Statements for the 53-week period to 30 June 2024 and with the prior period, except for the change in accounting policies adopted, as detailed in note 8. The Unaudited Condensed Interim Group Results have been prepared on the going concern and historical cost bases, except where otherwise indicated. The presentation currency is the South African rand, rounded to the nearest million, except where otherwise indicated.

The Unaudited Condensed Interim Group Results are not audited. The Unaudited Condensed Interim Group Results have been prepared under the supervision of the Group Finance Director, Zaid Manjra CA(SA), and are the full responsibility of the directors.

For details on the Group's performance, refer to the Commentary on performance.

2. REVENUE

	Unaudited 26 weeks to 29 Dec 2024 Rm	Unaudited 26 weeks to 24 Dec 2023 Rm	Audited 53 weeks to 30 Jun 2024 Rm
Turnover	39 568	37 536	76 533
Fashion, Beauty and Home	14 234	14 736	28 651
Food	24 960	22 438	47 132
Logistics services and other	374	362	750
Other revenue	340	309	636
Rentals	121	180	258
Concession sales commission	138	103	222
Royalties and other	81	26	156
Investment income	57	85	166
Interest earned from cash and investments	57	85	166
	39 965	37 930	77 335

Revenue from contracts with customers has been further disaggregated by reporting segment (refer to Group segmental analysis). Rentals and investment income fall outside the scope of IFRS 15. Investment income is measured in terms of the effective interest method in accordance with IFRS 9.

3. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The difference between earnings per share and diluted earnings per share is due to the impact of unvested shares under the Group's share incentive schemes (refer to note 7).

4. HEADLINE EARNINGS

	Unaudited 26 weeks to 29 Dec 2024 Rm	Unaudited 26 weeks to 24 Dec 2023 Rm	% change	Audited 53 weeks to 30 Jun 2024 Rm
Reconciliation of headline earnings				
Basic earnings attributable to shareholders of the parent	2 195	1 818	20.7	2 593
Net loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	5	3		12
Profit on sale of investment property	(792)	–		–
Impairment of property, plant and equipment, intangible assets and right-of-use assets	8	3		682
Tax impact of adjustments	(49)	(2)		(22)
Headline earnings	1 367	1 822	(25.0)	3 265

Headline earnings is calculated by starting with Basic earnings in terms of IAS 33 and then excluding re-measurements that have been identified in the SAICA Headline Earnings Circular 1/2023.

5. NON-IFRS MEASURES: ADJUSTED HEADLINE EARNINGS

Adjusted headline earnings is calculated by excluding items from headline earnings that have attributes of either being of a non-recurring nature, volatile, having a material impact on earnings or not incurred in the ordinary course of business (collectively described as "Non-core trading expenses"), which would otherwise have not been considered under IAS 33 or the SAICA guideline on headline earnings. The use of an adjusted headline earnings measure is helpful to users of financial statements by providing a more meaningful measure of sustainable earnings or the quality of earnings and thereby improve performance comparisons between reporting periods and is applied consistently over the reporting periods. Adjusted headline earnings is one of the performance conditions applicable to the Group's share incentive schemes.

Both non-core trading expenses and headline earnings adjustments that have the aforementioned attributes (described as "capital items") have been excluded from Operating profit from core trading activities in the Group statement of comprehensive income.

	As reported 26 weeks to 29 Dec 2024 Rm	As reported 26 weeks to 24 Dec 2023 Rm	% change	As reported 53 weeks to 30 Jun 2024 Rm
Reconciliation of adjusted headline earnings				
Headline earnings	1 367	1 822	(25.0)	3 265
Adjustments (pre-tax)	223	116		381
Restructure costs	252	–		–
Separation and transaction costs	12	116		365
Unrealised foreign exchange (gains)/losses	(41)	–		16
Tax impact of adjustments	(67)	(25)		(103)
Tax impact of assessed losses	–	(15)		(35)
Adjusted headline earnings	1 523	1 898	(19.8)	3 508

6. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

The Group acquired property, plant and equipment at a cost of R1 694 million (Dec 2023: R1 297 million) and intangible assets at a cost of R853 million (Dec 2023: R424 million).

During the period, the Group disposed of a property that was held as an investment asset, situated at 294 to 310 Bourke Street, Melbourne, Australia. The Group recognised the profit on disposal of R792 million, net of disposal costs, during the period.

NOTES TO THE INTERIM GROUP RESULTS (CONTINUED)

7. ISSUE AND PURCHASE OF SHARES

4 720 344 (Dec 2023: 3 143 733) ordinary shares totalling R317 million (Dec 2023: R237 million) were purchased from the market by Woolworths Proprietary Limited for the purposes of the Group's share incentive schemes and are held as Treasury shares by the Group.

339 026 (Dec 2023: 345 141) ordinary shares totalling R25 million (Dec 2023: R24 million) were sold to the market in terms of the Group's share incentive schemes. The shares were sold to the market as a result of employee forfeitures, after failing to satisfy vesting conditions.

549 390 (Dec 2023: 3 378 686) ordinary shares totalling R28 million (Dec 2023: R151 million) previously purchased were allocated to employees in terms of the Group's share incentive schemes.

8. ACCOUNTING STANDARDS ISSUED AND EFFECTIVE

The adoption of certain Accounting Standards, which became effective in the current period, has resulted in minor changes to accounting policies and disclosure, none of which have a material impact on the financial position or performance of the Group.

Classification of liabilities as current or non-current and non-current liabilities with covenants – Amendments to IAS 1

Amendments to IAS 1 in 2020 and 2022 clarified that the Group must classify liabilities as either current or non-current, depending on the rights that exist at the end of the reporting period. The classification is unaffected by the Group's expectations or events after the reporting date. Covenants of loan agreements will also not affect the classification of a liability at the reporting date, unless the Group would be required to comply with the covenants before or at the reporting date. The amendments are required to be applied retrospectively in accordance with the requirements of IAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimate and Errors.

Lease liability in sale and leaseback – Amendments to IFRS 16

The amendments state that in measuring the lease liability subsequent to the sale and leaseback, the seller-lessee determines "lease-payments" and "revised lease payments" in a way that does not result in the seller-lessee recognising any amount of the gain or loss that relates to the right-of-use that it retains. This would particularly impact sale and leaseback transactions where the lease payments include variable payments that do not depend on an index or a rate.

9. PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION

This note sets out the illustrative impact on the financial information as follows:

- In note 9.1: for the 26 weeks to 29 Dec 2024, Turnover and concession sales have been reported against the prior period reported 26 weeks to 24 Dec 2023. These are important for understanding the underlying business performance and are described as "Pro forma financial information".
- In note 9.2: for the 26 weeks to 29 Dec 2024, adjustments, as detailed in supplementary notes 2 and 3, have been made to Earnings Before Interest and Tax (EBIT) and Profit before tax (respectively, the "Pro forma financial information"). These are important for understanding the underlying business performance and are described as "Pro forma financial information".
- In note 9.3.1: for the 26 weeks to 29 Dec 2024, Turnover and concession sales and Adjusted EBIT have been shown on a constant currency basis.
- In note 9.3.2: for the 26 weeks to 29 Dec 2024, Group statement of financial position items have been shown on a constant currency basis.

The Pro forma financial information and constant currency information (collectively the 'pro forma financial information') is presented in accordance with the JSE Limited Listings Requirements, which requires that pro forma financial information be compiled in terms of the JSE Limited Listings Requirements and the SAICA Guide on Pro Forma Financial Information.

The pro forma financial information is the responsibility of the Group's directors and is based on the Unaudited Condensed Interim Group Results for the 26 weeks ended 29 December 2024 and 26 weeks ended 24 December 2023.

The accounting policies applied in the preparation of the pro forma financial information are consistent with those applied in the preparation of the Group Annual Financial Statements for the 53-week period to 30 June 2024. The pro forma financial information has been prepared for illustrative purposes only and, because of its nature, may not fairly present the Group's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

9.1 TURNOVER AND CONCESSION SALES

	Unaudited 26 weeks to 29 Dec 2024 (Rm)	Unaudited 26 weeks to 24 Dec 2023 (Rm)	%
			change
Turnover	39 568	37 536	
Concession sales	712	576	
Turnover and concession sales	40 280	38 112	5.7

Notes

1. The '26 weeks to 29 Dec 2024' and '26 weeks to 24 Dec 2023' turnover financial information has been extracted, without adjustment, from the Group Statement of comprehensive income for the 26 weeks to 29 Dec 2024 and 26 weeks to 24 Dec 2023, respectively, as presented in the Unaudited Condensed Interim Group Results for the 26 weeks ended 29 December 2024. The Concession sales information has been extracted from the Group's accounting records.

This illustrates the impact on financial information by including the turnover of concession operators of goods sold (concession sales) within the Group's stores. Concession sales are the sale of goods by concession operators and are not included in revenue, and have been extracted from the Group's accounting records.

NOTES TO THE INTERIM GROUP RESULTS (CONTINUED)

9.2 ADJUSTMENT OF EBIT AND PROFIT BEFORE TAX

	Unaudited 26 weeks to 29 Dec 2024 (1) Rm	Adjust- -ments (2) Rm	Pro forma 26 weeks to 29 Dec 2024 (4) Rm	Unaudited 26 weeks to 24 Dec 2023 (1) Rm	Adjust- -ments (3) Rm	Pro forma 26 weeks to 24 Dec 2023 (4) Rm
EBIT	3 447	(569)	2 878	3 108	116	3 224
Profit before tax	2 607	(569)	2 038	2 452	116	2 568

Notes

- The '26 weeks to 29 Dec 2024' and '26 weeks to 24 Dec 2023' financial information has been extracted, without adjustment, from the Group Statement of comprehensive income for the 26 weeks to 29 Dec 2024 and 26 weeks to 24 Dec 2023, respectively, as presented in the Unaudited Condensed Interim Group Results for the 26 weeks ended 29 December 2024. EBIT comprises Profit before tax, as illustrated on the Group Statement of comprehensive income for the 26 weeks to 29 Dec 2024 and 26 weeks to 24 Dec 2023, and excludes Investment income of R57 million (2023: R85 million), Finance costs of R897 million (2023: R836 million) and net Group entity income of R95 million (2023: R95 million).
- EBIT adjustments for the '26 weeks to 29 Dec 2024' comprise Restructure costs of R252 million, Separation and transaction costs of R12 million, Unrealised foreign exchange gains of R41 million, and Profit on disposal of investment property of R792 million, which results in an Adjusted EBIT. Profit before tax adjustments include all of the aforementioned adjustments, which results in an Adjusted profit before tax.
- EBIT adjustments for the '26 weeks to 24 Dec 2023' comprise Separation and transaction costs of R116 million, which results in an Adjusted EBIT. Profit before tax adjustments include all of the aforementioned adjustments, which results in an Adjusted profit before tax.
- The 'Pro forma 26 weeks to 29 Dec 2024' and the 'Pro forma 26 weeks to 24 Dec 2023' columns reflect the pro forma financial information after adjusting for the items included in column 2 (2023: column 3), which results in an Adjusted EBIT and Adjusted profit before tax.

9.3 CONSTANT CURRENCY INFORMATION

9.3.1 INTERIM GROUP STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME ITEMS

	Pro forma 26 weeks to 29 Dec 2024 (1) Rm	Pro forma 26 weeks to 24 Dec 2023 (2) Rm	% change
Turnover and concession sales	40 470	38 112	6.2
Adjusted EBIT	2 786	3 224	(13.6)

Notes

- Constant currency information has been presented to illustrate the impact of changes in the Group's major foreign currency, the Australian dollar. In determining the constant currency growth rate, Turnover and concession sales and Adjusted EBIT denominated in Australian dollars for the current period have been adjusted by application of the aggregated monthly average Australian dollar exchange rate for the prior period. The aggregated monthly average Australian dollar exchange rate is R11.87 for the current period and R12.21 for the prior period. The foreign currency fluctuations of the Group's rest of Africa operations are not considered material and have therefore not been applied in determining the constant currency Turnover and concession sales growth rate.
- The Turnover and concession sales and Adjusted EBIT has been extracted from notes, 9.1 and 9.2 above, respectively.

9.3 CONSTANT CURRENCY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

9.3.2 INTERIM GROUP STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION ITEMS

	Pro forma At 29 Dec 2024 (1) Rm	Pro forma At 24 Dec 2023 (2) Rm	Constant currency % change
Assets			
Property, plant and equipment, investment property and intangible assets	16 668	16 768	(0.6)
Right-of-use assets	7 795	8 134	(4.2)
Investments in joint ventures	1 240	1 191	4.1
Inventories	9 070	7 603	19.3
Receivables, derivatives, investments and loans	2 526	2 132	18.5
Deferred tax and tax assets	1 052	1 206	(12.8)
Cash and cash equivalents	5 580	2 906	92.0
Total assets	43 931	39 940	10.0
Equity and liabilities			
Shareholders' funds	12 423	11 628	6.8
Borrowings and overdrafts	10 047	6 946	44.6
Lease liabilities	10 375	10 652	(2.6)
Deferred tax and tax liabilities	85	59	44.1
Payables, derivatives and provisions	11 001	10 655	3.2
Total equity and liabilities	43 931	39 940	10.0

Notes

- The Group Statement of financial position items are at 29 December 2024 and the constant currency information has been determined by application of the closing Australian dollar exchange rate for the prior period to the current period Group Statement of financial position items. The closing Australian dollar exchange rate is R11.63/A\$ for the current period and R12.52/A\$ for the prior period.
- The 'At 24 Dec 2023' financial information has been extracted, without adjustment, from the reported Unaudited Condensed Interim Group Results for the 26 weeks ended 24 December 2023.

The pro forma financial information has not been reviewed or reported on by the Group's external auditors.

10. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The carrying value of trade and other receivables, trade and other payables and borrowings approximate their fair values.

In terms of IFRS 9: Financial Instruments, the Group's derivative financial instruments are measured at fair value. The derivative financial instruments are determined to be Level 2 instruments under the fair value hierarchy as per IFRS 13 Fair value measurement. Derivatives are valued using valuation techniques with market observable inputs, with derivatives being mainly in respect of interest rate swaps and foreign exchange forward contracts. The most frequently applied valuation techniques include forward pricing and swap models, using present value calculations. The models incorporate various inputs, including the credit quality of counterparties, foreign exchange spot and forward rates, interest rate curves and forward rate curves of the underlying index.

11. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Group companies are party to legal disputes and investigations that have arisen in the ordinary course of business. Whilst the outcome of these matters cannot readily be foreseen, the directors do not expect them to have any material financial effect.

NOTES TO THE INTERIM GROUP RESULTS (CONTINUED)

12. BORROWING FACILITIES

Unutilised banking and debt facilities amount to R4 076 million (2023: R5 986 million) as follows:

	2024 Rm	2023 Rm
Committed	3 898	5 902
Uncommitted	178	84
Total	4 076	5 986

Notes to the value of R3.4 billion (Dec 2023: R2.0 billion) are outstanding under the South African Domestic Medium Term Note (DMTN) programme, which is a further source of funding to the Group. The DMTN programme is guaranteed by Woolworths Proprietary Limited and will be used to raise debt on an ongoing basis.

Debt facilities of A\$90.0 million (Dec 2023: A\$52.0 million) for Country Road Group (CRG) are secured by Real Property Mortgages and a General Security Deed over the assets of CRG. During the period, there was a technical breach of a loan covenant in the Country Road Group relating to the EBITDA coverage ratio. The breach has subsequently been waived by the bank, and there remains significant liquidity available to CRG to meet all financial requirements.

13. RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Group entered into related-party transactions, the substance of which is disclosed in the Group's 2024 Annual Financial Statements. Intragroup adjustments relate to the sale of concession goods between segments and supply chain distribution adjustments.

14. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO THE REPORTING DATE

On 4 March 2025, the Board declared an interim gross cash dividend of 107.0 cents (85.6 cents net of dividend withholding tax) (Dec 2023: 148.0 cents) for the 26 weeks ended 29 December 2024 to ordinary shareholders recorded at close of business on Friday, 28 March 2025, to be paid on Monday, 31 March 2025.

15. APPROVAL OF THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED INTERIM GROUP RESULTS

The Unaudited Condensed Interim Group Results were approved by the Board of Directors on 4 March 2025.

16. AUDIT OPINION

The Unaudited Condensed Interim Group Results have not been reviewed or audited.



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