

**AZB Funding 9 Limited**

**Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements**

**For the financial year ended 31 March 2025**

Registered number 619797

# AZB Funding 9 Limited

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# AZB Funding 9 Limited

## Directors and other information

<b>Directors</b>	Darragh Wynne	(Irish) (appointed 11 March 2025)
	David McGuinness	(Irish)
	Diego Montauban	(Irish) (resigned 11 March 2025)

<b>Corporate administrator</b>	Maples Fiduciary Services (Ireland) Limited 32 Molesworth Street Dublin 2 Ireland
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<b>Secretary</b>	MFD Secretaries Limited 32 Molesworth Street Dublin 2 Ireland
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<b>Statutory audit firm</b>	Deloitte Ireland LLP Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm Deloitte & Touche House 29 Earlsfort Terrace Dublin 2 D02 AY28 Ireland
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<b>Collateral Manager /Service Provider</b>	Aozora Bank Ltd 6-1-1, Kojimachi, Chiyoda-ku Tokyo 102-8660 Japan
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<b>Banker</b>	US Bank National Association 190 South LaSalle St Chicago IL 60603
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## Directors and other information (continued)

**Collateral administrator and  
Principal paying agent**

US Bank National Association  
190 South LaSalle St  
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**Solicitor**

Maples and Calder (Ireland) LLP  
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Dublin 2  
Ireland

**Registered office**

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Dublin 2  
Ireland

# AZB Funding 9 Limited

## Directors' Report

The Directors present their annual report and audited financial statements of AZB Funding 9 Limited (the "Company") for the financial year ("year") ended 31 March 2025. The results for the comparative period relate to the financial year ended 31 March 2024.

## Principal activities and business review

The Company is a special purpose entity with limited liability, which was incorporated on 29 January 2018 under the laws of Ireland. The Company's registered office is 32 Molesworth Street, Dublin 2, Ireland. The financial statements included here with are for the financial year ended 31 March 2025.

The principal activity of the Company is purchasing certain Collateral Debt Obligations and Eligible Investments as determined by the Collateral Manager ("Aozora Bank Ltd ") in accordance with the terms of a Collateral Management Agreement.

The Company entered into a Facility Agreement with the Lender ("Aozora Bank Ltd") on 8 March 2018, making available a revolving loan facility to the Company of \$840,322,285. An Amended Facility Agreement was executed on 1 May 2018, increasing the revolving loan facility (the "Loan Facility") to a total of \$840,086,973. The Company utilised the Loan Facility to acquire certain loan investments. The Company made a net drawdown from the Lender for the Loan Facility during the financial year of \$70,859,936 (2024: \$104,686,252) which is made up of drawdowns of \$Nil (2024: \$Nil) and repayments of \$70,859,936 (2024: \$104,686,252).

The investments and loans of the Company are valued at fair value through profit and loss ("FVTPL"). Notes 15 of the financial statements provide details of purchase, sales and paydowns of the financial assets during the financial year. Note 19 of the financial statements provide details of the net drawdowns of the financial liabilities during the financial year.

## Key Performance Indicators ("KPIs")

The key performance indicators for the Company were as follows:

- The Company made a profit before tax of \$215 (2024: profit of \$216);
- The Company's interest income was \$1,623,583 (2024: \$10,114,907);
- The company net loss on financial asset was \$8,147 (2024: gain of \$2,800,670);
- The company net loss on financial liabilities was \$490,082 (2024: loss of \$2,625,562).

At 31 March 2025, the Collateral Debt Obligation details are as follows:

USD	Par amounts	\$13,290,057 (2024: \$82,923,180)
	Fair value	\$13,296,702 (2024: \$82,937,973)

The company holds cash and cash equivalents of \$209,163 (2024: \$2,516,694).

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## **Directors' Report (continued)**

### **Directors, Company Secretary and their interests**

None of the Directors or Company Secretary who held office on 31 March 2025 held any shares in the Company or in any group company at that date, or during the financial year. The Directors of the Company, as employees of Maples Fiduciary Services (Ireland) Limited (the "Corporate Administrator") had an interest in the Corporate Administrator fee.

### **Results and dividend**

The Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity and the Statement of Cash Flows for the financial year ended 31 March 2025 are set out on pages 11-14. The Directors do not propose the payment of a dividend. The Company made a profit after tax of \$161 (2024: profit after tax \$162) for the financial year ended 31 March 2025.

### **Business risks and principal uncertainties**

The Company is subject to various risks. The key risks facing the Company and the manner in which these risks have been dealt with are disclosed in Note 3 to the Financial Statements.

### **Going Concern**

The Directors have considered the broader economic environment in the context of the going concern assumption adopted in the preparation of the financial statements. Despite the broader macro environment and the financial challenges, the Company is still expected to operate at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements due to the following reasons:

- The Company is expected to be cash generative in the foreseeable future, with interest and other income sufficient to meet and discharge all principal and interest payment obligations, as well as operating expenses of the Company, as they arise.
- The company has a long-term funding agreement in place with Aozora Bank Ltd and can draw down on this funding should cashflow issues arise.
- Pursuant to the terms of the debt securities issued, the repayment of the loans is limited to the monies received or recovered from the collateral. In line with the limitation of recourse clause, the Company will not be liable for amounts payable to noteholders except to the extent that the Company receives or recovers monies from the financial assets and fails to pay same to the loan holder.

For these reasons, the Directors believe that the going concern basis is appropriate.

### **Future Developments**

The Company will continue with its existing principal activities and there are no plans to cease trading for a minimum period of 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements.

### **Shares and shareholders**

Authorised Share Capital consists of 100,000 ordinary shares \$1 each. 1 share was issued on 29 January 2018 (incorporation date) to MaplesFS Trustees Ireland Limited.

# AZB Funding 9 Limited

## Directors' Report (continued)

### Accounting records

The Directors believe that they have complied with the requirements of Section 281-285 of the Companies Act 2014 with regard to the keeping of adequate accounting records by appointing an administrator that employs accounting personnel with the appropriate expertise and by providing adequate resources to the financial function. The accounting records of the Company are maintained at 32 Molesworth Street, Dublin 2, D02 Y512, Ireland.

### Disclosure of information to the auditor

In the case of each of the persons who are Directors at the time this report is approved, in accordance with Section 332 of Companies Act 2014:

- 1) so far as each Director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's statutory auditors are unaware; and
- 2) each Director has taken all the steps that he or she ought to have taken as a Director in order to make himself or herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's statutory auditors are aware of that information.

### Subsequent events

Refer to Note 23 of the financial statements for details of the subsequent events.


### Political Donations

The Company made no political donations, nor did it incur any political expenditure during the financial year (2024: Nil)

### Independent Auditor

In accordance with Section 383 (2) of the Companies Act 2014, Deloitte Ireland LLP, Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm, have expressed their willingness to continue in office.

This report was approved by the Board on 20 February 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed by:  
  
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**Darragh Wynne**  
Director



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**David McGuinness**  
Director

# AZB Funding 9 Limited

## Directors' Responsibilities Statement

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the audited financial statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2014 and the applicable regulations.

Irish Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under the law, the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union ("relevant financial reporting framework"). Under Company law, the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at the financial year end date and of the profit or loss of the company for the financial year and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014.


In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies for the Company Financial Statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for ensuring that the company keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the company, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the company to be determined with reasonable accuracy, enable them to ensure that the financial statements and Directors' Report comply with the Companies Act 2014 and enable the financial statements to be audited. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

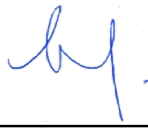
This report was approved by the Board on 20 February 2026 and signed on its behalf.

On behalf of the Board

Signed by:  
  
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**Darragh Wynne**  
Director

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**David McGuinness**  
Director

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF AZB FUNDING 9 LIMITED

### Report on the audit of the financial statements

#### Opinion on the financial statements of AZB Funding 9 Limited ("the company")

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at 31 March 2025 and of the profit for the financial year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework and, in particular, with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

The financial statements we have audited comprise:

- the Statement of Comprehensive Income;
- the Statement of Financial Position;
- the Statement of Changes in Equity;
- the Cash Flow Statement; and
- the related notes 1 to 25, including material accounting policy information as set out in note 2.

The relevant financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is the Companies Act 2014 and IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and as adopted by the European Union ("the relevant financial reporting framework").

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are described below in the "*Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements*" section of our report.

We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF AZB FUNDING 9 LIMITED

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Responsibilities of directors**

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on IAASA's website at: <https://iaasa.ie/publications/description-of-the-auditors-responsibilities-for-the-audit-of-the-financial-statements>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

### **Report on other legal and regulatory requirements**

#### **Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2014**

Based solely on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, we report that:

- We have obtained all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit.
- In our opinion the accounting records of the company were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited.
- The financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.
- In our opinion the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements.
- In our opinion, those parts of the directors' report specified for our review, which does not include sustainability reporting when required by Part 28 of the Companies Act 2014, have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2014.

#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

Based on the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the provisions in the Companies Act 2014 which require us to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions specified by law are not made.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF AZB FUNDING 9 LIMITED

### **Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Carol Lynch  
For and on behalf of Deloitte Ireland LLP  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm  
Deloitte & Touche House, 29 Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2

20 February 2026

## AZB Funding 9 Limited

### Statement of Comprehensive Income For the financial year ended 31 March 2025

	<i>Note</i>	<b>Financial year ended 31-Mar-2025 USD</b>	<b>Financial year ended 31-Mar-2024 USD</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Interest and similar income	5	1,623,583	10,114,907
Other income	6	43,767	38,307
<b>Total income</b>		1,667,350	10,153,214
Interest and similar expense	8	(880,469)	(9,322,320)
Administrative expenses	9	(301,013)	(1,163,724)
Net loss/(gain) on financial assets at FVTPL	7	(8,147)	2,800,670
Net loss on financial liabilities at FVTPL	7	(490,082)	(2,625,562)
Foreign exchange gain	10	12,576	157,938
<b>Total expenses</b>		(1,667,135)	(10,152,998)
<b>Profit on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		215	216
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	11	(54)	(54)
<b>Total comprehensive income for the financial year</b>		<b>161</b>	<b>162</b>

All items dealt with and arriving at the result for the financial year ended 31 March 2025 related to continuing activities.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.


# AZB Funding 9 Limited

## Statement of Financial Position For the financial year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	As at 31-Mar-2025 USD	As at 31-Mar-2024 USD
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Financial assets at FVTPL	15	13,296,702	82,937,973
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	12	209,163	2,516,694
Interest receivable	13	2,561	68,335
Other receivables and prepaid expenses	14	16,080	17,372
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>13,524,506</b>	<b>85,540,374</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Financial liabilities at FVTPL	19	(13,303,455)	(83,673,309)
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Interest payable	17	(162,642)	(1,617,523)
Other payables and accrued expenses	18	(57,088)	(248,382)
<b>TOTAL LIABILITES</b>		<b>(13,523,185)</b>	<b>(85,539,214)</b>
<b>Equity attributable to equity holders</b>			
Called up share capital presented as equity	16	(1)	(1)
Retained earnings		(1,320)	(1,159)
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>(1,321)</b>	<b>(1,160)</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		<b>(13,524,506)</b>	<b>(85,540,374)</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 20 February 2026 and are signed on its behalf by:

Signed by:  
  
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**Darragh Wynne**  
Director



**David McGuinness**  
Director

## AZB Funding 9 Limited

### Statement of Changes in Equity For the financial year ended 31 March 2025

	Share capital USD	Retained earnings USD	Total equity USD
<b>Balance at 01 April 2024</b>	1	1,159	1,160
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	161	161
<b>Balance at 31 March 2025</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,320</b>	<b>1,321</b>

	Share capital USD	Retained earnings USD	Total equity USD
<b>Balance at 01 April 2023</b>	1	997	998
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	162	162
<b>Balance at 31 March 2024</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,159</b>	<b>1,160</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

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## Statement of Cash Flows For the financial year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Financial year ended 31-Mar-2025 USD	Financial year ended 31-Mar-2024 USD
<b>Cash flow used in operating activities</b>			
Profit from ordinary activities before taxation		215	216
<i>Adjustments for:</i>			
Interest income	5	(1,623,583)	(10,114,907)
Interest expense	8	880,469	9,322,320
Net loss/(gain) on financial assets at FVTPL	7	8,147	(2,800,670)
Net loss on financial liabilities at FVTPL	7	490,082	2,625,562
FX movement on financial assets	10	-	14,797
FX movement on notes	10	-	(73,006)
Corporation tax charge	11	(54)	(54)
<i>Movement in working capital</i>			
Decrease in trade and other payable	18	(191,293)	(142,597)
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables	14	1,292	(601)
<b>Net cash flow used in operating activities</b>		<b>(434,725)</b>	<b>(1,168,940)</b>
<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>			
Proceeds from disposal of financial assets at FVTPL	15	69,633,123	94,635,655
Interest received		1,689,357	10,500,955
<b>Net cash flow from investing activities</b>		<b>71,322,480</b>	<b>105,136,610</b>
<b>Cash flow used in financing activities</b>			
Repayments of notes issued	19	(70,859,936)	(104,686,252)
Interest paid		(2,335,350)	(10,401,666)
<b>Net cash inflow used in financing activities</b>		<b>(73,195,286)</b>	<b>(115,087,918)</b>
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>(2,307,531)</b>	<b>(11,120,248)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the financial year		2,516,694	13,636,942
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at year end</b>	12	<b>209,163</b>	<b>2,516,694</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

# **AZB Funding 9 Limited**

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

### **1 Background to the Company**

AZB Funding 9 Limited (the “Company”) was incorporated in Ireland on 29 January 2018 with a Company registration number 619797. The Company’s registered office is 32 Molesworth, Dublin 2, Ireland. The Company is a special purpose company with limited liability and qualifies for the regime contained in Section 110 of the Irish Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997 (TCA).

The principal activity of the Company is purchasing certain Collateral Debt Obligations and Eligible Investments as determined by the Collateral Manager (“Aozora Bank Limited”) in accordance with the terms of a Collateral Management Agreement.

### **2 Material accounting policies**

#### **(a) Statement of Compliance and basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRSs”) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”) and as adopted by the European Union (“EU”). The financial statements are also prepared in accordance with Irish Statute comprising the Companies Act 2014. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, as noted below.

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for the following:

- Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (“FVTPL”) are measured at fair value;
- Financial liabilities at FVTPL are measured at fair value;

The method used to measure fair values is discussed further in note 2 (f).

In order to avoid the accounting mismatch that would otherwise arise the Company has designated the financial liabilities to be at fair value through profit or loss. In addition, due to the complexity of certain contractual terms of the financial liabilities issued, the Company has concluded that it would not be in a position to determine a separate fair value for the embedded derivative that forms part of the Loan Facility.

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently in preparing the financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2025.

#### **(b) Going concern**

The Directors have also considered the broader economic environment in the context of the going concern assumption adopted in the preparation of the financial statements. Despite the broader macro environment and the financial challenges, the Company is still expected to operate at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements due to the following reasons:

- The Company is expected to be cash generative in the foreseeable future, with interest and other income sufficient to meet and discharge all principal and interest payment obligations, as well as operating expenses of the Company, as they arise.
- The company has a long-term funding agreement in place with Aozora Bank Ltd and can draw down on this funding should cashflow issues arise.
- Pursuant to the terms of the debt securities issued, the repayment of the loans is limited to the monies received or recovered from the collateral. In line with the limitation of recourse clause, the Company will not be liable for amounts payable to noteholders except to the extent that the Company receives or recovers monies from the financial assets and fails to pay same to the loan holder

For these reasons, the Directors believe that the going concern basis is appropriate.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

#### 2 Material accounting policies (continued)

##### (c) Changes in accounting policies

There were no changes in accounting policies that would have a financial impact on the Company's financial statements during the financial year.

##### (d) New and revised accounting standards and interpretation

In preparing the financial statements, the Company has adopted new standards, interpretations and amendments which have been issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ('IASB') and have been adopted for use by the EU. None of these have a material effect on the financial statements of the Company.

##### Effective for annual financial years beginning on or after 1 April 2025

The Directors have reviewed those standards and interpretations that are issued but not yet effective up to the date of issuance of the Company's financial statements and assessed that none of those new standards and interpretations will have an impact to the Company's financial statements.

Description	Effective date (financial period beginning)*
Lack of Exchangeability -Amendments to IAS 21	1 January 2025
Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments - Amendments to IFRS 9 and IFRS 7	1 January 2026
Annual Improvements to IFRS Accounting Standards - Volume 11	1 January 2026
Power Purchase Agreements -Amendments to IFRS 9 and IFRS 7	1 January 2026
IFRS 19 Subsidiaries without Public Accountability:Disclosures	1 January 2027
IFRS 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements	1 January 2027

\*Where new requirements are endorsed the EU effective date is disclosed. For un-endorsed standards and interpretations, the IASB's effective date is noted. Where any of the upcoming requirements are applicable to the Company, it will apply them from their EU effective date.

The Directors have considered the new standards, amendments and interpretations as detailed in the above table and do not plan to adopt these standards early. The application of all of these standards, amendments or interpretations will be considered in detail in advance of a confirmed effective date by the Company. The Directors have concluded that the above standards will have no material impact to the financial statements of the Company.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### 2 Material accounting policies (continued)

#### (e) Functional and presentation currency

The financial statements are presented in USD (\$). The Company's functional currency is USD (\$), being the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates.

#### (f) Use of estimates and judgements

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that may affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the year in which the estimates are revised and in any future years affected. Information about significant areas of estimation, uncertainty and critical judgements in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements are described in Note 4.

#### Key sources of estimation uncertainty

##### *Determining fair values*

The determination of fair value for financial assets and liabilities for which there is no observable market price requires the use of valuation techniques as described below. For financial instruments that trade infrequently and have little price transparency, fair value is less objective, and requires varying degrees of judgement depending on liquidity, concentration, uncertainty of market factors, pricing assumptions and other risks affecting the specific instrument. See also "Valuation of financial instruments" below.

#### Critical accounting judgements in applying the Company's accounting policies

Critical accounting judgements made in applying the Company's accounting policies include:

##### *Valuation of financial instruments*

The Company's accounting policy on fair value measurements is discussed in note 4. The Company measures fair values using the following fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements:

- **Level 1:** Quoted market price (unadjusted) in an active market for an identical instrument.
- **Level 2:** Valuation techniques based on observable inputs, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices). This category includes instruments valued using: quoted market prices in active markets for similar instruments; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are considered less than active; or other valuation techniques where all significant inputs are directly or indirectly observable from market data.
- **Level 3:** Valuation techniques using significant unobservable inputs. This category includes all instruments where the valuation technique includes inputs not based on observable data and the unobservable inputs have a significant effect on the instrument's valuation. This category includes instruments that may be valued based on quoted prices for similar instruments where significant unobservable adjustments or assumptions are required to reflect differences between the instruments.

**AZB Funding 9 Limited**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**

**2 Material accounting policies (continued)**

**(f) Use of estimates and judgements (continued)**

**Critical accounting judgements in applying the Company's accounting policies (continued)**

Fair value is the amount for which an asset could be exchanged, or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction on the measurement date.

Fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities that are traded in active markets, level 1, are based on quoted market prices or dealer price quotations. For all other financial instruments the Company determines fair values using values obtained from the Investment Manager.

The objective of the Investment Manager's valuation techniques is to determine a fair value that reflects the price of the financial instrument at the reporting date that would have been entered into by market participants acting at arm's length.

The Investment Manager uses a variety of different valuation techniques as outlined below.

For level 2 and level 3 financial assets, the fair values have been estimated by management based on values obtained from the Investment Manager. The Investment Manager uses a variety of different valuation techniques, including the use of values provided by specialist loan pricing vendors, and takes the following points into consideration when marking an asset: (a) a comparison of the market in which the trading takes place – liquid or illiquid (b) the seniority of the debt (c) the trading performance, credit rating and current debt of the Company being priced (d) the interest coupon on the loan (e) the maturity of the loan and (f) the jurisdiction linked to the financial asset. If actual market prices were available for the investments, the valuations may be different to those provided by the Investment Manager.

The fair value of financial liabilities is dependent on the valuation of the above financial instruments. The fair value of the financial liabilities equates to the fair value total of financial assets and cash and cash equivalents less accrued payables and expenses, due to the limited recourse nature of the financial liabilities issued.

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## **Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**

### **2 Material accounting policies (continued)**

#### **(g) Financial instruments**

The financial instruments held by the Company include the following:

- Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss; and
- Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

#### ***Classification***

The Company has classified financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss. A financial asset or financial liability at fair value through profit or loss is a financial asset or liability that is classified as held for trading or designated as at fair value through profit or loss.

In order to avoid the accounting mismatch that would otherwise arise the Company has designated the financial liabilities issued as at fair value through profit or loss. Financial instruments that are not designated and effective as hedging instruments are classified as held for trading.

#### ***Recognition***

The Company initially recognises all financial assets and liabilities at fair value on the trade date at which the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instruments. From trade date, any gains and losses arising from changes in fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are recorded in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Transaction costs on financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit and loss are expensed immediately.

#### ***Derecognition***

The Company derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows on the financial asset in a transaction in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred. Any interest in transferred financial assets that is created or retained by the Company is recognised as a separate asset or liability.

The Company derecognises a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged or cancelled or expire.

#### ***Financial assets***

The financial assets are initially recognised at fair value. Upon initial recognition, attributable transaction costs are recognised in profit or loss when incurred. Financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss are stated at fair value at financial year end, which may be estimated by management based on prices provided by the Investment Manager and in the absence of readily determinable market prices. In such cases, prices provided by the Investment Management are based on a variety of different valuation techniques as described in Note 4 to the financial statements.

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## **Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**

### **2 Material accounting policies (continued)**

#### **(g) Financial instruments (continued)**

##### ***Financial liabilities***

The financial liabilities issued are initially measured at fair value. The fair value changes of the financial liabilities issued are recognised immediately in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. The ultimate amount to be repaid to the noteholder will depend on the proceeds received from the financial assets. The fair value of the Loan Facility equates to the fair value total of financial assets, cash and cash equivalents less accrued payables and expenses. The finance costs of the debt are determined through the priorities of payment schedule based on income receipts and fair value changes from the financial assets held. All finance costs are charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income reported under interest expense on financial liabilities issued. The carrying amount of debt is increased by the finance cost in respect of the reporting year and reduced by payments in respect of the debt in that year. The Loan Facility is initially recorded at the value of the net proceeds received and are carried at fair value through profit or loss.

##### ***Financial assets and liabilities that are not at fair value through profit or loss***

Financial assets that are not at fair value through profit or loss and are not quoted in an active market include cash at bank and other receivables. Financial liabilities that are not at fair value through profit or loss include accrued expenses and other payables.

##### ***Offsetting***

Financial assets and liabilities are set off and the net amount presented in the Statement of Financial Position when, and only when, the Company has a legal right to set off the amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. Income and expenses are presented on a net basis only when permitted by the accounting standards, or for gains and losses arising from a group of similar transactions.

#### **(h) Interest income and expense**

Interest is accounted for on an accruals basis at the effective interest rate basis and recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### **(i) Foreign currency transactions**

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the presentation currency of the Company at exchange rates at the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the reporting date are retranslated to the presentation currency at the exchange rate at that date.

The foreign currency gain or loss on monetary items is the difference between amortised cost in the functional currency at the beginning of the financial year, adjusted for effective interest and payments during the financial year and the amortised cost in foreign currency translated at the exchange rate at the end of the financial year.

Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are measured at fair value are retranslated to the presentation currency at the exchange rate at the date that the fair value was determined. Foreign currency differences arising on retranslation are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

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## **Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**

### **2 Material accounting policies (continued)**

#### **(j) Net gain/loss from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss**

Net gain/loss from financial assets at fair value relates to Collateral Debt Obligations and Eligible Investments and includes realised and unrealised fair value changes and foreign exchange differences.

#### **(k) Net gain/loss on financial liabilities issued at fair value through profit or loss**

Net gain/loss on financial liabilities issued at fair value comprises, realised and unrealised fair value changes, and is determined with reference to the realised and unrealised fair value changes in the financial assets.

#### **(l) Taxation**

Income tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax expense is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity, in which case it is recognised in equity.

Current tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the financial year, using the tax rates applicable to the Company's activities enacted or substantially enacted at the Statement of Financial Position date, and adjustments to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred taxation is accounted for, without discounting, in respect of all timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes which have arisen but not reversed by the balance sheet date except as otherwise required by IAS 12 'Deferred Tax'. Provision is made at the tax rates which are expected to apply in the years in which the timing differences reverse. Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is considered more likely than not that they will be recovered.

A deferred tax asset is recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which temporary difference can be utilised. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised.

#### **(m) Share Capital**

The authorised share capital of the Company consists of 100,000 ordinary shares of \$1 value each. The issued share capital of the Company is 1 ordinary share of value \$1.

#### **(n) Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash held with banks which are subject to insignificant risk of changes in their fair value and are used by the Company in the management of its short-term commitments.

#### **(o) Other income and expenses**

Other income and expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis.

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### **Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**

#### **3 Financial risk management**

##### ***Risk management framework***

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Company's risk management framework.

The risk profile of the Company is such that market, credit, liquidity and other risks of the financial assets are borne fully by the Lender of the Loan Facility. The income payments to the Lender of the Loan Facility are determined with reference to a Priorities of Payment schedule as per Schedule 6 of the Collateral Management Agreement. Principal repayments are also determined with reference to conditions of the Priorities of Payment schedule.

The Loan Facility is initially recorded at the value of the funds received and is carried as financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss. The ultimate amount to be repaid to the Lender of the Loan Facility will depend on the proceeds from the related collaterals.

All substantial risks and rewards associated with the financial assets are ultimately borne by the Lender. Therefore any change in risk variables would not affect the equity or the results of the Company.

The Company has exposure to the following risks from its use of financial instruments:

- (a) Market risk;
- (b) Credit risk;
- (c) Liquidity risk; and
- (d) Operational risk.

This note presents information about the Company's exposure to each of the above risks, the Company's objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing risk and the Company's management of capital.

##### **a) Market risk**

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as (i) interest rates, (ii) currency rates and (iii) other price factors will affect the Company's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return on risk.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### 3 Financial risk management (continued)

#### (a) Market risk (continued)

##### i) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The interest rate profile of the Company is as follows:

<b>As at 31 March 2025</b>	<b>Fixed rate USD</b>	<b>Floating rate USD</b>	<b>Non-Interest Bearing USD</b>	<b>Total USD</b>
Financial assets at FVTPL	-	13,296,702	-	13,296,702
Cash and cash equivalents	-	-	209,163	209,163
Interest receivable	-	-	2,561	2,561
Other receivables and prepaid expenses	-	-	16,080	16,080
	-	13,296,702	227,804	13,524,506
Financial liabilities at FVTPL	-	(13,303,455)	-	(13,303,455)
Interest payables	-	-	(162,642)	(162,642)
Other payables and accrued expenses	-	-	(57,088)	(57,088)
	-	(13,303,455)	(219,730)	(13,523,185)
Net exposure	-	(6,753)	8,074	1,321
<b>As at 31 March 2024</b>	<b>Fixed rate USD</b>	<b>Floating rate USD</b>	<b>Non-Interest Bearing USD</b>	<b>Total USD</b>
Financial assets at FVTPL	-	82,937,973	-	82,937,973
Cash and cash equivalents	-	-	2,516,694	2,516,694
Interest receivable	-	-	68,335	68,335
Other receivables and prepaid expenses	-	-	17,372	17,372
	-	82,937,973	2,602,401	85,540,374
Financial liabilities at FVTPL	-	(83,673,309)	-	(83,673,309)
Interest payables	-	-	(1,617,523)	(1,617,523)
Other payables and accrued expenses	-	-	(248,382)	(248,382)
	-	(83,673,309)	(1,865,905)	(85,539,214)
Net exposure	-	(735,336)	736,496	1,160

##### Sensitivity analysis

Any increase of 100 basis points in interest rates as at the reporting date would have increased the interest income receivable by \$132,901 (2024: \$829,232). A decrease of 100 basis points would have had an equal but opposite effect. The interest rate risk of the investment securities is borne by the holders of debt securities issued and thus changes in interest rates have no net impact on the equity or the results of the Company.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**

**3 Financial risk management (continued)**

*ii) Price risk*

Price risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk and currency risk), whether caused by factors specific to an individual investment, its issuer or all factors affecting all instruments traded in the market.

*Sensitivity analysis*

A 5% increase in market prices at 31 March 2025 would increase both the value of the financial assets and financial liabilities by \$664,835 (2024: \$4,146,899). The directors consider a 5% fluctuation to be reasonable in the current market.

**b) Credit risk**

The credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Company if a counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligation and arises principally from investment securities.

The Company only invests with counterparties which have certain credit ratings. The credit rating of US Bank National Association is rated A2 (2024: A2) by the credit rating agency Moody's. The carrying amounts of financial assets represent the maximum credit exposure. The maximum exposure to credit risk at financial year-end was as follows:

	<b>Financial year ended 31-Mar-2025 USD</b>	<b>Financial year ended 31-Mar-2024 USD</b>
Financial assets at FVTPL	13,296,702	82,937,973
Cash and cash equivalents	209,163	2,516,694
Interest receivable	2,561	68,335
Other receivables and prepaid expenses	16,080	17,372
	<u>13,524,506</u>	<u>85,540,374</u>

The exposure of the Company's investments is continuously monitored and the Directors receive monthly performance reports from Aozora Bank Ltd as Collateral Manager.

The following table details the credit ratings of the Company's financial assets, as rated by Standard & Poor's, in terms of percentage of the carrying value:

<b>Credit rating</b>	<b>31-Mar-2025</b>	<b>31-Mar-2025</b>	<b>31-Mar-2024</b>	<b>31-Mar-2024</b>
	<b>MV in USD</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>MV in USD</b>	<b>%</b>
BB+	—	—	39,157,051	47.21
BB	—	—	18,866,783	22.75
BB-	—	—	1,393,586	1.68
BBB-	13,296,702	100.00	15,303,143	18.45
BBB	—	—	8,217,410	9.91
	<u>13,296,702</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>82,937,973</u>	<u>100.00</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### 3 Financial risk management (continued)

#### Concentration Risk

Details of the geographic concentration are provided below.

	31-Mar-2025	31-Mar-2025	31-Mar-2024	31-Mar-2024
<u>Geographic concentration</u>	MV in USD	%	MV in USD	%
United States	13,296,702	100.00	82,937,973	100.00
	13,296,702	100.00	82,937,973	100.00

#### c) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Company's obligations to the Lender are direct secured and limited recourse with respect to the assets and cash flows of the Company and therefore the Company does not bear any liquidity risk in respect of the Loan Facility. The contractual maturities of financial liabilities as at 31 March 2025 are categorised below.

2025	Carrying Amount USD	Gross Contractual Cash Flow USD	Less than 1 year USD	One to two years USD	Two to five years USD
Financial liabilities at FVTPL	(13,303,455)	(17,768,518)	(880,469)	(880,469)	(16,007,580)
Interest payables	(162,642)	(162,642)	(162,642)	-	-
Other payables and accrued expenses	(57,088)	(57,088)	(57,088)	-	-
	(13,523,185)	(17,988,248)	(1,100,199)	(880,469)	(16,007,580)
2024	Carrying Amount USD	Gross Contractual Cash Flow USD	Less than 1 year USD	One to two years USD	Two to five years USD
Financial liabilities at FVTPL	(83,673,309)	(140,253,217)	(9,319,344)	(9,319,344)	(121,614,529)
Interest payables	(1,617,523)	(1,617,523)	(1,617,523)	-	-
Other payables and accrued expenses	(248,382)	(248,382)	(248,382)	-	-
	(85,539,214)	(142,119,122)	(11,185,249)	(9,319,344)	(121,614,529)

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## Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

### 3 Financial risk management (continued)

#### d) Operational risk

Operational risk is the risk of direct or indirect loss arising from a wide variety of causes associated with the Company's processes, personnel and infrastructure, and from external factors other than credit, markets and liquidity issues such as those arising from legal and regulatory requirements and generally accepted standards of corporate behaviour. Operational risks arise from all of the Company's operations. The Company was incorporated with the purpose of engaging in those activities outlined in the preceding paragraphs. All management and administration functions are outsourced.

### 4 Fair values

The Company's financial assets are carried at fair value on the Statement of Financial Position. Usually the fair value of the financial instruments can be reliably determined within a reasonable range of estimates. The carrying amounts of all the Company's financial assets and financial liabilities carried at amortised cost at 31 March 2025 approximated their fair values. These disclosures supplement the financial risk management disclosures at Note 3.

IFRS 13 requires that the Company measure fair values using the following fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements:

- quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1).
- inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices) (Level 2); and
- inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs) (Level 3).

Changes in valuation methods may result in transfers into or out of an investment's assigned level.

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. If a fair value measurement uses observable inputs that require significant adjustment based on unobservable inputs, that measurement is a level 3 measurement. Assessing the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgement, considering factors specific to the asset or liability. The determination of what constitutes 'observable' requires significant judgement by the Company.

The Company considers observable data to be that market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market.

#### (a) Significant observable and unobservable inputs used in measuring fair value

##### *Valuation Techniques*

The following is an explanation of the valuation techniques analysed by the investment manager in establishing the fair value of the different types of financial instruments of the Company.

**Financial assets:** Where there are no recent transactions then fair value may be determined from the last market price adjusted for all changes in risks and information since that date. Where a close proxy instrument is quoted in an active market then fair value is determined by adjusting the proxy value for differences in the risk profile of the instruments. Where close proxies are not available then fair value is estimated using more complex modelling techniques. These techniques include discounted cash flow models using current market rates for credit, interest, liquidity and other risks.

**Financial liabilities at fair value through profit and loss:** The fair value of financial liabilities issued at fair value through profit and loss is dependent upon the fair value of financial assets. Any changes in the valuation have direct impact to the fair value of financial liabilities issued.

Although the Company believes that its estimates of fair value are appropriate, the use of different methodologies or assumptions could lead to different measurements of fair value.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

#### 4 Fair values (continued)

##### a) Significant observable and unobservable inputs used in measuring fair value (continued)

The Company's financial assets and financial liabilities issued are carried at fair value on the Statement of Financial Position. Usually the fair value of the financial instruments can be reliably determined within a reasonable range of estimates. The carrying amounts of all the Company's financial assets and financial liabilities at the Statement of Financial Position date approximated their fair value.

<b>31 March 2025</b>	<b>Level 1 USD Quoted on active market</b>	<b>Level 2 USD Valuation technique observable parameters</b>	<b>Level 3 USD Valuation technique unobservable parameters</b>
Financial assets at FVTPL	-	13,296,702	-
Financial liabilities at FVTPL	-	(13,303,455)	-
	-	(6,753)	-

<b>31 March 2024</b>	<b>Level 1 USD Quoted on active market</b>	<b>Level 2 USD Valuation technique observable parameters</b>	<b>Level 3 USD Valuation technique unobservable parameters</b>
Financial assets at FVTPL	-	82,937,973	-
Financial liabilities at FVTPL	-	(83,673,309)	-
	-	(735,336)	-

##### - Estimation of fair values

The major methods and assumptions used in estimating the fair values of financial instruments are disclosed in Note 2 (f) and the preceding pages of this note. The market values of the financial assets are provided by the Collateral Manager in accordance with the terms of the Collateral Management Agreement.

The fair value of financial liabilities is dependent on the valuation of above financial instruments. The fair value of the financial liabilities equates to the fair value total of financial assets, cash and cash equivalents less accrued payables and expenses.

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**5 Interest and similar income**

	<b>Financial year Ended 31-Mar-2025 USD</b>	<b>Financial year Ended 31-Mar-2024 USD</b>
Interest income on investments	1,623,583	10,114,907
	<u>1,623,583</u>	<u>10,114,907</u>

**6 Other Income**

	<b>Financial year Ended 31-Mar-2025 USD</b>	<b>Financial year Ended 31-Mar-2024 USD</b>
Other Income	43,552	36,537
Corporate benefit fee	215	216
Cost of carry fee	-	1,554
	<u>43,767</u>	<u>38,307</u>

**7 Net (loss)/gain on financial assets and liabilities at FVTPL**

	<b>Financial year Ended 31-Mar-2025 USD</b>	<b>Financial year Ended 31-Mar-2024 USD</b>
Unrealised (loss)/gain on financial assets at FVTPL	(14,597)	482,052
Realised gain on financial assets at FVTPL	6,450	2,318,618
Unrealised loss on financial liabilities at FVTPL	(490,082)	(2,625,562)
	<u>(498,229)</u>	<u>175,108</u>

**8 Interest and similar expense**

	<b>Financial year Ended 31-Mar-2025 USD</b>	<b>Financial year Ended 31-Mar-2024 USD</b>
Interest expense on borrowings	(880,469)	(9,322,320)
	<u>(880,469)</u>	<u>(9,322,320)</u>

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**9 Administrative expenses**

	<b>Financial year Ended 31-Mar-2025</b>	<b>Financial year Ended 31-Mar-2024</b>
	<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>
Other financial expense	(68,768)	(41,078)
Audit Expense	(20,815)	(19,996)
Corporate administration fees	(24,942)	(20,421)
iXBRL fees	(1,368)	(1,316)
Collateral management fees	(175,502)	(1,045,525)
Trustee fees	(4,780)	(27,881)
Tax Expense	(4,838)	(5,083)
Delayed Compensation	-	(2,424)
	<u>(301,013)</u>	<u>(1,163,724)</u>

The Company is administered by Maples Fiduciary Services (Ireland) Limited and has no employees. The Directors are the key management personnel. They are also employees of the Corporate Administrator and as such had an interest in the Corporate Administration fees in their capacity as Directors. The Directors did not receive any remuneration during the financial year (2024: Nil). Please refer to Note 20.

**Auditor's remuneration in respect of the financial year (excluding VAT)**

	<b>Financial year Ended 31-Mar-2025</b>	<b>Financial year Ended 31-Mar-2024</b>
	<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>
Audit of financial statements	(16,602)	(16,111)
Tax advisory services	(5,202)	(5,165)
Other assurance services	-	-
Other non-audit services	-	-
	<u>(21,804)</u>	<u>(21,276)</u>

**10 Foreign exchange gain**

	<b>Year Ended 31-Mar-2025</b>	<b>Year Ended 31-Mar-2024</b>
	<b>EUR</b>	<b>EUR</b>
Foreign exchange gain on bank	12,576	99,729
Foreign exchange (loss) on assets	—	(14,797)
Foreign exchange gain on notes issued	—	73,006
	<u>12,576</u>	<u>157,938</u>

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**11 Tax on profit on ordinary activities**

	<b>Financial year Ended 31-Mar-2025 USD</b>	<b>Financial year Ended 31-Mar-2024 USD</b>
Corporate tax	(54)	(54)

Factors affecting tax charge for the financial year  
 Corporation taxation has been calculated based on the  
 results for the financial year and the resulting taxation  
 charge is as follows:

Profit on ordinary activities before tax	215	216
Current tax at 25%	(54)	(54)
Current tax charge	<u>(54)</u>	<u>(54)</u>

The Company will continue to be actively taxed at 25% in accordance with Section 110 of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997.

**12 Cash and cash equivalents**

	<b>31-Mar-2025 USD</b>	<b>31-Mar-2024 USD</b>
Cash at bank	209,163	2,516,694
	<u>209,163</u>	<u>2,516,694</u>

The Company's cash balances are held with U.S Bank National Association. Refer to the Note 3b for the credit risk of the above mentioned counter parties.

**13 Interest receivable**

	<b>31-Mar-2025 USD</b>	<b>31-Mar-2024 USD</b>
Interest receivable	2,561	68,335
	<u>2,561</u>	<u>68,335</u>

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**14 Other receivables and prepaid expenses**

	<b>31-Mar-2025</b>	<b>31-Mar-2024</b>
	<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>
Other receivables	16,080	17,372
	<u>16,080</u>	<u>17,372</u>

**15 Financial assets at FVTPL**

	<b>31-Mar-2025</b>	<b>31-Mar-2024</b>
	<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>
Financial assets as at FVTPL	13,296,702	82,937,973
	<u>13,296,702</u>	<u>82,937,973</u>

<b>Movement in financial assets</b>	<b>Financial year</b>	<b>Financial year</b>
	<b>Ended</b>	<b>Ended</b>
	<b>31-Mar-2025</b>	<b>31-Mar-2024</b>
	<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>
At the beginning of the financial year	82,937,973	174,787,755
Repayments / disposals during financial year	(69,633,123)	(94,635,655)
Net (loss)/gain in financial assets at FVTPL	(8,148)	2,785,873
	<u>13,296,702</u>	<u>82,937,973</u>

The financial assets have been further analysed according to their geographic concentration in Note 3(b).

**16 Called up share capital presented as equity**

	<b>31-Mar-2025</b>	<b>31-Mar-2024</b>
	<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>
Authorised		
100,000 ordinary shares of USD 1 each	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Issued		
1 ordinary share of USD1 each	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

Called up share capital presented as equity consists of 100,000 ordinary shares of USD1 each. 1 share was issued on 29 January 2018 to MaplesFS Trustees Ireland Limited.

**17 Interest payable**

	<b>31-Mar-2025</b>	<b>31-Mar-2024</b>
	<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>
Interest payable	(162,642)	(1,617,523)
	<u>(162,642)</u>	<u>(1,617,523)</u>

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**18 Other payables and accrued expenses**

	<b>31-Mar-2025</b>	<b>31-Mar-2024</b>
	<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>
Accrued expenses payable	(56,866)	(248,160)
Current taxes payable	(222)	(222)
	<u>(57,088)</u>	<u>(248,382)</u>

**19 Financial liabilities at FVTPL**

	<b>31-Mar-2025</b>	<b>31-Mar-2024</b>
	<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>
Financial liabilities at FVTPL	(13,303,455)	(83,673,309)
	<b>31-Mar-2025</b>	<b>31-Mar-2024</b>
	<b>USD</b>	<b>USD</b>
At beginning of the financial year	(83,673,309)	(185,807,005)
Repaid during the financial year	70,859,936	104,686,252
Net gain on financial liabilities at FVTPL	(490,082)	(2,552,556)
	<u>(13,303,455)</u>	<u>(83,673,309)</u>

**20 Transactions with related parties**

The Company engages Maples Fiduciary Services (Ireland) Limited for all management and administration functions to manage the operational risk of direct or indirect loss arising from a wide variety of causes associated with the Company's processes, personnel and infrastructure, and from external factors other than credit, market and liquidity risks such as those arising from legal and regulatory requirements and generally accepted standards of corporate behaviour. Maples Fiduciary Services (Ireland) Limited is entitled to receive administrative fees for the services it provides per the terms and conditions of their agreement.

During the financial year the Company incurred a fee of \$24,942 (2024: \$20,421) relating to administration services provided by Maples Fiduciary Services (Ireland) Limited. The directors, as employees of the Corporate Administrator, had an interest in these fees in their capacity as directors.

Pursuant to Section 305A(1)(a) of the Companies Act 2014 (as amended) Maples Fiduciary Services (Ireland) Limited received \$2,494 (2024: \$2,042) as consideration for the making available of individuals to act as directors of the Company.

The terms of the corporate services agreement in place between the Company and Maples Fiduciary Services (Ireland) Limited provides for a single fee for the provision of corporate administration services (including the making available of individuals to act as directors of the Company). As a result, the allocation of fees between the different services provided is a subjective and approximate calculation. The individuals acting as directors do not (and will not), in their personal capacity or any other capacity, receive any fee for acting or having acted as directors of the Company.

For the avoidance of doubt, notwithstanding the directors of the Company are employees of Maples Fiduciary Services (Ireland) Limited, they each do not receive any remuneration for acting as directors of the Company. All remaining categories in Section 305 of the Companies Act 2014 relevant to Directors' remuneration are nil for the financial year (2024: Nil).

Aozora Bank Ltd acts as the collateral manager for the Company. During the financial year the Company incurred fees of \$175,502 (2024: \$1,045,525) relating to collateral management services from Aozora Bank Ltd. At the financial year end \$20,212 (2024: \$151,998) remained outstanding.

## **AZB Funding 9 Limited**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**

#### **21 Parent and ultimate controlling party**

The principal shareholder in the Company as at 31 March 2025 was MaplesFS Trustees Ireland Limited. All shares are held under the terms of a declaration of trust dated under which the relevant share trustee holds the issued shares of the Company on trust for a charity.

The Board of Directors are responsible for the day-to-day management and administration of the Company. The Board is composed of two directors, both of whom are employees of Maples Fiduciary Services (Ireland) Limited.

#### **22 Charges**

The Lending Facility provided to the Company is secured by way of a floating charge over the collateral of the Company's undertaking or property.

#### **23 Subsequent events**

Effective 05 April 2025, the United States of America (the "U.S.") imposed a minimum 10% tariff on all imports. Subsequently, additional tariffs were applied on a number of countries. These tariffs have caused widespread market volatility. The Company and Directors are not aware of any business operations or direct impacts the tariffs will have on the Company's going concern. The Directors will continue to evaluate the situation and its impact on financial position and operating results.

There have been no significant events subsequent to year end that would require adjustment or disclosure in these financial statements.

#### **24 Commitments and contingencies**

There were no commitments and contingencies as at 31 March 2025 (2024: Nil).

#### **25 Approval of the financial statements**

The financial statements were approved by the board on 20 February 2026.