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NESTLÉ FINANCE INTERNATIONAL LTD.

(Société Anonyme)

Annual Financial Report

Management Report

and

Financial Statements

1 January – 31 December 2019

(With Report of the Réviseur d'Entreprises Agréé thereon)

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Nestlé Finance International Ltd.

Nestlé Finance International Ltd. (“NFI” or the “Company”) presents its annual financial report for the financial year ended 31 December 2019. NFI is a public limited company (*société anonyme*) organised under the laws of Luxembourg and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Nestlé S.A. which is the holding company of the Nestlé Group of companies (the “Nestlé Group” or the “Group”). NFI, which was formerly a public limited company (*société anonyme*) organised under the laws of France formed on 18 March 1930, changed its domicile, and moved its registered office from France to Luxembourg on 29 February 2008. On 1 June 2013, NFI moved its seat from 69, rue de Merl L-2146 Luxembourg to 7, rue Nicolas Bové L-1253 Luxembourg, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. NFI is established for an unlimited duration. The Nestlé Group manufactures and sells food and beverages, as well as products related to the nutrition, health and wellness industries. The Nestlé Group product portfolio has seven product categories, distributed throughout the world: powdered and liquid beverages, nutrition and health science, milk products and ice cream, prepared dishes and cooking aids, pet care, confectionery and water.

The principal business activity of NFI is the financing of members of the Nestlé Group including by the sale, exchange, issue, transfer or otherwise, as well as the acquisition by purchase, subscription or in any other manner, of stock, bonds, debentures, notes, debt instruments or other securities or any kind of instrument and contracts thereon or relative thereto. NFI may further assist the members of the Nestlé Group, in particular by granting them loans, facilities or guarantees in any form and for any term whatsoever and provide any of them with advice and assistance in any form whatsoever.

1. Management Report

(A) Review of the development and performance of NFI’s business during the financial year and the position of NFI’s business at the end of the year:

As at 31 December 2019, a total equivalent of EUR 10 919 million of loans and advances granted to Nestlé Group companies was outstanding, compared to EUR 11 162 million as at 31 December 2018. These were financed mainly through the issuance of bonds, commercial paper and loans and advances received from Nestlé Group companies. Other assets and liabilities comprise mainly derivatives, cash and cash equivalents (consisting of, for example, cash balances, deposits at banks and other short term investments with original maturities of three months or less) and short term investments. The aforementioned transactions are further detailed in the notes to the financial statements of NFI for the financial year ended 31 December 2019.

Total assets decreased at 31 December 2019 (EUR 11 254 million) as compared to 31 December 2018 (EUR 11 318 million). The decrease in total assets (by EUR 64 million) results mainly from a decrease in loans and advances granted to Nestlé Group companies (by EUR 244 million), from an increase in derivative assets (by EUR 4.5 million), an increase in cash and cash equivalents (by EUR 179 million), and a decrease in deferred tax assets (by EUR 4.4 million). On the liabilities side, debt securities (bonds and commercial paper) outstanding at 31 December 2019 (EUR 7 667 million) decreased by EUR 1 768 million as compared to 31 December 2018 (EUR 9 435 million) mainly as a result of a decrease in the issuance of commercial paper and a repayment of one bond. Loans and advances received from Nestlé Group companies outstanding at 31 December 2019 (EUR 3 175 million) increased by EUR 1 468 million as compared to 31 December 2018 (EUR 1 707 million).

Financing operations reported a net gain of EUR 13 million for the financial year ended 31 December 2019 compared to a net loss of EUR 49.6 million for the financial year ended 31 December 2018.

Net gain before tax for the financial year ended 31 December 2019 was EUR 23.3 million, compared to a net loss before tax of EUR 61.5 million for the financial year ended 31 December 2018. The movement was due to an increase in interest income (by EUR 27.9 million) resulting from the loans and advances granted

to Nestlé Group companies; due to a decrease in interest expense (by EUR 8.5 million) resulting from a decrease of the debt securities; due to an increase in net fee and commission expense (by EUR 187.9 million) arising from fluctuations of foreign exchange rates borne by a related party; partially offset by an increase in other operating income (by EUR 229.2 million) resulting from foreign exchange gain on non-EUR denominated instruments and a decrease in financial expense (by EUR 7 million).

NFI's net operating cash inflow was EUR 181.9 million for the financial year ended 31 December 2019 compared to net operating cash outflow of EUR 18.5 million for the financial year ended 31 December 2018.

Future financial performance will depend largely on the net interest margin earned on loans and investments, funded by existing and possible further issues of bonds, commercial paper and loans and advances received from Nestlé Group companies and results from derivative transactions.

(B) Risks and Uncertainties

NFI is exposed to certain risks and uncertainties: banking credit risk, credit risk, market risk (including currency fluctuations and interest rate movements), liquidity risk and risk of an increase in cost of capital, treasury operations and other risks that could have a material adverse impact on its financial condition and operating results. The detailed discussion of these risks and uncertainties and NFI's objectives, policies and processes for managing these risks and uncertainties are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements of NFI for the year ended 31 December 2019, in particular Note 10.

(C) Other items

NFI has no research and development costs nor any treasury shares or branches.

(D) Corporate governance status

Overall control environment

The Board of Directors of NFI has overall responsibility for its control environment. The Board of Directors is responsible for monitoring the internal control and risk management systems that are related to the financial reporting process on an ongoing basis.

The internal control and risk management systems are designed to mitigate, rather than eliminate, the risks identified in the financial reporting process. In particular, internal controls related to the financial reporting process are established to mitigate, detect and correct material misstatements in the financial statements.

NFI has a number of policies and procedures in key areas of financial reporting, which are derived from the Nestlé Group's Accounting Standards, Risk Management Policy, Treasury Policy, Information Security Policy and Business Ethics Policy. These policies and procedures apply to all subsidiaries of the Nestlé Group, including NFI.

Structure of capital

The share capital of NFI is divided in 220 000 shares having a nominal amount of EUR 2 each. There is only one class of share in issue and all provide the same rights to the shareholder. NFI does not have own shares. There are neither restrictions to the transfer of the issued shares in NFI nor any agreement issued by the shareholder which may result in restrictions on the transfer of NFI shares.

Instruments traded on a regulated market

NFI has issued bonds which are admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market but no other instruments, such as NFI's shares, are admitted to trading on any regulated market. Therefore the

disclosure requirements included in Article 10. paragraph 1. points c), d), f), h) and i) of Directive 2004/25/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 on takeover bids as required by Article 68ter. paragraph (1) letter d) of Luxembourg modified law of 19 December 2002, are not applicable.

Control activities

Nestlé Group has established minimum requirements for the conduct and documentation of IT and manual control activities to mitigate identified significant financial reporting risks. NFI establishes and implements internal controls comprising relevant control activities for significant processes.

NFI's management is responsible for ensuring that the internal control activities are performed and documented, and is required to report on their compliance with Nestlé Group's internal control policies to Nestlé Group's finance function.

In addition, the Nestlé Group has implemented a formalised financial reporting process for the budget process and monthly reporting on actual performance. The accounting information reported by NFI is reviewed both by Nestlé Group central treasury and by technical accounting specialists at Nestlé.

Information and communication

The Nestlé Group has established information and communication systems to ensure that accounting and internal control compliance procedures are established, including a finance manual and internal control requirements.

All Nestlé Group companies, including NFI, use a standardised financial reporting system.

Monitoring

The monitoring of the internal control and risk management systems related to financial reporting is performed at various levels within the Nestlé Group, such as periodic reviews of control documentation, controller visits, audits performed by Nestlé Group Internal Audit and monitoring by the Nestlé Group's Audit Committee.

Subsequent events

On 11 March 2020, the World Health Organization declared the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak to be a pandemic in recognition of its rapid spread across the globe, with over 150 countries now affected. Many governments are taking increasingly stringent steps to help contain or delay the spread of the virus. Currently, there is a significant increase in economic uncertainty which is, for example, evidenced by more volatile asset prices and currency exchange rates.

For the Company's 31 December 2019 financial statements, the Coronavirus outbreak and the related impacts are considered non-adjusting events. Consequently, there is no impact on the recognition and measurement of assets and liabilities. Due to the uncertainty of the outcome of the current events, the Company cannot reasonably estimate the impact these events will have on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows in the future.

On 1 April 2020 the Company issued a dual tranche bond totaling EUR 2 000 million, composed of EUR 1 000 million with 6 years of maturity and EUR 1 000 million with 10 years of maturity.

Future developments

It is expected that NFI's business activities will remain unchanged in 2020. NFI will primarily continue to provide financing to members of the Nestlé Group.



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REPORT OF THE REVISEUR D'ENTREPRISES AGREE

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Nestlé Finance International Ltd. (the "Company" or "NFI"), which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2019, and the statements of income, other comprehensive income, changes in equity and of cash flow for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2019 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with the EU Regulation N° 537/2014, the Law of 23 July 2016 on the audit profession ("Law of 23 July 2016") and with International Standards on Auditing ("ISAs") as adopted for Luxembourg by the "Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier" ("CSSF"). Our responsibilities under the EU Regulation N° 537/2014, the Law of 23 July 2016 and ISAs are further described in the « Responsibilities of "Réviseur d'Entreprises agréé" for the audit of the financial statements » section of our report. We are also independent of the Company in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants ("IESBA Code") as adopted for Luxembourg by the CSSF together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements, and have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities under those ethical requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of the audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Credit Risk related to Loans and Advances to Nestlé Group Companies	
Refer to note 1 (accounting policies) and note 4 (financial instruments) to the financial statements.	
Why the matter was considered to be one of the most significant in our audit of the financial statements of the current period	How the matter was addressed in our audit
<p>The Company is a financing entity entering into financing arrangements to fund other Nestlé Group companies. The Company has no substantial assets other than the loans and advances to Nestlé Group companies and is therefore mainly exposed to the credit risk of the group. Due to significance of these balances, we consider an assessment of their credit risk as a key audit matter.</p> <p>The Company has raised debt internally via loans and advances from Nestlé Group companies and externally via commercial paper and listed bonds and is passing this on internally by granting loans and advances to the Group companies.</p> <p>The Company is interrelated and dependent on the performance of the Nestlé Group companies for repayment of its debt instruments and meeting its financial obligations.</p> <p>The Directors need to assess and measure the expected credit losses (“ECL”) and related potential impairment of Loans and receivables as per assumptions and judgements required by IFRS 9.</p>	<p>Our audit procedures over the credit risk related to loans and advances to Nestlé Group companies included, but were not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies based on the requirements of IFRS 9, our business understanding and industry practice; • Confirming our understanding of management’s processes over ECL; • Evaluating the reasonableness of management’s key judgements and estimates made in applying IFRS 9, including selection of methods, models, assumptions and data sources; • Involving our own Treasury specialists to challenge significant assumptions/ judgements relating to ECL; • Assessing the completeness, accuracy and relevance of key data used in the Company’s ECL model; • Evaluating the appropriateness and tested the mathematical accuracy of the model applied; • Evaluating the completeness, accuracy and relevance of disclosures required by IFRS 9.



Valuation of Derivative Financial Instruments	
Refer to note 1 (accounting policies), note 3 (derivative assets and liabilities) and note 4 (financial instruments) to the financial statements.	
Why the matter was considered to be one of the most significant in our audit of the financial statements of the current period	How the matter was addressed in our audit
<p>The principal business activity of NFI is to finance Nestlé Group companies by raising debt, and passing this on internally by granting loans.</p> <p>The internal loans features do not necessarily match the terms and conditions of the external financing, leading to foreign currency and interest rate exposures for NFI, which the Company hedges by entering into currency and interest rate derivatives.</p> <p>The complexity, high volume and large values of the transactions involved increase the risk of error the Directors need to address.</p>	<p>Our audit procedures over the valuation of the derivative financial instruments included, but were not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assessing the design and operating effectiveness of the key controls supporting the identification, measurement and oversight of valuation of derivative financial instruments; • testing the general information technology key controls over the Treasury Management System (TMS); • testing key controls around how deal details are captured in the TMS, including the import of external market data from Reuters (used in the valuation process); • testing key controls over deal inputs and settlement approvals in the TMS; • testing controls over changes to static data in the TMS; for all open external positions at year-end, obtaining third party confirmations, and agreeing transaction details to TMS; • for all open derivative financial instrument positions at year-end, we involved our own Valuation specialists to re-perform the year-end valuation and comparing this to NFI's valuation; • the involvement of our own Treasury specialists to provide technical support on measurement of derivative financial instruments.

Complex Accounting	
Refer to note 1 (accounting policies) and note 4 (financial instruments) to the financial statements.	
Why the matter was considered to be one of the most significant in our audit of the financial statements of the current period	How the matter was addressed in our audit
<p>The complexity surrounding the accounting and presentation treatment per IFRS 9 and IFRS 7 and the strict rules in applying hedge accounting increase the risk of error.</p> <p>NFI designates and documents certain derivatives as hedging instruments against changes in fair values of recognised assets and liabilities (fair value hedges).</p> <p>The Directors need to assess the effectiveness of such hedges, both at inception and at regular intervals, to ensure that an economic relationship exists between the hedged item and the hedging instrument.</p>	<p>Our audit procedures over the complex accounting included, but were not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • examining the Company's hedging documentation for each hedging relationship type to assess whether the application is in line with the standards outlined in IFRS 9; • for a sample of open hedge relationships at year end, examining the hedge effectiveness testing (performed by the TMS) to assess prospectively whether these meet the hedge effectiveness requirements; • during the implementation of the TMS, testing all accounting templates by our own Treasury and IT specialists to assess whether the accounting entries generated were appropriate; during the audited period, using our own IT and Treasury specialists to identify all changes to the accounting templates and reviewing the appropriateness of these changes (if any).

Other information

The Board of Directors is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information stated in the management report and the Corporate Governance Statement but does not include the financial statements and our report of "Réviseur d'Entreprises agréé" thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report this fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.



Responsibilities of the Board of Directors for the financial statements

The Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union, and for such internal control as the Board of Directors determines 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 Board of Directors is 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 Board of Directors either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Responsibilities of the Réviseur d'Entreprises agréé for the audit of the financial statements

The objectives of our audit 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 a report of "Réviseur d'Entreprises agréé" that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the EU Regulation N° 537/2014, the Law of 23 July 2016 and with ISAs as adopted for Luxembourg by the CSSF 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.

As part of an audit in accordance with the EU Regulation N° 537/2014, the Law of 23 July 2016 and with ISAs as adopted for Luxembourg by the CSSF, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Board of Directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board of Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our report of the "Réviseur d'Entreprises agréé" to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our report of the "Réviseur d'Entreprises agréé". However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

We have been appointed as “Réviseur d’Entreprises agréé” by the Shareholders on 24 April 2019 and the duration of our uninterrupted engagement, including previous renewals and reappointments, is 10 years.

The management report is consistent with the financial statements and has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

The Corporate Governance Statement is included in the management report. The information required by Article 68ter paragraph (1) letters c] of the law of 19 December 2002 on the commercial and companies register and on the accounting records and annual accounts of undertakings, as amended, is consistent with the financial statements and has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

We confirm that the prohibited non-audit services referred to in the EU Regulation No 537/2014 were not provided and that we remained independent of the Company in conducting the audit.

We provided other assurance services in relation with the Company bonds issuance program, in addition to the statutory audit.

Luxembourg, 2 April 2020

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3. Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2019

Nestlé Finance International Ltd. (“NFI”)

(Société Anonyme)

Financial Statements

(Audited)

1 January – 31 December 2019

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2019

In thousands of Euro	Notes	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	(4)	282 269	103 334
Derivative assets	(3/4)	37 142	32 649
Loans and advances to Nestlé Group companies	(4)	2 063 221	855 253
Current tax assets	(4)	3 001	1 691
Other assets	(4/5)	572	433
Total current assets		2 386 205	993 360
Non-current assets			
Loans and advances to Nestlé Group companies	(4)	8 855 040	10 306 847
Deferred tax assets		12 993	17 442
Property, plant and equipment		1	1
Total non-current assets		8 868 034	10 324 290
Total assets		11 254 239	11 317 650
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Bank overdrafts	(4)	3 223	-
Derivative liabilities	(3/4)	12 928	14 727
Loans and advances from Nestlé Group companies	(4)	3 174 714	1 706 949
Debt securities issued	(4/7)	2 845 420	4 149 266
Other liabilities	(4/5)	303 189	80 483
Total current liabilities		6 339 474	5 951 425
Non-current liabilities			
Debt securities issued	(4/7)	4 821 172	5 285 817
Total non-current liabilities		4 821 172	5 285 817
Total liabilities		11 160 646	11 237 242
Equity			
Share capital	(6)	440	440
Share premium and other premiums	(6)	102 000	102 000
Hedging reserve	(6)	477	317
Legal reserve	(6)	44	44
Other reserve	(6)	4 955	4 955
Retained earnings		-14 323	-27 348
Total equity attributable to shareholders of the company		93 593	80 408
Total liabilities and equity		11 254 239	11 317 650

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements

Income statement for the year ended 31 December 2019

In thousands of Euro	Notes	Year 2019	Year 2018
Interest income		177 718	149 772
Interest expense		-76 715	-85 222
Net interest income	(2)	101 003	64 550
Fee and commission income		-	40 378
Fee and commission expense		-263 161	-115 642
Net fee and commission expense from Nestlé Group companies	(2)	-263 161	-75 264
Financial expense	(2)	-2 870	-9 919
Other operating income / (expense)	(2)	189 545	-39 699
Operating profit / (loss)		24 517	-60 332
Administration expense		-1 233	-1 175
Profit / (loss) before tax		23 284	-61 507
Taxes	(2)	-10 259	11 904
Profit / (loss) for the year attributable to shareholders of the company		13 025	-49 603

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Other comprehensive (loss) / income for the year ended 31 December 2019

In thousands of Euro	Year 2019	Year 2018
Profit / (Loss) for the year recognised in the income statement	13 025	-49 603
Adjustments on cost of hedge reserve Recognised in hedging reserve	160	305
Items that are or may be reclassified subsequently to the income statement	160	305
Other comprehensive income for the year	160	305
Total comprehensive income / (loss) for the year attributable to shareholders of the company	<u>13 185</u> 13 185	<u>-49 298</u> -49 298

Statement of changes in equity for the year ended 31 December 2019

In thousands of Euro	Notes	Share capital	Share premium and other premiums	Hedging reserve	Available-for-sale reserve	Legal reserve	Other reserve	Retained earnings	Total equity attributable to shareholders of the company
Equity as at 31 December 2017		440	52 000	12	-	44	2 962	24 248	79 706
Gains and losses									
Loss for the year		-	-	-	-	-	-	-49 603	-49 603
Adjustments on cost of hedge reserve	(6)	-	-	305	-	-	-	-	305
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	-	305	-	-	-	-49 603	-49 298
Transactions with the owner of the NFI									
Increase of share premium and other premiums	(6)	-	50 000	-	-	-	-	-	50 000
Transfer to reserves									
Net transfers to net wealth tax reserves	(6)	-	-	-	-	-	1 993	-1 993	-
Total transfer to other reserve		-	-	-	-	-	1 993	-1 993	-
Equity as at 31 December 2018		440	102 000	317	-	44	4 955	-27 348	80 408
Gains and losses									
Loss for the year		-	-	-	-	-	-	13 025	13 025
Adjustments on cost of hedge reserve	(6)	-	-	160	-	-	-	-	160
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	-	160	-	-	-	13 025	13 185
Equity as at 31 December 2019		440	102 000	477	-	44	4 955	-14 323	93 593

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements

Cash flow statement for the year ended 31 December 2019

In thousands of Euro	Notes	Year 2019	Year 2018
Cash flows from operating activities:			
(Loss) / Profit before taxation for the year		23 284	-61 507
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation		-	3
Foreign exchange gain for loans, debt securities and derivatives		-78 843	-37 305
Fair value of debt securities		6 419	-6 380
Interest income	(2)	-177 718	-149 772
Interest expense	(2)	76 715	85 222
Change in derivative assets including those recognised directly in equity		-4 333	-3 188
Change in other assets excluding prepaid and accrued income	(5)	1 552	104
Change in derivative liabilities	(4)	-1 799	9 168
Change in other liabilities excluding accrual and deferred income	(5)	224 433	48 032
Net loans and advances to Nestlé Group companies excluding intra group interest receivable	(8)	484 423	-3 459 740
Net loans and advances from Nestlé Group companies excluding intra group interest payable	(8)	1 452 693	936 713
Commercial paper issued	(7)	53 432 850	39 982 586
Bonds repaid	(7)	-500 000	-
Commercial paper repaid	(7)	-54 854 738	-37 430 590
Interest received net of withholding tax		173 325	146 477
Interest paid		-74 663	-72 811
Income taxes paid		-1 674	-5 523
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities		181 926	-18 511
Increase in share premium and other premiums		-	50 000
Net cash from financing activities		-	50 000
Effects of the exchange rate changes on cash		-6 214	-591
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		175 712	30 898
Net cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		103 334	72 436
Net cash and cash equivalents at end of year *	(4)	<u>279 046</u>	<u>103 334</u>

*Net cash and cash equivalents include bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Company's cash management.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements

Notes

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

These financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and with the interpretations issued by the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) as adopted by the European Union as well as with the laws and regulations in force in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

The financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, unless stated otherwise.

The balance sheet has been prepared in order of liquidity.

NFI prepares its financial statements on the basis of the going concern convention. NFI's debt instruments are guaranteed by Nestlé S.A. (see Note 9 on Guarantees).

The financial statements were authorised for issuance by the Board of Directors on 2 April 2020, and are subject to approval by the Annual General Meeting on 28 April 2020.

NFI's financial year starts on the first day of January and ends on the last day in December.

Key accounting judgments, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the financial statements requires NFI's management to exercise judgment and to make estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies, reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities and disclosures. These estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

Those areas affected are mainly the determination of fair value of financial instruments (see Note 1 on Fair values, Note 3 on Derivative assets and liabilities, Note 4 on Financial instruments and Note 7 on Debt securities).

Foreign currencies

The functional currency of NFI is the currency of its primary economic environment which is the Euro, which is also the presentation currency.

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate of exchange at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated at year-end rates. Any resulting exchange differences are taken to the income statement, except when deferred in other comprehensive (loss) / income as qualifying cash flow hedges.

Segmental information

The financing activities of NFI are managed as one single business. Thus, there is no segmental information in the financial statements.

Valuation methods, presentations and definitions

Operating income

Net interest income includes the income earned on loans with Nestlé Group companies, loans granted to third parties, income from short term deposits and financial expense on borrowings from third parties. Net interest income also includes other financial income and expense from interest rate hedging instruments that are recognised in the income statement.

Interest income or expense is recognised using the effective interest method. The 'effective interest rate' is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument to the gross carrying amount of the financial asset or the amortised cost of the financial liability.

Net fee and commission expenses are composed of the guarantee fee that is payable to Nestlé S.A. and other fees and expenses to or from Nestlé Group companies.

Other operating income includes results on foreign currency, other income or expenses from Nestlé Group companies and income or expenses on financial instruments carried at fair value through income statement.

Taxes

NFI is subject to Luxembourg tax laws and regulations.

Taxes include current taxes and deferred taxes on profit as well as actual or potential withholding taxes on current and expected transfers of income from Nestlé Group companies and tax adjustments relating to prior financial years. Income tax is recognised in the income statement, except to the extent that it relates to items directly taken to equity, in which case it is recognised against equity. The amount of current tax payable or receivable is the best estimate of the tax amount expected to be paid or received that reflects uncertainty related to income taxes, if any.

Deferred taxes are based on the temporary differences that arise when taxation authorities recognise and measure assets and liabilities with rules that differ from those of the financial statements. They also arises on temporary differences stemming from tax losses carried forward.

Deferred taxes are calculated under the liability method at the rates of tax expected to prevail when the temporary differences reverse subject to such rates are recognised in the income statement unless related to items directly recognised against equity or other comprehensive (loss) / income and reflects uncertainty related to income taxes, if any. Deferred tax liabilities are recognised on all temporary differences excluding non-deductible goodwill. Deferred tax assets are recognised on all deductible temporary differences provided that it is probable that future taxable income will be available.

Financial instruments

Financial assets

Financial assets are initially recognised at fair value plus directly attributable transaction costs. However, when a financial asset at fair value to income statement is recognised, the transaction costs are expensed immediately.

Subsequent re-measurement of financial assets is determined by their categorisation which is revisited at each reporting date.

The settlement date is used for both initial recognition and subsequent derecognition of the financial assets as these transactions are generally under contracts whose terms require delivery within the time frame established by the regulation or convention in the market place (regular-way purchase or sale).

Financial assets are derecognised (in full or in part) when substantially all NFI's rights to cash flow from the respective assets have expired or have been transferred and NFI has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

NFI classifies its financial assets into the following categories: at amortised cost and at fair value through income statement .

Financial assets at amortised cost

This category includes the following classes of financial assets: intra Nestlé Group loans, loans granted to third parties, trade and other receivables, cash and cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents include cash at bank and other short-term highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less from the acquisition date.

These financial assets provide solely the payment of interest and principal and are held with the sole objective to collect the contractual cash flow up to maturity.

Subsequent to initial measurement, these assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method less appropriate allowances for doubtful receivables.

Financial instruments at fair value through income statement

Derivative instruments are classified as financial instruments at fair value through income statement. Subsequent to initial measurement, these items are carried at fair value and all their gains and losses, realised and unrealised, are recognised in the income statement unless they are part of a hedging relationship.

NFI's derivatives mainly consist of currency forwards and interest rate swaps. Derivatives are mainly used to manage exposures to foreign exchange and interest rates.

Financial liabilities at amortised cost

Financial liabilities are initially recognised at the fair value net of transaction costs incurred.

Subsequent to initial measurement, financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost.

The difference between the initial carrying amount of the financial liabilities and their redemption value is recognised in the income statement over the contractual terms using the effective interest rate method. This category includes the following classes of financial liabilities: loans and advances from Nestlé Group companies, trade and other payables, commercial paper, bonds and other non-derivative financial liabilities. Financial liabilities at amortised cost are classified as current and non-current depending whether these are due within 12 months after the balance sheet date or beyond.

Financial liabilities are derecognised (in full or in part) when either NFI is discharged from its obligation, they expire, are cancelled, or replaced by a new liability with substantially modified terms.

Hedge accounting

NFI designates and documents the use of certain derivatives as hedging instruments against changes in fair values of recognised assets and liabilities (fair value hedges). The effectiveness of such hedges is assessed at inception and verified at regular intervals and at least on a quarterly basis to ensure that an economic relationship exists between the hedged item and the hedging instrument. NFI excludes from the designation of the hedging relationship the hedging cost element. Subsequently, this cost element impacts the income statement at the same time as the underlying hedged item.

Fair value hedges

NFI uses fair value hedges to mitigate foreign currency and interest rate risks of its recognised assets and liabilities, being financial debt.

Changes in fair values of hedging instruments designated as fair value hedges and the adjustments for the risks being hedged in the carrying amounts of the underlying transactions are recognised in the income statement.

Impairment

The credit risk management as well as the methodology, inputs and assumption for measuring the expected credit losses (ECL): Exposure, loans are granted by NFI solely to Nestlé affiliates. Probability of default, based on a range possible outcomes, being a weighted average percentage based on no historical experience of loss for default in the past and Market default probability, obtained using the Annual Global Corporate Default Study from an international recognised rating agency, based on a credit rating allocated to each counterparty using the Group's Transfer Pricing model. And Loss given default ("LGD") – The LGD has been assumed to be 60%, the industry standard for Global Corporates. Impairment losses related to Loans and advances to Nestlé Group companies are presented separately as Financial expense in the income statement.

Fair values

NFI determines the fair values of its financial instruments in the following hierarchy, based on the inputs used in their valuation:

- i) Level 1 - the fair value of financial instruments quoted in active markets is based on their quoted closing price at the balance sheet date.
- ii) Level 2 - the fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market is determined by using valuation techniques using observable market data. Such valuation techniques include discounted cash flow, standard valuation models based on market parameters, dealer quotes for similar instruments and use of comparable arm's length transactions. For example, the fair value of forward exchange contracts, currency swaps, and interest rate swaps are determined by discounting estimated future cash flow.
- iii) Level 3 - the fair value of financial instruments that are measured on the basis of entity specific valuations using inputs that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs). When the fair value of unquoted instruments cannot be measured with sufficient reliability, NFI carries such instruments at cost less impairment, if applicable.

Prepayments and accrued income

Prepayments and accrued income comprise payments made in advance relating to the following financial year and income relating to the current financial year, which will not be received until after the balance sheet date.

Accruals and deferred income

Accruals and deferred income comprise expenses relating to the current financial year, which will not be paid until after the balance sheet date and income received in advance, relating to the following financial year.

Dividend payments

In accordance with Luxembourg law and NFI's Articles of Incorporation, dividend payments are treated as an appropriation of profit in the financial year in which they are ratified at the Annual General Meeting and subsequently paid. At the meeting of the Board of Directors of NFI held on 6 November 2019, the Board did not propose any dividend payment to NFI's shareholder.

Events occurring after the balance sheet date

The values of assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date are adjusted if there is evidence that subsequent adjusting events warrant a modification of these values. These adjustments are made up to the date of approval of these financial statements by NFI's Board of Directors. Other non-adjusting events are disclosed in the Notes to the financial statements of NFI for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Nestlé S.A. consolidation

NFI is included in the consolidated financial statements of Nestlé S.A.. Nestlé S.A. is the company that is both the smallest and the largest body of undertakings that NFI forms part of. Copies of Nestlé S.A.'s consolidated financial statements are available at the registered office of Nestlé S.A., Avenue Nestlé 55 1800 Vevey, Switzerland.

Changes in accounting standards

NFI has applied as from 1 January 2019, the following new standards.

IFRIC 23 – Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments

IFRIC 23 specifies how to reflect uncertainty in accounting for the income taxes. IFRIC 23 is mandatory for the accounting period beginning on 1 January 2019. There is no impact on the measurement of taxes.

Improvements and other amendments to IFRS/IAS

A number of other existing standards have been modified on miscellaneous points with effect from 1 January 2019. None of these changes had a material effect on NFI's financial statements.

Changes in accounting standards that may affect NFI after 31 December 2019

IFRS 9, IAS 39 and IFRS 7 – Hedge accounting

In the context of the ongoing reform replacing existing benchmark interbank offered rates (IBORs) with alternative rates Accounting judgement is involved in determining whether certain hedge accounting relationship that hedge the variability of the foreign exchange and interest rate risk due to expected changes in IBORs continue to qualify for hedge accounting as at 31 December 2019. IBOR continues to be used as a reference rate in financial markets and is used in the valuation of instruments with maturities that exceed the expected end date for IBOR. Therefore, NFI believes the current market structure supports the continuation of hedge accounting as at 31 December 2019 and to not have a material effect. The standard is applicable on the 1 January 2020. NFI has decided to not early adopt it.

There are no other standards that are not yet effective and that would be expected to have a material impact on NFI in the current or future reporting periods.

2. Operating income and taxes

Net interest income:

In thousands of Euro	Year 2019	Year 2018
Interest income from:		
Short term investments	658	718
Loans and advances to Nestlé Group companies	177 060	149 054
Interest income	177 718	149 772
Interest expense from:		
Loans and advances from Nestlé Group companies	-9 116	-3 612
Debt securities issued	-67 599	-81 610
Interest expense	-76 715	-85 222
Net interest income	101 003	64 550

Financial expense:

In thousands of Euro	Year 2019	Year 2018
Expected credit loss on financial assets	-2 870	-9 919
Financial expense	-2 870	-9 919

Other operating income / (expense):

In thousands of Euro	Year 2019	Year 2018
Net foreign exchange gain / (expense)	189 274	-39 669
Net gain / (loss) in fair value through income statement	271	-30
Other operating income / (expense)	189 545	-39 699

The variation of the Net foreign exchange expense is mainly due to the fluctuation of the currencies USD, GBP, RUB and MXN.

Taxes:

In thousands of Euro	Year 2019	Year 2018
Net wealth tax	-364	-
Tax adjustment prior year	-	11
Withholding tax on interest received	-5 446	-5 549
Deferred tax (decrease) / increase	-4 449	17 442
Total tax (expense) / gain	-10 259	11 904

In thousands of Euro	Year 2019	Year 2018
Profit / (Loss) for the year	13 025	-49 603
Total tax income / (expense)	-10 259	11 904
Profit / (Loss) before tax	23 284	-61 507
Withholding tax on interest received	-5 446	-5 549
Profit / (Loss) before corporate income tax and after withholding tax	17 838	-67 056
Tax using NFI's domestic tax rate 24,94% (2018: 26,01%)	-4 449	17 442
Net wealth tax	-364	-
Tax adjustment prior year	-	11
Withholding tax on interest received	-5 446	-5 549
Total tax (expense) / income	-10 259	11 904

There are no unrecognised deferred tax assets, deferred tax liabilities or tax losses carried forward.

Fees charged by KPMG Luxembourg, Société coopérative, and other member firms of the KPMG network during the year ended December 31 were as follows

In thousands of Euro	Year 2019	Year 2018
Legal annual audit fees	-42	-51
Fees for other assurance services	-20	-20
Fees charged by KPMG network	-62	-71

3. Derivative assets and liabilities

By type

In thousands of Euro	Contractual or notional amounts		Fair value assets		Fair value liabilities	
	31 December 2019	31 December 2018	31 December 2019	31 December 2018	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Fair value hedges						
Currency forwards and swaps	2 118 983	3 150 359	7 134	10 831	12 928	14 727
Interest rate swaps	843 731	820 245	30 008	21 817	-	-
Total	2 962 714	3 970 604	37 142	32 648	12 928	14 727
Conditional offsets *						
Derivative assets and liabilities			-5 523	-4 158	-5 523	-4 158
Balances after conditional offsets			31 619	28 490	7 405	10 569

* Represent amounts that would be offset in case of default, insolvency or bankruptcy of the counterparties

Impact on the income statement (net interest income) of fair value hedges

In thousands of Euro	Year 2019	Year 2018
On hedged items	-109 405	-94 477
On hedging instruments	110 390	95 156

4. Financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities

By class

In thousands of Euro	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Cash and cash equivalents	282 269	103 334
Derivative assets	37 142	32 649
Loans and advances to Nestlé Group companies	10 918 261	11 162 100
Current tax assets	3 001	1 691
Other financial assets (a)	572	433
Total financial assets	11 241 245	11 300 207
Bank overdrafts	3 223	-
Derivative liabilities	12 928	14 727
Loans and advances from Nestlé Group companies	3 174 714	1 706 949
Debt securities issued	7 666 592	9 435 083
Other financial liabilities (a)	303 189	80 483
Total financial liabilities	11 160 646	11 237 242
Net financial position	80 599	62 965

(a) Refer to Note 5.

By category

In thousands of Euro	31 December 2019			31 December 2018		
	At amortised cost (a)	At fair value to income statement	Total categories	At amortised cost (a)	At fair value to income statement	Total categories
Classes						
Cash at bank and in hand (a)	79 618	-	79 618	33 808	-	33 808
Time deposit (a)	202 651	-	202 651	69 526	-	69 526
Loans and receivables (a)	10 921 834	-	10 921 834	11 164 224	-	11 164 224
Liquid assets and non-current financial assets	11 204 103	-	11 204 103	11 267 558	-	11 267 558
Derivative assets	-	37 142	37 142	-	32 649	32 649
Total financial assets	11 204 103	37 142	11 241 245	11 267 558	32 649	11 300 207
Loans and payables (a)	3 477 903	-	3 477 903	1 787 432	-	1 787 432
Financial debt (b)	7 669 815	-	7 669 815	7 511 233	-	7 511 233
Derivative liabilities	-	12 928	12 928	-	14 727	14 727
Total financial liabilities	11 147 718	12 928	11 160 646	9 298 665	14 727	9 313 392
Net financial position	56 385	24 214	80 599	1 968 893	17 922	1 986 815

(a) Carrying amount of these instruments is a reasonable approximation of their fair value based on observable market data.

(b) Financial debt includes Bonds (see Note 7), Commercial paper and bank overdrafts

Fair value hierarchy of financial instruments

In thousands of Euro	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Derivative assets	37 142	32 649
Derivative liabilities	-12 928	-14 727
Valuation techniques based on observable market data (Level 2)	24 214	17 922
Total financial instruments at fair value	24 214	17 922

There have been no significant transfers between the different hierarchy levels in 2019. There were no financial instruments within the category Level 3 (valuation techniques based on unobservable input). All financial instruments are within Level 2 category, except the bonds which are Level 1 (prices quoted in active markets). These are included in these financial statements for disclosure purposes only, see Note 7.

Contractual maturities of financial liabilities and derivatives

In thousands of Euro		Contractual amount*					Contractual amount *	Carrying amount
		three months or less	fourth to twelfth month	in the second year	in the third to fifth year	beyond the fifth year		
2019	Loans and advances from Nestlé Group companies	3 174 714	-	-	-	-	3 174 714	3 174 714
	Commercial paper	2 137 475	212 922	-	-	-	2 350 397	2 345 501
	Bonds	1 875	572 296	1 067 921	2 435 323	1 717 500	5 794 915	5 321 090
	Debt securities issued	2 139 350	785 218	1 067 921	2 435 323	1 717 500	8 145 312	7 666 591
	Bank overdrafts, tax and other liabilities	306 412	-	-	-	-	306 412	306 412
	Gross amount receivable from currency derivatives	1 950 680	168 303	-	-	-	2 118 983	2 114 439
	Gross amount payable from currency derivatives	-1 953 211	-166 119	-	-	-	-2 119 330	-2 120 234
	Non currency derivative	-	8 598	8 765	13 017	-	30 380	30 009
	Net derivatives	-2 531	10 782	8 765	13 017	-	30 033	24 214

In thousands of Euro		Contractual amount*					Contractual amount *	Carrying amount
		three months or less	fourth to twelfth month	in the second year	in the third to fifth year	beyond the fifth year		
2018	Loans and advances from Nestlé Group companies	1 706 949	-	-	-	-	1 706 949	1 706 949
	Commercial paper	3 101 650	558 206	-	-	-	3 659 856	3 649 554
	Bonds	1 875	579 268	573 643	2 953 799	2 241 875	6 350 460	5 785 529
	Debt securities issued	3 103 525	1 137 474	573 643	2 953 799	2 241 875	10 010 316	9 435 083
	Bank overdrafts, tax and other liabilities	80 483	-	-	-	-	80 483	80 483
	Gross amount receivable from currency derivatives	2 597 397	552 962	-	-	-	3 150 359	3 139 841
	Gross amount payable from currency derivatives	-2 593 327	-549 189	-	-	-	-3 142 516	-3 143 737
	Non currency derivative	-	6 668	5 514	10 182	-	22 364	21 818
	Net derivatives	4 070	10 441	5 514	10 182	-	30 207	17 922

* Future cash flow arising from interest on these loans for Loans and advances from Nestlé Group companies are not included. In 2019, interest rates on these loans range are renewed every 6 months from cost of fund with a margin from 7 to 20bps (2018: 7 to 16bps).

5. Other assets and liabilities

In thousands of Euro	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Other financial assets:		
Other receivables	572	433
Total other assets	572	433
Other financial liabilities:		
Intra Nestlé Group other payables	280 616	54 620
Other payables	1 340	1 213
Accruals and deferred income	21 233	24 650
Total other liabilities	303 189	80 483

6. Share capital, share premium and other reserves:

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Number of shares of nominal value EUR 2 each	220 000	220 000
In thousands of Euro	440	440

Share capital is set at EUR 440 000 represented by 220 000 shares with a nominal value of EUR 2 each and is authorised, issued and fully paid.

On 20 December 2018, by a written resolution of the shareholder, EUR 50 million was paid in cash to the Company and was contributed to the capital reserves without the issue of shares. The contribution was allocated to share premium. As at 31 December 2018 the share premium is EUR 102 million.

Under Luxembourg law, NFI is allowed to deduct part of the net wealth tax from the corporate income tax of the same year, provided that a reserve is created corresponding to five times the net wealth tax deducted and that this reserve is maintained for a period of five tax years following the year of deduction.

At the General meeting of the Shareholders of NFI held on 20 December 2018 (amendment of the Annual General meeting held on the 25 April 2018), NFI decided to deduct from retained earnings EUR 398.5 thousand (related to 2018 net wealth tax) from the corporate income tax, resulting in an allocation to a net wealth tax reserve 2018 of EUR 1 992.6 thousand.

As at 31 December 2019 the net wealth tax reserve is EUR 3 630 thousand (2018: EUR 3 630 thousand) of which EUR 996 thousand (2018: EUR 455 thousand) is distributable to the shareholder.

The movements in other reserve for the period ended 31 December 2019 were as follows:

In thousands of Euro	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Opening Balance	4 955	2 962
Substraction / Addition	-	1 993
Closing Balance	4 955	4 955

Under Luxembourg law, NFI is required to appropriate annually at least 5% of its statutory net profit to a non-distributable legal reserve until the aggregate reserve reaches 10% of the subscribed capital. The reserve is fully constituted for EUR 44 thousand.

As at 31 December 2019 and as at 31 December 2018, the hedging cost reserve associated with the fair value hedges is not material.

7. Debt securities:

Bonds

The outstanding amounts of bonds at 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018 were as follows:

In thousands of Euro	Interest rates		Year of issue/maturity	Comments	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
	Nominal	Effective				
Face value						
EUR 850.000 1,75 percent	1.75%	1.89%	2012-2022		846 802	845 657
EUR 500.000 1,25 percent	1.25%	1.30%	2013-2020		499 919	499 681
EUR 500.000 1,50 percent	1.50%	1.60%	2012-2019		-	499 712
EUR 500.000 2,13 percent	2.13%	2.20%	2013-2021		499 359	498 992
EUR 500.000 0,75 percent	0.75%	0.89%	2014-2021		498 629	497 899
EUR 500.000 0,75 percent	0.75%	0.92%	2015-2023	(b)	507 460	505 225
EUR 500.000 0,38 percent	0.38%	0.54%	2017-2024		496 661	495 847
EUR 750.000 1,25 percent	1.25%	1.31%	2017-2029		745 306	744 862
EUR 750.000 1,75 percent	1.75%	1.82%	2017-2037		741 360	740 954
GBP 400.000 2,25 percent	2.25%	2.34%	2012-2023	(a)	485 595	456 700
Total					5 321 091	5 785 529
of which due in twelve months					499 919	499 712
of which due in the second year					997 988	499 681
of which due between three to five years					2 336 518	2 804 473
of which due after five years					1 486 666	1 981 663

(a) Subject to an interest rate swap

(b) Out of which EUR 375 million is subject to an interest rate swap (2018: EUR 375 million)

The fair value of bonds, based on prices quoted in active markets, amounts to EUR 5 653 053 thousand (2018: EUR 5 946 237 thousand). These bonds are admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market.

Some bonds are hedged by interest rate derivatives. The fair value of these derivatives is included within derivative assets for EUR 30 008 thousand (2018: EUR 21 817 thousand).

Issue of bonds:

No bonds were issued in 2019 (2018: none).

Repayment of Bonds:

One series of bonds was repaid at maturity during the financial year ended 31 December 2019 for EUR 500 000 thousand (2018:none).

Commercial Paper

The outstanding amounts of commercial paper at 31 December 2019 were as follows:

In thousands of Euro	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Commercial paper	2 345 501	3 649 554
of which due within twelve months	2 345 501	3 649 554

Carrying amount of these instruments is a reasonable approximation of their fair value based on observable market data.

8. Transactions with related parties

Financing of the Nestlé Group companies

The principal business activity of NFI is the financing of companies directly or indirectly controlled by Nestlé S.A. This financing represents the majority of the transactions with related parties in quantity and in amounts. There is no experience of loss for credit default resulting from this activity, NFI assesses the impairment risk in Note 1. The majority loans are done for a period of 3 years and have no guarantee. In 2019, interest rates on these loans are mainly ranged from Euribor or Libor 1 month to 6 months with a margin from 5 to 513bps (2018: 5 to 513bps). The ratings from an international recognised rating agency of these related companies range from C to AA-.

The transactions with Nestlé Group companies are based on arm's length prices. All outstanding balances with these related parties are to be settled in cash.

The balances of transactions with related parties at the financial year ended 31 December 2019 are given below:

In thousands of Euro	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Assets		
Derivatives assets to Nestlé Group companies	30 008	21 817
Loans and advances to Nestlé Group companies excluding accrued interest	10 894 762	11 137 548
Accrued interest on loans to Nestlé Group companies	23 499	24 552
Total	10 948 269	11 183 917
Liabilities		
Loans and advances from Nestlé Group companies excluding accrued interest	3 174 657	1 706 949
Accrued interest on loans from Nestlé Group companies	57	-
Others payables to Nestlé Group companies	280 616	54 620
Total	3 455 330	1 761 569
Net assets	7 492 939	9 422 348

Grant, receipt and repayments of loans for the financial year ended 31 December 2019 were as follows:

In thousands of Euro	Year 2019	Year 2018
Loans granted to Nestlé Group companies excluding accrued interest	425 260	20 717 425
Repayment of loans by Nestlé Group companies excluding accrued interest	-909 683	-17 257 685
Net loans and advances repaid by Nestlé Group companies	-484 423	3 459 740
Loans received from Nestlé Group companies excluding accrued interest	17 823 021	1 061 122
Repayment of loans to Nestlé Group companies excluding accrued interest	-16 370 328	-124 409
Net loans and advances repaid to Nestlé Group companies	1 452 693	936 713

The transactions included in the above tables and in note 2 and note 6 are transactions made between the parent company, Nestlé S.A., and NFI. These are detailed in the table below:

In thousands of Euro	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Receivable from Nestlé S.A.	-	40 378
Payables to Nestlé S.A.	-280 564	-94 942

In thousands of Euro	Year 2019	Year 2018
Other financial income from Nestlé S.A.	-	40 378
Other financial expenses to Nestlé S.A.	-262 930	-115 642

In thousands of Euro	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Increase in share premium and other premiums by Nestlé S.A.	-	50 000

9. Guarantees

Nestlé S.A. is the guarantor of NFI in respect of all debt securities issued for both the short and long term. The issuance programmes and guarantees applicable to NFI are: EUR 8 billion Global Commercial Paper Programme, EUR 2 billion Billets de Trésorerie French Commercial Paper Programme and Euro Medium Term Note (EMTN) Debt Issuance Programme.

NFI itself has not provided any guarantees in favour of third parties.

10. Risk and uncertainties

NFI is exposed to certain risks and uncertainties that could have a material adverse impact on its financial condition and operating results:

Capital Risk

NFI's capital management is driven by the level of the loan granted and the level of the risk on the loan granted. The Board of Directors seeks to maintain a prudent balance between the risk and the capital.

Concentrations of Risk

The majority of NFI's assets represent receivables from other Nestlé Group companies. This situation is reflected in the assessment of risk of default and the measurement of the allowance for expected credit loss. The risks are concentrated to Nestlé affiliated given the purpose of the Company, with primary exposure in EUR and GBP and 22 countries.

Banking Credit

In its financing activities, NFI deals with many banks and financial institutions and thus is exposed to a risk of loss in the event of non-performance by the counterparties to financial instruments. While NFI seeks to limit such risk by dealing with counterparties which have high credit ratings (above BBB+), NFI cannot give any assurance that counterparties will fulfill their obligations, failure of which could materially affect NFI's financial position.

Credit Risk

Credit risk refers to the risk that an internal or external counterparty will default on its contractual obligations resulting in financial loss to the company. The amount recognised (Note 3 and 4) in the balance sheet of NFI for financial assets (Note 8 for the loans and advances to Nestlé affiliates) is the maximum credit risk in the case that counterparties are unable to fulfil their contractual obligations. In the case of derivative financial instruments, NFI is also exposed to credit risk, which results from the non-performance of contractual agreements on the part of the counterparty.

NFI aims to minimise the credit risk of liquid assets, non-current financial assets and derivative assets through the application of the Nestlé Group risk management policies. Credit limits are set based on each counterparty's size and risk of default. The methodology used to set the credit limit considers the counterparty's balance sheet, credit ratings, risk ratios and default probabilities. Counterparties are monitored regularly, taking into consideration the evolution of the above parameters, as well as their share prices and credit default swaps. As a result of this review, changes on credit limits and risk allocation are carried out. NFI avoids the concentration of credit risk on its liquid assets by spreading them over several institutions and sectors.

Issuances of debt instruments by NFI benefit from a guarantee given by Nestlé S.A. all international recognised rating agencies which rates the credit of Nestlé S.A. and its affiliates, including NFI, may qualify or alter such rating at any time. Downgrades or placement on review for possible downgrades could harm the Nestlé Group's, including NFI's, ability to obtain financing or increase its financing costs and could have

a material adverse effect on the price of debt instruments issued by NFI and thereby significantly affect NFI's financial position.

As at the balance sheet date, NFI has impaired some loans and advances to Nestlé affiliates based on ECL calculation (Note1), no other financial assets were impaired.

Market risk

NFI is exposed to risk from movements in foreign currency exchange rates, interest rates and market prices that affect its assets, liabilities and anticipated future transactions.

Currency Fluctuations

NFI is subject to some currency fluctuations, both in terms of its trading activities and the translation of its financial statements; while NFI uses short-term hedging for trading activities, NFI does not believe that it is appropriate or practicable to hedge long-term translation exposure. NFI does, however, seek some mitigation of such translation exposure by relating the currencies of trading cash flow to those of its debt by using broadly similar interest and currency swap contracts. If NFI experiences significant currency fluctuations or is unable to use similar interest and currency swap contracts effectively, then NFI's financial condition could be adversely affected.

In thousands of Euro	31 December 2019				31 December 2018			
	EUR	USD	GBP	others	EUR	USD	GBP	others
Cash and cash equivalents	228 552	53 028	-	689	53 769	294	48 712	559
Derivative assets	10 893	7 127	19 115	7	-	10 832	21 817	-
Loans and advances to Nestlé Group companies	5 623 414	734 934	3 634 816	925 097	5 936 998	787 842	3 432 877	1 004 383
Current tax assets	3 001	-	-	-	1 691	-	-	-
Other financial assets	572	-	-	-	433	-	-	-
Total financial assets	5 866 432	795 089	3 653 931	925 793	5 992 891	798 968	3 503 406	1 004 942
Bank overdrafts	-	-	3 223	-	-	-	-	-
Derivative liabilities	-	12 921	-	7	-	9 853	4 874	-
Loans and advances from Nestlé Group companies	2 329 048	534 494	311 172	-	1 133 792	233 593	339 564	-
Debt securities issued	5 045 508	2 135 488	485 595	-	5 728 857	3 249 526	456 700	-
Other financial liabilities	303 189	-	-	-	80 483	-	-	-
Total financial liabilities	7 677 745	2 682 903	799 990	7	6 943 132	3 492 972	801 138	-
Net financial position	-1 811 313	-1 887 814	2 853 941	925 786	-950 241	-2 694 004	2 702 268	1 004 942

EUR per		Year ending rates	
		2019	2018
1 US Dollar	USD	1.121	1.144
1 Pound Sterling	GBP	0.853	0.898

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk refers to potential changes of value in financial assets, liabilities or derivatives in response to fluctuations in interest rates. NFI holds a substantial volume of interest rate sensitive financial assets, liabilities and derivatives for operational, financing and investment activities. Changes in interest rates can have an adverse effect on the financial position and operating results of NFI. In order to mitigate the impact of interest rate risk, Nestlé S.A. continually assesses the exposure of the Nestlé Group, including NFI, to this risk. Interest rate risk is managed and hedged through the use of derivative financial instruments, such as interest rate swaps, interest rate and currency swaps and forward rate agreements. When deemed appropriate, there might be unhedged positions.

NFI determines the existence of an economic relationship between the hedging instrument and hedged item based on the reference interest rates, tenors, repricing dates and maturities and the notional or par amounts.

Taking into account the impact of interest derivatives, the proportion of financial debt subject to fixed interest rates for a period longer than one year represents 84% (2018: 86%).

Value at Risk (“VaR”)

Description of the method

The VaR is a single measure to assess market risk. The VaR estimates the size of losses given current positions and possible changes in financial markets. NFI uses simulation to calculate VaR based on the historic data for a 261 days period.

The VaR calculation is based on a 95% confidence level and, accordingly, does not take into account losses that might occur beyond this level of confidence. The VaR is calculated on the basis of unhedged exposures outstanding at the close of business and does not necessarily reflect intra-day exposures.

Objective of the method

NFI uses the described VaR analysis to estimate the potential one-day loss in the fair value of its financial instruments. NFI cannot predict the actual future movements in market rates, therefore, the below VaR numbers neither represent actual losses nor consider the effects of favorable movements in underlying variables. Accordingly, these VaR numbers may only be considered indicative of future movements to the extent the historic market patterns repeat in the future.

VaR figures

The VaR computation includes NFI’s financial assets and liabilities that are subject to foreign currency and interest rate risk.

The estimated potential one-day loss from NFI’s foreign currency and interest rate risk sensitive instruments, as calculated using the above described historic VaR model, is as follows:

In thousands of Euro	Year 2019	Year 2018
Foreign currency	20 141	-18 800
Interest rate	-197	-115
Foreign currency and interest rate combined	20 163	-20 256

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that a company may encounter difficulties in meeting its obligations associated with financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or other financial assets.

NFI raises finance by the issuance of term debt instruments, principally in the capital markets.

NFI has ample market access including short term and medium term debt capital markets, enjoying the benefit of issuance with a Nestlé S.A. AA rated guarantee. NFI can access the Nestlé Group liquidity support in place for Nestlé S.A. amounting to EUR 11 billion equivalent if there ever be an emergency

Therefore, NFI depends on broad access to these capital markets and investors. Changes in demand for term debt instruments on capital markets could limit the ability of NFI to fund other members of the Nestlé Group.

NFI depends on the willingness of banks to provide credit lines or loans. Due to structural changes in the banking business, the willingness of banks to provide credit lines and loans has declined over the past years. In order to reduce and minimise the dependence on banks, NFI has taken measures to maintain its access to the capital markets. For the cashflow analysis please refer to Note 4 Financial instruments.

Risk of an increase in cost of capital

NFI's capital management is driven by the impact on shareholders of the level of total capital employed. It is NFI's policy to maintain a sound capital base to support the continued development of its business. However, increases in the cost of borrowing could negatively affect the operating results of NFI. Increases in borrowing costs could arise from changes in demand for term debt instruments in the capital markets, the removal of the unconditional and irrevocable guarantee of Nestlé S.A. and a decreasing willingness of banks to provide credit lines and loans.

Treasury operations

In the course of its business, the Nestlé Group, including NFI, has substantial assets under management. Although the Nestlé Group has implemented risk management methods, including approved guidelines and financial policies to mitigate and control such risks, as a result of holding such assets, it is exposed to default risk, interest rate risk, foreign exchange risk and credit spreads. Returns on such assets may also be affected by limited exposure to yield enhancing absolute return funds. In addition, adverse changes in the credit quality of counterparties or a general deterioration in economic conditions or arising from systemic risks in the financial systems could affect the value of those assets and thereby materially affect NFI's financial position.

11. Directors

The Board of Directors of NFI comprises five Directors. The Directors do not receive any remuneration for their mandate.

12. Staff

In Luxembourg NFI employed on average one part-time employee and three full-time employees during 2019 (one part-time employee and four full-time employees during 2018). All of these employees provide treasury and accounting services.

13. Events after the balance sheet date

On 11 March 2020, the World Health Organization declared the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak to be a pandemic in recognition of its rapid spread across the globe, with over 150 countries now affected. Many governments are taking increasingly stringent steps to help contain or delay the spread of the virus. Currently, there is a significant increase in economic uncertainty which is, for example, evidenced by more volatile asset prices and currency exchange rates.

For the Company's 31 December 2019 financial statements, the Coronavirus outbreak and the related impacts are considered non-adjusting events. Consequently, there is no impact on the recognition and measurement of assets and liabilities. Due to the uncertainty of the outcome of the current events, the Company cannot reasonably estimate the impact these events will have on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows in the future.

On 1 April 2020 the Company issued a dual tranche bond totaling EUR 2 000 million, composed of EUR 1 000 million with 6 years of maturity and EUR 1 000 million with 10 years of maturity.

4. Responsibility Statement

Martin Huber, Director, Patrick Yot, Director, Bob Calmes, Director, Laurent Schummer, Director, Bruno Chazard, Director and Steve Flammang, Chief Accountant confirm that to the best of their knowledge:

- (a) the financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the European Union, give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of NFI; and
- (b) the management report includes a fair review of the development and performance of the business and the position of NFI, together with a description of the principal risks and uncertainties that it faces.

2 April 2020