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Nordecon group at a glance

Nordecon AS (previous names AS Eesti Ehitus and Nordecon International AS) began operating as a construction company in 1989. Since then, we have grown to become one of the leading construction groups in Estonia and a strong player in all segments of the construction market.

For years, our business strategy has been underpinned by a consistent focus on general contracting and project management and a policy of maintaining a reasonable balance between building and infrastructure construction. Our core business is supported by road maintenance, concrete works and other services that provide added value, improve our operating efficiency and help manage risks.

Nordecon's specialists offer high-quality integrated solutions in the construction of commercial, residential, industrial and public buildings as well as infrastructure – roads, utility networks and port facilities. In addition, we are involved in the construction of concrete structures, leasing out heavy construction equipment, and road maintenance.

Besides Estonia, group entities operate in Finland, Sweden and Ukraine.

Nordecon AS is a member of the Estonian Association of Construction Entrepreneurs and the Estonian Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Nordecon AS has developed and implemented a quality management system that complies with ISO 9001, an environmental management system that complies with ISO 14001 and an occupational safety management system that complies with ISO 45001. Compliance with the standards has been certified by DNV.

Nordecon AS's shares have been listed on the Nasdaq Tallinn Stock Exchange since 18 May 2006.

VISION

To be the preferred partner in the construction industry for customers, subcontractors and employees.

MISSION

To offer customers sustainable building and infrastructure construction solutions that meet their needs and fit their budget and thus help them maintain and increase the value of their assets.

SHARED VALUES

Professionalism

As industry professionals, we apply appropriate construction techniques and technologies and observe generally accepted quality standards. Our people are results-oriented and go-ahead, and successfully combine their extensive industry experience with the opportunities provided by innovation.

Reliability

We are reliable partners – we always keep our promises. Together we can overcome any construction challenge and achieve the best possible results. We act openly, transparently and consistent with the best practices of the construction industry.

Teamwork

We value balanced teamwork and create the best possible environment for sharing knowledge and experience. We notice and recognise each employee's contribution and initiative.

Sustainability

We uphold responsibility and sustainability in the construction sector and contribute to the achievement of the sustainable development goals supported by society both through our own activities and in cooperation with other market participants.

Directors' report

Strategic agenda for 2023–2027

Business lines and markets

- The group will grow, mostly organically, with a focus on efficient use of resources.
- In Estonia, we will operate in the building and infrastructure construction as well as housing development segments.
- In foreign markets (Finland, Sweden and Ukraine), we will compete as a general contractor and a provider of concrete works.

Activities for implementing the strategy

- We will provide our people with a modern and inspiring work environment and a motivation system that fosters collaboration and initiative.
- We will improve our profitability by planning and managing our design and construction operations more precisely.
- We will streamline our work and decision-making processes by implementing modern digital solutions.
- We will maintain the order books of our different operating segments in balance.
- We will set our sustainable development goals and adopt an action plan to achieve them.

Financial targets

- Revenue will grow by at least 5% per year.
- Operating margin for the year will be consistently above 3%.
- Operating profit per employee will increase to at least €10 thousand per year.
- We will deliver a strong dividend yield for Nordecon's shareholders.

Outlooks of the group's geographical markets

Estonia

Processes and developments characterising the Estonian construction market:

- The Estonian construction market has seen rapid change and continues to be strongly influenced by public spending. According to Statistics Estonia, the construction price index increased by 17.8% in 2022 and has continued rising in 2023. After a brief decline in the second quarter, construction prices resumed growth. In the third quarter, the construction price index increased by 0.3% quarter on quarter and by 3.2% year on year, primarily driven by labour cost inflation. The surge in input prices will reduce public investment in 2023 because construction projects that have been planned can no longer be funded with the planned resources. While the Centre for Defence Investment has increased investment due to the current security situation, the Transport Administration has made significant cutbacks in its investment plans. This is putting strong pressure on companies operating in the infrastructure and asphalt concrete production segments, where market supply is already significantly outstripping demand. Procurements for the Rail Baltica project are expected to increase, which should partly offset the sharp decline in the road construction and rehabilitation work procured by the Transport Administration. Against the backdrop of a general economic downturn, it is expected that the construction market will contract in 2023.
- Decelerating economic activity and declining construction volumes have intensified competition in both building and infrastructure construction. Growth in materials and energy costs, which was triggered by the sanctions imposed on Russia and Belarus, is fuelling a price increase. However, the most significant factor in 2023 is the fall in investment confidence in an environment of high inflation and interest rate spikes. At the same time, labour costs have been growing rapidly, putting upward pressure on construction prices against the backdrop of falling demand. It is clear that the price increase is not temporary. Soaring prices have weakened demand and some investments which have a business plan that cannot be realised need to be deferred or significantly adjusted. It is difficult to forecast how the situation will affect the demand for construction services in the long term, but in the short term demand will continue to decline.
- There is often a striking contrast between the stringent terms of public construction contracts, which impose numerous obligations, strict sanctions, different financial guarantee commitments, etc., and the modest eligibility criteria. While lenient qualification requirements and the precondition of making a low bid have made it relatively easy for an increasing number of builders to win a contract, they have also heightened the financial, completion delay and quality risks taken by customers during the contract performance and the subsequent warranty period.
- The shortage of skilled and qualified labour (incl. project and site managers) has not decreased in the long-term perspective and the sector continues to need additional competent professionals, including foreign labour whose contribution has supported recent years' market growth.

Ukraine

In Ukraine, we are mainly involved in general contracting and project management in the segment of building construction. In addition, we have investments in two real estate projects located in Ukraine. Due to the military conflict between Russia and Ukraine as well as uncertainty about the time when it will end, it is not possible to estimate how the situation in the Ukrainian economy and construction market will evolve in 2023.

Finland

In Finland, we have been offering mainly subcontracting services in the concrete work segment. The local concrete work market allows competing for projects where the customer wishes to source all concrete works from one reliable partner. In recent years, we have also secured some smaller contracts as a general contractor. Our policy is to maintain a rational approach and avoid taking excessive risks.



Sweden

In the Swedish market, we offer mainly the construction of residential and non-residential buildings and operate primarily in the central part of the country. Rapid inflation and interest rate spikes have weakened demand in the Swedish construction market. Construction volumes are expected to decrease in 2023, particularly in the segment of housing construction. In a challenging market environment, we will focus on finding new opportunities while critically assessing potential risks.

Description of the main risks

Business risks

The main factors which affect the group's business volumes and profit margins are competition in the construction market and changes in the demand for construction services. The demand for construction services continues to be strongly influenced by the volume of public investment, particularly in the infrastructure segment.

Bid prices are under strong competitive pressure in both the infrastructure and the building construction segment, and bidders increasingly include not only rival general contractors but also former subcontractors. This is mainly attributable to the central and local governments' policy to keep the eligibility requirements for public contracts low. As a result, quality and timely completion are sometimes sacrificed to the lowest price. We acknowledge the risks involved in performing contracts signed in an environment of stiff competition and the current economic uncertainty. In setting prices in such an environment, we strive to ensure a reasonable balance between contract performance risks and tight cost control.

Our action plan foresees flexible resource allocation aimed at finding more profitable contracts and performing them effectively. According to our business model, Nordecon operates in all segments of the construction market. Therefore, we are somewhat better positioned than companies that operate in only one narrow segment.

The group's business is influenced by seasonal changes in weather conditions, which have the strongest impact on infrastructure construction, where a lot of work is done outdoors (road construction, earthworks, etc.). Our strategy is to counteract the seasonality of infrastructure operations with building construction, which is less exposed to seasonal fluctuations. Our long-term goal is to be flexible and keep our two operating segments in relative balance, although the current market situation, particularly the decline in public investment, is making it rather difficult to achieve. Where possible, our entities implement technical solutions that help them work efficiently in changing conditions. The group's investments in digital solutions, which allow planning and managing construction processes more precisely, have grown substantially. A key challenge for the construction sector is low productivity, which is attributable to lack of time in the preparatory and planning phases and outdated process management methods.

Operational risks

To manage their daily construction risks, group companies purchase contractors' all risks insurance. Depending on the nature of the project and the requests of the customer, both general frame agreements and special, project-specific insurance contracts are used. In addition, subcontractors are generally required to secure the performance of their obligations with a bank guarantee provided to a group company or the group retains part of the amount due until the contract has been completed. To remedy construction deficiencies which may be detected during the warranty period, group companies create warranty provisions based on their historical experience. The group's warranty provisions (incl. current and non-current) at 30 September 2023 amounted to €2,546 thousand (30 September 2022: €1,244 thousand).

In addition to managing the risks directly related to construction operations, we pay a lot of attention to mitigating the risks inherent in pre-construction activities. In particular, this applies to the bidding process, i.e. compliance with the procurement terms and budgeting. The errors made in the planning stage are usually irreversible and, in a situation where the price is contractually fixed, will cause a direct financial loss.

Financial risks

Credit risk

The group did not have any credit losses during the reporting period. In the same period last year, credit losses amounted to ≤ 247 thousand. The overall credit risk exposure of the portfolio of receivables is low because the solvency of prospective customers is evaluated, the share of public sector customers is large and customers' payment behaviour is continuously monitored. The main indicator of the realisation of credit risk is a settlement default that exceeds 180 days along with no activity on the part of the debtor that would confirm the intent to settle.

Liquidity risk

The group remains exposed to higher than usual liquidity risk. At the reporting date, the group's current ratio was 0.91 (30 September 2022: 0.90). The key factors that influence the current ratio are the classification of the group's loans to its Ukrainian associate as non-current and the banks' general policy not to refinance interest-bearing liabilities (particularly overdrafts) for a period exceeding 12 months.

Due to the military conflict between Russia and Ukraine, we believe that the group's Ukrainian investment properties cannot be realised in the short term. Accordingly, the receivables related to the loans provided to the Ukrainian associate of & 0.083 thousand were classified as non-current items at the reporting date.

For better cash flow management, we use overdraft facilities and factoring by which we counter the mismatch between the settlement terms agreed with customers and subcontractors. Under IFRS EU, borrowings have to be classified into current and non-current based on contract terms in force at the reporting date. The group's short-term borrowings at 30 September 2023 amounted to €16,487 thousand (30 September 2022: €17,546 thousand).

The group's cash and cash equivalents as at the reporting date amounted to €13,936 thousand (30 September 2022: €5,065 thousand).

Interest rate risk

The group's interest-bearing liabilities to banks have both fixed and floating interest rates. Lease liabilities have mainly floating interest rates. The base rate for most floating-rate contracts is EURIBOR. During the period, the group's interest-bearing liabilities decreased by $\leq 1,524$ thousand year on year. Both loan and lease liabilities decreased. At 30 September 2023, the group had interest-bearing liabilities of $\leq 21,901$ thousand (30 September 2022: $\leq 23,425$ thousand). Interest expense for the nine months of 2023 was ≤ 720 thousand (9M 2022: ≤ 617 thousand).

The main source of interest rate risk is a rise in the base rates of floating interest rates (EURIBOR or the lender's base rate). In the light of the group's relatively heavy loan burden, this would significantly increase interest expense, which would have an adverse impact on profit. We mitigate the risk by pursuing a policy of entering, where possible, into fixed-rate contracts when the market interest rates are low. As regards loan products offered by banks, observance of the policy has proved difficult and most new contracts have floating interest rates.

Currency risk

As a rule, the prices of construction contracts and subcontracts are fixed in the currency of the host country, i.e. in the euro (€), the Ukrainian hryvnia (UAH) and the Swedish krona (SEK).

Due to Russia's military invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 and Ukraine's previous political and economic instability, the exchange rate of the hryvnia has been volatile. In the nine months of 2023, the exchange rate of the hryvnia against the euro strengthened by approximately 1%. As a result, the group's Ukrainian subsidiaries, which have to translate their euro-denominated loans into the local currency, recognised a foreign exchange gain of €66 thousand (9M 2022: a loss of €859 thousand). Exchange gains and losses on financial instruments are recognised in profit or loss within finance income and finance costs, respectively. The translation of receivables and liabilities from operating activities did not give rise to any exchange gains or losses.

Our Ukrainian and non-Ukrainian entities' reciprocal receivables and liabilities that are related to the construction business and denominated in hryvnias do not give rise to exchange gains or losses. The loans provided to the Ukrainian associate in euros do not give rise to exchange differences to be reported in the group's accounts either.



The Swedish krona weakened against the euro in the nine months of 2023 by around 4%. The translation of a loan provided to the Swedish subsidiary in euros into the local currency (the difference between the exchange rates at the loan issue date and the reporting date) did not give rise to any foreign exchange gain or loss (9M 2022: a loss of €57 thousand). The effects of movements in foreign exchange rates are recognised in profit or loss within finance income and finance costs.

The group has not acquired derivatives to hedge currency risk.

Employee and work environment risks

Finding permanent skilled and qualified labour is a challenge for the entire construction sector and one of the main factors that influences business performance. To strengthen Nordecon's reputation as an employer and make sure that we will have employees in the future, we collaborate with educational institutions. Continuous employee development is essential and one of our acknowledged priorities. We also rely on our subcontractors' ability to find the staff with the required skills and qualifications.

We strive to minimise the health and safety risks of people working on our construction sites, including our own teams and those of our subcontractors, by applying the measures required by law as well as our own management systems. Subcontractors are responsible for ensuring the safety of their operations and employees while our role is to build relationships and create conditions that enable and foster compliance with safety regulations.

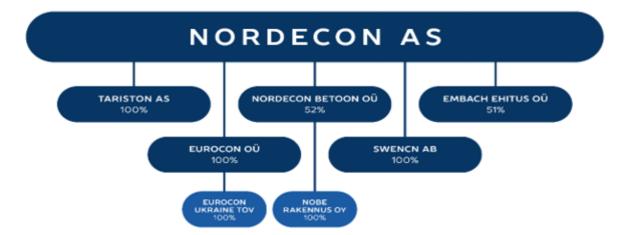
Environmental risks

Construction activities have a direct impact on wildlife, soil and the physical environment. Therefore, in conducting our operations we strive to protect the surrounding environment and nature as much as possible. The group's assets and operations which have the strongest impact on the environment and thus involve the highest environmental risks are asphalt plants, quarries used for the extraction of construction materials and road construction operations. The main environmental protection measures on construction sites include efficient use of materials and proper waste management. Excessive waste, leakage, spillage, pollution, destruction of wildlife and other damage to the environment is prevented by complying with legal and regulatory requirements. All of the group's construction entities have implemented environmental management standard ISO 14001.

Corruption and ethical risks

Nordecon is one of the leading construction companies in the Estonian market. Therefore, it is important for us to be aware of the risks involved in breaching honest and ethical business practices. We have put in place internal procedures and policies, observe the rules of the Tallinn Stock Exchange and work with external and internal auditors as well as supervisory agencies. We make every effort to ensure that our entities' management quality, organisational culture and internal communication emphasise zero tolerance for dishonest, unethical and corrupt behaviour. Transparent decisions and open communication are underpinned by effective internal cooperation and external communication. Openness is supported by the continuously increasing implementation of IT solutions.

Group structure



The group's structure at 30 September 2023, including interests in subsidiaries and associates *

* The structure does not include the subsidiaries OÜ Eesti Ehitus, OÜ Aspi, OÜ Linnaehitus, OÜ NOBE, OÜ Eston Ehitus, Kaurits OÜ, Kalda Kodu OÜ, Kastani Kinnisvara OÜ, EE Ressursid OÜ, SweNCN OÜ, Nordecon Statyba UAB, Eurocon Bud TOV, Technopolis-2 TOV and the associate V.I. Center TOV, which currently do not engage in any significant business activities. The first six were established to protect business names. Nor does the structure include investments in entities in which the group's interest is less than 20%.

Significant changes in group structure

Merger of Kaurits OÜ with Tariston AS

At the beginning of April 2023, Nordecon AS decided to merge two wholly-held subsidiaries, Tariston AS and Kaurits OÜ. The purpose of merging two successful infrastructure construction companies with a good long-term track record was to complete the group's strategic plan of consolidating all infrastructure construction resources, competencies and operations into a single entity. The merger was finalised on 7 July 2023.

The group's operations in Estonia and foreign markets

The group's operations in Estonia

There were no changes in our Estonian operations during the period under review. The group was involved in building and infrastructure construction, providing services in practically all market subsegments. A significant share of the core business was conducted by the parent, Nordecon AS, which is also a holding company for the group's larger subsidiaries. In addition to the parent, construction management services were rendered by the subsidiaries Nordecon Betoon OÜ (brand name NOBE), Embach Ehitus OÜ and Tariston AS.

As regards our other main business lines, we continued to provide concrete services (Nordecon Betoon OÜ), lease out heavy construction machinery and equipment and render regional road maintenance services (Tariston AS).

We did not enter any new operating segments in Estonia.

The group's operations in foreign markets

Ukraine

Russia's military invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022 has strongly affected the operations of our Ukrainian subsidiary Eurocon Ukraine TOV. The activity of Eurocon Ukraine TOV does not have a significant impact on the group's revenue, profit and assets. The group has interests in two real estate projects in Ukraine but the commencement of development activities has been postponed due to the war. The properties have not been damaged in the military conflict and the group has control of the plots.

Finland

There were no changes in our Finnish operations during the period under review. The group's subsidiary Nordecon Betoon OÜ and its Finnish subsidiary NOBE Rakennus OY continued to provide subcontracting services in the concrete work segment in Finland. In recent years, they have also provided general contractor services under some smaller contracts.

Sweden

There were no changes in our Swedish operations during the period under review. Swencn AB did not have any construction projects in progress at 30 September 2023 but the company is seeking new opportunities to continue its business in the Swedish market.

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Performance by geographical market

Revenue generated outside Estonia, mostly in Finland and Ukraine, accounted for 2% of the group's total revenue for the nine months of 2023. Despite the war, Nordecon's construction volumes in Ukraine have increased year on year. In June we completed and delivered on time a modular kindergarten with a bomb shelter in the city of Ovruch and started building phase II of the kindergarten project. Finnish revenues, which include mainly subcontracting revenue from the provision of concrete works, have decreased. Nordecon did not generate any revenue and had no ongoing construction contracts in the Swedish market. The group operates on a project basis in Latvia and Lithuania, but in the period under review Lithuania accounted for less than 1% of the group's revenue and the group did not earn any revenue in Latvia.

	9M 2023	9M 2022	9M 2021	2022
Estonia	98%	96%	95%	96%
Finland	1%	2%	4%	2%
Ukraine	1%	0%	1%	0%
Lithuania	0%	1%	0%	1%
Latvia	0%	1%	0%	1%

Performance by business line

Segment revenues

We strive to maintain the revenues of our two main operating segments (Buildings and Infrastructure) in balance, if this is permitted by market conditions, because this helps diversify risks and provides better opportunities to continue construction operations in more challenging market conditions where the volumes of one subsegment may decline sharply while the volumes of another may grow more rapidly.

The group's revenue for the nine months of 2023 was $\leq 200,384$ thousand, roughly 16% lower than in the same period last year, when the figure was $\leq 239,175$ thousand. The Buildings segment generated revenue of $\leq 165,047$ thousand and the Infrastructure segment revenue of $\leq 35,295$ thousand. The corresponding figures for the same period in 2022 were $\leq 195,157$ thousand and $\leq 43,845$ thousand (see note 8). Revenue declined by 15% in the Buildings segment and by20% in the Infrastructure segment. The decrease in both segments was expected and is attributable to market contraction. Although the group has been successful in winning new contracts in 2023, these did not yet affect revenue for the period. The steep fall in the revenue of the Infrastructure segment to its practically lowest-ever level is directly related to cutbacks in the investments of the largest customer, the Transport Administration. This is counterbalanced to some extent by the group's success in securing renewable energy projects: the construction of wind farms and Rail Baltica account for an increasing share of the revenue of the Infrastructure segment.

Revenue by operating segment *	9M 2023	9M 2022	9M 2021	2022
Buildings	75%	78%	72%	81%
Infrastructure	25%	22%	28%	19%

* In the directors' report, projects have been allocated to operating segments based on their nature (i.e. building or infrastructure construction). In the segment reporting presented in the consolidated financial statements, allocation is based on the subsidiaries' main field of activity (as required by IFRS 8 *Operating Segments*). In the consolidated financial statements, the results of a subsidiary that is primarily engaged in infrastructure construction are presented in the Infrastructure segment. In the directors' report, the revenues of such a subsidiary are presented based on their nature. The differences between the two reports are not significant because group entities mostly specialise in specific areas, except for the subsidiary Nordecon Betoon OÜ, which is involved in both building and infrastructure construction. The figures for the parent are allocated in both parts of the report based on the nature of the work.

Subsegment revenues

In the Buildings segment, the revenues of all subsegments decreased compared with the same period in 2022. The largest revenue contributors are still the public buildings and the apartment buildings subsegments whose revenues decreased less. The revenues of the commercial buildings and the industrial and warehouse facilities subsegments, however, contracted significantly, falling by 20% and 41% year on year, respectively.

The period's largest projects in the public buildings subsegment were the construction of the main building of the Estonian Internal Security Service in Tallinn, the design and construction of storage facilities and utility networks for the Centre for Defence Investment in Harju county, the construction of the building and outdoor premises of the Karlsson kindergarten in Viljandi and the construction of the Viljandi Rescue Station.

The apartment buildings subsegment earns most of its revenue from the construction of apartment buildings for third parties. During the period, the largest projects of this kind were the design and construction of the Luccaranna and the Kastanikodu housing estates near Tallinn. Revenue generated by the group's own development operations amounted to €7,917 thousand (9M 2022: €7,880 thousand). Nordecon continues the development of the Mõisavahe Kodu housing estate (<u>https://moisavahe.ee</u>) and the construction of the Emajõe Residents housing estate, which is situated near the city centre on the bank of the river Emajõgi (<u>https://emajoeresidents.ee</u>), in Tartu. The group is moving on with the design and preconstruction activities of the Seileri Kvartal housing estate in Pärnu (<u>https://seileri.ee/en</u>). In carrying out our own development activities, we carefully monitor potential risks in the housing development market.

The largest projects in the commercial buildings subsegment were the construction of the commercial and residential complex Vektor and the Ahtri 4 office building in Tallinn, the design and construction of the Männiku commercial building in the Kandiküla district in Tartu, and the construction of a biopharmaceuticals manufacturing facility for Icosagen AS in Kambja municipality.

The largest projects under construction in the industrial and warehouse facilities subsegment are a production facility for E-Piim in Paide, a production and office building for Harju Elekter AS in Hüüru, and a production and office building in Maardu.

Revenue breakdown in the Buildings segment	9M 2023	9M 2022	9M 2021	2022
Commercial buildings	23%	23%	30%	24%
Public buildings	33%	29%	29%	30%
Apartment buildings	30%	29%	29%	28%
Industrial and warehouse facilities	14%	19%	12%	18%

The largest revenue contributor in the Infrastructure segment is still road construction and maintenance although its revenue has decreased year on year by around 32%. During the period, a major share of the subsegment's revenue resulted from the construction of the Tagadi ecoduct on the Rail Baltica route, the construction of the Neanurme–Pikknurme 2+1 road section of the Tallinn–Tartu–Võru–Luhamaa road in Jõgeva county and the reconstruction of the Hageri–Kohila road section in Harju county. The group also continues to deliver road maintenance services in Järva county.

The amount and share of revenue generated by the other engineering subsegment, which is currently involved in the construction of three wind farms (Saarde, Tootsi-Sopi and Aidu) in Estonia, have nearly doubled compared with the same period last year. The revenue of the environmental engineering subsegment comprises revenue from the design and construction works related to elimination of residual pollution from the Erra river and the Kiviõli ditch.

Revenue breakdown in the Infrastructure segment	9M 2023	9M 2022	9M 2021	2022
Road construction and maintenance	60%	80%	85%	75%
Other engineering	31%	16%	5%	20%
Specialist engineering (incl. hydraulic engineering)	0%	4%	5%	5%
Environmental engineering	9%	0%	5%	0%

Financial review

Financial performance

The group's profitability has improved in challenging market conditions. The restructuring of the group's Infrastructure segment, which was started in 2022 and completed in the first half of 2023, has had a significant positive impact. Elimination of duplication of work has increased resource efficiency and thus profitability.

Nordecon ended the nine months of 2023 with a gross profit of &8,770 thousand (9M 2022: &5,264 thousand). Profitability improved year on year with the group's gross margin rising to 4.4% for the nine months (9M 2022: 2.2%) and 5.3% for the third quarter (Q3 2022: 2.3%). The two main operating segments earned a profit and improved their profitability in both the third quarter and nine months. The gross margins of the Buildings segment were 5.3% for the nine months and 5.9% for the third quarter (9M 2022: 3.4% and Q3 2022: 2.7%). The gross margins of the Infrastructure segment were lower: 2.0% for the nine months and 4.5% for the third quarter (9M 2022: (2.0)% and Q3 2022: 2.0%).

The group's administrative expenses for the nine-month period were €6,016 thousand. Compared with a year earlier, administrative expenses grew by around 17% (9M 2022: €5,139 thousand) due to growth in staff costs (see note 11). The ratio of administrative expenses to revenue (12 months rolling) increased year on year, rising to 2.9% (9M 2022: 2.2%).

The group earned an operating profit of \pounds 2,284 thousand in the first nine months of 2023 (9M 2022: \pounds 1,340 thousand). EBITDA for the period was \pounds 4,854 thousand (9M 2022: \pounds 3,920 thousand). Operating profit and EBITDA for the comparative period were influenced by other income of \pounds 1,560 thousand, recognised after the approval of the restructuring plan of Swencn AB.

The group's finance income and finance costs are affected by exchange rate fluctuations in the group's foreign markets (see the chapter *Financial risks*) and the rise in interest rates as the group's loan burden is relatively high. During the nine months of 2023, exchange rate movements were favourable and the translation of the loans provided to the group's Ukrainian and Swedish subsidiaries in euros into the local currencies gave rise to a net exchange gain of ξ 66 thousand (9M 2022: a loss of ξ 916 thousand).

The group ended the period with a net loss of €364 thousand (9M 2022: €1,388 thousand). The net loss attributable to owners of the parent, Nordecon AS, was €2,452 thousand (9M 2022: €2,651 thousand).

Cash flows

Operating activities in the nine months of 2023 produced a net cash inflow of $\leq 11,037$ thousand (9M 2022: an outflow of ≤ 205 thousand). Operating cash flow is strongly influenced by the fact that the contracts signed with most public and private sector customers do not require them to make advance payments while the group has to make prepayments to subcontractors and materials suppliers. Cash inflow is also reduced by contractual retentions, which extend from 5 to 10% of the contract price and are released at the end of the construction period only.

Investing activities of the period resulted in a net cash outflow of \notin 409 thousand (9M 2022: an inflow of \notin 255 thousand). Investments in property, plant and equipment amounted to \notin 318 thousand (9M 2022: \notin 289 thousand) and proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment amounted to \notin 384 thousand (9M 2022: \notin 537 thousand). Loans provided amounted to \notin 524 thousand (9M 2022: \notin 18 thousand).

Financing activities of the period generated a net cash outflow of \notin 3,931 thousand (9M 2022: an outflow of \notin 4,003 thousand). The largest items were cash flows related to loans and leases. Loans received amounted to \notin 1,344 thousand, consisting of the use overdrafts and development loans (9M 2022: \notin 3,264 thousand). Repayments of loans received were \notin 799 thousand (9M 2022: \notin 3,134 thousand), consisting of regular repayments of long-term investment and development loans. Lease payments were \notin 2,194 thousand (9M 2022: \notin 2,619 thousand). Dividends paid in the first nine months of 2023 amounted to \notin 1,347 thousand (9M 2022: \notin 792 thousand).

The group's cash and cash equivalents at 30 September 2023 amounted to $\leq 13,936$ thousand (30 September 2022: $\leq 5,065$ thousand). Management's commentary on liquidity risks is presented in the chapter *Description of the main risks*.

Key financial figures and ratios

Figure/ratio	9M 2023	9M 2022	9M 2021	2022
Revenue (€′000)	200,384	239,175	208,894	322,860
Revenue change	(16.2)%	14.5%	(4)%	11.9%
Net loss (€'000)	(364)	(1,388)	(368)	(1,441)
Net loss attributable to owners of the parent (€'000)	(2,452)	(2,651)	(796)	(3,650)
Weighted average number of shares	31,528,585	31,528,585	31,528,585	31,528,585
Earnings per share (€)	(0.08)	(0.08)	(0.03)	(0.12)
Administrative expenses to revenue	3.0%	2.1%	2.0%	2.3%
Administrative expenses to revenue (rolling)	2.9%	2.2%	2.1%	2.3%
EBITDA (€'000)	4,854	3,920	2,961	5,766
EBITDA margin	2.4%	1.6%	1.4%	1.8%
Gross margin	4.4%	2.2%	2.3%	2.6%
Operating margin	1.1%	0.6%	0.2%	0.7%
Operating margin excluding gain on non-current asset sales	1.0%	0.4%	0.1%	0.6%
Net margin	(0.2)%	(0.6)%	(0.2)%	(0.4)%
Return on invested capital	1.9%	(1.1)%	1.7%	(0.5)%
Return on equity	(1.4)%	(5.1)%	(1.0)%	(5.2)%
Equity ratio	17%	17.8%	22.9%	19.8%
Return on assets	0.3%	(1.0)%	(0.3)%	(1.1)%
Gearing	16.8%	36.6%	32.1%	32.0%
Current ratio	0.91	0.90	0.98	0.88
	30 Sept 2023 3	0 Sept 2022 3	30 Sept 2021	31 Dec 2022
Order book (€'000)	251,155	188,847	293,141	149,799

Revenue change = (revenue for the reporting period / revenue for the previous period) $-1 * 100$	Net margin = (net profit or loss for the period / revenue) * 100 Return on invested capital = ((profit or loss before tax + interest
Earnings per share (EPS) = net profit or loss attributable to owners of the parent / weighted average number of shares outstanding	expense) / the period's average (interest-bearing liabilities + equity)) * 100
Administrative expenses to revenue = (administrative expenses / revenue) * 100	Return on equity = (net profit or loss for the period / the period's average total equity) * 100
Administrative expenses to revenue (rolling) = (past four quarters'	Equity ratio = (total equity / total liabilities and equity) * 100
administrative expenses / past four quarters' revenue) * 100	Return on assets = (net profit or loss for the period / the period's
EBITDA = operating profit or loss + depreciation and amortisation +	average total assets) * 100
impairment losses on goodwill	Gearing = ((interest-bearing liabilities – cash and cash equivalents) /
EBITDA margin = (EBITDA / revenue) * 100	(interest-bearing liabilities + equity)) * 100
Gross margin = (gross profit or loss / revenue) * 100	Current ratio = total current assets / total current liabilities
Operating margin = (operating profit or loss / revenue) * 100	
Operating margin excluding gain on non-current asset sales =	
((operating profit or loss – gain on sales of non-current assets – gain on	
sales of real estate) / revenue) * 100	

Order book

The group's order book (backlog of contracts signed but not yet performed) stood at &251,155 thousand at 30 September 2023, reflecting 33% growth compared to the same period last year. In the third quarter, the group signed new contracts of &95,301 thousand (Q3 2022: &48,408 thousand). High construction prices (mainly due to labour cost inflation) in combination with high interest rates and low demand have caused the postponement of development projects. The time between the submission of a bid and contract award, also in case of public procurement, can extend to several months, which has also affected the group's order book this year. The volume of investments made by the Transport Administration has decreased sharply and this has had a direct impact on the size of the order book of the Infrastructure segment. The volume of procurements for the Rail Baltica project has increased and will partly counterbalance the decline in the investments of the Transport Administration. While public investments in the buildings construction segment have also decreased, investments in national defence infrastructure are going to increase according to currently available information and this is a subsegment where Nordecon has traditionally been very successful.

	30 Sept 2023	30 Sept 2022	30 Sept 2021	31 Dec 2022
Order book (€'000)	251,155	188,847	293,141	149,799

The Buildings segment accounts for 87%, and the Infrastructure segment for 13% of the group's order book (30 September 2022: 91% and 9%, respectively). Compared with 30 September 2022, both segments have increased their order books: the Buildings segment by 27% and the Infrastructure segment by 86%. The order book of the Buildings segment has grown mainly through new contracts secured by the public buildings subsegment. The order book of the Infrastructure segment has increased mainly through contracts awarded to the road construction and maintenance and other engineering subsegments.

Larger contracts secured in the third quarter include:

- the reconstruction of the building of the Karlova school at Lina 2 in Tartu with an approximate cost of €6,800 thousand;
- the construction of a commercial building at Pirni 7/2 in Tallinn with an approximate cost of €3,250 thousand;
- the design and construction of a defence forces' study building in the Tartu Raadi campus under a contract with the Centre for Defence Investment with an approximate cost of €13,000 thousand;
- the design and construction of storage facilities in Luunja and Nõo municipalities (Tartu county) under a contract with the Centre for Defence Investment with an approximate cost of €45,000 thousand;
- the construction of a building complex at Saue (Harju county) with an approximate cost of €3,300 thousand;
- the design and construction of storage facilities in Ämari under a contract with the Centre for Defence Investment with an approximate cost of €3,700 thousand;
- the reconstruction of substations with the installation of physical protection facilities in the Poltava, Zhytomyr, Volyn and Ivano-Frankivsk regions in Ukraine with an approximate cost of €7,000 thousand;
- the construction of a building for the Police and Border Guard Board and the Rescue Board at Kilingi-Nõmme with an approximate cost of €3,700 thousand;
- the design and construction of storage facilities in Ida-Viru county under a contract with the Centre for Defence Investment with an approximate cost of €8,000 thousand.

Based on the size of the group's order book, including the share of work to be performed in 2023 and 2024, and the overall situation in the construction market, management forecasts that in 2023 the group's revenue will decrease compared with 2022. Increasing competition and cost inflation, particularly the growth in labour costs, will continue to drive up input prices, which will keep profit margins under pressure. In an environment of stiff competition, we will avoid taking unjustified risks whose realisation in the contract performance phase would have an adverse impact on the group's results. Our focus remains on cost control as well as pre-construction and design activities, where we can deploy our professional competitive advantages.

People

Employees and staff costs

The group's average number of employees in the nine months of 2023 was 567, including 382 engineers and technical professionals (ETP). Headcount decreased by around 15% year on year, mainly due to the restructuring of the group's infrastructure construction business.

Average number of employees at group entities (incl. the parent and the subsidiaries):

	9M 2023	9M 2022	9M 2021	2022
ETP	382	437	432	432
Workers	185	232	258	226
Total average	567	669	690	658

The group's staff costs for the nine months of 2023, including all taxes, were €19,900 thousand compared with €19,932 thousand in the same period last year. Against a backdrop of continued upward pressure on wages, labour costs have remained at a level comparable to the same period last year because the number of employees has decreased.

The service fees of the members of the council of Nordecon AS for the nine months of 2023 were €129 thousand and associated social security charges were €43 thousand (9M 2022: €112 thousand and €37 thousand, respectively).

The service fees of the members of the board of Nordecon AS were €424 thousand and associated social security charges were €140 thousand (9M 2022: €310 thousand and €102 thousand, respectively).

Labour productivity and labour cost efficiency

We measure the efficiency of our operating activities using the following productivity and efficiency indicators, which are based on the number of employees and staff costs incurred:

	9M 2023	9M 2022	9M 2021	2022
Nominal labour productivity (rolling), (€ '000)	488.4	475.7	416.5	490.4
Change against the comparative period, %	2.7%	14.2%	4.0%	16.5%
Nominal labour cost efficiency (rolling), (€)	10.4	12.0	11.1	11.8
Change against the comparative period, %	(12.8)%	8.1%	6.9%	2.9%

Nominal labour productivity (rolling) = (past four quarters' revenue) / (past four quarters' average number of employees) Nominal labour cost efficiency (rolling) = (past four quarters' revenue) / (past four quarters' staff costs)

The group's nominal labour productivity increased year on year, mainly due to a decrease in the number of staff. Revenue decline has lowered nominal labour cost efficiency.

Share and shareholders

Share information Name of security Nordecon AS ordinary share Issuer Nordecon AS ISIN code EE3100039496 **Ticker symbol** NCN1T Nominal value No par value* Total number of securities issued 32,375,483 Number of listed securities 32,375,483 Listing date 18 May 2006 Market Nasdaq Tallinn, Baltic Main List Industry Construction and engineering Indexes OMX Baltic Industrials GI; OMX Baltic Industrials PI; OMX Baltic Construction & Materials GI; OMX Baltic Construction & Materials PI; OMX_Baltic_GI; OMX Baltic PI; OMX Tallinn GI

*In connection with Estonia's accession to the euro area on 1 January 2011 and based on amendments to the Estonian Commercial Code which took effect on 1 July 2010 as well as a resolution adopted by the annual general meeting of Nordecon AS in May 2011, the company's share capital was converted from EEK 307,567,280 (Estonian kroons) to €19,657,131.9. Concurrently with the conversion, the company adopted shares with no par value.

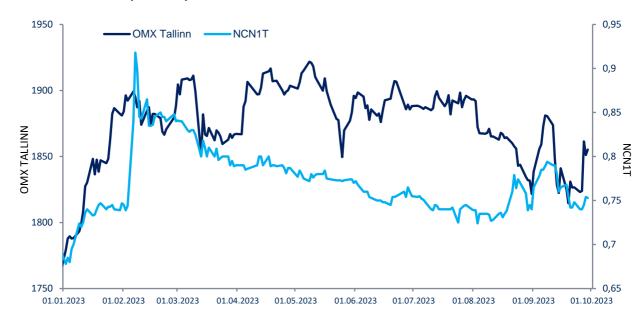
In July 2014, Nordecon AS issued 1,618,755 new shares with a total cost of €1,581,523.64, increasing share capital by €1,034,573.01 to €20,691,704.91, and acquired the same number of own (treasury) shares for the same price. The share capital of Nordecon AS consists of 32,375,483 ordinary registered shares with no par value.

Owners of ordinary shares are entitled to dividends as distributed from time to time. Each share carries one vote at the general meeting of Nordecon AS.

Movements in the price and trading volume of the Nordecon AS share in 9M 2023

Movements in the share price are in euros and daily turnover in the bar chart is in thousands of euros.





Movement of the share price compared with the OMX Tallinn Index in 9M 2023

Index/equity	1 January 2023*	30 September 2023	+/-
OMX Tallinn	1,766.73	1,855.19	5.01%
- NCN1T	€0.69	€0.75	9.13%

* Closing price on the Nasdaq Tallinn Stock Exchange at 31 December 2022

Summarised trading results

Share trading history

Price, €	9M 2023	9M 2022	9M 2021
Open	0.69	1.21	1.15
High	0.93	1.29	1.84
Low	0.67	0.75	1.08
Last closing price	0.75	0.77	1.27
Traded volume (number of securities traded)	1,197,608	1,921,744	6,204,334
Turnover, € million	0.93	1.92	8.30
Listed volume (30 Sept), thousand	32,375	32,375	32,375
Market capitalisation (30 Sept), € million	24.38	25.06	41.12

Shareholder structure

Largest shareholders of Nordecon AS at 30 September 2023

Shareholder	Number of shares	Ownership interest (%)
AS Nordic Contractors	16,563,145	51.16
Luksusjaht AS	4,322,342	13.35
Toomas Luman	732,500	2.26
Olegs Radcenko	574,200	1.77
Lembit Talpsepp	374,500	1.16
Nõmme Erahariduse SA	370,370	1.14
SEB Pank AS clients	300,000	0.93
OÜ Alar Invest	255,000	0.79
Genadi Bulatov	250,600	0.77
Endel Palla	200,000	0.62

Shareholder structure of Nordecon AS at 30 September 2023

	Number of shareholders	Ownership interest (%)
Shareholders with interest exceeding 5%	2	64.51
Shareholders with interest from 1% to 5%	4	6.34
Shareholders with interest below 1%	6,745	26.53
Holder of own (treasury) shares	1	2.62
Total	6,752	100

Shares controlled by members of the council of Nordecon AS at 30 September 2023

Council member		Number of shares	Ownership interest (%)
Toomas Luman (AS Nordic Contractors, OÜ Luman ja Pojad)*	Chairman of the Council	17,440,645	53.87
Andri Hõbemägi	Member of the Council	50,000	0.15
Andre Luman	Member of the Council	25,000	0.08
Vello Kahro	Member of the Council	10,000	0.03
Sandor Liive	Member of the Council	0	0.00
Total		17,525,645	54.13

* Companies controlled by the individual

Shares controlled by members of the board of Nordecon AS at 30 September 2023

Board member		Number of shares	Ownership interest (%)
Gerd Müller	Chairman of the Board	0	0.00
Priit Luman	Member of the Board	7,000	0.02
Tarmo Pohlak	Member of the Board	3,942	0.01
Maret Tambek	Member of the Board	0	0.00
Total		10,942	0.03

Management's confirmation and signatures

The board confirms that the *Directors' report* presents fairly all significant events that occurred during the reporting period as well as their impact on the condensed consolidated interim financial statements, contains a description of the main risks and uncertainties and provides an overview of significant transactions with related parties.



Condensed consolidated interim financial statements

Consolidated statement of financial position

€′000	Note	30 September 2023	31 December 2022
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		13,936	7,238
Trade and other receivables	2	53,052	48,084
Prepayments		5,283	6,728
Inventories	3	31,640	25,454
Total current assets		103,911	87,504
Non-current assets			
Other investments		76	76
Trade and other receivables	2	8,992	8,604
Investment property		5,547	8,347
Property, plant and equipment		16,195	17,669
Intangible assets		15,160	15,134
Total non-current assets		45,970	49,830
TOTAL ASSETS		149,881	137,334
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Borrowings	5, 6	16,487	17,193
Trade payables		72,220	65,144
Other payables		9,505	8,324
Deferred income		13,987	6,996
Provisions		1,810	1,288
Total current liabilities		114,009	98,945
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	5, 6	5,414	6,311
Trade payables		2,211	2,769
Provisions		2,754	2,049
Total non-current liabilities		10,379	11,129
TOTAL LIABILITIES		124,388	110,074
EQUITY			
Share capital		14,379	14,379
Own (treasury) shares		(660)	(660)
Share premium		635	635
Statutory capital reserve		2,554	2,554
Translation reserve		3,268	3,316
Retained earnings		239	2,691
Total equity attributable to owners of the parent		20,415	22,915
Non-controlling interests		5,078	4,345
TOTAL EQUITY		25,493	27,260
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		149,881	137,334
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€′000	Note	9M 2023	Q3 2023	9M 2022	Q3 2022	2022
Revenue	8,9	200,384	76,565	239,175	89,919	322,860
Cost of sales	10	(191,614)	(72,526)	(233,911)	(87,836)	(314,365)
Gross profit		8,770	4,039	5,264	2,083	8,495
Marketing and distribution expenses		(562)	(245)	(313)	(127)	(490
Administrative expenses	11	(6,016)	(2,164)	(5,139)	(2,021)	(7,287)
Other operating income	12	304	(9)	1,920	64	2,049
Other operating expenses	12	(212)	(10)	(392)	(116)	(462)
Operating profit (loss)		2,284	1,611	1,340	(117)	2,305
Finance income	13	291	146	174	28	258
Finance costs Net finance costs	13	(2,343) (2,052)	(531) (385)	(2,702) (2,528)	(1,325) (1,297)	(3,740) (3,482)
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Profit (loss) before tax		232	1,226	(1,188)	(1,414)	(1,177)
Income tax expense		(596)	0	(200)	0	(264)
Profit (loss) for the period		(364)	1,226	(1,388)	(1,414)	(1,441)
Other comprehensive income (expense) Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss						
Exchange differences on translating foreign operations		(48)	(302)	762	1,021	1,368
Total other comprehensive income (expense)		(48)	(302)	762	1,021	1,368
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (EXPENSE)		(412)	924	(626)	(393)	(73)
Profit (loss) attributable to:						
- Owners of the parent		(2,452)	41	(2,651)	(1,723)	(3 <i>,</i> 650)
- Non-controlling interests		2,088	1,185	1,263	309	2,209
Profit (loss) for the period		(364)	1,226	(1,388)	(1,414)	(1,441)
Comprehensive income (expense) attributable to:						
- Owners of the parent		(2,500)	(261)	(1,889)	(702)	(2,282)
- Non-controlling interests		2,088	1,185	1,263	309	2,209
Comprehensive income (expense) for the period		(412)	924	(626)	(393)	(73)
Earnings per share attributable to owners of the parent:						
Basic earnings per share (€)	7	(0.08)	0.00	(0.089	(0.05)	(0.12)
Diluted earnings per share (€)	, 7	(0.08)	0.00	(0.08)	(0.05)	(0.12)
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Consolidated statement of cash flows

h flows from operating activities h receipts from customers ¹			
h racaints from sustamors1			
		249,453	281,240
h paid to suppliers ²		(211,054)	(255,661)
ī paid		(8,563)	(6,348)
h paid to and for employees		(18,225)	(19,192)
ome tax paid		(574)	(244)
t cash from (used in) operating activities		11,037	(205)
h flows from investing activities			
uisition of property, plant and equipment		(318)	(289)
ceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	4	384	537
ns provided		(524)	(18)
ayments of loans provided		12	14
dends received		12	6
erest received		25	5
t cash from (used in) investing activities		(409)	255
h flows from financing activities			
ceeds from loans received		1,344	3,264
ayments of loans received		(799)	(3,134)
se payments made	6	(2,194)	(2,619)
erest paid		(935)	(722)
dends paid		(1,347)	(792)
t cash used in financing activities		(3,931)	(4,003)
t cash flow		6,697	(3,953)
h and cash equivalents at beginning of period		7,238	9,031
ect of movements in foreign exchange rates		1	(13)
nge in cash and cash equivalents		6,697	(3,953)
h and cash equivalents at end of period		13,936	5,065

¹Line item *Cash receipts from customers* includes VAT paid by customers.

² Line item *Cash paid to suppliers* includes VAT paid.

Consolidated statement of changes in equity

	Equity attributable to owners of the parent					_			
€'000	Share capital	Treasury shares	Capital reserve	Share premium	Translation reserve	Retained earnings	Total	Non- controlling interests	Total
Balance at									
31 December 2021	14,379	(660)	2,554	635	1,948	6,341	25,197	2,929	28,126
Loss for the period	0	0	0	0	0	(2,651)	(2,651)	1,263	(1,388)
Other comprehensive									
income	0	0	0	0	762	0	762	0	762
Transactions with									
owners									
Dividend distribution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(793)	(793)
Total transactions									
with owners	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(793)	(793)
Balance at									
30 September 2022									
	14,379	(660)	2,554	635	2,710	3,690	23,308	3,399	26,707
Balance at									
31 December 2022	14,379	(660)	2,554	635	3,316	2,691	22,915	4,345	27,260
Loss for the period	0	0	0	0	0	(2,452)	(2,452)	2,088	(364)
Other comprehensive									
expense	0	0	0	0	(48)	0	(48)	0	(48)
Transactions with									
owners									
Dividend distribution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1,355)	(1,355)
Total transactions									
with owners	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1,355)	(1,355)
Balance at									
30 September 2023	14,379	(660)	2,554	635	3,268	239	20,415	5,078	25,493

Notes to the condensed consolidated interim financial statements

NOTE 1. Significant accounting policies

Nordecon AS is a company incorporated and domiciled in Estonia. The address of the company's registered office is Toompuiestee 35, 10149 Tallinn, Estonia. Nordecon AS's majority shareholder and the party controlling the Nordecon group is AS Nordic Contractors that holds 51.16% of the shares in Nordecon AS. The Nordecon AS shares have been listed on the Nasdaq Tallinn Stock Exchange since 18 May 2006.

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements as at and for the period ended 30 September 2023 have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standard IAS 34 *Interim Financial Reporting* as adopted by the European Union. The condensed interim financial statements do not contain all the information presented in the annual financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the group's latest published annual financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 December 2022.

According to management's assessment, the condensed consolidated interim financial statements of Nordecon AS for the third quarter and nine months of 2023 give a true and fair view of the group's financial performance and the parent and all its subsidiaries that are included in the financial statements are going concerns. The condensed consolidated interim financial statements have not been audited or otherwise checked by auditors and contain only the consolidated financial statements of the group.

NOTE 2. Trade and other receivables

€'000	Note	30 September 2023	31 December 2022
Current items			
Trade receivables		38,802	31,882
Retentions receivable		4,259	6,501
Receivables from related parties	14	363	373
Loans provided		586	0
Other receivables		857	147
Total receivables		44,867	38,903
Due from customers for contract work		8,185	9,181
Total current trade and other receivables		53,052	48,084

€'000	Note	30 September 2023	31 December 2022
Non-current items			
Loans provided to related parties	14	8,083	7,899
Receivables from related parties	14	190	235
Other non-current receivables		719	470
Total non-current trade and other receiv	ables	8,992	8,604

NOTE 3. Inventories

€′000	30 September 2023	31 December 2022
Raw materials and consumables	5,583	4,228
Work in progress	15,255	10,793
Apartments for sale	223	223
Properties purchased for development and pre-development costs	10,579	10,210
Total inventories	31,640	25,454

NOTE 4. Property, plant and equipment and intangible assets

Property, plant and equipment

Additions to property, plant and equipment in the nine months of 2023 amounted to €1,564 thousand (9M 2022: €3,123 thousand) and comprised equipment and machinery required for the group's operating activities.

Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment amounted to ≤ 384 thousand (see the statement of cash flows) and associated sales gain was ≤ 229 thousand (note 12). In the first nine months of 2022, relevant sales proceeds and gain amounted to ≤ 537 thousand and ≤ 256 thousand, respectively.

Intangible assets

There were no significant transactions with intangible assets during the period.

NOTE 5. Borrowings

Current borrowings

€′000	Note	30 September 2023	31 December 2022
Short-term portion of long-term loans		1,300	2,625
Lease liabilities	6	2,603	3,096
Short-term bank loans		12,584	11,472
Total current borrowings		16,487	17,193

Non-current borrowings

€′000	Note	30 September 2023	31 December 2022
Lease liabilities	6	5,414	6,311
Total non-current borrowings		5,414	6,311

NOTE 6. Lease liabilities

Lease liabilities

€′000	30 September 2023	31 December 2022
Lease liabilities at end of period, of which	8,017	9,407
Not later than 1 year	2,603	3,096
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	5,414	6,311
Base currency €	8,017	9,407
Interest rate for contracts denominated in € ¹	2.6%-7.1%	2.9%-5.9%
Frequency of payments	Monthly	Monthly

¹ Includes leases with floating interest rates

Lease payments

€′000	9M 2023	9M 2022
Principal payments made during the period	2,194	2,619
Interest payments made during the period	331	201

Short-term leases and leases for which the underlying asset is of low value are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Short-term leases are leases with a lease term of 12 months or less.

NOTE 7. Earnings per share

Basic earnings per share are calculated by dividing the profit or loss attributable to owners of the parent by the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share are calculated by dividing the profit or loss attributable to owners of the parent by the average number of shares outstanding during the period, both adjusted for the effects of all dilutive equity instruments.

€′000	9M 2023	9M 2022
Net loss for the period attributable to owners of the parent (€'000)	(2,452)	(2,651)
Average number of shares (thousand)	31,521	31,521
Basic earnings per share (€)	(0,08)	(0,08)
Diluted earnings per share (€)	(0,08)	(0,08)

At the reporting date, Nordecon AS had no dilutive share options. Therefore, diluted earnings per share equal basic earnings per share.

NOTE 8. Segment reporting – operating segments

The group's chief operating decision maker is the board of the parent company Nordecon AS. This group of persons monitors the group's internally generated financial information on a regular basis to better allocate the resources and assess their utilisation. Reportable operating segments are identified by reference to monitored information.

The group's reportable operating segments are:

- Buildings
- Infrastructure

Reportable operating segments are engaged in the provision of construction services in the buildings and infrastructure segments.

Preparation of segment reporting

The prices applied in intersegment transactions do not differ significantly from market prices. The chief operating decision maker reviews intersegment transactions separately and analyses their proportion in segment revenue. Respective figures are separately outlined in segment reporting.

The chief operating decision maker assesses the performance of an operating segment and utilisation of the resources allocated to it through the segment's profit. The profit of an operating segment is its gross profit, which does not include major exceptional expenses (such as non-recurring asset write-downs). Items after the gross profit of an operating segment (incl. marketing and distribution expenses, administrative expenses, interest expense and income tax expense) are not used by the chief operating decision maker to assess the performance of the segment.

According to management's assessment, intersegment transactions are conducted on regular market terms, which do not differ significantly from the terms applied in transactions with third parties.

Third quarter

€'000			
Q3 2023	Buildings	Infrastructure	Total
Total revenue	61,078	16,216	77,294
Of which: General contracting services	58,438	12,460	70,898
Subcontracting services	233	0	233
Own development activities	2,407	0	2,407
Road maintenance services	0	1,414	1,414
Lease services	0	2,342	2,342
Intersegment revenue	(1)	(743)	(744)
Revenue from external customers	61,077	15,473	76,550
Gross profit of the segment	3,604	704	4,308

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Q3 2022	Buildings	Infrastructure	Total
Total revenue	66,726	23,511	90,237
Of which: General contracting services	62,866	19,175	82,041
Subcontracting services	2,316	2,637	4,953
Own development activities	1,544	0	1,544
Road maintenance services	0	1,185	1,185
Lease services	0	514	514
Intersegment revenue	0	(370)	(370)
Revenue from external customers	66,726	23,141	89,867
Gross profit of the segment	1,813	470	2,283

Nine months

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9M 2023	Buildings	Infrastructure	Total
Total revenue	165,048	36,781	201,829
Of which: General contracting services	156,046	29,397	185,443
Subcontracting services	1,085	1,333	2,418
Own development activities	7,917	0	7,917
Road maintenance services	0	2,991	2,991
Lease services	0	3,060	3,060
Intersegment revenue	(1)	(1,486)	(1,487)
Revenue from external customers	165,047	35,295	200,342
Gross profit of the segment	8,792	717	9,509

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9M 2022	Buildings	Infrastructure	Total
Total revenue	195,157	44,617	239,774
Of which: General contracting services	182,816	34,203	217,019
Subcontracting services	3,661	6,286	9,947
Own development activities	7,880	0	7,880
Road maintenance services	0	3,181	3,181
Lease services	0	947	947
Revaluation of investment property	800	0	800
Intersegment revenue	0	(772)	(772)
Revenue from external customers	195,157	43,845	239,002
Gross profit (loss) of the segment	6,672	(858)	5,814

Reconciliation of segment revenues

€′000	9M 2023	Q3 2023	9M 2022	Q3 2022
Total revenues for reportable segments	201,829	77,294	239,774	90,237
Elimination of intersegment revenues	(1,487)	(744)	(772)	(370)
Other revenue	42	15	173	52
Total revenue	200,384	76,565	239,175	89,919

Reconciliation of segment profit (loss)

€'000	9M 2023	Q3 2023	9M 2022	Q3 2022
Total profit for reportable segments	9,509	4,308	5,814	2,283
Unallocated profit (loss)	(739)	(269)	(550)	(200)
Gross profit	8,770	4,039	5,264	2,083
Unallocated expenses:				
Marketing and distribution expenses	(562)	(245)	(313)	(127)
Administrative expenses	(6,016)	(2,164)	(5,139)	(2,021)
Other operating income and expenses	92	(19)	1,528	(52)
Operating profit (loss)	2,284	1,611	1,340	(117)
Finance income	291	146	174	28
Finance costs	(2,343)	(531)	(2,702)	(1,325)
Profit (loss) before tax	232	1,226	(1,188)	(1,414)

NOTE 9. Segment reporting – geographical information

EUR'000	9M 2023	Q3 2023	9M 2022	Q3 2022
Estonia	198,311	75,548	229,880	85,234
Ukraine	1,806	869	770	192
Finland	1,084	187	3,660	2,167
Latvia	0	0	2,314	(225)
Lithuania	31	31	2,551	2,551
Intersegment eliminations	(848)	(70)	0	0
Total revenue	200,384	76,565	239,175	89,919

NOTE 10. Cost of sales

€′000	9M 2023	9M 2022
Cost of materials, goods and services	172,881	214,259
Staff costs	16,655	17,456
Depreciation expense	1,779	1,890
Other expenses	299	306
Total cost of sales	191,614	233,911

NOTE 11. Administrative expenses

€′000	9M 2023	9M 2022
Staff costs	3,194	2,429
Cost of materials, goods and services	1,889	1,866
Depreciation and amortisation expense	791	690
Other expenses	142	154
Total administrative expenses	6,016	5,139

NOTE 12. Other operating income and expenses

€′000	9M 2023	9M 2022
Other operating income		
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	231	264
Other income	73	1,656
Total other operating income	304	1,920
€'000	9M 2023	9M 2022
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Other operating expenses		
Foreign exchange loss	0	2
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Foreign exchange loss Loss on write-off of property, plant and equipment	2	-

NOTE 13. Finance income and costs

€′000	9M 2023	9M 2022
Finance income		
Interest income on loans	191	168
Foreign exchange gain	66	0
Other finance income	34	6
Total finance income	291	174
€'000	9M 2023	9M 2022
Finance costs		
Interest expense	720	617
Foreign exchange loss	0	916
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Other finance costs	1,623	1,169

NOTE 14. Transactions with related parties

The group considers parties to be related if one controls the other or exerts significant influence on the other's operating decisions (assumes holding more than 20% of the voting power). Related parties include:

- Nordecon AS's parent company AS Nordic Contractors and its shareholders
- Other companies of the AS Nordic Contractors group
- Equity-accounted investees (associates and joint ventures) of the Nordecon group
- Members of the board and council of Nordecon AS, their close family members and companies related to them
- Individuals whose shareholding implies significant influence

The group's purchase and sales transactions with related parties

€'000	9M 2023			9M 2022
Counterparty	Purchases	Sales	Purchases	Sales
AS Nordic Contractors	1,852	0	687	0
Companies of the AS Nordic Contractors group	148	15	188	6
Companies related to owners of AS Nordic Contractors	312	0	398	0
Companies related to members of the council and board	5	39	0	592
Total	2,317	54	1,273	598

€′000	9M 2023			9M 2022	
Nature of transaction	Purchases	Sales	Purchases	Sales	
Construction services	0	39	0	592	
Transactions with goods	269	0	398	0	
Lease and other services	396	6	490	6	
Other transactions	1,652	9	385	0	
Total	2,317	54	1,273	598	

During the period, the group recognised interest income on loans to an associate of €164 thousand (9M 2022: €163 thousand).

Receivables from and liabilities to related parties at period-end

€'000	30 September 2023		31 December 2022	
	Receivables	Liabilities	Receivables	Liabilities
AS Nordic Contractors	0	89	0	16
Companies of the AS Nordic Contractors group	271	13	278	234
Companies related to owners of AS Nordic Contractors	281	14	329	18
Associates – receivables and liabilities	1	0	1	1
Associate – loans and interest	8,083	0	7,899	0
Total	8,636	116	8,507	269

Remuneration of the council and the board

The service fees of the members of the council of Nordecon AS for the nine months of 2023 were €129 thousand and associated social security charges were €43 thousand (9M 2022: €112 thousand and €37 thousand, respectively).

The service fees of the members of the board of Nordecon AS were €424 thousand and associated social security charges were €140 thousand (9M 2022: €310 thousand and €102 thousand, respectively).

Statements and signatures

Statement of management's responsibility

The board of Nordecon AS acknowledges its responsibility for the preparation of the group's condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the third quarter and nine months of 2023 and confirms that:

- the policies applied in the preparation of the condensed consolidated interim financial statements comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union (IFRS EU);
- the condensed consolidated interim financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with financial reporting standards effective for the period, give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position, financial performance and cash flows of the group consisting of the parent and other consolidated entities.

Gerd Müller Chairman of the Board 2 November 2023 Priit Luman Member of the Board 2 November 2023 Tarmo Pohlak Member of the Board 2 November 2023 Maret Tambek Member of the Board 2 November 2023