

Mexico, Federal District, April, 10th, 2015.

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF
ALSEA, S.A.B. DE C.V.

On behalf of the Board of Managers of Alsea, S.A.B. de C.V., I hereby submit the 2014 financial year report, which includes a recommendation for its approval by the Audit Committee, under the terms of the stipulations in article 28 of the Securities Market Act.

a) The general opinion of the Board of Directors of the Corporation is that the report drafted by the General Manager complies with each and every requirement stipulated by the General Securities Market Act for said purposes. Likewise, said report includes a summary of transactions by the Corporation and, in general, states the current situation of Alsea, S.A.B. de C.V.; therefore, we recommend its approval by the Shareholders' Meeting.

b) The accounting policies followed by the Company comply with the Mexican financial reporting standards, which require the Management to conduct certain estimates and to use certain assumptions in order to determine the assessment of certain individual items of financial statements and to conduct disclosures required to be submitted in the same. Even when there is the possibility of differences in the final effect, the Management considers that the estimates and assumptions used were adequate under the circumstances. The main policies followed by the Company are those reflected in the Report by the External Auditors and in the Financial Information at the closing of the financial year subject to review, with which this management body agrees, considering that said report including the same is, in practice, a part of it.

The main accounting policies followed by the Company are as follows:

3. Significant accounting policies

a. Statement of compliance

The Entity's consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the IFRS issued by the IASB.

b. Basis of measurement

The Entity's consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, except for certain financial instruments that are valued at fair value, as explained in further detail within the significant accounting policies.

i. Historical cost

The historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration paid in exchange for goods or services.

ii. Fair value

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date, regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique. In estimating the fair value of an asset or a liability, the Entity takes into account the characteristics of the asset or liability if market participants would take those characteristics into account when pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. Fair value for measurement and/or disclosure purposes in these consolidated financial statements is determined on such a basis, except for share-based payment transactions that are within the scope of IFRS 2, leasing transactions that are within the scope of IAS 17, and measurements that have some similarities to fair value but are not fair value, such as net realizable value in IAS 2 or value in use in IAS 36.

In addition, for financial reporting purposes, fair value measurements are categorized into Level 1, 2 or 3 based on the degree to which the inputs to the fair value measurements are observable and the significance of the inputs to the fair value measurement in its entirety, which are described as follows;

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date;
- Level 2 inputs are inputs, other than quoted prices included within Level 1, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

c. Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include those of Alsea, S.A.B. de C.V. and the subsidiaries over which it holds control. Control is obtained when the Entity:

- Has power over the investment
- Is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee; and
- Has the ability to use its power to affect its returns.

The Entity reassesses whether or not it controls an investee if facts and circumstances indicate that there are changes to one or more of the three elements of control listed above.

Consolidation of a subsidiary begins when the Entity obtains control over the subsidiary and ceases when the Entity loses control of the subsidiary. Specifically, income and expenses of a subsidiary acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the consolidated statements of income and other comprehensive income from the date the Entity gains control until the date when the Entity ceases to control the subsidiary.

Net income (loss) and each component of other comprehensive income are attributed to the owners of the Entity and to the non-controlling interests. Total comprehensive income of subsidiaries is attributed to the owners of the Entity and to the non-controlling interests even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance.

When necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring their accounting policies into line with the Entity's accounting policies

All intercompany balances and operations have been eliminated in the consolidation.

Changes in the Entity's ownership interest in existing subsidiaries

Changes in the Entity's ownership interests in subsidiaries that do not result in the Entity losing control over the subsidiaries are accounted for as equity transactions. The carrying amounts of the Entity's interests and the non-controlling interests are adjusted to reflect the changes in their relative interests in the subsidiaries. Any difference between the amount by which the non-controlling interests are adjusted and the fair value of the consideration paid or received is recognized directly in equity and attributed to owners of the Entity.

d. Business combinations

Acquisitions of businesses are accounted for using the acquisition method. The consideration transferred in a business combination is measured at fair value, which is calculated as the sum of the acquisition-date fair values of the assets transferred by the Entity, liabilities incurred by the Entity to the former owners of the acquiree and the equity interests issued by the Entity in exchange for control of the acquiree. Acquisition-related costs are generally recognized in profit or loss as incurred.

At the acquisition date, the identifiable assets acquired and the liabilities assumed are recognized at their fair value, except that:

- Deferred tax assets or liabilities, and assets or liabilities related to employee benefit arrangements are recognized and measured in accordance with IAS 12 Income Taxes and IAS 19 Employee Benefit, respectively;
- Liabilities or equity instruments related to share-based payment arrangements of the acquiree or share-based payment arrangements of the Entity entered into to replace share-based payment arrangements of the acquiree are measured in accordance with IFRS 2 at the acquisition date; and
- Assets (or disposal groups) that are classified as held for sale in accordance with IFRS 5 Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations are measured in accordance with that standard.

Goodwill is measured as the excess of the sum of the consideration transferred, the amount of any non-controlling interests in the acquiree, and the fair value of the acquirer's previously held equity interest in the acquiree (if any) over the net of the acquisition-date amounts of the identifiable assets acquired and the liabilities assumed. If, after reassessment, the net of the acquisition-date amounts of the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed exceeds the sum of the consideration transferred, the amount of any non-controlling interests in the acquiree and the fair value of the acquirer's previously held interest in the acquiree (if any), the excess is recognized immediately in profit or loss as a bargain purchase gain.

Non-controlling interests that are present ownership interests and entitle their holders to a proportionate share of the entity's net assets in the event of liquidation may be initially measured either at fair value or at the non-controlling interests' proportionate share of the recognized amounts of the acquiree's identifiable net assets. The choice of measurement basis is made on a transaction-by-transaction basis. Other types of

non-controlling interests are measured at fair value or, when applicable, on the basis specified in another IFRS.

When the consideration transferred by the Entity in a business combination includes assets or liabilities resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement, the contingent consideration is measured at its acquisition-date fair value and included as part of the consideration transferred in a business combination. Changes in the fair value of the contingent consideration that qualify as measurement period adjustments are adjusted retrospectively, with corresponding adjustments against goodwill. Measurement period adjustments are adjustments that arise from additional information obtained during the 'measurement period' (which cannot exceed one year from the acquisition date) about facts and circumstances that existed at the acquisition date.

The subsequent accounting for changes in the fair value of the contingent consideration that do not qualify as measurement period adjustments depends on how the contingent consideration is classified. Contingent consideration that is classified as equity is not remeasured at subsequent reporting dates and its subsequent settlement is accounted for within equity. Contingent consideration that is classified as an asset or a liability is remeasured at subsequent reporting dates in accordance with IAS 39, or IAS 37 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets, as appropriate, with the corresponding gain or loss being recognized in profit or loss.

When a business combination is achieved in stages, the Entity's previously held equity interest in the acquiree is remeasured to its acquisition-date fair value and the resulting gain or loss, if any, is recognized in profit or loss. Amounts arising from interests in the acquiree prior to the acquisition date that have previously been recognized in other comprehensive income are reclassified to profit or loss where such treatment would be appropriate if that interest were disposed of.

If the initial accounting for a business combination is incomplete by the end of the reporting period in which the combination occurs, the Entity reports provisional amounts for the items for which the accounting is incomplete. Those provisional amounts are adjusted during the measurement period (see above), or additional assets or liabilities are recognized, to reflect new information obtained about facts and circumstances that existed at the acquisition date that, if known, would have affected the amounts recognized at that date.

e. **Goodwill**

Goodwill arising from an acquisition of a business is carried at cost as established at the date of acquisition of the business less accumulated impairment losses, if any.

For the purposes of impairment testing, goodwill is allocated to each of the Entity's cash-generating units that is expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination.

A cash-generating unit to which goodwill has been allocated is tested for impairment annually, or more frequently when there is an indication that the unit may be impaired. If the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit is less than its carrying amount, the impairment loss is allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the unit and then to the other assets of the unit pro rata based on the carrying amount of each asset in the unit. Any impairment loss for goodwill is recognized directly in profit or loss. An impairment loss recognized for goodwill is not reversed in subsequent periods.

On disposal of the relevant cash-generating unit, the attributable amount of goodwill is included in the determination of the profit or loss on disposal.

f. Investment in associates and joint businesses

An associate is an entity over which the Entity has significant influence. Significant influence is the power to participate in the financial and operating policies decisions of the investee, but is not control or joint control over those policies.

A joint venture is a joint arrangement whereby the parties that have joint control of the arrangement have rights to the net assets of the joint arrangement. Joint control is the contractually agreed sharing of control of an arrangement, which exists only when decisions about the relevant activities require unanimous consent of the parties sharing control.

The results and assets and liabilities of associates or joint ventures are incorporated in these consolidated financial statements using the equity method of accounting, except when the investment, or a portion thereof, is classified as held for sale, in which case it is accounted for in accordance with

IFRS 5. Under the equity method, an investment in an associate or a joint venture is initially recognized in the consolidated statements of financial position at cost and adjusted thereafter to recognize the Entity's share of the profit or loss and other comprehensive income of the associate or joint venture. When the Entity's share of losses of an associate or a joint venture exceeds the Entity's interest in that associate or

joint venture (which includes any long-term interests that, in substance, form part of the Entity's net investment in the associate or joint venture), the Entity discontinues recognizing its share of further losses. Additional losses are recognized only to the extent that the Entity has incurred legal or constructive obligations or made payments on behalf of the associate or joint venture.

An investment in an associate or a joint venture is accounted for using the equity method from the date on which the investee becomes an associate or a joint venture. On acquisition of the investment in an associate or a joint venture, any excess of the cost of the investment over the Entity's share of the net fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities of the investee is recognized as goodwill, which is included within the carrying amount of the investment. Any excess of the Entity's share of the net fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities over the cost of the investment, after reassessment, is recognized immediately in profit or loss in the period in which the investment is acquired.

The requirements of IAS 39 are applied to determine whether it is necessary to recognize any impairment loss with respect to the Entity's investment in an associate or a joint venture. When necessary, the entire carrying amount of the investment (including goodwill) is tested for impairment in accordance with IAS 36 Impairment of Assets as a single asset by comparing its recoverable amount (higher of value in use and fair value less costs to sell) with its carrying amount. Any impairment loss recognized forms part of the carrying amount of the investment. Any reversal of that impairment loss is recognized in accordance with IAS 36 to the extent that the recoverable amount of the investment subsequently increases.

The Entity discontinues the use of the equity method from the date when the investment ceases to be an associate or a joint venture, or when the investment is classified as held for sale. When the Entity retains an interest in the former associate or joint venture and the retained interest is a financial asset, the Entity measures the retained interest at fair value at that date and the fair value is regarded as its fair value on initial recognition in accordance with IAS 39. The difference between the carrying amount of the associate or joint venture at the date the equity method was discontinued, and the fair value of any retained interest and any proceeds from disposing of a part interest in the associate or joint venture is included in the determination of the gain or loss on disposal of the associate or joint venture. In addition, the Entity accounts for all amounts previously recognized in other comprehensive income in relation to that associate or joint venture on the same basis as would be required if that associate or joint venture had directly disposed of the related assets or liabilities. Therefore, if a

gain or loss previously recognized in other comprehensive income by that associate or joint venture would be reclassified to profit or loss on the disposal of the related assets or liabilities, the Entity reclassifies the gain or loss from equity to profit or loss (as a reclassification adjustment) when the equity method is discontinued,

The Entity continues to use the equity method when an investment in an associate becomes an investment in a joint venture or an investment in a joint venture becomes an investment in an associate. There is no remeasurement to fair value upon such changes in ownership interests.

When the Entity reduces its ownership interest in an associate or a joint venture but the Entity continues to use the equity method, the Entity reclassifies to profit or loss the proportion of the gain or loss that had previously been recognized in other comprehensive income relating to that reduction in ownership interest if that gain or loss would be reclassified to profit or loss on the disposal of the related assets or liabilities.

When a group entity transacts with an associate or a joint venture of the Entity, profits and losses resulting from the transactions with the associate or joint venture are recognized in the Entity's consolidated financial statements only to the extent of interests in the associate or joint venture that are not related to the Entity.

g. Revenue recognition

Income generated from ordinary operations is recorded to the extent that future economic benefits are likely to flow into the Entity and income can be measured reliably, irrespective of the moment in which payment is made. Income is measured based on the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, bearing in mind the payment conditions specified in the respective agreement, without including taxes or tariffs.

Sale of goods

Revenues from the sale of food and beverages are recognized when they are delivered to and/or consumed by customers.

Provision of services

Revenues from services are recognized given the stage of completion, which is generally, when the services have been rendered and accepted by customers.

Dividends

Dividend income is recognized when the Entity's right to collect dividends has been established.

Royalties

Royalty income is recorded as it is earned, based on a fixed percentage of sub-franchise sales.

h. Foreign currency transactions

In order to consolidate the financial statements of foreign operations carried out independently from the Entity (located in Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Brazil and Spain), which comprise 27% of consolidated net income and 23% and 21 % of the total consolidated assets at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, companies apply the policies followed by the Entity. The financial statements of consolidating foreign operations are converted to the reporting currency by initially identifying whether or not the functional and recording currency of foreign operations is different, and subsequently converting the functional currency to the reporting currency.

In order to convert the financial statements of subsidiaries resident abroad from the functional currency to the reporting currency at the reporting date, the following steps are carried out:

- Assets and liabilities, both monetary and non-monetary, are converted at the closing exchange rates in effect at the reporting date of each consolidated statement of financial position.
- Income, cost and expense items of the consolidated statements of income are converted at the average exchange rates for the period, unless those exchange rates will fluctuate significantly over the year, in which case operations are converted at the exchange rates prevailing at the date on which the related operations were carried out.
- All conversion differences are recognized as a separate component under stockholders' equity and form part of other comprehensive income items.

i. **Employee benefits**

Direct employee benefits are valued in proportion to the services rendered, considering current salaries, and they are recognized under liabilities as they accrue. This item includes mainly employee statutory profit sharing (PTU) payable, paid absences, such as vacations and vacation premiums, and incentives.

Other compensation to which personnel is entitled is recognized in income in the year in which it accrues.

PTU is recorded in income in the year in which it accrues and it is shown under operating expenses in the consolidated statements of income.

PTU is determined based on the tax profit in accordance with Section I of article 10 of the Income Tax Law.

j. **Income taxes**

The income tax expense represents the sum of tax currently payable and deferred tax.

- Current tax

In Mexico, current income tax (ISR) is recognized in the results of the year in which is incurred. Until December 31, 2013, current income tax was calculated as the higher of the ISR and the Business Flat Tax ("IETU").

- Deferred income tax

Deferred tax is recognized on temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the consolidated financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognized for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are generally recognized for all deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which those deductible temporary differences can be utilized. Such deferred tax assets and liabilities are not recognized if the temporary difference arises from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognized for taxable temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries and associates, and interests in joint ventures, except where the Entity is able to control the reversal of the temporary difference and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future. Deferred tax assets arising from deductible temporary differences associated with such investments and interests are only recognized to the extent that it is probable that there will be sufficient taxable profits against which to utilize the benefits of the temporary differences and they are expected to reverse in the foreseeable future.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax liabilities and assets are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period in which the liability is settled or the asset realized, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

The measurement of deferred tax liabilities and assets reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Entity expects, at the end of the reporting period, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legal right to offset short-term assets vs. short-term liabilities and when they relate to income taxes payable to the same tax authorities and the Entity has the intention of liquidating its assets and liabilities on net bases.

- Current and deferred tax for the year

Current and deferred tax are recognized in profit or loss, except when they relate to items that are recognized in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, in which case, the current and deferred tax are also recognized in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively. Where current tax or deferred tax arises from the initial accounting for a business combination, the tax effect is included in the accounting for the business combination.

k. **Store equipment, leasehold improvements and property**

Store equipment, leasehold improvements and property are recorded at acquisition cost.

Depreciation of store equipment, leasehold improvements and property is calculated by the straight-line method, based on the useful lives estimated by the Entity's management. Annual depreciation rates of the main groups of assets are as follows:

	Rates
Store equipment	5% to 30%
Transportation equipment	25%
Production equipment	10% to 20%
Buildings	5%
Leasehold improvements	7% to 20%
Computer equipment	30%
Office furniture and equipment	10%

Any significant components of store equipment, leasehold improvements and property that must be replaced periodically are depreciated as separate components of the asset and to the extent they are not fully depreciated at the time of their replacement, are written off by the Entity and replaced by the new component, considering its respective useful life and depreciation. Likewise, when major maintenance is performed, the cost is recognized as a replacement of a component provided that all recognition requirements are met. All other routine repair and maintenance costs are recorded as an expense in the period as they are incurred.

The Entity does not maintain a policy of selling fixed assets at the end of their useful lives. Instead, in order to protect its image and the Alsea brands, those assets are destroyed or in some cases sold as scrap. The use or lease of equipment outside the provisions of the franchise agreements is subject to sanctions. Additionally, given the high costs of maintenance or storage required, those assets are not used as spare parts for other brand stores.

I. Intangible assets

1. Intangible assets acquired in a business combination

Intangible assets acquired in a business combination and recognized separately from goodwill are initially recognized at their fair value at the acquisition date (which is regarded as their cost).

Subsequent to initial recognition, intangible assets acquired in a business combination are reported at cost less accumulated amortization and accumulated impairment losses, on the same basis as intangible assets that are acquired separately.

Brands owned by Alsea included under intangibles assets are the following:

Brand	Country	
Foster's Hollywood	Spain	Own brand
Cañas y Tapas	Spain	Own brand
La Vaca Argentina	Spain	Own brand
Il Tempietto	Spain	Own brand
VIPS	Mexico	Own brand
El Portón	Mexico	Own brand
La Finca	Mexico	Own brand

2. Intangible assets acquired separately

Other intangible assets represent payments made to third parties for the rights to use the brands with which the Entity operates its establishments under the respective franchise or association agreements. Amortization is calculated by the straight line method based on the use period of each brand, including renewals considered to be certain, which are generally for 10 to 20 years. The terms of brand rights are as follows:

Brands	Country	Year of expiration
Domino's Pizza	Mexico	2025
	Colombia	2016
	Spain	2018
Starbucks Coffee	Mexico	2037
	Argentina	2027
	Colombia	2033
	Chile	2027

Burger King	Mexico, Argentina, Chile Colombia, Spain (1)	Depending on opening dates
Chili's Grill & Bar	Mexico	2018
California Pizza Kitchen	Mexico	2022
P.F. Chang's	Mexico	2019
	Argentina, Chile, Brazil, Colombia (2)	2021
Pei Wei	Mexico (3)	2021
The Cheesecake Factory	Mexico, Chile (2)	Depending on opening dates
Italianni's	Mexico (1)	2031

(1) The term for each store under this brand is 20 years as of the opening date, with the right to a 10 year extension.

(2) The term for each store under this brand is 10 years as of the opening date, with the right to a 10 year extension.

(3) Term of 10 years with the right to an extension.

The Entity has affirmative and negative covenants under the aforementioned agreements, the most important of which are carrying out capital investments and opening establishments. At December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Entity has fully complied with those obligations.

Amortization of intangible assets is included in the depreciation and amortization accounts in the consolidated statements of income.

An intangible asset is derecognized on disposal, or when no future economic benefits are expected from use or disposal. Gains or losses arising from derecognition of an intangible asset, measured as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset are recognized in profit or loss when the asset is derecognized.

m. Impairment in the value of long-lived assets, equipment, leasehold improvements, properties, and other intangible assets

At the end of each reporting period, the Entity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such

indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). When it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Entity estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. When a reasonable and consistent basis of allocation can be identified, corporate assets are also allocated to individual cash-generating units, or otherwise they are allocated to the smallest group of cash-generating units for which a reasonable and consistent allocation basis can be identified.

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If it is estimated that the recoverable amount of an asset (or cash generating unit) is lower than its carrying value, the carrying value of the asset (or cash generating unit) is reduced to its recoverable amount. Impairment losses are immediately recognized in income. The Entity performs annual impairment tests to identify indications of impairment.

n. Inventories and cost of sales

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or net realizable value. Costs, including a portion of fixed and variable indirect costs, are assigned to inventories through the most appropriate method for the specific type of inventory. In assigning the unit cost of inventories, the Entity uses the average cost method (AC).

Cost of sales represents the cost of inventories at the time of sale, increased, when applicable, by reductions in the value of inventory during the year to its net realizable value.

The Entity records the necessary estimations to recognize reductions in the value of its inventories due to impairment, obsolescence, slow movement and other causes that indicate that utilization or realization of the items comprising the inventories will be below the recorded value.

o. Leases

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are initially recognized as assets of the Entity at their fair value at the inception of the lease or, if lower, at the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the consolidated statements of financial position as a finance lease obligation.

Lease payments are apportioned between finance expenses and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance expenses are recognized immediately in profit or loss.

Operating lease payments are recognized as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

p. Advance payments

Advance payments include advances for purchase of inventories, property, store equipment, leasehold improvements and services that are received in the twelve months subsequent to the date of the consolidated statements of financial position and are incurred in the course of regular operations.

q. Provisions

Provisions are recorded when the Entity has a present obligation (be it legal or assumed) as a result of a past event, and it is probable that the Entity will have to settle the obligation and it is possible to prepare a reliable estimation of the total amount.

The amount recorded as a provision is the best estimation of the amount required to settle the present obligation at the end of the period being reported, considering the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. When a provision is valued using the cash flows estimated to settle the present obligation, the carrying value is shown at the present value of those cash flows.

When some or all of the economic benefits required to settle a provision are expected to be recovered by a third party, an account receivable is recorded as an asset provided that it is virtually certain that the payment will be received and the amount of the account receivable can be reliably measured.

Provisions are classified as current or non-current based on the estimated period of time estimated for settling the related obligations.

Contingent liabilities acquired as part of a business combination

Contingent liabilities acquired in a business combination are initially measured at fair value at the acquisition date. At the end of subsequent reporting periods, such contingent liabilities are measured at the higher of the amount that would be recognized in accordance with IAS 37 and the amount initially recognized less cumulative amortization recognized in accordance with IAS 18 Revenue.

r. Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognized when the Entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instruments.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets and financial liabilities (other than financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss) are added to or deducted from the fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities, as appropriate, on initial recognition. Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are recognize immediately in profit or loss.

s. Financial assets

Financial assets are classified into the following specific categories: financial assets "at fair value through profit or loss" (FVTPL), "held-to-maturity" investments, "available-for-sale" (AFS) and financial assets and "loans and receivables". The classification depends on the nature and purpose of the financial assets and is determined at the time of initial recognition. All regular purchases or sales of financial assets are recognized and derecognized on the trade date basis. Regular way purchases or sales are purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the time frame established by regulation or convention in the marketplace.

1. Effective interest method

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortized cost of a debt instrument and of allocating interest income over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts (including all fees and points paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life of the debt instrument, or, where appropriate, a shorter period, to the net carrying amount on initial recognition.

Income is recognized on an effective interest basis for debt instruments other than those financial assets classified as of FVTPL.

2. Financial assets at FVTPL

Financial assets are classified as of FVTPL when the financial asset is either held for trading or it is designated as of FVTPL

A financial asset is classified as held for trading if:

- It has been acquired principally for the purpose of selling it in the near term; or
- On initial recognition it is part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that the Entity manages together and has a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking; or
- It is a derivative that is not designated and effective as a hedging instrument

A financial asset other than a financial asset held for trading may be designated as of FVTPL upon initial recognition, if:

- Such designation eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency that would otherwise arise; or
- The financial asset forms part of a group of financial assets or financial liabilities or both, which is managed and its performance is evaluated on a fair value basis, in accordance with the Entity's documented risk management or investment strategy, and information about the grouping is provided internally on that basis; or
- It forms part of a contract containing one or more embedded derivatives, and IAS 39 permits the entire combined contract to be designated as of FVTPL.

Financial assets at FVTPL are stated at fair value, with any gains or losses arising on remeasurement recognized in profit or loss. The net gain or loss recognized in profit or loss incorporates any dividend or interest earned on the financial asset and is included in the "other income and expenses" in the consolidated statements of income.

3. Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not traded on an active market are classified as loans and receivables. Loans and receivables are valued at amortized cost using the effective interest method, less impairment identified.

Interest income is recognized by applying the effective interest rate, except for short term receivables when the effect of discounting is immaterial.

4. Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets, other than those at FVTPL, are assessed for indicators of impairment at the end of each reporting period. Financial assets are considered to be impaired when there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows of the investment have been affected.

For financial assets that are carried at cost, the amount of the impairment loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted at the current market rate of return for a similar financial asset. Such impairment loss will not be reversed in subsequent periods.

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The carrying amount of the financial asset is reduced by the impairment loss directly for all financial assets with the exception of trade receivables, where the carrying amount is reduced through the use of an allowance account. When a trade receivable is considered uncollectible, it is written off against the allowance account. Subsequent

recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against the allowance account. Changes in the carrying amount of the allowance account are recognized in profit or loss.

For financial assets measured at amortized cost, if, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognized, the previously recognized impairment loss is reversed through profit or loss to the extent that the carrying amount of the investment at the date the impairment is reversed does not exceed what the amortized cost would have been had the impairment not been recognized.

t. Financial liabilities and equity instruments

1. Classification as debt or equity

Debt and equity instruments issued by a group entity are classified as either financial liabilities or as equity in accordance with the substance of the contractual arrangements and the definitions of a financial liability and an equity instrument.

2. Equity instruments

An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of an entity after deducting all of its liabilities. Equity instruments issued by a group entity are recognized at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs.

Repurchase of the Entity's own equity instruments is recognized and deducted directly in equity. No gain or loss is recognized in profit or loss on the purchase, sale, issue or cancellation of the Entity's own equity instruments.

3. Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are classified as either financial liabilities 'at FVTPL' or 'other financial liabilities'.

4. Other financial liabilities

Other financial liabilities (including borrowings and trade and other payables) are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

u. **Derivative financial instruments**

Alsea uses derivative financial instruments (DFI) known as forwards or swaps, in order to a) mitigate present and future risks of adverse fluctuations in exchange and interest rates, b) avoid distracting resources from its operations and the expansion plan, and c) have certainty over its future cash flows, which also helps to maintain a cost of debt strategy. DFI's used are only held for economic hedge purposes, through which the Entity agrees to the trade cash flows at future fixed dates, at the nominal or reference value, and they are valued at fair value.

Embedded derivatives: The Entity reviews all signed contracts to identify the existence of embedded derivatives. Identified embedded derivatives are subject to evaluation to determine whether or not they comply with the provisions of the applicable regulations; if so, they are separated from the host contract and are valued at fair value. If an embedded derivative is classified as trading instruments, changes in their fair value are recognized in income for the period.

Changes in the fair value of embedded derivatives designated for hedging recognize in based on the type of hedging: (1) when they relate to fair value hedges, fluctuations in the embedded derivative and in the hedged item they are valued at fair value and are recorded in income; (2) when they relate to cash flows hedges, the effective portion of the embedded derivative is temporarily recorded under other comprehensive income, and it is recycled to income when the hedged item affects results. The ineffective portion is immediately recorded in income.

Strategy for contracting DFI's: Every month, the Corporate Finance Director's office must define the price levels at which the Corporate Treasury must operate the different hedging instruments. Under no circumstances should amounts above the monthly resource requirements be operated, thus ensuring that operations are always carried out for hedging and not for speculation purposes. Given the variety of derivative instruments available to hedge risks, Management is empowered to define the operations for which such instruments are to be contracted, provided they are held for hedging and not for speculative purposes.

Processes and authorization levels: The Corporate Treasury Manager must quantify and report to the Financial Director the monthly requirements of operating resources. The Corporate Financial Director may operate at his discretion up to 50% of the needs for the resources being hedged, and the Administration and Financial Management may cover up to 75% of the exposure risk. Under no circumstances may amounts

above the limits authorized by the Entity's General Management be operated, in order to ensure that operations are always for hedging and not for speculation purposes. The foregoing is applicable to interest rates with respect to the amount of debt contracted at variable rates and the exchange rate with respect to currency requirements. If it becomes necessary to sell positions for the purpose of making a profit and/or incurring a "stop loss", the Administration and Finance Director must first authorize the operation.

Internal control processes: With the assistance of the Corporate Treasury Manager, the Corporate Financial Director must issue a report the following working day, specifying the Entity's resource requirements for the period and the percentage covered by the Administration and Financial Manager. Every month, the Corporate Treasury Manager will provide the Accounting department with the necessary documentation to properly record such operations. The Administration and Finance Director will submit to the Corporate Practices Committee a quarterly report on the balance of positions taken.

The actions to be taken in the event that the identified risks associated with exchange rate and interest rate fluctuations materialize, are to be carried out by the Internal Risk Management and Investment Committee, of which the Alsea General Director and the main Entity's directors form part.

Main terms and conditions of the agreements: Operations with DFI's are carried out under a master agreement on an ISDA (International Swap Dealers Association) form, which must be standardized and duly formalized by the legal representatives of the Entity and the financial institutions.

Margins, collateral and credit line policies: In certain cases, the Entity and the financial institutions have signed an agreement enclosed to the ISDA master agreement, which stipulates conditions that require them to offer guarantees for margin calls in the event that the mark-to-market value exceeds certain established credit limits.

The Entity has the policy of monitoring the volume of operations contracted with each institution, in order to avoid as much as possible margin cans and diversify its counterparty risks.

Identified risks are those related to variations in exchange rate and interest rate. Derivative instruments are contracted under the Entity's policies and no risks are expected to occur that differ from the purpose for which those instruments are contracted.

Markets and counterparties: Derivative financial instruments are contracted in the local market under the over the counter (OTC) mode. Following are the financial entities that are eligible to close operations in relation to the Entity's risk management: BBVA Bancomer S.A., Banco Nacional de México, S. A., Banco Santander, S.A., Barclays Bank Mexico S. A., Deutsche Bank AG, Goldman, Sachs Paris Inc. Etcie, HSBC México S.A., Merrill Lynch Capital Services Inc., Morgan Stanley Capital Services Inc., UBS AG. Actinver Casa De Bolsa, Banorte-Ixe, BTG Pactual, Citi, Credit Suisse, Grupo Bursátil Mexicano GBM Casa De Bolsa, HSBC Global Research, Interacciones Casa de Bolsa, Intercam Casa de Balsa, Invex, Itau BBA, Monex Casa de Bolsa, UBS Investment Research and Vector Casa de Balsa.

The Corporate Financial Director is empowered to select other participants, provided that they are regulated institutions authorized to carry out this type of operations, and that they can offer the guarantees required by the Entity.

Accounting of hedging: DFI's are initially recorded at their fair value, which is represented by the transaction cost. After initial recognition, DFI's are valued at each reporting period at their fair value and changes in such value are recognized in the consolidated statements of income, except if those derivative instruments have been formally designated as and they meet the requirement to be considered hedge instruments associated to a hedge relation.

Polices for designating calculation and valuation agents

The fair value of DFI's is reviewed monthly. The calculation or valuation agent used is the same counterparty or financial entity with whom the instrument is contracted, who is asked to issue the respective reports at the month-end closing dates specified by the Entity.

Likewise, as established in the master agreements (ISDA) that cover derivative financial operations, the respective calculations and valuations are presented in the quarterly report. The designated calculation agents are the corresponding counterparties. Nevertheless, the Entity validates all calculations and valuations received by each counterparty.

c) The Board of Directors has actively participated in the management of the Corporation, performing its duties in accordance with the relevant legislation. And thus, we have conducted meetings on quarterly basis, wherein all transactions conducted by the Corporation are analyzed as well as the financial information for each month's closing, decisions are made and recommendations are submitted to the Management of the Corporation. It is worth highlighting that, one of the main duties of the Board of Directors is to guide the various policies of the corporation, the Members of the Board of Directors act as advisors in the organization and perform their duties based on the information about the corporation, provided to them, their experiences and knowledge, which enhances the appropriate decision making process by said management body.

Also, the management body conducts liaison duties with shareholders highlighting the fact that its members act as a control instrument supervising the management conducted by the managers of the corporation, in order to enhance the duties of the management body the presence of independent members is accounted for, same members who are recognized professionals in several fields.

Lastly, the Board of Directors also safeguards the interests of non-controlling shareholders, preventing the existing divergent interests among controlling and non-controlling shareholders to result in detriment to the latter.

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