

2.19 PROFIT PER SHARE

Basic

The basic profit per share is calculated by dividing the profit payable to shareholders by the weighted mean number of ordinary shares issued during the period, excluding ordinary shares acquired by the company and held as own shares (Note 15).

Diluted

The profit diluted per share is calculated by dividing the profit payable to shareholders – adjusted by the dividends of convertible preference shares, convertible debt interest and gains and expenses resulting from the conversion – by the average number of ordinary shares issued during the period plus the average number of ordinary shares that may be issued in the conversion of ordinary shares that may be potentially used in the dilution.

2.20 DERIVATIVES FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Group uses derivatives financial instruments, such as exchange forwards and interest rate swaps, only to cover the financial risk with which the Group is exposed to. The Group doesn't use derivatives financial instruments for speculation. For the carrying amount of derivatives financial instruments, the Group uses hedge accounting policies under the terms of the legislation in force. Derivatives financial instruments negotiation is carried out by the Group, on behalf of their subsidiaries, by the financial department under the policies approved by the Board of directors. Derivative financial instruments are initially measured at the transaction date fair value, being subsequently measured at each reporting date fair value. Gains or losses of fair value changes are recognised as follows:

Fair value hedge

In an operation to hedge the exposure to fair value of an asset or liability ("fair value hedge") determined as effective hedges, the fair value changes are recognised in the income statement jointly with the fair value changes of the risk component of the hedged item.

Cash flow hedge

In an operation to hedge the exposure to future cash-flows of an asset or liability ("cash-flow hedge"), the effective part of the fair value changes in the hedging derivative are recognised in equity; the ineffective part of the hedging is recognised in the income statement when it occurs.

Net investment hedge

Currently there are no foreign operational units (subsidiaries) in currencies other than the euro, therefore the Group is not exposed to foreign currency exchange-rate risks.

The Group has well identified the nature of the involved risks, guarantees through its software that each hedge instrument is followed under the Group's risk policy, recording thorough and formally the hedges relationships; the hedges goal and strategy; classification of the hedges relationship; description of the nature of the risk that's being covered; identification of the hedge instrument and covered item; description of initial measure and future effectiveness of the hedge; identification of the excluded, if any, part of the hedge instrument.

The Group will consider discontinued an hedge instrument when it is sold, expires or is realised; the hedge ceases to fulfil the hedge accounting criteria; for the cash flow hedge the expected transaction is unlikely or unexpected; the Group cancels the hedge instruments for managing reasons.