

A low-angle, upward-looking photograph of several modern skyscrapers with glass facades. The buildings are set against a clear, light blue sky. The perspective creates a sense of height and scale, with the buildings converging towards the top of the frame. The glass reflects the sky and each other, creating a complex pattern of light and shadow.

# **Transparency Report**

**31 December 2023**

**TACS Malta Limited  
Audit and Accountancy  
firm**

## **TACS Malta Limited**

### Introduction

The statutory audit directive of the EU requires that firms auditing financial statements of public interest companies publish on their website a transparency report for each calendar year. This EU requirement was implemented in the Maltese Accountancy Profession Act during 2008 by article 18. This transparency report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of article 18 of the Maltese Accountancy Profession Act and covers the firm's operations for the year 2023.

### Legal structure and ownership

The capital of the firm is owned by Pamela Fenech who is registered as a sole practitioner with the Accountancy Board. All the voting rights of the firm are held by Pamela Fenech who is a member of the Malta Institute of Accountants, holds the warrant to act as auditor and operates under his own name.

### Governance structure

The firm is governed by Pamela Fenech who is the sole practitioner of the firm and acts as the Compliance Principal.

### Internal quality control system

The firm maintains policies and procedures to promote an internal culture based on the recognition that quality is essential in performing audit engagements. The policies and procedures of the firm are in compliance with International Quality Control Standards 1 (ISQM1) which provides the firm with reasonable assurance that the firm and its personnel comply with professional standards and regulatory requirements and that reports issued by the principal are appropriate in the circumstances.

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## Internal quality control system (continued)

The firm's quality control policies include procedures that address the following:

- Leadership responsibilities for quality within a firm
- Ethical requirements
- Acceptance and continuance of client relationships and specific engagements
- Human resources
- Engagement performance
- Monitoring

The principal, Pamela Fenech, assumes ultimate responsibility for the firm's system of quality control and endeavours to ensure that the firm achieves quality in all engagements that the firm performs. She is also responsible to consider the following factors when accepting or continuing audit relationships or engagements:

- the integrity of the client;
- the firm's competence to perform the engagement; and
- ethical requirements.

The principal hereunder confirms that he is satisfied that the firm's internal quality control system is effective in providing reasonable assurance that the firm complies with applicable professional standards and regulatory and legal requirements.

## Quality assurance review

The Quality Assurance Oversight Committee of the Accountancy Board is responsible for carrying out monitoring visits to inspect the audit quality of auditors operating in Malta. A visit was made between the 24<sup>th</sup> August and 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022. The conclusion was satisfactory.

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### **Public interest entity audited by the firm**

Gap Group p.l.c. (Company Registration No C75875) is the only public interest entity audited by the firm.

### **Statement concerning the auditor’s independence**

The firm has independence practices which include obtaining a declaration from the principal and the employees that they comply with the relevant ethical requirements as set out in the IFAC Code and national ethical requirements as set out in Directive 2 Code of Ethics. An internal review of independence compliance has been conducted during January 2024.

### **Continuing education**

The firm considers continuing education as being an important factor to enable the firm to provide a first class professional service. The principal and staff attend seminars organised by the Malta Institute of Accountants and other bodies which are relevant to the work performed by the firm.

### **Rotation of key audit principal or staff**

Pamela Fenech is the only principal in the firm. The firm has established an appropriate gradual rotation mechanism with regard to the most senior personnel involved in the statutory audit. In the event that the firm would not be in a position to meet with the firm’s policy in this regard the firm would no longer carry out the statutory audit of the listed entity.

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### Total turnover

During the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023, the company's total revenue amounted to €291,485 consisting of:

- a. Revenues from the statutory audit of annual and consolidated financial statements of public-interest entities of €42,710.

### Basis for principal's remuneration

The sole principal was remunerated through the profits earned from the firm.



Pamela Fenech  
Certified Public Accountant and Auditor  
Date: 18 April 2024