

15. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

They amounted to euro 8 thousand (euro 15 thousand at December 31, 2013).

16. TAX RECEIVABLES

Amounted to euro 91,004 thousand (euro 43,213 thousand at December 31, 2013). The amount mainly includes:

- receivables from tax authorities for withholding tax (euro 43,146 thousand);
- receivables from Group companies participating in tax consolidation, for euro 39,112 thousand (euro 18,719 thousand at December 31, 2013), the increase over the previous year is largely due to the greater contribution of Pirelli Tyre S.p.A. positive taxable income;
- receivables from tax authorities for IRES for 2008/2014 of euro 5,058 thousand (euro 4,959 thousand at December 31, 2013) and for VAT litigation in 2004 (euro 1,102 thousand).

17. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

This item, amounting to euro 209 thousand (euro 1,655 thousand at December 31, 2013), includes the fair value evaluation of 2 interest rate swaps on a notional amount of euro 50 million, stipulated in order to hedge for variations in the fair value of a part of the bond issued by Pirelli & C. S.p.A. in February 2011 for euro 500 million [refer to note 19]. These derivatives provide for the collection of a fixed rate of 5.125% on an annual basis with the same frequency as the interest payments on the bond which is also equal to 5.125% and the payment of a 6-month EURIBOR floating rate with an average spread of 2.38%. With reference to these derivatives fair value hedge accounting was adopted, whereby the increase in the fair value of the derivative is recognised in Income Statement and is offset by a loss on the bond attributable to the hedged risk of the same amount, recorded in the Income Statement under financial expenses and which adjusted the carrying amount of the bond ("basis adjustment").

18. EQUITY

Equity amounted to euro 2,056,180 thousand (euro 1,940,025 thousand at December 31, 2013). The analyses of its changes and their composition are provided in the main Financial Statements.

18.1 SHARE CAPITAL

The **share capital** as at December 31, 2014 amounted to euro 1,345,381 thousand, and was represented by 475,740,182 ordinary shares and 12,251,311 savings shares without par value and with a regular dividend.

The share capital is presented net of treasury shares, amounting to euro 969 thousand for ordinary shares (351,590 shares, representing 0.07% of ordinary shares only) and euro 1,126 thousand for the savings shares (408,342 shares, representing 3.33% of savings shares only) and therefore amounts to euro 1,343,285 thousand. Total treasury shares represent 0.16% of the share capital.