## **New Centurion Trust Limited**

Directors' Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2018

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## **COMPANY INFORMATION**

## Directors

Sir David Thomson (resigned 6 July 2018) Peter Allen (resigned 6 July 2018) Stephen Cockburn (resigned 6 July 2018) Martin Perrin

## Secretary and Registered Office

Maitland Administration Services Limited Springfield Lodge Colchester Road Chelmsford Essex CM2 5PW

## Auditor

Saffery Champness LLP 71 Queen Victoria Street London EC4V 4BE

## DIRECTORS' REPORT For the year ended 30 June 2018

The Directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year to 30 June 2018.

#### **Principal Activity**

The principal activity of New Centurion Trust Limited (the "Company") is that of an investment company, as defined by section 833 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Investment Company Plc (the "Parent"), a company registered in England and Wales.

## Results and Dividends

The financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2018 show a loss after taxation of 4,618 (2017: £5,169). No dividends (2017: £nil) were payable during the year.

#### Directors

The following Directors were in office throughout the year and at the date of this report:

Sir David Thomson (resigned 6 July 2018) Peter Allen (resigned 6 July 2018) Stephen Cockburn (resigned 6 July 2018) Martin Perrin

#### Statement of Disclosure to Auditor

In so far as each of the Directors is aware, there is no relevant audit information that has not been disclosed to the Company's Auditor and each of the Directors believes that all steps have been taken that ought to have been taken to make them aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's Auditor has been made aware of that information.

Approved by the Board, and signed on its behalf by

Maitland Administration Services Limited Secretary

30 October 2018

#### STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss for that period. Under that law the Directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. Under Company law, the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Directors have reviewed the Company's financial position at the balance sheet date and for the period of at least 12 months from the date that these financial statements were approved. They have considered liquidity risk, key assumptions and uncertainties. As a result of this assessment, the Directors have adopted the going concern basis of accounting for the preparation of these financial statements.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NEW CENTURION TRUST LIMITED

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of New Centurion Trust Limited for the year ended 30 June 2018 which comprise of the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Changes in Equity and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 June 2018 and its profit for the period then ended:
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

## Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

#### Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information; we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

## Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 3, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

30 Octobre 2018

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

## Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Michael Di Leto (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Saffery Champness LLP

Chartered Accountants **Statutory Auditors** 

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# STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For the year ended 30 June 2018

	Note	Year ended 30 June 2018 £	Year ended 30 June 2017 £
Investment income	2	172	172
Management expenses		(4,790)	(5,341)
Loss before taxation	3	(4,618)	(5,169)
Taxation	4	-	-
Loss after taxation		(4,618)	(5,169)
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income		(4,618)	(5,169)

All of the Company's activities are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

## BALANCE SHEET As at 30 June 2018

	Note	. 2 £	018 £	20 £	017 £
Fixed assets					
Investments	5		858,783		. 858,783
Current assets					
Cash		_		-	
Debtors	6 _	861	·	689	
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Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	7 -	(22,889)		(18,099)	
Net current liabilities			(22,028)	-	(17,410)
Net assets			836,755		841,373
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital			1,000,000		1,000,000
Capital redemption reserve			1,000,000		1,000,000
Capital reserve			264,560		264,560
Profit and loss account			(1,427,805)		(1,423,187)
Shareholders' funds			836,755	=	841,373

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 30 October 2018 and signed on its behalf by:

M.H.W. Perrin (FCA) Director

Company Number: 00216614

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY As at 30 June 2018

	Share capital	Capital redemption reserve £	Capital reserve	Profit and loss account	Total £
Balance at 1 July 2016	1,000,000	1,000,000	264,560	(1,418,018)	846,542
Year ended 30 June 2017: Total loss and comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	(5,169)	(5,169)
Balance at 30 June 2017	1,000,000	1,000,000	264,560	(1,423,187)	841,373
Year ended 30 June 2018 Total loss and comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	(4,618)	(4,618)
Balance at 30 June 2018	1,000,000	1,000,000	264,560	(1,427,805)	836,755

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 30 June 2018

## 1. Accounting policies

#### Company information

New Centurion Trust Limited (the "Company") is a limited liability company incorporated in England and Wales. The Registered Office is Springfield Lodge, Colchester Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 5PW. The nature of the Company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Directors' report.

#### Accounting convention

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

The Company meets the definition of a qualifying entity under FRS 102 and has therefore taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available to it in accordance with paragraph 1.12 of FRS 102. Exemptions have been taken in relation to the presentation of a cash flow statement.

#### Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a period of at least 12 months from the date that these financial statements were approved. Thus the directors continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

## Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements and estimates that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. The nature of estimation means that the actual outcomes could differ from those estimates, possibly significantly. The most critical estimates and judgements relate to the determination of carrying value of investments at cost less impairment.

#### **Investments**

The fixed rate preference shares are considered a basic financial instrument with disclosure in accordance with FRS102 Section 11. The initial measurement is at cost of transaction with subsequent measurement at cost less impairment. When applicable, the changes in impairment are reflected in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### Financial instruments

The Company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Company's statement of financial position when the Company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 30 June 2018

#### Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other debtors, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

#### Other financial assets

Other financial assets, including investments in equity instruments which are not subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures, are initially measured at fair value, which is normally the transaction price. Such assets are subsequently carried at fair value and the changes in fair value are recognised in the income statement, except that investments in equity instruments that are not publically traded and whose fair values cannot be measured reliably are measured at cost less impairment.

#### Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through the income statement, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date.

Financial assets are impaired where 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 have been affected. If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in the income statement.

If there is a decrease in the impairment loss arising from an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the impairment is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been, had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in the income statement.

#### Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the company transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

## Classification of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other creditors, bank loans, loans from fellow group companies and preference shares that are classified as debt, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as 'creditors: amounts falling due within one year' if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as 'creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year'. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

## Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Company's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 30 June 2018

## **Taxation**

The charge for taxation is based on the net revenue for the year and takes into account taxation deferred or accelerated because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items. Deferred tax is measured on a non-discounted basis.

Current tax is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

## Segmental reporting

The Directors are of the opinion that the Company is engaged in a single segment of business, being investment business.

## 2. Investment income

	2018 £	2017 £
Dividends from fixed asset investment	172	172
3. Loss before taxation		
	2018 £	2017 £
Loss before taxation is stated after charging:  Auditors' remuneration – for audit services	2,050	1,950
No Director fees were payable during the year (2017: £nil).		
4. Current corporation and deferred tax		
Corporation tax	2018 £ -	2017 £ -
The current taxation charge for the year is set out below.		
The differences are explained below:	2018	2017 £
Return on ordinary activities before taxation	(4,618)	(5,169)
Theoretical tax at UK corporation tax rate of 19% (2017: 19.75%)	(877)	(1,021)
Effects of:  UK dividends that are not taxable  Relieved expenses	(33) 910	(34) 1,055
Actual current tax charge	<u> </u>	-

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 30 June 2018

5. Investments		
Fixed rate	2018	2017
preference shares	£	£
Cost	~	~
At 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018	858,783	858,783
Provision for diminution in value		
At 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018	<u> </u>	-
Cost less impairment		
At 30 June 2018	858,783	858,783
At 30 June 2017	858,783	858,783

The Company holds 1,717,565 fixed rate preference shares of 50p each in The Investment Company plc, the immediate parent.

The Directors valuation is based upon the recoverability of the value of the preference shares and at the signing of the accounts the parent is in a position to repay the outstanding balance. The impairment at 30 June 2018 is £nil (2017: £nil).

## 6. Debtors

	2018 £	2017 £
Accrued income	861	689
7. Creditors	2018 £	2017 £
Due to Parent Company Accruals	20,489 2,400	15,759 2,340
	22,889	18,099

## 8. Control

The Company's immediate parent is The Investment Company plc, a company registered in England and Wales. Copies of the accounts prepared by the parent will be lodged at Companies House where they may be inspected.

## 9. Related party disclosure

In accordance with FRS102, the Company has not disclosed transactions with the ultimate parent or any wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of the group.