# **Allianz Europe Limited**

Directors' report and financial statements Registered number 1571671 Year End Date 31 December 2007



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# Directors' report and financial statements

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# Directors' report

The directors have pleasure in presenting their report together with the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2007. The accounts have been presented in Euros.

#### Activities

The company is and will continue to be a holding company. The principal activity of its subsidiary undertakings is the provision of financial services, including the transaction of insurance and reinsurance business of all classes.

#### General

# Shares in Group companies

On 31 July 2007 the Company increased its share in Allianz Compagnia Italiana Finanziamenti S p A, Milan, Italy ("ACIF") to 100% by purchasing 16,755,400 shares Payment was effectuated by means of issuing 6,865,013,076 new B ordinary shares of GBP 1 each and a contribution to the share premium account

On 31 December 2007, the company booked an impairment loss of EUR 4,500 million. This is due to a dividend distribution by ACIF resulting in a decline of it's shareholders' equity

# Loans to group companies

On 1 August 2007 ACIF ceded a loan towards Allianz SE to Allianz Europe Ltd On 25 September 2007 and 13 December 2007, Allianz SE repaid parts of this loan and the proceeds were used for granting two profit participation loans to two Allianz group entities

#### Other fixed investments

On 18 September 2007 the Company bought 65,659,233 shares (8 64%) of Banco BPI S A, Portugal, from ACIF

## Shareholders capital

On 31 July 2007 the articles of association were amended and adopted as the existing 3,331,053,323 ordinary shares of GBP 1 each in the capital of the company allotted to AZ-Argos 10 Vermogensverwaltungsgesellschaft mbH were reclassified as A ordinary shares of GBP 1 each

#### Dividend

During the financial year the company received a total dividend from its subsidiaries of EUR 7,007 9 million (2006 246 0 million)

Furthermore, in 2007 the company distributed a total interim dividend of EUR 159 0 million EUR 85 0 million was paid on 25 January 2007 and EUR 74 0 million on 21 December 2007

#### Results

The result for the financial year 2007 amounts to a profit of EUR 2,585 7 million (2006 EUR 243 2 million) The increase in result is mainly due to higher dividend income of EUR 6,761 9 million and an impairment booked on the ACIF participation of EUR 4,500 0 million

The results for the year are given in the profit and loss account on page 5

#### Risk Management

The Company is exposed to risks inherent to the Company's activities described above. The most important types of financial risk to which the Company is exposed are currency risk and operational risk.

#### Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the exchange rate of its currency relative to other foreign currencies may change in a manner that has an adverse effect on the value of assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the euro

Currency risks are limited as dividend receivables (in other currency than the euro) are hedged on the same day they are declared

#### Operational risk

Operational risk related mainly to issues like fraud, IT matters and legal matters. For operational IT support a service level agreement is concluded with Allianz Nederland. The Company considers it has set up adequate internal controls to mitigate operational risks.

#### Directors

The directors who served from 1 January 2007 to date were

Dr P Achleitner

Chairman,

HJJ Schoon

Managing Director

S J Theissing

Managing Director

HDA Wentzel

Managing Director

Dr P Achleitner has Austrian nationality, H D A Wentzel and H J J Schoon have Dutch nationality, and S J Theissing has German nationality

# Auditors

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditors will be deemed to be reappointed and KPMG LLP will therefore continue in office

#### Disclosure of information to auditors

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this directors' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware, and each director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information

By order of the board

#### H D A Wentzel

Managing Director and Secretary

Amsterdam

17 June 2008

# STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE DIRECTORS' REPORT AND THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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 year Under that law they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period

In preparing these 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,
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, 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 proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that its financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.



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# Independent auditors' report to the members of Allianz Europe Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Allianz Europe Limited for the year ended 31 December 2007 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. 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 auditor's 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

## Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities on page 3

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland)

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 We also report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it

## Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

# Opinion

# In our opinion

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2007 and of its profits for the year then ended,
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985, and
- the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements

KPMG LLP
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditor

17 June 2008

# Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2007

	Note	2007		2006	
		EUR'000	EUR'000	EUR'000	EUR'000
Income from shares in group undertakings					
Dividends from shares		7,007,912		245,982	
Other interest receivable and similar income	2	159,304		4,369	
Other operating income	3	24		412	
Gain on sale of fixed assets	4	2		-	
			7,167,242		250,763
Administrative expenses	5		(590)		(848)
Operating profit on continuing activities			7,166,652		249,915
Impairment of fixed asset investments	6		(4,548,588)		(5,000)
Interest payable and similar charges	7		(7,973)		(814)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation			2,610,091		244,101
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	8		(24,347)		(922)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation / Profit for the					
financial year			2,585,744		243,179

The notes on pages 7 to 19 form part of these financial statements

The company had no recognised gains or losses other than the profit for the year

All income and expenditure relates to continuing operations

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# **Balance sheet**

As at 31 December 2007

Note 2007 2006 EUR'000 EUR'000	14       14,773,243       4,524,048         15       7,125,410       668,839         16       2,562,738       135,994	7 24,461,391 5,328,881   24,461,391 5,328,881  8 430,854 40,284	24,892,245 5,369,165	
2006 EUR'000	Share capital and reserves  28 5,146,693 Called up share capital  Share Premium  5,146,721 Other reserves	Shareholders' Funds 175,000 1,311 Shareholders' funds attributable to equity interests 46,133 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year 222,444	5,369,165	
2007 EUR'000	22,169,321 	2,634,237 60,638 28,039 2,722,914	24,892,245	H DA Wentzel
Note	11	12	(	on 17 June 20
	Fixed assets Tangible assets Investments	Current assets  Loans to group companies  Debtors  Cash at bank and in hand	Total assets	Approved by the directors on 17 June 200  S. J. Theissing  Director

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#### Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

#### 1 Accounting policies

#### Basis of preparation

The financial statements are presented in Euros because the company operates in the Netherlands and accounts for its transactions in Euros

The company does not have more than one business or geographical segment

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with Schedule 4 of the Companies Act 1985 and with applicable accounting standards

The financial statements present information about the undertaking as an individual undertaking and not about its group

## Exemption from requirement to prepare group financial statements

The company is exempt under Section 228 of the Companies Act 1985 from the requirement to prepare group financial statements because its ultimate parent undertaking in the EU, Allianz SE, incorporated in Germany, holds more than 50 per cent of the shares of the company, and no notice had been given by the holder of the other shares requesting the preparation of consolidated financial statements. The company's financial statements are included in the consolidated financial statements of Allianz SE which are drawn up according to German law in accordance with the EU Seventh Directive, and have been audited. Copies of Allianz SE's Annual Report for 2007, in English, including the consolidated financial statements and the auditors' report on them, will be filed with the UK Registrar of Companies, Companies House, Cardiff, CF4 3UZ

#### Exemption from requirement to prepare a cash flow statement

Due to the existence of certain control agreements with the other shareholder, more than 90% of the voting rights of the company are controlled within the Allianz SE Group and the company is included within the published consolidated financial statements of Allianz SE Group Advantage has therefore been taken of the exemption in FRS 1 from the requirement to prepare a cashflow statement

# Depreciation

Depreciation of tangible fixed assets is provided on cost at rates calculated by reference to the expected economic lives of the assets on a straight line basis. The rates are

Office and computer equipment 33%

# Investments

Investments in group undertakings are stated at cost less provisions for permanent diminution in value

Other fixed asset investments are recorded at the lower of acquisition cost and net realisable value

Loans to related undertakings are stated at nominal value

#### Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated using the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction Foreign currency balances at the year-end are translated at the rate ruling at the year-end All exchange differences are dealt with through the profit and loss account. Share capital is translated at the rate ruling on the day it is called up

#### Income and expenses

Interest income and interest payable is recognised in profit and loss as it accrues, using the effective interest method. Dividend income is recognised in the income statement on the date the entity's right to receive payment is established.

#### **Deferred Taxation**

Deferred tax is recognised, without discounting, in respect of all timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes which have arisen but not reversed by the balance sheet date, except as otherwise required by FRS 19

Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is more likely than not that they will be recovered

#### Pensions

The company has also adopted FRS 17 'Retirement Benefits' in full in 2006. The adoption of this standard has not had an impact on the financial statements as the Company only participates in a multi-employer pension scheme, which has been treated as defined contribution scheme in these financial statements (see Note 21)

The company participates in a group wide pension scheme providing benefits based on final pensionable pay. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company. The company is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme on a consistent and reasonable basis and therefore, as required by FRS 17 "Retirement benefits", accounts for the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. As a result, the amount charged to the profit and loss account represents the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period.

# 2 Other interest receivable and similar income

	2007 EUR'000	2006 EUR'000
Interest on bank deposits	2,919	1,958
Inter company interest	156,707	1,097
Gains on foreign exchange	(3)	1,262
Other income	(319)	52
	150 204	4.260
	159,304	4,369
3 Other operating income		
	2007	2006
	EUR'000	EUR'000
Other income	24	412
	24	412

Other operating income consists of management fees charged to 3 group companies

# 4 Gains on sale of fixed assets

This item relates to a sale of 1 share of Tihama Investments B V on 17 April 2007

# 5 Administrative expenses

	2007 EUR'000	2006 EUR'000
Personnel expenses,		
- wages and salaries	63	253
- social security costs	4	26
- other pension costs	44	46
- other staff costs	8	21
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	119	346

# 5 Administrative expenses (continued)

Administrative expenses (commuted)	2007 EUR'000	2006 EUR'000
Building rentals	43	139
Depreciation of fixed assets	18	23
Fees payable to the company's auditor for the audit of the company Fees payable to the company's auditor for other services	28	37
- services relating to taxation	40	62
Total auditors' remuneration	68	99
Other expenses *	342	241
Total administrative expenses	590	848
Staff costs include	•	100
Directors' emoluments	31	123
Directors' pension contributions	23	23
Directors' other expenses	17	20

<sup>\*</sup> Other expenses consist of travel and car expenses, office expenses, bank charges, legal fees and others

The average number of employees (including directors) during the year was five (2006 seven). All employees were involved in the administration of the company's investments

# 6 Impairment of fixed assets

As per 31 December 2007 the investment in Allianz Compagnia Italiana Finanziamenti S p A ("ACIF") was impaired by EUR 4,500 0 million. This is due to a dividend distribution by ACIF resulting in a decline of it's shareholders' equity

Also on 31 December 2007 an impairment of EUR 48 6 million was booked on the shares Banco BPI S A, Portugal

# 7 Interest payable and similar charges

	2007 EUR'000	2006 EUR'000
Inter-company interest	7,973	814
	7,973	814
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# 8 Taxation

Analysis of the charge in period	2007	,	2006	
	EUR'000	EUR'000	EUR'000	EUR'000
Dutch corporation tax  Current tax on income for the period - at 20 0% (2006 -) - at 23 5% (2006 25 5%) - at 25 5% (2006 29 6%)	5 8 24,338		- 6 916	
Corporation tax current year Corporation tax prior years		24,351 (4)		922
Tax on profit on ordinary activities		24,347		922
Current tax reconciliation	2007 EUR'000	EUR'000	2006 EUR'000	EUR'000
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	2,610,091		244,101	
Less Dividends received Interest income from profit participation loans Gains on sale fixed assets	(7,007,912) (55,264) (2)	2,610,091	(245,982)	244,101 (245,982)
Add Impairment of fixed asset investments	4,548,588	4,548,588	5,000	5,000
Taxable income/ (loss)		95,501		3,119
Corporation tax - at 20 0% (2006 -) - at 23 5% (2006 25 5%) - at 25 5% (2006 29 6%)	5 8 24,338		6 916	
Total corporation tax for the year		24,351		922

# 9 Deferred tax

There is no provision for deferred tax as there are no transactions on events that have occurred by the balance sheet date that give rise to an obligation to pay more tax in the future or a right to pay less tax in the future

# 10 Tangible assets

	Office and Computer Equipment EUR'000
Cost At 31 December 2006	208
Additions	
Disposals	(71)
At 31 December 2007	137
Depreciation	
At 31 December 2006	180
Charge for year	18
Disposals	(71)
At 31 December 2007	127
ACSI December 2007	
Net book value	
31 December 2007	10
31 December 2006	28

#### 11 Investments

Fixed asset investments		
	2007	2006
	EUR'000	EUR'000
Shares in group undertakings	17,352,388	5,146,693
Other fixed asset investments	351,933	-
Loans to related undertakings	4,465,000	-
As at 31 December 2007	22,169,321	5,146,693

The movement in investments held as fixed assets, may be analysed as follows

# Shares in group undertakings

	Shares in group undertakings	Other fixed asset investments	Loans to related undertakings
	EUR'000	EUR'000	EUR'000
At 31 December 2006 at cost	5,146,693	-	-
Additions	16,705,766	400,521	4,465,000
Disposals	(71)		
Impairment	(4,500,000)	(48,588)	-
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At 31 December 2007 at cost	17,352,388	351,933	4,465,000

# Shares in group undertakings

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On 31 December 2007 the company recorded an impairment loss on its investment in ACIF. This is due to a dividend distribution by ACIF resulting in a decline of its shareholders' equity

The principal subsidiary undertakings are shown in note 20. None of the above investments are listed

# Other fixed asset investments

On 18 September 2007 the Company bought 65,659,233 shares (8 64 %) of Banco BPI S A, Portugal, from ACIF As at 31 December 2007 the market value amounted to EUR 351 9 million. An impairment of EUR 48 6 million was booked on the shares Banco BPI S A, Portugal

# Loans to related undertakings

This item relates to two profit participations loans that were granted to two Allianz entities. The terms and conditions in respect to these loans are defined in the loan agreements, as well as the interest rates, the conversion and the lifetime of the loans.

# 12 Loans to group companies

This item is related to short term loans to Allianz entities

		EUR'000
At 31 December 2006		175,000
Additions		7,084,237
Disposals		(4,625,000)
At 31 December 2007		2,634,237
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13 Debtors		
	2007	2006
	EUR'000	EUR'000
Amounts owed by group undertakings	60,443	1,166
Other debtors	149	74
Prepayments and accrued income	46	71
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	60,638	1,311
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# 14 Called up share capital

	At 31 December 2007		At 31 December 2006	
	£1	EUR'000	£1	EUR'000
Authorised				
£1 ordinary shares	11,000,000,000		3,500,000,000	
	<del></del>			
Allotted, called up and fully paid				
£1 A-ordinary shares Allotted, called up and fully paid	3,331,053,323		3,331,053,323	
£1 B-ordinary shares	6,865,013,076		•	
	10,196,066,399	14,773,243	3,331,053,323	4,524,048
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On 31 July 2007 the company issued new 6,865,013,076 B ordinary shares for GBP 1 each, to AZ-Argos 10 Vermogensverwaltungsgesellschaft mbH

Furthermore the company decided to renew the authority of the board to allot shares to a maximum of GBP 11,000,000,000 (being 11,000,000,000 ordinary shares of GBP 1 each)

# 15 Share Premium account

	2007	2006
	EUR'000	EUR'000
As at 1 January Issue of A-ordinary shares as at 5 July 2006 Issue of B-ordinary shares as at 31 July 2007	668,839 - 6,456,571	668,839
As at 31 December	7,125,410	668,839

# 16 Profit and loss account and reserves

	Profit and Loss account	Other Reserves	Total Reserves
	EUR'000	EUR'000	EUR'000
As at 31 December 2006	-	135,994	135,994
Result for the year	2,585,744	•	2,585,744
Dividend distribution	•	(159,000)	(159,000)
Transfer to other reserves	(2,585,744)	2,585,744	· · · · -
	<del> </del>		
As at 31 December 2007	-	2,562,738	2,562,738

# 17 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	2007 EUR'000	2006 EUR'000
Opening shareholders' funds	5,328,881	450,585
Issue of new shares	16,705,766	4,751,117
Profit for the financial year	2,585,744	243,179
Dividends paid	(159,000)	(116,000)
Closing shareholders' funds	24,461,391	5,328,881

# 18 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

2007 EUR'000	2006 EUR'000
430,510	39,803
313	451
31	30
420.054	40.004
430,854	40,284
259	325
-	21
(1)	-
4	-
51	105
313	451
	259 (1) 430,510 313 31

# 19 Rental Commitments

# As at 31 December 2007, the company had the following annual rental commitments

	2007	2006
	EUR'000	EUR'000
Land and buildings which expire		
within one year	•	187
within 2 to 5 years	-	155
after 5 years	-	-
	•	342
Other leases which expire		
within one year	29	22
within 2 to 5 years	58	-
after 5 years	-	-
		<u></u>
	87	22

# 20 Principal subsidiary undertakings

The principal companies in which the company's interest at the year end is more than 20% are as follows

	Country of Incorporation	Principal activity	Proportion of ordinary shares held directly
	United		
Allianz UK	Kıngdom	Non-trading	66 7%
Allianz Compagnia Italiana Finanziamenti			
SpA	Italy	Non-trading	100%
	The		
Tihama Investments B V	Netherlands	Non-trading	94 4%
Allıanz Re Dublin	Ireland	Reinsurance	100%

In the opinion of the directors, the aggregate value of the assets of the company consisting of shares in, and amounts owing from, the company's group undertakings is not less than the aggregate of the amounts at which those assets are included in the company's balance sheet

# 21 Pension scheme

The company is a member of a pension scheme providing benefits based on average pensionable pay Because the company is unable to identify its share of the scheme assets and liabilities on a consistent and reasonable basis, as permitted by FRS 17 "Retirement benefits" the scheme has been accounted for, in these financial statements as if the scheme was a defined contribution scheme. As at 31 December 2006, being the latest available financial statements of the pension scheme, there was a surplus of EUR 35,863,000. The latest full actuarial valuation was carried out at 31 December 2006 by independent actuaries Watson Wyatt Brans & Co.

Further details of the scheme, called the "Stichting Pensioenfonds Allianz Nederland" are available on request from the Allianz Europe Ltd at Keizersgracht 484, 1017 EH Amsterdam, Netherlands

# 22 Related party transactions

Due to the existence of certain control agreements with the other shareholder, more than 90% of the voting rights of the company are controlled within the Allianz SE Group Advantage has therefore been taken of the exemption from FRS 8 with respect to disclosure of transactions with other group undertakings and investees of the group qualifying as related parties

# 23 Ultimate holding company

The ultimate holding company is Allianz SE, incorporated in Germany Allianz SE is the parent company of the largest and smallest group of undertakings for which group accounts are drawn up and of which the company is a member. See note 1 for details of where copies of the group accounts can be obtained

# 24 Subsequent events

On 31 January 2008, Allianz SE repaid EUR 50 0 million with regard to the loan that was ceded on 1 August 2007 by ACIF and the proceeds were used for a capital contribution to Allianz Re Dublin

On 11 March 2008, Allianz SE repaid a portion of the loan that was ceded on 1 August 2007 by ACIF and the proceeds were used for granting a profit participation loan to an Allianz group entity

On 15 May 2008 the Company incorporated a new company in UK, Allianz Finance UK Ltd

On 30 May 2008 the Company received a distribution from ACIF of a total amount of EUR 2,542,6 million. The proceeds were used for a redemption of the loan granted to ACIF and a newly granted loan to Allianz SE. On the same day the Company made a capital contribution for the sum of EUR 4,019 1 million to Allianz Finance UK. Ltd by means of assigning all loans granted to Allianz SE.