Strategic report, Directors' report and financial statements
Registered number 1998251
31 December 2018



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## Board of Directors and other information

#### **Directors**

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G Rehn

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### **Registered Number**

1998251

#### Strategic report

In accordance with Section 414A(1) of the Companies Act 2006, we have prepared the Strategic report which includes a review of BNY Mellon Fund Managers Limited ("the Company") business and future developments, a description of the principal risks and uncertainties facing the Company and key performance indicators.

The ultimate parent company is The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation ("BNY Mellon"/"Group").

#### **Business review**

The Company has continued to operate profitably and there have been no significant changes in the Company's core operations during the year.

#### Financial key performance indicators

The Company's key financial and other performance indicators during the year were as follows:

	2018 £000	2017 £000	Change £000	Change %
Revenue	14,216	14,896	(680)	(5)%
Administrative expenses	10,697	11,156	. (459)	(4)%
Profit before taxation	3,579	3,782	(203)	(5)%
Net assets	14,692	28,793	(14,101)	(49)%
Year end assets under management	29,974,000	35,594,000	(5,620,000)	(16)%
Average assets under management	33,127,000	35,856,000	(2,729,000)	(8)%

The full year average of assets under management ("AUM") decreased in 2018, with the largest contributing strategies being Newton Real Return Fund, Newton Global Income Fund, Newton Global Dynamic Bond Fund and Newton Multi-Asset Balanced Fund. Net outflows and volatility in equity markets towards the end of 2018 have contributed to the year on year decrease in AUMs, reflecting the end of year falls in the FTSE 100 Index (down from 7688 to 6728 (-12.5%)) and the MSCI World Index (down from 2103 to 1884 (-10.41%)).

Net revenue decreased by £680,000 (5%) during the year. This is primarily due to decreased management fees due to lower average AUMs in 2018.

Administrative expenses decreased by £459,000 (4%) during the year as a result of lower transfer agency charges due to decrease in transactional volumes in 2018.

Net assets decreased by £14,101,000 (49%) during the year, reflecting a £17,000,000 dividend paid by the company on 26 February 2018, partly offset by current year profit after tax.

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

The principal risks and uncertainties affecting the business have been considered and addressed in the Directors' report on pages 4 to 7.

#### Business and future developments

During 2019, the Company will continue to focus on funds under management growth through launching new sub-funds, or sub-fund modifications and servicing existing clients.

### Strategic report

The UK's withdrawal from the European Union ("Brexit") is expected to have a lower impact on the Company than it may have on some of its financial services industry peers, due to the majority of the Company's customers being domiciled outside the European Union post-Brexit.

As part of the BNY Mellon Brexit Programme, the Company continues to monitor the UK's withdrawal from the European Union and is proactively engaging with clients on their key concerns and considerations. The programme's analysis and planning has taken into account a range of potential economic scenarios and impact on the Company's operating model, aligned with regulatory and supervisory guidance which has been communicated industry-wide.

Specific risks to the Company's business include the impact of potential regulatory changes and retention of AUM by the Company. By working closely with regulators, and establishing a full Communications and Client Engagement work stream as part of the wider BNY Mellon Brexit programme, a proactive approach has been taken to mitigate these risks wherever possible, and to support clients with their post-Brexit transition.

Other risks due to the implications of Brexit include the ability to recruit and retain qualified employees due to the impact on the freedom of movement of labour from the EU, potential changes to the legal framework in which the Company operates and the impact of potential adverse movements in financial market values on the Company's financial performance and liquidity. Liquidity of all Sub-Funds is constantly reviewed to ensure portfolios are being managed in line with the redemption terms offered.

To ensure the company is able to continue to service fully any clients domiciled in the EU/EEA, an established Group entity in Luxembourg will be used to support clients, with regulatory permissions of this entity being extended as necessary.

As Brexit negotiations progress, the BNY Mellon Brexit Programme continues to monitor new developments and any regulatory implications that may impact the Company's services.

**Approval** 

By order of the Board

G A Brisk Director

BNY Mellon Fund Managers Limited BNY Mellon Centre 160 Queen Victoria Street London EC4V 4LA

11 April 2019

Registered number: 1998251

### Directors' report

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018.

#### Principal activities

The principal activities of the Company are the management and administration of unit trusts and Investment Companies with Variable Capital ("ICVC"). In its role, the Company acts as the Manager / Authorised Corporate Director ("ACD") (as relevant) for such products.

The ACD of a fund is responsible for managing and administering the products in accordance with the requirements of the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA") Handbook and associated UK and EU legislation. The ACD delegates investment and administration functions to third parties including affiliates in accordance with FCA Regulations. The Company has delegated the investment management of all unit trusts and ICVCs to the following Group companies: Newton Investment Management Limited, Walter Scott & Partners Limited, Insight Investment Management (Global) Limited and Mellon Investments Corporation. Additionally, the administration of the aforementioned products has been delegated to The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited and the distribution and operational activities have been delegated to BNY Mellon Investment Management EMEA Limited. The Board regularly reviews the service levels received from these companies to ensure continual delivery of quality to the customer. The Company is authorised by the FCA as a full scope UK Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive.

All the Company's activities during the year were conducted within the scope of permissions granted to the Company by the FCA.

#### Results and dividends

The profit for the year after taxation amounted to £2,899,000 (2017: £3,054,000).

Interim dividends paid during the year amounted to £17,000,000 (2017: £nil). The directors do not recommend a final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2018 (2017: £nil).

### **Political Donations**

The Company made no political donations or incurred any political expenditure during the year.

#### Risk management

The Company is authorised and regulated by the FCA. The Company is a collective portfolio management firm for the purposes of the relevant prudential rules within the FCA Handbook. Capital and other financial returns are prepared and submitted to the regulator on a quarterly basis. At 31 December 2018, surplus regulatory capital, as reflected within the Company's regulatory returns, amounted to £5,605,000 (2017: £18,406,000).

#### Governance and policies

Formal governance structures, policies and procedures, systems and controls have been established to ensure that the business operates within the risk framework and parameters determined by senior management. Suitable policies and procedures have been adopted by the Company in order to ensure an appropriate level of risk management oversight is directed to relevant business activities.

Governance of the Company is the ultimate responsibility of the Board of Directors. The Board is responsible for the ongoing success and development of the Company's business as well as setting the risk appetite for the firm as part of the risk framework.

### Directors' report

#### Risk management - continued

#### Governance and policies - continued

Formal governance committees are in place to oversee the design, development and execution of the risk programme to ensure adequate and effective risk management oversight and business controls are in place. Each committee has clearly stated terms of reference and reporting lines. Significant issues arising from these committees may be reported up to the appropriate Group governance and/or operating committees.

• The Board has established the Management Companies Risk and Compliance Committee ("RCC") which generally meets on a monthly basis, is chaired by the Head of Product who is a member of the IM EMEA Executive Committee and attended by representatives from the Risk and Compliance functions, directors of the Board and senior management. The Committee receives a report from the Risk Management functions on current risk issues and activities.

There are a number of key oversight committees in place as part of the Group Global Risk Management Framework. The Group Investment Management Risk Committee, which has an oversight responsibility covering the major risk sources, is the most senior committee. The Group Investment Management Risk Committee is made up of senior Investment Management business managers and risk and compliance officers. Reports are provided and reviewed covering the risk sources and any issues that need monitoring.

#### Risk management process

The lines of business are responsible for actively identifying the risks associated with their key business processes, business change or external threats, identifying and assessing the quality of controls in place to mitigate risk and assigning accountability for the effectiveness of those controls. The objective of this is to prevent or minimise:

- Errors or service delivery failures, especially those with impact on clients
- Financial losses
- Compliance breaches
- Reputational damage

The Company utilises the Group Operational Risk Platform to facilitate the above. The platform is used to maintain risk and control self-assessments, key risk indicators and tracking of operational risk events. Risk Management works in partnership with the business to ensure that there is adequate understanding and assessment of, and accountability for, all risks that relate to the Company.

The Risk Appetite at Group level is set and owned by the BNY Mellon Board of Directors, giving the overall strategy and willingness to take on risk at a global level. The Company's risk appetite is commensurate with local business and regulatory requirements, within the guidance set by the group and in coordination with the relevant business expertise.

Risks associated with the Company's operations are measured through production and assessment of key risk indicators and other analysis, the results of which are formally reported to the RCC on a monthly basis as part of the risk management framework which has been adopted. This includes an analysis of the Company's financial resources against the applicable regulatory capital requirements and the liquidity management framework.

### Directors' report

#### Risk management process - continued

#### Credit risk

Credit risk covers default risk from counterparties where realisation of the value of the asset is dependent on counterparties' ability to perform their obligations to the Company. Assets subject to credit risk held by the Company are primarily comprised of deposits with external banks which are subject to oversight both within the Group and on a legal-entity specific basis by the central Finance function and by the senior management of the Company through reporting provided to the RCC and to the Board.

#### Market risk

Market risk is the risk of loss due to adverse changes in the financial markets. Market risk arises from foreign exchange (FX) exposure in respect of revenue, expenses, deposits and interest rate exposure on cash balances. Foreign exchange balance sheet exposures are actively managed through a monthly spot sell-off process of non-sterling currency balances by Group Treasury.

#### Operational risk

Operational risk is the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems or from external events: including the potential for loss that arises from problems with operational processing, human error or omission, breaches in internal controls, fraud and unforeseen catastrophes. Operational Risk is managed and mitigated through application of Group operational risk framework as described above.

#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that a firm, although balance sheet solvent, cannot maintain or generate sufficient cash resources to meet its payment obligations in full as they fall due, or can only do so at materially disadvantageous terms. Liquidity Risk is managed and mitigated through application of a common Liquidity Risk Management Framework utilised across the regulated subsidiaries within the UK consolidation group. The Company's liquidity position is monitored by the central Finance function and by the senior management of the Company through reporting provided to the RCC and to the Board.

#### Business risk.

Business risk includes risk to a firm arising from changes in its business, including the risk that the firm may not be able to carry out its business plan and its desired strategy. Business and strategic risks, including emerging and external risks, and product performance are monitored in formal governance and management committees and by the Board, supported by appropriate management information supplied by supporting functions.

#### Compliance risk

Compliance risk covers the risk relating to violations, or non-conformance with laws, rules, regulations, prescribed practices or ethical standards which may, in turn, expose the firm and its executors to fines, payment of damages, the voiding of contracts and damaged reputation. The Company has established a compliance programme designed to detect and minimise any risk of failure by the Company to comply with its obligations under the relevant regulations.

#### Conduct risk

Conduct risk is defined as the risk that detriment is caused to clients, the market, the Firm or its employees because of inappropriate execution of our business activities or inappropriate behaviour by the Company or its employees. The Company is subject to the Group Code of Conduct and associated corporate policies governing the business conduct of the Company and individuals and/or entities that act on its behalf.

## Directors' report

#### Pillar 3 risk disclosures

CRR Pillar 3 disclosures about the Company (capital and risk management) are covered by the BNY Mellon Investment Management Europe Holdings Limited group disclosures which can be found on the group website (https://www.bnymellon.com/us/en/investor-relations/other-regulatory.jsp).

#### **Directors**

The directors who served during the year and up to the date of the report were as follows:

	Appointed	Resignation
G A Brisk	•	-
H Lopez	•	-
J F Lubran	- ,	-
G Rehn	11 February 2019	-
M Saluzzi	19 March 2019	· -
DM Turnbull	-	18 February 2019

#### Directors' indemnity provision

The articles of association of the Company provide that in certain circumstances the directors are entitled to be indemnified out of the assets of the Company against claims from third parties in respect of certain liabilities arising in connection with the performance of their functions, in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006. Indemnity provisions of this nature have been in place during the year but have not been utilised by the directors (2017: £nil).

### Disclosure of information to auditor

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 auditor is unaware; and each director has taken all the steps that he or she ought to have taken as a director to make himself or herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

#### **Auditor**

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

By order of the Board

G A Brisk Director

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11 April 2019

Registered number: 1998251

# Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the Strategic report, the Directors' report and the financial statements

The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic report, 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), including Financial Reporting Standard 101: Reduced Disclosure Framework ("FRS 101").

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 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 judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, including FRS 101, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- assess the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and
- use the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that 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 enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and 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.

## Independent auditor's report to the members of BNY Mellon Fund Managers Limited

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of BNY Mellon Fund Managers Limited for the year ended 31 December 2018 which comprise the Statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income, Balance sheet, Statement of changes in equity and related notes, including the accounting policies in note 1.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2018 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK accounting standards, including FRS 101: Reduced Disclosure Framework; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Acts 2006.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities are described below. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities under, and are independent of the Company in accordance with, UK ethical requirements including the Financial Reporting Council's ("FRC") Ethical Standard. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is a sufficient and appropriate basis for our opinion.

#### The impact of uncertainties due to the UK exiting the European Union on our audit

Uncertainties related to the effects of Brexit are relevant to understanding our audit of the financial statements. All audits assess and challenge the reasonableness of estimates made by the directors, related disclosures and the appropriateness of the going concern basis of preparation of the financial statements. All of these depend on assessments of the future economic environment and the Company's future prospects and performance.

Brexit is one of the most significant economic events for the UK, and at the date of this report its effects are subject to unprecedented levels of uncertainty of outcomes, with the full range of possible effects unknown. We applied a standardised firm-wide approach in response to that uncertainty when assessing the Company's future prospects and performance. However, no audit should be expected to predict the unknowable factors or all possible future implications for an entity and this is particularly the case in relation to Brexit.

#### Going concern

The directors have prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis as they do not intend to liquidate the Company or to cease its operations, and as they have concluded that the Company's financial position means that this is realistic. They have also concluded that there are no material uncertainties that could have cast significant doubt over its ability to continue as a going concern for at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements ("the going concern period").

We are required to report to you if we have concluded that the use of the going concern basis of accounting is inappropriate or there is an undisclosed material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt over the use of that basis for a period of at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In our evaluation of the directors' conclusions, we considered the inherent risks to the Company's business model, including the impact of Brexit, and analysed how those risks might affect the Company's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period. We have nothing to report in these respects.

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the absence of reference to a material uncertainty in this auditor's report is not a guarantee that the Company will continue in operation.

## Independent auditor's report to the members of BNY Mellon Fund Managers Limited

#### Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information, which comprises the Strategic report and the Directors' report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except as explicitly stated below, any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially misstated or inconsistent with the financial statements or our audit knowledge. Based solely on that work:

- we have not identified material misstatements in the other information;
- in our opinion the information given in the Strategic report and the Directors' report for the financial year is consistent with the financial statements; and
- in our opinion those reports have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Acts 2006.

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

Under the Companies Acts 2006 we are required 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.

We have nothing to report in these respects.

#### Directors' responsibilities

As explained more fully in their statement set out on page 8, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view; such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; 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 they either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's responsibilities

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 our opinion in an auditor's report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not 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 aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on the FRC's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities

## Independent auditor's report to the members of BNY Mellon Fund Managers Limited

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Acts 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 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.

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Alison Allen (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants 15 Canada Square London, E14 5GL

16 April 2019

## Statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income for the year ended 31 December 2018

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	•	2018	2017
	Note	£000	£000
Revenue	2	14,216	14,896
Administrative expenses	3 _	(10,697)	(11,156)
Operating profit		3,519	3,740
Interest receivable and similar income	. 5	76	53
Interest payable and similar charges	6 _	(16)	(11)
Profit before taxation		3,579	. 3,782
Taxation on profit	7 _	(680)	(728)
Total profit for the year		2,899	3,054
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Notes 1 to 16 are integral to these financial statements.

All items dealt with in arriving at the Company's results for the financial year and prior year relate to continuing operations.

The Company has not prepared a separate statement of other comprehensive income as all the income and losses are reflected in the Statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income.

# Balance sheet at 31 December 2018

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		2018	2017
	Note	£000	£000
Current assets	•	•	
Debtors	8	60,362	80,872
Cash at bank and in hand	9	27,557	36,745
Other assets	10	5,204	10,000
•	•	93,123	127,617
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(78,431)	(98,824)
Net current assets		14,692	28,793
Net assets	· <u>-</u>	14,692	28,793
Capital and reserves		•	
Called up share capital	12	1,625	1,625
Share premium		6,000	6,000
Profit and loss account		7,067	21,168
Shareholders' funds	_	14,692	28,793

Notes 1 to 16 are integral to these financial statements.

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and were signed on its behalf by:

G A Brisk Director

11 April 2019

Company registered number: 1998251

# Statement of changes in equity 31 December 2018

	Called up Share capital	Share Premium account	Profit and loss account	Total equity
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Balance at 1 January 2017	1,625	6,000	18,114	25,739
Total profit for the year	-		3,054	3,054
Balance at 31 December 2017	1,625	6,000	21,168	28,793
	Called up Share capital £000	Share Premium account £000	Profit and loss account	Total equity £000
Balance at 1 January 2018	1,625	6,000	21,168	28,793
Total income for the year	-	-	2,899	2,899
Dividends	· <u>-</u>		(17,000)	(17,000)
Balance at 31 December 2018	1,625	6,000	7,067	14,692

Notes 1 to 16 are integral to these financial statements.

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2018

#### 1 Accounting policies

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation and statement of compliance with FRS 101

The Company is a private company limited by shares incorporated and domiciled in the UK and registered in England and Wales. The registered address is given on page 1.

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with FRS 101.

The Company's ultimate parent undertaking, The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation includes the Company in its consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation are prepared in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, which are *equivalent* to International Financial Reporting Standards ("Adopted IFRSs"). The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation's consolidated financial statements are available at <a href="https://www.bnymellon.com/us/en/investor-relations/">https://www.bnymellon.com/us/en/investor-relations/</a>. Accordingly the Company is a *qualifying entity* for the purpose of FRS 101 disclosure exemptions.

Therefore, in preparing these financial statements, the Company applies the recognition, measurement and disclosure requirements of Adopted IFRSs, but makes amendments where necessary in order to comply with the Companies Act 2006 and has set out below where advantage of the FRS 101 disclosure exemptions has been taken.

In these financial statements, the Company has applied the exemptions available under FRS 101 in respect of the following disclosures:

- A Statement of Cash Flows and related notes;
- Comparative period reconciliations for share capital;
- Disclosures in respect of capital management; and
- Disclosures in respect of revenue contracts with customers and significant judgements.

As the consolidated financial statements of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation include equivalent disclosures, the Company has also taken the exemptions under FRS 101 available in respect of the following disclosures:

 Certain disclosures required by IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement and the disclosures required by IFRS 7 Financial Instrument Disclosures; and

The accounting policies set out below have, unless otherwise stated, been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

Judgements made by the directors, in the application of these accounting policies that have significant effect on the financial statements and estimates with a significant risk of material adjustment in the next year are discussed in note 1.15.

#### 1.2 Changes in accounting policies

The Company has initially applied IFRS 9 and IFRS 15 from 1 January 2018.

#### IFRS 9 Financial Instruments

The requirements of IFRS 9 represent a significant change from IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement. The new standard brings fundamental changes to the accounting for financial assets and to certain aspects of the accounting for financial liabilities.



## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2018

#### 1 Accounting policies - continued

#### 1.2 Changes in accounting policies - continued

The key changes to the Company's accounting policies resulting from its adoption of IFRS 9 are summarised below.

#### Classification of financial assets and financial liabilities

IFRS 9 contains three principal classification categories for financial assets: measured at amortised cost, fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI") and fair value through profit and loss ("FVTPL"). IFRS 9 classification is generally based on the business model in which a financial asset is managed and its contractual cash flows. The standard eliminates the existing IAS 39 categories of held-to-maturity, loans and receivables and available-for-sale. IFRS 9 largely retains the existing requirements in IAS 39 for the classification of financial liabilities.

#### Impairment of financial assets

IFRS 9 replaces the 'incurred loss' model in IAS 39 with an expected credit loss ("ECL") model. The new impairment model also applies to certain loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts, but not to equity investments.

The new impairment model applies to debt instruments and financial guarantee contracts issued that are not measured at FVTPL. ECLs on instruments classified as FVOCI are recognised in Other Comprehensive Income ("OCI") rather than reducing the value of the instrument.

Under IFRS 9, credit losses are recognised earlier than under IAS 39.

#### **Transition**

Changes in accounting policies resulting from the adoption of IFRS 9 have been applied retrospectively, except as described below.

- Comparative periods have not been restated. Differences in the carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities resulting from the adoption of IFRS 9 are recognised in retained earnings and reserves as at 1 January 2018. Accordingly, the information presented for 2017 does not reflect the requirements of IFRS 9 and therefore is not comparable to the information presented for 2018 under IFRS 9.
- The following assessment has been made on the basis of the facts and circumstances that existed at the date of initial application.
  - The determination of the business model within which a financial asset is held.

### Effect of applying IFRS 9

Introduction of these changes had no material impact on the accounting for financial assets nor on retained earnings for the Company.

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2018

#### 1 Accounting policies - continued

#### 1.2 Changes in accounting policies - continued

#### IFRS 15 Revenue from contracts with customers

IFRS 15 establishes a comprehensive framework for determining whether, how much and when revenue is recognised. It replaced IAS 18 Revenue, IAS 11 Construction Contracts and related interpretations. Under IFRS 15, revenue is recognised when a customer obtains control of the goods or services. Determining the timing of the transfer of control – at a point in time or over time – requires judgement.

The Company has adopted IFRS 15 using the cumulative effect method (without practical expedients), with the effect of initially applying this standard recognised at the date of initial application (1 January 2018). Accordingly, the information presented for 2017 has not been restated – i.e. it is presented, as previously reported, under IAS 18, IAS 11 and related interpretations. Additionally, the disclosure requirements in IFRS 15 have not generally been applied to comparative information.

Introduction of this model had no material impact on the accounting for revenue nor on retained earnings for the Company.

#### 1.3 Measurement convention

These financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis.

#### 1.4 Going concern

The Company's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development, performance and position are set out in the Strategic report on page 2 to 3. In addition, the Directors' report on pages 4 to 7 includes the Company's objectives, policies and processes for managing its capital; its financial risk management objective and its exposures to credit and liquidity risk.

The Company has adequate liquidity and capital. The directors perform an annual going concern review that considers, under a stress test scenario, the Company's ability to meet its financial obligations as they fall due, for a period of at least twelve months after the date that the financial statements are signed. As a consequence, the directors believe that the Company is well placed to manage its business risks successfully despite the current uncertain economic outlook.

Based on the above assessment of the Company's financial position, liquidity and capital, the directors have concluded that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future (for a period of at least twelve months after the date that the financial statements are signed). Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

#### 1.5 Related party transactions

As the Company is a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of the ultimate parent company, The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation, it has taken advantage of the exemption contained in IAS 24 and has therefore not disclosed transactions with entities which form part of the Group. Balances with other members of the Group are disclosed within notes 5, 6, 8, 9, 11 and 13.

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2018

#### 1 Accounting policies - continued

#### 1.6 Foreign currency

The Company's functional currency is GBP. The Company's presentational currency is also GBP. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded in the functional currency at the rate of exchange prevailing on the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into the functional currency at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Any resulting exchange differences are reported net in the Statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income within interest receivable or payable as appropriate.

Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are stated at fair value are retranslated to the functional currency at foreign exchange rates ruling at the dates the fair value was determined. Any resulting exchange differences are reported net in the Statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income within interest receivable or payable as appropriate.

#### 1.7 Revenue from contracts with customers

Revenue, which is stated net of value added tax, comprises management fees, performance fees and the gross profit arising from the sale of units and shares, after deducting discounts, commission, stamp duty and other costs. Revenue is accounted for on an accrual basis.

Management fees are fees paid for the management of investment portfolios. These are recognised as services are provided and are calculated on various formulae linked to the value of portfolios at pre-determined valuation dates and investment performance in current and previous periods. Performance fees are recognised for the element of management fees linked to performance, when such fees in respect of each calendar year are receivable in accordance with management agreements.

Income and expenses are presented on a net basis only when permitted under FRS 101, or for gains and losses arising from a group of similar transactions such as in the Company's trading activity.

Revenue is based on terms specified in a contract with a customer, and excludes any amounts collected on behalf of third parties. Revenue is recognised when, or as, a performance obligation is satisfied by transferring control of a good or service to a customer.

A performance obligation may be satisfied over time or at a point in time. Revenue from a performance obligation satisfied over time is recognised by measuring the Company's progress in satisfying the performance obligation in a manner that reflects the transfer of goods and services to the customer. Revenue from a performance obligation satisfied at a point in time is recognised at the point in time the customer obtains control of the promised good or service.

The amount of revenue recognised reflects the consideration the Company expects to be entitled to in exchange for the promised goods and services. Taxes assessed by a governmental authority that are both imposed on, and concurrent with, a specific revenue producing transaction, are collected from a customer and are excluded from revenue.

### Policy applicable before 1 January 2018

The revenue recognition policy applicable before 1 January 2018 was not significantly different and therefore has not impacted the Company.

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2018

#### 1 Accounting policies - continued

#### 1.8 Segmental reporting

A segment is a distinguishable component of the Company which is specific to either the type of product or service (business segment), or to products and services provided within a particular economic environment (geographical segment), where the risks and rewards are different from those of other segments.

Currently, the directors consider that the Company's services comprise one business segment (being the provision of investment management services) and that it operates in the UK market which is not further geographically segmented.

#### 1.9 Interest receivable and interest payable

Interest payable and similar charges include interest payable and net foreign exchange losses that are recognised in the . Statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income (see foreign currency accounting policy). Borrowing costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of an asset that takes a substantial time to be prepared for use, are capitalised as part of the cost of that asset. Interest receivable and similar income include interest receivable on funds invested and net foreign exchange gains.

Interest receivable and interest payable is recognised in the Statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income as it accrues, using the effective interest method.

#### 1.10 Dividends

Dividends are recognised as a liability at the date that they are declared, to the extent that they are declared prior to the year end. Unpaid dividends that do not meet these criteria are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

#### 1.11 Taxation

Income tax comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax is recognised in the Statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity, in which case the tax is recognised in the same statement as the related item appears.

Current tax is the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable profit or loss for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

#### 1.12 Non-derivative financial assets - classification and measurement

Non-derivative financial instruments comprise trade and other debtors, cash and cash equivalents, loans and other borrowings and trade and other creditors.

Financial assets are measured at amortised cost if meeting both of the following conditions and are not designated as at FVTPL:

- the asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specific dates to cash flows that are solely payments of ^ principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

Such financial assets include trade and other debtors.

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2018

#### 1 Accounting policies - continued

Financial assets are measured at FVOCI only if meeting both of the following conditions:

- the asset is held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets; and
- the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specific dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

A financial asset is classified into one of these categories on initial recognition. However, for financial assets held at initial application, the business model assessment is based on facts and circumstances at that date. Also, IFRS 9 permits new elective designations at FVTPL or FVOCI to be made on the date of initial application depending on the facts and circumstances at that date.

A financial liability is initially recognised at fair value and in the case of loans and borrowings and payables, net of directly attributable transaction costs. After initial recognition, financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost or FVTPL. Loans and borrowings and trade and other creditors are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

#### **Business model assessment**

Certain financial assets, for example, deposits with central banks and financial institutions, always will be held for collection of contractual cash flows as the nature of the asset means that it cannot be sold. For other financial assets, the Company makes an assessment of the business model in which a financial asset is held at a portfolio level because this best reflects the way the business is managed and information is provided to management. Information that is considered includes:

- the stated policies and objectives for the portfolio;
- how the performance of the portfolio is evaluated and reported to management;
- how managers of the business are compensated; and
- the frequency and volume of historical and expected sales.

The Company generally does not hold assets for trading.

### Assessment of whether cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest

'Principal' for these purposes is defined as the fair value of the financial asset at initial recognition. 'Interest' is defined as consideration for the time value of money and for the credit risk associated with the principal amount outstanding during a particular period of time and for other basic lending risks (e.g. liquidity risk and administrative costs), as well as profit margin.

In assessing whether the contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest, the Company considers the contractual terms of the instrument. This includes assessing whether the financial asset contains contractual terms that would change the timing or amount of contractual cash flows such that it would not meet this condition. In making this assessment, the Company considers:

- contingent events that would change the amount or timing of cash flows;
- leverage features;
- prepayment and extension terms;
- terms that limit the Company's claim to cash flows from specified assets; and
- features that modify consideration for the time value of money e.g. periodic reset of interest rates.

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2018

#### 1. Accounting policies - continued

#### Policy applicable before 1 January 2018

#### Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised initially at fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition, they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses.

#### Trade and other creditors

Trade and other creditors are recognised initially at fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition, they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### 1.13 Impairment of financial assets (including trade and other debtors)

IFRS 9 replaces the 'incurred loss' model in IAS 39 with an ECL model. The new impairment model applies to financial assets measured at amortised cost, contract assets and debt investments at FVOCI, but not to investments in equity instruments. Under IFRS 9, credit losses are recognised earlier than under IAS 39. The Company generally recognises loss allowances at an amount equal to 12-month ECL (Stage 1, the portion of ECL that results from default events that are possible within 12 months after the reporting date) unless there has been significant increase in credit risk since origination of the instrument, in which case ECLs are recognised on a lifetime loss basis (Stage 2). Exposures that are in default are regarded as credit impaired (Stage 3) and are also measured on a lifetime ECL basis.

#### Measurement of ECL

ECLs are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses and are measured as follows:

- Financial assets that are not credit-impaired at the reporting date: the present value of all cash shortfalls (i.e. the difference between the cash flows due to the entity in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Company expects to receive);
- Financial assets that are credit-impaired at the reporting date the difference between the gross carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows; and
- Financial guarantee contracts the expected payments to reimburse the holder less any amounts that the Company expects to recover.

For assets in the scope of the IFRS 9 impairment model, impairment losses are generally expected to increase and become more volatile. The Company has determined that the application of IFRS 9's impairment requirements had no material impact on the allowance for impairment as at 1 January 2018.

The Company maintains an allowance for doubtful accounts for the estimated non-collection of accounts receivable. Uncollectability is presumed 180 days after invoice issue date unless there are known customer - specific reasons for the delay in settlement.

### Policy applicable before 1 January 2018

A financial asset not carried at FVTPL is assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is objective evidence that it is impaired. A financial asset is impaired if objective evidence indicates that a loss event has occurred after the initial recognition of the asset, and that the loss event had a negative effect on the estimated future cash flows of that asset that can be estimated reliably.

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2018

#### 1 Accounting policies - continued

#### 1.13 Impairment of financial assets (including trade and other debtors) - continued

An impairment loss in respect of a financial asset measured at amortised cost (such as held to maturity debt securities) is calculated as the difference between its carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. Interest on the impaired asset continues to be recognised through the unwinding of the discount. When a subsequent event causes the amount of impairment loss to decrease, the decrease in impairment loss is reversed through profit or loss.

#### 1.14 Offsetting

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the balance sheet when, and only when, the Company has a legal right to set off the recognised amounts and it intends either to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### 1.15 Accounting estimates and judgements

In preparing these financial statements, management has made judgements, estimates and assumptions about future conditions that affect the application of the Company's accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to estimates are recognised prospectively.

Management believes that the Company's critical accounting policies for which judgement is necessarily applied are those which relate to impairment of investment securities, the valuation of financial instruments and provisions. Further information about key assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty, are set out in the notes in the financial statements.

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2018

#### 2 Revenue from contracts with customers

#### Nature of Services and Revenue Recognition

Fee revenue in Investment Management is primarily variable, based on levels of assets under management ("AUM") and the level of client-driven transactions, as specified in fee schedules.

Investment management fees are dependent on the overall level and mix of AUM. The management fees, expressed in basis points, are charged for managing those assets. Management fees are typically subject to fee schedules based on the overall level of assets managed and products in which those assets are invested.

Investment management fee revenue also includes transactional and account-based fees. These fees along with distribution and servicing fees are recognised when the services have been completed. Clients are generally billed for services performed on a monthly or quarterly basis.

Performance fees are generally calculated as a percentage of the applicable portfolio's performance in excess of a benchmark index or a peer group's performance. Performance fees are recognized at the end of the measurement period when they are determinable.

#### Contract Balances

The Company's customers are billed based on fee schedules that are agreed upon in each customer contract. The receivables from customers were £27,546,000 at 1 January 2018 and £22,655,000 at 31 December 2018. An allowance is maintained for accounts receivable which is generally based on the number of days outstanding. Adjustments to the allowance are recorded in other expense in the Statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income. Receivables from customers and contract assets are included in Debtors on balance sheet.

Contract assets represent accrued revenues that have not yet been billed to the customers due to contingent factors other than the passage of time. The Company had £nil contract assets as at 1 January 2018 and £nil as at 31 December 2018 (2017; £nil).

Contract liabilities represent payments received in advance of providing services under certain contracts and were £nil as at 1 January 2018 and £nil as at 31 December 2018 (2017: £nil). Revenue recognized in 2018 relating to contract liabilities as of 1 January 2018 was £nil.

Any changes in the balances of contract assets and contract liabilities would result from changes arising from business combinations, impairment of a contract asset and changes in the timeframe for a right to consideration becoming unconditional or a performance obligation to be satisfied. No such instances were noted.

#### **Contract Costs**

Contract costs represent either costs which are capitalised relating to incremental costs for obtaining contracts, or costs incurred for fulfilling contract obligations when they relate directly to an existing contract or specific anticipated contract, generate or enhance resources that will be used to fulfil performance obligations and are recoverable. The Company had £nil contract costs as at 31 December 2018 (2017: £nil).

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2018

## 2 Revenue from contracts with customers - continued

### **Unsatisfied Performance Obligations**

The Company does not have any unsatisfied performance obligations other than those subject to a practical expedient election under IFRS 15. The practical expedient applies to (i) contracts with an original expected length of one year or less, and (ii) contracts for which the Company recognises revenue at the amount to which the Company has the right to invoice for services performed.

By activity		
	2018	2017
	£000	£000
Management fees	263,712	285,918
Performance fees	733	1,566
Net gain/loss from dealing in investments and managed funds (refer below)		. (1)
Total Revenue	264,494	287,483
Sub-advisory fees, commissions and other costs	(250,278)	(272,587)
Total cost of sales	(250,278)	(272,587)
Net Revenue	14,216	14,896
Net gain/loss from dealing in investments and managed funds is calculated as follows:		-
Gross sale of units and shares	4,707,604	6,226,788
Net gains/losses on creations/liquidations	4,546,123	1,855,791
Repurchases of units and shares	(9,253,671)	(8,082,489)
Discounts	(56)	(91)
Other income	49	
Net gain/loss from dealing in investments and managed funds	49	(1)
3 Administrative expenses and auditor's remuneration	•	
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Profit before taxation is stated after charging:	,	
Auditor's remuneration:	,	
	2018	. 2017
	£000	£000
Amounts receivable by the Company's auditor and its associates in respect of:		
Audit of these financial statements pursuant to legislation	. 49	41
Other assurance services	96	99
	145	140

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2018

#### 4 Directors' emoluments

The aggregate amount of remuneration paid to or receivable by directors in respect of qualifying services is disclosed below. Qualifying services include services as a director of the company, as a director of any of its subsidiary undertakings or otherwise in connection with the management of the affairs of the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings. The amounts are disclosed irrespective of which BNY Mellon group company actually makes the payment to the directors.

	2018	2017*
	£000	£000
Directors' emoluments	475	. 403
Amounts receivable under long term incentive schemes	116	131
Company contributions to money purchase pension plans	33	29
Company contributions to defined benefit pension plans	<u> </u>	2
	624	565

<sup>\*</sup>The Company has restated certain prior year numbers relating to Directors' remuneration to disclose amounts paid in the year and amounts which became receivable under long-term incentive schemes. The charge to administrative expenses in the Statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income has continued to be recognised on an accruals basis.

The aggregate of emoluments and amounts receivable under long term incentive schemes of the highest paid director was £481,000 (2017: £426,000), and Company pension contributions of £32,000 (2017: £29,000) were made to a money purchase scheme on their behalf. During the year, the highest paid director did not excercise share options but did'receive shares under a long term incentive scheme.

	Number of Directors	
	2018	2017
Retirement benefits are accruing to the following number of directors under:		
Money purchase schemes	2	1
Defined benefit schemes	. •	1
The number of directors in respect of whose services shares were received or receivable		
under long term incentive schemes was	. 3	. 3
5 Interest receivable and similar income		
	2018	2017
	£000	£000
	. , .	
Net foreign exchange gain	2	11
Receivable from third parties on bank deposits	13	5
Receivable from Group undertaking	. 61	<u>° 37</u>
Total interest receivable and similar income	76	53

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2018

6 Interest payable and similar charges	•	
	2018	2017
	£000	£000
Payables on bank loans and overdrafts from third parties	. 1	. 2
Payable to Group undertaking	15	9
Total interest payable and similar charges	16	11
7 Taxation		
Recognised in the profit and loss and other comprehensive income account		•
Recognised in the profit and toss and other comprehensive income account	2018	2017
	£000	£000
UK corporation tax		
Current tax on profits for the period	680	728
Total tax expense	680	728
Factors affecting total tax charge for the current period		
The charge for the year can be reconciled to the income per the Statement of profit	. 2010	2017
and loss and other comprehensive income as follows:	2018	2017
	£000	£000
Total profit for the year	2,899	3,054
Total tax expense	680	728
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Profit excluding taxation	3,579	3,782
Toy using the LIV composition to write of 10 000/ (2017, 10 259/)	600	700
Tax using the UK corporation tax rate of 19.00% (2017: 19.25%)	680	728
Total tax expense	680	728

### Factors that may affect current and total tax charge

A reductions in the UK corporation tax rate from 20% to 19% (effective 1 April 2017) was substantively enacted on 26 October 2015 and a further reduction to 17% (effective 1 April 2020) was substantively enacted on 6 September 2016. This will reduce the Company's future tax charge accordingly.

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2018

8 Debtors				
		2018	2017	
• •	·	£000	£000	
Trade debtors		37,703	53,444	
Amounts owed by Group undertakings		3	. 13	
Prepayments and accrued income		22,656	27,415	
		60,362	80,872	
Due within one year		60,362	80,872	
9 Cash at bank and in hand				
	•	2018	2017	
		£000	£000	
Cash at bank and in hand		. 27,557	36,745	

Cash at bank included £8,725,000 (2017: £26,501,000) of funds on deposit with a UK regulated banking entity within the BNY Mellon Group.

The Company is exposed to foreign exchange risk between the date of recognition and settlement of foreign currency income and expenses. To mitigate this the Company maintains foreign currency cash balances to offset the net currency position. This activity can result in foreign currency overdrafts that mitigate the risk of foreign currency receivables. All overdrafts are with the Bank of New York Mellon London Branch.

10 Other assets		•		
			2018	2017
			£000	£000
Other assets			5,204	10,000

Under the Prudent Segregation Policy, the Company is required to segregate an amount of its assets in a client money account to ensure its clients are protected from loss in the event of the Company's insolvency. £10,000,000 was transferred into the client money account on 1 June 2015. £5,000,000 was transferred out of the client money account on 15 October 2018 following a review of the required segregated amounts.

#### 11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year 2018 2017 £000 £000 Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 9) 1,578 1,088 51,035 Trade creditors 68,530 25,297 28,677 Amounts owed to Group undertakings Accruals and deferred income 187 145 Taxation and social security 334 384 78,431 98,824

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2018

### 12 Capital and reserves

Share capital

					 2018 £000	2017 £000
Allotted, called up and fully 1,625,000 Ordinary shares of	-	•	·		 1,625	1,625

The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared from time to time and are entitled to one vote per share at meetings of the Company.

#### 13 Offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities

Amounts due to and from certain individual Group undertakings are netted in the balance sheet as settlement is made net. The extent of this netting can be seen below:

	•	2017				
	Gross amounts	Amounts offset	Net amounts	Gross amounts	Amounts offset	Net amounts
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Amounts owed by Group undertakings	3,265	3,262	3	3,675	3,662	13
Amounts owed to Group undertakings	28,559	3,262	25,297	32,339	3,662	28,677

#### 14 Related parties

During the year, the Company received income from the 45 funds (2017: 44 funds) it manages and which are classified as related parties. During the year, the Company received £257,584,000 (2017: £280,672,000) in gross management fees and performance fees. As at 31 December 2018 the Company had £20,642,000 receivable from those funds (2017: £25,764,000).

#### 15 Transactions involving Directors, officers and others

At 31 December 2018, there were no loans or other transactions made to directors, officers and other related parties of the Company (2017: £nil).

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2018

#### 16 Ultimate parent company and parent company of larger group

The immediate parent undertaking of the Company is BNY Mellon Investment Management EMEA Limited, a company registered in England and Wales. BNY Mellon Investment Management EMEA Limited's registered address is 160 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4V 4LA. Copies of accounts for BNY Mellon Investment Management EMEA Limited can be obtained from the Registrar of Companies, Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ.

The largest and smallest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that headed by The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation, incorporated in the United States of America.

The ultimate parent company as at 31 December 2018 was The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation, incorporated in the United States of America. The consolidated accounts of the ultimate parent company may be obtained from:

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The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation
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New York, NY
10286
USA