Annual Report and Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2019

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Strategic Report

Strategic Report for the year ended 31 December 2019

The directors present their Strategic Report for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Principal activities

The principal activities of Arcadis International Limited ("the Company"), primarily undertaken outside of the United Kingdom, are that of capital project and facilities consultants. The Company operates, via branches, in Dubai and Abu Dhabi. The Company also acts as an intermediate holding company for certain of Arcadis (BAC) Limited's investments.

Review of the business

The financial results of the Company, set out in the statement of comprehensive income on page 9, show a profit before taxation of £3,409k (2018: £1,101k).

There have been no significant events since the balance sheet date and the directors are not aware, at the date of this report, of any likely changes in the Company's activities in the foreseeable future.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The Board of Arcadis UK (Holdings) Limited (of which Arcadis International Limited is a member), in conjunction with local management, manages risk across the group, including the potential impact on the Company. In particular the Board ensures that, by managing client relationships effectively, income and profit streams are maintained and accordingly the demand for management services is maintained.

Working capital and business funding requirements are managed from available cash resources, or by making use of inter-company facilities as part of the Arcadis N.V. group.

The main financial risks arising from the Company's activities are credit risk, foreign exchange risk and liquidity risk. These are monitored and appropriate mitigating actions put in place as below.

Credit risk

The Company's policy in respect of credit risk is to require appropriate credit checks on potential customers before sales are made. The Company proactively manages its debtors to ensure timely collection and a review of overdue accounts.

Foreign exchange risk

The Company is exposed to foreign exchange risks through the operation of overseas branches. Transaction risk is the effect of exchange rate movements on the settlement of debtors and creditors. Translation risk arises when overseas branch results are converted into the reporting currency for accounting purposes.

Transaction risk is mitigated by operating in local overseas currencies wherever possible. Translation risk is not mitigated by the Company, but is managed at a group level by Arcadis N.V. (the ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party).

Strategic Report (continued)

Liquidity risk

The Company's policy in respect of liquidity risk is to maintain intra-group financing and readily accessible bank deposit accounts to ensure the Company has sufficient funds for operations. The cash deposits are held in a mixture of short-term deposits and current accounts which earn interest at a floating rate.

The Company's significant activities in overseas territories give rise to contract risk.

The majority of our activities are delivered through long term contracts which are structured to limit the Company's exposure to commercial risks. The principal uncertainties are our customers' ability to continue discharging their contractual obligations due to a downturn in their local economic conditions which would adversely affect their markets. The Company strives to diversify its client base so that the loss of any particular client would not have a substantial impact on the Company's viability.

Key performance indicators

The Company uses a number of key performance indicators to understand the development, performance and position of the business. These include:

- · Revenue, profitability and cash flows
- The quality, level and conversion rates of the sales pipeline and level of sales order book
- Project results delivered versus plan
- Pricing, size and duration of engagement
- Staff utilisation

These are reported and monitored throughout the year.

Employee policies

The Company recognises the value of its employees and has maintained its policy of communicating and consulting with employees through meetings on matters of concern to them and providing information in particular on the relevant factors affecting the performance of the Company.

The Company is committed to a policy of recruitment and promotion on the basis of aptitude and ability without discrimination of any kind.

The Company has made and expects to continue its commitment to training and executive education programs for its employees.

Applications for employment by disabled persons are given full and fair consideration for all vacancies, having regard to their particular aptitudes and abilities. Where existing employees become disabled, it is the Company's policy wherever practicable to provide continuing employment under normal terms and conditions and to provide training, career development and promotion to disabled employees wherever appropriate.

On behalf of the board

J G Ijntema

Director

26 January 2021

Directors' Report

Directors' Report for the year ended 31 December 2019

The directors present their Report and the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Directors

The directors of the Company who were in office during the year and up to the signing of the financial statements were:

Directors

K A R Ibrahim J G Ijntema

Company Secretary

CG Jones

Review

The directors are satisfied with the results for the year given the challenging economic environment and the strength of the balance sheet. The statement of comprehensive income is set out on page 9 and shows the profit for the financial year. Please refer to the strategic report for the discussion on principal risks and uncertainties.

Future developments

The outbreak of COVID-19 in early 2020 has affected business and economic activity globally. The Directors consider this outbreak to be a non-adjusting post balance sheet event as at 31 December 2019. The range of potential outcomes for the economy are difficult to predict at this point in time. There are several policy and fiscal responses emerging from the UK Government, intended to mitigate any potential negative economic impacts. We are monitoring the COVID-19 outbreak developments closely and have been implementing contingency plans to mitigate the potential adverse impact on the company's employees and operations.

There are no other material events affecting the Company to be reported since the year end.

Post balance sheet events

There are no material events affecting the Company to be reported since the year end.

Dividends

The directors do not recommend payment of an ordinary dividend. (2018: £Nil (£Nil per share)).

A dividend of £4,000 (£0.01 per share) (2018: £4,000 (£0.01 per share)) was paid on the 1% convertible cumulative preference shares.

Directors' Report (continued)

Directors' Report for the year ended 31 December 2019

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulation.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework", and applicable law). 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 the financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 101, have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The directors 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.

Directors' confirmations

In the case of each director in office at the date the Directors' Report is approved:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

Directors' indemnities

As permitted by the Articles of Association, the Directors have the benefit of an indemnity which is a qualifying third party indemnity provision as defined by Section 234 of the Companies Act 2006. The indemnity was in force throughout the last financial year and is currently in force. The Company also purchased and maintained throughout the financial year Directors' and Officers' liability insurance in respect of itself and its Directors.

Directors' Report (continued)

Directors' Report for the year ended 31 December 2019

Independent auditors

The independent auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, have indicated their willingness to continue in office and a resolution concerning their re-appointment will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

On behalf of the board

Director

J G Ijntema

26 January 2021

Independent auditors' report to the members of Arcadis International Limited

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

In our opinion, Arcadis International Limited's financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2019 and of its profit for the
 year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework", and applicable law); and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements, included within the Annual Report and Financial Statements (the "Annual Report"), which comprise: the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2019; the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity for the year then ended; and the notes to the financial statements, which include a description of the significant accounting policies.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities under ISAs (UK) are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence

We remained independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, which includes the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

Reporting on other information

The other information comprises all of the information in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify an apparent material inconsistency or material misstatement, we are required to perform procedures to conclude whether there is a material misstatement of the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report based on these responsibilities.

With respect to the Strategic Report and Directors' Report, we also considered whether the disclosures required by the UK Companies Act 2006 have been included.

Based on the responsibilities described above and our work undertaken in the course of the audit, ISAs (UK) require us also to report certain opinions and matters as described below.

Strategic Report and Directors' Report

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, the information given in the Strategic Report and Directors' Report for the year ended 31 December 2019 is consistent with the financial statements and has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we did not identify any material misstatements in the Strategic Report and Directors' Report.

Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

Responsibilities of the directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of directors' responsibilities set out on page 5, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable framework and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. The directors are also 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.

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

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

Other required reporting

Companies Act 2006 exception reporting

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

Jonathan Hook (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors London

26 January 2021

Statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 31 December 2019

•		2019	2018
·	Note	£'000	£′000
Turnover		17,791	22,968
Cost of sales		(13,963)	(18,778)
Gross profit		3,828	4,190
Administrative expenses	3	(2,058)	(3,090)
Operating profit	3	1,771	1,100
Profit before interest and taxation		1,771	1,100
Finance income	5	3	. 5
Finance costs	5	(10)	(4)
Finance (costs)/income – net	5	(7)	1
Other income	10	1,646	-
Profit before taxation		3,409	1,101
Tax on profit	6	•	-
Profit for the financial year		3,409	1,101
Other comprehensive income			
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:			
Exchange differences on retranslation of overseas branches		(451)	535
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		(451)	535
Total comprehensive income for the year		2,958	1,636

All amounts relate to continuing activities during the year.

The above statement of comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of financial position as at 31 December 2019

		2019	2018
·	Note	£′000	£′000
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	7	647	932
Property, plant and equipment	8	117	155
Right-of-Use assets	16.2	258	-
Investments	9	10	10
		1,032	1,097
Current assets			
Debtors	10	47,064	72,219
Cash and cash equivalents		1,047	801
		48,111	73,020
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(34,388)	(62,442)
Net current assets		13,723	10,578
Total assets less current liabilities		14,755	11,675
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	· 12	(522)	(400)
Net assets		14,233	11,275
Equity			
Called up share capital	13	50	50
Retained earnings		14,183	11,225
Total shareholders' funds		14,233	11,275

The financial statements on pages 9 to 30 were authorised for issue by the board of directors on 26 January 2021 and were signed on its behalf.

The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

J G ljntema Director

Statement of changes in equity for the year ended 31 December 2019

	Called up share capital £'000	Retained earnings	Total shareholders' funds £'000
Balance at 1 January 2018	50	9,589	9,639
Profit for the financial year	-	1,101	1,101
Other comprehensive income for the year: Exchange differences on retranslation of overseas branches	-	535	535
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	1,636	1,636
Dividends Total transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity	-	-	<u>-</u>
Balance as at 31 December 2018	50	11,225	11,275
Balance at 1 January 2019 Profit for the financial year	50	11,225 3,409	11,275 3,409
Profit for the finalitial year	•	3,403	3,403
Other comprehensive income for the year: Exchange differences on retranslation of overseas branches		(451)	(451)
Total comprehensive income for the year	•	2,958	2,958
Dividends Total transactions with owners, recognised	-	-	
directly in equity	-	-	
Balance as at 31 December 2019	50	14,183	14,233

Retained earnings represents accumulated comprehensive income for the year and prior years less dividends paid.

No interim dividend was paid on the ordinary shares in 2019 (2018: £Nil (£Nil per share)).

Notes to the financial statements

1 General information

The principal activities are that of capital properties consultants and facilities consultants.

The Company is a private company limited by shares and is incorporated and domiciled in London, in the United Kingdom. The address of its registered office is:

Arcadis House 34 York Way London N1 9AB

2 Summary of significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

2.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements of Arcadis International Limited have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101, 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' (FRS 101). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 as applicable to companies using FRS 101.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with FRS 101 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates.

It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in the relevant notes.

The following exemptions from the requirements of IFRS have been applied in the preparation of these financial statements, in accordance with FRS 101:

- Paragraphs 45(b) and 46 to 52 of IFRS 2, 'Share-based payment' (details of the number and weighted-average exercise prices of share options, and how the fair value of goods or services received was determined)
- IFRS 7, 'Financial Instruments: Disclosures'
- Paragraphs 91 to 99 of IFRS 13, 'Fair value measurement' (disclosure of valuation techniques and inputs used for fair value measurement of assets and liabilities)
- Paragraph 38 of IAS 1, 'Presentation of financial statements' comparative information requirements in respect of: (i) paragraph 79(a)(iv) of IAS 1; (ii) paragraph 73(e) of IAS 16 Property, plant and equipment; and (iii) paragraph 118(e) of IAS 38 Intangible assets (reconciliations between the carrying amount at the beginning and end of the period)

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.1 Basis of preparation (continued)

- The following paragraphs of IAS 1, 'Presentation of financial statements':
 - 10(d), (statement of cash flows);
 - 16 (statement of compliance with all IFRS),
 - 38A (requirement for minimum of two primary statements, including cash flow statements),
 - 38B-D (additional comparative information),
 - 111 (cash flow statement information), and
 - 134-136 (capital management disclosures).
- IAS 7, 'Statement of cash flows'
- Paragraph 30 and 31 of IAS 8 'Accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and errors' (requirement for the disclosure of information when an entity has not applied a new IFRS that has been issued but is not yet effective).
- Paragraphs 17 and 18A of IAS 24, Related party disclosures (compensation and key management services provided by a separate management entity).
- The requirements in IAS 24, 'Related party disclosures' to disclose related party transactions entered into between two or more members of a group.
- Paragraphs 130(f)(ii), 130 (f)(iii), 134(d) to 134(f) and 135(c) to 135(e) of IAS 36, Impairment of
 assets (disclosures when the recoverable amount is fair value less costs of disposal, assumptions
 involved in estimating recoverable amounts of cash generating units containing goodwill or
 intangible assets with indefinite useful lives and management's approach to determining these
 amounts).
- Requirements of the second sentence of paragraph 110 and paragraphs 113(a), 114, 115, 118, 119(a) to (c), 120 to 127 and 129 of IFRS 15

2.2 Going concern

The outbreak of COVID-19 in early 2020 has affected business and economic activity globally. The range of potential outcomes for the economy are difficult to predict at this point in time. There are several policy and fiscal responses emerging from the UK Government, intended to mitigate any potential negative economic impacts. We are monitoring the COVID-19 outbreak developments closely and have been implementing contingency plans to mitigate the potential adverse impact on the company's employees and operations. These includes working from home arrangements for employees with workloads and clients that allow the arrangement in order to comply with rules and regulations of the UAE, overhead cost management, among others. The operations of the Company have not been severely affected, however, there were delays in pipeline conversions and slow start of newly won projects.

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis, with net current assets of £13,723k (2018: net current assets of £10,578k).

The Directors are confident that the Company will continue to operate as a going concern for the foreseeable future.

2.3 New standards, amendments and interpretations adopted by the Company

IFRS 16 is a new accounting standard that is effective for the year ended 31 December 2019. The impact of the adoption of IFRS 16 is disclosed in Note 16 of the financial statements.

No other new accounting standards, amendments or IFRIC interpretations, that are effective for the first time for the year ended 31 December 2019, have had a material impact on the Company.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for impairment of trade receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the Company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables. Significant financial difficulties of the debtor, probability that the debtor will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default or delinquency in payments (more than 120 days overdue) are considered indicators that the trade receivable is impaired. The amount of the provision is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flows, discounted at the effective interest rate. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of an allowance account, and the amount of the loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income statement within operating expenses in the statement of comprehensive income.

Trade and other receivables includes amount recoverable on contracts, which are stated at cost plus attributable profit to the extent that such profit is reasonably certain and after making provision for any foreseeable losses in completing contracts, less payments in advance received on contracts. Cost comprises the direct costs of providing the service, together with directly attributable overheads. Payment in advance on contracts represent excess amounts billed over that earned and are included separately within trade and other payables.

The company applies the IFRS 9 simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses which uses a lifetime expected loss allowance for all trade receivables and contract assets.

2.5 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks and bank overdrafts.

In the balance sheet, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

2.6 Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Preference shares are classified as liabilities (note 2.7).

2.7 Borrowings

Preference shares, which do not have a redemption entitlement, have mandatory dividend payments paid annually in arrears and are classified as liabilities. The dividends on these preference shares are recognised in the income statement as interest expense.

2.8 Borrowing costs

All borrowing costs are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they are incurred.

2.9 Current and deferred income tax

The tax expense for the period only comprises current tax. Tax is recognised in the income statement, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in shareholders' funds. In this case, the tax is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in shareholders' funds, respectively.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of the tax laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date in the countries where the Company operates and generates taxable income.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.9 Current and deferred income tax(continued)

Management periodically evaluates positions taken in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulation is subject to interpretation. It establishes provisions where appropriate on the basis of amounts expected to be paid to the tax authorities.

Deferred income tax is recognised on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. However, deferred tax liabilities are not recognised if they arise from the initial recognition of goodwill; or arise from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction other than a business combination that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss. Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realised or the deferred income tax liability is settled.

Deferred income tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when the deferred income taxes assets and liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the same taxable entity or different taxable entities where there is an intention to settle the balances on a net basis.

2.10 Revenue recognition

Revenue is stated net of sales tax and is recognised only when the outcome of the transaction can be measured reliably and it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Company. Any loss on a contract is recognised as soon as it is foreseen.

Where fee income is determined by time charged, revenue represents the amount of services provided during the financial year. Revenue on long term contracts is recognised according to the stage of completion at the balance sheet date and the terms of the contract including those in relation to variations. The stage of completion is based upon a review of the contract progress and the proportion of costs incurred for work performed compared to the estimated total costs of the contract after making a prudent allowance for uncertainties.

2.11 Cash flow statement

A cash flow statement is not required at 31 December 2019 as the Company is exempt from the requirements of IAS 7, Statement of Cashflows, as it is a wholly owned subsidiary of Arcadis N.V. which prepares a consolidated cash flow statement. The financial statements of Arcadis N.V. are publicly available.

2.12 Interest income

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.13 Leases

The Company's leases represent leases of property, that is, area obtained for office premises under leasing arrangement., computer equipment and motor vehicle

Rental contracts are typically made for fixed periods of 1 to 5 years but may have extension options. Lease terms are negotiated on an individual basis and contain a wide range of different terms and conditions. The lease agreements do not impose any covenants, but leased assets may not be used as security for borrowing purposes.

Leases are recognised as a right-of-use asset and a corresponding liability at the date at which the leased asset is available for use by the Company.

Assets and liabilities arising from a lease are initially measured on a present value basis. Lease liabilities include the net present value of the following lease payments:

- fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments), less any lease incentives receivable;
- variable lease payment that are based on an index or a rate;
- payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the lessee exercising that option.

The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease. If that rate cannot be readily determined, the lessee's incremental borrowing rate is used, being the rate that the individual lessee would have to pay to borrow the funds necessary to obtain an asset of similar value to the right-of-use asset in a similar economic environment with similar terms, security and conditions. The Parent Company has hired an independent expert used by the Company who has determined the borrowing rates for each Company.

To determine the incremental borrowing rate, the Company:

- where possible, uses recent third-party financing received by the individual lessee as a starting point, adjusted to reflect changes in financing conditions since third party financing was received;
- uses a build-up approach that starts with a risk-free interest rate adjusted for credit risk for leases held by the Company, which does not have recent third -party financing; and
- makes adjustments specific to the lease, e.g.: term, country, currency and security.

Lease payments are allocated between principal and finance cost. The finance cost is charged to statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period.

Right-of-use assets are measured at cost comprising the following:

- the amount of the initial measurement of lease liability;
- any lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received;
- any initial direct costs; and
- restoration costs.

Right-of-use assets are generally depreciated over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term on a straight-line basis. If the Company is reasonably certain to exercise a purchase option, the right-of-use asset is depreciated over the underlying asset's useful life.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.13 Leases (continued)

Payments associated with short-term leases and leases of low-value assets are recognised on a straightline basis as an expense in statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income. Short-term leases are leases with a lease term of 12 months or less.

Variable lease payments

Some property leases contain variable payment terms that are linked to sales generated from a store. Variable payment terms are used for a variety of reasons. Including minimising the fixed costs base for newly established stores. Variable lease payments that depends on sales are recognised within profit in loss in the statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income in the period in which the condition that triggers those payments occurs. The Company does not have any lease with variable lease payments.

Extension and termination options

Extension and termination options are included in a number of property leases across the Company. These are used to maximise operational flexibility in terms of managing the assets used in the Company 's operations. The majority of the extension and termination options held are exercisable by the mutual consent of the Company and the respective lessor.

Accounting policies applied until 31 December 2017

Leases in which substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases (net of any incentives received from the lessor) are charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease. The Company leases certain property to facilitate its operations.

2.14 Dividend distribution

Dividend distributions to the Company's shareholders are recognised as a liability in the Company's financial statements in the period in which the dividends are approved by the Company's shareholders.

2.15 Foreign currency translation

(a) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements of the Company are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates ('the functional currency'). The Company's functional currency is 'United Arab Emirates Dirham' (AED)

The financial statements are presented in 'Pounds Sterling' (£), which is also the Company's presentation currency.

(b) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions or valuation where items are re-measured.

Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the income statement, except when deferred in other comprehensive income as qualifying cash flow hedges. All other foreign exchange gains and losses are presented in the income statement within 'Other operating income.'

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.16 Intangible assets

Costs associated with maintaining computer software programmes are recognised as an expense as incurred. Development costs that are directly attributable to the design and testing of identifiable and unique software products controlled by the Company are recognised as intangible assets when the following criteria are met:

- It is technically feasible to complete the software product so that it will be available for use;
- Management intends to complete the software product and use or sell it;
- There is an ability to use or sell the software product;
- It can be demonstrated how the software product will generate probable future economic benefits;
- Adequate technical, financial and other resources to complete the development and to use or sell the software product are available; and
- The expenditure attributable to the software product during its development can be reliably measured.

Directly attributable costs that are capitalised as part of the software product include the software development employee costs and the appropriate portion of relevant overheads.

Other development expenditures that do not meet these criteria are recognised as an expense as incurred. Development costs previously recognised as expenses are not recognised as an asset in subsequent periods.

Computer software development costs recognised as assets are amortised over their estimated useful lives, which does not exceed five years.

Purchased software is initially recognised at cost and amortised over three years.

2.17 Property, plant and equipment

All property, plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less depreciation. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items. Cost may also include transfers from equity of any gains/losses on qualifying cash flow hedges of foreign currency purchases of property, plant and equipment.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Company and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Land is not depreciated. Depreciation on other assets is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate their cost to their residual values over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

- Motor vehicles 20%
- Furniture, fittings and equipment 20% 33%
- Leasehold improvements 20% 33%

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount (note 8).

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised within 'Other income' in the income statement.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.18 Impairment of non-financial assets

Non-financial assets not ready to use are not subject to amortisation and are tested annually for impairment. Assets that are subject to amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are largely independent cash inflows (cash-generating units). Prior impairments of non-financial assets (other than goodwill) are reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

2.19 Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

The Company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The estimates and assumptions that have significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are addressed below:

(a) Useful economic lives of property, plant and equipment

The annual depreciation charge for property, plant and equipment is sensitive to changes in the estimated useful economic lives and residual values of the assets. The useful economic lives and residual values are re-assessed annually. They are amended as necessary to reflect current estimates, based on technological advancement, future investments, economic utilisation and the physical condition of the assets. See note 8 for the carrying amount of each property, plant and equipment.

(b) Carrying value of trade receivables, amounts recoverable on contracts and other receivables

The Company makes an estimate of the recoverable value of trade receivables, amounts recoverable on contracts and other receivables. When assessing impairment of trade and other receivables, management considers factors including the credit rating of the receivable, the ageing profile of receivables and historical experience. See note 10 for the net carrying amount of the receivables and associated provision. Provisions against amounts due on long-term contracts are made on a specific basis, based on estimates of recoverability, determined by market knowledge and past experience.

(c) Revenue recognition

The Company assesses the most likely outcome of each contract based on a number of factors including technical and contractual requirements, progress to date, and previous experience of similar projects, form of contract and of working with that particular client. The outcome, and therefore the appropriate level of revenue to be recognised is therefore subject to a considerable number of inter-related factors. The Company's size and diverse spread of projects, together with a prudent assessment of the final value of each contract, minimises the potential for any one project to materially impact the overall business performance.

3 Operating profit

This has been stated after charging/(crediting):

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	2019	2018
	£'000	£'000
Staff costs (note 4)	10,984	15,006
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	76	65
Amortisation of intangible asset (included as part of administrative expenses)	257	258
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	127	_
(Reversal of)/Impairment of group trade receivables	(777)	190
Operating lease charges	•	131
Audit fees payable to the Company's auditors	52	45
Employees and directors		
Employees	2019	2018
•	£'000	£′000
Staff costs (note 3) consist of:		
Wages and salaries	10,972	14,915
Other pension costs	12	91
	10,984	15,006
	Staff costs (note 4) Depreciation of property, plant and equipment Amortisation of intangible asset (included as part of administrative expenses) Depreciation of right-of-use assets (Reversal of)/Impairment of group trade receivables Operating lease charges Audit fees payable to the Company's auditors Employees and directors Employees Staff costs (note 3) consist of: Wages and salaries	Staff costs (note 4) Depreciation of property, plant and equipment Amortisation of intangible asset (included as part of administrative expenses) Depreciation of right-of-use assets (Reversal of)/Impairment of group trade receivables (777) Operating lease charges Audit fees payable to the Company's auditors Employees and directors Employees Staff costs (note 3) consist of: Wages and salaries Other pension costs 10,972 10,972

The average number of monthly staff employed by the Company overseas in the year was 136 (2018: 202). All staff are employed by the Branches of the Company in the United Arab Emirates.

All of the Company's staff are employed and paid by branches located in the UAE.

Directors

None of the directors received any emoluments for services to this Company in their capacity as directors during the year (2018: nil).

5 Interest income and expense

2019	Finance income		
Interest receivable from Group undertakings 3 5 5		2019	2018
Finance costs 2019 £'000 2018 £'000 £'00		£'000	£′000
Finance costs 2019 £'000 2018 £'000 £'00	Interest receivable from Group undertakings	3 ,	5
2019 2018 £'000 £'000	Total finance income	3	
2019 2018 £'000 £'000			
Dividend on preference shares (note 13): 1p (2018: 1p) per share (4) (4) Total finance expense (4) (4) Net finance cost 2019 2018 £'000 £'000 Finance income 3 5 Finance costs (4) (4) Interest expense on lease liability (note 16) (6) -	Finance costs		
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Finance costs (4) (4) Interest expense on lease liability (note 16) (6) -		£′000	£′000
Interest expense on lease liability (note 16) (6)	Finance income	3	5
Interest expense on lease liability (note 16) (6)	Finance costs	(4)	(4)
	Interest expense on lease liability (note 16)		-
	Net finance (costs)/income	(7)	1

No borrowing costs have been capitalised during the year.

6 Tax on profit

Tax credit included in profit or loss

	2019	2018
	£'000	£'000
Current tax:		
- UK corporation tax on profit of the year	-	-
- Foreign tax on profit of the year	=	-
- Adjustments in respect of prior years	-	-
Total tax credit	-	-

Tax charge for the year is lower (2018: lower) than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for the year ended 31 December 2019 of 19.00% (2018: 19.00%). The differences are explained below:

	2019	2018
	£'000	£′000
Profit before taxation	3,409	1,101
Profit multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.00% ($2018-19.00\%$)	648	209
Effects of: - Branch profit not taxable/tax deductible in the UK - Expenses not deductible for UK tax purposes	(649) 1	(210)
Tax credit	-	-

The UK Corporation tax rate decreased from 20% to 19% from 1 April 2017. Therefore, the rate for the current year (19.00%) is the same with the prior year (19.00%).

A change to reduce the UK corporation tax rate to 17% from 1 April 2020 was substantively enacted on 6 September 2016.

7 Intangible assets

	£′000
Cost	
At 1 January 2018	1,201
Additions	31
Exchange adjustment	72
At 1 January 2019	1,304
Additions	-
Exchange adjustment	(50)
At 31 December 2019	1,254
Accumulated amortisation	
At 1 January 2018	108
Charge for the year (Note 3)	258
Exchange adjustment	. 6
At 1 January 2019	372
Charge for the year (Note 3)	257
Exchange adjustment	(21)
At 31 December 2019	607
Net book value at 31 December 2019	. 647
Net book value at 31 December 2018	932
Net book value	
At 1 January 2019	932
Movement in the year	(285)
At 31 December 2019	647
At 1 January 2018	1,093
Movement in the year	(161)
At 31 December 2018	932

8 Property, pla	ant and equipment				_
		lotor iicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Leasehold improve- ments	Total
	£	2000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cost					
At 1 January 2018		30	427	-	457
Additions		-	16	-	16
Exchange adjustment		-	18	_	18
At 1 January 2019		30	461	_	491
Additions			43	-	43
Write-off		-	(60)	-	(60)
Reclassification		-	(293)	293	
Exchange adjustment		(5)	(9)	(8)	(21)
At 31 December 2019		25	141	285	452
Accumulated depreciation					
At 1 January 2018		(29)	(214)	_	(243)
Charge for the year		(1)	(64)	-	(65)
Exchange adjustment		-	(28)	-	(28)
At 1 January 2019	<u></u>	(30)	(306)	-	(336)
Charge for the year (Note 3)			(76)	-	(76)
Write-off		-	60	-	60
Reclassification		-	219	(219)	-
Exchange adjustment	i	5	6		16
At 31 December 2019		(25)	(97)	(213)	(335)
Net book value at 31 Decem	ber 2019	•	45	72	117
Net book value					
At 1 January 2019		- .	155	-	155
Movement in the year			(110)	72	(38)
At 31 December 2019		-	45	72	117
At 1 January 2018	·	1	213	-	214
Movement in the year		(1)	(58)	<u>-</u>	(59)
At 31 December 2018		0	155	-	155

9 Investments		
Jointly controlled entities	2019	2018
	£'000	£,000
At 1 January	10	10
At 31 December	10	10

Jointly controlled entities

Company Name	Holding	Incorporated in	Principal Activity	Equity Owned	Registered address
Harris Franklin and Andrews Ltd	Direct	υκ	In Jiquidation	50%	Arcadis House 34 York Way London N1 9AB
Sama - ECH LLC	Direct	UAE	Dormant	49%	Level 6 Emirates Towers PO Box 72527 Dubai United Arab Emirates

10 Debtors

DC.1101.3	2019	2018
	£′000	£'000
Trade receivables	2,172	3,379
Amounts owed by group undertakings	42,723	66,807
Other receivables	299	375
Prepayments and accrued income	1,869	1,658
	47,064	72,219

All amounts shown under debtors fall due for payment within one year.

Amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured, interest free, have no fixed date of repayment and are repayable on demand. During the year, the Company reversed a provision of £1,477k with respect to the amounts owed by group undertakings and is included as part of 'other income' in the statement of comprehensive income.

Trade receivables are stated after provisions for impairment of £576k (2018: £1,649k).

10 Debtors (continued)

During the year, the following impairment loss were recognised in profit or loss in relation to financial and contract assets:

individual and confider assets.	•	
	2019	2018
·	£'000	£'000
Loss allowance 1 January	1.550	1 (40
	1,650	1,648
Movement in loss allowance for trade receivables and		
contract assets	(777)	2
Exchange adjustment	(297)	
Loss allowance, 31 December	576	1,650

The above impairment losses relate to receivables and contract assets arising from contracts with customers.

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

2019	2018
£'000	£'000
83	22
28,677	58,063
3,064	2,033
114	-
2,449	2,324
34,388	62,442
	£'000 83 28,677 3,064 114 2,449

Amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured, interest free, have no fixed date of repayment and are repayable on demand.

12 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2019	2018
	£'000	£'000
Preference shares (note 13)	400	400
Lease liabilities	122	-
	522	400

13 Called up share capital

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Ordinary shares of £1 each		
Allotted, called up and fully paid	Number	£'000
At 31 December 2018 and 2019	50,000	50
Long-term liabilities		

Preference shares of £1 each
Allotted and fully paid
At 31 December 2018 and 2019

Number £'000 400,000 400

The preference shares are classified as liabilities in the statement of financial position.

The preference shares are 1% convertible redeemable cumulative preference shares. The preference shares carry the right to a preference dividend of 1% per annum ahead of any dividend being paid on the ordinary shares. They have no rights to any other income.

On winding up, preference shareholders have priority ahead of the ordinary shares to receive repayment of capital. The holders have no voting rights unless the dividend is more than six months in arrears.

On notice by the shareholders, the preference shares may be converted to ordinary shares ranking "pari passu" with the existing ordinary shares.

14 Dividends

Dividends paid during the year	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
£1 1% Preference shares: 1p (2018: 1p) per £1 share	4	4
£1 Ordinary shares: £Nil (2018: £Nil) per £1 share	4	4
	•	<u> </u>

The directors do not propose an ordinary dividend in respect of the financial year ending 31 December 2019.

15 Ultimate parent company

The Company's immediate parent undertaking is Arcadis Group Limited. It is part of the UK group headed by Arcadis UK (Holdings) Limited.

The ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is Arcadis N.V., a company incorporated in the Netherlands.

The smallest and largest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that headed by Arcadis N.V.

The consolidated financial statements of Arcadis N.V. are available at: www.arcadis.com.

16 Impact of changes in accounting policies

As indicated in note 2.3, the company has adopted IFRS 16 Leases retrospectively from 1 January 2019 but has not restated comparatives for the 2018 reporting period, as permitted under the specific transition provisions in the standard. The reclassifications and the adjustments arising from the new leasing rules are therefore recognised in the opening balance sheet on 1 January 2019. The new accounting policies are disclosed in note 2.3

On adoption of IFRS 16, the company recognised lease liabilities in relation to leases which had previously been classified as 'operating leases' under the principles of IAS 17 Leases. These liabilities were measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments, discounted using the lessee's incremental borrowing rate as of 1 January 2019. The weighted average lessee's incremental borrowing rate applied to the lease liabilities on 1 January 2019 was 5.5%

For leases previously classified as finance leases the entity recognised the carrying amount of the lease asset and lease liability immediately before transition as the carrying amount of the right of use asset and the lease liability at the date of initial application. The measurement principles of IFRS 16 are only applied after that date.

The Branch does not have any finance leases.

(i) Practical expedients applied

In applying IFRS 16 Leases for the first time, the Branch has used the following practical expedients permitted by the standard:

- applying a single discount rate to a portfolio of leases with reasonably similar characteristics;
- accounting for operating leases with a remaining lease term of less than 12 months as at 1
 January 2019 as short-term leases; and
- using hindsight in determining the lease term where the contract contains options to extend
 or terminate the lease.

The Branch has also elected not to reassess whether a contract is, or contains a lease at the date of initial application. Instead, for contracts entered into before the transition date the Branch relied on its assessment made applying IAS 17 and Interpretation 4 Determining whether an Arrangement contains a Lease.

(ii) Measurement of lease liabilities

16 Impact of changes in accounting policies (continued)

Reconciliation between operating lease commitments and lease liability booked on 1 January 2019 is as follows:

200
198
252
-
450
189
261
450

(iii) Measurement of right-of-use assets

The associated right-of-use assets were measured at the amount equal to the lease liability, adjusted by the amount of any prepaid or accrued lease payments relating to that lease recognised in the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2018.

16.2 IFRS 16 - Leases

(i) Amount recognised in the statement of financial position:

The balance sheet shows the following amounts relating to leases:

	31 Dec 2019	1 Jan 2019
Right-of-use assets		
Buildings	258	450
	258	450
Lease liabilities		
Current	114	189
Non-current	122	261
	236	450
Maturity analysis – contractual undiscounted cash flows		,
Less than one year		179
One to five years		104
Total undiscounted lease liability at 31 December		283
(i) Amount recognised in the statement of profit or le	oss:	
Depreciation charge of right-of-use assets		127
Interest expense on lease liability (included in finance cos	t)	6

17 Post balance sheet events

The outbreak of COVID-19 in early 2020 has affected business and economic activity globally. The Directors consider this outbreak to be a non-adjusting post balance sheet event as at 31 December 2019. The range of potential outcomes for the economy are difficult to predict at this point in time. There are several policy and fiscal responses emerging from the UK Government, intended to mitigate any potential negative economic impacts. We are continually monitoring the COVID-19 outbreak developments closely and have been implementing contingency plans to mitigate the potential adverse impact on the company's employees and operations. These includes working from home arrangements for employees with workloads and clients that allow the arrangement and in order to comply with rules and regulations, overhead cost management, among others. We are also continually monitoring our pipelines and continually adopt to the requirements of the market based on our strategy.