# ABACUS FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT LIMITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004



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# COMPANY INFORMATION For The Year Ended 31 December 2004

DIRECTORS:

A J L Richards J A Mostyn

M E Nicholson

SECRETARY:

R W Hart

REGISTERED OFFICE:

Queen Isabelle House

Kingsclere Park Kingsclere Newbury

Berkshire RG20 4SW

REGISTERED NUMBER:

2357612 (England and Wales)

# REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS For The Year Ended 31 December 2004

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company and the group for the year ended 31 December 2004.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the group in the year under review was that of financial advisers to members of the Armed Forces.

#### REVIEW OF BUSINESS

The results for the year and financial position of the company and the group are as shown in the annexed financial statements

#### DIVIDENDS

No dividends were paid in the year ended 31 December 2004.

#### EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

#### DIRECTORS

The directors during the year under review were:

A J L Richards J A Mostyn M E Nicholson

The beneficial interests of the directors holding office on 31 December 2004 in the issued share capital of the company were as follows:

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Ordinary "A" 5p shares		
A J L Richards	387,900	387,900
J A Mostyn	387,900	387,900
M E Nicholson	387,900	387,900
Ordinary "B" 5p shares		
A J L Richards	_	-
J A Mostyn	-	•
M E Nicholson	-	~

#### FIXED ASSETS

The changes in fixed assets during the year are summarised in the notes to the financial statements.

#### STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the group and of the profit or loss of the group for that period. In preparing those 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and the group and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

# REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS For The Year Ended 31 December 2004

# **AUDITORS**

The auditors, James & Cowper, will be proposed for re-appointment in accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

R W Hart - Secretary

Date: 187 AUG 2005

# REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF ABACUS FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Abacus Financial Management Limited for the year ended 31 December 2004 on pages five to twenty. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page two the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Report of the Directors is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

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

#### Basis of audit opinion

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

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

#### Going concern

In forming our opinion, we have considered the adequacy of the disclosures made in note 20 of the financial statements concerning the uncertainty as to the company's financial position. In view of the significance of this uncertainty we consider that it should be drawn to your attention but our opinion is not qualified in this respect.

#### Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the group as at 31 December 2004 and of the loss of the group for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

James & Cowper

Registered Auditor and Chartered Accountants

Phoenix House

Bartholomew Street

Newbury

Berkshire RG14 5QA

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# CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT For The Year Ended 31 December 2004

	Notes	2004 £	2003 £
TURNOVER	2	1,466,041	1,036,872
Cost of sales		735,543	414,260
GROSS PROFIT		730,498	622,612
Administrative expenses		787,802	652,361
		(57,304)	(29,749)
Other operating income		30,000	36,000
OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT	4	(27,304)	6,251
Interest receivable and similar income		6,745	6,929
		(20,559)	13,180
Interest payable and similar charges	5	256	112
(LOSS)/PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTI BEFORE TAXATION	VITIES	(20,815)	13,068
Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities	6	5,018	1,590
(LOSS)/PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL AFTER TAXATION	L YEAR	(25,833)	11,478
(DEFICIT)/RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE YEAR FOR THE GROUP		(25,833)	11,478

# CONTINUING OPERATIONS

None of the group's activities were acquired or discontinued during the current and previous years.

#### TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

The group has no recognised gains or losses other than the loss for the current year and the profit for the previous year.

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET 31 December 2004

		2004	i	2003	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Intangible assets	8		-		4,500
Tangible assets	9		40,995		62,328
Investments	10		-		-
			40,995		66,828
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CURRENT ASSETS Debtors	11	1 205 075		1 127 602	
Cash at bank and in hand	11	1,305,875		1,127,692	
Cash at bank and in hand		279,142		331,228	
		1,585,017		1,458,920	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	1,116,255		823,201	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			468,762		635,719
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT					
LIABILITIES			509,757		702,547
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES					
AND CHARGES	15		405,389		572,346
			104.260		120 201
			104,368		130,201
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital	16		64,035		64,035
Capital redemption reserve	17		5,878		5,878
Profit and loss account	17		34,455		60,288
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	21		104,368		130,201
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BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

M E Nicholson - Director

A J L Righards - Director

Approved by the Board on 29 July 2005

# COMPANY BALANCE SHEET 31 December 2004

		2004	ļ	2003	3
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Intangible assets	8		_		4,500
Tangible assets	9		40,878		62,154
Investments	10		13,416		13,416
			54,294		80,070
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	1,305,756		1,127,573	
Cash at bank and in hand		242,081		304,178	
		1,547,837		1,431,751	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	1,103,847		817,802	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			443,990		613,949
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			498,284		694,019
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	15		405,389		572,346
			92,895		121,673
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital	16		64,035		64,035
Capital redemption reserve	17		5,878		5,878
Profit and loss account	17		22,982		51,760
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	21		92,895		121,673

ONBEHALF OF THE BOARD:

M E Nicholson - Director

Approved by the Board on 29' JULY 2005

# CASH FLOW STATEMENT For The Year Ended 31 December 2004

	Notes	2004 £	2003 £
Net cash outflow from operating activities	1	(14,106)	(146,647)
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	2	6,489	6,817
Taxation		(2,412)	(3,619)
Capital expenditure	2	(236)	(44,911)
		(10,265)	(188,360)
Financing	2	<u>-</u>	(10)
Decrease in cash in the period		(10,265)	(188,370)
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds	3		
Decrease in cash in the period		(10,265)	(188,370)
Change in net funds resulting from cash flows		(10,265)	(188,370)
Movement in net funds in the period Net funds at 1 January		(10,265) 282,709	(188,370) 471,079
Net funds at 31 December		272,444 =======	282,709

# NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT For The Year Ended 31 December 2004

# 1. RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT TO NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2004	2003
	£	£
Operating (loss)/profit	(27,304)	6,251
Depreciation charges	22,237	25,109
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	3,832	4,208
Increase in debtors	(178,183)	(53,195)
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	165,312	(129,020)
Net cash outflow from operating activities	(14,106)	(146,647)

# 2. ANALYSIS OF CASH FLOWS FOR HEADINGS NETTED IN THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	2004	2003
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	£	£
Interest received	6,745	6,929
Interest paid	(256)	(112)
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Net cash inflow for returns on investments and servicing of finance	6,489 ===	6,817 ===
Capital expenditure		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(13,335)	(50,411)
Sale of tangible fixed assets	13,099	5,500
Net cash outflow for capital expenditure	(236)	(44,911)
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Financing		
Share repurchase	_	(10)
Net cash outflow from financing	_	(10)
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# 3. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

Net cash:	At 1.1.04 £	Cash flow £	At 31.12.04 £
Cash at bank and in hand Bank overdrafts	331,228 (48,519)	(52,086) 41,821	279,142 (6,698)
	282,709	(10,265)	272,444
Total	282,709	(10,265)	272,444

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For The Year Ended 31 December 2004

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and are in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

#### Turnover

Turnover represents commission and brokerage earned on insurance contracts. Income from indemnity commission is recognised in the financial statements on an accruals basis after provision has been set up for commission which is likely to be clawed back within the initial commission earnings period. Non indemnity commission is based on amounts received.

#### Goodwill

Goodwill, being the amount paid in connection with the acquisition of a business in 1990, is amortised over its estimated useful life.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Office furniture - 20% straight line
Office equipment - 25% straight line
Fixtures and fittings - 20% straight line
Motor vehicles - 25% straight line

#### Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date.

#### Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

# Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts or finance leases are capitalised in the balance sheet. Those held under hire purchase contracts are depreciated over their estimated useful lives. Those held under finance leases are depreciated over their estimated useful lives or the lease term, whichever is the shorter.

The interest element of these obligations is charged to the profit and loss account over the relevant period. The capital element of the future payments is treated as a liability.

#### Pensions

The company operates a small self administered defined contribution pension scheme providing benefits to the directors and qualifying members of staff. Contributions to this scheme are charged to the profit and loss account in the period in which they are incurred.

#### Basis of consolidation

The group financial statements consolidate the results, using the closing rate method of translation, of the parent undertaking and its Cypriot subsidiary RMN (Cyprus) Limited.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued For The Year Ended 31 December 2004

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

#### Indemnity commission provision

These financial statements show 100% of the indemnity provision which is the liability of the company but the company's consultants bear in excess of 50% of this liability. Funds for the consultants' shares are held in bank trust accounts controlled by the company but in consultants' names. The gross bank trust accounts have been included in debtors.

During the year, the method of calculating the indemnity provision was altered to more accurately determine the provision required. If the method of calculation had not changed in the year the indemnity provision at 31 December 2004 would have increased by £80,291 compared to the balance at 1 January 2004.

#### Policy review provisions

Provision is made for claims received and where it is more likely than not that compensation will be payable.

#### 2. TURNOVER

The turnover and loss (2003 - profit) before taxation are attributable to the one principal activity of the group.

An analysis of turnover by geographical market is given below:

		2004 £	2003 £
	United Kingdom	1,376,731	950,464
	Cyprus	89,310	86,408
		1,466,041	1,036,872
3.	STAFF COSTS		
		2004	2003
		£	£
	Wages and salaries	302,900	226,007
	Social security costs	32,227	19,561
	Other pension costs	31,673	11,333
		366,800	256,901
	The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:		
		2004	2003
	Administration	18	15
	Selling	2	2
		20	17
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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued For The Year Ended 31 December 2004

# 4. **OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT**

The operating loss (2003 - operating profit) is stated after charging:

		2004	2003
		£	£
	Depreciation - owned assets	17,737	24,360
	Loss on disposal of fixed assets	3,832	4,208
	Goodwill amortisation	4,500	750
	Auditors' remuneration	12,062	11,900
	Auditors' remuneration for non audit work	17,320	13,078
	Foreign exchange differences	150	172
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	Directors' emoluments	25,674	25,674
	Directors' pension contributions to money purchase schemes	23,809	7,515
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	The number of directors to whom retirement benefits were accruing was as follows:		
	Money purchase schemes	3	3
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5.	INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES		
		2004	2003
		£	£
	Bank interest	256	112
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6.	TAXATION		
	Analysis of the tax charge		
	The tax charge on the loss on ordinary activities for the year was as follows:		
		2004	2003
		£	£
	Current tax:		
	UK corporation tax	3,642	585
	Overseas tax	1,376	1,305
	Under/(over) provision in previous year	••	(300)
	Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities	5,018	1,590
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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued For The Year Ended 31 December 2004

#### 6. TAXATION - continued

# Factors affecting the tax charge

The tax assessed for the year is higher than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK. The difference is explained below:

	2004 £	2003 £
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before tax	(20,815)	13,068
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2003 - 19%)	(3,955)	2,483
Effects of:	(-,,/	_, 2
Disallowed expenses	8,897	1,635
Excess of capital allowances over depreciation	(1,764)	(2,761)
(Profit)/loss on disposal of fixed assets	728	799
year		
Losses relieved against schedule D case III	(449)	(1,316)
Marginal relief	-	(255)
Under/(over) provision in prior year	185	(300)
Overseas tax	1,376	1,305
Current tax charge	5,018	1,590
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# 7. LOSS OF PARENT COMPANY

As permitted by Section 230 of the Companies Act 1985, the profit and loss account of the parent company is not presented as part of these financial statements. The parent company's loss for the financial year was  $\pounds(28,778)$  (2003 -  $\pounds7,631$  profit).

#### 8. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

#### Group

Good ${f \pounds}$	will
COST	
At 1 January 2004	
and 31 December 2004 15,0	000
AMORTISATION	
At 1 January 2004 10,5	500
Amortisation for year 4,5	500
At 31 December 2004 15,0	— )00
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2004	-
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At 31 December 2003 4,5	500 ===

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued For The Year Ended 31 December 2004

# 8. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

Comp	pany

	Goodwill
COST	£
At 1 January 2004	
and 31 December 2004	15,000
AMORTISATION	
At 1 January 2004	10,500
Amortisation for year	4,500
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At 31 December 2004	15,000
NET BOOK VALUE	<del></del>
At 31 December 2004	
At 31 December 2004	
At 31 December 2003	4,500

# 9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

# Group

			Fixtures		
	Office	Office	and	Motor	
	furniture	equipment	fittings	vehicles	Totals
	£	£	£	£	£
COST					
At I January 2004	17,643	71,595	39,323	32,461	161,022
Additions	8,745	4,590	, 	-	13,335
Disposals	(2,950)	(2,010)	-	(32,461)	(37,421)
At 31 December 2004	23,438	74,175	39,323	-	136,936
DEPRECIATION	<u> </u>			•	
At 1 January 2004	16,838	54,269	11,356	16,231	98,694
Charge for year	2,082	8,243	7,412	-	17,737
Eliminated on disposal	(2,950)	(1,309)	•	(16,231)	(20,490)
At 31 December 2004	15,970	61,203	18,768	-	95,941
NET BOOK VALUE		<u></u>	<del></del>		<del></del> _
At 31 December 2004	7,468	12,972	20,555		40,995
At 31 December 2003	805	17,326	27,967	16,230	62,328
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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued For The Year Ended 31 December 2004

# 9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

# Company

			Fixtures		
	Office	Office	and	Motor	m
	furniture	equipment	fittings	vehicles	Totals
	£	£	£	£	£
COST					
At 1 January 2004	17,643	71,431	38,749	32,461	160,284
Additions	8,745	4,590	-	-	13,335
Disposals	(2,950)	(2,010)		(32,461)	(37,421)
At 31 December 2004	23,438	74,011	38,749	<u>-</u>	136,198
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 January 2004	16,838	54,105	10,956	16,231	98,130
Charge for year	2,082	8,243	7,355	-	17,680
Eliminated on disposal	(2,950)	(1,309)	-	(16,231)	(20,490)
At 31 December 2004	15,970	61,039	18,311		95,320
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 December 2004	7,468	12,972	20,438		40,878
At 31 December 2003	805	17,326	27,793	16,230	62,154

#### 10. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

# Company

<del></del>	Unlisted investments £
COST	
At 1 January 2004	
and 31 December 2004	13,416
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2004	13,416
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At 31 December 2003	13,416
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The group or the company's investments at the balance sheet date in the share capital of companies include the following:

# Subsidiary

# RMN (Cyprus) Limited

Country of incorporation: Cyprus

Nature of business: Financial advice to the armed forces.

Class of shares: holding Ordinary 100.00

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued For The Year Ended 31 December 2004

# 11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Group		Con	npany
	2004	2003	2004	2003
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	217,548	150,391	217,548	150,391
Other debtors	307,957	196,965	307,957	196,965
Consultants' bank trust accounts	759,569	761,345	759,569	761,345
Prepayments and accrued income	20,801	18,991	20,682	18,872
	1,305,875	1,127,692	1,305,756	1,127,573

# 12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Group		Con	npany
	2004	2003	2004	2003
	£	£	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 13)	6,698	48,519	6,698	48,519
Trade creditors	384,555	290,142	384,555	290,142
Tax	3,338	732	-	-
Social security and other taxes	14,870	14,383	14,870	14,383
Other creditors	599,278	448,931	599,278	448,931
Accrued expenses	107,516	20,494	98,446	15,827
	1,116,255	823,201	1,103,847	817,802
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# 13. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	Group		Comp	any
	2004	2003	2004	2003
	£	£	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year or on				
demand:				
Bank overdrafts	6,698	48,519	6,698	48,519
		======	======	=====

# 14. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

The following operating lease payments are committed to be paid within one year:

# Group

Group	Land build	
	2004 £	2003 £
Expiring:	*	~
In more than five years	30,000	30,000

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued For The Year Ended 31 December 2004

#### 14. **OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS - continued**

Comp	pany
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	Company			Land and buildings	
				2004 £	2003 £
	Expiring:				
	In more than five years			30,000	30,000
15.	PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND O	CHARGES			
		Gro	эup	Com	ірапу
		2004	2003	2004	2003
	•	£	£	£	£
	Other provisions				
	Indemnity commission provision	208,599	421,723	208,599	421,723
	Policy review provision	196,790	150,623	196,790	150,623
		405,389	572,346	405,389	572,346
	Aggregate amounts	405,389	572,346	405,389	572,346
	Company				_
					Other provisions
	Balance at 1 January 2004				572,346
	Indemnity provision movement				(213,124)
	Policy review provision				46,167
	Balance at 31 December 2004				405,389
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The policy review provision was included in creditors in the 2003 financial statements. It is now considered more appropriate to include this amount within provisions and the comparative figures have also been amended.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued For The Year Ended 31 December 2004

#### 16. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised: Number:	Class:	Nominal value:	2004 £	2003 £
1,500,000	Ordinary "A"	5p	75,000	75,000
500,000	Ordinary "B"	5p	25,000	25,000
			100,000	100,000
-	ed and fully paid:			
Number:	Class:	Nominal value:	2004 £	2003 £
1,163,700	Ordinary "A"	5p	58,185	58,185
117,000	Ordinary "B"	5p	5,850	5,850
			64,035	64,035

The ordinary "A" and "B" shares rank pari passu in all respects subject to restrictions on their issue and transfer.

#### 17. RESERVES

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	Profit and loss account £	Capital redemption reserve £	Totals £
At 1 January 2004	60,288	5,878	66,166
Deficit for the year	(25,833)		(25,833)
At 31 December 2004	34,455	5,878	40,333
Company			
	Profit	Capital	
	and loss	redemption	
	account	reserve	Totals
	£	£	£
At 1 January 2004	51,760	5,878	57,638
Deficit for the year	(28,778)	<del>-</del>	(28,778)
At 31 December 2004	22,982	5,878	28,860
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#### 18. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

In response to guidelines issued by the Financial Services Authority (FSA) life insurance companies are required to carry out policy reviews, which can result in claims being made against the company. Provision is made in the financial statements for claims received and where it is more likely than not that compensation will be payable. There is no way of knowing how many more claims will be made, therefore in cases where a claim has not been made the uncertainty as to the outcome precludes a provision being included, but it is recognised that a material contingent liability may exist.

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#### 19. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Abacus Financial Management was originally established as a partnership in 1988 with the three directors, who control the majority of the issued share capital of the company, as partners. In order for the consultants and staff to benefit from an interest in the business as future shareholders the principal activities of the partnership were sold to Abacus Financial Management Limited in 1989. During the current financial year the company continued to make payments to consultants on behalf of the partnership which were subsequently reimbursed. The charge to the partnership profit and loss account for the year in respect of this was £361,390 (2003: £335,286).

The company also made a management charge to the partnership of £27,000 (2003: £24,000) to cover infrastructure and management expenses. The company continues to pay the cost of the partnership's staff and 50% of the central overhead costs, being £296,612 during this year (2003: £173,335) which again is reimbursed. The employees' contracts reflect the fact that they work across the separate entities.

At the end of the year the partnership owed £284,064 to the company (2003: £163,516).

The company leases its offices from the company's directors' wives. Under the terms of the lease the annual rental is £30,000. £15,000 (2003: £15,000) is charged to the partnership in respect of rent.

The directors also own 100% of Abacus Insurance Management Limited, a company incorporated in the UK and which commenced trading on 1 December 2001. The company made a management charge of £3,000 (2003: £12,000) to Abacus Insurance Management Limited during the year in respect of rent and rates and consumable expenses. In the year ended 31 December 2003 the company paid costs of £7,690 relating to staff who partly work for Abacus Insurance Management Limited. At 31 December 2004 Abacus Insurance Management Limited owed £nil to the company (2003: £19,801).

On 31 December 2004 the company purchased the net assets and trade of Abacus Insurance Management Limited for £nil consideration. The fair value of the assets and liabilities were: Debtors of £22,411; bank balances of £133,991; and creditors of £130,410. The acquisition resulted in an amount owing to the company of £904 from Abacus Insurance Management Limited, which was written off.

The company made payments to consultants on behalf of Abacus Insurance Management Limited which were subsequently reimbursed. The charge to Abacus Insurance Management Limited's profit and loss account in respect of this was £4,827 (2003: £95,879).

During the year the company sold a motor vehicle to J Mostyn, a director, at a professional valuation of £12,500.

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#### 20. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

On 1 January 2005, the company transferred its protection insurance business to Abacus Limited, a company controlled by M E Nicholson, a director of this company, under a licence arrangement whereby Abacus Limited conducts the trade in exchange for indemnifying the company against the operational costs of that business. The operations of the company's subsidiary company, RMN (Cyprus) Limited have been similarly transferred to Abacus Limited.

Since the year end, the company's remaining business, which is giving independent investment business advice, has fallen to negligible levels, as the company's resources are concentrated on dealing with complaints from clients who took out endowment policies up to sixteen years ago.

In finalising these financial statements the directors have reappraised the level of provision required for endowment policy complaints based on the latest available information about the number of complaints being received, the outcome of the company's investigations, the number of complaints that are subsequently referred to the Financial Ombudsman Service and the proportion of those that result in compensation being paid by the company.

The company still has sufficient capital resources to meet the requirements of its regulator, the Financial Services Authority, and continues to receive income from renewal commission which is sufficient to meet the costs of handling the complaints. This income may not, however, be sufficient to meet compensation payments arising from the complaints if they continue at current levels for a significant length of time. The directors are pursuing all courses of action available to them to ensure that the company continues to be able to meet its liabilities as they fall due. Whilst recognising the inherent uncertainties in the company's financial position, the directors consider it appropriate to prepare these financial statements on the going concern basis.

#### 21. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

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