

ERS Insurance Group Limited

Financial Statements

For the year ended
31 December 2020

Company Number 02925652



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Directors and Officers

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Strategic report

For the year ended 31 December 2020

The directors present their Strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Review of business

The Company is an insurance holding company and the principal activity of its subsidiary undertakings is to underwrite motor insurance business at Lloyd's. The principal subsidiary undertakings of the group include ERS Syndicate Management Limited ("ERS SML"), the managing agent for Syndicate 218, and ERS Corporate Member Limited ("ERS CML"), a corporate member at Lloyd's which has a significant participation in Syndicate 218. For the 2020 underwriting year of account this participation amounted to 77.86% (2019: 67.60%; 2018: 67.53%).

During 2016 the company acquired the leasehold for Crucible Park for £3m. Crucible Park is an office building complex in Swansea and home to the operational headquarters of the ERS DGB group. The Company currently leases Crucible Park 2 to ERS Administration Services Limited and during the year completed the lease of Crucible Park 1 to the DVLA.

Results and dividends

The results for the year ended 31 December 2020 are set out on page 9. The Company's profit for the financial year, was £1.3 million (2019: £3.7 million).

Key performance indicators

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

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Profit for the year	1,315	3,667
Net assets	46,969	45,654

Principal risks and uncertainties

Company risks

As an insurance holding company for the ERS DGB Group, the Company is dependent upon the continued trading of its principal subsidiary undertakings ERS SML and ERS CML. Therefore, should these companies cease to trade it would have a dramatic and adverse impact on the Company. Given the nature of the business of the ERS DGB Group and principally the activities of Syndicate 218, this risk is not considered significant.

Strategic report (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2020

Directors' Section 172 Companies Act statement

The board of directors of ERS Insurance Group Limited, both individually and collectively must act in the way they consider, in good faith, would be most likely to promote the success of the company for the benefit of its shareholders as a whole and, in doing so have regard to matters set out in s172(1)(a-f) as below:

- the likely consequences of any decisions in the long-term;
- the interests of the company's employees;
- the need to foster the company's business relationships with suppliers, customers and others;
- the impact of the company's operations on the community and environment;
- the desirability of the company maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct; and
- the need to act fairly as between shareholders of the Company.

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of ERS DGB Limited ("ERS DGB"), the ultimate parent company of the ERS DGB Limited group. The Company, as an intermediate holding company, has no employees or suppliers and as such the Directors primarily consider the interests of the sole member, and ultimate parent company, ERS DGB with regard to performing their duties on matters set out under Section 172 as outlined above.

The key board decisions approved during the year were made in line with the strategic goals and objectives of both the Company and the ultimate parent company ERS DGB. Please refer to the "Directors' Section 172 UK Companies Act 2006 Statement", in the Financial Statements of ERS DGB Limited available at www.ers.com to see how the Directors of the company have discharged their duties in respect of the requirements of s172(1)(a-f).

Future developments

The Company will continue to act as an insurance holding company in the group headed by ERS DGB Limited and will lease the office space in Crucible Park to ERS Administration Services Limited and other third parties.

On behalf of the Board:



Ryan R Warren
Director
7 May 2021

Directors' report

For the year ended 31 December 2020

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Directors

The directors who held office during the year and up to the date of signing of the financial statements were as follows:

Peter A Bilsby	(Appointed 25 November 2020)
Ian D Parker	(Resigned 30 November 2020)
Ryan R Warren	

Principal activities and review of business

Principal activities and a review of the business of the Company are discussed in the strategic report on page 2.

Going concern

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The directors have made enquiries and a review has been undertaken considering the Company's 2021 budget, medium and long term plans and cash flow forecasts with due regard to the risks and uncertainties to which the Company is exposed.

Based on this review the directors believe, given the financial position of the Company at the balance sheet date and the forecasts for cash flow requirements, the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

Results and dividends

The results for the year ended 31 December 2020 are set out on page 9.

Employees

During the year all staff were employed by ERS Administration Services Limited ("ERS ASL"), a fellow subsidiary undertaking of ERS DGB Limited ("ERS DGB"). The amount recharged to the Company by ERS ASL in respect of employee costs was £nil (2019: £nil).

Directors' and officers' liability insurance

As permitted by the Companies Act 2006, the Group has maintained insurance cover for directors and officers against liabilities arising in relation to the ERS DGB group.

Statement of disclosure of information to auditors

Each person who is a director at the date of this report confirms that:

- (a) so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware; and
- (b) the director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted, in accordance with the provisions of section 418 of the Companies Act 2006.

Directors' report (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2020

Independent auditors

The auditors PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP have indicated their willingness to continue in office and a resolution that they be reappointed will be proposed and approved by the Board.

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 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", 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 102, 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 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.

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.

Future developments

Future developments of the Company are discussed in the strategic report on page 3.

On behalf of the Board:



David C Turner
Company Secretary
7 May 2021

Independent Auditors' report to the Members of ERS Insurance Group Limited

For the year ended 31 December 2020

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

In our opinion, ERS Insurance Group Limited's financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2020 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 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", 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 ERS Insurance Group Limited Financial Statements (the "Annual Report"), which comprise: the Balance sheet as at 31 December 2020; the Statement of comprehensive income and 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

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

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

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Independent Auditors' report

to the Members of ERS Insurance Group Limited

For the year ended 31 December 2020

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 our work undertaken in the course of the audit, the Companies Act 2006 requires 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 2020 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, 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.

Independent Auditors' report

to the Members of ERS Insurance Group Limited

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Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit (continued)

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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Based on our understanding of the company and industry, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to breaches of the Companies Act 2006, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material or direct effect on the financial statements. We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to posting of inappropriate journals. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Discussions with management, internal audit and the compliance function, including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;
- Assessment of matters reported on the whistleblowing helpline and management's investigation of such matters;
- Reviewing relevant meeting minutes;
- Identifying and testing journal entries, in particular, journal entries posted with unusual account combinations, posted by senior management or unusually backdated; and
- Designing audit procedures to incorporate unpredictability around the nature, timing or extent of our testing.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

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.

Independent Auditors' report
to the Members of ERS Insurance Group Limited
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Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit (continued)

Use of this 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 obtained 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.



Paul Pannell (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
London
10 May 2021

Statement of comprehensive income

For the year ended 31 December 2020

	Note	Year ended 31 December 2020 £000	Year ended 31 December 2019 £000
Turnover	2	378	370
Administrative expenses	5	(1,394)	(1,242)
Operating loss		(1,016)	(872)
Net gain from fair value adjustment on investment property	10	200	450
Income from shares in group undertakings	6	2,000	4,000
Other interest receivable and similar income		3	49
Other interest payable and similar charges	7	-	(48)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	3	1,187	3,579
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	8	128	88
Profit for the financial year		1,315	3,667

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

The Company has no recognised gains and losses other than as shown above and therefore no separate statement of other comprehensive income has been presented.

There is no material difference between the profit on ordinary activities before taxation and the profit for the financial year stated above and their historical cost equivalents.

The notes on pages 13 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Balance sheet

As at 31 December 2020

	Note	31 December 2020 £000	31 December 2019 £000
Fixed assets			
Investments	9	25,182	25,182
Investment property	10	4,600	4,400
Current assets			
Debtors	11	35,572	46,639
Cash at bank and in hand		3,019	1,668
		38,591	48,307
Creditors:			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(21,404)	(32,235)
Net current assets		17,187	16,072
Total assets less current liabilities		46,969	45,654
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	14	450	450
Capital redemption reserve		1	1
Profit and loss account		46,518	45,203
Total shareholders' funds		46,969	45,654

The financial statements on pages 9 to 18 were approved by the Board on 5 May 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:



Ryan R Warren
Director
7 May 2021

The notes on pages 13 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Statement of changes in equity

For the year ended 31 December 2020

	Called up share capital £000	Capital redemption reserve £000	Profit and loss account £000	Total shareholders' funds £000
At 1 January 2019	450	1	43,136	43,587
Profit and total comprehensive income for the financial year	-	-	3,667	3,667
Dividend	-	-	(1,600)	(1,600)
At 31 December 2019	450	1	45,203	45,654

	Called up share capital £000	Capital redemption reserve £000	Profit and loss account £000	Total shareholders' funds £000
At 1 January 2020	450	1	45,203	45,654
Profit and total comprehensive income for the financial year	-	-	1,315	1,315
At 31 December 2020	450	1	46,518	46,969

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2020

1. Accounting policies

General information

ERS Insurance Group Limited is a company limited by shares, domiciled and incorporated in the United Kingdom.

Basis of presentation

The individual financial statements of ERS Insurance Group Limited have been prepared in compliance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention, as modified by the recognition of certain financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the Company.

The principal accounting policies are set out below and have been applied consistently to all years presented.

(i) Consolidated financial statements

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of ERS DGB Limited and is included within the consolidated financial statements of this company which are publicly available. Therefore, the company is exempt by virtue of section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to prepare consolidated financial statements.

(ii) Cash flow statement

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption, under FRS 102 paragraph 1.12(b), from preparing a statement of cash flows, on the basis that it is a qualifying entity and its ultimate parent company, ERS DGB includes the Company's cash flows in its consolidated financial statements.

(iii) Related parties

The Company is exempt under the terms of FRS 102 paragraph 1.12(e), from disclosing related party transactions with entities that are part of the group, as it is a wholly owned subsidiary of ERS DGB, whose consolidated financial statements are publicly available.

(iv) Investments in subsidiary undertakings

Shares in subsidiary undertakings are stated at cost unless their value has been impaired, in which case they are valued at their realisable value or value in use as appropriate.

(v) Investment property

Investment property comprises completed property and property under construction or re-development that is held to earn rentals or for capital appreciation or both.

Investment property is measured initially at cost, including transaction costs. Transaction costs include transfer taxes, professional fees for legal and agent services.

Subsequent to initial recognition, investment property is stated at fair value, which reflects market conditions at the reporting date.

Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of investment properties are included in profit or loss in the period in which they arise. Deferred tax is provided on these gains at the rate expected to apply when the property is sold.

(vi) Taxation

Current tax

Current tax is the amount of income tax payable in respect of the taxable profit for the year or prior years. Tax is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the period end.

Deferred tax

Deferred tax arises from timing differences between taxable profits and total comprehensive income as stated in the financial statements. These timing differences arise from the inclusion of income and expenses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in financial statements.

Deferred tax is measured 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 tax asset is realised or the deferred tax liability is settled. Deferred 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 recovered.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2020

1. Accounting policies (continued)

(vii) Operating expenses

Operating expenses are incurred on behalf of the Group by ERS ASL the Group's administration services company. ERS ASL charges out these costs as either a direct expense to the relevant subsidiary undertaking, where the expense can be wholly attributable to that undertaking or as a recharge expense where the expense is considered an overhead expense.

The Group regularly reviews the basis of allocation of such overhead expenses to ensure they remain appropriate and equitable to each subsidiary undertaking.

(viii) Income from shares in group undertakings

Income from shares in group undertakings is recognised when receivable.

2. Turnover

Turnover represents rental and service charge income recognized on an accruals basis from ERS ASL, all of which arises in the United Kingdom.

3. Profit on ordinary activities before taxation

Certain costs, including staff related costs and auditors' remuneration are borne by ERS ASL. Disclosures of the full amounts are shown in the notes to the financial statements of ERS ASL. The auditors' remuneration for the audit of the Company's financial statements, which is incurred by ERS ASL, is £10,000 (2019: £10,000).

The amount re-charged to the Company by ERS ASL in 2020 was £0.9m (2019: £0.8m).

4. Directors' emoluments

The directors are remunerated by ERS ASL for their services to the Group as a whole. The recharges from ERS ASL for their services as directors of this Company amounted to £313,623 (2019: £259,778). The remuneration of the highest paid director during the year amounted to £205,270 (2019: £184,055).

The Group operates a single defined contribution pension plan for its employees. The recharges from ERS ASL to the Company in respect of the pension contributions of the directors during the year amounted to £2,500 (2019: £2,619).

There was one director (2019: one) in the Group's defined contribution pension scheme.

5. Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses comprise:

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Recharges from ERS ASL	850	771
Premises costs	544	471
Total	1,394	1,242

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2020

6. Income from shares in group undertakings

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Dividends received from subsidiary undertakings	2,000	4,000
Total	2,000	4,000

During the year the Company received a dividend of £2,000,000 (2019: £4,000,000) from its subsidiary undertakings, consideration was by way of cash (2019: cash £4,000,000).

7. Other interest payable and similar charges

Other interest payable represents interest payable to Syndicate 218 on a premium trust fund loan.

8. Tax on profit on ordinary activities

(a) Analysis of tax credit for the year	2020 £000	2019 £000
UK Corporation tax at 19.00% (2019: 19.00%)		
Tax credit on income for the year	(190)	(164)
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	-	-
Total current tax credit	(190)	(164)
Deferred tax		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	62	76
Tax credit on profit on ordinary activities	(128)	(88)

(b) Factors affecting tax credit for the year	2020 £000	2019 £000
The tax assessed for the year is lower (2019: lower) than the standard rate of corporation tax of 19.00% (2019: 19.00%). The differences are explained below:		
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	1,187	3,579
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.00% (2019: 19.00%)	226	680
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	-	-
Income not subject to tax	(380)	(760)
UK to UK transfer pricing adjustments	3	1
Impact of change in the UK tax rate on deferred tax	23	-
Origination and reversal of timing differences	-	(9)
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	-	-
Total tax credit for the year	(128)	(88)

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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8. Tax on profit on ordinary activities (continued)

(c) Factors affecting current and future tax charges

During 2020, the reduction in the UK corporation tax rate that was due to take effect from 1 April 2020 was cancelled and as a result, the rate remained at 19%. This revised rate has been used in the calculation of the deferred tax assets and liabilities of the company as at 31 December 2020.

In the Budget on 3 March 2021, the Government announced that the Corporation tax main rate for the years starting 1 April 2021 and 1 April 2022 would remain at 19%. The rate will increase to 25% for the year beginning 1 April 2023. This rate change would have had no material impact on the tax results of the company for year ended 31 December 2020.

9. Investments

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Opening balance	25,182	25,182
Closing balance	25,182	25,182

The Company owns the issued share capital of the following companies incorporated in England and Wales, except where indicated:

Name of subsidiary	Nature of business	Percentage shareholding
ERS Administration Services Limited	Group service company	100.00%
ERS Syndicate Management Limited	Underwriting agent at Lloyd's	100.00%
ERS Claims Limited	Claims administrator – non trading	100.00%
CDCM Limited	Underwriting name at Lloyd's – non trading	100.00%
CDCM (No. 2) Limited	Underwriting name at Lloyd's – non trading	100.00%
ERS Corporate Member Limited	Underwriting name at Lloyd's	99.99%

The registered address for the subsidiary companies in the table above is 21 Lombard Street, London, EC3V 9AH.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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10. Investment property

	£000
Fair value	
At 1 January 2020	4,400
Net gain from fair value adjustment on investment property	200
At 31 December 2020	4,600

The Company's investment property was valued at 31 December 2020 by independent professionally qualified valuers who hold a recognised relevant professional qualification and have recent experience in the location of the investment property valued.

The fair value of the property was assessed in accordance with the RICS Red book, in particular in accordance with UKVS 1.1 where fair value is the amount for which an asset could be exchanged, a liability settled or an equity instrument granted between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction. At 31 December 2020 the fair value of the investment property was £4,600,000 (2019: £4,400,000). The comparable cost of the investment property determined under the historical cost convention is £3,214,000 (2019: £3,214,000).

11. Debtors

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Amounts owed by group undertakings	35,124	46,097
Prepayments and accrued income	448	542
Total	35,572	46,639

As at 31 December 2020, no interest was receivable on amounts owed by group undertakings and all balances were due within one year.

12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Amounts owed to group undertakings	21,098	32,034
Deferred tax	263	201
Accruals and deferred income	43	-
Total	21,404	32,235

At 31 December 2020 all creditor balances except deferred tax were due within one year and no interest was due on those balances.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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13. Provision for deferred tax

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Movement in deferred tax provision in year		
Deferred tax provision at start of year	201	125
Movement in deferred tax provision in respect of revaluation of investment property	62	76
Deferred tax provision at end of year	263	201

Amount of deferred tax expected to reverse within one year £nil (2019: £nil).

There is an unrecognised deferred tax asset of £1,377,979 (2019: £1,232,929) in respect of carried forward losses.

This asset is not being recognised on the basis that management does not expect sufficient taxable profits in the foreseeable future against which they can be utilised.

14. Called up share capital

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Authorised:		
10,000,000 (2019: 10,000,000) ordinary of £1 shares	10,000	10,000
Allotted, issued and fully paid:		
450,000 (2019: 450,000) ordinary of £1 shares	450	450
Total	450	450

There is a single class of ordinary shares. There are no restrictions on the distribution of dividends and the repayment of capital.

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Dividends		
Equity – Ordinary		
Interim 2020: (Interim 2019) paid	-	1,600
Total dividends paid	-	1,600

15. Post balance sheet event

On 10 March 2021 ERS announced a US\$350m capital raise led by Abry Partners, a Boston-based private equity firm. Alongside Abry, an Aquiline-led investor group will also be participating in the capital raise. The capital raise will support ERS as it becomes a diversified, specialist (re)insurer and builds on its recent backing of Lloyd's Syndicate 1856.

The financing will accelerate ERS' growth strategy and expansion into specialty (re)insurance business lines, allowing it to take advantage of the attractive market opportunity, subject to Lloyd's business plan approval. In addition to the specialty business written out of Lloyd's Syndicates 218 and 1856, ERS will launch a Bermuda-based specialty (re)insurance vehicle and an ILS manager over the coming months, both subject to Bermuda Monetary Authority approval.

16. Controlling parties

The immediate parent undertaking is ERS DGB Limited.

The ultimate UK parent undertaking and the smallest and largest group to consolidate these financial statements is ERS DGB Limited. Copies of ERS DGB's consolidated financial statements can be obtained from the Company Secretary at 21 Lombard Street, London, EC3V 9AH.