# BLEVINS FRANKS FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT LIMITED REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

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# COMPANY INFORMATION

**COMPANY NUMBER** 

03048100

**DIRECTORS** 

John Kyle Stone John Robert Simmonds Michael Pace Balzan Stephen Blaney

**REGISTERED OFFICE** 

28 St James's Square London, SW1Y 4JH United Kingdom

#### STRATEGIC REPORT FOR THE YEAR END 31 DECEMBER 2015

#### INTRODUCTION

The company's principal activity during the year continued to be the provision of regulated investment, pensions and insurance mediation services to British nationals living in the UK and overseas. The company is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority having license number 179731.

#### **BUSINESS REVIEW**

The state of the company's affairs is as shown in the attached financial statements. Both the level of business and the year end financial position were satisfactory. The directors expect that the company will continue to trade profitably in the future.

The company's existing business continues to grow steadily.

During the year under review the directors paid out a dividend of €3,300,000 (2014: €NIL). The Company generated a profit for the year of €3,990,402 (2014: €2,706,190) which has led to retained profits being carried forward of €6,147,738 (2014: €5,457,296).

#### PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINITIES

We believe the company is well placed to continue to grow steadily in our markets without incurring any financing strain. There are no major changes proposed in our principal activities in the next year. The company remains liquid and profitable. The company is not subject to normal price, credit or liquidity and cashflow risks. The company operates in a manner whereby cashflow is generated to meet existing liabilities.

#### FINANCIAL KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The directors consider the key performance indicators for this company to be those that communicate the financial performance and strength of the company as a whole, these being turnover, gross profit margin and operating profit.

On behalf of the Board

Director: Michael Pace Balzan

Date: 2014116

#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

#### Directors and their interests

The directors who served during the period were as follows:-

John K. Stone John R. Simmonds Michael Pace Balzan Stephen Blaney

#### Statement of Directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the Director's report and 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 elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards 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 these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- 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 to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as each of the directors is aware at the time the report is approved:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware,
- The directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any
  relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information, and

# **Auditors**

Pursuant to a written resolution of the members, the company has dispensed with the holding of Annual General Meeting, the requirement to lay accounts at such meetings, and the obligation to appoint auditors annually. Haslers, Chartered Accountants will therefore continue to act as auditors.

On behalf of the Beard

Director: Michael Pace Balzan

Date: 2014116

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF BLEVINS FRANKS FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Blevins Franks Financial Management Limited for the period ended 31 December 2015, set out on pages 6 to 20. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102 (The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland).

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

#### RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITOR

As explained more fully in the Directors' responsibilities statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

#### SCOPE OF THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Directors' report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

#### **OPINION ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2015 and of its profits for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF BLEVINS FRANKS FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT LIMITED

#### **OPINION ON OTHER MATTER PRESCRIBED BY THE COMPANIES ACT 2006**

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' report for the financial period for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

#### MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

Laurence A Jacobs (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of **Haslers** 

Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditor

Old Station Road Loughton Essex IG10 4PL

Date: 20th April 2016

# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT For the period ended 31 December 2015

	Notes	12 months to 31 December 2015 €	14 months to 31 December 2014 €
Turnover	1b, 2	28,256,918	25,559,354
Direct costs		(8,615,622)	(9,064,330)
Gross Profit		19,641,296	16,495,024
Administrative expenses		(14,590,975)	(12,782,919)
Other operating income		186,663	219,757
Operating profit	3	5,236,984	3,931,862
Bank Interest receivable			1,028
Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation		5,236,984	3,932,890
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6	(1,246,542)	(1,226,700)
Retained Profit For The Year / Period		3,990,442	2,706,190

All amounts relate to continuing activities. There were no recognised gains and losses for 2015 or 2014 other than those included in the profit and loss account.

The above also represents the statement of comprehensive income.

# **BALANCE SHEET COMPANY NUMBER 03048100** As at 31 December 2015

	Notes	31 December 2015 €	Restated 31 December 2014 €
Tangible Fixed Assets	7	434,789	548,956
Current Assets Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	8	9,816,531 4,410,662	9,727,937 2,590,025
		14,227,193	12,317,962
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	(8,258,579)	(7,128,945)
Total assets less current liabilities		6,403,403	5,737,973
Provision for liabilities and charges Claims provision	10	(49,988)	(75,000)
Net Assets		6,353,415	5,662,973
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	11	239,889	239,889
Currency translation reserve Profit and loss account	12	(34,212) 6,147,73 <u>8</u>	(34,212) 5,457,296
Equity Shareholders' Funds		6,353,415	5,662,973

The financial statements were approved by the board and signed on its behalf by:

Director: Michael Pace Balzan

Date: 2014116

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY For the period ended 31 December 2015

	Called up Share Capital €	Currency transalation reserve €	Profit and loss account €	Total €
At 1st November 2013	239,889	(34,212)	2,751,106	2,956,783
Profit for the period	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	2,706,190	2,706,190
At 31st December 2014	239,889	(34,212)	5,457,296	5,662,973
Profit for the period	-	-	3,990,442	3,990,442
Dividends paid			(3,300,000)	(3,300,000)
At 31st December 2015	239,889	(34,212)	6,147,738	6,353,415

# **CASH FLOW STATEMENT** For the period ended 31 December 2015

	Notes	12 months to 31 December 2015 €	14 months to 31 December 2014 €
Cash flow from operating activities Taxation paid	13	6,360,887 (969,201)	710,609 (1,714,172)
Net cash used from operating activities	•	5,391,686	(1,003,563)
Cash flow from investing activities Interest received Payments to acquire fixed assets	•	(271,049)	1,028 (250,849)
Net cash used from investing activities	•	(271,049)	(249,821)
Cash flow from financing activities Dividends paid	•	(3,300,000)	-
Net cash used from financing activities	-	(3,300,000)	_
Net movement in cash and cash equivalents	•	1,820,637	(1,253,384)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	-	2,590,025	3,843,409
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	14	4,410,662	2,590,025
Cash and cash equivalents consist of:			
Cash at bank and in hand	=	4,410,662	2,590,025

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the period ended 31 December 2015

#### 1. 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 in the periods presented, unless otherwise stated.

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with UK Financial Reporting Standards 102. These financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

Information on the impact of first time adoption of FRS102 is given in note 20.

#### 1.2 Foreign Currency translation

#### a. Functional and presentation currency

Items included in these financial statements are measured and disclosed using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ('the functional and presentation currency'). The Euro is the company's functional 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. 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 profit and loss account within income within 'other operating income/ (expense).

#### 1.3 Property and equipment

All property and equipment is stated at historical cost less depreciation. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

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 Branch 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 profit or loss during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate the cost of the assets to their residual values over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

	% per annum	method
Computer and software	33 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> %	straight line
Fixtures and fittings	15 - 33%	straight line
Equipment	25%	straight line

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.

Gains and losses on disposals of property and equipment are determined by comparing the proceeds with carrying amount and are recognised within 'administrative expenses' in profit or loss.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the period ended 31 December 2015

### 1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### 1.4 Impairment

Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease

#### 1.5 Trade debtors and other receivables

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for services performed in the ordinary course of business. If collection is expected in one year or less (or in the normal operating cycle of the business if longer), they are classified as current assets. If not, they are presented as non-current assets. Trade debtors and other receivables are recognised initially at fair value less provision for impairment. A provision for impairment of trade debtors and other receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the Branch will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables. Significant financial difficulties of the debtor, probability that the debtor will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default or delinquency in payments are considered indicators that the receivable is impaired. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of an allowance account, and the amount of the loss is recognised in profit or loss within 'administrative expenses'. When a receivable is uncollectible, it is written off against the allowance account for trade debtors and other receivables. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against 'administrative expenses' in profit or loss.

#### 1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are carried in the statement of financial position at fair value. In the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprises deposits held at call with banks.

#### 1.7 Trade creditors and other payables

Trade creditors comprise obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Trade creditors and other payables are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less (or in the normal operating cycle of the business if longer). If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

#### 1.8 Current tax

The tax expense for the period comprises current tax. Tax is recognised in profit or loss, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity. In this case, the tax is also recognised in equity.

Current tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the end of the reporting period, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

#### 1.9 Revenue recognition

Revenue represents the invoiced amount of fees and services provided (stated net of value added tax) and commissions receivable.

Fees charged are recognised as income when chargeable and commissions are recognised as income when policies are on risk.

Provision is made for commission likely to be repayable in respect of lapsed policies.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the period ended 31 December 2015

#### 1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### 1.10 Share based compensation

The Blevins Franks Group operates an equity-settled share-based compensation plan, under which the entity receives services from employees as consideration for equity instruments (options) of the parent company. The fair value of the employee services received in exchange for the grant of the options is recognised as an expense. The total amount to be expensed is determined by reference to the fair value of the options granted:

- including any market performance conditions (for example, an entity's share price);
- excluding the impact of any service and non-market performance vesting conditions (for example, profitability, sales growth targets and remaining an employee of the entity over a specified time period); and
- including the impact of any non-vesting conditions

Non-market performance and service conditions are included in assumptions about the number of options that are expected to vest. The total expense is recognised over the vesting period, which is the period over which all of the specified vesting conditions are to be satisfied.

In addition, in some circumstances, employees may provide services in advance of the grant date and therefore the grant date fair value is estimated for the purposes of recognising the expense during the period between service commencement period and grant date.

At the end of each reporting period, the Company revises its estimates of the number of options that are expected to vest based on the non-market vesting conditions. It recognises the impact of the revision to original estimates, if any, in the income statement, with a corresponding adjustment to equity.

When the options are exercised, the parent company issues new shares. The proceeds received net of any directly attributable transaction costs are credited to share capital (nominal value) and share premium.

#### 1.11 Pensions

The company makes contributions to individual pension schemes of certain employees on a defined contribution basis. The pension cost charge in the profit and loss account represents contributions payable by the company.

#### 1.12 Claims Provision

Within the accounts a general provision and a specific provision for any claims against the company arising in the normal course of business have been included.

#### 1.13 Operating leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

#### 2. TURNOVER

Approximately 90% (2014: 90%) of the turnover was derived from EU countries outside the United Kingdom.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the period ended 31 December 2015

3.	OPERATING PROFIT		
		12 months to 31	14 months to 31
		December 2015	December 2014
	The operating profit is stated after charging:	€	€
	Directors' emoluments excluding pension contributions	950,715	928,046
	Auditors' remuneration for audit	35,400	36,001
	Depreciation	385,217	488,651
	Operating lease rentals - costs recharged	493,607	673,095
4.	STAFF COSTS		
		12 months to 31	14 months to 31
		December 2015	December 2014
		€	€
	Total remuneration of employees, including directors, was:		
	Wages and salaries	7,305,042	6,731,156
	Social security costs	474,588	408,382
	Share based compensation	456,225	225,841
	Deferred bonus scheme	577,858	363,413
	Staff pension costs	11,646	9,436
		8,825,359	7,738,228

The average monthly number of employees, including the directors, during the period was:

	2015 Number	2014 Number
Management Administration	4 112	4 101
	116_	105

#### Share-based compensation

Share options in respect of shares in the parent company are granted to directors and to selected employees. The exercise price of the granted options is equal to GBP1.00. The share options may only be exercised upon certain events taking place such as immediately before quotation or sale or change in control of the parent company. Unexercised share options may also lapse if certain conditions are met. One of these conditions is if the directors and the selected employees to whom such share options are granted leave their employment with the company (other than as a result of retirement or ill health or in any other circumstance in which the Directors determine that the employee is just the same a 'good leaver'). The parent company has no legal or constructive obligation to repurchase or settle the options in cash.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the period ended 31 December 2015

#### 4. STAFF COSTS - CONTINUED

Movements in the number of share options outstanding and their related weighted average exercise prices are as follows:

	12-month period e December 20		14-month period ended 3 2014	1 December
	Average exercise price per share option	Options	Average exercise price per share option	Options
Opening balance Granted	1.00 1.00	124,000 259,000	1.00	- 124.000
Closing balance	1.00	383,000	1.00	124,000

In addition to the above, the directors indicated that an estimated additional 349,000 (2014: 286,000) share options will be granted to their employees for work performed in the period to 31 December 2015. The total cost of the estimated share options granted in relation to services rendered in 2015 amounts to €456,225 (2014: €197,789) and has been accounted for in the current year financial statements for the period to 31 December 2015.

Out of the anticipated 732,000 outstanding options (2014: 410,000), 732,000 options (2014: 410,000) were exercisable subject to certain events taking place as referenced and noted above and such share options do not carry an expiry date. There were no share options that were forfeited, exercised or that expired in the year to 31 December 2015 and 2014 and the exercise price of all the anticipated outstanding options at 31 December 2015 is GBP 1.00 (2014: GBP1.00).

The weighted average fair value of options granted during the period determined using the Black-Scholes valuation model was GBP3.13 per option (2014: GBP2.21). The significant inputs into the model are:

- the estimated weighted average share price of GBP4.06 (2014: GBP3.08) at the grant date;
- exercise price shown above;
- volatility of 43% (2014: 42%);
- period as to when the share options are expected to be exercised which stands at 3.67 years as at 31 December 2015 (2014: 4.67);
- probability of the directors and selected employees remaining with the company which probabilities range from 50% to 85% (2014: 30% to 85%); and
- a compounded risk-free interest rate of 1.14% (2014: 1.16%).

# 5. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS

	12 months to	14 months to
	31 December	31 December
	2015	2014
	€	€
Emoluments in respect of qualifying services	950,715	928,046

No directors are accruing benefits under money purchase schemes.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the period ended 31 December 2015

# 6. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

	12 months to 31 December	14 months to 31 December
	2015	2014
	€	€
United Kingdom corporation tax based on profit for the year: Corporation tax	1,246,542	1,226,700

The tax assessed for the period is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK. The differences are due to the following:

	12 months to 31 December 2015	14 months to 31 December 2014
	€	€
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	5,236,984	3,932,890
Tax at standard rate of 20% (2014: 21%)	1,047,397	825,907
Overprovided tax for prior years	(269,747)	-
Non deductible expenses	90,651	289,389
Additional tax due to higher rates paid in Malta	555,565	338,457
Tax allowances	(116,748)	(77,300)
Group relief	(105,560)	(174,448)
Other differences	44,984	24,695
Tax charge for the period	1,246,542	1,226,700

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the period ended 31 December 2015

7.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		Firstrope	
			Fixtures,	
		Computer	fittings and	
		and software	equipment	Total
		€	€	€
	Cost:			
	As at 1 January 2015	856,001	960,501	1,816,502
	Additions	198,513	72,536	271,049
	As at 31 December 2015	1,054,514	1,033,037	2,087,551
	Depreciation:			
	As at 1 January 2015	665,133	602,413	1,267,546
	Charge for the year	160,498	224,718	385,216
	As at 31 December 2015	825,631	827,131	1,652,762
	Net Book Value:			
	As at 31 December 2015	228,883	205,906	434,789
	As at 31 December 2014	190,868	358,088	548,956
8.	DEBTORS			
			31 December	31 December
			2015	2014
			€	€
			•	
	Amounts falling due within one year:			
	Trade debtors		12,58 <del>1</del>	16,969
	Other debtors		345,267	219,526
	Amounts due from related companies		3,540,375	4,680,884
	Prepayments and accrued income		5,918,308	4,810,558
			9,816,531	9,727,937
		_	3,010,331	3,121,331

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the period ended 31 December 2015

CREDITORS

Amounts falling due within one year:         Trade creditors       545,815       279,498         Corporation tax       2,687,310       2,409,968         Amounts due to related parties       2,157,378       1,790,383         Other creditors       94,388       99,008	
Amounts falling due within one year:       545,815       279,496         Corporation tax       2,687,310       2,409,968         Amounts due to related parties       2,157,378       1,790,383         Other creditors       94,388       99,008	<u>e</u> r
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Other creditors <b>94,388</b> 99,005	3
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AU 11 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	;
Other social security costs 119,928 163,792	<u> </u>
Amounts due to group companies - 460,518	}
Accruals and deferred income 2,653,760 1,925,783	3
<b>8,258,579</b> 7,128,945	; =
10. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	
<b>31 December</b> 31 December	r
<b>2015</b> 201	4
	€
Claims Provision	
At beginning of the period 75,000 123,32	
Settled during the period (25,012) (48,323	)
At end of the period	) =

In the normal course of business there are outstanding claims against the company. In the directors' opinion the specific provision at year end is sufficient to meet the claims which may arise. The above claims are expected to be paid within the next twelve months and none of the costs will be reimbursed.

# 11. SHARE CAPITAL

	31 December 2015	31 December 2014
	€	€
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
185,000 Ordinary shares of £1 (being €1.29) each	239,889	239,889

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the period ended 31 December 2015

#### 12. RESERVES

#### a) Currency translation reserve

The currency translation reserve is the reserve calculated when converting the accounts from GBP to Euro.

# b) Profit and loss account

The profit and loss account represents cumulative profits and losses net of dividends and other adjustments.

#### 13. NET CASH GENERATED FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	12 mont 31 Dece		14 months to 1 December 2014 €
Operating profit	5,236	5,984	3,931,862
Adjustments: Depreciation Share based compensation		5,217 6,225	488,651 225,842
Changes in working capital: Increase in debtors Increase in creditors	•	1,819) 7,280	(5,334,607) 1,398,861
Cash generated from operations	6,360	0,887	710,609
14. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS			
	As at 1 January 2015 €	Cash flow €	As at 31 December 2015 €
Changes during the period:			
Cash at bank and in hand	2,590,025	1,820,637	4,410,662

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the period ended 31 December 2015

#### 15. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to €11,646 (2014: €9,436). There were no contributions outstanding at the balance sheet date (2014: €Nil).

#### 16. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

John Stone and John Simmonds are directors and/or shareholders of the following trading companies:

Blevins Franks Tax Limited

**Blevins Franks Trustees Limited** 

Blevins Franks Gamma Limited

Blevins Franks Strategic Financial Planning SAM

Blevins Franks Group Limited

Blevins Franks France SASU (formerly Siddalls France SASU)

The related balances as at year end are as follows:

	<b>31 December 2015</b> 31 December 2014	
	€	€
Blevins Franks Strategic Financial Planning SAM	56,014	-
Blevins Franks Gamma Limited	•	12,805
Blevins Franks Tax Limited	2,469,026	1,697,743
Blevins Franks Trustees Limited	235,689	(201,037)
Blevins Franks Group Limited	779,616	2,710,823
Details of the transactions between the companies were: -		
	12 months to	14 months to
	31 December	31 December
	2015	2014
	€	€
Income		
Payroll expenses recharged to a related company	1,274,265	1,409,872
Other administrative expenses recharged to a related company	111,600	130,200
Expenditure		
Share based compensation recharged by related party	(456,225)	(225,842)
Administrative expenses recharged by a related company	(188,784)	(220,248)

During the year the company paid out a dividend of €3,300,000 (2014: €Nil) to the shareholders.

#### 17. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The company is included in a group registration for Value Added Tax with Blevins Franks Tax Limited. Blevins Franks Financial Management Limited is the lead company in the Value Added Tax group. At the balance sheet date, the total balance due to HM Revenue & Customs under the group registration was €1,590 (2014: €13,466).

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#### 18. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 December 2015 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable leases as follows:

TOHOWS.	31 December 2015 €	31 December 2014 €
Expiry date: Not later than 1 year Between 2 and 5 years Total	309,328 206,218 515,546	291,316 485,526 776,842

#### 19. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The ultimate controlling parent undertaking is Blevins Franks Group Limited (formerly J J & P Holdings Limited) a company registered in Malta, with its registered address at Triq II-Merghat, Gasan Centre, Mriehel, Birkirkara, BKR 3000, Malta. There is no one ultimate controlling party.

#### 20. FIRST TIME ADOPTION OF FRS 102

There are no material changes to the comparative figures within these financial statements arising from the adoption of FRS 102.