Contents

Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2003

Silver Lining 55 Limited

Directors' report	1
Independent auditors' report	2
Technical account	4
Non-technical account	5
Salance sheet	6
Cash flow statement	8
Notes to the financial statements	9



0420 29/05/04

Company information

Directors

GE Lloyd-Roberts

A G Ripley

Secretary

SOC Company Secretarial Services Limited

Company number

3599698

Registered office

130 Fenchurch Street

London EC3M 5DJ

Auditors

Mazars

24 Bevis Marks

London EC3A 7NR

Directors' report For the year ended 31 December 2003

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2003.

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 of the profit or loss of the company 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 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 hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Directors

The following directors have held office since 1 January 2003:

GE Lloyd-Roberts A G Ripley

Directors' interests

The directors' interests in the shares of the company were as stated below:

	Ordinary Shares of 25p each		
	31 December 2003	31 December 2002	
G E Lloyd-Roberts	2,500	2,500	
A G Ripley	2,500	2,500	

Principal activities and review of the business

The principal activity of the company is that of a corporate capital member of Lloyd's.

The company suffered significant losses when the 2001 year of account of the syndicates upon which it participated closed. The company is, however, continuing to underwrite at Lloyd's in order to benefit from the upturn in the insurance cycle.

Results for the year

The results for the year are set out on pages 4 to 5.

Auditors

The company has by elective resolution dispensed with the obligation to appoint auditors annually in accordance with section 386(1) of the Companies Act 1985. Therefore, the auditors, Mazars, will be deemed to be reappointed for each succeeding financial year.

Independent auditors' report To the members of Silver Lining 55 Limited

We have audited the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2003 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets 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 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 in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities 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 the 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. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Directors' Report 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 Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of 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 circumstances of the company, 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.

Fundamental uncertainty

In forming our opinion we have considered the overall adequacy of the disclosures made in the financial statements concerning the impact of losses arising from the US Terrorist Attacks on 11 September 2001 and the level of technical provisions which the company is carrying for its 2000 and 2001 underwriting. Because of the difficulty of assessing the ultimate cost of the US Terrorist Attacks the existing provision may prove to be either excessive or inadequate. Details of the circumstances relating to this fundamental uncertainty are described in note 17. Our opinion is not qualified in this respect.

Independent auditors' report To the members of Silver Lining 55 Limited

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2003 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Maras

Mazars
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
and Registered Auditors
24 Bevis Marks, London, EC3A 7NR

24 May 2004

Profit and Loss Account - Technical account - General business For the year ended 31 December 2003

	Notes		Year ended 2003 £		Year ended 2002 £
Earned premiums, net of reinsurance					
Gross premiums written	3		1,192,491		1,123,002
Outward reinsurance premiums	3		(174,378)		(375,971)
Net premiums written			1,018,113		747,031
Allocated investment return transferred					
from the non-technical account			31,722		48,012
Claims paid:					
Gross amount	3	(528,481)		(739,805)	
Reinsurers' share	3	206,725		511,896	
		(321,756)		(227,909)	
Change in the provision for claims:		, , ,		, , ,	
Gross amount	3	(260,323)		(370,134)	
Reinsurers' share	3	(263,639)		(37,172)	
Change in the provision for future losses	3	4,969		76,516	
		(518,993)		(330,790)	
		-			
Net claims incurred			(840,749)		(558, 699)
Net operating expenses	4		(368,147)		(294,443)
Investment expenses and charges			(1,096)		(1,204)
Balance transferred to the non-technical					
account			(160,157)		(59,303)

Profit and Loss Account - Non-technical account For the year ended 31 December 2003

	Notes	Year ended 2003 £	Year ended 2002 £
Balance on the general business technical account		(160,157)	(59,303)
Investment income	5	33,401	48,012
Allocated investment return transferred to the general business technical account		(31,722)	(48,012)
Other income		5,620	16,432
Other charges		(5,021)	2,537
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	6	(157,879)	(40,334)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	7	-	-
Loss on ordinary activities after taxation	13	(157,879)	(40,334)

The company has no gains or losses other than the profit or loss for the period.

All items derive from continuing activities.

Silver Lining 55 Limited Balance sheet As at 31 December 2003

		2	003			2002	
		Syndicate	Other		l Syndicate		Total
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£	£
ASSETS							
Intangible assets	8	-	24,137	24,137	-	36,620	36,620
Investments							
Financial investments	9	1,101,896	6,376	1,108,272	876,859	-	876,859
Deposits with ceding undertakings		1,213	-	1,213	1,852	-	1,852
Reinsurers' share of technical provisions							
Claims outstanding		788,610	-	788,610	1,046,025	-	1,046,025
Debtors							
Debtors arising out of direct insurance							
operations:							
Due from intermediaries		285,696	-	285,696	295,249	•	2 95,249
Due from policyholders		2,162	-	2,162	2,663	-	2,663
Debtors arising out of reinsurance							
operations		575,479	13,490	588,969	578,811	45,682	624,493
Other debtors		210,881	3,210	214,091	168,305	65,687	233,992
Other assets							
Cash at bank and in hand		67,129	2,837	69,966	123,485	18,462	141,947
Other		92,467	-	92,467	73,827	-	73,827
Prepayments and accrued income							
Other prepayments and accrued income		6,119	<u>-</u>	6,119	7,578		7,578
Total assets		3,131,652			3,174,654	166,451 3	,341,105

Silver Lining 55 Limited **Balance sheet** As at 31 December 2003

•			2003		2002			
		Syndicate	Other	Tota	l Syndicate	Other	Total	
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£	£	
LIABILITIES								
Capital and reserves								
Called up share capital	11	-	1,250	1,250	_	1,250	1,250	
Profit and loss account	12	-	(408,345)	(408,345)	-	(250,466)	(250,466)	
Shareholders' funds	13	-	(407,095)	(407,095)	-	(249,216)	(249,216)	
Technical provisions								
Claims outstanding - gross amount		2,840,001	-	2,840,001	2,835,643	- :	2,835,643	
Provision for future losses		-	-	-	-	4,969	4,969	
Deposits received from reinsurers		12,148	-	12,148	34,003	-	34,003	
Creditors				,				
Creditors arising out of direct insurance								
operations		26,354	-	26,354	43,693	-	43,693	
Creditors arising out of reinsurance								
operations		122,948	-	122,948	217,253	-	217,253	
Amounts owed to credit institutions		1,529	-	1,529	511	=	511	
Other creditors including taxation and		(51		500 5 0 5	40.004	44.0 40.0	150.000	
social security	14	123,651	457,145	580,796	40,301	410,698	450,999	
Accruals and deferred income		5,021	-	5,021	3,250		3,250	
Total liabilities		3,131,652	50,050	3,181,702	3,174,654	166,451 3	,341,105	

Cash flow statement For the year ended 31 December 2003

Year ended 2003 e £	Year ended 2002 £
(17,667)	(4,813)
8,418	(451) 20,510
8,418	20,059
(9,249)	15,246
(15.625)	15,246
6,376	13,240
(9,249)	15,246
net of financing	
(15,625) 6,376	15,246
(9,249)	15,246
18,462	3,216
9,213	18,462
1	2003 £ (17,667) 8,418 (9,249) (15,625) 6,376 (9,249) (15,625) 6,376 (9,249) 18,462 9,213

Note: The amounts above exclude the cash flows of syndicate underwriting except to the extent that sums are paid to or received from the company or its own premiums trust fund.

Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31 December 2003

1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

1.1 Current basis

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Section 255 of, and Schedule 9A to, the Companies Act 1985 ("the Act") and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards.

1.2 Recognition of insurance transactions

Preparing financial statements in accordance with Section 255 of, and Schedule 9A to, the Act has required the company to recognise its proportion of all the transactions undertaken by the Lloyd's syndicates in which it participates ("the Syndicates").

For each such syndicate, the company's proportion of the underwriting transactions, investment return and operating expenses has been reflected within the company's profit and loss account. Similarly, its proportion of the Syndicate's assets and liabilities has been reflected in its balance sheet (under the column heading "syndicate"). The Syndicate assets are held subject to trust deeds for the benefit of the company's insurance creditors.

The proportion referred to above is calculated by reference to the company's participation as a percentage of the Syndicate's total capacity.

The company has delegated sole management and control of its underwriting through each Syndicate to the managing agent of the Syndicate ("the Managing Agent") and it has further undertaken not to interfere with the exercise of such management and control. The Managing Agents of the Syndicates are therefore responsible for determining the insurance transactions to be recognised by the company. The only exception to this rule is the level of provision for outstanding claims. These provisions have been determined by the directors of the company (see 2.6 below).

1.3 Sources of data

The information used to compile the technical account and the "syndicate" balance sheet is based on returns prepared for this purpose by the Managing Agents of the Syndicates ("the Returns"). These Returns have been subjected to audit by the syndicate auditors and are based on the audited syndicate returns to Lloyd's and the audited annual reports to Syndicate members. This base data has been adjusted as necessary so that the Returns reflect the differences in preparation between syndicate annual reports and financial statements in accordance with Schedule 9A to the Act.

The format of the Returns has been established by Lloyd's and Lloyd's has also been responsible for collating the data at a syndicate level and analysing it into corporate member level results.

Notes to the financial statements (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2003

2 Accounting policies

2.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of financial investments.

2.2 Going concern

As at 31 December 2003 the company had net liabilities of £407,095 (2002: £249,216).

The directors consider the company to be a going concern and have prepared the financial statements on that basis. It is anticipated that the company will be able to make good any solvency shortfall (the assets required to support underwriting) arising from the 2001 and prior years of account. The company is underwriting at Lloyd's for the 2004 year of account and should continue to enjoy the benefits of a harder market.

2.3 Basis of accounting for underwriting results

All classes of insurance business written are accounted for on a three year funded basis because it is the basis most similar to that followed by the Syndicates. The nature of the information Managing Agents can make available is insufficient for the company to make reliable estimates of the necessary technical provisions on an annual basis of accounting. Under the three year funded basis followed by the company, the excess of premiums written and attributable net investment return over claims and expenses paid in respect of contracts incepting in an accounting period ("the underwriting year") is carried forward as a technical provision until the end of the third year from the inception of the underwriting year. Consequently, no profit is recognised in respect of an underwriting year until that time at the earliest. Profit is only recognised if a syndicate has been able to effect a "reinsurance to close" (see (2.7) below) in respect of that underwriting year.

If an underwriting year is expected to make a loss, the loss is recognised as soon as it is foreseen by increasing the technical provision to make it sufficient to meet present liabilities and anticipated future claims and expenses.

2.4 Premiums

Premiums written comprise the total premiums receivable for the whole period of cover provided by the contracts incepting during the financial year, together with any adjustments arising in the year to such premiums receivable in respect of business written in prior years. Premiums are shown gross of commission payable to intermediaries and exclude insurance premium tax.

Gross premiums written may include "reinsurance to close" premiums receivable (see (2.7) below).

Outward reinsurance premiums may include "reinsurance to close" premiums payable (see (2.7) below).

Premiums written by a syndicate may also include the reinsurance of other syndicates on which the company participates. No adjustments have been made to gross premiums written or outward reinsurance premiums (or to gross and reinsurers' claims) to remove this intersyndicate reinsurance.

2.5 Claims incurred

Claims incurred include the costs of claims handling expenses. Recoverable amounts arising out of subrogation or salvage are deducted from the cost of claims. Claims incurred comprise amounts paid or provided in respect of claims occurring during the year to 31 December, together with the amount by which settlement or reassessment of claims from previous years differ from the provision at the beginning of the year.

2.6 Provision for claims

Provision is made for claims incurred but not paid in respect of events up to 31 December. The provision includes the amounts required to ensure no profit is recognised before the end of the third year under the three year funded basis of accounting (see (2.3) above).

Notes to the financial statements (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2003

2 Accounting policies

(continued)

2.6 Provision for claims (continued)

The provision has been increased as appropriate by the company to the extent that deficits are foreseen on underwriting years before the 36 months point is reached.

In deciding whether any such additional provision is necessary, syndicate participations have been considered in aggregate as all Lloyd's underwriting is managed together.

The provision is based on the Returns and report from the Managing Agents and the company's licensed adviser. When appropriate, statistical methods have been applied to past experience of claims frequency and severity.

2.7 Reinsurance to close

A reinsurance to close is a particular type of reinsurance contract entered into by Lloyd's syndicates. Under it, underwriting members (the reinsured members) who are members of a syndicate for a year of account (the closed year), agree with underwriting members who comprise that or another syndicate for a later year of account (the reinsuring members) that the reinsuring members will indemnify, discharge or procure the discharge, of the reinsured members against all known and unknown liabilities of the reinsured members arising out of insurance business undertaken through that syndicate and allocated to the closed year in consideration of:

- (a) a premium; and
- (b) either
 - (i) the assignment, or agreement to assign, to the reinsuring members of all the rights of the reinsured members arising out of, or in connection with, that insurance business (including without limitation the right to receive all future premiums, reinsurances and other monies receivable in connection with that insurance business); or
 - (ii) an agreement by the reinsured members that the reinsuring members shall collect on behalf of the reinsured members the proceeds of all such rights and retain them for their own benefit so far as they are not applied in discharges of the liabilities of the reinsured members.

Where the reinsurance to close is between members on successive years of account of the same syndicate, the managing agent has a duty to ensure both sets of members are treated equitably and to set the reinsurance to close with the intention that neither a profit nor a loss accrues to either group of members.

To the extent that the company participates on successive years of account of the same syndicate and there is a reinsurance to close between those years, the company has offset its share of the reinsurance to close received against its share of the reinsurance to close paid.

If the company has increased its participation from one year of account to the next, the reinsurance to close paid is eliminated, as a result of this offset, leaving an element of the reinsurance to close received. This reflects the fact that the company has assumed a greater proportion of the business of the syndicate. If the company has reduced its participation from one year of account to the next, the reinsurance to close received is eliminated, leaving an element of the reinsurance to close paid. This reflects the reduction in the company's exposure to risks previously written by the syndicate.

The reinsurance to close is technically a reinsurance contract and, as such, the payment of a reinsurance to close does not remove from members of that year of account ultimate responsibility for claims payable on risks they have written. If the reinsuring members under the reinsurance to close become insolvent and the other elements of the Lloyd's chain of security also fail, the reinsured members remain theoretically liable for the settlement of any outstanding claims.

Notes to the financial statements (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2003

2 Accounting policies

(continued)

2.7 Reinsurance to close (continued)

However, payment of a reinsurance to close is conventionally accepted as terminating a reinsured member's participation on a syndicate year of account and it is treated for accounts purposes as settling all the company's outstanding gross liabilities in respect of the business so reinsured.

2.8 Investments

Syndicate: Where investments represent the company's share of syndicate investments, they are treated as sold and repurchased at each year end in recognition of the annual venture nature of participation on a syndicate. Consequently they are stated at cost, cost being the mid market value at 31 December.

Other: Listed investments held directly by the company, by the trustees of the Premiums Trust Fund, or as Lloyd's Deposit, are stated at market value. Unlisted investments held directly by the company are stated at cost less provision for any permanent diminution in value.

2.9 Investment income

Investment income comprises interest receivable and dividends received plus realised and unrealised gains on the disposal of investments. Realised gains and losses arise from the difference between proceeds and valuation at the previous year end, or cost if there has been no previous revaluation. Unrealised investment gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the valuation at the balance sheet date and the valuation at the last balance sheet date or purchase price, if acquired during the year.

The realised and unrealised gains reported by Syndicates are net of any realised losses.

All investment income arising on syndicate participations is allocated to the technical account. Other investment income is attributable to the non-technical account.

2.10 Investment expenses and charges

Investment expenses and charges comprise investment management expenses.

2.11 Net operating expenses

Operating expenses are recognised when incurred. They include the company's share of syndicate operating expenses, the remuneration payable to Managing Agents (and the company's Members' Agent/licensed adviser) and the direct costs of membership of Lloyd's. Where they relate to the company's underwriting, they are taken into account in calculating the technical provision required under the three year funded basis of accounting.

2.12 Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies other than sterling, United States dollars, Canadian dollars and Euros are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at the date the transaction is processed. Unless otherwise stated, transactions in United States dollars, Canadian dollars and Euros and assets and liabilities in currencies other than sterling are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at the end of the financial year. Exchange differences arising on translation are dealt with in the profit and loss account.

2.13 Syndicate participation rights

Where the company has purchased the right to participate on Syndicates, the cost is capitalised and amortised in equal annual instalments over five years, from the closure of the first year of account.

2.14 Taxation

The company is taxed on its share of the underwriting results declared by Syndicates and these are deemed to accrue evenly over the calendar year in which they are declared. The syndicate results included in these financial statements (excluding any losses on open years of account) are only declared for tax purposes in the calendar year following closure of the year of account.

Notes to the financial statements (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2003

2 Accounting policies

(continued)

2.14 Taxation (continued)

The Inland Revenue agrees the taxable results of Syndicates at a syndicate level on the basis of computations submitted by the Managing Agent. At the date of approval of these financial statements, the syndicate taxable results of this year and the previous year have not been agreed. Any adjustments that may be necessary to the tax provision as a result of Inland Revenue agreement of syndicate taxable results will be reflected in the financial statements of subsequent periods.

2.15 Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is provided in full in respect of taxation deferred by timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. The deferred tax balance has not been discounted.

Notes to the financial statements (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2003

	Gross premiums		Gross operating	Reinsurance	Tota
Period ended 31 December 2003	written £	incurred £	expenses £	balance £	:
	L	2	£	£	•
Direct business Accident and health	44,798	(17,562)	(17,797)	(2,578)	6,861
Motor - third party liability	6,286	(4,609)	(2,909)	1,258	26
Motor - other classes	74,177	(34,247)	(24,167)	(2,939)	12,824
Marine, aviation and transport	77,736	618	(32,826)	(21,738)	23,790
Fire and other damage to property	208,019	(55,537)	(78,009)	(96,984)	(22,511
Third party liability	298,402	(277,812)	(93,529)	(23,947)	(96,886
Credit and suretyship	16,071	(20,933)	(6,119)	3,329	(7,652
Legal expenses	4,047	(2,987)	(2,189)	(225)	(1,354
Assistance	(17)	12	(7)	100	88
Other	1,534	4,046	10,465	(46,963)	(30,918
Total direct	731,053	(409,011)	(247,087)	(190,687)	(115,732)
Reinsurance business					
Other reinsurance acceptances	332,132	(90,391)	(121,060)	(144,045)	(23,364)
Reinsurance to close	129,306	(284,433)	-	103,440	(51,687)
Total reinsurance	461,438	(374,824)	(121,060)	(40,605)	(75,051)
Total	1,192,491	(783,835)	(368,147)	(231,292)	(190,783)
Period ended 31 December 2002			= ====================================		
Direct business					
Accident and health	36,996	(46,818)	(11,800)	8,497	(13,125)
Motor - third party liability	9,228	1,761	(3,607)	(3,396)	3,986
Motor - other classes	106,604	(104,011)	(32,698)	14,392	(15,713)
Marine, aviation and transport	132,036	(163,790)	(35,645)	21,801	(45,598)
Fire and other damage to property	280,761	(212,718)	(84,105)	(25,674)	(41,736)
	303,936	(274,922)	(87,594)		
Third party liability		•		(4,481)	(63,061)
Credit and suretyship	7,643	(16,982)	(3,283)	3,496	(9,126)
Legal expenses	1,931	(1,237)	(773)	(732)	(811)
Assistance	127	(590)	(60)	420	(103)
Other	1,428	(8,828)	6,133	(19,370)	(20,637)
Total direct	880,690	(828,135)	(253,432)	(5,047)	(205,924)
Reinsurance business					
Other reinsurance acceptances	161,481	(136,731)	(41,011)	103,800	87,539
Reinsurance to close	80,831	(68,557)	-	,	12,274
Total reinsurance	242,312	(205,288)	(41,011)	103,800	99,813
					(106,111)

All insurance business is underwritten in the UK in the Lloyd's insurance market, which has been treated as one geographical segment for the purpose of SSAP25: Segmental Reporting.

Notes to the financial statements (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2003

4	Net operating expenses	2003	2002
		£	£
	Acquisition costs	241,575	93,468
	Administrative expenses	11,949	107,287
	Loss on exchange	70,411	61,300
		323,935	262,055
	Personal expenses	44,212	32,388
ų.		368,147	294,443
5	Investment income	2003	2002
		£	£
	Interest receivable	42,966	44,021
	Realised and unrealised (losses)/gains	(9,565)	3,991
		33,401	48,012
6	Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	2003	2002
	The loss on ordinary activities before tax is stated after charging:	£	£
	Amortisation of intangible assets	9,355	10,154
	Auditors' remuneration	575	550
	Remuneration of auditors for non-audit work	675	625
	(Profit)/loss on disposal of intangible fixed assets	(5,290)	(16,061)
			

Notes to the financial statements (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2003

	•	
7 Taxation	2003	2002
	£	£
	-	-
Current tax charge	-	
Tax on loss on ordinary activities		-
		
Factors affecting the tax charge for the year		
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	(157,879)	(40,334)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation multiplied by standard rate of UK corporation		
tax of 20.00% (2002: 20.00%)	(31,576)	(8,067)
Effects of:		
Losses carried forward	-	8,067
Other timing differences	31,576	
	31,576	8,067
Current tax charge	-	-
•		

The company has incurred trading losses of £408,345 (2002: £250,466) to date. To the extent that these are agreed with the Inland Revenue as being allowable for tax losses, these will be available for carry forward against future trading profits from the same trade. However no deferred tax asset has been recognised for this on the grounds that there is insufficient evidence that the asset would be recoverable. The asset would be recoverable were the company to make sufficient future taxable profits from the same trade.

Notes to the financial statements (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2003

8	Intangible assets
---	-------------------

Syndicate participation rights	0
Cost	£
At 1 January 2003	46,773
Disposals	(5,282)
At 31 December 2003	41,491
Amortisation	
At 1 January 2003	(10,154)
Charge for the year	(9,355)
Disposals	2,155
At 31 December 2003	(17,354)
Net book value	
At 31 December 2003	24,137
At 31 December 2002	36,620

9 Financial investments

Syndicate	2003 Market value £	Historic cost £	2002 Market value £	Historic cost £
Shares and other variable yield securities	74,098	91,468	27,064	67,348
Debt securities and other fixed income securities	990,154	1,094,454	748,468	705,115
Participation in investment pools	17,519	29,236	19,985	19,985
Loans guaranteed by mortgage	223	223	51	53
Other loans	_	-	15,705	17,723
Deposits with credit institutions	19,900	13,326	65,588	31,353
	1,101,896	1,228,707	876,859	841,577
Analysis of market value				
Listed on the stock exchange	960,829		725,006	
Other listed	141,067		151,853	
Unlisted	-		-	
	1,101,896		876,859	

Notes to the financial statements (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2003

	e company's underwriting is supported by assets made interavailable to it by the shareh	olders of the c	отрапу.
11 Sh	are capital	2003 £	2002 £
	thorised 0,000 Ordinary Shares of 25p each	100,000	100,000
	otted, called up and fully paid 00 Ordinary Shares of 25p each	1,250	1,250
12 Re	serves		
		1	Profit and loss account
	ance at 1 January 2003 ained loss for the year		(250,466) (157,879)
Bala	ance at 31 December 2003		(408,345)
13 Rec	conciliation of movements in shareholders' funds	2003 £	2002 £
Loss	s for the financial year	(157,879)	(40,334)
	depletion in shareholders' funds ning shareholders' funds	(157,879) (249,216)	(40,334) (208,882)
Clos	ing shareholders' funds	(407,095)	(249,216)
14 Oth	er creditors including taxation and social security	2003 £	2002 £
Othe	or creditors	457,145	410,698
		457,145	410,698

Notes to the financial statements (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2003

Cash Flow Statement	2003	2002
	£	£
(a) Reconciliation of loss on ordinary activities before tax		
to net cash inflow / (outflow) from operating activities:		
Loss on ordinary activities before tax	(157,879)	(40,334)
Decrease / (increase) in reinsurers' share of technical provisions	<u></u>	22,258
Decrease / (increase) in debtors	94,669	53,270
(Decrease) / increase in creditors and accruals	46,447	42,416
(Decrease) / increase in provision for future losses	(4,969)	(76,516)
Loss / (profit) on disposal of intangible assets	(5,290)	(16,061)
Amortisation of capacity	9,355	10,154
Net cash inflow / (outflow) from operating activities	(17,667)	(4,813)
Net cash inflow / (outflow) from operating activities	(17,6	— 67)

Technical account transactions represent the company's share of the transactions undertaken by syndicates. The cashflows arising from these transactions are not remitted to or paid by the company but paid into or out of syndicate premiums trust funds held by trustees appointed by the Managing Agent of each syndicate. If the Syndicate premiums trust funds are insufficient for the Syndicate to meet its liabilities as they fall due, a cash call is made by the Managing Agents on all members of the Syndicate and the company pays its share pro-rata.

Once a syndicate has effected a reinsurance to close in respect of a year of account, any distributable profit is available for release from the syndicate premiums trust funds to the participating members and any loss is collected from them. The company receives or pays its pro-rata share of any profit distributed or loss collected.

(b) Movement in cash, portfolio investments and financing

	At 1 January 2003	Cashflow At 31 December 2003	
	£	£	£
Cash in hand Other financial investments	18,462	(15,625) 6,376	2,837 6,376
	18,462	(9,249)	9,213

16 Related party transactions

During the period, the director made loans to the company. At the balance sheet date £289,003 (2002: £289,002) was owed to the director.

Notes to the financial statements (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2003

17 US Terrorist Attacks - 11 September 2001

The US Terrorist Attacks ("USTA") of 11 September 2001 are anticipated to result in the largest man-made loss suffered by the global insurance market.

The company is exposed to USTA losses through the syndicates upon which it participated for the 2000 and 2001 years of account.

As at 31 December 2003, the company is carrying gross technical provisions for its open underwriting years of £2,840,001, (2002: £2,840,612).

These reserves include provisions for USTA losses.

The company participated on certain syndicates, which received a "fundamental uncertainty" opinion on their Lloyd's solvency reserves from their syndicate actuary in respect of their exposure to USTA losses.

These syndicates represent a significant proportion of the company's underwriting at Lloyd's and as such render the company's technical reserves as at 31 December 2003 fundamentally uncertain. Because of the difficulty in assessing the ultimate cost of USTA losses, the existing provision may prove to be excessive or inadequate.