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AFRY CAPITAL LIMITED (FORMERLY PÖYRY CAPITAL LIMITED)

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021





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COMPANY INFORMATION

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DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The Directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006. The principal activity of the Company is the provision of corporate finance advisory services.

Directors

The Directors who served during the year were:

T W S Blake C R Moncayo-Quiros (resigned 18 June 2021)

Business Review

The Company was established in 1999 and is the investment banking arm of the AFRY Group. On 15 February 2022 the Company changed its name to AFRY Capital in line with the AFRY Group's rebranding.

Over the past 21 years, the Company has established itself as a leading provider of specialist corporate finance and advisory services in bioindustry, packaging, energy and infrastructure, advising on cross border transactions for corporate and financial players in these sectors. More recently, the Company's range of services has expanded, notably in industrials M&A.

Following an increase in M&A activity in late 2020 transactions which had been mandated in 2019 and 2020 concluded successfully in 2021 with a positive impact on profitability in the year. Some transactions mandated in 2021 continue into 2022 and the overall transaction pipeline remains sound.

The Company generated fee income of £5,634,477 for the year ended 31 December 2021 (2020: £2,452,131), utilising the services of 16 professional and two support staff. Net assets of the Company have increased to £3,027,860 as at 31 December 2021 (2020: £2,740,079). The income statement, balance sheet and the order book of advisory mandates provide the key performance indicators to the Directors.

The Company is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA).

Risk Management

The Board is responsible for risk and is responsible for oversight of the risk management process. The Board has considered the principal risks facing the Company and the exposure in relation to each of those risks. The Company operates within the governance framework of the AFRY Group. It also has its own established governance framework, with terms of reference for the Board and an organisation structure, with delegated authorities and responsibilities.

The buoyancy of the M&A market, increased competition, general economic conditions and industry specialisation are risk factors which can influence the business. The primary success factors are winning business and closing deals. These are managed as appropriate by the Directors. Expanding the client base and diversification into other industry and geographic segments are some of the ways in which the Directors manage these risks.

The financial services industry remains closely regulated and the UK regulators may take actions that could result in changes to industry practices. The Company monitors the regulatory environment closely to react proactively to changes and reduce risks to the business.

There are formal AFRY Group compliance and internal audit functions. These departments conduct monitoring of various business areas and control procedures. Any issues of significance are brought to the attention of the Board. Planned corrective actions are independently monitored for timely completion.

The financial instruments of the Company comprise cash, short term debtors and creditors, and equity shares.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Exposure to credit, market and liquidity risk arises in the normal course of business. The Directors review and agree policies for managing each of these risks and they are summarised below. These policies have remained unchanged since the beginning of the year ended 31 December 2021.

Risk management is an integral part of the AFRY Group's business management and internal controls framework. The aim of risk management is to enable the achievement of strategic and financial objectives and targets in a controlled manner. The AFRY Group's risk management consists of a coordinated set of activities to identify, evaluate, treat and control all major risk areas of the AFRY Group in a systematic and proactive manner. Risks are addressed in accordance with the following major risk categories — external risks and internal risks identified as strategic risks, operational risks and financial risks.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that financial loss arises from the failure of a customer or counterparty to meet its obligations under a contract. The Company's only credit exposure is to debtors, which are frequently monitored for size and age. The balances with other companies within the AFRY Group have minimal credit risk. The nature of the Company's business and counterparties means that it is not exposed to significant credit risk. This is because its receivables are mainly short term trading items or intercompany balances.

The Company's exposure to credit risk is represented by the carrying amount of its debtor balances.

Market Risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates and interest rates, will affect the Company's income. The objective of the Company's market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return.

The Company is exposed to currency risk in respect of income and cash balances denominated in a currency other than Sterling. The Company's exposure is kept to an acceptable level by managing the level of non Sterling cash balances on a regular basis. Material non Sterling receivable balances are hedged as appropriate using forward FX contracts that are defined as derivative financial instruments and as such when revalued have any profit or loss recognised in the statement of total comprehensive income. There were no open FX contracts as at 31 December 2021 or 31 December 2020.

Interest on deposits and overdrafts is the only source of interest rate risk exposure.

Liquidity Risk

The Company's policy throughout the year has been to maintain sufficient liquidity in line with FCA regulations as a minimum. The aim is to maintain an appropriate capital base to support the development of its business and to meet regulatory capital requirements at all times. The liquidity of the business depends on securing success fees which are small in number and high in value. The liquidity of the Company would be at risk if sufficient success fees were not generated. In any year, should insufficient success fees be generated then the Company may need to seek parental support and address its cost base. The Board monitors the level of dividends to the parent. There has been no change to the Company's approach to capital management during the year.

The Directors have reviewed the capital and cash positions of the business for the next 12 months and are comfortable that the forecasts, coupled with available support from the parent company should this be required, are adequate to support their assessment that the Company can continue as a going concern.

Results and dividends

The profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to £1,287,781 (2020: loss £579,138).

The results for the year are set out in the profit and loss account on page 8. The Directors do not recommend payment of a final dividend (2020: £nil). During the year an interim dividend of £1,000,000 (2020: £nil) was paid.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Directors statement of compliance with section S172(1)

AFRY Capital is the investment banking arm of the AFRY Group and operates within its management system. The Company embraces AFRY's mission – accelerate the transition to a sustainable society; its vision - making future; and its values - brave, devoted team players. The AFRY vision and strategy apply to all companies within the group with defined financial and sustainability targets to promote individual and collective success and drive the business forward. Ways in which this is underpinned include being a responsible business, supporting clients in value enhancing relationships and increasing client satisfaction, valuing suppliers engaging with many on a collaborative and long term basis.

Employee engagement is key. Regular employee engagement surveys are conducted. We aim to create inclusive and diverse teams with deep sector knowledge, encourage entrepreneurship, share expertise, collaborate and support our employees.

Directors' responsibilities statement

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

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 applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'. 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 for the Company's financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting 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 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.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the persons who are Directors at the time when this Directors' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as the Director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware, and
- the Director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Director in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Auditor

The auditor, James Cowper Kreston, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf.

Christine Mason

Secretary

Date: 27 April 2022

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF AFRY CAPITAL LIMITED (FORMERLY PÖYRY CAPITAL LIMITED)

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of AFRY Capital Limited (Formerly Pöyry Capital Limited) (the 'Company') for the year ended 31 December 2021, which comprise the Statement of comprehensive income, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows, the Statement of changes in equity and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. 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' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2021 and of its profit 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.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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.

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.

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

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's report thereon. The Directors are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. 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 course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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 in this regard.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF AFRY CAPITAL LIMITED (FORMERLY PÖYRY CAPITAL LIMITED) (CONTINUED)

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which 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.

Responsibilities of Directors

As explained more fully in the Directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 3, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Directors 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 AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF AFRY CAPITAL LIMITED (FORMERLY PÖYRY CAPITAL LIMITED) (CONTINUED)

Auditor's 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 Auditor's 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.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance.

The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

The specific procedures for this engagement that we designed and performed to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud, were as follows:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims:
- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance to identify any material instances of noncompliance with laws and regulations including FCA:
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work to address the risk of irregularities due to management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for evidence of bias.

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

Use of our report

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.

James Pitt BA BFP FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

James Cowper Kreston

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor

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Date: 27 April 2022

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Turnover	5	5,634,477	2,452,131
Sub Consulting fees payable to group undertakings		(199,881)	(126,898)
Sub Consulting fees payable externally		-	(15,974)
Gross profit		5,434,596	2,309,259
Staff costs	8	(2,992,394)	(2,081,834)
Depreciation and amortisation		(7,901)	(7,575)
Administrative expenses		(752,394)	(855,566)
Operating profit/(loss)	. 6	1,681,907	(635,716)
Interest receivable and similar income	10	6,523	15,158
Interest payable and similar expenses	11	(2,193)	(2,535)
Profit/(loss) before tax		1,686,237	(623,093)
Tax on profit/(loss)	12	(398,456)	43,955
Profit/(loss) for the financial year		1,287,781	(579,138)
Other comprehensive income for the year			
Total comprehensive income for the year		1,287,781	(579,138)

AFRY CAPITAL LIMITED (FORMERLY PÖYRY CAPITAL LIMITED) REGISTERED NUMBER: 03639550

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note		2021 £		2020 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	14		34,305		42,206
			34,305	•	42,206
Current assets					
Stocks	15	870		8,943	
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	16	4,840,165		3,141,160	
		4,841,035	•	3,150,103	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	(1,584,218)		(452,230)	
Net current assets			3,256,817		2,697,873
Total assets less current liabilities			3,291,122	•	2,740,079
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	19		(263,262)		-
Net assets			3,027,860		2,740,079
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	21		912,600		912,600
Share premium account			53,200		53,200
Profit and loss account			2,062,060		1,774,279
			3,027,860	•	2,740,079

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

T W S Blake

Director

Date: 27 April 2022

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Called up share capital	Share premium account	Profit and loss account	Total equity
£	£	£	£
912,600	53,200	2,353,417	3,319,217
-	-	(579,138)	(579,138)
912,600	53,200	1,774,279	2,740,079
•	•	. 1,287,781	1,287,781
-	•	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)
912,600	53,200	2,062,060	3,027,860
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities	_	_
Profit/(loss) for the financial year	1,287,781	(579,138)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation of tangible assets	7,901	7,575
Bank charges	2,193	2,535
Interest received	(6,523)	(15,158)
Taxation charge	398,456	(43,955)
Decrease in stocks	8,073	9,497
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	693,325	(1,123,900)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	1,074,295	(408,149)
Corporation tax received	10,062	14,205
Net cash generated from operating activities	3,475,563	(2,136,488)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	-	(10,620)
Interest received	6,523	15,158
Net cash from investing activities	6,523	4,538
Cash flows from financing activities		
Dividends paid	(1,000,000)	-
Bank charges	(2,193)	(2,535)
Cash transferred to group cash pool	(2,479,893)	1,485,145
Net cash used in financing activities	(3,482,086)	1,482,610
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	-	(649,340)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		649,340
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year		-
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year comprise:		
		

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. General information

AFRY Capital Limited ("the Company") is a private company limited by shares and is incorporated and domiciled in England. The address of its registered is 4 Millbank, 3rd Floor, London, SW1P 3JA.

2. Statement of compliance

The individual financial statements of AFRY Capital 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 Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

3.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise specified within these accounting policies and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgement in applying the Company's accounting policies (see note 4).

The Company's liquidity and regulatory capital position depends on the receipt of success fees which are small in number and high in value. The timing and certainty of these success fees is difficult to predict accurately, particularly in poor market conditions. A minimum level of regulatory capital and appropriate liquidity are both essential for the operation of the business.

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

3.2 Going concern

The Directors have reviewed the capital and cash positions of the business for the next 12 months and are comfortable that the forecasts, coupled with available support from the parent company should this be required, are adequate to support their assessment that the Company can continue as a going concern.

3.3 Financial Reporting Standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The Company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by the FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland":

- the requirements of Section 11 Financial Instruments paragraphs 11.42, 11.44 to 11.45, 11.47, 11.48(a)(iii), 11.48(a)(iv), 11.48(b) and 11.48(c);
- the requirements of Section 12 Other Financial Instruments paragraphs 12.26 to 12.27, 12.29(a), 12.29(b) and 12.29A.

This information is included in the consolidated financial statements of AFRY AB (formerly ÅF Pöyry AB) as at 31 December 2021 and these financial statements may be obtained from Frösundaleden 2A SE-169 99 Stockholm.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

3. Accounting policies (continued)

3.4 Foreign currencies

Functional and presentational currency

The Company's functional and presentational currency is Pounds Sterling.

Transactions and balances

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded using the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. At each period end monetary assets and liabilities expressed in foreign currencies are converted to sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Differences on foreign exchange gains and losses are included in the profit and loss account for the period. Exposure to movements in foreign exchange rates are hedged where appropriate using forward contracts.

3.5 Revenue

Revenue is measure at the fair value of the consideration received/receivable and represents the amount receivable for services rendered, net of value added taxes.

Success fees are recognised and reported as revenue when, under the terms of each engagement, they are unconditionally due.

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest rate method.

3.6 Interest receivable and payable

Interest receivable is earned on surplus cash balances and to the extent that bank balances are overdrawn interest then becomes payable.

3.7 Pensions

Defined contribution pension plan

The Company operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the Company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the Company has no further payment obligations.

The contributions are recognised as an expense in profit or loss when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals as a liability in the Balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the Company in independently administered funds.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

3. Accounting policies (continued)

3.8 Current and deferred taxation

The tax expense for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in profit or loss except that a charge attributable to an item of income and expense recognised as other comprehensive income or to an item recognised directly in equity is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date in the countries where the Company operates and generates income.

Deferred tax balances are recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the balance sheet date, except that:

- The recognition of deferred tax assets is limited to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits; and
- Any deferred tax balances are reversed if and when all conditions for retaining associated tax allowances have been met.

Deferred tax balances are not recognised in respect of permanent differences except in respect of business combinations, when deferred tax is recognised on the differences between the fair values of assets acquired and the future tax deductions available for them and the differences between the fair values of liabilities acquired and the amount that will be assessed for tax. Deferred tax is determined using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

3.9 Intangible assets

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, intangible assets are measured at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

All intangible assets are considered to have a finite useful life. If a reliable estimate of the useful life cannot be made, the useful life shall not exceed ten years.

3.10 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets under the cost model are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Leasehold improvements

- Remaining life of lease

Office furniture & equipment

- 3-8 years

Computer equipment

- 3-4 years

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in profit or loss.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

3. Accounting policies (continued)

3.11 Impairment of non-financial assets

At each balance sheet date non-financial assets not carried at fair value are assessed to determine whether there is an indication that the asset may be impaired. If there is such an indication the recoverable amount if the asset is compared to the carrying amount of the asset.

The recoverable amount of the asset is the higher of the fair value less costs to sell and value in use. Value in use is defined as the present value of the future cash flows before interest and tax obtainable as a result of the asset's continued use. These cash flows are discounted using a pre-tax discount rate that represents the current market risk-free rate and the risks inherent in the asset.

If the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated to be lower that the carrying amount, the carrying amount is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised in the profit and loss account, unless the asset has been revalued when the amount is recognised in other comprehensive income to the extent of any previously recognised revaluation. Thereafter any excess is recognised in profit and loss.

If an impairment loss is subsequently reversed, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but only to the extent that the revised carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined (net of depreciation or amortisation) had no impairment loss been recognised in prior periods. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised in the profit and loss account.

3.12 Stocks - work in progress

Stocks - work in progress represents recoverable expenses incurred in connection with advisory assignments.

3.13 Debtors

Short-term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

3.14 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash, for the purpose of the cash flow statement, comprises cash in hand and deposits repayable on demand, less overdrafts repayable on demand.

3.15 Creditors

Short-term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

3.16 Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new ordinary shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

3.17 Distributions to equity holders

Dividends and other distributions to the Company's shareholders are recognised as a liability in the financial statements in the period in which the dividends and other distributions are approved by the Company's shareholders. These amounts are recognised in the statement of changes in equity.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

3. Accounting policies (continued)

3.18 Financial instruments

The Company only enters into basic financial instrument transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other debtors and creditors, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in ordinary shares.

4. Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported for assets and liabilities as at the balance sheet date and the amounts reported for revenues and expenses during the year. However, the nature of estimation means that actual outcomes could differ from those estimates. The following judgements have had the most significant effects on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Impairment of debtors

The Company makes an estimate of the recoverable value of trade and other debtors. When assessing impairment of trade and other debtors, management considers factors including the current credit rating of the debtor, the ageing profile and historical experience. See Note 17 for the new carrying amount of the debtors and associated impairment provision.

Current and deferred tax

The Company establishes provisions based on reasonable estimates. Management estimation is required to determine the amount of deferred tax assets that can be recognised, based upon likely timing and level of future taxable profits together with an assessment of the effect of future tax planning strategies.

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5. Turnover

Turnover, which includes foreign exchange gains and losses and excludes VAT, represents fees earned during the year together with the invoiced value of short term contracts completed in the year. Turnover also includes expenses reimbursed from clients.

Analysis of turnover by country of destination:

	2021 £	2020 £
United Kingdom	719,536	51,692
Rest of Europe	4,321,606	1,878,130
Rest of the world	593,335	522,309
	5,634,477	2,452,131

The whole of the turnover is attributable to the provision of corporate finance advisory services.

6. Operating profit/(loss)

The operating profit/(loss) is stated after charging:

		2021 £	2020 £
Depreciation and amortisation 7,901	Depreciation and amortisation	7,901	7,575

7. Auditor's remuneration

Fees payable to the Company's auditor and its associates in respect of:

Fees payable to the Company's auditor and its associates for the audit of the Company's annual financial statements	9,500	9,000
All other services	1,600	1,600
	11,100	10,600

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8. Employees

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Staff costs, including Directors' remuneration, were as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	2,483,054	1,686,806
Social security costs	331,803	229,511
Cost of defined contribution scheme	177,537	165,517
	2,992,394	2,081,834
The average monthly number of employees, including the Directors, during th	e year was as f	follows:
	2021 No.	2020 No.
Administration	2	3
Professional	16	16
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Directors' remuneration		
	2021 £	2020 £
Directors' emoluments	434,891	338,917
Company contributions to defined contribution pension schemes	10,667	23,115

During the year retirement benefits were accruing to 1 Director (2020 - 1) in respect of defined contribution pension schemes.

445,558

362.032

The highest paid Director received remuneration of £336,412 (2020 - £203,907).

The value of the Company's contributions paid to a defined contribution pension scheme in respect of the highest paid Director amounted to £NIL (2020 - £23,115).

10. Interest receivable

·	2021 £	2020 £
Other interest receivable	6,523	15,158
	6,523	15,158

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11. Interest payable and similar expenses

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		2021 £	2020 £
	Bank interest payable and similar charges	2,193	2,535
		2,193	2,535
12.	Taxation		
		2021 £	2020 £
	Corporation tax		
	Current tax on profits for the year	320,955	(4,484)
	Adjustments in respect of previous periods	4,484	(39,471)
		325,439	(43,955)
	Total current tax	325,439	(43,955)
	Deferred tax		
	Origination and reversal of timing differences	73,017	-
	Total deferred tax	73,017	-
	Taxation on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	398,456	(43,955)
			

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12. Taxation (continued)

Factors affecting tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is higher than (2020 - higher than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2020 - 19%). The differences are explained below:

	2021 £	2020 £
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before tax	1,686,237	(623,093)
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2020 - 19%) Effects of:	320,385	(118,388)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes, other than goodwill amortisation and impairment	570	1,900
Capital allowances for year in excess of depreciation	•	(1,478)
Utilisation of tax losses	4,484	4,485
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of prior periods	-	(43,954)
Deferred tax asset not recognised	73,017	113,480
Total tax charge for the year	398,456	(43,955)

Factors that may affect future tax charges

In the Spring Budget 2021, the Government announced that from 1 April 2023 the corporation tax rate will increase to 25%. The impact of these changes is not expected to be material.

13. Dividends

	2021 £	2020 £
Dividends	1,000,000	-
	1,000,000	-

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14. Tangible fixed assets

	Long-term leasehold property £	Office equipment & Furniture £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 January 2021	4,249	65,945	70,194
At 31 December 2021	4,249	65,945	70,194
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2021	1,889	26,099	27,988
Charge for the year on owned assets	833	7,068	7,901
At 31 December 2021	2,722	33,167	35,889
Net book value			
At 31 December 2021	1,527	32,778	34,305
At 31 December 2020	2,360	39,846	42,206

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15. Stocks - work in progress

		2021 £	2020 £
	Work in progress	870	8,943
		870	8,943
16.	Debtors		
		2021 £	2020 £
	Trade debtors	891,863	1,487,755
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	5,504	81,171
	Cash pool account with group undertaking	3,851,517	1,371,624
	Other debtors	-	33,874
	Prepayments and accrued income	40,489	42,927
	Deferred taxation	50,792	123,809
		4,840,165	3,141,160

Trade debtors are stated after provisions for impairment of £8,919 (2020: £18,756)

The amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured, interest free, have no fixed date of repayment and are repayable on demand.

17. Cash and cash equivalents

The Company operates a cash pool account arrangement where all of its cash balance is held with a third party bank but controlled by the parent company AFRY Group Finland Oy. The balance on the account at 31 December 2021 is £3,851,517 (2020: £1,371,624) as disclosed in Note 17.

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18. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	61,031	4,487
Amounts owed to group undertakings	139,303	83,018
Corporation tax	320,955	-
Other taxation and social security	57,085	62,270
Accruals and deferred income	1,005,844	302,455
	1,584,218	452,230

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

19. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals and deferred income	263,262	-
	263,262	-

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20. Deferred taxation

	2021 £	2020 £
At beginning of year	123,809	123,809
Charged to profit or loss	(73,017)	-
At end of year	50,792	123,809
The deferred tax asset is made up as follows:		
·	2021 £	2020 £
Tax losses carried forward	-	123,809
Other timing differences	50,792	-
	50,792	123,809
21. Share capital		
	2021 £	2020 £
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
905,000 (2020 - 905,000) 'A' shares of £1.00 each 7,600 (2020 - 7,600) 'B' shares of £1.00 each	905,000 7,600	905,000 7,600
	912,600	912,600

The A and B shares are separate classes of shares but rank *pari passu* in all respects with the exception that B shares are redeemable by the Company and A shares are not redeemable. Both hold dividend rights on a relative percentage basis.

22. Contingent liabilities

The Company is responding to questions from a regulator. This process is ongoing and at this time, it is not known whether it will have a financial impact on the Company.

23. Pension commitments

The Company operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Company to the fund and amounted to £177,538 (2020: £165,517). Contributions totalling £11 (2020: £10) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

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24. Related party transactions

During the year ended 31 December 2021 the Company received income relating to recharge expenses of £nil (2020: £10,000) and income relating to fee sharing of £67,500 (2020: £73,125) by Ermgassen & Co Ltd a company whose director is also an employee of the Company. As at 31 December 2021 no amounts were due between the Company and Ermgassen & Co (2020: £Nil).

The Company had the following related party transactions during the year with entities within the AFRY Group:

During the year ended 31 December 2021 the Company received income relating to recharged expenses of £56,619 (2020: £60,079), was recharged expenses of £240,227 (2020: £275,768), was recharged subconsulting costs of £131,844 (2020: £254) and was charged a service fee of £51,507 (2020: £49,252) by AFRY Management Consulting Ltd. As at 31 December 2021 the Company owed AFRY Management Consulting Ltd £117,557 (2020: £32,417) and was owed £6,290 (2020: £5,548).

During the year ended 31 December 2021 the Company was recharged subconsulting expenses of £Nil (2020: £309) from AFRY Management Consulting Oy. As at 31 December 2021 no amounts were due between the Company and AFRY Management Consulting Oy (2020: £Nil).

During the year ended 31 December 2021 the Company was recharged subconsulting costs of £71,379.18 (2020: £97,855) from AFRY Deutschland GmbH. As at 31 December 2021 the Company owed AFRY Deutschland GmbH £10,526 (2020: £9,908). As at 31 December 2021 the Company was owed £Nil (2020: £30) by AFRY Deutschland GmbH.

During the year ended 31 December 2021 the Company was recharged subconsulting costs of £1,393.46 (2020: £875) from Pöyry (Beijing) Engineering and Consulting Company Limited. As at 31 December 2021 the Company owed Pöyry (Beijing) Engineering and Consulting Company Limited £Nil (2020: £922).

During the year ended 31 December 2021 the Company received income relating to subconsulting of £29,803 (2020: £36,213) by AFRY Management Consulting S.A.S (formerly Pöyry Management Consulting (France) S.A.S) and was recharged subconsulting expenses of £Nil (2020: £27,605). As at 31 December 2020 the Company owed £307 (2020: £36,213) to AFRY Management Consulting S.A.S.

During the year ended 31 December 2021 the Company received income relating to subconsulting of £Nil (2020: £5,181) by AFRY Management Consulting S.R.L. As at 31 December 2021 no amounts were due between the Company and AFRY Management Consulting S.R.L. (2020: £Nil).

During the year ended 31 December 2021 the Company received income relating to subconsulting of £2,194 (2020 - £nil) by AFRY Management Consulting Inc. As at 31 December 2021 the Company was owed £2,194 (2020 - £nil).

During the year ended 31 December 2021 the Company received income relating to subconsulting of £29,803 (2020 - £nil) by AFRY Management Consulting Austria GmbH. As at 31 December 2021 the Company owed AFRY Management Consulting Austria GmbH £407 (2020 - £Nil).

During the year ended 31 December 2021 the Company received income relating to subconsulting of £Nil (2020: £99,697) by Pöyry Sweden AB and was recharged subconsulting costs of £1,365. As at 31 December 2021 the Company was owed £Nil (2020: £31,754) by Pöyry Sweden AB.

During the year ended 31 December 2021 the Company received interest income of £6,523 (2020: £15,158) and paid royalty fees of £Nil (2020: £28,226) to AFRY Group Finland Oy (formerly Pöyry Plc). As at 31 December 2021 the Company owed £Nil (2020: £Nil) to AFRY Group Finland Oy. AFRY Group Finland Oy also controlled the cash pool account of £3,851,517 (2020: £1,371,624). As at 31 December 2021 the Company was owed £Nil (2020: £413) by AFRY Solutions UK Ltd.

During the year ended 31 December 2021 the Company was recharged expenses of £4,268 (2020: £11,787) paid service and royalty fees of £134,760 (2020: £165,794) to AFRY AB. As at 31 December 2021 the Company owed AFRY AB £11,216 (2020: £39,543).

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25. Controlling party

AFRY AB (formerly ÅF Pöyry AB) is the parent undertaking of the largest and smallest group of undertakings to consolidate these financial statements at 31 December 2021. The consolidated financial statements of this company are available to the public and may be obtained from Frösundaleden 2A SE-169 99 Stockholm.