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ATLANTIC EQUITIES SERVICE COMPANY LIMITED

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

◆ *Year ended 31 March 2018* ◆

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STRATEGIC REPORT

Business overview

Atlantic Equities Service Company Limited ("the company") provides management services to its parent undertaking, Atlantic Equities LLP ("the LLP") in support of the LLP's business as an independent investment research broker.

The company is the corporate member and wholly owned subsidiary of the LLP.

The board of directors is responsible for the overall stewardship of the company.

The company's performance for the year and future outlook are contained in the Report of the Directors on page 4 which forms part of the Strategic Report.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The company provides management services to the LLP and as such is indirectly exposed to the risks and uncertainties faced by the LLP as described below:

- Loss of reputation – if the research product is of poor quality or lacks coverage, the LLP risks losing its reputation;
- Regulatory – as a regulated business in the UK, breach of regulatory rules may lead to sanctions by the Financial Conduct Authority, and new regulations may impose undue pressure on the company's infrastructure;
- Operational – failure of its operational systems or those of third party service providers may disrupt the company's ability to provide its services;
- Financial – inadequate controls or policies could lead to misappropriation of assets and failure to comply with accounting standards and related regulations;
- Foreign exchange risk – the company is exposed to foreign exchange risk as evidenced by its creditor balances, some of which are denominated in foreign currency;
- Credit – the company is exposed to the LLP and holds cash with Coutts & Co bank, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Royal Bank of Scotland; and
- Liquidity – cash is insufficient for the company to meet its obligations associated with financial liabilities.

The directors seek to mitigate and manage each of these risks, and limit the adverse effects on the financial performance of the company, by formally reviewing all risks and establishing appropriate procedures and controls. Where the company requires debt finance to ensure that there are available funds for operations, funding is obtained from the LLP. The financial and regulatory compliance functions are outsourced to a third party provider thus offering a degree of independence during the process of control.

Key performance indicators

The level of turnover that the company earns from the LLP is its key performance indicator. For the year ended 31 March 2018 the company had a turnover of approximately £6.6m (2017: £7.4m) representing a 11.2% decrease (2017: 14.8% increase), reflecting a fall in the demand for its services, in a challenging market environment.

The Strategic Report was approved by the Board on 28 June 2018 and was signed on its behalf by:



Rupert Della-Porta
Director
28 June 2018

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors present their report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2018.

Results and dividends

The profit for the year after tax amounted to £145,782 (2017: £158,861).

The company continues to provide management services to the LLP and during the year received £6,571,644 (2017: £7,397,571) to cover its expenses in carrying on the business of the LLP.

During the year no interim dividend was paid (2017: £Nil). The directors do not propose to pay a final dividend (2017: £Nil).

Future developments

The company continues to expand operations in continental Europe. The directors expect continued profitability during the forthcoming year.

Principal risks and uncertainties

All principal risks are described in the Strategic Report on page 3.

Directors and their interests

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

Rupert Della-Porta
Christopher Middleton

During the year, rights to subscribe for shares in the company have not been granted to, or exercised by, any director or member of his immediate family.

Directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, the Report of the Directors 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 financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable laws including FRS102 '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 and 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 United Kingdom Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the company will continue in business.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)

Directors' responsibilities (continued)

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. 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.

The directors confirm that:

- so far as each director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- the directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Auditor

Grant Thornton UK LLP have indicated their willingness to continue in office as auditor. A resolution concerning their reappointment will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

The report of the directors was approved by the Board on 28 June 2018 and signed on its behalf by:



Rupert Della-Porta
Director

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
ATLANTIC EQUITIES SERVICE COMPANY LIMITED**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Atlantic Equities Service Company Limited (the 'company') for the year ended 31 March 2018 which comprise the Income statement, the Statement of comprehensive income, the Balance sheet, the Statement of changes in equity, the Cash flow statement and notes to the financial statements, 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 March 2018 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 UK, including the FRC'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.

Who we are reporting to

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.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
ATLANTIC EQUITIES SERVICE COMPANY LIMITED
(continued)**

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. 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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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

Matter on which we are required to report under the Companies Act 2006

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 strategic report or the directors' report.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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 for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 4, 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
ATLANTIC EQUITIES SERVICE COMPANY 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.

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.



David Pearson
Senior Statutory Auditor
for and on behalf of Grant Thornton UK LLP
Statutory Auditor, Chartered Accountants
London, England

28 June 2018

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INCOME STATEMENT
for the year ended 31 March 2018

	Note	Year ended 31 March 2018 £	Year ended 31 March 2017 £
Turnover	1 & 2	6,571,644	7,397,571
Administrative expenses		<u>(6,380,237)</u>	<u>(7,182,108)</u>
Operating profit	3	191,407	215,463
Interest receivable and similar income		<u>137</u>	<u>225</u>
Profit before taxation		191,544	215,688
Tax on profit	6	<u>(45,762)</u>	<u>(56,827)</u>
Profit for the financial year		<u>145,782</u>	<u>158,861</u>

All of the above results of the company arose from continuing operations.

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
For the year ended 31 March 2018

	Year ended 31 March 2018 £	Year ended 31 March 2017 £
Profit for the financial year	<u>145,782</u>	<u>158,861</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>145,782</u>	<u>158,861</u>

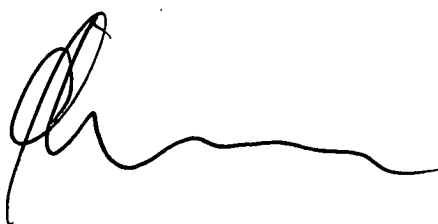
The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
at 31 March 2018

	Note	31 March 2018 £	31 March 2017 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	<u>13,817</u>	<u>16,282</u>
		13,817	16,282
Current assets			
Debtors	8	1,595,352	1,838,467
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>212,626</u>	<u>286,070</u>
		1,807,978	2,124,537
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(987,332)</u>	<u>(1,452,138)</u>
Net current assets		820,646	672,399
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>834,463</u>	<u>688,681</u>
Net assets		<u>834,463</u>	<u>688,681</u>
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	12	640,000	640,000
Profit and loss account		<u>194,463</u>	<u>48,681</u>
Total shareholder's funds		<u>834,463</u>	<u>688,681</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 28 June 2018 and signed on its behalf by:



Christopher Middleton
Director
Atlantic Equities Service Company Limited
Company No: 04683428

The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**For the year ended 31 March 2018**

	Called up share capital £	Profit and loss account £	Total £
Balance as at 1 April 2016	640,000	(110,180)	529,820
Profit for the year	-	158,861	158,861
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	158,861	158,861
Balance as at 31 March 2017	640,000	48,681	688,681
Profit for the year	-	145,782	145,782
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	145,782	145,782
Balance as at 31 March 2018	640,000	194,463	834,463

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**CASH FLOW STATEMENT
for the year ended 31 March 2018**

	Note	Year ended 31 March 2018 £	Year ended 31 March 2017 £
Net cash (used in)/generated from operating activities	13	(113,647)	553,809
Taxation paid		(57,056)	(49,986)
Net cash (used in)/generated from total operating activities		<u>(170,703)</u>	<u>503,823</u>
 Cash flow from investing activities			
Interest received		137	225
Purchase of tangible assets		(9,857)	(6,903)
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(9,720)</u>	<u>(6,678)</u>
 Cash flow from financing activities			
Repayment/(advance) of loan from/(to) Atlantic Equities LLP		115,265	(741,674)
Net cash generated from/(used in) financing activities		<u>115,265</u>	<u>(741,674)</u>
 Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(65,158)	(244,529)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		286,070	528,827
Exchange (losses)/gains on cash and cash equivalents		(8,286)	1,772
 Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		<u>212,626</u>	<u>286,070</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2018

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General information

The principal activity of the company is the provision of management services to Atlantic Equities LLP, a limited liability partnership incorporated in the United Kingdom.

The company is limited by shares and is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The address of its registered office is Suite 1, 3rd Floor 11-12 St James's Square, London, SW1Y 4LB and its principal place of business is 1st floor, 25 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BP.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the company have been prepared in compliance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102, "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Companies Act 2006, including the Amendments to FRS 102 (issued in July 2015).

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 to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

a) Basis of accounting

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

b) Going concern

On the basis of their assessment of the company's financial position and resources, the directors believe that the company is well placed to manage its business risks and they have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Therefore they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

c) Turnover

Turnover comprises a reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of Atlantic Equities LLP, a limited liability partnership of which the company is a corporate member, and is accounted for on the accruals basis (see note 2).

d) Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses relate to costs incurred by the company in relation to the services it provides and are recognised on an accruals basis.

e) Foreign currencies

Functional and presentation currency:

The financial statements are presented in the currency of the primary economic environment in which the company operates. The company's functional and presentation currency is pound sterling.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

e) Foreign currencies (continued)

Transactions and balances:

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. At each year end foreign currency monetary items are translated using the closing rate. Non-monetary items measured at historical cost are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction.

Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the income statement.

Foreign exchange gains and losses that relate to borrowings and cash and cash equivalents are presented in the income statement within the operating profit.

f) Employee benefits

The company provides benefits to employees, including a defined contribution scheme and holiday pay.

Short term benefits:

Short-term employee benefits such as salaries and compensated absence are recognised as an expense in the year employees render services to the company. A liability is recognised at each balance sheet date to the extent that employee holiday allowance has been accrued but not taken, the expense being recognised as staff costs in the income statement.

Pension contributions:

Pension contributions to the company's workplace pension scheme for eligible employees are accounted for in the income statement on an accrual basis.

g) Taxation

Current tax, including UK corporation tax and foreign tax, is provided using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted at the balance sheet date on the excess of taxable income and allowable expenses.

h) Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is accounted for on an undiscounted basis at expected tax rates on all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions and events that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or a right to pay less tax in the future have occurred at the balance sheet date. Timing differences are differences between the company's taxable profits and its results as stated in the financial statements other than differences regarded as permanent. A deferred tax asset is only recognised where it is more likely than not that the asset will be recoverable in the foreseeable future out of taxable profits from which the reversal of timing differences can be deducted.

i) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, any deposits held at call with banks and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts, when applicable, are shown within creditors in current liabilities.

j) Financial instruments

The company has chosen to adopt the Sections 11 and 12 of FRS 102 in respect of financial instruments.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

j) Financial instruments (continued)

(i) Financial assets

Basic financial assets, including debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially recognised at transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Such assets are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

At the end of each reporting period financial assets measured at amortised cost are assessed for objective evidence of impairment. If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in the income statement.

If there is decrease in the impairment loss arising from an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the impairment is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in the income statement.

Financial assets are derecognised when (a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or (b) substantially all the risks and rewards of the ownership of the asset are transferred to another party, or (c) control of the asset has been transferred to another party who has the practical ability to unilaterally sell the asset to an unrelated third party without imposing additional restrictions.

(ii) Financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables, bank loans and loans from fellow group companies, are initially recognised at transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the liability is extinguished, that is when the contractual obligation is discharged, cancelled or expires.

The Company does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments.

(iii) Offsetting

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amounts presented in the financial statements when there is an enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle to liability simultaneously.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

k) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at historic purchase cost less accumulated depreciation. Costs include those costs which are directly attributable to bringing the asset into working condition for its intended use.

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost, less estimated residual values, of all tangible fixed assets, over their estimated useful lives. It is calculated on a straight-line basis over the following period:

Office equipment	-	3 years
Computer equipment	-	3 years
Leasehold improvements	-	5 years

l) 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 (or asset's cash generating unit) may be impaired. If there is such an indication the recoverable amount of the asset (or asset's cash generating unit) is compared to the carrying amount of the asset (or asset's cash generating unit).

The recoverable amount of the asset (or asset's cash generating unit) 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 pre-tax and interest cash flows obtainable as a result of the asset's (or asset's cash generating unit) continued use. The pre-tax and interest 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 (or asset's cash generating unit) is estimated to be lower than the carrying amount, the carrying amount is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised in the income statement, 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 the income statement.

If an impairment loss is subsequently reversed, the carrying amount of the asset (or asset's cash generating unit) 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) had no impairment loss been recognised in prior periods. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised in the income statement.

m) Leases

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the leased asset to the company. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Payments under operating leases are charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Incentives received to enter into an operating lease are credited to the income statement, to reduce the lease expense, on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**n) Critical judgements and estimates in applying the accounting policy**

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of the accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are reasonable under the circumstances. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

The directors have made a significant judgement around the probability of a cash outflow in relation to the Growth Securities Ownership Plan as detailed in note 15.

2. TURNOVER

The turnover for the year is attributable to service management fees received to cover expenses incurred in the operational support of Atlantic Equities LLP ("the LLP") and therefore fully derived from the United Kingdom.

3. OPERATING PROFIT

	Year ended 31 March 2018 £	Year ended 31 March 2017 £
The operating profit is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Auditor's remuneration –		
Fees payable to the company's auditor for the audit of the annual financial statements of the company	10,300	10,100
Fees payable to the company's auditor and its associates for other services:		
– other services relating to taxation	17,382	9,179
Operating lease rentals – property	262,589	249,230
Depreciation	12,322	14,480
Foreign exchange differences	<u>(5,419)</u>	<u>16,099</u>

4. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

The directors received no remuneration during the year.

Key management includes the directors and members of senior management. No compensation was paid or is payable to key management for employee services during the year.

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5. STAFF COSTS

	Year ended 31 March 2018 £	Year ended 31 March 2017 £
Wages and salaries	3,292,984	3,567,932
Social security costs	271,815	774,038
Pension costs	24,126	5,064
	<u>3,588,925</u>	<u>4,347,034</u>

The average monthly number of employees and directors was as follows:

Directors	2	2
Others	<u>17</u>	<u>20</u>
Office and management	<u>19</u>	<u>22</u>

6. TAXATION**a) Tax on profit**

	Year ended 31 March 2018 £	Year ended 31 March 2017 £
Current tax:		
UK corporation tax on profits of the year	45,508	56,960
Adjustments in respect of previous years	<u>96</u>	<u>334</u>
Total current tax	45,604	57,294
Deferred tax:		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	<u>158</u>	<u>(467)</u>
Total deferred tax (note 10)	<u>158</u>	<u>(467)</u>
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	<u>45,762</u>	<u>56,827</u>

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6. TAXATION (CONTINUED)

The tax assessed on the profit for the year is lower than the average rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2017: 20%). The differences are explained below:

b) Reconciliation of tax charge	Year ended 31 March 2018 £	Year ended 31 March 2017 £
Profit before taxation	191,544	215,688
Profit multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax of 19% (2017: 20%)	36,393	43,138
Effects of:		
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of prior years	96	334
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	9,288	13,293
Non-taxable income	-	(231)
Adjustment to LLP profit allocation	(15)	231
Difference in tax rate	-	62
Total tax charge for the year	45,762	56,827

c) Tax rate changes

The standard rate of corporation tax in the United Kingdom changed from 20% to 19% with effect from 1 April 2017. Corporation tax rates will further reduce to 17% from 1 April 2020.

7. FIXED ASSETS

	Office Equipment £	Computer Equipment £	Leasehold Improvements £	Total £
Cost:				
At 1 April 2017	112,120	310,960	101,969	525,049
Additions	-	9,857	-	9,857
At 31 March 2018	112,120	320,817	101,969	534,906
Depreciation:				
At 1 April 2017	111,210	295,588	101,969	508,767
Charge for the year	672	11,650	-	12,322
At 31 March 2018	111,882	307,238	101,969	521,089
Net book value:				
At 31 March 2018	238	13,579	-	13,817
At 31 March 2017	910	15,372	-	16,282

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8. DEBTORS

	31 March 2018 £	31 March 2017 £
Other debtors	76,497	55,701
Prepayments and accrued Income	138,594	262,280
Amounts due from Atlantic Equities LLP ("the LLP")	1,181,121	1,296,386
Recoverable VAT	49,487	74,289
Deferred tax asset (note 10)	1,015	1,173
	<u>1,446,714</u>	<u>1,689,829</u>
Amounts falling due within one year		
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Rent deposit	<u>148,638</u>	<u>148,638</u>
	<u>1,595,352</u>	<u>1,838,467</u>

The amount owed by the LLP is unsecured, interest free, has no fixed date of repayment and is repayable on demand.

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31 March 2018 £	31 March 2017 £
Trade creditors	58,460	138,132
Other creditors	14,196	-
Corporation tax payable	45,508	56,960
Other taxes & social security	63,390	53,657
Accruals	805,778	1,203,389
	<u>987,332</u>	<u>1,452,138</u>

10. DEFERRED TAX ASSET

	Year ended 31 March 2018 £	Year ended 31 March 2017 £
Deferred taxation	<u>1,015</u>	<u>1,173</u>
The movement in the asset is as follows:		
At the start of the year	1,173	706
Short term timing differences:		
- origination and reversal of timing differences	<u>(158)</u>	<u>467</u>
At the end of the year	<u>1,015</u>	<u>1,173</u>

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10. DEFERRED TAX ASSET/PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

Deferred tax has been provided at 19% (2017: 19%) because of uncertainty as to the average rate of tax that will apply when the underlying timing differences will reverse.

11. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS BY CATEGORY

	31 March 2018 £	31 March 2017 £
Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss	-	-
Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost		
Amounts owed by Atlantic Equities LLP (note 8)	1,181,121	1,296,386
Other debtors (note 8)	<u>225,135</u>	<u>204,339</u>
	<u>1,406,256</u>	<u>1,500,725</u>
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost		
Trade creditors (note 9)	58,460	138,132
Other creditors (note 9)	<u>819,974</u>	<u>1,203,389</u>
	<u>878,434</u>	<u>1,341,521</u>
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit and loss	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

12. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	31 March 2018 £	31 March 2017 £
Allotted, called up, issued and fully paid		
640,000 ordinary shares of £1 (2017: 640,000)	<u>640,000</u>	<u>640,000</u>

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

13. NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Year ended 31 March 2018 £	Year ended 31 March 2017 £
Profit for the financial year	145,782	158,861
Adjustments for:		
Tax on profit	45,762	56,827
Net interest receivable	(137)	(225)
Operating profit	191,407	215,463
Depreciation of tangible assets	12,322	14,480
Foreign exchange differences	8,286	(1,772)
Working capital movements:		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	127,690	(111,790)
(Decrease)/increase in payables	(453,352)	437,428
Cash inflow (used in)/generated from operating activities	<u>(113,647)</u>	<u>553,809</u>

14. FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS – OPERATING LEASES

As at 31 March 2018 the company had future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases for land and buildings expiring as follows:

	31 March 2018 £	31 March 2017 <i>Restated</i> £
Within one year	291,765	291,765
Between one and two years	291,765	291,765
Between two to five years	<u>210,231</u>	<u>501,996</u>
	<u>793,761</u>	<u>1,085,526</u>

15. CONTINGENT LIABILITY

The company historically operated an incentive arrangement that is currently subject to consideration by Her Majesty's Revenues and Customs ("HMRC"). Any payments made under the arrangement were reimbursed by a service management fee from the Atlantic Equities LLP ("the LLP") of which the company is corporate member. The company is defending the tax status of the arrangement and the directors are of the opinion that no further tax liabilities will arise. However, it is considered appropriate to disclose a contingent liability in respect of the issue as the likelihood of a cash out flow is less than probable but more than remote. If HMRC is successful in determining that employer's and employees' National Insurance contributions and PAYE are due, the current best estimate of the maximum exposure to the company is £11.7m (2017: £11.5m). Under the contractual terms of the arrangement, however, the company has recourse to be reimbursed for a substantial portion of any potential exposure from the beneficiaries of the arrangement. The resulting net cost plus a margin of 3 per cent would be recoverable from the LLP. As at 31 March 2018 it is uncertain as to when this matter will be resolved.

16. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Atlantic Equities Service Company Limited ("AE Limited") is the corporate member of Atlantic Equities LLP (the "LLP"). During the year the LLP paid AE Limited service management fees of £6,571,644 (2017: £7,397,571) to cover expenses incurred in the operational support of the LLP. AE Limited received no additional profit allocation from the LLP (2017: £Nil). At 31 March 2018 the LLP owed the company £1,181,121 (2017: £1,296,386).

Transactions with related parties are on an arms' length basis.

17. CONTROLLING PARTIES

The company's immediate and ultimate parent undertaking is Atlantic Equities LLP ("the LLP"), an entity incorporated in the United Kingdom. The registered office of the LLP is Suite 1, 3rd Floor, 11-12 St James's Square, London SW1Y 4LB and its principal place of business is 1st floor, 25 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BP. The consolidated financial statements of the LLP are publicly available at Companies House.

The members of Atlantic Equities LLP are the ultimate controlling parties of the company. There is no single controlling party of the company.