## STB AM Investment (UK) Limited

## Directors' report and financial statements

Registered number 07700939 Year Ended 31 March 2021

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#### Directors' report

The directors present their directors' report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021. The financial statements are presented in pounds sterling ('£' or 'sterling').

#### **Principal activities**

The principal activity of the Company is to act as an investment holding company. However, following the sale of NS Holdings LLP's investment business and their imminent liquidation, it is anticipated that the Company will also be liquidated.

#### **Business review**

The directors set out below a review of the development and performance of the business during the year and its position at the year end. This review is consistent with the size and nature of the business and is written in the context of the risks and uncertainties faced.

The Company is an investment holding company, having 41.98% interest in NS Holdings LLP ('NSP') (formerly NewSmith LLP). On 19 February 2015, NSP and Man Group Plc, a listed hedge fund company, entered into an asset purchase agreement to acquire the investment management business of NSP. The deal was structured as a sale of the legal entity, NewSmith Japan Limited and the sale of the underlying assets of NS Asset Management LLP (formerly NewSmith Asset Management LLP). Both were subsidiaries of NSP (100% and 99.11% ownership respectively). The acquisition by Man Group Plc completed on 24 April 2015. The sale consideration comprised an upfront consideration and deferred considerations in Year 1, 3 and 4 subsequent to the sale, with the deferred considerations subject to the Run Rate Management Fee exceeding certain limits. On 28 January 2021, NSP was placed into liquidation. It is anticipated that the Company will be placed into liquidation following the dissolution of NSP.

The Company received no distribution from its investment in NSP (2020: nil) and paid no dividend (2020: nil).

The loss for the year after taxation of £16,580 (2020: loss of £16,624) has been transferred from reserves.

The details of the Company's sole investment in its associate undertaking, NSP, are given in note 7 to the financial statements.

#### Financial instruments

The Company has no financial instruments other than its investment in an associate undertaking.

#### Proposed dividend

The directors do not recommend a final dividend (2020: nil).

#### **Directors**

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

Yoshio Hishida Hiroki Ogawa Toshiyuki Saito 08/02/2012 (Resigned 23/06/2020)

(Appointed 30/06/2020)

#### **Employees**

The Company has no employees.

#### Disclosure of information to auditor

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this directors' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and each director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

#### **Auditor**

KPMG LLP has been appointed by the Company to hold office in accordance with section 487 of the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Going Concern**

The directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company will be wound up by September 2022, as the existence of this entity will not be required following the liquidation of NS Holdings LLP, which was initiated on 28 January 2021. The directors expect that the winding up of the Company will be initiated immediately after the liquidation of NS Holdings LLP since there would be no reason for the entity to continue after this. For this reason, the financial statements have been prepared on a non-going concern basis.

Given the circumstances of the liquidation, the directors have elected to prepare the accounts in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and interpretations (IFRICs) issued by the Interpretations Committee, as published by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB), and under the historical cost convention modified to include the fair valuation of certain financial instruments to the extent required or permitted under IFRS9, as set out in the relevant accounting policies. The directors consider that IFRS are still appropriate to the circumstances of the Company, and that there is no difference between the carrying value of the Company's residual assets and the recoverable amounts of those assets.

By order of the board

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Toshiyuki Saito

Director

155 Bishopsgate

London

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30 November 2021

# Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the directors' report and the financial statements

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 they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with international accounting standards in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Under Company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable, relevant and reliable;
- state whether they have been prepared in accordance with international accounting standards in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006;
- assess the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and
- use the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF STB AM INVESTMENT (UK) LIMITED.

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of STB AM Investment (UK) Limited ("the Company") for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the Statement of Other Comprehensive Income, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Changes in Equity, the Cash Flow Statement and related notes, including the accounting policies in note 1. These financial statements have not been prepared on the going concern basis for the reason set out in note 1.2.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 March 2021 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with international accounting standards in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006; 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 are described below. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities under, and are independent of the Company in accordance with, UK ethical requirements including the FRC Ethical Standard. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is a sufficient and appropriate basis for our opinion.

#### Fraud and breaches of laws and regulations - ability to detect

Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to fraud

To identify risks of material misstatement due to fraud ("fraud risks") we assessed events or conditions that could indicate an incentive or pressure to commit fraud or provide an opportunity to commit fraud. Our risk assessment procedures included:

- Enquiring of Directors and inspection of policy documentation as to the Company's high-level policies and procedures to prevent and detect fraud, as well as whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud
- Reading Board minutes
- Using analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships.

As required by auditing standards, we perform procedures to address the risk of management override of controls, in particular the risk that management may be in a position to make inappropriate accounting entries especially for revenue recognition. On this audit we do not believe there is a fraud risk related to revenue recognition because the calculation of revenue is straightforward with no judgement involved in the calculation, and no pressures or incentives for management to manipulate revenue have been identified.

We did not identify any additional fraud risks.

Given the limited number of journal entries posted in the period, our planned procedures already tested all journals that would have been deemed high risk. For those journals, we compared the identified entries to supporting documentation.

Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to non-compliance with laws and regulations

We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general commercial and sector experience, through discussion with Directors (as required by auditing standards), and discussed with Directors the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations.

The potential effect of these laws and regulations on the financial statements varies considerably.

The Company is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting legislation (including related companies legislation), distributable profits legislation and taxation legislation

and we assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

Whilst the Company is subject to many other laws and regulations, we did not identify any others where the consequences of non-compliance alone could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements

Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to inquiry of the directors and management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Therefore, if a breach of operational regulations is not disclosed to us or evident from relevant correspondence, an audit will not detect that breach.

Context of the ability of the audit to detect fraud or breaches of law or regulation

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it.

In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of fraud, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. Our audit procedures are designed to detect material misstatements. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance or fraud and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

#### Directors' report

The Directors are responsible for the Directors' report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover that report and we do not express an audit opinion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the Directors' report and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially misstated or inconsistent with the financial statements or our audit knowledge. Based solely on that work:

- we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' report;
- in our opinion the information given in that report for the financial year is consistent with the financial statements;
- in our opinion that report has been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Under the Companies Act 2006, we are required 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; or
- the Directors were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

We have nothing to report in these respects.

#### Directors' responsibilities

As explained more fully in their statement set out on page [X], the Directors are responsible for: the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view; such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; 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 they either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's responsibilities

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 our opinion in an auditor's report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not 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 aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on the FRC's website at <a href="https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities">www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities</a>.

#### The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

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.

Michael McGarry (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants 15 Canada Square London E14 5GL

30 November 2021

## **Statement of Comprehensive Income**

for the year ended 31 March 2021	Note	2021 £000	2020 £000
Administrative expenses	3	(17)	(17)
Loss before tax		(17)	(17)
Taxation	6	-	-
Loss for the year		(17)	(17)
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-
Total comprehensive loss for the year attributable to equity shareholders of the Company		(17)	(17)

The results above arose wholly from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 11 to 15 form part of the financial statements.

### **Balance Sheet**

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t 31 March 2021	Note	2021 £000	2020 £000
Assets			
Investments in associates	7	1	1
Cash at bank		2,071	2,088
Total assets	_	2,072	2,089
Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	8	18	18
Total liabilities	<del>-</del>	18	18
Net assets	·	2,054	2,071
Equity	=		
Share capital	9	35,000	35,000
Retained earnings		(32,946)	(32,929)
Total equity	-	2,054	2,071
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These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 30 November 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

Toshiyuki Saito

Director

Company registered number: 07700939

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## Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Share capital	Retained earnings £000	Total equity £000
Balance at 1 April 2019	35,000	(32,912)	2,088
Loss for the year		(17)	(17)
Balance at 31 March 2020	35,000	(32,929)	2,071
Balance at 1 April 2020	35,000	(32,929)	2,071
Loss for the year	<del>-</del>	(17)	(17)
Balance at 31 March 2021	35,000	(32,946)	2,054

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### **Cash Flow Statement**

for the year ended 31 March 2021	Note	2021 £000	2020 £000
Cash flows from operating activities		2000	2000
Loss for the year	•	(17)	(17)
Changes in: Increase in trade and other payables		-	2
Net cash from operating activities	_	(17)	(15)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	·	(17)	(15)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u> </u>	2,088	2,103
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		2,071	2,088
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#### Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2021

#### 1. Accounting policies

#### Reporting entity

STB AM Investment (UK) Limited (the "Company") is a company incorporated and domiciled in the UK with its registered office at 155 Bishopsgate, London, EC2M 3XU.

#### Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with international accounting standards in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. The accounting policies applied in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below, and in the relevant notes to the financial statements. These policies have been consistently applied.

#### New and amended accounting standards

There are no new standards that are effective for the first time for the financial year beginning 1 April 2020 that would be expected to have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

As at 31 March 2021, a number of standards and interpretations and amendments thereto, had been issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, which are not effective for the Company's financial statements as at 31 March 2021. None of these are expected to have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements in the future.

#### Summary of significant accounting policies

A summary of the principal accounting policies applied consistently throughout the year is set out below.

#### 1.1 Measurement convention

The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis. The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with Adopted IFRSs requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amount of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates. There was a significant degree of judgement for impairment assessment on investment in associates, which was discussed in note 7.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimate are recognised in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

#### 1.2 Going Concern

The directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company will be wound up by September 2022, as the existence of this entity will not be required following the liquidation of NS Holdings LLP, which was initiated on 28 January 2021. The directors expect that the winding up of the Company will be initiated immediately after the liquidation of NS Holdings LLP since there would be no reason for the entity to continue after this. For this reason, the financial statements have been prepared on a non-going concern basis.

Given the circumstances of the liquidation, the directors have elected to prepare the accounts in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and interpretations (IFRICs) issued by the Interpretations Committee, as published by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB), and under the historical cost convention modified to include the fair valuation of certain financial instruments to the extent required or permitted under IFRS9, as set out in the relevant accounting policies. The directors consider that IFRS are still appropriate to the circumstances of the Company, and that there is no difference between the carrying value of the Company's residual assets and the recoverable amounts of those assets.

#### 1.3 Functional and presentation currency

The financial statements are presented in sterling, which is the Company's functional currency.

#### 1.4 Non-derivative financial instruments

Non-derivative financial instruments comprise investment in an associate, and trade and other payables.

#### Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables are recognised initially at fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### Investments in associates

Investments in associates are carried at cost less impairment.

#### Impairment loss

The Company assess at each reporting date whether there is any indication that the investment may be impaired. If any indication exists, the Company estimates the investment's recoverable amount. When carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, the assets is considered impaired and written down to its recoverable amount.

#### 1.5 Taxation

Tax on the profit or loss for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the income statement except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity, in which case it is recognised in equity.

Current tax is the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred tax is provided on temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes.

A deferred tax asset is recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the temporary difference can be utilised.

#### 2. Auditor's remuneration

The auditor's remuneration of £12,000 (2020: £12,000) for providing statutory audit services was included in the administrative expenses.

#### 3. Directors' remuneration

None of the directors received any fees or emoluments for performing the role of director during the year (2020: £nil).

#### 4. Employees

The Company did not have any direct employees during the year (2020: nil).

#### 5. Taxation

No tax expenses have been recognised in the profit or loss. The total tax allowable losses that arise from this year and might be used in the future are calculated as follows:

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Loss before tax	(17)	(17)
Tax using the UK corporation tax rate of 19% (2020: 19%) Tax effect on share of associate's current year trading loss Loss for which no deferred tax assets was recognised	3 6 (9)	3 12 (15)
Total tax expense	-	-
Unrecognised deferred tax assets	2021 £000	2020 £000
Tax losses	2,592	2,583

The tax losses relate to the cumulative losses from business operations since incorporation. Deferred tax assets have not been recognised in respect of the losses in accordance with the Company's accounting policy at note 1.6. The tax losses do not expire under current tax legislation.

The unrecognised deferred tax asset at 31 March 2021 has been calculated on the rate of 19% at the balance sheet date.

On 22 July 2020 the Finance Act 2020 received Royal Assent, enacting the UK corporation tax rate would remain at 19% from 1 April 2020 onwards instead of reducing to 17%, the previously enacted rate. This rate has therefore been used to calculate current taxes for the year ended 31 March 2021.

6. Investments in associates	2021 £000	2020 £000
Palance at 31 March	1	1

The investment is carried at cost less impairment, which is assessed for impairment by the Company at each balance sheet date. The Company has the following investments in associates:

	Country of Incorporation	Ownership	
		2021	2020
NS Holdings LLP (formerly NewSmith LLP)	UK	41.98%	41.98%

On 19 February 2015, NS Holdings LLP ('NSP') (formerly NewSmith LLP) and Man Group Plc, a listed hedge fund company, entered into an asset purchase agreement to acquire the investment management business of NSP. The deal was structured as a sale of the legal entity, NewSmith Japan Limited and the sale of the underlying assets of NS Asset Management LLP (formerly NewSmith Asset Management LLP). The acquisition by Man Group Plc completed on 24 April 2015. The sale consideration comprised an upfront consideration and deferred considerations in Year 1, 3 and 4 subsequent to the sale, with the deferred considerations subject to the Run Rate Management Fee exceeding certain limits. After Year 4, NSP and its remaining subsidiaries will be liquidated. It is also anticipated that the Company will also be liquidated at the same time.

In the year ended 31 March 2015, the Company reviewed the carrying value of its investment and assessed the recoverable amount of the investment, based on its value in use, at £1,131,237. The estimate of the value in use was determined by the amount of upfront cash consideration the Company receives upon the completion of the sale of NSP's investment management business to Man Group Plc. The deferred considerations, which are conditional payments, and the amount of the upfront cash consideration held back by NSP on escrow account and for future running cost has not been taken into account as no value to the shareholder is expected.

During the year ended 31 March 2016, the Company received £1,595,173 from the sale and, as this amount exceeded the carrying value, a £464,936 gain was recognised in the Income Statement and the Investment in associates was stated at a notional value of £1,000.

During the year ended 31 March 2017, the Company received a further £587,695 following the release of the escrow account balance.

No amount was received during the year ended 31 March 2018.

During the year ended 31 March 2019, the Company received £461,760 following the release of funds held back for any potential tax, regulatory, and/or fundamental warranty claims.

On 28 January 2021, NSP was placed into liquidation.

7. Trade and other payables	2021	2020
	£000£	£000
Accrued expenses	18	18
8. Share capital		
	2021 £	2020 £
Allotted, called up and fully paid 35,000,001 Ordinary shares of £1 each	35,000,001	35,000,001

The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared from time to time and are entitled to one vote per share at meetings of the Company.

#### 9. Financial instruments and principal risks and uncertainties

#### (a) Credit risk

Financial risk management

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Company if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. Financial instruments for the year comprised investment in an associate only. The Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Group has policies and procedures in place to manage risk. Investment in the associated undertaking is stated at cost less impairment. The Company's exposure to credit risk from investments is not significant.

#### (b) Liquidity risk

Financial risk management

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. Liquidity risk is mitigated as both investing and funding decisions are within the control of the ultimate parent undertaking. At the balance sheet date, the Company has no material financial obligations.

#### (c) Market risk

Financial risk management

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates and equity prices will affect the Company's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. The Company is not exposed to any significant market risk other than through its investment in associates carried at cost less impairment.

#### 10. Related parties

None of the directors received any fees or emoluments from the Company during the year (2020: nil).

#### 11. Ultimate parent company and parent company of larger group

The Company is a subsidiary undertaking of Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited, a company incorporated in Japan, with its head office at 4-1 Marunouchi 1-Chome, Chiyoda-Ku, Tokyo, Japan 100-8233. The ultimate controlling party is Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings, Inc., a company incorporated in Japan and listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

The largest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that headed by Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings, Inc., incorporated in Japan. The smallest group in which they are consolidated is that headed by Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited, incorporated in Japan. No other group financial statements include the results of the Company. The consolidated financial statements of these groups are available to the public at <a href="https://www.smtb.jp/tools/english/">www.smtb.jp/tools/english/</a>.

#### 12. Subsequent Event

Up to the date of the approval of the financial statements, there have been no material subsequent events.

In the March 2021 UK Budget, it was announced that the UK rate of corporation tax will increase from 19% to 25% effective 1 April 2023. The change was not substantively enacted or enacted at the balance sheet date and this is not expected to have an impact on the Company as the Company does not have any deferred tax balances.

On 13 October 2021, the Company received a final distribution of £62,496 following the liquidation of NS Holdings LLP.