Company registration number (England and Wales): 7783521

## **BALLYLYNCH CAPITAL LIMITED**

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

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## **COMPANY INFORMATION**

## **COMPANY PERSONNEL**

**Directors** 

Mr T H Henry

Mr M J Argyle

## **COMPANY ADDRESSES**

Registered office

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**Auditors** 

Humphrey & Co

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# STRATEGIC REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

The directors present their strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2016.

#### Review of the business

The principal activity of the group is carrying on the trade of underwriting at Lloyd's of London and providing the Funds at Lloyd's required to support the group's underwriting activities.

The result for the year is in respect of the 2016 annual accounting year, which consists of movements in the 2014, 2015 and 2016 years of account as well as any 2013 and prior run-off years.

Gross premiums written increased from £3,929,634 to £4,393,881 compared to the previous year and the overall balance in the technical account decreased from £402,136 to £347,352 as a result of the level of claims experienced.

The group has continued to underwrite on the 2017 underwriting account where the market conditions are considered favourable for a profitable outcome subject to the level of claims experienced.

The key business risks and uncertainties affecting the group are considered to relate to insurance risk, investment and currency risk and regulatory risk.

#### Financial risk management objectives and policies

The group is principally exposed to financial risk through its participation on Lloyd's Syndicates. It has delegated sole management and control of its underwriting through each Syndicate to the Managing Agent of that Syndicate and it looks to the Managing Agent to implement appropriate policies, procedures and internal controls to manage each Syndicates' exposures to insurance risk, credit risk, market risk, liquidity risk and operational risk. The group is also directly exposed to these risks, but they are not considered material for the assessment of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the group.

Hedge accounting is not used by the group.

#### Key performance indicators

The directors monitor the performance of the group by reference to the following key performance indicators:

	2016	2015
Capacity	£4,700,910	£4,692,975
Gross premium written as a % of capacity	93.47%	83.73%
Combined ratio	92.20%	87.93%

The combined ratio is the ratio of net claims incurred, commissions and expenses to net premiums earned.

Approved by the Board on 8th

September

2017 and signed on its behalf by:

M J Argyle Director

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT** FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

The directors have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016.

#### Results and dividends

The profit for the year after taxation was £58,092 (2015: profit £57,390). Interim dividends of £Nil (2015: £Nil) were paid during the year. The directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend.

#### **Directors**

The directors who held office at any time during the year are listed below:

Mr T H Henry Mr M J Argyle

#### Statement of directors' responsibilities

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 United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they have satisfied themselves 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 year. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's and the group'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.

The directors are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### **Auditors**

The auditors, Humphrey & Co, are deemed to be reappointed under Section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

#### Statement of disclosure to auditors

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's or the group's auditors are unaware. Additionally, the directors have taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the group's auditors are aware of that information.

Approved by the Board on gth September 2017 and signed on its behalf by :

M J Argyle Director

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF BALLYLYNCH CAPITAL LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Ballylynch Capital Limited for the year ended 31 December 2016 on pages 5 to 34. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

This report is made solely to the group'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 group's members those matters we are required to state to them in a Report of the Auditors and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the group and the group's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

#### Respective responsibilities of the directors and auditors

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. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

#### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

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

### Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent company's affairs as at 31 December 2016 and of the group's 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.

#### Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our 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 have 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 Strategic Report and the Directors' Report.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent company, or returns adequate for 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.

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Andrew Robinson (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Humphrey & Co Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

Date: 13 Softmen

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# CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT - TECHNICAL ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

·	Note	2016 £	2015 £
Gross premiums written	5	4,393,881	3,929,634
Outward reinsurance premiums		(866,887)	(725,112)
Net premiums written		3,526,994	3,204,522
Change in the provision for unearned premiums			
Gross provision Reinsurers' share		(67,768) 43,641	(174,263) 11,130
Net change in the provision for unearned premiums		(24,127)	(163,133)
Earned premiums net of reinsurance		3,502,867	3,041,389
Allocated investment income	8	81,115	41,124
Claims paid			
Gross amount		(1,890,456)	(1,709,556)
Reinsurers' share	<u> </u>	285,926	293,827
Net claims paid	<del></del>	(1,604,530)	(1,415,729)
Change in provision for claims			
Gross amount		(718,403)	28,597
Reinsurers' share		372,518	(41,824)
Net change in provision for claims		(345,885)	(13,227)
Claims incurred net of reinsurance		(1,950,415)	(1,428,956)
Net operating expenses	9	(1,279,337)	(1,245,284)
Investment expenses and charges	8	(6,878)	(6,137)
Balance on technical account for general business		347,352	402,136

# CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT - NON TECHNICAL ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

	Note	2016 £	2015 £
Balance on the general business technical account		347,352	402,136
Investment income	8	2,568	77
Other income	10	-	-
Other charges		(100,109)	(296,448)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	11 .	249,811	105,765
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	20	(191,719)	(48,375)
Profit for the financial year		58,092	57,390
Non-controlling interest - technical Non-controlling interest - non-technical		- -	- -
Retained profit for the group		58,092	57,390
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHE Retained profit for the group  Other comprehensive income:	ENSIVE INCOME	58,092	57,390 -
Profit for the financial year		58,092	57,390

All amounts above relate to continuing operations.

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

Company registration number (England and Wales): 7783521

		Syndicate		2016	2015
ASSETS	Note	Assets £	Corporate £	Total £	Total £
Fixed assets		L	£	L	L
Tangible assets	12	-	-	-	-
Intangible assets					
Intangible assets	13	-	166,971	166,971	361,565
Investments					
Financial investments	14	5,131,627	-	5,131,627	4,584,135
Deposits with ceding undertakings		447	-	447	375
Total investments		5,132,074	-	5,132,074	4,584,510
Reinsurers' share of technical provisions					
Provision for unearned premiums	7	334,454	_	334,454	253,874
Claims outstanding	7	725,450	_	725,450	589,597
Other technical provisions		822,102	-	822,102	475,014
Total reinsurers' share of technical provisions		1,882,006		1,882,006	1,318,485
Debtors					
Arising out of direct insurance operations	15				
Policyholders		81	-	81	49
Intermediaries		987,103	-	987,103	871,002
Arising out of reinsurance operations	15	73,733	-	73,733	76,389
Other debtors	16	1,225,252	•	1,225,252	1,251,065
Total debtors		2,286,169	•	2,286,169	2,198,505
Other assets					
Cash at bank	17	738,185	1,139,534	1,877,719	963,185
Other	•	1,259	-	1,259	1,684
Total other assets		739,444	1,139,534	1,878,978	964,869
Prepayments and accrued income					
Accrued interest		10,768	_	10,768	6,181
Deferred acquisition costs	7	530,884	-	530,884	446,492
Other prepayments and accrued income		27,094	-	27,094	26,010
Total prepayments and accrued income		568,746	-	568,746	478,683
Total assets		10,608,439	1,306,505	11,914,944	9,906,617
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## **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (continued)**

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

Company registration number (England and Wales): 7783521

	Note	Syndicate Liabilities £	Corporate £	2016 Total £	2015 Total £
LIABILITIES		_		-	_
Capital and reserves	•				
Called-up share capital	18	-	100	100	100
Profit and loss account	19	526,220	(538,670)	(12,450)	(70,542)
Shareholder's funds attributable to equity interests		526,220	(538,570)	(12,350)	(70,442)
Technical provisions					
Provision for unearned premiums	7	2,101,881	-	2,101,881	1,810,588
Claims outstanding - gross amount	7	6,689,548	-	6,689,548	5,504,065
Total technical provisions		8,791,429	-	8,791,429	7,314,653
Provisions for other risks and charges					
Provision for taxation	20	•	375,000	375,000	184,000
Deposits received from reinsurers		78,177	-	78,177	33,503
Creditors					
Arising out of direct insurance operations		114,947	•	114,947	100,873
Arising out of reinsurance operations		526,900		526,900	440,285
Amounts due to credit institutions	22	<u>-</u>	-		12,448
Other creditors	21	480,721	1,466,575	1,947,296	1,815,473
Total creditors		1,122,568	1,466,575	2,589,143	2,369,079
Accruals and deferred income					
Other accruals and deferred income		90,045	3,500	93,545	75,824
Total liabilities		10,608,439	1,306,505	11,914,944	9,906,617

Approved by the Board on 8th September

2017 and signed on its behalf by:

M J Argyle Director

# COMPANY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

Company registration number (England and Wales): 7783521

ASSETS	Note	Syndicate Assets	Corporate £	2016 Total £	2015 Total £
Fixed assets		~	~	~	~
Tangible fixed assets	12	-	• •	-	•
Investments			·		
Financial investments	14	-	1,556,425	1,556,425	2,195,031
Deposits with ceding undertakings		•	-		-
Total investments		-	1,556,425	1,556,425	2,195,031
Reinsurers' share of technical provisions					
Provision for unearned premiums		-	-	-	-
Claims outstanding		-	-	-	-
Other technical provisions			-		-
Total reinsurers' share of technical provisions		-	-	•	
Debtors					
Arising out of direct insurance operations					
Policyholders		-	-	-	-
Intermediaries		-	-	-	-
Arising out of reinsurance operations		-	-	-	-
Other debtors	16	-	_	-	-
Total debtors		-	-	-	-
Other assets					
Cash at bank	17	-	1,106,524	1,106,524	6,547
Other		-	-	-	-
Total other assets		-	1,106,524	1,106,524	6,547
Prepayments and accrued income					
Accrued interest		-	-	-	-
Deferred acquisition costs		<u>-</u>	-	-	-
Other prepayments and accrued income		<u>-</u>			-
Total prepayments and accrued income		-	-	-	_
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Total assets		<del>-</del>	2,662,949	2,662,949	2,201,578

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## **COMPANY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (continued)**

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

Company registration number (England and Wales): 7783521

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	Maka	Syndicate	Comento	2016	2015 Total
	Note	Liabilities £	Corporate £	Total £	Total £
LIABILITIES			L	. ~	£
Capital and reserves		,			
Called-up share capital	18		100	100	100
Profit and loss account		-	916,227	916,227	677,363
Shareholder's funds attributable to	<del></del>				
equity interests		-	916,327	916,327	677,463
Technical provisions					
Provision for unearned premiums		_	_	_	_
Claims outstanding - gross amount		-	-	_	-
Total technical provisions		-	-	•.	-
Provisions for other risks and charges					
Provision for taxation	20	-	375,000	375,000	184,000
Deposits received from reinsurers		-	-	•	-
Creditors	•				
Arising out of direct insurance operations		-		-	-
Arising out of reinsurance operations		-	-	-	-
Amounts due to credit institutions		-	-	-	-
Other creditors	21	-	1,368,122	1,368,122	1,336,915
Total creditors		-	1,368,122	1,368,122	1,336,915
Accruals and deferred income					
Other accruals and deferred income		-	3,500	3,500	3,200
Total liabilities			2,662,949	2,662,949	2,201,578

As permitted by s408 Companies Act 2006, the company has not presented its own profit and loss account and related notes. The company's profit for the year was £238,864 (2015: 241,648)

Approved by the Board on

2017 and signed on its behalf by :

M J Argyle

Director

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

### AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

Profit/(loss) for the financial year

Other comprehensive income

Proceeds from issue of shares

Dividends paid

At 31 December 2016

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Company registration number (England and Wales): 7783521

Group	Called up share capital	Share premium account	Retained earnings	Total
	£	£	£	£
At 1 January 2015	100	-	(127,932)	(127,832)
Profit/(loss) for the financial year	-	-	57,390	57,390
Other comprehensive income	-	-		-
Dividends paid	.     •	-	-	-
Proceeds from issue of shares	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2015	100	•	(70,542)	(70,442)
At 1 January 2016	100	_	(70,542)	(70,442)
Profit/(loss) for the financial year	-	-	58,092	58,092
Other comprehensive income	_	-	-	-
Dividends paid	-	_	•	-
Proceeds from issue of shares	•	· -	-	
At 31 December 2016	100	-	(12,450)	(12,350)
	Called up share	Share premium	Retained	
Company	capital	account	earnings	Total Equity
	£	£	£	£
At 1 January 2015	100	-	435,715	435,815
Profit/(loss) for the financial year	-	-	241,648	241,648
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-
Dividends paid	•	-	-	-
Proceeds from issue of shares	<del></del>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 December 2015	100		677,363	677,463
At 1 January 2016	100	_	677,363	677,463
At 1 January 2010	100	-	077,303	077,403

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# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

	Note	2016 £	2015 £
Cash inflow from operating activities	23	462,119	432,256
Interest received		2,568	77
Foreign tax paid/refunded		(719)	1,625
Net cash inflow from operating activities		463,968	433,958
Cash (outflow) from investing activities			
Purchase of intangible assets		(26,488)	(21,665)
Net cash (outflow) from investing activities		(26,488)	(21,665)
Cash inflow from financing activities			
Funds lent to the company			
by the company's shareholders		259,710	-
Issue of share capital		•	-
Net cash inflow from financing activities		259,710	<u>-</u>
Increase in cash		697,190	412,293
Net funds at 1 January		442,344	30,051
Increase in cash in the year		697,190	412,293
Net funds at 31 December		1,139,534	442,344

The group has no control over the disposition of assets and liabilities at Lloyd's. Consequently, the Statement of Cash Flows is prepared reflecting only the movement in corporate funds, which includes transfers to and from the Syndicates at Lloyd's.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### 1 General Information

The Company is a private company limited by shares that was incorporated in England and whose registered office is given on page one of these financial statements. The group participates in insurance business as an underwriting member of various syndicates at Lloyd's.

#### 2 Accounting policies

#### 2.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", FRS 103 "Insurance Contracts", the Companies Act 2006 and Regulation 6 of Schedule 3 to the Large and Medium Sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, relating to insurance.

The directors do not consider the Group to be a financial institution under FRS 102.

#### Basis of accounting

The Financial Statements are prepared under the historical cost basis of accounting modified to include the revaluation of certain financial instruments held at fair value, through the income statement.

The technical account has been prepared on an annual basis of accounting, whereby the incurred cost of claims, commission and related expenses are charged against the earned proportion of premiums net of re-insurance. Amounts reported in the technical account relate to movements in the period in respect of all relevant years of account of the Syndicates on which the company participates.

Accounting information in respect of the Syndicate participations has been provided by the Syndicate managing agents through an information exchange facility operated by Lloyd's and has been reported on by the Syndicate auditors.

Assets and liabilities arising as a result of the underwriting activities are mainly controlled by the Syndicates' managing agents and are shown separately on the Statement of Financial Position as "Syndicate Assets" and "Syndicate Liabilities". The assets are held subject to trust deeds for the benefit of the Syndicates' insurance creditors.

In continuing to apply the going concern basis to this group's financial statements the following factors have been taken into account: the likely timing of any underwriting and non-underwriting cash flows, any Funds at Lloyd's supporting the group's underwriting and not reflected in the group's Statement of Financial Position and the continued support of the Directors and Shareholders including the potential deferral of balances due to them.

### Basis of consolidation

The group financial statements consolidate the financial statements of Ballylynch Capital Limited and all its subsidiary undertakings for the year ended 31 December 2016.

The consolidated financial statements are based on the financial statements of subsidiary undertakings which are coterminous with those of the parent company.

Acquisitions of companies or LLPs that are consolidated are accounted for using the purchase method, by allocating their acquisition cost to the acquired identifiable assets and liabilities (including contingent liabilities) at the time of acquisition. Where the acquisition cost exceeds the net fair value of the acquired assets and liabilities, the difference is recognised as goodwill.

All expenses, income, debtors, creditors and provisions from transactions between consolidated companies are eliminated.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### General business

#### i Premiums

Gross premiums are accounted for in the period in which the risk commences, together with adjustments to premiums written in previous accounting periods. Future premiums relating to risks commencing in the period are based upon estimates made by the Syndicates' management. Other adjustments are accounted for as arising.

### ii Unearned premiums

Written premium is earned according to the risk profile of the policy. Unearned premiums represent the proportion of premiums written in the year that relate to unexpired terms of policies in force at the statement of financial position date, calculated on a time apportionment basis having regard where appropriate, to the incidence of risk. The specific basis adopted by each Syndicate is determined by the relevant managing agent.

#### iii Deferred acquisition costs

Acquisition costs, which represent commission and other related expenses, are deferred over the period in which the related premiums are earned.

#### iv Reinsurance premiums

Reinsurance premium costs are allocated by the Managing Agent of each Syndicate to reflect the protection arranged in respect of the business written and earned.

#### v Claims

Provision is made for the estimated cost of claims outstanding at the end of the year, including those incurred but not reported at that date, and for the related cost of settlement. Claims incurred comprise amounts paid or provided in respect of claims occurring during the current year, together with the amount by which settlement or reassessment of claims from previous years differs from the provision at the beginning of the year.

The claims provision determined by the managing agent will have been based on information that was currently available at the time. However, the ultimate liability will vary as a result of subsequent information and events and this may result in significant adjustments to the amounts provided and will be reflected in the financial statements for the period in which the adjustment is made.

#### vi Closed years of account

At the end of the third year, the underwriting account is normally closed by reinsurance into the following year of account. The amount of the reinsurance to close premium payable is determined by the managing agent, generally by estimating the cost of claims notified but not settled at 31 December, together with the estimated cost of claims incurred but not reported at that date, and an estimate of future claims handling costs.

Any subsequent variation in the ultimate liabilities of the closed year of account is borne by the underwriting year into which it is reinsured.

The payment of a reinsurance to close premium does not eliminate the liability of the closed year for outstanding claims. If the reinsuring Syndicate was unable to meet its obligations, and the other elements of Lloyd's chain of security were to fail, then the closed underwriting account would have to settle outstanding claims.

The Directors consider that the likelihood of such a failure of the reinsurance to close is extremely remote, and consequently the reinsurance to close has been deemed to settle the liabilities outstanding at the closure of an underwriting account. The company has included its share of the reinsurance to close premiums payable as technical provisions at the end of the current period, and no further provision is made for any potential variation in the ultimate liability of that year of account.

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### vii Run-off years of account

Where an underwriting year of account is not closed at the end of the third year (a "run-off" year of account) a provision is made for the estimated cost of all known and unknown outstanding liabilities of that year. The provision is determined initially by the managing agent on a similar basis to the reinsurance to close. However, any subsequent variation in the ultimate liabilities for that year remains with the corporate member participating therein. As a result any run-off year will continue to report movements in its results after the third year until such time as it secures a reinsurance to close.

#### viii Investments and allocated investment income

In accordance with Lloyd's current accounting practice, investments are stated at market value, including accrued interest at the financial reporting date. Investment income is included in the General Business Technical Account reflecting that earned on the investment portfolio managed by the Syndicates. The allocated investment income therefore comprises income received and investment profits and losses arising in the calendar year including appreciation/depreciation and accrued interest consequent upon the revaluation of investments at 31 December. All gains and losses on investments are treated as realised at the financial reporting date.

#### ix Financial assets and financial liabilities

The syndicates investments comprise of debt and equity investments, derivatives, cash and cash equivalents and loans and receivables.

Debtors/creditors arising from insurance/reinsurance operations shown in the Statement of Financial Position include the totals of all the syndicate's outstanding debit and credit transactions as processed by the Lloyd's central facility. No account has been taken of any offsets which may be applicable in calculating the net amounts due between the syndicates and each of their counterparty insureds, reinsurers or intermediaries as appropriate.

#### Recognition

Financial assets and liabilities are recognised when the syndicate becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the syndicate after deducting all of its liabilities.

#### Initial measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction cost), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through the income statement, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a finance transaction, the financial asset or liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

#### Subsequent measurement

Non-current debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Debt instruments that are classified as payable or receivable within one financial year and which meet the above conditions are measured at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received.

Other debt instruments are measured at fair value through the income statement.

#### Derecognition of financial assets and liabilities

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights of the cash flow from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the syndicates transfer to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset or c) the syndicates, despite having retained some significant risks and rewards of ownership, have transferred control of the asset to another party and the other party has the practical ability to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party and is able to exercise that ability unilaterally and without needing to impose additional restrictions on the transfer.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### Fair value measurement

The best evidence of fair value is a quoted price for an identical asset in an active market. When quoted prices are unavailable, the price of a recent transaction for an identical asset provides evidence of fair value as long as there has not been a significant change in economic circumstances or a significant lapse in time since the transaction took place. If the market is not active and recent transactions of an identical asset on their own are not a good estimate of fair value, the syndicates estimate the fair value by using a valuation technique.

#### Impairment of financial instruments measured at amortised cost or cost

For financial assets carried at amortised cost, the amount of an impairment is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate, i.e. using the effective interest method.

For financial assets carried at cost less impairment, the impairment loss is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the best estimate of the amount that would be received for the asset if it were to be sold at the reporting date.

Where indicators exist for a decrease in impairment loss, and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the prior impairment loss is tested to determine reversal. An impairment loss is reversed on an individual impaired financial asset to the extent that the revised recoverable value does not lead to a revised carrying amount higher than the carrying value had no impairment been recognised. The amount of the reversal is recognised in the income statement immediately.

### x Basis of currency translation

Syndicates maintain separate funds in Sterling, United States and Canadian dollars, and may also do so in certain other currencies. All transactions where separate currencies are maintained are translated into Sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the financial reporting date. Transactions during the period in other overseas currencies are expressed in Sterling at the rates ruling at the transaction date.

Monetary assets and liabilities, which according to FRS 103 are deemed to include unearned premiums and deferred acquisition costs, are translated into Sterling at the rates of exchange at the financial reporting date.

Any non-monetary items are translated into the functional currency using the rate of exchange prevailing at the time of the transaction. FRS 103 states that insurance assets and liabilities (unearned premiums and deferred acquisition costs) are required to be treated as monetary items. These assets and liabilities have been translated at period end to the functional currency at the closing rate.

#### xi Debtors/creditors arising from insurance/reinsurance operations

The amounts shown in the Statement of Financial Position include the totals of all the Syndicates outstanding debit and credit transactions. No account has been taken of any offsets which may be applicable in calculating the net amounts due between the Syndicates and each of their counterparty insureds, reinsurers or intermediaries as appropriate.

#### xii Distribution of profits and collection of losses

Lloyd's operates a detailed set of regulations regarding solvency and the distribution of profits and payment of losses between Syndicates and their members. Lloyd's continues to require membership of Syndicates to be on an underwriting year of account basis and profits and losses belong to members according to their membership of a year of account. Normally profits and losses are transferred between the Syndicate and members after results for a year of account are finalised after 36 months. This period may be extended if a year of account goes into run-off. The Syndicate may make earlier on account distributions or cash calls according to the cash flow of a particular year of account and subject to Lloyd's requirements.

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

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#### 2.2 Reinsurance at corporate level

Where considered applicable by the Directors, the group may purchase additional reinsurance to that purchased through the syndicates. Any such reinsurance premiums and related reinsurance recoveries are treated in the same manner as described for syndicates in Note 2.1 (iv) and (v).

#### 2.3 Taxation

The Company is taxed on its results including its share of underwriting results declared by the syndicates. These are deemed to accrue evenly over the calendar year in which they are declared. The syndicate results included in these financial statements are only declared for tax purposes in the calendar year following the normal closure of the year of account. No provision is made for corporation tax in relation to open years of account. However, full provision is made for deferred tax on underwriting results not subject to current corporation tax.

HM Revenue & Customs agrees the taxable results of the syndicates at a syndicate level on the basis of computations submitted by the managing agent. At the date of the approval of these financial statements the syndicate taxable results of years of account closed at this and at previous year ends may not have fully agreed with HM Revenue & Customs. Any adjustments that may be necessary to the tax provisions established by the Company, as a result of HM Revenue & Customs agreement of syndicate results, will be reflected in the financial statements of subsequent periods.

#### 2.4 Deferred Taxation

Deferred tax is provided in full on timing differences which result in an obligation at the financial reporting date to pay more tax, or a right to pay less tax, at a future date, at rates expected to apply when they crystallise based on current tax rates and law. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as more likely than not that they will be recovered. Deferred tax assets and liabilities have not been discounted.

#### 2.5 Goodwill

In accordance with FRS 102, goodwill arising on the acquisition of subsidiary undertakings is capitalised as an intangible asset and amortised against profit over its useful life of 5 years.

#### 2.6 Intangible assets

Costs incurred by the group in the Corporation of Lloyd's auctions in order to acquire rights to participate on Syndicates' underwriting years are included within intangible assets and amortised over a 5 year period beginning with the respective year of Syndicate participation. The intangible assets are reviewed for impairment where there are indicators for impairment and any impairment is charged to the income statement for the period.

#### 2.7 Investments

Investments held directly by the group, by trustees of the Premium Trust Fund, or as the Lloyd's Deposit, are stated at fair value.

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### 2.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and cash in hand.

#### 3 Key accounting judgements and estimation uncertainties

In applying the group's accounting policies, the Directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions in determining the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities. These judgements, estimates and assumptions are based on the best and most reliable evidence available at the time when the decisions are made, and are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be applicable. Due to the inherent subjectivity involved in making such judgements, estimates and assumptions, the actual results and outcomes may differ. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The measurement of the provision for claims outstanding is the most significant judgement involving estimation uncertainty regarding amounts recognised in these financial statements in relation to underwriting by the syndicates and this is disclosed further in Note 4.

The management and control of each Syndicate is carried out by the managing agent of that Syndicate, and the group looks to the managing agent to implement appropriate policies, procedures and internal controls to manage each Syndicate.

The key accounting judgements and sources of estimation uncertainty set out below therefore relate to those made in respect of the group only, and do not include estimates and judgements made in respect of the Syndicates.

#### i Purchased syndicate capacity

Estimating value in use:

Where an indication of impairment of capacity values exists, the Directors will carry out an impairment review to determine the recoverable amount, which is the higher of fair value less cost to sell and value in use. The value in use calculation requires an estimate of the future cash flows expected to arise from the capacity and a suitable discount rate in order to calculate present value.

Determining the useful life of purchased syndicate capacity:

The assessed useful life of syndicate capacity is 5 years. This is on the basis that this is the life over which the original value of the capacity is used up:

### ii Assessing indicators of impairment

In assessing whether there have been any indicators of impairment of assets, the Directors consider both external and internal sources of information such as market conditions, counterparty credit ratings and experience of recoverability. There have been no indicators of impairments identified during the current financial year.

### iii Recoverability of debtors

The group establishes a provision for debtors that are estimated not to be recoverable. When assessing recoverability, factors such as the ageing of the debtors, past experience of recoverability, and the credit profile of individual groups of customers are all considered.

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### 4 Risk management

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This section summarises the financial and insurance risks the group is exposed to either directly at its own corporate level or indirectly via its participation in the Lloyd's syndicates.

#### Risk background

The syndicate's activities expose it to a variety of financial and non-financial risks. The managing agent is responsible for managing the syndicate's exposure to these risks and, where possible, introducing controls and procedures that mitigate the effects of the exposure to risk. Each year, the managing agent prepares a Lloyd's Capital Return ("LCR") for the syndicate, the purpose of this being to agree capital requirements with Lloyd's based on an agreed assessment of the risks impacting the syndicate's business, and the measures in place to manage and mitigate those risks from a quantitative and qualitative perspective. The risks described below are typically reflected in the LCR, and, typically, the majority of the total assessed value of the risks concerned is attributable to insurance risk.

The insurance risks faced by a syndicate include the occurrence of catastrophic events, downward pressure on pricing of risks, reductions in business volumes and the risk of inadequate reserving. Reinsurance risks arise from the risk that the reinsurer fails to meet their share of a claim. The management of the syndicate's funds is exposed to risks of investments, liquidity, currency and interest rates leading to financial loss. The syndicate is also exposed to regulatory and operational risks including its ability to continue to trade. However, supervision by Lloyd's provides additional controls over the syndicate's management of risks.

The group manages the risks faced by the syndicates on which it participates by monitoring the performance of the syndicates it supports. This commences in advance of committing to support a syndicate for the following year, with a review of the business plan prepared for each syndicate by its managing agent. In addition, quarterly reports and annual accounts together with any other information made available by the managing agent are monitored and if necessary enquired into. If the group considers that the risks being run by the syndicate are excessive it will seek confirmation from the managing agent that adequate management of the risk is in place and, if considered appropriate, will withdraw from the next underwriting year. The group relies on advice provided by the members' agent which acts for it, who are specialists in assessing the performance and risk profiles of syndicates. The group also mitigates its risks by participating across several syndicates.

The Directors do not consider the group to be a financial institution under FRS 102, on the basis that the group itself does not undertake the business of effecting or carrying out insurance contracts. Therefore there is no requirement to discuss financial risks arising from syndicate investment activities. The analysis below provides details of the financial risks the group is exposed to from syndicate insurance activities as required by FRS 103.

#### Syndicate risks

### Liquidity risk

The syndicates are exposed to daily calls on their available cash resources, principally from claims arising from its insurance business. Liquidity risk arises where cash may not be available to pay obligation when due, or to ensure compliance with the syndicate's obligations under the various trust deeds to which it is party.

The syndicates aim to manage their liquidity position so that they can fund claims arising from significant catastrophic events, as modelled in their Lloyd's realistic disaster scenarios ("RDS").

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### ii Credit risk

Credit ratings to syndicate assets emerging directly from insurance activities, excluding cash at bank and financial investments, which are neither past due nor impaired are as follows:

2016	AAA £	AA £	, A £	BBB or lower £	Not rated	Total £
Deposits with ceding undertakings		-	-	, <b>-</b>	446	446
Reinsurers share of claims	42,009	256,668	1,150,877	23,106	74,892	1,547,552
Reinsurance debtors	11,626	8,431	26,964	2,770	5,340	55,131
Insurance debtors	-	-	-	•	873,294	873,294
_	53,635	265,099	1,177,841	25,876	953,972	2,476,423
2015	AAA	AA	A	BBB or lower	Not rated	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Deposits with ceding undertakings	-	-	-	-	375	375
Reinsurers share of claims	36,083	230,969	739,597	9,477	48,485	1,064,611
Reinsurance debtors	4,493	8,348	284,241	1,311	979	299,372
Insurance debtors	-	-	<u>-</u>		1,052,956	1,052,956
	40,576	239,317	1,023,838	10,788	1,102,795	2,417,314

Syndicate assets emerging directly from insurance activities, excluding cash at bank and financial investments, past their due date or impaired are as follows:

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	Less than 3 months	Between 3 and 6 months £	Between 6 months and 1 year £	Greater than 1 year £	Impaired £	Total past due or impaired £
Deposits with ceding undertakings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reinsurers share of claims		-	-	-	-	-
Reinsurance debtors	16,367	695	403	865	273	18,603
Insurance debtors	52,779	12,593	18,667	30,852	(1,000)	113,891
	69,146	13,288	19,070	31,717	(727)	132,494
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	Less than 3 months	Between 3 and 6 months £	Between 6 months and 1 year £	Greater than 1 year £	Impaired £	Total past due or impaired £
Deposits with ceding undertakings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reinsurers share of claims	-	-	-	-	(1,600)	(1,600)
Reinsurance debtors	39,129	3,019	2,581	750	· 212	45,691
Insurance debtors	40,033	13,443	14,761	15,702	(999)	82,940
	79,162	16,462	17,342	16,452	(2,387)	127,031

#### iii Interest rate and equity price risk

Interest rate risk and equity price risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of financial instruments will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates and market prices, respectively.

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### iv Currency risk

The syndicates' main exposure to foreign currency risk arises from insurance business originating overseas, primarily denominated in US dollars. Transactions denominated in US dollars form a significant part of the syndicates' operations. This risk is, in part, mitigated by the syndicates maintaining financial assets denominated in US dollars against its major exposures in that currency.

The table below provides details of syndicate assets and liabilities by currency:

2016	GBP £	USD £ converted	EUR £ converted	CAD £ converted	Other £ converted	Total £ converted
Total assets	2,308,079	6,301,109	636,240	878,605	484,406	10,608,439
Total liabilities	(2,989,079)	(5,485,817)	(585,373)	(612,276)	(409,674)	(10,082,219)
Surplus/(deficiency) of assets	(681,000)	815,292	50,867	266,329	74,732	526,220
2015	GBP £	USD £ converted	EUR £ converted	CAD £ converted	Other £ converted	Total £ converted
Total assets	2,375,727	5,395,898	501,390	518,303	311,390	9,102,708
Total liabilities	(2,682,027)	(4,584,755)	(473,023)	(334,284)	(330,768)	(8,404,857)
Surplus/(deficiency) of assets	(306,300)	811,143	28,367	184,019	(19,378)	697,851

#### Group risks

#### Investment, credit, liquidity and currency risks

The significant risks faced by the Group are with regard to the investment of the available funds within its own custody. The elements of these risks are investment risk, credit risk, liquidity risk, currency risk and interest rate risk. The main liquidity risk would arise if a syndicate had inadequate liquid resources for a large claim and sought funds from the Group to meet the claim. In order to minimise investment, credit and liquidity risk the Group's funds are invested in readily realisable short term deposits. The syndicates can distribute their results in Pound Sterling, US Dollars or a combination of the two. The Group is exposed to movements in the US Dollar between the financial reporting date and the distribution of the underwriting profits and losses, which is usually in the May following the closure of the year of account. The Group does not use derivative instruments to manage risk and, as such, no hedge accounting is applied.

#### ii Regulatory risks

The Group is subject to continuing approval by Lloyd's to be a member of a Lloyd's syndicate. The risk of this approval being removed is mitigated by monitoring and fully complying with all requirements in relation to membership of Lloyd's. The capital requirements to support the proposed amount of syndicate capacity for future years are subject to the requirements of Lloyd's. A variety of factors are taken into account by Lloyd's in setting these requirements including market conditions and syndicate performance and although the process is intended to be fair and reasonable, the requirements can fluctuate from one year to the next, which may constrain the volume of underwriting the Group is able to support.

#### iii Operational risks

As there are relatively few transactions actually undertaken by the Group there are only limited systems and operational requirements of the Group and therefore operational risks are not considered to be significant. Close involvement of all Directors in the Group's key decision making and the fact that the majority of the Group's operations are conducted by syndicates, provides control over any remaining operational risks.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

Class of business	Gross	Gross	Gross		
	written	premiums	claims	Operating	Reinsurance
	premiums	earned	incurred	expenses	balance
2016	£	£	£	£	£
Direct			*		
Accident and health	196,796	195,370	(107,999)	(78,537)	(4,177)
Motor - third party liability	17,875	18,439	(11,310)	(5,470)	(171)
Motor - other classes	358,256	345,815	(361,234)	(96,564)	89,585
Marine, aviation and transport	340,787	363,021	(186,349)	(127,059)	(13,674)
Fire and other damage to property	1,204,536	1,198,367	(602,140)	(354,408)	(152,359)
Third party liability	1,137,881	1,024,989	(859,838)	(333,353)	143,209
Credit and suretyship	59,375	61,702	(37,881)	(15,706)	(6,688)
Other	21,971	24,156	(13,060)	(8,588)	(487)
Total direct	3,337,477	3,231,859	(2,179,811)	(1,019,685)	55,238
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Reinsurance business Reinsurance balance	1,056,404	1,094,254	(429,048)	(259,652)	(220,040)
Total	4,393,881	4,326,113	(2,608,859)	(1,279,337)	(164,802)
2015	£	£	£	£	£
Direct					
Accident and health	174,755	167,701	(82,783)	(74,969)	(8,567)
Motor - third party liability	18,079	14,356	(9,673)	(5,093)	1,875
Motor - other classes	328,335	307,712	(218,541)	(91,298)	(4,705)
Marine, aviation and transport	366,971	371,025	(144,899)	(139,061)	(39,167)
Fire and other damage to property	1,060,125	1,027,564	(403,709)	(350,605)	(169,673)
Third party liability	909,582	822,508	(537,390)	(303,031)	(17,519)
Credit and suretyship	63,294	63,422	(36,566)	(16,130)	(8,241)
Other	27,277	29,173	(13,470)	(11,552)	(897)
Total direct	2,948,418	2,803,461	(1,447,031)	(991,739)	(246,894)
Reinsurance business					
Reinsurance balance	981,216	951,910	(233,928)	(253,545)	(215,085)
Total	3,929,634	3,755,371	(1,680,959)	(1,245,284)	(461,979)

Any open year loss provisions, stop loss premiums and stop loss recoveries have been allocated across the classes of business by reference to the gross premiums written.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

6	Geographical analysis					2016 £	2015 £	
	Direct gross premiums written in United Kingdom	: •				3,240,555	2,719,477	
	Other EU member states The rest of the world					35,812 61,110	32,078 196,863	
	Total					3,337,477	2,948,418	
7	Technical provisions							
	Movement in claims outstanding							
		Gross £	Reinsurance £	2016 Net £	Gross £	Reinsurance £	2015 Net £	
	At 1 January  Movement in technical account	(5,504,065)	589,597	(4,914,468) (345,885)	(5,812,298)	652,347	(5,159,951)	
	Other movements	(718,403) (467,080)	372,518 (236,665)	(703,745)	28,597 279,636	(41,824) (20,926)	(13,227) 258,710	
	At 31 December	(6,689,548)	725,450	(5,964,098)	(5,504,065)	589,597	(4,914,468)	
	Movement in unearned premium	s						
	·		Reinsurance £	2016 Net £	Gross £	Reinsurance £	2015 Net £	
	At 1 January	(1,810,588)	253,874	(1,556,714)	(1,602,521)	172,621	(1,429,900)	
	Movement in technical account Other movements	(67,768) (223,525)	43,641 36,939	(24,127) (186,586)	(174,263) (33,804)	11,130 70,123	(163,133) 36,319	
	At 31 December	(2,101,881)	334,454	(1,767,427)	(1,810,588)	253,874	(1,556,714)	
•		n costs		2016			2015	
	·			Net £			Net £	
	At 1 January			446,492			399,913	
	Movement in deferred acquisition	costs	,	16,918			57,067	
	Other movements			67,474			(10,488)	
	At 31 December			530,884		•	446,492	

Included within other movements are foreign exchange movements in restating the opening balances and the effect of prior years' technical provisions being reinsured to close, to the extent where the Group's syndicate participation portfolio has changed between years of account.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

## 7 Technical provisions (continued)

## Assumptions, changes in assumptions and sensitivity

The majority of the risks to the Group's future cash flows arise from its participation in the results of Lloyd's syndicates and are mostly managed by the managing agents of the syndicates. The Group's role in managing these risks, in conjunction with the Group's members' agent, is limited to a selection of syndicate participations and monitoring the performance of the syndicates and their managing agents.

The amounts carried by the Group arising from insurance contracts are calculated by the managing agents of the syndicates and derived from accounting information provided by the managing agents and reported upon by the syndicate auditors.

The key assumptions underlying the amounts carried by the Group arising from insurance contracts are:

- i The net premiums written calculated by the managing agent are an accurate assessment of the premiums payable as a result of the risks contractually committed to up to the financial reporting date.
- ii The net unearned premiums calculated by the managing agent are an accurate assessment of the net premiums written that reflect the exposure to risks arising after the financial reporting date, including appropriate allowance for anticipated losses in excess of the unearned premium.
- iii The claims reserves calculated by the managing agents are an accurate assessment of the ultimate liabilities in respect of claims relating to events up to the financial reporting date.
- iv The potential ultimate result of run-off year results has been accurately estimated by the managing agents.
- v The values of investments and other assets and liabilities are correctly stated at their realisable values at the financial reporting date.

There have been no changes to these assumptions in 2016.

The amounts carried by the Group arising from insurance contracts are sensitive to various factors as follows:

- i A 5% increase/decrease in net earned premium (with claims incurred assumed to change pro-rata with premium) will increase/decrease the Group's pre-tax profit/loss by £77,623 (2015: £80,622).
- ii A 5% increase/decrease in the managing agents' calculation of gross claims reserves will decrease/increase the Group's pre-tax profit/loss by £334,477 (2015: £275,203).
- iii A 5% increase/decrease in the managing agents' calculation of net claims reserves will decrease/increase the Group's pre-tax profit/loss by £298,205 (2015: £245,723).

	At the end of				Profit/loss on
Claims development - Gross	underwriting	After 12	After 24	After 36	RITC
	year	months	months	months	received
Underwriting pure year	£	£	£	£	£
2016	1,482,323	-	-	-	-
2015	1,172,074	2,322,882	-	-	· -
2014	1,206,532	2,151,727	2,327,205	-	
2013	1,160,132	2,054,062	2,098,778	2,064,542	-
2012 and prior years	3,124,203	4,783,785	4,749,018	11,833,122	-

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

## 7 Technical provisions (continued)

Claims development - Net	At the end of underwriting vear	After 12 months	After 24 months	After 36 months	Profit/loss on RITC received
•	•	_	_		_
Underwriting pure year	£	£	£	£	£
2016	1,133,028	-	-	-	-
2015	1,004,113	1,976,568	-	-	-
2014	1,015,102	1,847,093	1,956,288	-	-
2013	1,005,491	1,810,287	1,810,792	1,757,619	-
2012 and prior years	2 566 003	4 040 265	4 010 334	9 746 784	_

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The following return on investments relate to investments held at fair value.

	2016 £	2015 £
Investment income	85,906	50,310
Realised loss on investments	(4,791)	(9,186)
Allocated investment income - technical account	81,115	41,124
Income from other investments (including interest receivable)	2,568	77
Realised gain from other investments	•	-
Unrealised gain from other investments	-	
Investment income - non-technical account	2,568	77
Investment expenses and charges - technical account	(6,878)	(6,137)
Total investment return	76,805	35,064
Net operating expenses	2016	2015
	£	£
Acquisition costs	1,026,310	879,596
Administrative expenses	416,786	384,670
Profit on exchange	(163,759)	(18,982)
Total	1,279,337	1,245,284

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

10	Other income	2016	2015
		£	£
	Profit on sale of syndicate participation rights	-	-
	Other	-	-
	Total	-	•
11	Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	2016	2015
	This is stated after charging:	£	£
	Auditor's remuneration - audit	1,145	1,145
	Wages and salaries	16,000	11,781
	Amortisation of syndicate capacity	221,039	237,910

The above wages represent amounts recharged.

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The average number of persons, including directors, employed during the year was nil (2015: nil).

Group and Company Tangible assets	Motor vehicles & equipment	Freehold Property	Total
•	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 January 2016		-	_
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	•	-	· -
At 31 December 2016	-	1_	_
Amortisation			
At 1 January 2016	· -	-	-
Charge for the period	-	-	-
Impairment losses	•	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 December 2016	-	-	· -
Net book value	-		
At 31 December 2016		·	-
At 31 December 2015	-	-	<u>-</u>

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	Group intangible assets		Syndicate	Participation Rights £	Goodwill £	2016 Total £
	Cost			4 044 400		1 044 400
	At 1 January 2016 Additions			1,241,460 26,488	-	1,241,460 26,488
	Disposals			20,466 (217)	-	(217)
•	At 31 December 2016	<del></del>		1,267,731	-	1,267,731
	Amortisation					
	At 1 January 2016			879,895	-	879,895
	Charge for the period			221,039	-	221,039
	Impairment losses			-	-	-
	Disposals			(174)	-	(174)
	At 31 December 2016			1,100,760	-	1,100,760
	Net book value At 31 December 2016		·	166,971	<u> </u>	166,971
	At 31 December 2015			361,565	<u>.                                    </u>	361,565
4	Investments: Financial investments					2016
4				Syndicate	Corporate	Total
4	Investments: Financial investments  At market value		£	Syndicate £	Corporate £	
4	At market value	- level 1	£ 115,728	<del>-</del>	-	Total
4		- level 1 - level 2		<del>-</del>	-	Total
4	At market value		115,728	<del>-</del>	-	Total
4	At market value	- level 2	115,728 787,085	£	-	Total £
4	At market value  Shares and other variable yield securities	- level 2 - level 3	115,728 787,085 224	£	-	Total £
4	At market value  Shares and other variable yield securities	- level 2 - level 3 - level 1	115,728 787,085 224 797,932	£	-	Total £
4	At market value  Shares and other variable yield securities	- level 2 - level 3 - level 1 - level 2	115,728 787,085 224 797,932	£ 903,037	-	Total £ 903,037
4	At market value  Shares and other variable yield securities  Debt securities and other fixed income securities	- level 2 - level 3 - level 1 - level 2 - level 3	115,728 787,085 224 797,932 3,183,753	£ 903,037	-	Total £ 903,037
4	At market value  Shares and other variable yield securities  Debt securities and other fixed income securities	- level 2 - level 3 - level 1 - level 2 - level 3 - level 1	115,728 787,085 224 797,932 3,183,753 - 59,482	£ 903,037	-	Total £ 903,037
4	At market value  Shares and other variable yield securities  Debt securities and other fixed income securities  Participation in investment pools	- level 2 - level 3 - level 1 - level 2 - level 3 - level 1 - level 2	115,728 787,085 224 797,932 3,183,753 - 59,482 28,030	903,037 3,981,685	-	Total £ 903,037 3,981,685
4	At market value  Shares and other variable yield securities  Debt securities and other fixed income securities	- level 2 - level 3 - level 1 - level 2 - level 3 - level 1 - level 2 - level 3	115,728 787,085 224 797,932 3,183,753 - 59,482 28,030 50,622	903,037 3,981,685	-	Total £ 903,037 3,981,685
4	At market value  Shares and other variable yield securities  Debt securities and other fixed income securities  Participation in investment pools	- level 2 - level 3 - level 1 - level 2 - level 3 - level 1 - level 2 - level 3	115,728 787,085 224 797,932 3,183,753 - 59,482 28,030 50,622 62	903,037 3,981,685	-	Total £ 903,037 3,981,685
4	At market value  Shares and other variable yield securities  Debt securities and other fixed income securities  Participation in investment pools	- level 2 - level 3 - level 1 - level 2 - level 3 - level 1 - level 2 - level 3 - level 1 - level 2	115,728 787,085 224 797,932 3,183,753 - 59,482 28,030 50,622 62 112	903,037 3,981,685 138,134	-	Total £ 903,037 3,981,685 138,134
4	At market value  Shares and other variable yield securities  Debt securities and other fixed income securities  Participation in investment pools  Loans guaranteed by mortgage	- level 2 - level 3 - level 1 - level 2 - level 3 - level 1 - level 2 - level 3 - level 1 - level 2 - level 3	115,728 787,085 224 797,932 3,183,753 - 59,482 28,030 50,622 62 112 7	903,037 3,981,685 138,134	-	Total £ 903,037 3,981,685 138,134
4	At market value  Shares and other variable yield securities  Debt securities and other fixed income securities  Participation in investment pools  Loans guaranteed by mortgage	- level 2 - level 3 - level 1 - level 2 - level 3 - level 1 - level 2 - level 3 - level 1 - level 2 - level 3 - level 1 - level 2 - level 3	115,728 787,085 224 797,932 3,183,753 - 59,482 28,030 50,622 62 112 7	903,037 3,981,685 138,134	-	Total £ 903,037 3,981,685 138,134

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

4	Investments: Financial investments (continued)			O. m. diamete	0	2015 Total
	At market value		£	Syndicate £	Corporate £	£
	Shares and other variable yield securities	- level 1 - level 2 - level 3	41,682 628,408 64,469	734,559	-	734,559
	Debt securities and other fixed income securities	- level 1 - level 2 - level 3	1,385,001 1,726,151 613,194	3,724,346	-	3,724,346
	Participation in investment pools	- level 1 - level 2 - level 3	13,117 14,638 46,939	74,694	-	74,694
	Loans guaranteed by mortgage	- level 1 - level 2 - level 3	187 44 38	269	_	269
	Other	- level 1 - level 2 - level 3	34,195 8,004 8,068	50,267	-	50,267
	Total			4,584,135		4,584,135

The corporate investments held include £Nil (2015: £Nil) at market value in respect of Lloyd's deposits that are held in accordance with the constraints detailed in note 24.

The Group uses the following hierarchy for determining and disclosing the fair value of financial investments by valuation technique:

Level 1: quoted (unadjusted) prices in active markets for identical assets

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Level 3: prices determined using a valuation technique

None of the above investments are valued at amortised cost.

	Syndicate	Corporate	2016 Total	2015 Total
At cost	£	£	£	£
	070 524		070 504	747 007
Shares and other variable yield securities	870,534	-	870,534	717,207
Debt securities and other fixed income securities	3,992,599	-	3,992,599	3,756,845
Participation in investment pools	124,338	-	124,338	62,746
Loans guaranteed by mortgage	185	-	185	275
Other	104,919	-	104,919	49,033
Total	5,092,575	_	5,092,575	4,586,106

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

### 14 Investments: Financial investments (continued)

The company element of financial investments at market value is £Nil (2015: £Nil). The company has the following unlisted investments:

Cost	Unlisted Investments £
At 1 January 2016 Additions	2,195,031
Other movements	(638,606)
At 31 December 2016	1,556,425
Impairment	
At 1 January 2016 Impairment losses	-
Disposals	- -
At 31 December 2016	
Net book value	•
At 31 December 2016	1,556,425
At 31 December 2015	2,195,031

The Unlisted Investments is a 100% subsidiary and represents the company's share in Fidentia 191 LLP. The subsidiary is an insurance underwriter through Lloyd's of London.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

### 15 Group debtors arising out of direct insurance and reinsurance operations

The following amounts are due after one year:	Syndicate £	Corporate £	2016 Total £	2015 Total £
Direct insurance operations	28,683	-	28,683	8,363
Reinsurance operations	1,882		1,882	2,345
Total	30,565		30,565	10,708

### 16 Group other debtors

·	Syndicate £	Corporate £	2016 Total £	2015 Total £
Deferred tax	1 005 050	•	1 225 252	1 051 065
Other	1,225,252	<u> </u>	1,225,252	1,251,065
Total	1,225,252	<u>.</u>	1,225,252	1,251,0

Corporate other debtors includes £Nil (2015: £Nil) due to the group after more than one year. Syndicate other debtors includes £241,483 (2015: £109,573) due to the group after more than one year. Company other debtors total £Nil (2015: £Nil)

### 17 Cash at bank

	Syndicate £	Corporate £	2016 Total £	2015 Total £
Lloyd's deposit	383,154	483,871	867,025	253,768
Cash at bank and in hand	355,031	655,663	1,010,694	709,417
Total	738,185	1,139,534	1,877,719	963,185

Any Lloyd's deposit is held in accordance with the constraints detailed in note 24. Company cash at bank totals £1,106,524 (2015: £6,547).

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

18	Group and company share capital			
10	Gloup and company share capital		2016	2015
			£	£
	Allotted, issued and fully paid 100 Ordinary shares of £1.00		100	100
19	Group statement of movements on reserves	Revaluation reserve £	Share premium account £	Profit and loss account £
	At 1 January 2016	-	-	(70,542)
	Premium on shares issued during the period	-	-	•
	Revaluation during the period	-	-	-
	Profit during the period	-	-	58,092
	Dividends	-	-	-
	At 31 December 2016	<u>.</u>	-	(12,450)
20	Taxation		2016 £	2015 £
	Analysis of charge in period		<b>.</b>	L
	Current tax			
	UK Corporation Tax on profits of the period		-	-
	Adjustments in respect of prior years		-	-
	Foreign tax		719	(1,625)
	Total current tax		719	(1,625)
	Analysis of charge in period  Deferred tax			
	Origination and reversal of timing differences		191,000	50,000
	Changes in tax rates		-	-
	Other items		-	-
	Total deferred tax		191,000	50,000
	Tax on profit on ordinary activities		191,719	48,375

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

Taxation (continued)		
· ,	2016	2015
	£	£
Factors affecting tax charge for the period The tax assessed for the period is different than the standard rate of Corporatio 20.00%. The differences are explained below:	n Tax in the UK of	
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	249,811	105,765
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation multiplied by the		
standard rate of Corporation Tax in the UK of 20.00%.	49,962	21,153
Effects of:		
(Income)/Expenses not (taxable)/deductible	(14,293)	(6,607
Timing differences arising from the taxation of the underwriting results	70,553	12,366
Timing differences arising from the taxation of syndicate		
participation movements	(28,152)	4,773
Utilisation of tax losses	(78,070)	(32,010
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of prior periods	-	-
Other adjustments	719	(1,300
Deferred tax movements	191,000	50,000
Total tax charge for the year	191,719	48,375

Factors that may affect future tax charges

The group has trading losses of £77,629 (2015: £567,356) available for carry forward against future trading profits.

	2016 £	2015 £			
Provision for deferred tax					
At 1 January	<b>184,000</b> 13				
Charge to the profit and loss account	191,000	50,000			
Released or utilised in the period	-	-			
At 31 December	375,000	184,000			

Full provision has been made for all timing differences apart from the recovery of taxation losses against future trading profits, which cannot be prudently anticipated at this time.

The deferred tax asset not provided for in respect of Corporation Tax losses, and deferred tax losses not yet assessable to Corporation Tax, amounted to £Nil (2015: £Nil).

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

1 Other creditors				2015
	Syndicate	icate Corporate	2016	
	£	£	£	£
Other creditors	480,721	813,445	1,294,166	1,145,834
Shareholders' loan account	-	653,130	653,130	669,639
Total	480,721	1,466,575	1,947,296	1,815,473

Company other creditors total £1,368,122 (2015: £1,336,915).

#### 22 Financial liabilities

All financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost except for:	2016		2015
		£	£
Amounts due to credit institutions	•	-	12,448

This liability has been disclosed at fair value using a valuation technique. The Group uses the following hierarchy for determining and disclosing the fair value of financial liabilities by valuation technique:

Level 1: quoted (unadjusted) prices in active markets for identical liabilities

Level 2: prices based on recent transactions in identical liabilities

Level 3: prices determined using a valuation technique

### 23 Reconciliation of profit before tax to net cash inflow from operating activities

	2016	2015
	£	£
Profit before tax	249,811	105,765
Finance income	(2,568)	(77)
Prior year result distributable in year	518,983	548,442
Loss on sale of syndicate participation rights	43	-
Decrease in creditors	(525,189)	(459,784)
Amortisation and impairment of syndicate participation rights	221,039	237,910
Net cash inflow from operating activities	462,119	432,256

Note that the current year technical profit of £347,352, which has not been distributed in the period, is included within the decrease in creditors line above.

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### 24 Funds at Lloyd's

Cash balances of £483,871 (2015: £Nil) detailed in note 17 and investments of £Nil (2015: £Nil) detailed in note 14 are held within the company's Lloyd's deposit. These balances exclude any amounts held via the syndicates.

The Lloyd's deposit represents funds deposited with the Corporation of Lloyd's (Lloyd's) to support the company's underwriting activities as described in the accounting policies. The company has entered into a legal agreement with Lloyd's which gives the Corporation the right to apply these funds in settlement of any claims arising from the company's participation on Lloyd's Syndicates. These funds can only be released from the provision of this deed with Lloyd's express permission and only in circumstances where the amounts are either replaced by an equivalent asset or after the expiration of the company's liabilities in respect of its underwriting.

In addition to these amounts, the shareholders of the group have also made available to Lloyd's assets amounting to approximately £Nil (2015: £Nil) that are also used by the group to support its Lloyd's underwriting. These funds are also available to Lloyd's to meet the personal underwriting liabilities of the shareholders for underwriting years prior to the commencement of trading by the group.

The group's Lloyd's underwriting is also supported by a guarantee of £1,866,260 (2015: £2,283,840) from Barclays Bank Plc.

### 25 Related party transactions

Transactions with the company and group:

During the period, a net loan repayment of £14,146 (2015: £100,000) was paid by the company to a shareholder. At the financial reporting date, £653,130 (2015: £667,276) is due to the shareholder.

During the period, a net loan repayment of £276,219 (2015: £26,496) was paid by the company to a director. At the financial reporting date, £393,420 (2015: £669,639) is due to the director.

During the period, the wife of a director loaned the company £321,572 (2015: £Nil). At the financial reporting date, £321,572 (2015: £Nil) is due to the wife of a director.

#### 26 Ultimate controlling party

The ultimate controlling party is Mrs C Henry.