Octopus AIF Management Limited

Annual report and financial statements

For the year ended 30 April 2019

Registered number: 08802172



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DIRECTORS' REPORT

For the year ended 30 April 2019

The directors present their annual report on the affairs of Octopus AIF Management Limited ("the Company"), a company regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA"), together with the audited financial statements and auditors report, for the year ended 30 April 2019.

Going concern

The Company has considerable financial resources together with long-term agreements with the funds it manages across different asset classes. Expenses are minimal in comparison to revenue largely as a result of staff costs being borne ultimately by Octopus Investments Limited, a fellow group company. As a consequence, the directors believe that the Company is well placed to manage its business risks successfully despite the current uncertain economic outlook.

The directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for at least twelve months from the date of signing of financial statements. Thus, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

Dividends

The Directors paid a dividend to its parent company, Octopus Capital Limited, of £12,000,060 during the year (2018: £5,300,027).

Reduced disclosure

The Company, as a qualifying entity, has taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions in FRS 102 paragraph 1.12. The notable area of disclosure which will be affected is related party disclosures, and the cash flow statement: these will be disclosed in the annual accounts of the Company's parent company, Octopus Capital Limited, but not the Company or other subsidiary companies, who will adopt the exemption to disclose in its own accounts.

Directors

The directors who served throughout the period were as follows:

A J Seabright

C R Hulatt

E Lederman

C Koppen

Director's indemnities

The Company has made qualifying third-party indemnity provisions for the benefit of its directors which were made during the year and remain in force at the date of this report.

Financial risk management objectives and policies

Details of Financial risk management objectives and policies can be found in the Strategic Report on page 6.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

For the year ended 30 April 2018

Auditor

Each of the persons who is a director at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and
- the director has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006.

Deloitte LLP have indicated their willingness to be reappointed for another term and a resolution to reappoint them will be proposed at the next Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

C R Hulatt

Director

21 August 2019

Registered Office:

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33 Holborn

London, EC1N 2HT

STRATEGIC REPORT

For the year ended 30 April 2019

Principal activities

The principal activity of the Company during the year was that of fund management.

Business review and key performance indicators

The results for the Company show a pre-tax profit of £24,418,215 (2018 restated profit: £17,551,364) for the period and turnover of £27,646,408 (2018 restated revenue: £19,293,172) for the year.

During the year the Company paid a dividend to its parent company, Octopus Capital Limited, of £12,000,060 (2018: £5,300,027). There were no significant events requiring disclosure in the financial statements after the balance sheet date.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The Management Committee identifies, assesses and manages risks associated with the Company's business objectives and strategy. Risks arise from external sources, those which are inherent commercial risks in the market place and business and from operational risks contained within the systems and processes employed within the business.

External Risks

External risks can arise from changes to the political, legal and regulatory environment. Octopus Capital Limited and its subsidiaries ("the Octopus Group") runs several products that provide tax benefits to investors and changes to the underlying legislation could make a product more or less appealing. The Management Committee and relevant investment teams ensure that they have a detailed understanding of current tax legislation and are aware of evolving HMRC rules.

The Company has considered the effect on the activities performed following the exit of the UK from the European Union. Although the outcome is unclear, the conclusion was that the current business model would be sustainable in the event of a Hard Brexit, and the Directors do not consider that there would be a material impact to the financial statements, as the majority of our products and investors are UK based.

Operational Risk

Operational risk arises from a weakness or failure in a business's systems and controls. Octopus relies on efficient and well-controlled processes. The potential impact and likelihood of processes failing, and operational risk materialising is assessed on a regular basis. Where these likelihoods are felt to be outside of the directors' appetite for risk, management actions and/or control improvements are identified in order to bring each potential risk back to within acceptable levels. Octopus also has a disaster recovery plan in place covering current business requirements.

Business Risk

The majority of the Company's revenues are derived from investment management fees which can vary depending upon the performance of the underlying funds. Octopus operates in the highly competitive financial services market. This encompasses issues such as the availability of assets for investment across the industry and reputational issues that affect the sector as a whole.

The reputation of the business is one of Octopus' most important assets since it operates in an industry where customer trust and confidence are key. There is a system of internal controls which seek to ensure that events which would damage the reputation of the business are prevented. Management is active in seeking knowledge on changes to the business environment which may have an impact on the way Octopus does business.

STRATEGIC REPORT (continued)

For the year ended 30 April 2019

Credit risk

The Company's principal financial assets are bank balances and cash, trade and other receivables, and investments. The credit risk is primarily attributable to its trade receivables. The amounts presented in the balance sheet are net of allowances for doubtful receivables. The credit risk on liquid funds and derivative financial instruments is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit-ratings assigned by credit agencies.

Liquidity risk

In order to maintain liquidity to ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments, the company uses a mixture of long-term and short-term bank deposits.

Regulatory Disclosures

Pillar III Disclosure

The Company has documented the Pillar III disclosures required by the FCA under BIPRU 11. These are available on the Octopus website or from the registered office.

Key Performance Indicator Return on Investments Disclosure

The Company has calculated its return on assets as required by the FCA under IFPRU 9.1.3. Its return on net assets is 98% for the year (2018: 114%)

Future developments

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The directors expect the current level of activity to be consistent with 2019 in the forthcoming year. This is as a result of the continuing success of the existing product range.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

C R Hulatt

Director

21 August 2019

Registered Office:

6th Floor

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DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

For the year ended 30 April 2019

The directors are responsible for preparing the annual 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), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

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

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF OCTOPUS AIF MANAGEMENT LIMITED

Report on the audit of the financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements of Octopus AIF Management Limited (the 'company'):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 April 2019 and of its profit for the year then ended:
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements which comprise:

- the Statement of Comprehensive Income;
- the Balance Sheet;
- · the Statement of Changes in Equity and
- the related notes 1 to 11.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report.

We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's (the 'FRC's') Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We are required by ISAs (UK) to report in respect of the following matters where:

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

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF OCTOPUS AIF MANAGEMENT LIMITED (continued).

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF OCTOPUS AIF MANAGEMENT LIMITED (continued).

Report on oher legal and regulatory requirements

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

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

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 any material misstatements in the strategic report or the directors' report.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report in respect of the following matters 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.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Stuart McLaren (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of Deloitte LLP

Statutory Auditor

London, United Kingdom

21st August 2019

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 30 April 2019

		2019	2018 Restated*
	Note	£	£
TURNOVER	1	27,646,408	19,293,172
Cost of sales	4	(3,228,048)	(1,729,393)
GROSS PROFIT		24,418,360	17,563,779
Administrative expenses		(145)	(12,415)
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION		24,418,215	17,551,364
Tax on profit	5	(4,572,913)	(3,334,759)
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		19,845,302	14,216,605

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

The notes on pages 15 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

^{*} Certain amounts shown here do not correspond to the 2018 financial statements and reflect adjustments made, refer to Note 1.2

BALANCE SHEET

As at 30 April 2019

		2019	2018 Restated*
	Note	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors – due within one year	6	16,486,160	7,843,883
Cash at bank		8,625,828	12,192,643
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	7	(4,847,611)	(7,617,391)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		20,264,377	12,419,135
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		20,264,377	12,419,135
NET ASSETS		20,264,377	12,419,135
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	8	2,000	2,000
Share premium		198,000	198,000
Profit and loss account		20,064,377	12,219,135
SHAREHOLDER'S FUNDS		20,264,377	12,419,135

The financial statements of Octopus AIF Management Limited (registered number: 08802172) were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 21 August 2019. They were signed on its behalf by:

C R Hulatt

Director

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the year ended 30 April 2019

	Called-up share capital	Share premium	Profit and loss account	Total
	£	£	£	£
At 30 April 2017	2,000	198,000	3,302,557	3,502,557
Dividends paid	-	-	(5,300,027)	(5,300,027)
Total profit for the financial year restated*	-	-	14,216,605	14,216,605
At 30 April 2018 restated*	2,000	198,000	12,219,135	12,419,135
Dividends paid	· <u>-</u>	-	(12,000,060)	(12,000,060)
Total profit for the financial year		•	19,845,302	19,845,302
At 30 April 2019	2,000	198,000	20,064,377	20,264,377

^{*} Certain amounts shown here do not correspond to the 2018 financial statements and reflect adjustments made, refer to Note 1.2

The notes on pages 15 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 30 April 2019

General information

Octopus AIF Management Limited is a company incorporated in the United Kingdom under the Companies Act. The Company is a private company limited by shares and is registered in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is given on page 2. The nature of the Company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the strategic report on page 6. The functional currency of Octopus AIF Management Limited is considered to be pounds sterling because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates. The financial statements are also presented in pounds sterling.

1.1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. They have all been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

Basis of accounting and preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost, and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

The company meets the definition of a qualifying entity under FRS 102 and has therefore taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available to it in respect of its separate financial statements. The Company is consolidated in the financial statements of its ultimate parent, Octopus Capital Limited, which may be obtained from the Company Secretary, Octopus Capital Limited, 6th floor 33 Holborn, London, EC1N 2HT. Exemptions have been taken in these Company financial statements in relation to the presentation of a cash flow statement, financial instruments and related party transactions with other group entities.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared using the going concern basis of accounting. See Directors' Report at page 4.

The directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for at least twelve months from the date of signing of these financial statements. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual financial statements.

Taxation

Current tax, including UK corporation tax and foreign tax, is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Full provision is made for deferred tax assets and liabilities arising from all timing differences between the recognition of gains and losses in the financial statements and recognition in the tax computation.

A net deferred tax asset is recognised only if it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are calculated at the tax rates expected to be effective at the time the timing differences are expected to reverse, based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

For the year ended 30 April 2019

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

Turnover

Turnover comprises revenue which is recognised to the extent that it is probable that economic benefits will flow to the Company and such revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue represents amounts receivable for services provided in the normal course of business, net of VAT, and includes management fees, initial fees and performance fees. Where payments are received from customers in advance of services provided, the amounts are recorded as deferred income and included as part of creditors due within one year.

Fees earned from the ongoing management of funds are recognised on an accruals basis to the extent that it is probable that there will be economic benefit and the income can be reliably measured.

Turnover is all generated by one segment, that of fund manager, and in the UK, hence no segmental or geographical analysis is required. An analysis of the Company's turnover is set out below:

	2019	2018 Restated	
	£	£	
Fund management	27,646,408	19,293,172	

Cost of sales

The company has cost of sales relating to delegated investment management services.

Administrative expenses

Expenses are accounted for on an accrual basis and charged through the profit and loss account.

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are classified and accounted for, according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the Company after deducting all of its liabilities.

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs) and classified as debt instruments in the Company's financial statements. These are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the Company's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

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.

No critical judgements were made by the directors in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies. There are no key sources of estimation uncertainty.

For the year ended 30 April 2019

1.2 Prior period restatement

During the current year audit, a material prior-period error has been identified that resulted in the recognition of revenues that do not relate to the company and which should have been recognised in Octopus Investments Limited, a fellow group subsidiary. The comparative information has been retrospectively restated to correct this error that resulted in a decrease of the "Turnover" line item for 2018 FY by £933,250 and an increase of the "Payables" line item by the same amount as of 30 April 2018. The related tax resulted in a decrease of £177,317.

2. Staff Costs

The Company has no employees other than the directors; the executive directors did not receive any remuneration for services provided to the company.

3. Audit Costs

The fee for the financial statement audit of the company is £7,600 (2018: £5,650). The auditor's remuneration, is borne by Octopus Investments Limited, a subsidiary of the parent company.

4. Cost of sales

	2019	2018
	£	£
Management fee payable	3,228,048	1,729,393
5. Tax on profit		
The tax charge comprises:		
	2019	2018
		Restated
	£	£
Tax on profit	4,572,913	3,334,759

Factors affecting tax charge for the year

Reductions in the UK corporation tax rate to 19% (effective from 1 April 2018) and to 18% (effective 1 April 2020) were substantively enacted on 26 October 2015. An additional reduction to 17% (effective from 1 April 2020) was announced in the Budget on 16 March 2016. This will reduce the Company's future current tax charge accordingly

	2019 £	2018 Restated £
Profit before tax	24,418,215	17,551,364
Tax on profit at UK corporation tax rate of 19%	4,639,461	3,334,759
Effects of:		
Adjustments from previous periods	(66,548)	
Current tax charge for the period	4,572,913	3,334,759
		

For the year ended 30 April 2019

6. Debtors

	2019	2018
	£	£
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	1,211,195	1,774,944
Prepayments and accrued income	6,995,007	6,068,939
Amounts owed from group companies	8,279,958	· -
	16,486,160	7,843,883
Debtors are interest free, unsecured and repayable on demand.		
7. Creditors		
7. Creditors	2019	2018 Restated
	£	£
Trade Creditors	385,467	565,273
Amounts owed to group companies	-	3,479,665
Accruals & deferred income	-	237,694
Corporation Tax	4,462,144	3,334,759
	4,847,611	7,617,391
Creditors are interest free, unsecured and repayable on demand.		
8. Called-Up Share Capital		
	2019	2018
	£	£
Allotted, called-up and unpaid		
200,001 Ordinary shares of 1p each	2,000	2,000

The Company did not issue any ordinary shares in the current year (2018: nil).

9. Related Party Transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in paragraph 33.1A of FRS 102 not to disclose transactions with wholly owned Group companies wherein any subsidiary undertaking which is a party to the transactions is wholly-owned by a member of the Group.

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10. Ultimate Parent Undertaking and Controlling Party

The immediate and ultimate parent company and ultimate controlling party is Octopus Capital Limited, a company incorporated in the United Kingdom and registered in England and Wales which is the smallest and largest level of consolidated accounts that are prepared. Copies of these accounts can be obtained from the registered office of Octopus Capital Limited: The Company Secretary, Octopus Capital Limited, 33 Holborn, London, EC1N 2HT.

11. Subsequent Events

Since 30 April 2019, other than those already listed, the directors are not aware of any matters or circumstances that have significantly affected or may significantly affect the Company.