Company Registration No. SC171550

### ARTEMIS STRATEGIC ASSET MANAGEMENT LIMITED

Report and Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2020

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# ARTEMIS STRATEGIC ASSET MANAGEMENT LIMITED OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

### **DIRECTORS**

M J Murray J E Dodd

### **REGISTERED OFFICE**

6<sup>th</sup> floor Exchange Plaza 50 Lothian Road Edinburgh EH3 9BY

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors Atria One 144 Morrison Street Edinburgh EH3 8EX

### STRATEGIC REPORT

The directors present their strategic report for Artemis Strategic Asset Management Limited for the year ended 31 December 2020.

### **SECTION 172(1) STATEMENT**

The Company's principal activity is to act as an intermediate holding company for the Artemis group. As it has no employees, the directors consider that the Company's principal stakeholder is its sole shareholder, Artemis Asset Management Limited.

The performance of the Company depends solely on dividends received from its subsidiary undertaking, Artemis Investment Management LLP.

More details on the approach taken by the Artemis group in relation to its corporate governance arrangements are set out in the annual report of Artemis Investment Management LLP (the main operating entity in the Artemis group) and do not form part of this report.

### **RESULTS OF THE BUSINESS**

The audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 are set out on pages 8 to 15. The profit for the financial year was £39,196,000 (2019: £47,330,000) and was transferred to reserves. The directors approve the results for the year.

Dividends of £40,954,000 were paid in the year (2019: £48,064,000). These dividends were funded by distributions received from the Company's subsidiary undertaking, Artemis Investment Management LLP. The reduction in dividend income is due to a decrease in profit generated by Artemis Investment Management LLP.

### PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

From the perspective of the Company, the principal risks and uncertainties are integrated with the principal risks of the Artemis group and are not managed separately. The Company's principal activity is to act as a holding company, receiving dividends from its subsidiary, Artemis Investment Management LLP (the main operating entity in the Artemis group). Therefore, the Company is not exposed to specific risks that differ from the Artemis group as a whole. The principal risks and uncertainties of the Artemis group, which include those of the Company, are set out in the annual report of Artemis Investment Management LLP and do not form part of this report.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board

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M J Murray Director

1 April 2021

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for Artemis Strategic Asset Management Limited for the year ended 31 December 2020.

### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Artemis Strategic Asset Management Limited is a private company limited by shares. It was incorporated, and is domiciled, in Scotland with registration number SC171550. As referred to in the strategic report, the Company is an intermediate holding company within the Artemis group and its future development is dependent on the level of distributions received from its subsidiary undertaking. There are no immediate changes envisaged in the operation of the group.

### **DIVIDENDS**

As stated previously, dividends of £40,954,000 were paid during the year (2019: £48,064,000). These dividends were funded by a share of profits received from the Company's subsidiary undertaking, Artemis Investment Management I.I.P.

### SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

A dividend of £10,010,000 was paid in January 2021. This was funded from a share of profits received from the Company's subsidiary undertaking, Artemis Investment Management LLP, in January 2021.

### **DIRECTORS**

The directors of the Company who served during the year ended 31 December 2020 are listed on page 1.

### STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

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

### **DIRECTORS' INSURANCE**

Directors' and Officers' liability insurance cover is held by the Company to cover directors against certain liabilities that may arise when conducting their duties.

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

### STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are responsible for preparing the strategic report, directors' report and 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 prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (FRS 102), and applicable law). Under company law, directors must not approve 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 financial statements, 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 comprising FRS 102 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.

### **ENERGY AND CARBON REPORTING**

The directors have considered the requirements of the Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting framework. As the principal activity of Artemis Strategic Asset Management Limited is to act as an intermediate holding company within the Artemis group it is not an energy user. Therefore, as its energy consumption is below the 40MWh threshold, it is not required to make detailed disclosures of energy and carbon information. Disclosure of Artemis' energy use, emissions and the actions taken to improve its energy efficiency during the year are set out in the Energy and Carbon Report within the annual report of Artemis Investment Management LLP (the main operating entity in the Artemis group).

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Pursuant to section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditors will be deemed to be re-appointed and PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP will therefore continue in office.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board

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M J Murray Director 1 April 2021

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS OF ARTEMIS STRATEGIC ASSET MANAGEMENT LIMITED

### Report on the audit of the financial statements

### Opinion

In our opinion, Artemis Strategic Asset Management Limited's financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2020 and of its profit and cash flows for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", and applicable law); and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements, included within the Report and Financial Statements (the "Annual Report"), which comprise: the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2020; the income statement, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended; and the notes to the financial statements, which include a description of the significant accounting policies.

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities under ISAs (UK) are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Independence

We remained independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, which includes the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

### Conclusions relating to going concern

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this conclusion is not a guarantee as to the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

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

### Reporting on other information

The other information comprises all of the information in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, any form of assurance 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 an apparent material

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inconsistency or material misstatement, we are required to perform procedures to conclude whether there is a material misstatement of 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 based on these responsibilities.

With respect to the Strategic report and Directors' Report, we also considered whether the disclosures required by the UK Companies Act 2006 have been included.

Based on our work undertaken in the course of the audit, the Companies Act 2006 requires us also to report certain opinions and matters as described below.

### Strategic Report and Directors' Report

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, the information given in the Strategic report and Directors' Report for the year ended 31 December 2020 is consistent with the financial statements and has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we did not identify any material misstatements in the Strategic report and Directors' Report.

### Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

### Responsibilities of the directors for the financial statements

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

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.

### Auditors' 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 auditors' 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Based on our understanding of the company and industry, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to breaches of the Companies Act 2006, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements, in particular those parts of the Companies Act 2006 which directly impact the financial statements. We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls) and determined that the principal risks were related to posting inappropriate journal entries. Audit procedures performed included:

 Enquiries with management, including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud;

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- Understanding management's internal controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities;
- Identifying and testing journal entries, meeting certain risk-based criteria, including unusual or unexpected
  account combinations and entries posted by unexpected users, where any such journal entries were
  identified:
- Designing audit procedures to incorporate unpredictability around the nature, timing or extent of our testing; and,
- Reviewing relevant meeting minutes, including those of the Management Committee and the Compliance,
   Risk & Internal Audit Committee.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

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 auditors' report.

### Use of this report

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the company's directors as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

### Other required reporting

### Companies Act 2006 exception reporting

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- we have not obtained all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns.

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

Gillian Alexander (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

Edinburgh

Gillian Alexander

1 April 2021

# INCOME STATEMENT For the year ended 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 £000	2019 £000
Distribution from group undertakings	3	48,372	58,432
Profit before taxation Tax on profit	4 5	48,372 (9,176)	58,432 (11,102)
Profit for the financial year		39,196	47,330

There have been no recognised gains and losses attributable to the shareholders other than the profit for the current and preceding financial year and, accordingly, no Statement of Comprehensive Income is shown.

The current and prior year results have been derived wholly from continuing operations.

The notes on pages 12 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As at 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 £000	2019 £000
Fixed assets			
Investments	7	60,772	60,772
Current assets			
Debtors	8	12,353	14,540
Cash at bank and in hand		1,568	2,067
		13,921	16,607
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	(4,602)	(5,530)
Net current assets		9,319	11,077
Total assets less current liabilities		70,091	71,849
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	10	129	129
Share premium account		52,298	52,298
Capital redemption reserve		890	890
Profit and loss account		16,774	18,532
Total shareholder's funds	•	70,091	71,849

The notes on pages 12 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements. These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 1 April 2021.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

M J Murray Director

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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY For the year ended 31 December 2020

	Share capital £000	Share premium account £000	Capital redemption reserve £000	Profit and loss account £000	Total £000
Balance at 1 January 2019	129	52,298	890	19,266	72,583
Profit for the financial year				47,330	47,330
Total comprehensive income for the year		-		47,330	47,330
Dividends				(48,064)	(48,064)
Balance at 31 December 2019	129	52,298	890	18,532	71,849
Profit for the financial year				39,196	39,196
Total comprehensive income for the year				39,196	39,196
Dividends				(40,954)	(40,954)
Balance at 31 December 2020	129	52,298	890	16,774	70,091

Included in the income statement is £nil (2019: £nil) of profits which are not available for distribution as they are unrealised.

The notes on pages 12 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS For the year ended 31 December 2020

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Cash flows from operating activities Taxation	(10,104)	(11,779)
Net cash used in operating activities	(10,104)_	(11,779)
Cash flows from investing activities Income from group undertaking	50,559_	59,337
Net cash generated from investing activities	50,559	59,337
Cash flows from financing activities Dividends paid	(40,954)	(48,064)
Net cash used in financing activities	(40,954)	(48,064)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents  Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	(499) 2,067	(506) 2,573
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	1,568	2,067

The notes on pages 12 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year ended 31 December 2020

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

### General information and basis of accounting

Artemis Strategic Asset Management Limited is a company domiciled in Scotland and incorporated under the Companies Act, registration number SC171550. The address of the registered office is given on page 1. The nature of the Company's operations and its principal activities are set out on page 2.

These financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention (modified to include certain items at fair value), and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) and with the Companies Act 2006.

These financial statements present information about the Company as an individual undertaking and not about its group. The Company is exempt by virtue of Section 401 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to prepare group financial statements as it and its subsidiary undertaking are included by full consolidation in the consolidated financial statements of its ultimate parent, Affiliated Managers Group, Inc.

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

### Going concern

The directors have assessed the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, which included consideration of the impact of COVID-19 on the Company, and have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Company therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

### **Taxation**

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

### Investments

Investments in subsidiaries are stated at cost less accumulated impairment. At each balance sheet date an assessment is undertaken to determine if there is any indication of impairment of subsidiaries. If there is an indication of impairment, an estimate of the recoverable amount is made. Any impairment is taken to the income statement.

Revenue is generated from the Company's investment in Artemis Investment Management LLP. This is recognised on a monthly basis as income through the income statement.

### **Dividends**

Dividend receivables and liabilities are only recognised when the dividends have been declared and approved.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year ended 31 December 2020

### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND ESTIMATES

In the application of the Company's accounting policies, which are described in note 1, 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. As 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.

The directors consider that there are no accounting estimates that have been made or sources of uncertainty in the current year that would have a material effect on these financial statements.

### 3. DISTRIBUTION FROM GROUP UNDERTAKINGS

During the year the Company received distributions of £48,372,000 (2019: £58,432,000) from Artemis Investment Management LLP.

At the year end, the Company had a receivable amount due from Artemis Investment Management LLP of £12,353,000 (2019: £14,540,000) in relation to a contractually agreed allocation of income.

### 4. PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

The audit fee for the Company of £4,630 (2019: £4,495) was borne by Artemis Investment Management LLP. No fees were paid to the auditors in respect of non-audit services for the current or prior year.

No directors received remuneration for services to the Company in the current or prior year directly from the Company. The directors were also members of Artemis Investment Management LLP during the year.

There were no employees during the current year or prior year. All service contracts are with Artemis Investment Management LLP.

### 5. TAX ON PROFIT

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Current tax:		
UK corporation tax on profit for the year	9,176	11,102
Tax on profit	9,176	11,102

The tax assessed for the year is equal to (2019: equal to) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK.

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Reconciliation of tax charge Profit before taxation	48,372	58,432
Tax charge on profit at 19% (2019: 19%) Tax charge on profit recognised in different period	9,191 (15)	11,102
Tax charge for the year	9,176	11,102

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year ended 31 December 2020

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6.	ORDINARY DIVIDENDS PAID		
		2020 £000	2019 £000
	Dividends on ordinary shares	40,954	48,064
	Dividends of £267.47, £236.72, £211.83 and £214.75 per share we October 2020 respectively (2019: £281.17, £266.06, £271.72 and £2 April, July and October respectively).		
7.	INVESTMENTS		
		2020 £000	2019 £000
	Investment in subsidiary undertaking	60,772	60,772
8.	The investment represents the capital contribution by the Company to This entitles the Company to a proportion of the income generated by The directors consider the value of the investment to be supported by t  DEBTORS	Artemis Investment Mana that entity's underlying as	agement LLP. sets.
		2020 £000	2019 £000
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	12,353	14,540
	Amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured, interest free, har repayable on demand.	ave no fixed date of repar	yment and are
9.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	R	
		2020 £000	2019 £000
	Corporation tax	4,602	5,530

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year ended 31 December 2020

#### 10. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	2020	2019
Authorised	£000	£000
45,587 Ordinary shares of £1 each	46	46
85,000 0% redeemable preference shares of £1 each	85	85
1,315,000 7% redeemable preference shares of £1 each	1,315	1,315
	1,446	1,446
Allotted and fully paid		
44,500 ordinary shares of £1 each	44	44
85,000 0% redeemable preference shares of £1 each	85	85
	129	129

The 0% redeemable preference shares do not carry any right to receive a dividend. The 7% redeemable preference shares carry a right to receive a fixed non-cumulative preferential dividend of 7% per annum. Both classes of redeemable preference shares are redeemable by the Company at par at any time. Neither class of redeemable preference shares has any entitlement to vote at general meetings of the Company.

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

### 11. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING

The Company's immediate parent undertaking is Artemis Asset Management Limited, which is incorporated and registered in Scotland. A copy of that Company's financial statements is available from the Head of Secretariat, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Exchange Plaza, 50 Lothian Road, Edinburgh EH3 9BY.

The Company's ultimate parent undertaking which presents group financial statements in which the Company is included is Affiliated Managers Group, Inc., a company incorporated in the USA. These group financial statements are available from Affiliated Managers Group, Inc., 777 South Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach, Florida 33401, USA.

### 12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company paid dividends of £40,954,000 (2019: £48,064,000) to its parent company, Artemis Asset Management Limited (see note 6).

The Company received income of £48,372,000 (2019: £58,432,000) from its subsidiary undertaking, Artemis Investment Management LLP. At the year end, the Company had a net balance due from Artemis Investment Management LLP of £12,353,000 (2019: £14,540,000) (see note 8).

### 13. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

A dividend of £10,010,000 was paid in January 2021. This was funded from a share of profits received from the Company's subsidiary undertaking, Artemis Investment Management LLP, in January 2021.