

# St Andrew's Group Limited

## Annual Report and Accounts **2020**

Member of Lloyds Banking Group

<b>CONTENTS</b>	<b>PAGE(S)</b>
Company Information	3
Strategic Report	4 - 8
Directors' Report	9 - 10
Independent Auditors' Report to the Member of St Andrew's Group Limited	11 - 13
Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 31 December 2020	14
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2020	15
Statements of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 December 2020	16
Statements of Changes in Equity for the year ended 31 December 2020	17
Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020	18 - 34

---

**COMPANY INFORMATION**

**Board of Directors**

S C Quinn (Chair)

C J Thornton\*

M K Staples\*

J M Phythian\*

\* denotes Executive Director

**Company Secretary**

N C Gracey

**Independent Auditors**

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors  
2 Glass Wharf  
Bristol  
BS2 0FR  
United Kingdom

**Registered Office**

33 Old Broad Street  
London  
EC2N 1HZ

**Company Registration Number**

03011193

## STRATEGIC REPORT

The Directors present their strategic report on St Andrew's Group Limited (the 'Company') for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The Company forms part of the General Insurance business unit within the Insurance and Wealth Division of Lloyds Banking Group, focusing on providing insurance to meet our customers' needs.

Our strategy to help our customers is by:

- Delivering a leading customer experience
- Digitising Lloyds Banking Group and its subsidiaries (the 'Group')
- Maximising the Group's capabilities
- Transforming ways of working

The Company is focused on ensuring policyholder obligations are met, while at the same time ensuring the Company is managed to maximise capital efficiency and returns for its shareholder and Lloyds Banking Group Insurance.

To support this, the Company is focused on the result, including dividends, as the key performance indicator of the Company.

### Principal activities

The principal activities of the Company are to receive creditor policy premium renewals and settle customer payments on behalf of other Group companies.

### Result for the year

The result for the year ended 31 December 2020 is a profit after tax of £2,396,000 (2019: £1,185,000 loss).

The profit for the year was driven by the recovery of impairments recognised in 2019 (£954,000) and in 2017 (£1,431,000) from St Andrews Insurance plc (STAI). The provisions were in respect of premiums receivable from external parties where premiums have been paid on to the underwriter STAI where there is no likelihood of recoverability. The company undertakes premium collection and premium refund activity on behalf of STAI and does not retain the risk or rewards of this activity and any impairment in this respect is recovered from STAI.

Before one-off charges, the profit before tax was £11,000 (2019 : £5,000) which has increased due to higher interest income. The total net assets of the Company at 31 December 2020 are £4.8 million (2019: £2.4 million).

No dividends were paid during the year in respect of 2020 (2019: £nil).

### The United Kingdom leaving the European Union

The United Kingdom (UK) / European Union (EU) Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA) means a disorderly Brexit has been avoided. While the TCA contains limited, high-level provisions on financial services, further detail is expected to emerge during this year, and the Company will continue to monitor developments closely. Activity to respond to potential risks include customer communications, market volatility scenario exercises, contingency planning and monitoring of emerging European Economic Area (EEA) regulatory requirements.

### Covid-19

Our business has primarily a UK focus and the outbreak of Covid-19, in line with its global impact, is expected to continue to adversely impact the UK economy as well as causing volatility in global financial markets. As the situation continues to evolve, so does our assessment of the risks and the degree to which they might crystallise. The Company's resilience to such events is regularly reviewed through stress and scenario testing; plans to continue to operate critical business processes are in place and are being reviewed in light of the Covid-19 outbreak.

### Climate Change

As a subsidiary of Lloyds Banking Group, the Company is aligned with Lloyds Banking Group's approach to supporting the successful transition to a more sustainable, low carbon economy. Further details of this can be found in the Lloyds Banking Group Annual Report and Accounts via [www.lloydsbankinggroup.com](http://www.lloydsbankinggroup.com)

**STRATEGIC REPORT (continued)****Key performance indicators***Liquidity*

The Company regularly monitors its liquidity position to ensure that, even under stressed conditions, the Company has sufficient liquidity to meet its obligations and remain within the approved risk appetite as set out in note 18.

*Other sources where KPIs are presented*

The Company also forms part of Lloyds Banking Group's Insurance and Wealth Division. The development, performance and position of the Insurance and Wealth Division are presented within Lloyds Banking Group's Annual Report, which does not form part of this report.

The Directors consider that the above key performance indicator is appropriate to the principal activity of the Company. This, together with other metrics which cover customer, operational measures and capital, are included in the balanced scorecard which is used to measure all aspects of the performance of the business. In addition, the Directors are of the opinion that the information presented in the financial statements as a whole, provide the management information necessary for the Directors to understand the development, performance and position of the business of the Company.

Along with fellow direct and indirect subsidiaries of the ultimate Insurance parent undertaking, the Company is included in the calculation of the Scottish Widows Group Solvency II capital surplus.

**Outlook**

The Directors consider that the Company's principal activities will continue to be unchanged for the foreseeable future.

**Principal risks and uncertainties**

The management of the business and the execution of the Company's strategy is subject to a number of risks. The financial risk management objectives and policies of the Company and the exposure to market, credit, conduct and operational risks are set out in note 18.

*Other legal actions and regulatory matters*

During the ordinary course of business the Company is subject to complaints and threatened or actual legal proceedings (including class or group action claims) brought by or on behalf of current or former employees, customers or other third parties, as well as legal and regulatory reviews, challenges, investigations and enforcement actions, both in the UK and overseas.

All such material matters are periodically reassessed, with the assistance of external professional advisors where appropriate, to determine the likelihood of the Company incurring a liability. In those instances where it is concluded that it is more likely than not that a payment will be made, a provision is established to management's best estimate of the amount required at the relevant Balance Sheet date.

In some cases it will not be possible to form a view, for example because the facts are unclear or because further time is needed to properly assess the situation, and no provisions are held in relation to such matters. However, the Company does not currently expect the final outcome of any such case to have a material adverse effect on its financial position, operations or cash flows.

**STRATEGIC REPORT (continued)****Section 172(1) Statement**

The Board is collectively responsible for the long-term success of the Company. Understanding the interests of key stakeholders (this includes customers, shareholders, communities and environment, and suppliers), is central to the Company's strategy, crucial to the Company's success, and informs key aspects of Board decision-making as set out in this Statement.

Stakeholder engagement is embedded in all aspects of the Board's decision-making and can be seen in the range of tailored activities across key stakeholder groups. It is also embedded in the Board's delegation of the management of the Company's business to management, with examples of related actions taken included within the Report.

Management provide the Board with details of material stakeholder interaction and feedback, through regular business updates. Stakeholder interests are also identified by management in the wider proposals put to the Board.

During 2020, interaction with stakeholders was adapted in response to the government's provisions on Covid-19 and has been undertaken virtually as necessary.

This section (pages 6 to 8) acts as our Section 172(1) Statement, however given the importance of stakeholder interests, these are discussed where relevant throughout the Report.

In accordance with the Companies Act 2006 (the 'Act') (as amended by the Companies (Miscellaneous Reporting) Regulations 2018), the Directors provide this Statement describing the ways in which they have had regard to the matters set out in section 172(1) of the Act, when performing their duty to promote the success of the Company under section 172. Further details on key actions in this regard are also contained within the Directors' Report on pages 9 to 10.

In accordance with the Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (as amended by the Companies (Miscellaneous Reporting) Regulations 2018), this Statement also provides examples of how the Directors have engaged with and had regard to the interests of key stakeholders. The Company is a subsidiary of Lloyds Banking Group, and as such follows many of the processes and practices of Lloyds Banking Group, which are further referred to in this statement where relevant.

**Customers**

The Board's understanding of customer's needs is vital in setting and achieving the Company's goals. Customer needs and a customer centric approach remain therefore a key consideration in Board decisions.

**Covid-19 Response**

The Company's response to the Covid-19 pandemic has been a central focus for the Board since the start of the outbreak. The Board has sought to take all possible steps to support customers through these challenging times. Board reporting from management included enhanced monitoring of customer service performance, emerging market and economic impacts, which informed the Company's approach in response to the crisis. Covid-19 Risk Surgeries were established in March 2020 to rapidly assess proposals for customer and business process change.

**Customer Trust**

Customer trust is always a priority for the Board. The Board ensures that the Company as part of Lloyds Banking Group works toward achieving its customer ambitions, to treat all customers fairly, and makes it easy for customers to find, understand and access products that are right for them. Regular reporting from management allows the Board to monitor performance. Every opportunity is taken by the Board to consider customer feedback and related management information, including as part of the Directors' strategic decision-making process. A key priority for the Board in its early response to the Covid-19 crisis was the oversight of management actions taken to protect critical customer processes and stabilise the Company's operations.

**Delivering Value for Customers**

The Board routinely reviews the performance of its customer propositions at its meetings. During 2020 the Board reviewed the effectiveness of the various channels open to customers to do business with the Company, alongside the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic on the UK economy and how the Company's propositions might adapt to support customers as a result. Technology Transformation

The Board has taken steps to make sure the Company continues to build on its responses to customer demand for technology. Whilst Digital transformation has remained a key focus in improving the customer experience, the Board acknowledges that many customers still value being able to get in touch with customer service staff over the phone, via letter or through email. The importance of the Company continuing to offer and improve these services in parallel is recognised by the Board.

**STRATEGIC REPORT (continued)****Section 172(1) Statement (continued)****Helping Britain Recover and Society of the Future**

The Board ensures it continues to participate and play an appropriate role in all Lloyds Banking Group related initiatives. The needs of customers as the Covid-19 pandemic abates has been a focus of Lloyds Banking Group and underpins the development of its Helping Britain Recover Plan, building on its Helping Britain Prosper ambitions. The development of Lloyds Banking Group's Society of the Future initiative aims to make sure its purpose remains aligned to a changing society and including the changing expectations of all its customers. Further information on these initiatives can be found in the Strategic Report within the Lloyds Banking Group Annual Report and Accounts for 2020, available on the Lloyds Banking Group website.

**Shareholders**

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Lloyds Banking Group, forming part of its Insurance and Wealth Division. As a wholly owned subsidiary the Board ensures that the strategy, priorities, processes and practices of the Company are aligned where appropriate to those of Lloyds Banking Group, ensuring that its interests as the Company's shareholder are duly acknowledged. Further information in respect of the relationship of Lloyds Banking Group with its shareholders is included within the Strategic Report within the Lloyds Banking Group Annual Report and Accounts for 2020, available on the Lloyds Banking Group website.

**Communities and the Environment**

The Company is part of Lloyds Banking Group, one of the largest financial services providers in the UK whose goals are to be a trusted, sustainable, and responsible business.

The Responsible Business Committee of the Board of Lloyds Banking Group is responsible for overseeing its performance, including that of the Company, as a Responsible Business, and has given much focus to overseeing the development of the Lloyds Banking Group's Helping Britain Recover Plan. This plan continues its strategy of Helping Britain Prosper ambitions, designed to play a part in the UK's recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic. The views of stakeholders have also informed the Responsible Business Committee's role in the development of Lloyds Banking Group's Society of the Future ambitions, which aim to fully integrate its societal objectives, with its business objectives, and will be key in the next phase of its strategy, including that of the Company's strategy where appropriate.

**Environmental Ambitions**

The Company's strategy in relation to Environmental Ambitions is covered in the Climate Change section commencing on page 4 of this report.

**Suppliers**

As part of Lloyds Banking Group, the Company relies on a number of partners for important aspects of its operations and customer service provision. As well as external partners, the Company relies on intra-group supplier arrangements for certain services. The Board recognises the importance of its role in overseeing these relationships which are integral to the Company's future success.

**Supplier Experience**

Recognising the role of suppliers in the Company's day to day operations, and its future ambitions, the Board undertakes regular reviews of its key suppliers, this includes asset managers and its outsourced service providers, and takes into consideration supplier feedback on the Company's processes for potential improvement.

**Supplier Framework**

Importance is placed on having the right supplier framework to operate responsibly. Lloyds Banking Group's Sourcing and Supply Chain Management Policy applies to all its businesses, divisions, and subsidiaries, including the Company, with the Directors assuming ultimate responsibility for its application as relevant to the Company. This ensures the most significant supplier contracts receive the approval of the Board, including those which are key in progressing strategic priorities. The framework also ensures appropriate management oversight of supplier spending not considered by the Board, allowing challenge to be made where appropriate, and minimising risks and unnecessary cost.

Suppliers are required to adhere to relevant Lloyds Banking Group policies and comply with its Code of Supplier Responsibility which can be found on the Lloyds Banking Group website. This defines expectations for responsible business behaviour, underpinning the efforts of the Company and Lloyds Banking Group to share and extend good practice. All material contracts are subject to rigorous cost management governance with regular review of key supplier risks.

**STRATEGIC REPORT (continued)****Section 172(1) Statement (continued)***Modern Slavery*

The Responsible Business Committee of the Board of Lloyds Banking Group as part of its oversight of its performance, including that of the Company, as a Responsible Business, governs Lloyds Banking Group's approach to human rights.

On a day to day basis, management of and engagement on modern slavery and human rights is guided by a cross-divisional working group led by the Responsible Business team, which meets regularly to assess the embedding of human rights within Lloyds Banking Group's operations.

Lloyds Banking Group continues to have a zero-tolerance attitude towards modern slavery in its supply chains.

Lloyds Banking Group's Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement and Human Rights Policy Statement are published on its website and cover all its subsidiary companies.

On behalf of the Board of Directors



S C Quinn  
Director  
1 July 2021



**DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The Directors present the audited financial statements of the Company. The Company is a limited liability company, domiciled and incorporated in the United Kingdom.

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Lloyds Bank General Insurance Holdings Limited. The Company's ultimate parent company and ultimate controlling party is Lloyds Banking Group.

**Results and dividends**

The result for the year ended 31 December 2020 is a profit after tax of £2,396,000 (2019: £1,185,000 loss) as set out in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on page 14.

The profit for the year was driven by the one-off recharge of impairments recognised in 2019 (£954,000) and in 2017 (£1,431,000) to St Andrews Insurance plc (STAI). The company undertakes premium collection and premium refund activity on behalf of STAI and does not retain the risk or rewards of this activity and any impairment in this respect is recharged to STAI.

Before one-off charges, the profit before tax was £11,000 (2019 : £5,000) which has increased due to higher interest income. The total net assets of the Company at 31 December 2020 are £4.8 million (2019: £2.4 million).

No Dividends were paid during the year in respect of 2020 (2019: £nil). The Directors do not recommend any dividends in respect of 2020.

**Directors**

The names of the current Directors of the Company are listed on page 3. Changes in Directorships during the year and since the end of the year are as follows:

J M Phythian (appointed 27 November 2020)

**Directors' indemnities**

Lloyds Banking Group plc has granted to the Directors of the Company a deed of indemnity through deed poll which constituted 'qualifying third party indemnity provisions' for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006. The deed was in force during the whole of the financial year and at the date of approval of the financial statements or from the date of appointment in respect of the Director who joined the board of the Company during the financial year. The indemnity remains in force for the duration of a Director's period of office. The deed indemnifies the Directors to the maximum extent permitted by law.

The deed for existing Directors is available for inspection at the registered office of Lloyds Banking Group plc. In addition, Lloyds Banking Group plc has in place appropriate Directors and Officers Liability Insurance cover which was in place throughout the financial year.

**Disclosure of information to auditors**

Each person 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 auditors are unaware and each Director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a Director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information. This confirmation is given, and should be interpreted in accordance with, the provisions of the Companies Act 2006.

**Future developments**

Future developments are detailed within the Strategic Report and also in note 21.

**Going concern**

The going concern of the Company is dependent on successfully maintaining adequate levels of capital and liquidity. In order to satisfy themselves that the Company has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future, the Directors have considered a number of key dependencies which are set out in the risk management section (note 18). Having consulted on these, the Directors conclude that it is appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the accounts.

**Financial risk management**

Disclosures relating to financial risk management are included in note 18 to the financial statements and are therefore incorporated into this report by reference.

**DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)****Independent auditors**

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP are deemed to be re-appointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006 for the current year. Deloitte LLP are due to be appointed as auditors for the year ending 31 December 2021.

**Statement of Directors' responsibilities**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and Accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulation.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Directors have prepared the Company financial statements in accordance with International Accounting Standards in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. Under Company law the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- state whether applicable International Accounting Standards in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 have been followed for the Company financial statements subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- 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 also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The directors 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.

Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Each of the Directors whose names are listed on page 3 confirms that, to the best of their knowledge:

- the Company financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standards in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and financial performance of the Company
- the Strategic Report on pages 4 to 8, and the Directors' Report on pages 9 and 10 include a fair review of the development and performance of the business and the position of the Company, together with a description of the principal risks and uncertainties that it faces

On behalf of the Board of Directors



S C Quinn  
Director  
1 July 2021

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBER OF ST ANDREW'S GROUP LIMITED****REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****Opinion**

In our opinion, St Andrew's Group 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 international accounting standards in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements, included within the Annual Report and Accounts (the "Annual Report"), which comprise: balance sheet as at 31 December 2020; statement of comprehensive income, statement of cash flows and the statement of changes in equity 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 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.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBER OF ST ANDREW'S GROUP LIMITED (continued)**

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 failure to comply with UK tax regulations, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the financial statements such as the Companies Act 2006. 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 to manipulate financial performance. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Discussions with management and those charged with governance, including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;
- Reviewing relevant meeting minutes of the Board; and
- Identifying and testing journal entries, in particular any journal entries posted with unusual account combinations.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBER OF ST ANDREW'S GROUP LIMITED (continued)**

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](http://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 member 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.



Sundash Jassi (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors  
Bristol  
1 July 2021

## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020 £000	2019 £000
Administration fee income	3	-	16
Administrative expenses	4	(11)	(12)
Reversal of impairment/(impairment)	5	2,385	(1,190)
<b>Operating income/(expenses) before financing income</b>		2,374	(1,186)
Investment Income	6	20	-
Net gains on assets at fair value through profit or loss	7	2	3
Foreign exchange loss	8	-	(2)
<b>Net finance income</b>		22	1
<b>Profit/(Loss)/ before tax</b>		2,396	(1,185)
Taxation	9	-	-
<b>Profit/(Loss)/ for the year</b>		2,396	(1,185)

There are no items of comprehensive income which have not already been presented in arriving at the profit for the year. Accordingly, the profit for the year is the same as total comprehensive income/(expense) for the year.

The notes on pages 18 to 34 are an integral part of these financial statements.

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Note	2020 £000	2019 £000
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Deferred tax assets	10	15	16
Financial assets:			
Investments at fair value through profit or loss	11	268	266
Loans and receivables at amortised cost	12	904	5,632
Current tax recoverable	13	1	3
Cash and cash equivalents	14	7,938	8,759
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>9,126</b>	<b>14,676</b>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Capital and reserves attributable to the Company's equity shareholders</b>			
Share capital	15	1,000	1,000
Retained profits		3,766	1,370
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>4,766</b>	<b>2,370</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Other financial liabilities	16	4,360	12,306
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>4,360</b>	<b>12,306</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>		<b>9,126</b>	<b>14,676</b>

The notes set out on pages 18 to 34 are an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 14 to 34 were approved by the Board of Directors on 1 July 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



S C Quinn  
Director  
1 July 2021

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020 £000	2019 £000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Profit/(Loss) before tax		2,396	(1,185)
Adjusted for:			
Investment income and unrealised fair value movements	6,7	(22)	(3)
Net (increase)/decrease in operating assets and liabilities	17	(3,218)	781
Taxation received/(paid)		3	(44)
<b>Net cash flows used in operating activities</b>		<b>(841)</b>	<b>(451)</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net cash flows generated from investing activities</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>(821)</b>	<b>(451)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		8,759	9,210
<b>Net cash and cash equivalents at end of the year</b>	14	<b>7,938</b>	<b>8,759</b>

The notes set out on pages 18 to 34 are an integral part of these financial statements.



## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Share capital £000	Retained profits £000	Total equity £000
<b>Balance at 1 January 2019</b>	1,000	2,555	3,555
Loss and total comprehensive expenses for the year	-	(1,185)	(1,185)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2019</b>	1,000	1,370	2,370
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	-	2,396	2,396
<b>Balance at 31 December 2020</b>	1,000	3,766	4,766

The notes on pages 18 to 34 are an integral part of these financial statements.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020****1 Accounting policies**

The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements, which have been consistently applied to all periods presented in these financial statements unless stated otherwise, are set out below.

**(a) Basis of preparation**

The financial statements of the Company have been prepared:

- (1)** in accordance with the International Accounting Standards (IASs) and in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (IFRS)
- (2)** under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, as set out in the relevant accounting policies.

The Directors are satisfied that the Company has adequate resources to continue in business for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the financial statements of the Company have been prepared on a going concern basis.

In accordance with IAS 1 'Presentation of Financial Statements', assets and liabilities in the Balance Sheet are presented in accordance with management's estimated order of liquidity. Analysis of the assets and liabilities of the Company into amounts expected to be received or settled within 12 months after the reporting date (current) and more than 12 months after the reporting date (non-current) is presented in the notes.

The Company forms part of Lloyds Banking Group, which prepares a group set of consolidated financial statements under IFRS.

**Standards and interpretations effective in 2020**

The Company has not adopted any new standards, amendments to standards or interpretations of published standards which became effective for financial years beginning on or after 1 January 2020 which have had a material impact on the Company.

**(b) Financial assets and financial liabilities**

Management determines the classification of its financial assets and financial liabilities at initial recognition. Management's policies for the recognition of specific financial assets and financial liabilities, as identified on the Balance Sheet, are set out under the relevant accounting policies.

On initial recognition, financial assets are classified as measured at amortised cost or fair value through profit or loss, depending on the Company's business model for managing the financial assets and whether the cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest. The Company assesses its business models at a portfolio level based on its objectives for the relevant portfolio, how the performance of the portfolio is managed and reported, and the frequency of asset sales. Financial assets with embedded derivatives are considered in their entirety when considering their cash flow characteristics. The Company reclassifies financial assets when and only when its business model for managing those assets changes. A reclassification will only take place when the change is significant to the Company's operations and will occur at a portfolio level and not for individual instruments; reclassifications are expected to be rare.

The Company initially recognises loans and receivables when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets are derecognised when the contractual right to receive cash flows from those assets has expired or when the Company has transferred its contractual right to receive the cash flows from the assets and either: substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred; or the Company has neither retained nor transferred substantially all of the risks and rewards, but has transferred control.

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the obligation is discharged, cancelled or expires.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

**1 Accounting policies (continued)****(b) Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)**

Transaction costs incidental to the acquisition of a financial asset are expensed through the Statement of Comprehensive Income, within net gains and losses on assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the balance sheet only when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts, both in the normal course of business and in the event of default, and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

**(c) Fair value methodology**

All assets and liabilities carried at fair value, or for which a fair value measurement is disclosed are categorised into a 'fair value hierarchy' as follows:

**(i) Level 1**

Valued using quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities to those being valued. An active market is one in which arm's length transactions in the instrument occur with both sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis. Examples include listed equities, listed debt securities, Open Ended Investment Companies (OEICs) and unit trusts traded in active markets and exchange traded derivatives such as futures.

**(ii) Level 2**

Valued using inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices). If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, a Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability. Level 2 inputs include the following:

- Quoted prices for similar (but not identical) instruments in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active, where prices are not current, or price quotations vary substantially either over time or among market makers;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the instrument (for example, interest rates and yield curves observable at commonly quoted intervals and default rates); and
- Inputs that are derived principally from, or corroborated by, observable market data by correlation or other means.

Examples of these are securities measured using discounted cash flow models based on market observable swap yields such as Over the Counter interest swaps, listed debt and restricted equity securities.

**(iii) Level 3**

Valuations are based on mathematical models, market prices/data (where available) and subjective assumptions, including unobservable inputs. Unobservable inputs may have been used to measure fair value where observable inputs are not available. This approach allows for situations in which there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability at the measurement date (or market information for the inputs to any valuation models). Unobservable inputs reflect the assumptions the Company considers that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, for example private equity investments held by company. Where estimates are used, these are based on a combination of independent third-party evidence and internally developed models, calibrated to market observable data where possible.

Further analysis of the Company's instruments held at fair value is set out in note 11. The Company's management, through a fair value pricing committee, review information on the fair value of the Company's financial assets and the sensitivities to these values on a regular basis.

Transfers between different levels of the fair value hierarchy are deemed to have occurred at the next reporting date after the change in circumstances that caused the transfer.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

**1 Accounting policies (continued)****(d) Revenue recognition****Administration fee income**

Administration fee income comprises administration fees receivable in respect of services provided to a third party company. All fees are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on an accruals basis.

**Investment Income**

Interest income for all interest-bearing financial instruments is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as it accrues, within investment income.

**Net gains and losses on assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss**

Net gains and losses on assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss includes both realised and unrealised gains and losses. Movements are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income in the period in which they arise.

**(e) Expense recognition****Administrative expenses**

Administrative expenses are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income as incurred.

**(f) Loans and receivables at amortised cost**

Loans and receivables at amortised cost are financial assets, other than cash and cash equivalents that are held to collect contractual cash flows where those cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest, a basic lending arrangement results in contractual cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding. Where the contractual cash flows introduce exposure to risks or volatility unrelated to a basic lending arrangement such as changes in equity prices or commodity prices, the payments do not comprise solely principal and interest.

Loans and receivables at amortised cost are initially recognised at fair value less directly attributable transactions costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost, subject to impairment. Further information on the Company's impairment policy is set out in policy (i).

**(g) Investments at fair value through profit or loss**

Investments at fair value through profit or loss comprise holdings in a collective investment scheme.

**Classification**

Holdings in collective investment schemes are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

**Recognition**

Purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on the trade date, i.e. the date the Company commits to purchase the asset from, or deliver the asset to, the counterparty. Investments are initially recognised at cost, being the fair value of the consideration given, and are subsequently re-measured at fair value.

**Measurement**

The fair values of investments are based on current bid prices. If the market for a financial asset is not active, and also for unlisted securities, the Company establishes fair value by using valuation techniques. These include the use of similar arm's length transactions and reference to other instruments that are substantially the same, making maximum use of market inputs and relying as little as possible on entity-specific inputs.

**Structured entities**

The Company holds investments in structured entities arising from investments in collective investment vehicles. Unconsolidated collective investment vehicles are carried at fair value.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

**1 Accounting policies (continued)****(h) Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash at bank, short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less (excluding such investments as otherwise meet this definition but which are held for investment purposes rather than for the purposes of meeting short-term cash commitments) and bank overdrafts where a legal right of set off exists.

Cash and cash equivalents that are held to collect contractual cash flows where those cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest are measured at amortised cost. A basic lending arrangement results in contractual cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding. Cash and cash equivalents that are within a portfolio of financial assets that is managed and whose performance is evaluated on a fair value basis or do not meet the criteria to be measured at amortised cost are classified and measured as investments at fair value through profit or loss, as set out in policy (g).

**(i) Impairment****Financial assets**

The impairment charge in the Statement of Comprehensive Income includes the change in expected credit losses for financial assets held at amortised cost. Expected credit losses are calculated by using the estimated exposure of the Company at the point of default after taking into account the value of any collateral held or other mitigants of loss.

At initial recognition, allowance is made for expected credit losses resulting from default events that are possible within the next 12 months (12-month expected credit losses). In the event of a significant increase in credit risk, allowance is made for expected credit losses resulting from all possible default events over the expected life of the financial instrument (lifetime expected credit losses). Financial assets where 12-month expected credit losses are recognised are considered to be Stage 1; financial assets which are considered to have experienced a significant increase in credit risk are in Stage 2; and financial assets which have defaulted or are otherwise considered to be credit impaired are allocated to Stage 3.

An assessment of whether credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition considers the change in the risk of default occurring over the remaining expected life of the financial instrument. The assessment is unbiased, probability-weighted and uses forward-looking information consistent with that used in the measurement of expected credit losses. However, unless identified at an earlier stage, the credit risk of financial assets is deemed to have increased significantly when more than 30 days past due. Where the credit risk subsequently improves such that it no longer represents a significant increase in credit risk since origination, the asset is transferred back to Stage 1.

For financial instruments that are considered to have low credit risk, the credit risk is assumed to not have increased significantly since initial recognition. Financial instruments are considered to have low credit risk when the borrower is considered to have a low risk of default from a market perspective, such as external bank accounts. Typically financial instruments with an external credit rating of investment grade are considered to have low credit risk.

Assets are transferred to Stage 3 when they have defaulted or are otherwise considered to be credit impaired. IFRS 9 contains a rebuttable presumption that default occurs no later than when a payment is 90 days past due. The Company uses this 90 day backstop.

**Non-financial assets**

Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to depreciation or amortisation and are tested annually for impairment. Assets that are subject to amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable.

**Reversal**

Provisions relating to premium collection and/or refund activity undertaken on behalf of other group companies after the signing of their financial statements and accounts are recognised by the company. In the following accounting period the company will recover the provision from the other group companies.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

**1 Accounting policies (continued)****(j) Taxes**

Tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. Current and deferred tax are charged or credited in the Statement of Comprehensive Income except to the extent that the tax arises from a transaction or event which is recognised, in the same or a different period, outside the Statement of Comprehensive Income (either in other comprehensive income, directly in equity, or through a business combination), in which case the tax appears in the same statement as the transaction that gave rise to it.

**Current tax**

Current tax is the amount of corporate income taxes expected to be payable or recoverable based on the profit for the period as adjusted for items that are not taxable or not deductible, and is calculated using tax rates and laws that were enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Current tax includes amounts provided in respect of uncertain tax positions when management expects that, upon examination of the uncertainty by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) or other relevant tax authority, it is more likely than not that an economic outflow will occur. Provisions reflect management's best estimate of the ultimate liability based on their interpretation of tax law, precedent and guidance, informed by external tax advice as necessary. Changes in facts and circumstances underlying these provisions are reassessed at each balance sheet date, and the provisions are re-measured as required to reflect current information.

**Deferred tax**

Deferred tax is recognised on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the balance sheet. Deferred tax is calculated using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date, and which are expected to apply when the related deferred tax asset is realised or the deferred tax liability is settled.

Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences but not recognised for taxable temporary differences arising on investments in subsidiaries where the reversal of the temporary difference can be controlled and it is probable that the difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future. Deferred tax liabilities are not recognised on temporary differences that arise from goodwill which is not deductible for tax purposes.

Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which the deductible temporary differences can be utilised, and are reviewed at each balance sheet date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not recognised in respect of temporary differences that arise on initial recognition of assets and liabilities acquired other than in a business combination. Deferred tax is not discounted.

**(k) Share capital**

Shares are classified as equity when there is no obligation to transfer cash or other assets. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of equity instruments are shown in equity as a deduction from the proceeds, net of tax.

**(l) Dividends payable**

Dividends payable on ordinary shares are recognised in equity in the period in which they are approved.

**(m) Other financial liabilities**

Other financial liabilities are initially recognised at fair value less directly attributable transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost. In practice, the carrying value of these balances equates to the fair value due to the short-term nature of the amounts included within other financial liabilities.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

**1 Accounting policies (continued)****(n) Foreign currency translation**

Items included in the Company's financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (the 'functional currency'). The Company's financial statements are presented in pounds sterling, (rounded to the nearest thousand ('£000')), which is the Company's presentation and functional currency.

Monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rates ruling at the reporting date. Non-monetary items denominated in foreign currencies that are measured at fair value are translated at the exchange rates ruling at the date when the current fair value is determined. Non-monetary items denominated in foreign currencies that are measured at historical cost are translated at the exchange rates ruling at the date of the transaction. Revenue transactions and those relating to the acquisition and realisation of investments have been translated at rates of exchange ruling at the time of the respective transactions. Any exchange differences are dealt with in that part of the Statement of Comprehensive Income in which the underlying transaction is reported.

**2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements in applying accounting policies**

The Company's management makes estimates and judgements that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities. Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised and in any future periods affected.

There are no critical accounting estimates or judgements that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

**3 Administration fee income**

	<b>2020</b> <b>£000</b>	<b>2019</b> <b>£000</b>
Administration fee income	-	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16</b>

**4 Administrative expenses**

	<b>2020</b> <b>£000</b>	<b>2019</b> <b>£000</b>
Administration expenses	11	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>

Audit fees for 2020 (£3,000) and 2019 (£3,000) were borne by fellow Lloyds Banking Group subsidiaries. The Company had no direct employees during the year (2019: nil).

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

## 5 Reversal of impairment/(impairment)

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Reversal of impairment/(impairment)	2,385	(1,190)
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,385</b>	<b>(1,190)</b>

£2,385,000 has been recovered from St Andrews Insurance plc. The provisions were in respect of premiums receivable from external parties where premiums had been paid on to the underwriter St Andrews Insurance plc where there is no likelihood of recoverability.

## 6 Investment Income

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Interest income	20	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>-</b>

## 7 Net gains on assets at fair value through profit or loss

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Fair value gains on unlisted Collective Investment Scheme	2	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

## 8 Foreign exchange loss

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Foreign exchange loss	-	(2)
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2)</b>

## 9 Taxation (credit)/ charge

## (a) Current year tax (credit)/ charge

	2020 £000	2019 £000
<b>Current tax</b>		
UK corporation tax	(1)	(3)
<b>Total current tax (credit)</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>(3)</b>
<b>Deferred tax (note 10)</b>		
Deferred tax charge	1	3
<b>Total deferred tax charge</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total income tax (credit)/ charge</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Corporation tax is calculated at a rate of 19 per cent (2019: 19 per cent) of the taxable profit for the year.



## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

## 9 Taxation (credit)/ charge (continued)

## (b) Reconciliation of tax (credit)/ charge

	2020 £000	2019 £000
<b>Profit/(loss) before tax</b>	2,396	(1,185)
<b>Tax at 19% (2019: 19%)*</b>	455	(225)
Effects of:		
Disallowed items	-	(226)
Non-taxable items	453	-
Reduction in tax rate and related impacts	2	1
<b>Total</b>	-	-

\*The Finance Act 2016 reduced the main rate of corporation tax to 17% with effect from 1 April 2020. This reduction was superseded by The Finance Act 2020 which was enacted on 22 July 2020, and maintained the main rate of corporation tax at 19% with effect from 1 April 2020.

The effective tax rate for the year is 0 per cent (2019: 0 per cent).

## 10 Deferred tax assets

	Total capital allowances £000
At 1 January 2019	19
Statement of Comprehensive Income charge during 2019	(3)
At 31 December 2019	16
Statement of Comprehensive Income charge during 2020	(1)
<b>At 31 December 2020</b>	<b>15</b>

The Finance Bill 2021, which was substantively enacted on 24 May 2021, increases the rate of corporation tax from 19% to 25% with effect from 1 April 2023. Had this change in corporation tax been enacted on 31 December 2020, the effect would have been to increase net deferred tax assets by £3,000.

## 11 Investments at fair value through profit or loss

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Collective Investment Scheme - Aberdeen Ultra Short Duration Sterling Fund	268	266
<b>Total</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>266</b>

The Aberdeen Ultra Short Duration Sterling Fund is an unlisted asset managed by Aberdeen Asset Management PLC (see note 18).

## Interests in unconsolidated structured entities

Included within investments at fair value through profit or loss are investments in unconsolidated structured entities of £268,000 (2019: £266,000) arising from investments in collective investment vehicles.

## 12 Loans and receivables at amortised cost

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Amounts due from related parties	902	5,628
Sundry debtors	2	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>5,632</b>

All loans and receivables are recoverable within one year.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

## 13 Current tax recoverable

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Income tax assets	1	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>

All balances are recoverable within one year.

## 14 Cash and cash equivalents

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Cash at bank and in hand	7,938	8,759
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,938</b>	<b>8,759</b>

## 15 Share capital

	2020 £000	2019 £000
<b>Issued and fully paid share capital:</b>		
At 1 January	1,000	1,000
<b>At 31 December</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>

## 16 Other financial liabilities

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Amounts due to related parties	2,366	9,514
Insurance payables	1,994	2,792
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,360</b>	<b>12,306</b>

All other financial liabilities are payable within one year.

## 17 Net (increase)/decrease in operating assets and liabilities

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Decrease in loans and receivables	4,728	1,590
Decrease in other financial liabilities	(7,946)	(809)
<b>Net (increase)/decrease in operating assets and liabilities</b>	<b>(3,218)</b>	<b>781</b>

## 18 Risk management

The Company is a part of Lloyds Banking Group. The principal activities of the Company are to receive creditor policy premium renewals and settle customer payments on behalf of other Group companies.

This note summarises the risks associated with the activities of the company and the way in which they are managed

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

**18 Risk management (continued)****(a) Governance framework**

Lloyds Banking Group has established a Risk function with responsibility for implementing the Lloyds Banking Group risk management framework (with appropriate Insurance focus) within the Company.

The risk management approach aims to ensure effective independent checking or 'oversight' of key decisions by operating a 'three lines of defence' model. The first line of defence is line management, who have direct accountability for risk decisions. The Risk function provides oversight and challenge and is the second line of defence. Internal Audit, the third line of defence, provide independent assurance to the Insurance Audit Committee and the Board that risks are recognised, monitored and managed within acceptable parameters.

This enterprise-wide risk management framework for the identification, assessment, measurement and management of risk covers the full spectrum of risks that the Company is exposed to, with risks categorised according to an approved Lloyds Banking Group risk language. This covers the principal risks faced by the company, including the exposures to market, model risk, credit, capital, liquidity, regulatory and legal, conduct, people, governance and operational risks. The Company assesses the relative costs and concentrations of each type of risk and material issues are escalated to the appropriate Insurance executive committees and onto the Board if required. The performance of the Company, its continuing ability to write business and the strategic management of the business depend on its ability to manage these risks.

Responsibility for setting and managing risk appetite and risk policy resides with the Board. Risks are managed in line with Lloyds Banking Group and Insurance risk policies. The Insurance & Wealth Risk Committee (IWRC) manages some of the operational implementation of these aspects on behalf of the Board.

Policy owners, identified from appropriate areas of Lloyds Banking Group and Insurance, are responsible for drafting risk policies, ensuring they remain up-to-date and for facilitating any changes. Policies are subject to at least an annual review. Limits are prescribed within which those responsible for the day-to-day management of each company within the Group can take decisions. Line management are required to follow prescribed reporting procedures to the bodies responsible for monitoring compliance with policy and controlling the risks.

In response to the contingency planning requirements for Covid-19, daily Risk Surgeries were put in place establishing a control amendment process to support colleagues to continue to serve customers and to maintain the operation of business processes. A key aim of the Risk Surgery and control amendment process is to take reasonable steps to ensure that all changes to current ways of working (including operational home working), operational processes or customer treatment is robustly risk assessed and reviewed by the appropriate risk SMEs across the three lines of defence. The changes implemented helped to manage operational and conduct risks. Following the success of the Risk Surgeries, these will continue beyond Covid-19 and are part of our ongoing governance activity. In addition, through the Group's incident management process, we managed key business continuity factors such as absence levels, productivity, IT stability, strategic change activity, regulatory focus, supplier performance and health and safety measures.

**(b) Risk appetite**

The Board has approved a risk appetite framework that covers Customer Risk, Strategy and Brand Risk and Financial Risks.

Risk appetite is the amount and type of risk that the Board prefers, accepts or wishes to avoid and is aligned to Company strategy. The risk appetite statements set limits for exposures to the key risks faced by the business.

Risk appetite is reviewed at least annually by the Board. Any breaches of risk appetite require clear plans and timescales for resolution.

**(c) Financial risks**

The Company is exposed to a range of financial risks through its financial assets and financial liabilities.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are measured on an ongoing basis either at fair value or at amortised cost. The summary of significant accounting policies (note 1) describes how the classes of financial instruments are measured and how income and expenses, including fair value gains and losses, are recognised.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

**18 Risk management (continued)****(c) Financial risks (continued)**

The timing of the unwind of the deferred tax assets and liabilities is dependent on the timing of the unwind of the temporary timing differences, arising between the tax bases of the assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes, to which these balances relate.

**(1) Market risk**

Market risk is defined as the risk that our capital or earnings profile is affected by adverse market rates, in particular equity, credit default spreads, interest rates and inflation in Insurance business.

The Company's objective in managing market risk is to maximise returns from investments whilst ensuring regulatory requirements are met and adequate financial security is maintained on an ongoing basis.

The Company was exposed in the year to market risk in Collective Investment Schemes: unlisted investments which are authorised and regulated by the FCA and fall under the EU directive on Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities.

Investments in collective investment schemes are categorised as level 1 in the fair value hierarchy.

The Directors do not consider market risk to be a significant risk to the Company.

**(2) Credit risk**

Credit Risk is defined as the risk that parties with whom the Company has contracted fail to meet their financial obligations (both on or off balance sheet).

Credit risk is managed in line with the Insurance Credit Risk Policy and the wider Lloyds Banking Group Credit Risk Policy which set out the principles of the credit control framework.

Credit risk to the Company arises primarily from exposure to loans and receivables at amortised cost and financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. Exposure to loans and receivables at amortised cost is assessed on a case by case basis, using a credit rating agency where appropriate.

Expected credit losses are calculated using three key input parameters: the probability of default (PD) (except for lifetime expected credit losses), the loss given default (LGD) and the exposure at default (EAD). The probability of default and expected loss given default are determined using internally generated credit ratings.

Expected credit losses are measured on a collective basis for certain groups of financial assets, such as trade receivables due from external parties which are considered to be homogenous in terms of their risk of default.

The following table sets out details of the credit quality of financial assets that are neither past due nor impaired:

**As at 31 December 2020**

	<b>Total £000</b>	<b>AAA £000</b>	<b>AA £000</b>	<b>A £000</b>	<b>BBB or lower £000</b>	<b>Not rated £000</b>
<b>Stage 1 assets</b>						
Loans and receivables at amortised cost	904	-	-	902	-	2
Cash and cash equivalents	7,938	-	-	7,938	-	-
<b>Exposure to credit risk</b>	<b>8,842</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,840</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents	268	268	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,110</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,840</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

## 18 Risk management (continued)

## (c) Financial risks (continued)

## (2) Credit risk (continued)

As at 31 December 2019

	Total £000	AAA £000	AA £000	A £000	BBB or lower £000	Not rated £000
<b>Stage 1 assets</b>						
Loans and receivables at amortised cost	5,632	-	-	5,628	-	4
Cash and cash equivalents	8,759	-	-	8,759	-	-
<b>Exposure to credit risk</b>	<b>14,391</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,387</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents	266	266	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,657</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,387</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4</b>

Amounts classified as 'not rated' in the above table are not rated by Standard and Poor or an equivalent rating agency.

Credit concentration risk relates to the inadequate diversification of credit risk.

Credit risk is managed through the setting and regular review of counterparty credit and concentration limits on asset types which are considered more likely to lead to a concentration of credit risk. However, for other assets, such as investments in funds falling under the Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities (UCITS) Directive (which are almost all the Company's assets) no limits are prescribed as the risk of credit concentration is deemed to be immaterial. This policy supports the approach mandated by the PRA for regulatory reporting.

Exposure to credit risk is concentrated across counterparties as follows:

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Trade and other receivables:		
Amounts due from Group undertakings	902	5,628
Sundry debtors	2	4
Cash and cash equivalents (amounts due from financial institutions)	7,938	8,759
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,842</b>	<b>14,391</b>

*Liquidity concentration risk*

Liquidity concentration risk arises where the Company is unable to meet its obligations as they fall due or do so only at an excessive cost, due to over-concentration of investments in particular financial assets or classes of financial asset.

As most of the Company's invested assets are cash and cash equivalents it is unlikely that a material concentration of liquidity concentration could arise.

This is supplemented by active liquidity management in the Company, to ensure that even under stress conditions the Company has sufficient liquidity as required to meet its obligations. This is delegated by the Board to and monitored through the Insurance and Wealth Asset and Liability Committee (IWALCO), the Insurance and Wealth Risk Committee (IWRC) and Insurance Banking Liquidity Operations Committee (BLOC).

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

## 18 Risk management (continued)

## (c) Financial risks (continued)

## (3) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is defined as the risk that the Company does not have sufficient financial resources to meet its commitments as they fall due, or can secure them only at excessive cost.

Liquidity risk may result from either the inability to sell financial assets quickly at their fair values or from the inability to generate cash inflows as anticipated.

Liquidity risk is managed in line with the Insurance Liquidity Risk Policy and the wider Lloyds Banking Group Funding and Liquidity Policy.

The table below analyses the Company's financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings, based on the remaining period at the balance sheet to the contractual maturity date. The amounts disclosed in the table are undiscounted.

## As at 31 December 2019

	Total £000	Up to 3 months £000	3-12 months £000	1-2 years £000	More than 2 years £000
Amounts owed to related parties	2,366	2,366	-	-	-
Insurance payables	1,994	1,994	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,360</b>	<b>4,360</b>	-	-	-

## As at 31 December 2019

	Total £000	Up to 3 months £000	3-12 months £000	1-2 years £000	More than 2 years £000
Amounts owed to related parties	9,514	9,514	-	-	-
Insurance payables	2,792	2,792	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,306</b>	<b>12,306</b>	-	-	-

## (d) Non-Financial Risks

The Company faces a variety of non-financial risks through its operations and service provision. The Company manages these risks by following the embedded Risk Management Framework, which uses methodologies and systems consistent with those implemented across the Company. The various stages of the framework are:

## Identification

- Risks identified in products, processes, channels, customers and people
- Emerging risks
- Changes to the risk profile through ongoing tracking, pricing reviews and monitoring of external factors
- Change Management at project, programme or portfolio level
- Implement Risk and Control Framework and standards, including loss estimation and provisioning

## Measurement

- Evaluate risk exposure vs appetite
- Scenario analysis

## Management

- Identify and operate controls
- Perform day-to-day control activities
- Ensure appropriate segregation of duties
- Control assessment and estimation of residual risk
- Controls testing activities
- Effectiveness reviews

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

**18 Risk management (continued)****(d) Non-Financial Risks (continued)****Monitoring**

- Performance vs risk appetite
- Risk metrics on for example products, processes, customer experience, service, retention
- Change portfolio
- Regulatory and external environment
- Quality checking
- Action management

**Reporting**

- Monthly Executive Risk Reporting presented through the corporate governance structure leads to top down review and challenge evidenced via the Insurance Consolidated Risk Report
- Material Events escalation, including related actions

The primary non-financial risk categories are:

**Conduct risk**

Conduct risk is defined as the risk of customer detriment across the customer lifecycle including: failures in product management, distribution and servicing activities; from other risks materialising, or other activities which could undermine the integrity of the market or distort competition, leading to unfair customer outcomes, regulatory censure, reputational damage or financial loss.

**Governance risk**

Governance risk is defined as the risk that the Lloyds Banking Group's organisational infrastructure fails to provide robust oversight of decision making and the control mechanisms to ensure strategies and management instructions are implemented effectively.

**Model risk**

The risk of financial loss, regulatory censure, reputational damage or customer detriment, as a result of deficiencies in the development, application and ongoing operation of Models and Ratings systems.

**Operational risk**

Operational risk is defined as the risk of loss from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems or from external events. As operational risk covers such a range of elements, there are secondary risk types within this area, including:

**Change risk**

Change risk is defined as the risk that, in delivering its change agenda, the Company fails to ensure compliance with laws and regulation, maintain effective customer service and availability, and/or operate within the Company's risk appetite.

**Cyber and information security**

The risk of financial loss, disruption or damage to the reputation of Lloyds Banking Group from a malicious attack that impacts the confidentiality and/or integrity of electronic data or the availability of systems. The risk also to the security of information and data.

**Data management**

The risk that the Company fails to effectively govern, manage and protect its data (or the data shared with Third Party Suppliers) impacting the Company's agility, accuracy, access and availability of data, ultimately leading to poor customer outcomes, loss of value to the Company and mistrust from regulators.

**Financial crime**

Financial crime is the risk of acts intended to bribe, corrupt, launder money, fund terrorist activity or circumvent sanctions intended for personal gain or to cause loss to another party, by customers/clients, suppliers, third parties or colleagues.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

## 18 Risk management (continued)

## (d) Non-Financial Risks (continued)

## Operational risk (continued)

**Financial reporting risk**

Financial reporting risk is defined as the risk that the Company suffers reputational damage, loss of investor confidence and/or financial loss arising from the adoption of inappropriate accounting policies, ineffective controls over business or finance processes impacting financial, prudential regulatory, and tax reporting, failure to manage the associated risks of changes in taxation rates, law, corporate ownership or structure and the failure to disclose timely and appropriate information in accordance with regulatory requirements.

**Fraud**

The risk of acts of deception or omission intended for personal gain or to cause loss to another party, by customers/clients, third parties or colleagues.

**Internal service provision**

The risk associated with the management of internal service arrangements.

**IT systems**

The risk of failure in technology governance and the development, delivery and maintenance of effective IT solutions.

**Operational resilience risk**

Operational resilience risk covers the risk that the Company fails to design resilience into business operations, underlying infrastructure and controls (people, process, technical) so that it is able to withstand external or internal events which could impact the continuation of operations, and fails to respond in a way which meets stakeholder expectations and needs when the continuity of operations is compromised.

**Physical security risk**

The risk to the security of people and property (including damage (malicious or non-malicious) to Lloyds Banking Group branches and buildings managed through Group Property).

**Sourcing**

Sourcing risk covers the risk associated with the activity related to the agreement and management of services provided by third parties including outsourcing (excludes internal service arrangements).

**People risk**

People risk is defined as the risk that the Company fails to provide an appropriate colleague and customer-centric culture, supported by robust regard and wellbeing policies and processes; effective leadership to manage colleague resources; effective talent and succession management; and robust control to ensure all colleague-related requirements are met.

**Regulatory and legal risk**

The risk of financial penalties, regulatory censure, criminal or civil enforcement action or customer detriment as a result of failure to identify, assess, correctly interpret, comply with, or manage regulatory and/or legal requirements.

## (e) UK political uncertainties including EU exit

The UK / EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement means a disorderly Brexit has been avoided. While the TCA contains limited, high-level provisions on financial services, further detail is expected to emerge during this year, and the Company will continue to monitor developments closely. Measures have been put in place to support affected customers, although to date customer responses remain low. The Company continues to monitor the wider post-Brexit environment, including for market volatility. Scenario planning exercises are performed as part of business as usual, while contingency plans have been recalibrated and are regularly reviewed for potential strategic, operational and reputational impacts.



## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

**18 Risk management (continued)****(f) Economic risk**

UK economic growth is muted due to impacts from the Covid-19 pandemic and political uncertainty. High levels of credit market liquidity have reduced spreads and weakened terms in some sectors, creating a potential underpricing of risk and heightened risk of a market correction. The Company's response is:

- The Company has a robust through the cycle credit risk appetite, including individual limit guidelines, specific sector appetite statements and policies, and affordability and indebtedness controls at origination. In addition to on-going focused monitoring, we conduct portfolio deep dives and larger exposure reviews. We have enhanced our use of early warning indicators including sector specific indicators
- Capital and liquidity are reviewed regularly through committees, ensuring compliance with risk appetite and regulatory requirements
- Internal contingency plans recalibrated and regularly reviewed for potential strategic, operational and reputational impacts
- Wide array of risks considered in setting strategic plans

**19 Related party transactions****(a) Ultimate parent and shareholding**

The Company's immediate parent undertaking is Lloyds Bank General Insurance Holdings Limited, a company registered in the UK. Lloyds Bank General Insurance Holdings Limited has taken advantage of the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and has not produced consolidated financial statements.

The ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is Lloyds Banking Group, which is the parent undertaking of the only group to consolidate these financial statements. Once approved, copies of the consolidated annual report and financial statements of Lloyds Banking Group may be obtained from Lloyds Banking Group's head office at 25 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7HN or downloaded via [www.lloydsbankinggroup.com](http://www.lloydsbankinggroup.com).

**(b) Transactions and balances with related parties****Transactions with other Lloyds Banking Group companies**

The Company has entered into transactions with related parties in the normal course of business during the year.

	2020			
	Income during period £000	Expenses during period £000	Payable at period end £000	Receivable at period end £000
<b>Relationship</b>				
Other related parties*	2,385	-	2,368	8,841

	2019			
	Income during period £000	Expenses during period £000	Payable at period end £000	Receivable at period end £000
<b>Relationship</b>				
Other related parties	-	-	9,514	13,912

\*Income during the period relates to the recovery of impairments (note 5).

**Transactions between the Company and entity employing key management**

Key management personnel are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company which, for the Company, are all Directors and Insurance and Wealth Executive Committee (IWECE) members. The emoluments of key management are not recharged to this Company as it is considered that their services to this Company are incidental to their other activities within Lloyds Banking Group.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

**20 Contingencies and commitments***Other legal actions and regulatory matters*

During the ordinary course of business the Company is subject to complaints and threatened or actual legal proceedings brought by or on behalf of current or former employees, customers, investors or other third parties, as well as legal and regulatory reviews, challenges, investigations and enforcement actions, both in the United Kingdom and overseas.

All such material matters are periodically reassessed, with the assistance of external professional advisors where appropriate, to determine the likelihood of the Company incurring a liability. In those instances where it is concluded that it is more likely than not that a payment will be made, a provision is established to management's best estimate of the amount required at the relevant balance sheet date. In some cases it will not be possible to form a view, for example because the facts are unclear or because further time is needed to properly assess the situation, and no provisions are held in relation to such matters. However the Company does not currently expect the final outcome of any such case to have a material adverse effect on its financial position, operations or cash flows.

**21 Future accounting developments**

There are no standards or interpretations that are not yet effective and that would be expected to have a material impact on the Company.