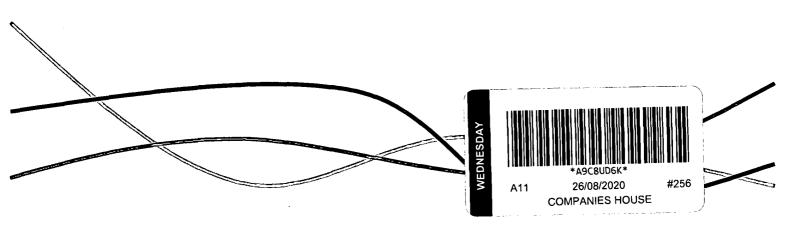
# **BROOKE BOND GROUP LIMITED**

# ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019



### **BROOKE BOND GROUP LIMITED**

### **COMPANY INFORMATION**

**DIRECTORS** 

Ms. A J K Elphick Mr. R C Hazell Ms. A L King

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Mr. J O Earley Mr. R C Hazell

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### **BROOKE BOND GROUP LIMITED**

# STRATEGIC REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

#### INTRODUCTION

The Directors present their strategic report on Brooke Bond Group Limited (also referred to as the "Company") for the year ended 31 December 2019.

The Company is one of the entities within the "Unilever Group". In this context the term "Unilever Group" and "Companies of the Unilever Group" or "Group companies" means companies where Unilever PLC, either directly or indirectly, is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the Company and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the Company. Companies in which Group companies have significant influence but not control are classified as "Associated companies".

#### **BUSINESS REVIEW**

The principal activity of the Company is to act as a holding company. This includes owning directly or indirectly investments in Unilever group companies. The Company will continue with this activity in the foreseeable future.

The Company's profit for the financial year was £52,128,000 in 2019 compared to profit of £55,852,000 in 2018. The decrease was primarily due to lesser dividend received from subsidiaries during the year offset by reversal of impairment on investments recorded in prior years (net of impairment recorded during the year).

The Directors consider that, in the conditions prevailing during the year, the development of the Company's business and its financial position at the end of the year was satisfactory. The Directors do not expect any development in the Company's business in the coming year which is significantly different from its present activities.

### PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Management of the business and the execution of the Company's strategy are subject to a number of risks. The key business risks and uncertainties affecting the Company are considered to relate to the deterioration of the underlying businesses that support the investments held.

The Company's ultimate parent undertaking, Unilever PLC, includes the Company in its consolidated financial statements. Further discussion of the principal risk of the business, and how they are managed in the context of Unilever Group, is provided in the consolidated financial statements of Unilever PLC. These statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and provided in the published Unilever PLC Annual Report, available at www.unilever.com.

#### FINANCIAL KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Given the straightforward nature of the business, the Company's Directors are of the opinion that analysis using key performance indicators is not necessary for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business.

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# STRATEGIC REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

#### SECTION 172 STATEMENT

The Company acts a holding company within the Unilever Group and therefore, does not have direct relationships with employees, suppliers and customers. The Company holds investments in other Unilever Group Companies and therefore, has a business relationship with such entities. During the accounting year under review the Company has considered its activities and decisions however, as a holding company there has been limited business activity during the year.

The Company approved a share capital Injection into its subsidiary, Unilever Tea Tanzania Limited. The capital injection would ensure to support the Unilever Tea Tanzania business and social developments in the business. Black and green tea makes up 90% of the Unilever tea business and therefore, the development of the plantations and small farmer support plans, through the capital injection helps create success of the Company and the wide Unilever Group.

The Company approved the financial accounts for the year ended 31 December 2018 which gave our stakeholders a view of the current financial position of the Company. The accounts were independently audited by KPMG LLP which ensured that the accounts had been audited by an independent party. No other business activity that would impact our stakeholders took place within the Company during 2019.

The Unilever Group has the environment at the heart of its purpose to make sustainable living common place. The Company has taken this into account in relation to the relevant matters during the year. The Company is subject to Unilever's Code of Business Principles and has applied these to its operations.

	03	August 2020	
This report was approved by the B Mr. R C Hazell on <u>03 August 2020</u> 2020 .	oard on		_and signed on its behalf by
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Mr. R C Hazell Director			
Registered Office: Unilever House,	100 Victoria Emb	ankment, London, E	C4Y ODY, United Kingdom
Company registration number: 003	36581		

#### **BROOKE BOND GROUP LIMITED**

# DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

The Directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019.

The Directors' report and audited financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with Companies Act 2006.

### **PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY**

The principal activity of the Company is to act as a holding company. All expenses, including the remuneration of the auditor, were borne by the ultimate parent undertaking or a fellow subsidiary. There was no significant change in the principal activities of the Company during the year.

#### **RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS**

The profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to £52,128,000 (2018: profit £55,852,000).

No dividend was paid during the year (2018: £Nil).

#### **FUTURE OUTLOOK**

No significant change in the business of the Company has taken place during the year or is expected in the immediately foreseeable future. The Directors do not expect any development in the Company's business in the coming year which is significantly different from its present activities. and there are no immediate plans to liquidate the Company. The Directors believe that the balances held will be realised at their reported carrying value in the normal course of business and so the financial statements continue to be prepared on a going concern basis.

### **DIRECTORS**

The Directors who held office during the year, and to the date of this report were as follows:

Ms. A J K Elphick Mr. R C Hazell

Ms. A L King

#### **EVENTS AFTER THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD**

On 11 March 2020, the World Health Organisation declared the Coronavirus (Sars-CoV-2) outbreak to be a pandemic in recognition of its rapid spread across the globe, with over 150 countries now affected. Many governments are taking increasingly stringent steps to help contain or delay the spread of the virus. Currently, there is a significant increase in economic uncertainty which is, for example, evidenced by more volatile asset prices and currency exchange rates.

For the Company's 31 December 2019 financial statements, the Coronavirus outbreak and the related impacts are considered non-adjusting events. Consequently, there is no impact on the recognition and measurement of assets and liabilities at the year end. Whilst there is uncertainty as to the outcome of the current events, on the Company's financial position, results of operations and cash flows in the

#### **BROOKE BOND GROUP LIMITED**

# DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

future, there is no impact on the going concern status of the Company. This is set out in the Going Concern note on page 14.

#### **EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT**

The Company does not have any direct employees but is required to make this statement as it has employees in subsidiary companies and / or other group companies. The Unilever Group recognises the changing world of work and the importance of employee engagement.

In particular the Unilever Group promotes the following:

- Reshaping how we work including flexible and agile working, lifelong learning and listening to our employees;
- Acting with integrity through our Code of Business Principles and other policies; and
- Safety and wellbeing of employees.

The Unilever Group is also working towards evolving the company culture through:

- Purpose first; working with employees helping them to define their purpose and how they can reach it in their working life.
- Fit for the future; simplifying and flattening our internal structure and working in more networked ways.
- Workplace for everyone; becoming a diverse and inclusive organisation.

The Company and its subsidiaries are working towards these aims in their operations.

#### **POLITICAL AND CHARITABLE DONATIONS**

The Company made no donations or incurred any political and charitable expenditure during the year (2018: £Nii).

### STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Directors are responsible for preparing the strategic report, the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework'. Under company law the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

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- assess the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and
- use the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

#### **DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITOR**

The Directors who held office at the date of approval of this Directors' Report confirm that:

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

#### **AUDITOR**

	03 August 2020	
This report was approved by the Board on		and signed on its behalf by
Mr. R C Hazell on 03 August 2020 .		
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Mr. R C Hazell		
Director		
Registered Office: Unilever House, 100 Victor	ria Embankment, Londor	n, EC4Y ODY, United Kingdom
Company registration number: 0036581		

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BROOKE BOND GROUP LIMITED

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Brooke Bond Group Limited ("the Company") for the year ended 31 December 2019 which comprise the Profit and Loss account, Statement of Other Comprehensive Income, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity and related notes, including the accounting policies in note 1.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2019 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK accounting standards, including FRS 101
   Reduced Disclosure Framework; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities are described below. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities under, and are independent of the Company in accordance with, UK ethical requirements including the FRC Ethical Standard. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is a sufficient and appropriate basis for our opinion.

#### Going concern

The Directors have prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis as they do not intend to liquidate the company or to cease its operations, and as they have concluded that the company's financial position means that this is realistic. They have also concluded that there are no material uncertainties that could have cast significant doubt over its ability to continue as a going concern for at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements ("the going concern period").

We are required to report to you if we have concluded that the use of the going concern basis of accounting is inappropriate or there is an undisclosed material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt over the use of that basis for a period of at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In our evaluation of the Directors' conclusions, we considered the inherent risks to the company's business model and analysed how those risks might affect the company's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period. We have nothing to report in these respects.

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the absence of reference to a material uncertainty in this auditor's report is not a guarantee that the company will continue in operation.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BROOKE BOND GROUP LIMITED

### Strategic report and Directors' report

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

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

- we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report and the directors' report;
- in our opinion the information given in those reports for the financial year is consistent with the financial statements; and
- in our opinion those reports have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

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

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

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

We have nothing to report in these respects.

### Directors' responsibilities

As explained more fully in their statement set out on page 4, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view; such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### Auditor's responsibilities

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

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BROOKE BOND GROUP LIMITED

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on the FRC's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities.

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

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

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Rebecca Pett (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants
15 Canada Square
Canary Wharf
London
E14 5GL
United Kingdom
Date:
6th August 2020

#### **BROOKE BOND GROUP LIMITED**

# PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Note	2019	2018
		£000	£000
		(4.0)	(4.4)
Administrative expenses	3 _	(10)	(14)
Operating loss		(10)	(14)
Income from shares in group undertakings	7	29,021	53,268
Other interest receivable and similar income	8	152	189
Interest payable and similar charges	8	(8,655)	(10,609)
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Reversal of impairment on investments (net)	9	20,384	-
Exchange adjustments		11,920	<u> 13,646</u>
Result from ordinary activities before taxation		52,812	56,480
Taxation on result from ordinary activities	10 _	(684)	(628)
Profit for the financial year		52,128	55,852
Profit for the financial year		52,128	55

There were no recognised gains or losses for the year other than those included in the Profit and Loss Account.

# STATEMENT OF OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Note	2019 £000	2018 £000
Profit for the year	_	52,128	55,852
Other comprehensive income:  Items that will not be reclassified to profit and loss:  Net change in fair value of equity investments at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI)	11	4,868	494,235
Total comprehensive income for the year	_	56,996	550,087

### **BROOKE BOND GROUP LIMITED**

# BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

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	Note	2019 £000	2018 £000
Fixed assets			
Investments	11	3,070,821	3,015,498
		3,070,821	3,015,498
Current assets			
Trade and other receivables (including £24,672,000	12	24,672	54,052
(2018: £53,774,000) due after more than one year)			
Cash at bank and in hand		2	2
		24,674	54,054
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables: Amounts falling due within	13	(306,076)	(643,962)
one year			
Net current liabilities		(281,402)	(589,908)
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Total assets less current liabilities		2,789,419	2,425,590
Trade and other payables: Amounts falling due after		(306,833)	
more than one year		(300,633)	-
more than one year			
Net assets		2,482,586	2,425,590
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Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	14	86,662	86,662
Share premium		30,990	30,990
Revaluation reserve		33,528	33,528
Fair value reserve		2,176,634	2,171,766
Profit and loss account		154,772	102,644
Shareholders' funds		2,482,586	2,425,590

03 August 2020

The financial statements were approved by the Board on \_\_\_\_\_\_ and signed on its behalf by Mr. R C Hazell on \_\_\_\_\_ 3 August 2020

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Mr. R C Hazell Director

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### **BROOKE BOND GROUP LIMITED**

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Called up share capital £000	Share premium	Revaluation reserves	Fair value reserves	Profit and loss account £000	Total equity £000
At 1 January 2019	86,662	30,990	33,528	2,171,766	102,644	2,425,590
Total comprehensive income for the year						
Profit for the year	-	-	_	-	52,128	52,128
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	4,868	-	4,868
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	•	4,868	52,128	56,996
At 31 December 2019	86,662	30,990	33,528	2,176,634	154,772	2,482,586
At 31 December 2019	86,662	30,990	33,528	2,176,634	154,772	2,4

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

	Called up share capital £000	Share premium £000	Reval- uation reserves £000	Fair value reserves	Profit and loss account £000	Total equity
At 1 January 2019	86,662	30,990	33,528	1,677,531	3,533,834	5,362,545
*Adjustment on adoption of IFRS 9	-	-	-	-	(3,487,042)	(3,487,042)
Adjusted balances as at 1 January 2018	86,662	30,990	33,528	1,677,531	46,792	1,875,503
Total comprehensive income for the year						
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	55,852	55,852
Other comprehensive income	-	•		494,235	- -	494,235
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	494,235	55,852	550,087
At 31 December 2018	86,662	30,990	33,528	2,171,766	102,644	2,425,590

<sup>\*</sup>This pertains to impairment provision on investment due to transition of IFRS 9.

### **BROOKE BOND GROUP LIMITED**

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### 1.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Company is a Private Company incorporated, domiciled and registered in United Kingdom. The registered number is 0036581 and the registered address is Unilever House, 100 Victoria Embankment, London, EC4Y 0DY, United Kingdom.

The Company is exempt by virtue of Section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to prepare group financial statements. These financial statements present information about the Company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' ("FRS 101"). The amendments of FRS 101 (2014/15 Cycle) issued in July 2015 and effective immediately have been applied.

In preparing these financial statements, the Company applies the recognition, measurement and disclosure requirements of International Accounting Standards as adopted by the EU ("Adopted IFRSs"), but makes amendments where necessary in order to comply with Companies Act 2006 and has been set out below where advantages of the FRS 101 disclosure exemptions has been taken.

The Company's ultimate parent undertaking, Unilever PLC, includes the Company in its consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements of Unilever group are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and provided in the published Unilever Group Annual Report, available at www.unilever.com.

In these financial statements, where applicable, the Company has applied the exemptions available under FRS 101 in respect of the following disclosures:

- Paragraphs 45(b) and 46 to 52 of IFRS 2, 'Share-based payment' (details of the number and weighted-average exercise prices of share options, and how the fair value of goods or services received was determined);
- IFRS 7, 'Financial Instruments: Disclosures';
- Paragraphs 91 to 99 of IFRS 13, 'Fair value measurement' (disclosure of valuation techniques and inputs used for fair value measurement of assets and liabilities);
- Paragraph 38 of IAS 1, 'Presentation of financial statements' comparative information requirements in respect of:
  - (i) paragraph 79(a)(iv) of IAS 1 'Presentation of financial statements';
  - (ii) paragraph 73(e) of IAS 16 'Property, plant and equipment';
  - (iii) paragraph 118(e) of IAS 38 'Intangible assets' (reconciliation between the carrying amount at the beginning and end of the period);
- The following paragraphs of IAS 1, 'Presentation of financial statements':
  - (i) 10(d) (statement of cash flows);

#### **BROOKE BOND GROUP LIMITED**

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

- (ii) 10(f) (a balance sheet as at the beginning of the preceding period when an entity applies an accounting policy retrospectively or makes a retrospective restatement of items in its financial statements, or when it reclassifies items in its financial statements);
- (iii) 16 (statement of compliance with all IFRS);
- (iv) 38A (requirement to present a minimum of two statements for each of the primary financial statements, including cash flow statements and related notes);
- (v) 38B-D (additional comparative information);
- (vi) 40A-D (requirements for a third balance sheet);
- (vii) 111 (cash flow statement information); and
- (viii) 134-136 (capital management disclosures);
- IAS 7, 'Statement of cash flows';
- Paragraph 30 and 31 of IAS 8 'Accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and errors' (requirement for the disclosure of information when an entity has not applied a new IFRS that has been issued but is not yet effective);
- Paragraph 17 and 18A of IAS 24, 'Related party disclosures' (key management compensation);
- The requirements in IAS 24, 'Related party disclosures' to disclose related party transactions entered into between two or more wholly owned members of a group.

As the consolidated financial statements of Unilever Group includes equivalent disclosures, the Company has also taken the exemptions under FRS 101 available in respect of the following disclosures where applicable:

- Certain disclosures required by IAS 36 Impairment of assets in respect of the impairment of goodwill and indefinite life intangible assets;
- Disclosures required by IFRS 5 Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations in respect of the cash flows of discontinued operations;
- Certain disclosures required by IFRS 3 Business Combinations in respect of business combinations undertaken by the Company; and

The Company proposes to continue to adopt the reduced disclosure framework of FRS 101 in its next financial statements.

The accounting policies set out below have, unless otherwise stated, been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

#### 1.2 CONSOLIDATION

The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Unilever PLC. It is included in the consolidated financial statements of Unilever Group which are publicly available. Therefore the Company is exempt by virtue of Section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to prepare group financial statements. These financial statements present information about the Company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

#### **BROOKE BOND GROUP LIMITED**

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 1.3 MEASUREMENT CONVENTION

The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis except that the following assets and liabilities are stated at their fair value: Financial assets and financial liabilities

#### 1.4 GOING CONCERN

When preparing financial statements, Management makes an assessment of the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. The Company shall prepare financial statements on a going concern basis unless Management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease trading, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. When Management is aware, in making its assessment, of material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt upon the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, the Company shall disclose those uncertainties. When the Company does not prepare financial statements on a going concern basis, it shall disclose that fact, together with the basis on which it prepared the financial statements and the reason why the Company is not regarded as a going concern.

Notwithstanding net current liabilities of £281,402,045 as at 31 December 2019, the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, since Unilever PLC has formally indicated its intention to continue to provide financial support to the Company to meet its liabilities as and when they become due, through a letter of support. After making enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company will have access to adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Given this entity is relying upon Group support the Directors have considered the work carried out by Group management as to the impact of COVID 19 which included updating the going concern assessment from the year end focussing on cash flow and the ability of the Group to meet known and potential liabilities and concluded that having applied certain downside scenarios such as reduction in underlying sales growth, the impact of currency and raw material prices, the impact of Brexit and a deterioration of working capital the Group has sufficient headroom and will remain a going concern.

#### 1.5 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

On 1 January 2018, the Company adopted IFRS 9 'Financial Instruments', which replaced IAS 39 'Financial Instruments – Recognition and Measurement'. This standard introduces new requirements in two areas:

Financial assets are now classified based on:

- 1. the objective of the Company in holding the asset and
- 2. the contractual cash flows.

### **BROOKE BOND GROUP LIMITED**

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

On 1 January 2018, the Company reclassified its financial assets to the new categories based on the Company's reason for holding the assets and the nature of the cash flows from the assets.

#### Non-derivative financial instruments

Non-derivative financial instruments comprise investments in equity securities, trade and other receivables and trade and other payables. Trade and other receivables are recognised initially at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses. Trade and other payables are recognised initially at fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Financial liabilities are initially recognised at fair value, less any directly related transaction costs. Certain bonds are designated as being part of a fair value hedge relationship. In these cases, the bonds are carried at amortised cost, adjusted for the fair value of the risk being hedged, with changes in value shown in profit and loss. Other financial liabilities, excluding derivatives, are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the exception of Financial liabilities which the group has elected to measure at fair value through profit or loss.

#### Impact of Transition

Changes in accounting policies resulting from the adoption of IFRS 9 have been applied retrospectively, except as described below.

- Prior period balances have not been restated. Differences in the carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities resulting from the adoption of IFRS 9 are recognised in retained earnings and reserves as at 1 January 2018.
- The following assessments have been made on the basis of the facts and circumstances that existed at the date of initial application.
  - The determination of the business model within which a financial asset is held.
  - The designation and revocation of previous designations of certain financial assets and financial liabilities as measured at Fair Value Through Profit and Loss (FVTPL).
  - The designation of certain investments in equity instruments not held for trading as at Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income (FVOCI).

#### 1.6 IMPAIRMENT

#### Financial assets

An expected credit loss (ECL) model is used for calculating impairment on financial assets carried at fair value through profit or loss. A loss event does not have to occur before credit losses are recognised. For trade receivables, the calculation methodology considers expected losses based on ageing profile. The adoption of the expected loss approach has resulted in a material change in impairment provision for our financial assets and has been accounted for.

A financial asset not carried at fair value through profit or loss is assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is objective evidence that it is impaired. A financial asset is impaired

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### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

if objective evidence indicates that a loss event has occurred after the initial recognition of the asset, and that the loss event had a negative effect on the estimated future cash flows of that asset that can be estimated reliably.

An impairment loss in respect of a financial asset measured at amortised cost is calculated as the difference between its carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. For financial instruments measured at cost less impairment, an impairment is calculated as the difference between its carrying amount and the best estimate of the amount that the Company would receive for the asset if it were to be sold at the reporting date. Interest on the impaired asset continues to be recognised through the unwinding of the discount. When a subsequent event causes the amount of impairment loss to decrease, the decrease in impairment loss is reversed through profit or loss.

#### Non-financial assets

The carrying amounts of the Company's non-financial assets, are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

The recoverable amount of an asset or cash-generating unit is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs to sell. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. For the purpose of impairment testing, assets that cannot be tested individually are grouped together into the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows from continuing use that are largely independent of the cash inflows of other assets or groups of assets (the "cash-generating unit").

An impairment loss is recognised if the carrying amount of an asset or its CGU exceeds its estimated recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised in the Profit and Loss Account. Impairment losses recognised in respect of CGUs are allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the units, and then to reduce the carrying amounts of the other assets in the unit (group of units) on a pro rata basis.

In respect of other assets, impairment losses recognised in prior periods are assessed at each reporting date for any indications that the loss has decreased or no longer exists. An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised.

#### 1.7 FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION

Functional and presentation currency

The Company's functional and presentational currency is GBP.

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Transactions and balances

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the Company's functional currencies at the foreign exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are retranslated to the functional currency at the foreign exchange rate ruling at that date.

Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are stated at fair value are retranslated to the functional currency at foreign exchange rates ruling at the dates the fair value was determined. Foreign exchange differences arising on translation are recognised in the profit and loss account.

#### 1.8 DIVIDENDS

Equity dividends are recognised when they become legally payable. Interim equity dividends are recognised when paid. Final equity dividends are recognised when approved by the shareholders at an annual general meeting. Dividends on shares recognised as liabilities are recognised as expenses and classified within interest payable.

### 1.9 INTEREST INCOME AND EXPENSE

Interest income and expense are recognised in the profit and loss account using the effective interest method.

#### 1.10 CURRENT AND DEFERRED TAXATION

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

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

Deferred tax is provided on temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. The following temporary differences are not provided for: the initial recognition of goodwill; the initial recognition of assets or liabilities that affect neither accounting nor taxable profit other than in a business combination, and differences relating to investments in subsidiaries to the extent that they will probably not reverse in the foreseeable future. The amount of deferred tax provided is based on the expected manner of realisation or settlement of the carrying amount of assets and liabilities, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

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### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

A deferred tax asset is recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the temporary difference can be utilised or that the Company has determined it is appropriate to recognise the deferred tax asset as it is recoverable due to the fact that the Company is part of a UK group for group relief purposes.

# 1.11 NEW STANDARDS, AMENDMENTS AND INTERPRETATIONS OF EXISTING STANDARDS THAT ARE NOT YET EFFECTIVE AND HAVE NOT BEEN EARLY ADOPTED BY THE GROUP

All standards or amendments to standards that have been issued under FRS 101 and are effective from 1 January 2020 onwards are not applicable to the Company.

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# 2. JUDGEMENTS IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The Company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are addressed below.

### Impairment of investments

The company makes an estimate of the recoverable value of the fixed assets investments. For description of Management's approach see Note 1.6.

### Impairment of Trade and other Current Receivables

The company makes an estimate of the recoverable value of the Trade and other current receivables. When assessing impairment of trade and other current receivables, Management considers factors including the ageing profile of receivables and historical experience.

### 3. OPERATING LOSS

Operating loss	(10)	(14)
Administrative expenses	(10)	(14)
The operating loss is stated after debiting:	2000	
	£000	£000
	2019	2018

#### 4. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

The fees for KPMG LLP (and its associates, if applicable) in respect of the statutory audit for the current year are borne by a fellow Unilever Group company, Unilever U.K. Central Resources Limited.

	2019	2018	
	£	£	
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Audit of these financial statements	3,227	3,606	

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption not to disclose amounts paid for non-audit services as these are disclosed in the group accounts of the parent company.

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#### 5. EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

No employees were employed by the Company during 2019 (2018: no employees) and no employee costs were incurred by the Company during 2019 (2018: £Nil).

#### 6. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

No remuneration (2018: £Nil) was paid by the Company to the Directors, including the Chairman. All Directors are employed by Unilever U.K. Central Resources Limited or Unilever PLC and are remunerated by those companies in respect of their services to the Unilever Group as a whole. None of these costs are charged to the Company.

#### 7. INCOME FROM SHARES IN GROUP UNDERTAKINGS

	2019	2018
	£000	£000
Dividends from Hindustan Unilever Limited	29,021	24,083
Dividends from Unilever Australia Group Pty Limited	-	29,185
Total	29,021	53,268
8. NET INTEREST RECEIVABLE/(PAYABLE) AND SIMILAR INCOM	1E/(CHARGES)	
	2019	2018
	£000	£000
Interest receivable on loans and current accounts with group undertakings	152	189
Total interest receivable and similar income	152	189
Interest payable on loans and current accounts with group undertakings	(8,655)	(10,609)
Total interest payable and similar charges	(8,655)	(10,609)
Total	(8,503)	(10,420)
9. REVERSAL OF IMPAIRMENT ON INVESTMENTS		
	2019	2018
	£000	£000
Reversal of impairment on investments (net)	20,384	
Total	20,384	

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During 2019, impairment losses of £13,366,000 and £28,220,000 recognized in prior years on investments in Unilever Australia Partnership Limited and Unilever Australia Investments Limited respectively were reversed on the basis of Company's assessment that the recoverable amount computed using the value in use method was higher than the carrying value of investment. Also, an impairment charge of £21,201,902 was recognised in the profit and loss account on investment in Unilever Tea Tanzania Limited.

#### **10. TAXATION**

The tax charge is made up as follows:

Recognised in the profit and loss account	2019 £000	2018 £000
UK corporation tax Current tax on income for the period Adjustments in respect of prior periods	(684)	(626) (2)
Total current tax	(684)	(628)
Tax charge on results from ordinary activities	(684)	(628)

A reduction in the UK corporation tax rate from 19% to 17% (effective from 1 April 2020) was substantively enacted on 6 September 2016, and deferred tax as at 31 December 2019 has been calculated based on this rate. In the 11 March 2020 Budget, it was announced that the UK tax rate will remain at the current 19% and not reduce to 17% from 1 April 2020. The change was substantively enacted shortly thereafter. This is not expected to have a material effect on the company's future tax charge.

The current tax assessed for the year is lower (2018: lower) than the standard rate of corporation taxation in the UK of 19% (2018: 19%). The differences are explained below:

	2019 £000	2018 £000
Reconciliation of tax income		
Profit before tax for the year	52,812	56,480
Total tax expense	(684)	(628)
Tax using the UK corporation tax rate of 19% (2018:19%)	(10,034)	(10,731)
Effects of:		
Tax exempt income – dividends	5,514	10,121
Permanent differences – other	(37)	(16)
(Under)/over provided in prior years (current tax)	-	(2)
Impairment reversal on investment	3 <u>,873</u>	-
Total tax (expense)	(684)	(628)

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#### 11. INVESTMENTS

	Subsidiary undertakings	Associate undertakings	Listed investments	Other investments	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Cost					
At 1 January 2019	822,515	67,752	16,550	3,487,042	4,393,859
Additions <sup>1</sup>	30,071	-	-	-	30,071
Disposals		-	<u>-</u>	-	-
At 31 December 2019	852,586	67,752	16,550	3,487,042	4,423,930
Impairment					
At 1 January 2019	(63,085)	-	-	-	(63,085)
Impairment charge <sup>2</sup>	(21,202)	-	-	-	(21,202)
Impairment reversal <sup>2</sup>	41,586	-	-	-	41,586
At 31 December 2019	(42,701)	•	-	•	(42,701)
Fair value adjustment <sup>3</sup>					
At 1 January 2019	-	-	2,171,766	(3,487,042)	(1,315,276)
Gain for the year	-	-	4,868	-	4,868
At 31 December 2019	-	-	2,176,634	(3,487,042)	(1,310,408)
Net book value					
At 31 December 2019	809,885	67,752	2,193,184	-	3,070,821
At 31 December 2018	759,430	67,752	2,188,316	<u>-</u>	3,015,498

- Additions to investment comprise an additional contribution of TZS 89,495 million to Unilever Tea Tanzania Limited and additional share purchase of KES 3,968 of Unilever Tea Kenya Limited.
- Impairment provision of £21,201,902 was created for Investment in Unilever Tea Tanzania Limited. Further, impairment loss which was recognised for the investments in Unilever Australia Partnership Limited and Unilever Australia Investments Limited of £13,366,000 and £28,220,000 respectively in prior years was reversed during the year.
- 3. Investments designated at "Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income" are stated at fair value, with any resultant gain or loss being recognised directly in equity (in the fair value reserve).

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# Subsidiary undertakings and associates

The investments are in subsidiary undertakings and associates of the Company. Their names together with their country of incorporation/registration are listed below. A description of the shares held and the proportion held is also shown below:

Name	Address of the registered office	Class of shares held	Proportion of nominal value of shares held		Principal activity
			Direct %	Indirect%	
BBG Investments	Unilever House 100	Ordinary	100%		Dormant
(France) Limited	Victoria Embankment				
	London EC4Y 0DY				
	United Kingdom				
Brooke Bond Assam	Unilever House 100	Ordinary	100%		Holding
Estates Limited	Victoria Embankment				
	London EC4Y 0DY				
	United Kingdom				
Unilever Australia	Unilever House 100	Ordinary	100%		Holding
Partnership Limited	Victoria Embankment				
	London EC4Y 0DY				
	United Kingdom				
Unilever Australia	Unilever House 100	Ordinary	100%		Holding
Investments Limited	Victoria Embankment				
	London EC4Y 0DY				
	United Kingdom				
Unilever Australia	Level 17	Ordinary		100%	Holding
Group Partnership	2-26 Park Street				
	Sydney NSW 2000				
	Australia				
Unilever Australia	Level 17 2-26 Park Street	Ordinary	99.18%		Holding
Group Pty Limited	Sydney NSW 2000				
	Australia				
Unilever Australia	219 North Rocks	Ordinary		99.18%	Holding
(Holdings) Pty Limited	Road NORTH ROCKS	Orallial y		JJ.10/0	Holumg
(	2151, Australia				
Unilever Australia	Unilever House	Ordinary	<del> </del>	99.18%	Holding
Services Limited	100 Victoria				
	Embankment London				
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	United Kingdom				

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Name	Address of the registered office	Class of shares held	Proportion of nominal value of shares held		Principal activity
			Direct %	Indirect%	
Unilever Tea Kenya Limited Plantations	Head Office, Kericho- Nakuru Road P.O. Box 20 20200, Kericho, Kenya	Ordinary	98.54%		Refreshments
Brooke Bond Mombasa Limited	Head Office, Kericho- Nakuru Road P.O. Box 20 20200, Kericho, Kenya	Ordinary		98.54%	Dormant
Mabroukie Tea & Coffee Estates Limited	Head Office, Kericho- Nakuru Road P.O. Box 20 20200, Kericho, Kenya	Ordinary		98.54%	Dormant
Unilever Tea Tanzania Limited	P.O. Box 40, Mufindi, Tanzania	Ordinary	100%		Refreshments
The Limuru Tea Company Limited	Head Office, Kericho- Nakuru Road P.O. Box 20 20200, Kericho, Kenya	Ordinary		<b>51.25%</b>	Refreshments
Unilever Trumbull Holdings Inc.	700 Sylvan Avenue Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey 07632- 3201 United States	Ordinary	23.23%		Holding

### Listed and other investments

Listed and other investments include investments in companies in which Brooke Bond Group Limited influence is less than significant.

Listed investments represent 106,739,460 shares in Hindustan Unilever Limited (2018: 106,739,460 shares), whose shares are listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange (market price per share at 31 December 2019 amounts to INR 1,923 (31 December 2018: INR 1,819.65)). For the calculation of the market value, the Unilever closing 31 December 2019 exchange rate of 93.58996 has been used (31 December 2018: 88.75704). The market value of the listed investment is £2,193,183,773 (2018: £2,188,316,086).

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Name	Address of the registered office		Proportion of nominal value of shares held		Principal activity
			Direct %	Indirect%	
Hindustan Unilever Limited	Unilever House B. D. Sawant Marg, Chakala, Andheri (E) Mumbai, 400 099, India	Ordinary	4.93%	1.52%	Home Care
Brooke Bond South India Estates Limited	Unilever House 100 Victoria Embankment London, EC4Y 0DY United Kingdom	Ordinary	0.17%		Holding
Unilever US Investments Limited	Unilever House 100 Victoria Embankment London, EC4Y 0DY United Kingdom	Ordinary	0.17%		Holding
Unilever Canada Inc.	160 Bloor Street East Suite 1400Toronto ON M4W 3R2 Canada	Class C	0%		Home & Personal Care

In the opinion of the Directors, the value of the investment in subsidiary undertakings, participating interest, other investments and listed investments, consisting of shares and amounts owing, is not less than the amount at which the investment is stated in the balance sheet.

### 12. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2019	2018
	£000	£000
Due after more than one year		
Amount owed by parent company	22,172	22,046
Amounts owed by Group undertakings	2,500	31,728
Total	24,672	53,774
Due within one year		
Group relief receivable	-	278
Total	-	278
Total	24,672	54,052

Amounts owed by parent company and amounts owed by Group undertakings include balances with Unilever PLC, Brooke Bond Assam Estates Limited and Brooke Bond South India Estates Limited which are interest bearing, unsecured and payable on demand. There is no intention to recall the repayment of the outstanding balance within a year as of 31 December 2019.

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#### 13. TRADE AND CURRENT PAYABLES

Due of the way and the way are	2019 £000	2018 £000
Due after more than one year	(000 000)	
Amounts owed to Group undertakings	(306,833)	
Total	(306,833)	-
Due within one year		
Amounts owed to Group undertakings	(304,762)	(643,962)
Group relief payable	(1,310)	-
Other creditors	(4)	<u> </u>
Total	(306,076)	(643,962)
Total	(612,909)	(643,962)

Amounts owed to Group undertakings include balances with Unilever U.K. Central Resources Limited, Unilever Australia Partnership Limited, Unilever Australia Investment Limited and Unilever Overseas Holdings Limited which are interest bearing, unsecured and payable on demand.

As a part of an internal restructuring of the Australian legal entities on 2 January 2017, Unilever Australia Group Pty Limited ("UAGPL") issued shares to Brooke Bond Group Limited for consideration of AUD 539,899,938 being satisfied by three promissory notes of AUD 268,600,219, AUD 268,600,219 and AUD2,699,500 respectively. On the same day, UAGPL assigned those promissory notes to Unilever Australia Investments Limited (AUD 268,600,219) and Unilever Australia Partnership Limited (AUD 268,600,219) in exchange for their interests in Unilever Australia Group Partnership and to Unilever Overseas Holdings Limited (AUD 2,699,500) in exchange for its interest in Unilever Australia Services Limited.

#### 14. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

Total	86,662	86,662
Aliotted, called up and fully paid 346,646,201 (2018: 346,646,201) Ordinary shares of £0.25 each	86,662	86,662
AD 1 - D-1 16 D 14	2019 £000	2018 £000

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#### 15. CONTROLLING PARTY

The parent Company and controlling party is Unilever PLC which is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The Company has not disclosed transactions with fellow, wholly owned subsidiaries in accordance with the exemption under the terms of International Accounting Standard (IAS) 24 "Related party disclosures" as the ultimate parent company produces publicly available consolidated financial statements. Copies of Unilever Group financial statements can be publicly obtained from Unilever PLC, Corporate Secretaries Department, 100 Victoria Embankment, London EC4Y 0DY and www.unilever.com.

#### 16. PARENT COMPANY SUPPORT

Unilever PLC has indicated its intention and ability to continue to provide support to allow the Company to continue at its current level of operations for the foreseeable future.

#### 17. CORRECTION OF ERRORS

During the year, the management identified that fair value gains on Investments designated at "Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income" had been erroneously disclosed in 2018 under "items that are or may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss". The error in presentation has been corrected with respect to 2018 by disclosing under the appropriate caption "Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss" during the current year. There is no material impact in the statement of other comprehensive income of the Company in 2018 on account of the change in the disclosure presentation.

#### 18. EVENTS AFTER THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD

On 11 March 2020, the World Health Organisation declared the Coronavirus (Sars-CoV-2) outbreak to be a pandemic in recognition of its rapid spread across the globe, with over 150 countries now affected. Many governments are taking increasingly stringent steps to help contain or delay the spread of the virus. Currently, there is a significant increase in economic uncertainty which is, for example, evidenced by more volatile asset prices and currency exchange rates.

For the Company's 31 December 2019 financial statements, the Coronavirus outbreak and the related impacts are considered non-adjusting events. Consequently, there is no impact on the recognition and measurement of assets and liabilities at the year end. Whilst there is uncertainty as to the outcome of the current events, on the Company's financial position, results of operations and cash flows in the future, there is no impact on the going concern status of the Company. This is set out in the Going Concern note on page 14.