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# **BROOKE BOND GROUP LIMITED**

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## **ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

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**BROOKE BOND GROUP LIMITED**

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**COMPANY INFORMATION**

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**DIRECTORS**

Ms A J K Elphick  
Mr R C Hazell  
Ms A L King  
Mr J Thurston (Resigned on 16 January 2017)

**COMPANY SECRETARIES**

Mr J O Earley  
Mr R C Hazell  
Ms S Magol (Resigned on 05 June 2018)

**REGISTERED NUMBER**

36581

**REGISTERED OFFICE**

Unilever House  
100 Victoria Embankment  
London  
EC4Y 0DY  
United Kingdom

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR**

KPMG LLP Statutory Auditor  
Chartered Accountants  
15 Canada Square  
London  
E14 5GL  
United Kingdom

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**DIRECTORS' REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

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The Directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017.

**DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT**

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

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (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;
- 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.

**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.

**RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS**

The profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to £18,877,000 (2016: profit £19,603,000).

Dividend of £150,000,000 was paid during the year (2016: £NIL).

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**DIRECTORS' REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

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**DIRECTORS**

The Directors who held office during the year were:

Ms A J K Elphick

Mr R C Hazell

Ms A L King

Mr J Thurston (Resigned on 16 January 2017)

**POLITICAL AND CHARITABLE DONATIONS**

The Company made no donations or incurred any political and charitable expenditure during the year (2016: £NIL).

**FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

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 were 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. Additional risks that this Company and the Unilever Group are subject to, and how they are managed, in the context of the Unilever Group as a whole is provided in the Unilever Group published annual report for the year ended 31 December 2017.

**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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**DIRECTORS' REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

**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.

**STRATEGIC REPORT**

The Company has taken advantage of disclosure exemptions available to small companies under Section 414B of the Companies Act 2006, and has not prepared a strategic report.

**AUDITOR**

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor will be deemed to be reappointed and KPMG LLP will therefore continue in office.

This report was approved by the Board on 13 SEPTEMBER 2018 and signed on its behalf by Mr R C Hazell on 19 September 2018.



Mr R C Hazell  
Director

Registered Office: Unilever House, 100 Victoria Embankment, London, EC4Y 0DY, United Kingdom

Company registration number: 36581

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**BROOKE BOND GROUP LIMITED**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF BROOKE BOND GROUP LIMITED**

We have audited the financial statements of Brooke Bond Group Limited ("the Company") for the year ended 31 December 2017 which comprise the profit and loss account and 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 2017 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 of 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**

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 twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. We have nothing to report in these respects.

**Directors' report**

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

Our responsibility is to read 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 directors' report;
- in our opinion the information given in that report for the financial year is consistent with the financial statements; and
- in our opinion that report has 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; or
- the directors were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirements to prepare a strategic report.

We have nothing to report in these respects

**BROOKE BOND GROUP LIMITED****INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF BROOKE BOND GROUP LIMITED****Directors' responsibilities**

As explained more fully in their statement set out on page 1, 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.

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on the FRC's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://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 shareholders 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.



**Paul Korolkiewicz (Senior statutory auditor)**

**For and on behalf of  
KPMG LLP**

Chartered Accountants  
15 Canada Square  
London  
E14 5GL

Date: 19 September 2018



## BROOKE BOND GROUP LIMITED

**PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

	Note	2017 £000	2016 £000
Administrative expenses	3	(11)	(7)
<b>Operating loss</b>		<b>(11)</b>	<b>(7)</b>
Income from shares in group undertakings	7	22,618	20,387
Other interest receivable and similar income	8	46	75
Interest payable and similar charges	8	(8,327)	(1,503)
Exchange adjustments		3,647	48
<b>Result on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		<b>17,973</b>	<b>19,000</b>
Taxation on result on ordinary activities	9	904	603
<b>Profit for the financial year</b>		<b>18,877</b>	<b>19,603</b>

## BROOKE BOND GROUP LIMITED

**STATEMENT OF OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

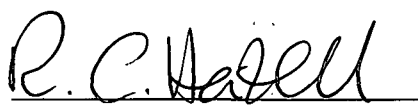
	Note	2017 £000	2016 £000
<b>Profit for the year</b>		<b>18,877</b>	<b>19,603</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income:</b>			
<i>Items that are or may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</i>			
Fair value gains		635,829	123,035
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>654,706</b>	<b>142,638</b>

## BROOKE BOND GROUP LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Note	2017 £000	2016 £000
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Investments	10	6,008,305	5,047,426
		<u>6,008,305</u>	<u>5,047,426</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors (including £24,402,454 (2016: £24,354,000) due after more than one year)	11	25,746	24,930
Cash at bank and in hand	/	-	2
		<u>25,746</u>	<u>24,932</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	(671,506)	(214,519)
		<u>(645,760)</u>	<u>(189,587)</u>
<b>Net current liabilities</b>			
		<u>5,362,545</u>	<u>4,857,839</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			
		<u>5,362,545</u>	<u>4,857,839</u>
<b>Net assets</b>			
		<u>5,362,545</u>	<u>4,857,839</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called up share capital	13	86,662	86,662
Share premium		30,990	30,990
Revaluation reserve		33,528	33,528
Fair value reserve		1,677,531	1,041,702
Profit and loss account		3,533,834	3,664,957
		<u>5,362,545</u>	<u>4,857,839</u>
<b>Shareholders' funds</b>			
		<u>5,362,545</u>	<u>4,857,839</u>

This report was approved by the Board on 13 SEPTEMBER 2018 and signed on its behalf by  
Mr R C Hazell on 19 September 2018

  
Mr R C Hazell  
Director

## BROOKE BOND GROUP LIMITED

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Called up share capital £000	Share premium £000	Reval- uation reserves £000	Fair value reserves £000	Profit and loss account £000	Total equity £000
<b>At 1 January 2017</b>	<b>86,662</b>	<b>30,990</b>	<b>33,528</b>	<b>1,041,702</b>	<b>3,664,957</b>	<b>4,857,839</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>						
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	18,877	18,877
Dividend declared during the year					(150,000)	(150,000)
Fair value gains	-	-	-	635,829	-	635,829
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	635,829	(131,123)	504,706
<b>At 31 December 2017</b>	<b>86,662</b>	<b>30,990</b>	<b>33,528</b>	<b>1,677,531</b>	<b>3,533,834</b>	<b>5,362,545</b>

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

	Called up share capital £000	Share premium £000	Reval- uation reserves £000	Fair value reserves £000	Profit and loss account £000	Total equity £000
<b>At 1 January 2016</b>	<b>86,662</b>	<b>30,990</b>	<b>33,528</b>	<b>918,667</b>	<b>3,645,354</b>	<b>4,715,201</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>						
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	19,603	19,603
Fair value gains	-	-	-	123,035	-	123,035
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	123,035	19,603	142,638
<b>At 31 December 2016</b>	<b>86,662</b>	<b>30,990</b>	<b>33,528</b>	<b>1,041,702</b>	<b>3,664,957</b>	<b>4,857,839</b>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES****1.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Brooke Bond Group Limited (the "Company") is a private Company incorporated, domiciled and registered in the UK. The registered number is 36581 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 PLC are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and provided in the published Unilever PLC Annual Report, available at [www.unilever.com](http://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:

- A Cash Flow Statement and related notes;
- Comparative period reconciliations for share capital, tangible fixed assets, intangible assets and investment properties;
- Disclosures in respect of transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries;
- Disclosures in respect of capital management;
- The effects of new but not yet effective IFRSs;
- Disclosures in respect of compensation of Key Management Personnel; and
- Disclosures of transactions with a management entity that provides key management personnel services to the company.

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

- IFRS 2 Share Based Payments in respect of group settled share based payments;

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

- 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
- Certain disclosures required by IFRS 13 Fair value measurement and the disclosures required by IFRS 7 Financial Instrument Disclosures.

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.

**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 instruments classified as available for sale.

**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.

Brooke Bond Group Limited has net current liabilities. These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis because Unilever PLC has formally indicated that it will continue to provide financial and other support to the Company to enable it to trade and meet its liabilities as and when they become due, for at least the next twelve months from the date of issuing the financial statements.

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)****1.5 DEBTORS**

Debtors are amounts due for services performed in the ordinary course of business and other receivables. If collection is expected in one year or less (or in the normal operating cycle of the business if longer), they are classified as due within one year. If not, they are presented as due after more than one year.

Debtors are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment.

Interest-bearing borrowings are recognised initially at fair value less attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, interest-bearing borrowings are stated at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses.

**1.6 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

**1.7 VALUATION OF INVESTMENTS**

Investments in Group undertakings are entities controlled by the Company, where control is the power directly or indirectly to govern the financial and operating policies of the entity so as to obtain benefit from its activities.

Associated company investments are entities in which the Group has a long term interest and over which the Group has directly or indirectly significant influence, where significant influence is the ability to influence the financial and operating policies of the entity. Other investments are shares in other entities, for which the Company's influence is less than significant, these are held at cost less accumulated impairment losses. Listed investments in equity securities held by the Company are classified as being available-for-sale and are stated at fair value, with any resultant gain or loss being recognised directly in equity (in the fair value reserve), except for impairment losses. When these investments are derecognised, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised directly in equity is recognised in profit or loss.

Investments in Group undertakings and associates are held at cost less accumulated impairment losses. Where the value of an investment is considered to have been permanently impaired, a carrying value below cost method is employed and any impairment charge is taken to the profit and loss account.

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

The carrying amounts of the Company's fixed assets investments 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").

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.

**1.8 CREDITORS**

Creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. If payment is expected in one year or less, they are classified as due within one year. If not, they are presented as due after more than one year.

Creditors are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**1.9 FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION***Functional and presentation currency*

The Company's functional and presentational currency is GBP.

*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.



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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)****1.10 FINANCE COSTS**

Net finance costs are comprised of finance costs and finance income, including net finance costs in relation to pensions and similar obligations.

**1.11 INTEREST INCOME AND EXPENSE**

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

**1.12 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.

**1.13 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.

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.

## BROOKE BOND GROUP LIMITED

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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 fixed assets investments*

The company makes an estimate of the recoverable value of the fixed assets investments. For description of Management's approach see Note 1.7 Valuation of investments.

*Impairment of debtors*

The Company makes an estimate of the recoverable value of the debtors. When assessing impairment of debtors, Management considers factors including the ageing profile of receivables and historical experience.

**3. OPERATING LOSS**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
The operating loss is stated after debiting:		
Administrative expenses	<b>(11)</b>	<b>(7)</b>
<b>Operating loss</b>	<b><u>(11)</u></b>	<b><u>(7)</u></b>

**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.

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Audit of these financial statements	<b>3,606</b>	<b>4,025</b>

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.

## BROOKE BOND GROUP LIMITED

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**5. EMPLOYEE INFORMATION**

No employees were employed by the Company during 2017 (2016: no employees) and no employee costs were incurred by the Company (2016: £NIL).

**6. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION**

No remuneration (2016: £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**

	<b>2017</b>	2016
	<b>£000</b>	£000
Dividends from Hindustan Unilever Limited	<b>22,618</b>	20,387
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,618</b>	20,387

**8. INTEREST RECEIVABLE/(PAYABLE) AND SIMILAR INCOME/(CHARGES)**

	<b>2017</b>	2016
	<b>£000</b>	£000
Interest receivable on loans to group undertakings	<b>46</b>	75
<b>Total interest receivable and similar income</b>	<b>46</b>	75
Interest payable on loans from group undertakings	<b>(8,327)</b>	(1,503)
<b>Total interest payable and similar charges</b>	<b>(8,327)</b>	(1,503)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(8,281)</b>	(1,428)

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**9. TAXATION**

The taxation credit is made up as follows:

<b>Recognised in the profit and loss account</b>	<b>2017 £000</b>	<b>2016 £000</b>
<i>UK corporation tax</i>		
Current tax on income for the period	<b>906</b>	307
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	<b>(2)</b>	296
<b>Total current tax</b>	<b>904</b>	603
<b>Tax credit on profit on ordinary activities</b>	<b>904</b>	603

The current UK corporate tax rate that has been used for the year is 19.25% (2016: 20%). This is on the basis that the rate changed from 20% to 19% as of 1 April 2017. A further reduction to the main rate was substantively enacted on 6 September 2016 to reduce the rate to 17% from 1 April 2020.

The current tax assessed for the year is lower (2016: lower) than the standard rate of corporation taxation in the UK of 19.25% (2016: 20%). The differences are explained below:

	<b>2017 £000</b>	<b>2016 £000</b>
<b>Reconciliation of tax income</b>		
Profit for the year	<b>17,973</b>	19,000
Total tax income	<b>904</b>	603
Tax using the UK corporation tax rate of 19.25% (2016:20%)	<b>(3,460)</b>	(3,800)
<b>Effects of:</b>		
Tax exempt income – dividends	<b>4,354</b>	4,077
Permanent differences – other	<b>12</b>	30
(Under)/over provided in prior years (current tax)	<b>(2)</b>	296
<b>Total tax credit</b>	<b>904</b>	603

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**10. INVESTMENTS**

	Subsidiary undertakings £000	Associate undertakings £000	Listed investments £000	Other investments** £000	Total £000
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 January 2017	490,501	67,752	16,550	3,487,042	4,061,845
Additions***	325,050	-	-	-	325,050
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
<b>At 31 December 2017</b>	<b>815,551</b>	<b>67,752</b>	<b>16,550</b>	<b>3,487,042</b>	<b>4,386,895</b>
<b>Impairment</b>					
At 1 January 2017	(56,121)	-	-	-	(56,121)
<b>At 31 December 2017</b>	<b>(56,121)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(56,121)</b>
<b>Fair value adjustment *</b>					
At 1 January 2017	-	-	1,041,702	-	1,041,702
Gain for the year	-	-	635,829	-	635,829
<b>At 31 December 2017</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,677,531</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,677,531</b>
<b>Net book value</b>					
<b>At 31 December 2017</b>	<b>759,430</b>	<b>67,752</b>	<b>1,694,081</b>	<b>3,487,042</b>	<b>6,008,305</b>
At 31 December 2016	434,380	67,752	1,058,252	3,487,042	5,047,426

\* Investments held as available-for-sale are stated at fair value, with any resultant gain or loss being recognised directly in equity (in the fair value reserve).

\*\* Other investments are investments in holding companies that do not have a quoted price in an active market and whose fair value cannot be reliably measured and are therefore measured at cost.

\*\*\* Additions to investments comprise the subscription to shares issued by Unilever Australia Group Pty Ltd for consideration of AUD 539,899,937 on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017 and an additional contribution of TZS 26,439,186,840 made to Unilever Tea Tanzania Ltd on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

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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 (France) Ltd	Unilever House 100 Victoria Embankment London EC4Y 0DY United Kingdom	Ordinary	100%		Dormant
Brooke Bond Assam Estates Ltd	Unilever House 100 Victoria Embankment London EC4Y 0DY United Kingdom	Ordinary	100%		Holding
Unilever Australia Partnership Ltd.	Unilever House 100 Victoria Embankment London EC4Y 0DY United Kingdom	Ordinary	100%		Holding
Unilever Australia Investments Ltd.	Unilever House 100 Victoria Embankment London EC4Y 0DY United Kingdom	Ordinary	100%		Holding
Unilever Australia Group Pty Ltd	Level 17 2-26 Park Street Sydney NSW 2000 Australia	Ordinary	99.50%		Holding
Brooke Bond Mombasa Ltd.	Head Office, Kericho-Nakuru Road P.O. Box 20 20200, Kericho, Kenya	Ordinary		98.54%	Dormant
Mabroukie Tea & Coffee Estates Ltd.	Head Office, Kericho-Nakuru Road P.O. Box 20 20200, Kericho, Kenya	Ordinary		98.54%	Dormant
Unilever Tea Kenya Ltd. Plantations	Head Office, Kericho-Nakuru Road P.O. Box 20 20200, Kericho, Kenya	Ordinary	98.54%		Refreshments

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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 Tanzania Ltd.	P.O. Box 40, Mufindi, Tanzania	Ordinary	100%		Refreshments
The Limuru Tea Company Ltd.	Head Office, Kericho-Nakuru Road P.O. Box 20 20200, Kericho, Kenya	Ordinary		51.25%	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, whose shares are listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange (market price per share at 31 December 2017 amounts to INR 1368.10). For the calculation of the market value, the Unilever closing 31 December 2017 exchange rate of 86.20026 has been used. The market value of the listed investment is £1,694,081,378.

Name	Address of the registered office	Class of shares held	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%		Home Care
Brooke Bond South India Estates Ltd	Unilever House 100 Victoria Embankment London EC4Y 0DY United Kingdom	Ordinary	0%		Holding
Unilever US Investments Ltd	Unilever House 100 Victoria Embankment London EC4Y 0DY United Kingdom	Ordinary	0%		Holding
Unilever Canada Inc.	160 Bloor Street East Suite 1400 Toronto ON M4W 3R2 Canada	Class C	0%		Home & Personal Care

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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.

**11. DEBTORS**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
<b>Due after more than one year</b>		
Indebtedness owed by parent company	<b>21,950</b>	21,917
Amounts owed by Group undertakings	<b>2,453</b>	2,437
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,403</b>	24,354
<b>Due within one year</b>		
Group relief receivable	<b>1,343</b>	574
Prepayments and accrued income	<b>-</b>	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,343</b>	576
<b>Total debtors</b>	<b>25,746</b>	24,930

Indebtedness 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 this outstanding balance within a year as of 31 December 2017.

**12. CREDITORS**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Amounts owed to Group undertakings	<b>(671,506)</b>	(214,519)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(671,506)</b>	(214,519)
<b>Total creditors</b>	<b>(671,506)</b>	(214,519)

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 AUD 2,699,500 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 Ltd.



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**13. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL**

	<b>2017</b>	2016
	<b>£000</b>	£000
<b>Allotted, called up and fully paid</b>		
346,646,201 (2016: 346,646,201) Ordinary shares of £0.25 each	<b>86,662</b>	86,662
<b>Total</b>	<b>86,662</b>	86,662

**14. CONTROLLING PARTY**

The parent Company and controlling party is Unilever PLC and 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, Group Company Secretary's Department, 100 Victoria Embankment, London EC4Y 0DY and [www.unilever.com](http://www.unilever.com).

**15. PARENT COMPANY SUPPORT**

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