Rubix Group International Limited Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2022

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Rubix Group International Limited and its advisers

Registered office Rubix Group International Limited Accurist House 44 Baker Street

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Registered in England and Wales number 00162925

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Gatien Gillon Andrew Silverbeck Helen Shaw

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Independent auditors

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Strategic Report

The Directors present their Strategic Report for the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Principal activities

The principal activities of the Company are that of an intermediate holding company and of the provision of strategic direction and management services for the Rubix Group ("the Group") whose activities are that of an authorised distributor for many of the world's leading engineering component manufacturers. The Group operates across Europe supplying maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) products and services for the technical maintenance of industrial production. The Group supplies bearings, mechanical power transmission components, flow technology and fluid power products, machining, cutting, tooling and general maintenance products, together with the associated logistics and technical services.

Key performance indicators

Given the Company's principal activities, the Directors consider that analysis using key performance indicators is not necessary for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business.

Business review and future developments

The loss for the financial year is set out in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on page 10.

At 31 December 2022, the Company had net current liabilities of £487.6m (2021: £433.2m).

The Directors do not envisage any major changes in the Company's activities in the foreseeable future.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The principal risks of the Company are integrated with the principal risks of the group of companies headed by Rubix Limited, of which the Company is part, and are not managed separately. Rubix Limited is a company incorporated in the United Kingdom. The principal risks and uncertainties of Rubix Limited are disclosed in its Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements, copies of which can be obtained from its registered office at Accurist House, 44 Baker Street, London, England, W1U 7AL. Since the publication of the group consolidated accounts, general economic conditions continue to change and evolve and the Directors continue to monitor the macro economic developments and will react as appropriate.

Section 172 statement

The Directors have acted in a way that they considered, in good faith, to be most likely to promote the success of the Company for the benefit of its members as a whole, and in doing so have had regard, amongst other matters, to:

- the likely consequences of any decision in the long term;
- the interests of the Company's employees;
- the need to foster the Company's business relationships with suppliers, customers and others;
- the impact of the Company's operations on the community and the environment;
- the desirability of the Company maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct; and
- the need to act fairly as between members of the Company.

The Directors have also considered the views and interests of a wider set of stakeholders, including regulators, government and non-governmental organisations. Considering and balancing this broad range of interests is an important part of the way the Board makes decisions.

Engagement with stakeholders

Due to the nature of the Company, the size and distribution of our stakeholders is limited. The Directors consider and discuss relevant information covering areas such as key risks, legal, regulatory and other compliance, to help it understand the impact of the Company's limited operations, and the interests and views of key stakeholders. As a result of these activities, the Board has an overview of engagement with stakeholders, and other relevant factors, which enables the Directors to comply with their legal duty under section 172 of the Companies Act 2006.

Strategic Report (continued)

Engagement in action

The following are some examples of how the Directors have performed their duties as outlined in Section 172(1)(a)-(f):

- Business relationships and high standards of business conduct: The Directors facilitate regular engagement with the Company's advisers where appropriate to ensure constructive and successful business relationships.
- The need to act fairly as between members of the Company: The Directors consider which course of action best enables delivery of the Company's strategy through the long-term, taking into consideration the impact on all stakeholders. In doing so, the Directors act fairly as between the members of the Company.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on its behalf

Andrew Silverbeck

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Director 26 September 2023

Directors' report

The Directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Results and future developments

The results for the financial year are set out in in the Strategic Report on pages 2-3 and the Statement of Comprehensive Income on page 10. The Directors do not envisage any major changes in the Company's activities in the foreseeable future.

The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend for the year (2021: £nil).

Directors

The Directors of the Company during the year and up to the date of signing the financial statements were:

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Directors' and Officers' liability insurance and indemnities

The Company purchases liability insurance cover for Directors and officers of the Company and its subsidiaries which gives appropriate cover for certain legal action brought against them. The Company has also provided an indemnity for its Directors to the extent permitted by the law in respect of certain liabilities incurred as a result of their office. The indemnity would not provide any coverage to the extent that a Director is proved to have acted fraudulently or dishonestly nor will it provide any indemnity directly or indirectly (to any extent) against criminal fines, penalties imposed by regulatory bodies, the defence costs of criminal proceedings where the Director is convicted, the defence costs of civil proceedings successfully brought against the Director by the Company or an associated company and the costs of unsuccessful applications by the Director for relief.

The Directors also have the benefit of the indemnity provision contained in the Company's articles of association which is a qualifying third party indemnity provision within the meaning of the Companies (Audit, Investigations and Community Enterprise) Act 2004 and individual deeds of indemnity from the Company. This indemnity provision was in force during throughout the financial year and up to the date of approval of these financial statements.

Shares

The issued ordinary share capital of the Company is shown in note 12 and consists of ordinary shares of 20p each. All of the issued ordinary shares rank pari passu.

Engagement with stakeholders

Due to the nature of the Company, the size and distribution of our stakeholders is limited. The Directors consider and discuss relevant information on how to foster the Company's business relationships with suppliers, customers and other stakeholders when considering the principal decisions taken by the Company during the financial year. The full statement is set out on pages 2 to 3.

Financial risk management

As the Company's activities are all intra-group, it has no direct exposure to external price, credit, liquidity and cash flow risks. Whilst the operations of its subsidiary undertakings are exposed to these external risks, because these risks are common to all entities in the Group, the management of the risks is carried out and monitored by a central treasury function as described in the Group's annual report.

Going concern

The Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for twelve months from the date of the approval of these financial statements. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and financial statements.

This conclusion is based on a review of the resources available in the Group, of which the Company is part, and receipt of a letter of support from the Group's holding company. This conclusion takes into account the Group's financial projections as part of the base case scenario together with available cash and committed borrowing facilities, and the covenants applicable to those bank facilities.

Furthermore, the Group has modelled the impact of a downside scenario reflecting a prolonged 5% reduction in revenue, a 60 basis point reduction in gross profit %, a 1% increase in cost inflation and an increase in interest rates of up to 200 basis points compared to budget and forecasts for the next 15 months. The impact of a delay or cancellation of Strategic Acquisitions, Network Development and investment capital expenditure has also been modelled as a means to conserve cash resources. The Directors are confident that even under such a downside scenario, the Group would continue to meet its financial obligations and banking covenants over the forecast period.

Directors' report (continued)

Going concern (continued)

The Group's forecast under this downside scenario assumes no additional debt is raised and shows that the Group would continue to operate within the level of its current facilities over the next 15 months.

The Directors of the Group have also considered, but not modelled, additional mitigating actions that could be taken in the event of such a scenario, including cost reduction programmes and raising additional debt.

Statement of disclosure of information to auditors

In the case of each Director in office at the date the Directors' report is approved, so far as the Directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware and they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as Directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

Appointment of independent auditors

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Shareholder resolutions to re-appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) as independent auditors to the Company and to authorise the Directors to determine their remuneration will be proposed for approval by the Company's shareholder.

On behalf of the Board

Andrew Silverbeck

Director

26 September 2023

Statement of Directors' responsibilities in respect of the financial statements

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

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework", and applicable law).

Under Company law, Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 101 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Directors are also 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.

On behalf of the Board

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Andrew Silverbeck Director

26 September 2023

Independent auditors' report to the members of Rubix Group International Limited

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

In our opinion, Rubix Group International Limited's financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of its loss for the year then
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework", and applicable law); and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements, included within the Annual Report and Financial Statements (the "Annual Report"), which comprise: the Balance sheet as at 31 December 2022; the Income statement, Statement of comprehensive income and Statement of changes in equity for the year then ended; the Accounting policies; and the notes to the financial statements.

Basis for opinion

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

Independence

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

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

Reporting on other information

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

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify an apparent material inconsistency or material misstatement, we are required to perform procedures to conclude whether there is a material misstatement of the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report based on these responsibilities.

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

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

Independent auditors' report to the members of Rubix Group International Limited (continued)

Strategic report and Directors' Report

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, the information given in the Strategic report and Directors' Report for the year ended 31 December 2022 is consistent with the financial statements and has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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

Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

Responsibilities of the directors for the financial statements

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

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

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

Based on our understanding of the company and industry, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to Companies Act 2006 and corporation tax regulation, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to posting inappropriate manual journal entries to manipulate results and management bias in accounting estimates. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the Company and how the Company is complying with that framework;
- Discussions with management, including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud:
- Identifying and testing journal entries, in particular any journal entries posted with unusual account combinations. Also testing a sample of statutory adjustments made, not specifically related to unusual account combinations;
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their significant accounting estimates;
- Review of meeting minutes of those charged with governance;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Independent auditors' report to the members of Rubix Group International Limited (continued)

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

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

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

Use of this report

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

Other required reporting

Companies Act 2006 exception reporting

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

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

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

Richard Porter (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

London

26 September 2023

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Income statement

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Year ended 31 December 2022 £m	Year ended 31 December 2021 £m
	Note	LIII	FIII
Administrative expenses		(48.8)	(24.7)
Other operating income		40.1	34.7
Operating (loss) / profit	1	(8.7)	10.0
Adjusted operating (loss) / profit *		(5.9)	29.7
Exceptional items	2	(2.8)	(19.7)
Operating (loss) / profit	1	(8.7)	10.0
Finance expenses	3	(19.6)	(17.3)
Loss before taxation		(28.3)	(7.3)
Adjusted (loss) / profit before taxation *		(25.5)	12.4
Exceptional items	2	(2.8)	(19.7)
Loss before taxation		(28.3)	(7.3)
Tax on loss	4	2.1	(2.3)
Loss for the financial year		(26.2)	(9.6)

^{*}Adjusted operating (loss) / profit and Adjusted (loss) / profit before tax are stated before the impact of exceptional items.

The statement of accounting policies and notes on pages 13 to 30 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Statement of comprehensive income

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Year ended	Year ended
	31 December	31 December
	2022	2021
	£m	£m
Loss for the year	(26.2)	(9.6)
Other comprehensive income		
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss		
Actuarial gain on retirement benefit obligations	2.0	15.0
Total other comprehensive income for the year	2,0	15.0
Total comprehensive (expense) / income for the year	(24.2)	5.4

Items in the above statement are disclosed net of tax.

The statement of accounting policies and notes on pages 13 to 30 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Balance sheet

At 31 December 2022

		31 December	31 December
		2022	2021
	Note	£m	£m
Assets			
Non-current assets			
Intangible assets	6	19.7	17.4
Property, plant and equipment	7	0.3	0.5
Investments	8	600.7	586.2
Debtors - amounts falling due after more than one year	9	82.9	78.2
		703.6	682.3
Current assets			
Debtors - amounts falling due within one year	9	103.5	56.3
Cash and cash equivalents		0.1	0.2
		103.6	56.5
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	10	(591.2)	(489.7)
Net current liabilities		(487.6)	(433.2)
Non-current liabilities			
Pensions and similar obligations	11	3.6	(5.3)
Net assets		219.6	243.8
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Called up share capital	12	26.9	26.9
Share premium account		322.3	322.3
Special capital reserve		12.1	12.1
Accumulated losses		(141.7)	(117.5)
At the start of the year		(117.5)	(122.9)
Movement during the year on accumulated losses		(24.2)	5.4
Total equity		219.6	243.8
Total equity		<u> </u>	273.0

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The financial statements on pages 10 to 30 were approved by the Board on 26 September 2023 and signed on its behalf by

Andrew Silverbeck Director

Rubix Group International Limited Company number 00162925

Statement of changes in equity

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Called up share capital	Share premium account	Special capital reserve	Accumulated losses	Total Equity
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Balance at 1 January 2021	26.9	322.3	12.1	(122.9)	238.4
Year ended 31 December 2021				·	·
Loss for the financial year	-	-	-	(9.6)	(9.6)
Other comprehensive income	-	<u> </u>		15.0	15.0
Total comprehensive income for the year				5.4	5.4
Balance at 31 December 2021	26.9	322.3	12.1	(117.5)	243.8
Year ended 31 December 2022					
Loss for the financial year	-	•	-	(26.2)	(26.2)
Other comprehensive income				2.0	2.0
Total comprehensive expense for the year		-	-	(24.2)	(24.2)
Balance at 31 December 2022	26.9	322.3	12.1	(141.7)	219.6

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Accounting policies

General information

Rubix Group International Limited is a private company, limited by shares, domiciled and incorporated in the UK on 16 January 1920. Its registered office is Accurist House, 44 Baker Street, London, England, W1U 7AL.

The principal activities are set out in the Strategic Report on page 2. The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been applied consistently to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101, "Reduced Disclosure Framework" (FRS 101), on the going concern basis, as set out in the Directors' report on pages 4 and 5, under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

The Company is a qualifying entity for the purposes of FRS 101. Note 16 gives details of the Company's parent and from where its consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with IFRS may be obtained. FRS 101 sets out amendments to International Accounting Standards in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The following exemptions from the requirements of IFRS have been applied in the preparation of these financial statements, in accordance with FRS 101:

- IFRS 7, 'Financial instruments: Disclosures'
- IAS 7, 'Statement of cash flows'
- IAS 8, 'Accounting policies, Changings in Accounting Estimates and Errors'
- IAS 24 (paragraph 17) 'Related party disclosures' (key management compensation)
- IAS 24 'Related party disclosures' the requirement to disclose related party transactions between two or more members of a group
- the following paragraphs of IAS 1, 'Presentation of financial statements'
 - 10(d) (statement of cash flows)
 - 16 (statement of compliance with all IFRS)
 - 111 (cash flow statement information)
 - 134-136 (capital management disclosures)
 - 38 of IAS 1, 'Presentation of financial statements' comparative information requirements in respect of: paragraph 79(a)(iv) of IAS 1
 - 73(e) of IAS 16, 'Property, plant and equipment'
 - 118(e) of IAS 38, 'Intangible assets' (reconciliations between the carrying amount at the beginning and end of the period)

As the Group financial statements include the equivalent disclosures, the Company has taken the exemptions available under FRS 101 in respect of certain disclosures required by FRS 2 Share based payments in respect of Group settled equity share based payments and disclosures required by IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement.

New standards, amendments to standards or interpretations

The following standards, amendments and interpretations apply for the first time for the Company:

Standard or interpretation	Content	Applicable for financial years beginning on or after
Amendments to IAS 1	Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current	1 January 2022
Amendments to IAS 16	Property, Plant and Equipment: Proceeds before intended use	1 January 2022
Amendments to IFRS 3	Reference to the Conceptual Framework	1 January 2022
Amendments to IAS 37	Onerous Contracts - Cost of Fulfilling a Contract	1 January 2022
Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards 2018-2020	Various improvements to several accounting standards	1 January 2022

Standards, amendments and interpretations that are not yet effective are as follows:

Standard or interpretation	Content	Applicable for financial years beginning on or after
Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2	Disclosure of Accounting Policies	1 January 2023
Amendments to IAS 8	Definition of Accounting Estimates	1 January 2023
Amendments to IAS 12	Deferred tax related to assets and liabilities arising from single transactions	1 January 2023

Accounting policies (continued)

New standards, amendments to standards or interpretations (continued)

No new accounting standards, amendments or interpretations that are effective for the year ended 31 December 2022 have had a material impact on the Company.

Going concern

The Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for twelve months from the date of the approval of these financial statements. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and financial statements.

This conclusion is based on a review of the resources available in the Group, of which the Company is part, and receipt of a letter of support from the Group's holding company. This conclusion takes into account the Group's financial projections as part of the base case scenario together with available cash and committed borrowing facilities, and the covenants applicable to those bank facilities.

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The Group's forecast under this downside scenario assumes no additional debt is raised and shows that the Group would continue to operate within the level of its current facilities over the next 15 months.

The Directors of the Group have also considered, but not modelled, additional mitigating actions that could be taken in the event of such a scenario, including cost reduction programmes and raising additional debt.

Exemption from consolidation

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Rubix Limited whose consolidated financial statements are publicly available. Accordingly, the Company is exempt under s400 of the Companies Act 2006 from the obligation to prepare consolidated financial statements. These financial statements therefore present information about the Company as an individual entity and not about its group.

Investments in subsidiary undertakings

Investments in subsidiary undertakings are shown at cost less any provision for impairment. The investments are initially recorded at cost in their local currency and retranslated at the end of each accounting period.

Exchange differences arising on re-translation are taken to the statement of comprehensive income. Impairment reviews are performed by the Directors annually or when there has been an indication of potential impairment.

Property, plant and equipment

All property, plant and equipment are stated at historical cost less depreciation. Cost includes the original purchase price of the asset and the costs attributable to bringing the asset to its working condition for its intended use.

Depreciation is calculated on the straight-line method to write off the cost of each asset to their residual values over their estimated useful lives as follows:

> Equipment 7 years

Intangible assets

Trade names

Trade names are recognised when separately acquired and are valued at cost less accumulated amortisation. Trade names are considered to have estimated useful lives of between 5 and 20 years and are amortised accordingly on a straight-line basis.

Computer software - development

Costs associated with maintaining computer software programmes are recognised as an expense as incurred. Costs that are directly associated with identifiable software systems operated by the Company and which will generate economic benefits exceeding costs beyond one year, are recognised as intangible assets. Direct costs where relevant include the employee costs of the internal software development team and an appropriate portion of direct overheads.

Expenditure which enhances or extends the performance of identifiable software systems beyond their original specifications is recognised as a capital improvement and added to the original cost of the software. Computer software development costs recognised as assets are amortised using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives, up to but not exceeding a period of 7 years.

Borrowings

Borrowings are recognised initially at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred, and are subsequently stated at amortised cost. The transaction costs incurred are amortised over the expected life of the facility. Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Company has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the balance sheet date.

Foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the date of transaction. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at yearend exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the income statement.

Accounting policies (continued)

Trade and other receivables (continued)

Trade receivables are recognised initially at the amount of consideration that is unconditional, unless they contain significant financing components, when they are recognised at fair value. The company holds the trade receivables with the objective of collecting the contractual cash flows and therefore measures them subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

The company applies the IFRS 9 simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses which requires expected lifetime losses to be recognised from initial recognition of the receivables.

To measure the expected credit losses, trade receivables and contract assets are grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due. The contract assets relate to unbilled work in progress and have substantially the same risk characteristics as the trade receivables for the same types of contracts. The company has therefore concluded that the expected loss rates for trade receivables are a reasonable approximation of the loss rates for the contract assets.

At the end of each reporting period, the Company assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired. Such objective evidence of impairment arises as a result of one or more loss events occurring after the initial recognition of the asset(s) and that loss event having an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset(s) that can be reliably estimated.

Trade payables

Trade payables are non-interest bearing and are stated at their nominal value. Trade payables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently held at amortised cost.

Employee benefits

Defined Contribution schemes

A defined contribution scheme is a pension plan under which the Company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity (a fund) and will have no legal or constructive obligations to pay further contributions if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior years. Contributions are charged to the income statement in the year in which they arise.

Defined Benefit schemes

A defined benefit scheme is a pension plan that defines an amount of pension benefit to be provided, usually as a function of one or more factors such as age, years of service or compensation.

The operating and financing costs of such plans are recognised separately in the income statement; service costs are spread systematically over the lives of employees and financing costs are recognised in the years in which they arise. The net interest charge on the defined benefit liability is included in finance expense.

The asset or liability recognised in the balance sheet in respect of defined benefit pension schemes is the sum of the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the balance sheet date less the fair value of plan assets. The present value of the defined benefit obligation is determined by discounting the estimated future cash outflows using interest rates of government securities which have terms to maturity approximating the terms of the related liability and is calculated annually by independent advisers using the projected unit credit method.

Actuarial gains and losses arising from experience adjustments and changes in actuarial assumptions are charged or credited to equity in the statement of comprehensive income. Past service costs are recognised immediately in the income statement.

Current and deferred tax

Current tax

Corporation tax payable is provided on taxable profits at the current rate.

Deferred tax

Deferred income tax is provided in full, using the balance sheet liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. Current or substantively enacted tax rates are used in the determination of deferred income tax.

Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

No deferred tax asset or liability is recognised in respect of temporary differences associated with investments in Group undertakings, where the Group is able to control the timing of reversal of the temporary differences and it is probable that the temporary differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Exceptional items

IAS 1 'Presentation of financial statements' requires material items of income and expense to be disclosed separately. Exceptional items are items which, in management's judgement, need to be disclosed by virtue of their size or incidence in order for the user to obtain a proper understanding of the Company's financial performance.

Current year exceptional charges include £2.7m (2021: £5.2m) relating to the ongoing restructuring and integration costs of the legacy IPH and Brammer groups into the combined Rubix Group. These include headcount costs, property costs and professional fees. The Company also incurred Enil (2021: £13.9m) of third-party consultant and professional advisory costs in relation to a potential change of ownership transition.

Accounting policies (continued)

Finance expense

All borrowing and other finance costs are recognised within the income statement within finance expense in the year in which they occur. Arrangement fees incurred in obtaining financing are capitalised and amortised over the repayment term of the debt they relate to.

Share capital and share premium

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

Central purchasing income

The Company has agreements (supplier rebates) with a number of its suppliers to the Rubix Group whereby volume-based rebates, marketing support and other discounts are received in connection with the purchase of goods for resale from those suppliers. Accruals are recognised for cash contributions receivable from suppliers of certain strategic products, when cash receipts are not received in the year to which the contributions relate. The element of judgement surrounding the calculation of the accrual at year end is low as agreements with suppliers are supported by signed contracts, and confirmations of the achievement of relevant targets based on historic performance levels are obtained from the most significant suppliers in the first few months following the year end.

Management fee income

Management fee income is included within Other operating income and is recognised in the year which the relevant management services are provided to Group companies.

Dividend income

Dividend income is recognised in the year that the Company's immediate subsidiaries declare dividends to it. Accruals are recognised when cash receipts are not received in the year to which the contributions relate

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The Company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. With the exception of estimates noted below, there are no areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity and there are no significant judgements or estimates in these financial statements that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in these financial statements.

Impairment of investments

In accordance with the accounting policy in relation to investments, the company periodically tests whether investments have suffered any impairment. The recoverable amounts of cash generating units have been determined based on value-in-use calculations and these calculations require the use of estimates. The assumptions on which impairment testing is based include, but are not limited to, discount rate, useful economic life and cash flow forecasts for future business generation.

Deferred tax assets

Deferred tax assets are recognised on losses and capital allowances carried forward only to the extent that it is probable they will be available for use against future taxable profits, and that there will be sufficient future taxable profits to be utilised. The key assumption made in arriving at the deferred tax assets recognised is the forecast level of future taxable profits available to be utilised. See note 13 for further details.

Retirement benefit obligations

The present value of the pension obligations depends on several assumptions which are determined on an actuarial basis. The key assumption is the discount rates applied, as changes to discount rates will have the greatest impact on the carrying value of the pension obligations. Note 11 contains further detail of the actuarial assumptions, including sensitivity analysis, used in determining the carrying value of the pension obligation.

Judgements:

The following are the critical judgements, apart from those involving estimations (which are dealt with separately above), that the Directors have made in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised and presented in the financial statements.

Classification of exceptional items

Certain items of income and expense are classified as exceptional items due to their nature or size and are presented separately on the face of the income statement to provide a better understanding of the Company's financial performance. Exceptional items are excluded from underlying performance measures to present a more meaningful measure of the underlying performance of the business. There is a degree of judgement in determining whether costs meet the definition of exceptional items.

Notes to the financial statements

Operating (loss) / profit

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Operating (loss) / profit is stated after charging /(crediting):

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Foreign exchange losses / (gains)		17.6	(24.6)
Exceptional items	2	2.8	19.7
Employee benefit expense	5	12.4	16.9
Employee expenses for other group companies		3.7	4.2
Marketing, IT and professional fee expenses		4.5	4.0
Amortisation of intangible assets		3.9	3.2
Depreciation of tangible assets		0.3	0.4
Auditors' remuneration:			
Fees payable for the audit of these financial statements		0.1	0.1
Fees payable for the audit of the consolidated Group financial statements and audit of other Group		0.1	0.1
companies Other assurance services relating to a potential change		0.4	0.3
of ownership transaction		-	2.8

Amortisation of intangible assets and depreciation of tangible assets is shown within administrative expenses in the income statement.

An analysis of other operating income credited in arriving at operating (loss) / profit is shown below:

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	£m	£m
Dividends from group companies	1.3	2.6
Central purchasing income	1.4	13.7
Management charge income	37.4	18.4
	40.1	34.7
2 Exceptional items		
	2022	2021
	£m	£m
Restructuring and integration costs	2.7	5.2
Costs incurred in relation to potential ownership transition	-	13.9
Acquisition related costs	0.1	0.6
	2.8	19.7

Current year exceptional charges include £2.7m (2021: £5.2m) relating to the ongoing restructuring and integration costs of the legacy IPH and Brammer groups into the combined Rubix Group. These include headcount costs and professional fees. The Company also incurred Enil (2021: £13.9m) of third-party consultant and professional advisory costs in relation to a potential change of ownership transition.

3 Finance expenses

	2022 £m	2021 £m
Interest payable on intercompany loans	19.6	16.9
Other interest	<u>-</u>	0.4
	19.6	17.3

Other finance costs include £nil (2021: £0.4m) relating to interest on the defined benefit liability (note 11).

Tax on loss

4 Tax on toss	2022 £m	2021 £m
Current tax		
UK corporation tax on loss for the year at 19% (2021: 19%)	1.6	(0.4)
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	0.7	(0.8)
Current tax credit / (charge)	2.3	(1.2)
Deferred tax		
Arising from origination and reversal of temporary differences	(0.2)	(1.1)
Deferred tax charge	(0.2)	(1.1)
Total taxation credit / (charge)	2.1	(2.3)

Factors affecting the tax credit / (charge) for the year

The effective tax rate for the year of positive 7% (2021: minus 32%) is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the United Kingdom. The differences to the standard rate of corporation tax in the United Kingdom are explained below:

Loss before taxation	2022 £m (28.3)	2021 £m (7.3)
Loss before taxation multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (19% in 2021)	5.4	1.4
Effects of: Unrecognised losses Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Controlled foreign corporation interest restriction Dividends not taxed Adjustments in respect of prior periods	(1.7) (0.4) (1.9) 0.2 0.5	(3.4) - 0.5 (0.8)
Total taxation credit / (charge)	2.1	(2.3)

The corporation tax rate will increase to 25% from 1 April 2023. This new law was substantively enacted on 24 May 2021. Deferred taxes at the balance sheet date have been measured using these enacted tax rates and reflected in these financial statements.

Employees and Directors

b Employees and Directors		
	2022	2021
	£m	£m
Wages and salaries	10.5	14.1
Social security costs	1.5	1.9
Other pension costs	0.4	0.9
	12.4	16.9
Monthly average number of employees (including directors)	121	109
	2022	2021
	£m	£m
Directors' remuneration		
Emoluments	1.6	1.3
Company contributions to money purchase pension schemes	0.1	0.1
	1.7	1.4
	2022	2021
Remuneration of the highest paid Director	£m	£m
Emoluments	0.8	0.8
Company contributions to money purchase pension schemes	0.1	0.1
	0.9	0.9

None of the Executive Directors is a member of a defined benefit or defined contribution pension scheme for which contributions are paid by any Group company.

6 Intangible assets

	Trade Names	Computer software	Totals
Costs	£m	£m	£m
At 1 January 2022	1.7	30.3	32.0
Additions in the year		6.2	6.2
At 31 December 2022	1.7	36.5	38.2
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1 January 2022	(0.1)	(14.5)	(14.6)
Charge for the year	(0.2)	(3.7)	(3.9)
At 31 December 2022	(0.3)	(18.2)	(18.5)
Net book value at 31 December 2022	1.4	18.3	19.7
Net book value at 31 December 2021	1.6	15.8	17.4

Property, plant and equipment

11		Equipment
		£m
Costs		
At 1 January 2022		1.8
Additions in the year		0.1
At 31 December 2022		1.9
Accumulated depreciation		
At 1 January 2022		(1.3)
Charge for the year		(0.3)
At 31 December 2022		(1.6)
Net book value at 31 December 2022		0.3
Net book value at 31 December 2021	·	0.5
8 Investments		
	2022	2021
	£m	£m
Investments		
At 1 January	586.2	585.6
Investment in subsidiaries	14.5	0.6
At 31 December	600.7	586.2

Details of the Company's subsidiaries, which are either wholly owned by the Company or by its subsidiaries, are shown on page 26 to 30.

An impairment review using a value in use calculation has been performed for each investment utilising the Group's forecasts and financial modelling used for the Group goodwill impairment assessment. Sensitivity tests have been performed using the following downside scenarios:

- 200 basis point increase to the discount rate;
- 50% reduction in the terminal growth rate; and
- Applied a prolonged reduction in sales growth in the cash flow forecasts consistent with the downside scenario used in going concern modelling as described in the going concern section of the Accounting Policies.

None of the downside sensitivity scenarios indicated an impairment would be required to be booked.

9 **Debtors**

		2022	2021
		£m	£m
Amounts falling due after more than one year	Note		
Amounts owed by group undertakings - loans receivable		80.9	76.0
Other receivables		2.0	1.3
Deferred tax assets	13	<u>-</u> _	0.9
		82.9	78.2
Amounts falling due within one year			
Amounts owed by group undertakings - trade receivables		99.2	51.4
Other receivables		4.3	4.9_
		103.5	56.3

9 Debtors (continued)

Amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured, carry interest at a variable rate linked to base rate and are repayable on demand. Receivables from group undertakings are stated net after an impairment of nil (2021: nil).

Other receivables falling due within one year consist of sales tax receivable £nil (2021: £1.8m), prepayments £1.6m (2021: £1.2m) and other receivables £2.7m (2021: £1.9m).

10 Creditors - amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£m	£m
Amounts owed to group undertakings - trade payables	47.2	33.2
Amounts owed to group undertakings - loans payable	531.2	448.5
Other creditors and accruals	12.8	8.0
	591.2	489.7

Amounts owed to group undertakings - loans payable carry interest at a variable rate linked to base rate and are repayable on demand. Amounts owed to group undertakings - trade payables are non-interest bearing and are repayable on demand.

11 Pensions and similar obligations

The Company participates in the Group retirement benefit obligations.

In the UK, the Group operates the Brammer Services Limited Retirement Benefit Scheme (the "Scheme"), which, until 28 February 2006, provided benefits on both a defined benefit and a defined contribution basis. With effect from 1 March 2006, the defined benefit section of the Scheme was closed to future accrual and existing members of the defined benefit section were offered membership of the separate defined contribution section of the Scheme. This defined contribution section of the Scheme was subsequently transferred to Aegon Master Trust in December 2019. The defined benefit section of the Scheme continues to be funded by the Group and deficit recovery payments are paid as determined by the actuary following discussions with the Trustee (see below).

The Scheme operates under UK trust law and the Trust is a separate legal entity which, since 28 April 2017, has been governed by a sole independent Trustee. The Trustee is required by law to act in the best interests of Scheme members. The Scheme, although closed, exposes the Group to actuarial risks including longevity risk, interest rate risk and market (investment) risk.

During 2018, the Trustee conducted an investment advisor review and, as part of this, made the decision to appoint a fiduciary manager. As part of the transition to the fiduciary portfolio, the Scheme invested in a leveraged Liability Driven Investment (LDI) portfolio which is made up of underlying investments in UK government bonds, cash and derivatives. The assets within this portfolio are expected to react to changes in interest rates and inflation in a similar way to the Scheme's long-term liabilities. The transition to the fiduciary portfolio (including the LDI portfolio) was completed in early 2018 following the completion of a bulk Retirement Transfer Option. In addition, the Scheme holds a buy-in policy with Pensions Insurance Corporation which matches the interest rate, inflation and longevity risk perfectly for a subset of the Scheme's pensioner membership. A value has been placed on the insurance policy which is equivalent to the liability matched by the policy (approximately £15.0m).

The net surplus of the Scheme are determined in accordance with IAS 19 as at 31 December 2022 was £3.6m (2021: £5.3m deficit).

The most recent completed triennial actuarial valuation of the Scheme was carried out as at 31 December 2020, using the marketrelated basis whereby assets are considered at their market value, by an independent actuary employed by the pension scheme administrator, Barnett Waddingham LLP. The valuation showed that the market value of the Scheme's assets (excluding members additional voluntary contributions, the value of the buy-in policy and Scheme's other annuity policy) was £144.6m as at 31 December 2020, which represented 82% of the value of the benefits that had accrued to members at that date. Following completion of the triennial actuarial valuation, the Group agreed a deficit funding plan with the Trustee to make payments of £6.0m per annum from 2021 to April 2026. In addition, the Group agreed to fund certain expenses of the Scheme. Based on this and the previous deficit funding plans, employer contributions for the year ended 31 December 2022 amounted to £6.5m (2021: £6.5m).

11 Pensions and similar obligations (continued)

The assumptions, which were agreed between the Group and the Trustee, that have the most significant effect on the results of the triennial actuarial valuation are those related to the rates of return on investments and the rates of increase in future price inflation and pensions.

The next triennial actuarial valuation of the Scheme is due as at 31 December 2023.

The weighted average duration of the defined benefit obligation at 31 December 2022 is approximately 17 years.

On 26 October 2018, the High Court issued a judgement relating to Guaranteed Minimum Pensions (GMPs) in the 'Llovds case'. Although the ruling related to the Lloyds Banking Group pension schemes, it created a precedent for other UK defined benefit pension schemes. The ruling requires the equalisation of member benefits to address gender inequality in instances where GMP benefits are currently unequal. The Trustees adopted method C2 in order to determine the cost of equalising for GMPs, which was identified in the Lloyds judgement as the "minimum interference" method. Method C2 is based on a cumulative test of pension amounts paid allowing for interest on pension payments and the financial effect on the Scheme's liabilities as at 31 December 2018 were an increase of approximately 1.40% for liabilities in respect of members not covered by the PIC policy, and an increase of 2.00% for liabilities in respect of members covered by the PIC policy. The resulting additional liability of £2.2m was recognised in 2018 as a Past Service Cost.

On 20 November 2020, the High Court made a further ruling involving Lloyds Banking Group pension schemes, that has created a precedent for pension schemes to revisit individual transfer payments made since 17 May 1990 to check if any additional value is due as a result of GMP equalisation. The Group's advisors have commenced the work to trace the necessary records to undertake this assessment and have estimated the further liability for the Group to be between £0.2m and £0.4m. The Group has concluded that, given the relatively small size of this item, it will recognise the related Past Service Cost once the work to assess the quantum is fully concluded.

A defined contribution scheme, the Brammer Services Limited Defined Contribution Pension Scheme, was launched on 1 January 2002 for new UK employees joining the Group. This arrangement closed in 2014 and the defined contribution retirement benefit arrangements for all UK employees of Rubix Group International Limited and Brammer UK Limited are now provided through the Aegon Master Trust referred to above.

IAS 19 retirement benefits

The valuations used for IAS 19 disclosures have been based on the most recent actuarial valuations updated to take account of the requirements of IAS 19 to assess the liabilities of each scheme. Assets are stated at their market value at 31 December 2022.

At 31 December	2022	2021
Inflation rate	3.10%	3.25%
Rate of increase in salaries	n/a	n/a
Rate of increase of pensions in payment	2.85%	3.10%
Rate of increase for deferred pensioners	2.60%	2.30%
Discount rate	4.65%	1.90%
Life expectancy at age 65 for:		
Current pensioners - males	20.8	21.2
Current pensioners - females	23.3	23.6
Future pensioners - males	22.0	22.0
Future pensioners - females	24.8	24.7

11 Pensions and similar obligations (continued)

The amounts recognised in the balance sheet in respect of the defined benefit scheme are:

	2022	2021
	£m	£m
Present value of funded obligations	(105.6)	. (173.0)
Fair value of plan assets	109.2	167.7
Deficit recognised in the balance sheet	3.6	(5.3)
benefit recognises in the batance sheet		(3.3)
The amounts recognised in the income statement are:		
	2022	2021
	£m	£m
Past service costs (included within exceptional costs)	-	-
Scheme administration expenses	0.3	0.5
Operating costs	0.3	0.5
Net interest on defined benefit liability	<u>-</u> _	0.4
Total pension expense in the statement of comprehensive income	0.3	0.9
The amounts recognised in other comprehensive income/ (expense) are:		
	2022	2021
	£m	£m
Actuarial gain on retirement benefit obligations	2.7	18.5
Deferred tax charge on retirement benefit obligations	(0.7)	(3.5)
Total pension gain after tax	2.0	15.0
The major categories and fair values of scheme assets as the balance sheet date a	are:	
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	2022	2021
	£m	£m
Equities	48.9	69.1
Diversified Growth Fund	-	6.6
Liability Driven Investment ("LDI")	45.4	71.0
Insurance policy	11.6	15.0
Cash	3.3	6.0
Total fair value of assets	109.2	167.7
Analysis of the movement in the balance sheet liability:		
	2022	2021
	£m	£m
Opening liability	(5.3)	(29.4)
Scheme administrative expenses	(0.3)	(0.5)
Net interest on defined benefit liability	- -	(0.4)
Franks, and analysis and	6.5	6.5
Employer contributions	0.5	
Actuarial gains recognised in other comprehensive income	2.7	18.5

11 Pensions and similar obligations (continued)

Reconciliation of defined benefit obligation:

	2022	2021
	£m	£m
Opening defined benefit obligation	(173.0)	(188.4)
Interest expense	(3.2)	(2.9)
Actuarial gains arising from changes in demographic assumptions	2.9	4.6
Actuarial gains arising from changes in financial assumptions	68.2	1.7
Experience (losses) / gains	(6.7)	7.3
Actual benefit receivables	6.2	4.7
Closing defined benefit obligation	(105.6)	(173.0)
Reconciliation of fair value plan assets:		
	2022	2021
	£m	£m
Opening fair value of plan assets	167.7	159.0
Scheme administration expenses	(0.3)	(0.5)
Interest income	3.2	2.5
Return on assets excluding interest income	(61.7)	4.9
Employer contributions	6.5	6.5
Actual benefit payments	(6.2)_	(4.7)
Closing fair value of plan assets	109.2	167.7

At the last valuation date, the present value of the UK defined benefit obligation was comprised of no active members (2021: nil), 1,097 (2021: 1,097) deferred members and 492 (2021: 492) relating to members in retirement.

The sensitivities regarding the principal assumptions used to measure the UK scheme defined benefit obligation are as follows:

Assumption	Change in assumption	Impact on scheme liability	
		2022	2021
		£m	£m
Discount rate	Increase by 0.25%	(3.8)	(7.7)
Discount rate	Decrease by 0.25%	4.0	8.1
RPI inflation and related assumptions	Increase by 0.25%	2.5	5.5
RPI inflation and related assumptions	Decrease by 0.25%	(2.5)	(5.2)
Mortality	1 year increase in life expectancy	(3.2)	8.2

The sensitivity analysis above is based on reasonably possible changes in the respective assumptions occurring at the prevailing exchange rate, while holding all other assumptions constant. There has been no change in the methodology in preparing the pensions valuation.

12 Called u	p share capital
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12 Called up share capital	2022	2022	. 2021	2021
	Number	£m	Number	£m
Ordinary shares of 20p each, allotted and fully paid: As at 1 January and 31 December	134,430,360	26.9	134,430,360	26.9

The Company has no limit on authorised share capital.

13 Deferred tax assets

	Defined benefit asset	Total
At 1 January 2021	£m 5.5	£m 5.5
Income statement charge Charge to other comprehensive income At 31 December 2021	(1.1) (3.5) 0.9	(1.1) (3.5) 0.9
Income statement charge Adjustments arising from change to tax rate Charge to other comprehensive income At 31 December 2022	(0.5) 0.3 (0.7)	(0.5) 0.3 (0.7)

Deferred tax assets are recognised for tax loss carry-forwards to the extent that the realisation of the related tax benefit through future taxable profits is probable. The Company did not recognise deferred tax assets of £29.4m (2021: £24.5m) in respect of losses amounting to £18.7m (2021: £15.8m) that can be carried forward against future taxable income, £8.6m (2021: £7.5m) in respect of interest disallowed and available for future offset, £1.5m (2021: £1.2m) in relation to accelerated capital allowances and general provisions of £0.7m (2021: £nil). There is no expiry date for the tax assets carried forward.

14 Contingent liabilities

The Company and some of its indirectly held subsidiaries are party to a bank guarantee whereby they agree to discharge on demand, in part or in total, bank borrowings under a specific facility of other companies within the Rubix Group.

15 Related party transactions

The Company is exempt under FRS 101 from disclosing related party transactions with entities that are part of the same group, as these transactions are fully eliminated on consolidation. There were no other related party transactions in the year.

16 Ultimate parent undertaking

The immediate parent company is Rubix Group Midco 3 Limited.

The smallest and largest group to consolidate these financial statements is Rubix Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales. Copies of the Rubix Limited consolidated financial statements can be obtained at Accurist House, 44 Baker Street, London, England, W1U 7AL.

The ultimate holding company is AI Robin (Cayman) Limited.

Advent International Corporation, incorporated in the State of Delaware and SEC registered, is the investment manager of circa 20 Advent GPE VIII funds which are individual limited partnerships domiciled in either Luxembourg, the Cayman Islands or the State of Delaware (together the "Funds"). The Funds have invested directly or indirectly in Al Robin (Cayman) Limited. No individual fund holds more than 25% interest in Al Robin (Cayman) Limited.

Notes to the financial statements (continued) **Subsidiary companies**

Details of the Company's subsidiary companies (directly and indirectly held) are disclosed below. Except where otherwise stated the percentage owned is 100%.

Active and held directly by Rubix Group International Limited	Country of incorporation or registration	Registered address
Rubix Group Midco 4 Limited	England	Accurist House, 44 Baker Street, London, W1U 7AP
Rubix Netherlands Holdings B.V.	Netherlands	Science Park Eindhoven 5047, 5692 Son en Breugel, Netherlands
C. Plüss + Co. AG	Switzerland	Oberdorfstrasse 64, 8600 Dübendorf, Switzerland
Solyro Valve (Suisse) SA	Switzerland	26 rue Adrien-Lachenal - 1207, Geneva, Switzerland
Rubix Application Centre Sp. Z.o.o.	Poland	ul. PONIATOWSKIEGO 8, 35-026 RZESZÓW,POLAND
Rubix Czech s.r.o.	Czech Republic	RUSKA 514/41, VITKOVICE, 703 00 OSTRAVA, CZECH REPUBLIC
Rubix NV (formerly Brammer NV)	Belgium	Luithagen Haven 2A, Antwerpen, B-2030, Belgium
Brammer Finance Limited	Jersey (UK)	44 Esplanade, St Helier, Jersey, JE4 9WG
Brammer Industrial Ireland Limited	Ireland	IDA Poppintree Industrial Estate, Finglas, Dublin 11, Ireland
R.G.R. Limited (merged with Brammer Industrial Ireland on 25.02.2022)	Ireland	IDA Poppintree Industrial Estate, Finglas, Dublin 11, Ireland
Brammer S.A.	Poland	ul. Handlowa 2a, 36-100 Kolbuszowa, Poland
Rubix Luxembourg SA	Luxembourg	50A, Rue Des Bruyeres, L-1274 Howald, Luxembourg
Rubix Holding AS	Norway	Nordre Bruraas 18, 5131 Nyborg, Norway

Active and held indirectly by Rubix Group International Limited	Country of incorporation or registration	Registered address
Brammer Osterreich Industrie Service GmbH	Austria	Marktstrasse 5, 2331 Vösendorf, Austria
BeDu Belgium BVBA	Belgium	Industriepark-west 75 Stratenplan, BUS 24, 9100 SINT-NIKLAAS, Belgium
PROCOMIN SA	Belgium	Chaussée de la Hulpe 213, 1170 WATERMAEL-BOITSFORT
VERMEIRE TRANSMISSIONS SA	Belgium	Rue de la Filature 41, 4800 VERVIERS
VERMEIRE AANDRIJVINGEN NV	Belgium	Gaston Crommenlaan 8, 9050 Gent
ACIERS CRUTIN SA	Belgium	Rue Simon Lobet 56, 4800 VERVIERS
Zico International s.r.o	Czech Republic	Hodolany, Pavelkova 1210 / 10B, ZIP 77900,Olomouc, Czech Republic
Seall s.r.o	Czech Republic	Spořická 5, 431 01 Spořice, Czech Republic
Rubix A/S	Denmark	Cedervej 2, 8462 Harlev J, Denmark
Rubix Holdings Limited	England	Accurist House, 44 Baker Street, London, W1U 7AL
Rubix U.K. Limited (formerly Brammer UK Limited)	England	Dakota House, Concord Business Park, Manchester, M22 ORR
Brammer Vending Limited	England	Accurist House, 44 Baker Street, London, W1U 7AL
Matrix Tooling Services Limited	England	Dakota House, Concord Business Park, Manchester, M22 ORR
Rubix Europe Limited*	England	Accurist House, 44 Baker Street, London, W1U 7AL
Rubix International Limited	England	Accurist House, 44 Baker Street, London, W1U 7AL
Rubix Group U.K. Limited*	England	Dakota House, Concord Business Park, Manchester, M22 ORR
Rubix 234 Limited* (formerly Rubix U.K. Limited)	England	Dakota House, Concord Business Park, Manchester, M22 ORR
Hydra Engineering Services Limited	England	Dakota House, Concord Business Park, Manchester, M22 ORR
Matara UK Limited	England	Dakota House, Concord Business Park, Manchester, M22 ORR

^{*}Company exempt from audit by virtue of section 394A or section 448A of the Companies Act 2006.

Subsidiary companies (continued)

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Active and held indirectly by Rubix Group International Limited	Country of incorporation or registration	Registered address
Knowlton And Newman Limited	England	Dakota House, Concord Business Park, Manchester, M22 ORR
TDGL 1 Limited	England	Dakota House, Concord Business Park, Manchester, M22 ORR
TDGL 2 Limited	England	Dakota House, Concord Business Park, Manchester, M22 ORR
Compcare Compressed Air Ltd	England	Dakota House, Concord Business Park, Manchester, M22 ORR
The Deritend Group Limited	England	Dakota House, Concord Business Park, Manchester, M22 ORR
K.J.N. Automation Limited	England	Dakota House, Concord Business Park, Manchester, M22 ORR
West Country Tool Company Limited	England	Dakota House, Concord Business Park, Manchester, M22 ORR
Rubix Oy	Finland	Juhanilantie 4A, 01740 Vantaa, Finland
Althoffer SAS	France	Rue des Vieux Moulins Prolongée, ZA de Choisy- 88200 Remiremont, France
Bearing Express SARL	France	61 avenue Tony Garnier - 69007 Lyon, France
Centre Roulement Dauphine (CRD) SAS	France	61 avenue Tony Garnier - 69007 Lyon, France
CF Digital SAS	France	185 avenue des Grésillons - 92230 Geenevilliers, France
Cle de 13 Productique SAS	France	2 rue Jean Nicot, ZI de Saint-Jean de la Ruelle - 45140 Saint-Jean-de- la-Ruelle, France
CTR. Cardans-Transmissions-Roulements SAS	France	3 A Tabernotes Sud, Zone Artisanale des Tabernotes - 33370 Yvrac, France
DEFA SAS	France	11 Rue Guy Môquet - 95100 Argenteuil, France
Feldmann SAS	France	71 rue de Lille - 59710 Avelin, France
Fournitures Industrielles Reunionnaises (SAFIR) SARL	France	Usine de Savannah rue Jules Thirel - 97460 Saint Paul De La Reunion, France
Legoueix SAS	France	185 avenue des Grésillons - 92230 Geenevilliers, France
Legoueix Developpement SAS (merged into Orexad Brammer on 30.06.2022)	France	185 avenue des Grésillons - 92230 Geenevilliers, France
Lepercq SAS	France	21 rue Lavoisier - 69680 Chassieu, France
Lypsis SAS	France	11 rue de la Prairie - 01100 Groissiat, France
MTC Mecanord SAS	France	65 rue Jean Jaurès - 59510 Hem, France
Nicolas Bobinage SAS (merged into Orexad Brammer with effect 30.11.2022)	France	Zone d'Activités de la Villeneuve Braouic, 3 avenue Arthur Krebs - 29300 Quimperlé, France
Rubix RF (formerly Oradis SAS)	France	61 avenue Tony Garnier - 69007 Lyon, France
Rubix France SAS (formerly Orexad Brammer SAS)	France	61 avenue Tony Garnier - 69007 Lyon, France
Orexad Developpement SARL	France	61 avenue Tony Garnier - 69007 Lyon, France
Outilacier SAS	France	3 rue Sigmund Freud - 69120 Vaux-en-Velin, France
RCDE-France (Réseau Central Distribution Entreprises) SAS	France	331 chemin des Agriés - 31860 Labarthe-sur-Lèze, France
Rubix Developpement Sarl	France	61 avenue Tony Garnier - 69007 Lyon, France
Rubix Engineering SAS	France	61 avenue Tony Garnier - 69007 Lyon, France
Rubix Formation SARL	France	61 avenue Tony Garnier - 69007 Lyon, France
Rubix France Holding SAS (formerly Rubix France SAS)	France	61 avenue Tony Garnier - 69007 Lyon, France
Rubix FR Group SAS	France	61 avenue Tony Garnier - 69007 Lyon, France
Rubix FR Holding SAS	France	5 rue Pauling Techniparc, 91240 Saint Michel sur Orge, France
Sci Des Vieux Moulins (Société Civile)	France	61 avenue Tony Garnier - 69007 Lyon, France
Societe Generale Mecanique Appliquee (SOGEMA) SAS (merged into Orexad Brammer on 30.06.2022)	France	Rue de la Papinerie, ZI Roubaix est - 59390 Lys-lez-Lannoy, France

Subsidiary companies (continued)

Subsidiary companies (continued)	Υ	
Active and held indirectly by Rubix Group		Registered address
International Limited	incorporation or registration	
Societe NT Transmissions SAS	France	71 rue de Lille - 59710 Avelin, France
Sogema Services SAS	France	Rue de la Papinerie, ZI Roubaix est - 59390 Lys-lez-Lannoy, France
Sci Filestre (Société Civile) (75%)	France	55 rue Jean Giraudoux 67200 Strasbourg
Top FI SARL	France	ZAC de la Garenne, Avenue Georges Saint Sauveur - 18120 Méreau, France
Delta P SAS	France	71 rue de Lille - 59710 Avelin, France
H.P.E. SAS	France	6 rue des Frères Lumière - 21300 Chenove, France
J. Le Corvaisier SAS	France	4 allée des Tilleuls, Zone Industrielle Ouest - 54180 Heillecourt, France
Gondrom SARL	France	1 Impasse du Halage, 35830, Betton, France
Societe Lyonnaise De Robinetterie Solyro SAS	France	33 avenue Franklin Roosevelt - 69150 Decines-Charpieu, France
Fournitures Industrielles De La Plaine De L'Ain (FIPA)	France	Quartier des Pierres Blanches, 170 allée des Acacias - 01150 Saint- Vulbas, France
Escudier SAS	France	6 rue Marius Martin - 69200 Vénissieux, France
Compagnie Industrielle Des Docks Maritimes - Technidis	France	29 rue Louis Breguet - Village Entreprise de Méan - 44600 Saint- Nazaire, France
A.D.L. SAS	France	16 avenue Antoine de Saint Exupery - Parc Océalim - 87270 COUZEIX
Limousin Adhesifs (LIMA) SAS	France	16 avenue Antoine de Saint Exupery - Parc Océalim - 87270 COUZEIX
Serax Transmissions SARL	France	147 rue Léon Gambetta 59560 COMINES
AKN Walzlager GmbH	Germany	Max-Hellermann-Str. 11, 07629 Hermsdorf, Germany
Martin Depner Technischer Grobhandel GmbH (merged in Rubix GMBH on 31.05.2022)	Germany	Dasselsbrucher Str. 50, 29227 Celle, Germany
Rubix Holding Deutschland GmbH	Germany	Scheiblerstraße 3, 94447 Plattling, Germany
Rubix GmbH	Germany	Scheiblerstraße 3, 94447 Plattling, Germany
LERBS GmbH (Merged into Rubix GmbH with effect 01.08.2022)	-	Handelshof 32, 28816 Stuhr, Stuhr-Seckenhausen, Germany
Walter Gondrom GmbH (Merged into Rubix Gmbh with effect 01.08.2022)	-	Dieselstr. 20-22, 50859 Cologne, Germany
Walgo GmbH (Merger into Rubix GmbH (with effect 10.08.2022)		Dieselstr. 20-22, 50859 Cologne, Germany
Industrie Technik Kling GmbH (Merger into Rubix GmbH (with effect 10.08.2022)	Germany	Pfingstweidstr. 19, 68199 Mannheim, Germany
SERAX GmbH	Germany	Elserloh 22, 41069 Mönchengladbach
Rubix Magyarország Kereskedelmi és Szolgáltató Felelosségü Tarsasag (formerly Brammer Magyarország Kereskedelmi és Szolgáltató KFT)	Hungary	Tópark utca 9. 2045 Törökbálint, Hungary
Rubix Island EHF	Iceland	Dalvegi 32 A, 201 Kopavogur, Iceland
Verkfærasalan EHF	Iceland	Sioumula 11, 108 REYKJAVIK (Iceland)

Subsidiary companies (continued)

Country of	Registered address
	Via delle Canovine.14, CAP 24126 Bergamo (BG), Italy
	Brescia, Via Gussalli no. 4, Italy
	Via Europa, 2, 25050, Provaglio D'Iseo, Brescia, Italy
	via Filippo Turati 22, 40010 Sala Bolognese, Italy
-	Via dell'Impresa 18, 31033 Castelfranco Veneto, Italy
Italy	Viale Marco Polo 33/35, 25030 Coccaglio (BS), Italy
Italy	Parma (PR) Via Colombi 5/A, İtaly
Italy	VIA GARIBALDI, 9 - 25010 ISORELLA (BS), ITALY
Italy	Travagliato (BS) Via Vittime Del Lavoro 35 - Cap 25039
Italy	Sede Via Andrea Costa 8/6 - 40057 GRANAROLO DELL'EMILIA, FRAZIONE CADRIANO
Netherlands	Science Park Eindhoven 5047, 5692 Son en Breugel, Netherlands
Netherlands	Pieter Goedkoopweg 2, 2031 EL, Haarlem, Netherlands
Netherlands	Markenweg 5, 7051 Varsseveld, Netherlands
Netherlands	Science Park Eindhoven 5047, 5692 Son en Breugel, Netherlands
Netherlands	TWEELINGENLAAN 61, 7324BK APELDOORN, THE NETHERLANDS
Netherlands	Weteringstraat 9, 7391 TX Twello, Netherlands
Netherlands	Science Park Eindhoven 5047, 5692 Son en Breugel, Netherlands
Netherlands	Science Park Eindhoven 5047, 5692 Son en Breugel, Netherlands
Netherlands	Fluorietweg 33, 1812RR Alkmaar, Netherlands
Netherlands	Fluorietweg 33, 1812RR Alkmaar, Netherlands
Netherlands	Plaza 23, 4782SL Moerdijk, Netherlands
Netherlands	Linschotenstraat 100, 3044AW Rotterdam, Netherlands
Netherlands	Stolwijkstraat 9, 3079 DN Rotterdam, Netherlands
Netherlands	Schiedam, Stobbeweg 17, 2461 EX Ter Aar, Netherlands
Netherlands	Ede Gld, Poort van Midden Gelderland Rood 10, 6666 LT Heteren, Netherlands
Norway	Nordre Bruraas 18, 5131 Nyborg, Norway
Poland	223/225 Trakt sw. Wojciecha, 80-017 Gdansk, Poland
Poland	ul. Jana Wiktora 7, 36-100 Kolbuszowa, Poland
Poland	ul. Powstańców 9D, 86-050 Solec Kujawski, Poland
Poland	ul. Marii Sklodowskiej-Curie, nr 97, 87-100, Torun, Poland
Poland	ul. Legionów nr 90/100, 42-202 Częstochowa, Poland
	incorporation or registration Italy

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Active and held indirectly by Rubix Group International Limited	Country of incorporation or registration	Registered address
Lypsis LDA	Portugal	Estrada de Leiria, N°. 227 - Marinha Grande, Portugal
Casa Das Correias - Comércio De Acessórios Industriais LDA	Portugal	Rua da Granja, no. 256, Armazém 4, Boa Vista, 2420-397 Leiria, Portugal
Brammer Romania SRL	Romania	400641 str. B-dul Muncii nr 257, Cluj Napoca, Romania
Novo Tech SRL (merged into Brammer Romania on 26.09.2022)	Romania	21 Livertatii Street - 407035 - APAHIDA (CLUJ County), Romania
Peter Campbell (Sales) Limited	Scotland (UK)	Abercorn House, 79 Renfrew Road, Paisley, PA3 4DA, Scotland
Rubix Slovakia s.r.o.	Slovakia	Bánovská cesta 13, 010 01 Žilina, Slovakia
Brammer Iberia S.A.U	Spain	Poligono Industrial Erletxe, Plataforma D-152 Pabellón 1Galdácano 48960, Spain
Buenaventura Giner S.A.	Spain	Avenida can Sucarrats, numero 101, Poligono Industrial Cova Solera - 08191 Rubi (Barcelona), Spain
Julsa S.A.U.	Spain	Calle Alcalde Pedro Escarbassiere, numeros 5-7, Poligono Industrial Vicalvaro, Madrid (28052), Spain
MRO Intergracion S.L.U.	Spain	Quel (La Rioja) Spain, Polígono Moreta, Sector 1, Calle Sevilla s/n, Spain
Suministros Industriales Syresa S.L.U.	Spain	c/ Pirita, 61, 47012 VALLADOLID, Spain
Advanced Development and Innovation S.L. (20%)	Spain	Alameda Rekalde 27 2° - Oficina 2, CP 48014, Bilbao, Vizcaya, Spain
Sistemas De Manipulación Asistida S.L.U.	Spain	AVENIDA DEL VALLÉS, 308, POLÍGONO INDUSTRIAL ELS BELLOTS, TERRASSA, CP 08227, BARCELONA, SPAIN
Motronic Service Sabadell S.A.U.	Spain	AVENIDA CASTELL DE BARBERÀ, 16, BARBERÀ DEL VALLÈS, CP 08210 , BARCELONA, SPAIN
Desarrollos Hidráulicos SF S.L.U.	Spain	Calle Laminadora (Polígono Industrial la Negrilla), Nave 15, CP 41016, Seville, Spain
Stop Fluid S.L.U.	Spain	Calle Laminadora (Polígono Industrial la Negrilla), Nave 15, CP 41016, Seville, Spain
Suministros Navarro S.A.	Spain	Avenida del Textil, 2, CP 46870, Onteniente, Valencia, Spain
HOLDING EUROPEO DE COMPRESORES S.L.U.	Spain	Castellbisbal (Barcelona), calle Eines, numero 9, Barcelona, Spain
SUIMAQ SUMI AIR, S.L.U.	Spain	Castellbisbal (Barcelona), Avenida Roures numero 9C, Calle Eines numero 9, Poligono Industrial Compte de Sert, Barcelona, Spain
SUIMAQ COMPRESORES, S.L.U.	Spain	Castellbisbal (Barcelona), calle Eines, numero 7, Barcelona, Spain
TECNOAIR AIRE COMPREIMIDO, S.L.U.	Spain	Vilafranca Del Penedes (Barcelona), calle del Cava numero 6-8, Poligono Industrial Domenys II, Barcelona, Spain
CITAR AIRE COMPRIMIDO, S.L.U.	Spain	Tarragona, calle del Coure numero 31, nave 4, Poligono Riu Clar, Barcelona, Spain
Rubix Sverige AB (formerly Brammer Sweden AB)	Sweden	Kastellgatan 5, S-254-66 Helsinborg, Sweden
Montalpina AG	Switzerland	Kreuzstrasse 51, 6010 KRIENS, Switzerland