Lloyds Bank Asset Finance Limited

Annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2017

Registered office

25 Gresham Street London EC2V 7HN

Registered number

00615235

Current directors

B D Bos R A Jones

Company Secretary

D D Hennessey

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Directors' report

For the year ended 31 December 2017

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements of Lloyds Bank Asset Finance Limited ("the Company") for the year ended 31 December 2017.

General information

The Company is a limited company incorporated and domiciled in England and Wales (registered number: 00615235).

The principal activity of the Company is to act as a holding company for its subsidiaries. It has not traded in any other capacity during the year.

The Company is funded entirely by other companies within the Lloyds Banking Group ("the Group").

Dividends

A dividend of £272,000,000 was declared and paid during the year (2016: £nil).

Going concern

The directors are satisfied that it is the intention of Lloyds Banking Group plc that its subsidiaries, including the Company, will continue to have access to adequate liquidity and capital resources for the foreseeable future and, accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Directors

The current directors of the Company are shown on the front cover.

The following changes have taken place between the beginning of the reporting period and the approval of the Annual report and accounts:

 B D Bos
 (appointed 30 June 2017)

 P R Grant
 (resigned 25 May 2017)

 C K Sarfo-Agyare
 (resigned 25 June 2018)

Company Secretary

The following changes have taken place between the beginning of the reporting period and the approval of the Annual report and accounts:

P Gittins (resigned 11 January 2017)
D D Hennessey (appointed 11 January 2017)

Information included in the Strategic report

The disclosures for Principal risks and uncertainties and Key performance indicators that would otherwise be required to be disclosed in the Directors' report can be found in the Strategic report on page 3.

Directors' indemnities

Lloyds Banking Group plc has granted to the directors of the Company a deed of indemnity through deed poll which constituted 'qualifying third party indemnity provisions' for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006. The deed was in force during the whole of the financial year and at the date of approval of the financial statements or from the date of appointment in respect of directors who join the board of the Company during the financial year. Directors no longer in office but who served on the board of the Company at any time in the financial year have the benefit of this contract of indemnity during that period of service. The indemnity remains in force for the duration of the directors' periods of office. The deed indemnifies the directors to the maximum extent permitted by law. Deeds for existing directors are available for inspection at the registered office of Lloyds Banking Group plc. In addition, the Group has in place appropriate directors and officers liability insurance cover which was in place throughout the financial year.

Directors' report (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2017

Statement of directors' responsibilities

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs") as adopted by the European Union. Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- state whether applicable IFRSs as adopted by the European Union 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 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.

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

In the case of each director in office at the date the Directors' report is approved:

- so far as the director is 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 a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

Independent auditors

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP are deemed to be re-appointed as auditors under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the board of directors and signed on its behalf by:

R A Jones Director

21 September 2018

Strategic report

For the year ended 31 December 2017

The directors present their Strategic report of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2017.

Business overview

The Company acted as a holding company for its subsidiaries during the year ended 31 December 2017. It did not act in any other capacity. The Company's result for the year shows a profit before tax of £272,000,000 (2016: £601,000,000). During the year, the Company received dividends from the following subsidiary undertakings: Black Horse Finance Holdings Limited (£44,000,000), Black Horse Group Limited (£25,000,000) and ACL Autolease Holdings Limited (£203,000,000), see note 4.

The Company's main subsidiary, Black Horse Limited, ceased to write new business from April 2013 in order to support the Group's strategy at that time for simplication of its corporate structure. Thereafter all new business previously undertaken by the Company was written in Lloyds Bank plc, with the Company acting as the undisclosed agent. Black Horse Limited recommenced writing new business in its own right with effect from 1 April 2017.

Principal risks and uncertainties

From the perspective of the Company, the principal risks and uncertainties are integrated with the principal risks of the Retail Finance Division, which is part of the Lloyds Banking Group. While these risks are not managed separately for the Company, the Retail Finance Division is a portfolio of businesses and operates in a number of specialist markets providing consumer lending and contract hire to personal and corporate customers. Further details of risk management policies are contained in note 14 to the financial statements.

The Company is part of the wider Lloyds Banking Group, and, at that level, consideration of many of the potential implications following the UK's vote to leave the European Union ("EU") has been undertaken. Work continues to assess the impact of EU exit at the level of the Lloyds Banking Group, as well as for the Company, upon customers; colleagues and products. This assessment includes all legal, regulatory, tax, finance and capital implications.

Key performance indicators ("KPIs")

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

Future outlook

There are no expected changes in the nature and extent of the Company's operations.

Approved by the board of directors and signed on its behalf by:

R A Jones

21 September 2018

Statement of comprehensive income

For the year ended 31 December 2017	Note	2017 £'m	2016 £'m
Interest income Interest expense		22 (22)	8 (8)
Net interest income	3	•	· .
Income from investments Impairment gains on Investment in subsidiary undertakings	4 10	272	601
Profit before tax	5	272	601
Taxation	. 8	. •	-
Profit for the year		272	601

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these financial statements.

Balance sheet

As at 31 December 2017	Note	2017 £'m	2016 £'m
ASSETS	•	2 111	
Trade and other receivables Investment in subsidiary undertakings	· 9 . 10	3,848 998	2,909 998
Total assets		4,846	3,907
LIABILITIES			
Borrowed funds	11	3,848	2,909
Total liabilities	-	3,848	2,909
EQUITY			
Share capital	12	236	236
Retained earnings		762	762
Total equity	, ·	998	998
Total equity and liabilities		4,846	3,907

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and were signed on its behalf by:

R A Jones Director

21 September 2018

Statement of changes in equity For the year ended 31 December 2017

	Share capital		Total equity £'m
	£'m		
At 1 January 2016	236	161	397
Profit for the year being total comprehensive income	•	. 601	601 ·
At 31 December 2016	236	762	998
Profit for the year being total comprehensive income	-	272	272
Dividend paid to equity holders of the Company		(272)	(272)
At 31 December 2017	236	762	998

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these financial statements.

Cash flow statement

For the year ended 31 December 2017		•	
		2017	2016
		£'m	£'m
Cash flows generated from operating activities			
Profit before tax		272	601
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Adjustments for:			
- Impairment gains on Investments in subsidiaries		-	(601)
- Interest expense		22	. 8
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Net cash generated from operating activities		294	8
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Cash flows used in financing activities			
Dividends paid		(272)	
			(0)
Interest paid		(22)	(8)
Net such used in financian activities		(204)	/0\
Net cash used in financing activities		(294)	(8)
Change in cash and cash equivalents		_	_
		-	-
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u> .
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Cash and cash equivalents	•		-

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2017

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied in both years presented, unless otherwise stated.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable IFRSs as adopted by the European Union and the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies reporting under IFRSs. IFRSs comprise accounting standards prefixed IFRS issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and those prefixed IAS issued by the IASB's predecessor body, as well as interpretations issued by the IFRS Interpretations Committee ("IFRS IC") and its predecessor body.

The following new IFRS pronouncement relevant to the Company has been adopted in these financial statements:

(i) Amendments to IAS 7: Disclosure Initiative (issued January 2016). The amendments are intended to clarify IAS 7 'Statement of Cash Flows' to improve information provided to users of financial statements about an entity's financing activities.

The application of this pronouncement has not had any impact for amounts recognised in these financial statements.

Details of those pronouncements which will be relevant to the Company but which were not effective at 31 December 2017 and which have not been applied in preparing these financial statements are given in note 18. No standards have been early adopted.

These separate financial statements contain information about the Company and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The Company has taken advantage of the exemptions under IFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements and Section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to prepare consolidated financial statements. The Company and its subsidiaries are included in the consolidated financial statements of the Company's ultimate parent company.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as detailed in the Directors' report and under the historical cost convention.

1.2 Income recognition

Dividend income

Dividend income is recognised in the period in which it is paid.

Income and expense from financial assets

Interest income and expense are recognised in the Statement of comprehensive income for all interest bearing financial instruments, including loans and advances, using the effective interest rate method. The effective interest rate method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset or liability and of allocating the interest income or interest expense to a period of account. The effective interest rate is the rate that discounts the estimated future cash payments or receipts over the expected life of the instrument to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability.

Once a financial asset or a group of similar financial assets has been written down as a result of an impairment loss, interest income is recognised on the net lending balance using the rate of interest used to discount the future cash flows for the purpose of measuring the impairment loss.

1.3 Financial assets and liabilities

Financial assets comprise Amounts due from group undertakings. Financial liabilities comprise Amounts due to group undertakings.

Financial assets and liabilities are recognised when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets and liabilities are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows, or obligations to pay cash flows, have expired.

Interest bearing financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised and measured at amortised cost inclusive of transaction costs, using the effective interest rate method.

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2017

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.4 Dividends paid

Dividends on ordinary shares are recognised through equity in the period in which they are paid.

1.5 Cash and cash equivalents

For the purposes of the Balance sheet and Cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise balances with less than three months' maturity.

1.6 Taxation

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

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

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

1.7 Investment in subsidiary undertakings

Investment in subsidiary undertakings is stated in the Balance sheet at cost less any provision for impairment.

Investment in subsidiary undertakings is reviewed for impairment losses at the end of each period and whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of comprehensive income for the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset exceeds its recoverable amount, which is the higher of an asset's net realisable value and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, investments are grouped at the lowest level at which cash flows are separately monitored by management.

In the event that the assessment for impairment has indicated that the recoverable amount is higher than the carrying value at the date of the assessement, then amounts in respect of previous impairment losses are reversed to bring the carrying amount to the lower of its recoverable amount or original cost of investment.

2. Critical accounting estimates and judgements in applying accounting policies

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires the use of estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Although those estimates are based on management's best knowledge of the amount, event or actions, actual results ultimately may differ from those estimates.

For the year ended 31 December 2017

2. Critical accounting estimates and judgements in applying accounting policies (continued)

Impairment of Investment in subsidiary undertakings

The Company regularly reviews its investment in subsidiary undertakings (see note 10) for indicators of impairment. In determining whether impairment has occurred the Company used value in use.

Value in use for the investment in Black Horse Group Limited, the Company's significant subsidiary investment is calculated by considering the anticipated future cash flows generated by its subsidiaries. Cash flows include income based on the maturity profile of the existing loan books and projected income from new business.

Given the decision of Black Horse Limited (the principal subsidiary of Black Horse Group Limited) to resume writing new business from April 2017, as discussed above within the Business overview in the Strategic report, the key judgements in the value in use calculation include:

- the growth in new business. A prudent growth rate of between 0% and 2% has been assumed.
- cash outflows in respect of Payment Protection Insurance ("PPI") claims have been assumed to occur on a
 decreasing basis over a 2 year period in line with the expected payouts, until the Financial Conduct Authority's
 ("FCAs") deadline of 29th August 2019.
- cash flows have been discounted back to their current value to take into account the time value of money at a rate
 of 19.5%, compared to an expected rate of 18.0%.
- the variables employed in assessing value in use taken at the prudent end of sensitivity result in a headroom in excess of 10% of the cost of investment.

3. Net interest income

	2017 £'m	2016 £'m
Interest income Group interest income (see note 13)	22	8
Interest expense Group interest expense (see note 13)	(22)	(8)

4. Income from investment

Dividend income	2017	2016
	£'m	£'m
Black Horse Finance Holdings Limited	44	-
Black Horse Group Limited	25	-
ACL Autolease Holdings Limited	203	-
	272	

5. Profit before tax

Fees payable to the Company's auditors for the audit of the financial statements of £6,000 (2016: £4,500) have been borne by a fellow group undertaking and are not recharged to the Company.

For the year ended 31 December 2017

6. Staff costs

The Company holds the contracts of service for a significant number of employees within the Retail Finance Division. However, all staff costs are recharged to operating subsidiaries with a significant element of staff costs recharged to the subsidiary undertaking, Black Horse Limited, which is one of the main trading entities within the Retail Finance Division.

7. Directors' emoluments

No director received any fees or emoluments from the Company during the year (2016: £nil). The directors are employed by other companies within the Group and consider that their services to the Company are incidental to their other responsibilities within the Group (see also note 13).

8. Taxation

	2017 £'m	2016 £'m
a) Analysis of charge for the year		
UK corporation tax:		
- Current tax on taxable profit for the year	-	

Corporation tax is calculated at a rate of 19.25% (2016: 20.00%) of the taxable profit for the year.

b) Factors affecting the tax charge for the year

A reconciliation of the charge that would result from applying the standard UK corporation tax rate to the profit before tax to the actual tax charge for the year is given below:

2016

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	£'m	£'m
Profit before tax	272	601
Tax charge thereon at UK corporation tax rate of 19.25% (2016: 20.00%)	52	120
Factors affecting charge:		
- Disallowed and non-taxable items	(52)	(120)
Tax charge on profit on ordinary activities		-
Effective rate	0.00%	0.00%

The Finance (No. 2) Act 2015 reduced the main rate of corporation tax to 19% with effect from 1 April 2017.

The Finance Act 2016 further reduced the main rate of corporation tax to 17% with effect from 1 April 2020.

9 Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables	2017 £'m	2016 £'m
Amounts due from group undertakings (see note 13)	3,848	2,909

Amounts due from group undertakings is unsecured, interest bearing and repayable on demand.

Carrying value of investments at 31 December

For the year ended 31 December 2017

Provision at 31 December	-	-
Credit for the year	•	109
Provision at 1 January	-	(109)
Provision for impairment		
Cost at 1 January and 31 December	866	866
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	2017	2016
Investment in subsidiary undertakings		

Investment in subsidiary undertakings is stated at cost less impairment. As permitted by section 611 of the Companies Act 2006, where the relief afforded under section 612 of the Companies Act 2006 applies, cost is the aggregate of the nominal value of the relevant number of the Company's shares and the fair value of any other consideration given to acquire the share capital of the subsidiaries.

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Black Horse Limited	%00.001	Instalment credit	25 Gresham Street, London,
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ACL Limited	%00.001	Vehicle contract hire	25 Gresham Street, London,
Indirect subsidiaries			
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ACL Autolease Holdings Limited	%00.001	Dormant	25 Gresham Street, London,
undertakings	interest	activities	Address
Subsidiary	Company	Principal	Registered
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Notes to the financial statements (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2017

10. Investment in subsidiary undertakings (continued)

Indirect subsidiaries (continued)

Subsidiary undertakings	Company interest	Principal activities	Registered Address
UDT Autolease Limited	100.00%	Vehicle contract hire	25 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7HN
UDT Budget Leasing Limited	. 100.00%	Instalment credit	25 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7HN
HVF Limited	100.00%	Vehicle contract hire	Charterhall House, Charterhall . Drive, Chester, CH88 3AN
Lex Autolease Carselect Limited	100.00%	Vehicle contract hire	25 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7HN
Lex Vehicle Finance 2 Limited	100.00%	Vehicle-contract hire	Charterhall House, Charterhall Drive, Chester, CH88 3AN
Lex Vehicle Finance 3 Limited	100.00%	Vehicle contract hire	Charterhall House, Charterhall Drive, Chester, CH88 3AN
Carlease Limited	100.00%	Vehicle contract hire	25 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7HN
Lloyds UDT Asset Leasing Limited	100.00%	Asset contract hire	25 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7HN
Lloyds UDT Business Development Limited	100.00%	Asset contract hire	25 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7HN
Lloyds UDT Business Equipment Limited	100.00%	Asset contract hire	25 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7HN
Lloyds UDT Hiring Limited	100.00%	Asset contract hire	25 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7HN
UDT Sales Finance Limited	100.00%	Asset contract hire	25 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7HN
UDT Limited	100.00%	Asset contract hire	25 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7HN
Cedar Holdings Limited	100.00%	Dormant	25 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7HN
Chartered Trust (Nominess) Limited	100.00%	In liquidation	1 More London Place, London, SE1 2AF
WCS Limited	100.00%	Instalment credit	(i) P.O. Box 12, Peveril Buildings, Peveril Square, Douglas, Isle of
LD Material Limited	E1 000/	Instalment gradit	Man, IM99 1JJ
LB Motorent Limited	51.00%	Instalment credit	25 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7HN
Suzuki Financial Services Limited	51.00%	Instalment credit	St William House, Tresellian Terrace, Cardiff, CF10 5BH
Inchcape Financial Services Limited	51.00%	Instalment credit	Charterhall House, Charterhall Drive. Chester, CH88 3AN
International Motors Finance Limited	50.10%	Instalment credit	Charterhall House, Charterhall Drive, Chester, CH88 3AN
Lotus Finance Limited	50.01%	Instalment credit	St William House, Tresellian Terrace, Cardiff, CF10 5BH
Shogun Finance Limited	50.01%	Instalment credit	116 Cockfosters Road, Barnet, EN4 0DY
AG Finance Limited	50.00%	Instalment credit	116 Cockfosters Road, Barnet, EN4 0DY
Proton Finance Limited	50.00%	Instalment credit	116 Cockfosters Road, Barnet, EN4 0DY
Enterprise Car Finance Limited	50.00%	Instalment credit	116 Cockfosters Road, Barnet, EN4 0DY
Enterprise Car Finance Limited	50.00%	Instalment credit	116 Cockfosters Road, Barnet, EN4 0DY
Lex Autolease (FMS) Limited	100.00%	In liquidation	1 More London Place, London, SE1 2AF
Lex Autolease (Shrewsbury) Limited	100.00%	In liquidation	1 More London Place, London, SE1 2AF
. Car Ownership Finance Limited	100.00%	In liquidation	1 More London Place, London, SE1 2AF
AN Vehicle Finance Limited	100.00%	In liquidation	1 More London Place, London,
Lloyds UDT Rentals Limited	100.00%	In liquidation	SE1 2AF Finance House, Orchard Brae, Edinburgh, EH4 1PF

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10. Investment in subsidiary undertakings (continued)

Indirect subsidiaries (continued)

The Company's interest in each of these entities is in the form of ordinary share capital.

Lloyds UDT Rentals Limited, AN Vehicle Finance Limited, Car Ownership Finance Limited, Lex Autolease (FMS) Limited, Lex Autolease (Shrewsbury) Limited and Chartered Trust (Nominees) Limited are currently in liquidation.

11. Borrowed funds

	2017	2016
	£'m	£'m
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Amounts due to group undertakings (see note 13)	3,848	2,909

Amounts due to group undertakings are unsecured and repayable on demand, although there is no expectation that such a demand would be made. The balance is interest bearing at both fixed rates and variable rates based on LIBOR. This excludes amounts due to Black Horse Group Limited of £15m (2016: £15m) which are non-interest bearing.

12. Share capital

	2017 £'m	2016 £'m
Allotted, issued and fully paid 1,180,500,000 ordinary shares of £0.20 each	236	236

13. Related party transactions

The Company is controlled by the Retail Finance Division. A number of transactions are entered into with related parties in the normal course of business. A summary of the outstanding balances at the year end and the related income and expense for the year are set out below.

	2017	2016
	£'m	£'m
Amounts due from group undertakings		
Black Horse Limited	1,404	686
Black Horse Finance Holdings Limited	1,196	1,031
Black Horse Offshore Limited	123	121
Lex Autolease Limited	379	379
Lloyds Bank plc	746	692
Total Amounts due from group undertakings (see note 9)	3,848	2,909
Amounts due to group undertakings		,
Black Horse Group Limited	15	15
Lloyds Bank plc	3,833	2,894
Total Amounts due to group undertakings (see note 11)	3,848	2,909
Dividend income received from related parties		
Black Horse Finance Holdings Limited	44	-
Black Horse Group Limited	25	-
ACL Autolease Holdings Limited	203	-

⁽¹⁾ Registered in Isle of Man.

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13. Related party transactions (continued)

Related party transactions (continued)	2017 £'m	2016 £'m
Dividend income received from related parties (see note 4)	272	-
Dividend paid to related parties Lloyds Bank plc	272	
Interest income From subsidiary undertakings (see note 3)	22	8
Interest expense To group undertakings (see note 3)	22	8

The above balances are unsecured in nature and are expected to be settled in cash or by cash equivalents. With the exception of Dividends, which are paid out of Retained earnings, transactions in the year are those reflected through the Statement of comprehensive income.

Key management personnel

Key management personnel are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning and controlling the activities of the Company. Accordingly, key management is comprised of the directors of the Company and the Retail Finance Division. There were no transactions between the Company and key management personnel during the current or preceding year. Key management personnel are employed by other companies within the Group and consider that their services to the Company are incidental to their other activities within the Group.

14. Financial risk management

The Company's operations expose it to limited credit risk, liquidity risk, interest rate risk, market risk, and business risk as its transactions are substantially intragroup and borrowings and lending are either non-interest bearing or attract floating rate interest which is ultimately offset. It is not exposed to any significant foreign exchange risk. Responsibility for the control of overall risk lies with the board of directors, operating within a management framework established by the ultimate parent, Lloyds Banking Group plc.

15. Capital disclosures

The Company's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, provide an adequate return to its shareholders through pricing products and services commensurately with the level of risk and, indirectly, to support the Group's regulatory capital requirements.

The Company's parent manages the Company's capital structure and advises the board of directors to consider making adjustments to it in the light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of the underlying assets. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the board of directors may adjust the amount of dividends to be paid to shareholders, return capital to shareholders, issue new shares, or sell assets.

The Company's capital comprises all components of equity, movements in which appear in the Statement of changes in equity. The Company receives its funding requirements from its fellow group undertakings and does not raise funding externally.

16. Contingent liabilities and capital commitments

There were no contingent liabilities or contracted capital commitments at the balance sheet date (2016: £nil).

17. Post balance sheet events

There are no post balance sheet events requiring disclosure in these financial statements.

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18. Future developments ...

The following pronouncement will be relevant to the Company but was not effective at 31 December 2017 and has not been applied in preparing these financial statements.

Pronouncement	Nature of change	Effective date
IFRS 9 'Financial Instruments'	Replaces IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement. IFRS 9 requires financial assets to be classified into one of three measurement categories, fair value through profit or loss, fair value through other comprehensive income and amortised cost, on the basis of the objectives of the entity's business model for managing its financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the instruments. IFRS 9 also replaces the existing 'incurred loss' impairment approach with an expected credit loss approach. The hedge accounting requirements of IFRS 9 are more closely aligned with risk management practices and follow a more principle based approach than IAS 39.	Annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018

The full impact of this pronouncement is being assessed by the Company. However, the initial view is that this is not expected to cause any material adjustments to the reported numbers in the financial statements.

19. Ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party

The immediate parent company is Lloyds Bank plc (incorporated in England and Wales). The company regarded by the directors as the ultimate parent company and controlling party is Lloyds Banking Group plc (incorporated in Scotland), which is also the parent undertaking of the largest group of undertakings for which group financial statements are drawn up and of which the Company is a member. Lloyds Bank plc is the parent undertaking of the smallest such group of undertakings. Copies of the financial statements of both companies may be obtained from Group Secretariat, Lloyds Banking Group plc, 25 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7HN. The Lloyds Banking Group plc financial statements may be downloaded via www.lloydsbankinggroup.com.

Independent Auditors' report to the member of Lloyds Bank Asset Finance Limited Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

In our opinion, Lloyds Bank Asset Finance Limited's 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 and cash flows for the year then ended:
- have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements, included within the Annual report and accounts (the "Annual Report"), which comprise: the Balance sheet as at 31 December 2017; the Statement of comprehensive income, the Cash flow statement and the Statement of changes in equity for the year then ended; and the Notes to the financial statements, which include a description of the significant accounting policies.

Basis for opinion

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

Independence

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which ISAs (UK) require us to report to you when:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate;
 or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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 these responsibilities described above and our work undertaken in the course of the audit, ISAs (UK) require us also to report certain opinions and matters as described below.

Strategic report and Directors' report

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, the information given in the Strategic report and Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2017 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.

Independent Auditors' report to the member of Lloyds Bank Asset Finance Limited (continued)

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 set out on page 2, 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.

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

Other required reporting

Companies Act 2006 exception reporting

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

- we have not received 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.

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