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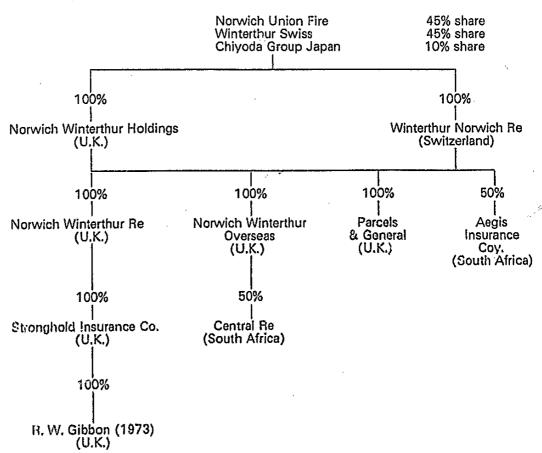
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Norwich Winterthur Reinsurance Corporation Limited Stronghold Insurance Company Limited

THE GROUP

as at 1st July, 1977



Norwich Winterthur Reinsurance Corporation Limited Stronghold Insurance Company Limited

Directors and Officers

As at 1st July, 1977

Directors

J. C. S. Lepine MC (British) (Chairman)

Dr. S. B. Coffisch (Swiss)

Dr. H. Fehlmann (Swiss)

K. Kurosawa (Alternate M. Jibiki) (Japanese)

G. C. Larn (British)

K. H. Williams (British)

M. Jibiki (Japanese) (Alternate for K. Kurosawa)

Management

N. W. Eyers ACII, General Manager

D. R. Drew ACII, Chief Manager (Marketing)

H. W. Gingell, Chief Manager (Administration)

J. H. Hibberd FCIS, Chief Accountant

Company Secretary

R. E. Townsend ACIS FCII

Registered Office

Surrey Street, Norwich NR1 3LH

London Underwriting Rooms

40 Lime Street, London EC3

Auditors

Norwich Winterthur Reinsurance Corporation Limited Robson Rhodes, Chartered Accountants, 186 City Road, London EC1V 2NU

Stronghold Insurance Company Limited

Coopers & Lybrand, Chartered Accountants, Abacus House, Gutter Lane, Cheapside,

London EC2V 8AH

Norwich Winterthur Reinsurance Corporation Limited Stronghold Insurance Company Limited

Directors and Officers—continued

Underwriters

B. G. Adams

M. F. Brown FCII

I. P. Hammersley ACII

C. J. Ridgwell

A. Taylor FCII

P. J. Watson

Deputy Underwriters

J. H. Chappell

P. P. Layet ACII

B. Sarbutt ACII

R. F. Sayers ACII

Departmental Management (London)

B. W. Wood ACII, Claims Manager

A. R. Nicholls, London Tech ical Manager

A. H. F. Alexander, Deputy London Technical Manager

C. D. Bodkin, London Administration Manager

T. A. Godwin, Deputy Claims Manager

G. Isteed, Assistant Accountant

Dopartmental Management (Norwich)

N. J. Cooling ACII, Marketing Manager

P. M. Behagg ACII, Norwich Administration Manager

C. J. Hopper ACIS FCII, Investment Secretary

M. W. Rowe FCII, Assistant Marketing Manager

E. A. Smalls ACII, Assistant Accountant

Overseas Operations

Canada

Reinsurance Management Company of Canada Inc., Managers 2 in 12 James Street, Mcnileai, Quebec, H2Y 1M9.

France

A. H. Michel et Cie., Representatives 58 Rue de la Victoire, Paris 9e.

The Netherlands

Bloemers & Co., Representatives Eendrachsweg 37, Rotterdam 2.

South Africa

Central Reinsurance Corporation Ltd., Associated Company 720 Maritime House, Loveday Street, Johannesburg, General Manager: M. F. Davis ACII.

Norwich Winterthur Reinsurance Corporation Limited

Notice of Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the NORWICH WINTERTHUR REINSURANCE CORPORATION LIMITED will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Surrey Street, Norwich NR1 3LH, on 23rd June, 1977, at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Balance Sheet and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1976, together with the Reports of the Directors and of the Auditors thereon, and transacting any other ordinary business of the Company. A member entitled to attend and vote at this Meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy, who need not be a member of the Company, to attend and vote on his behalf.

By Order of the Board,
R. E. Townsend
Secretary

27th May, 1977

Report of the Directors

The Directors submit their Report, the Accounts and Balance Sheet of the Company for the year ended 31st December, 1976.

Principal Activity

The principal activity of the Company is the transaction of all classes of reinsurance business other than Life.

Corporate Changes

During 1976 the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society Ltd., the Winterthur Swiss Insurance Company and the Chiyoda Insurance Group of Japan, completed negotiations for a joint venture to develop an international insurance and reinsurance business. Anilis Holdings Ltd., the parent of this company and of the Stronghold Insurance Co. Ltd., was acquired by them and its name changed to Norwich Winterthur Holdings Ltd. The name of this company was changed from The Reinsurance Corporation Ltd., to Norwich Winterthur Reinsurance Corporation Ltd., (NW Re) and its paid-up share capital increased by £11,000,000 to £11,756,400, by the issue of 44 million shares of 25p each at par to finance the further development of the company. The same group of shareholders established at the same time a new Swiss reinsurance company called the Winterthur Norwich Reinsurance Corporation (WN Re) with its Head Office in Winterthur, Switzerland.

Underwriting Accounts

The agreements entered into by the three partners to the joint venture provide for the NW Re to receive certain reinsurances of the Norwich Union Fire and of overseas insurance portfolios acquired from it by Norwich Winterthur Holdings Ltd.

In addition the NW Re will underwrite the non-marine reinsurance account previously written by the Norwich Union Fire. These arrangements could not become fully operative until 1977 and in order to give broad effect in 1976 to the agreement the Norwich Union Fire reinsured this year a quota share of 18.75 per cent of its net account with the NW Re.

A retrocession agreement has also been entered into between the NW Re and WN Re whereby the latter company assumes 50 per cent of all business written and retained by the NW Re. irrespective of the underwriting year to which it attaches. Accordingly, the WN Re were credited with an opening portfolio of 50 per cent of the Insurance Funds held for net account by the NW Re as at the 1st January, 1976, to enable WN Re to assume its share of the run-off of 1975 and prior years. WN Re has also participated to the appropriate extent in premiums, claims, commissions and expenses passing through the accounts in 1976, together with interest on retained reserves. The end-year insurance funds shown are after deduction of the WN Re's 50 per cent share.

The company's gross premium income, including the business received from amounted to £45,785,562 (1975—£12,446,810) and the net retain management income was £16,647,569 (1975—£7,233,025).

The underwriting profit of £1,537,700 transferred to the Profit and Luga account reflects the result of the special 18.75 per cent quota share of the Norwich Union Fire account referred to above which was ceded to us on a portfolio basis and has been closed this year.

Insurance Funds

The company's insurance funds now total £18,658,808 (1975—£16,876,338).

Profit and Loss and Appropriation Account

The Profit and Loss and Appropriation Accounts shown on page 11 sets out the results for the year, After transferring £1,537,700 (1975—£114,000 loss) from the Underwriting Account and making provision for taxation, there is an increase in retained profits of £1,828,627 (1975—£507,951). This sum, together with the retained profits brought forward, results in a total of £2,586,122 (1975-£757,495) being available for appropriation. The Directors recommend that a dividend of £720,000 be paid.

Donations

Charitable donations totalling £1,000 (1975—£1,000) were made during the year.

Directors

The following persons served as Directors of the Company during 1976:-

Mr. J. C. S. Lepine Mr. B. J. Brennan (Resigned 28.7.76) (Appointed 28.7.76) Dr. S. B. Cailisch Dr. H. Fchlmann (Resigned 28.7.76) (Appointed 28.7.76) Mr. W. J. Gilmartin Mr. K. Kurosawa (Alternate Mr. M. Jibiki) (Appointed 28.7.76) Mr. G. C. Larn (Appointed 28.7.76) Mr. K. H. Williams

Mr. J. C. S. Lepine retires by rotation and, being eligible, offers himself for re-election.

Dr. Caffisch and Messrs. K. Kurosawa, G. C. Larn and K. H. Williams, having been appointed Directors since the last Annual General Meeting retire and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. No Director had any beneficial interest in the shares of the companies within the Group at any time during 1976.

Stronghold Insurance Company Ltd.

On the 22nd March, 1977, the Holding Company transferred to this company the ownership of the shares in Stronghold Insurance Company Ltd., which now becomes a direct subsidiary of this company. As the change took place after the date of the Balance Sheet no consolidated accounts have been prepared.

Messrs. Robson Rhodes have tendered their resignation as Auditors to take effect at the end of the Annual General Meeting. It is proposed that Messrs. Turquands Barton Mayhew & Co. (the Auditors of the Holding Company) be appointed Auditors.

Dansen. By Order of the Board,

R. E. Townsend

Secretary

24th May, 1977

Underwriting Account for the year ended 31st December, 1976

Income for the Year:	197 £	6 £	1975 £
Premiums accounted for, less reinsurance (Increase)/Decrease in provision for unexpired risks (Not	e 2b)	16,647,569 45,918	7,233,025 (312,057)
Exchange Adjustment		77,000	43,000
		16,770,487	6,963,968
Charges against Income: Claims Paid, less recoveries Less: Special Portfolio (Note 1a (ii))	8,787,935 8,040,773		4,909,712
Increase in provision for outstanding claims (Note 2b) Exchange Adjustment	747,162 10,767;056 (572,500))	4,909,712 837,922 (477,000)
Commission and Expenses	10,941,718 4,291,069		5,270,634 1,807,334
,		15,232,787	7,077,968
Underwriting Profit/(Loss) transferred to/(from) Profit and Loss Account		£1,537,700	£(114.000)
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Insurance Funds:		1976 £	1976 £
Provision for: Unexpired risks (Note 1a) Outstanding claims (Note 1a)		1,183,768 17,475,040	2,459,371 13,415,967
Total Insurance Funds at 31st December, 1976	Ē	18,658,808	£15,876,338
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Profit and Loss and Appropriation Account for the year ended 31st December, 1976

Dividends and Interest Realised Profits on Sales of Investments Profit/(Loss) transferred from Underwriting Account Share of Associated Company's Earnings (Note 7)	1976 f 2,752,263 135,969 1,537,700 10,311 4,436,243	1975 £ 1,348,606 58,957 (114,000) 60,471 1,354,034
Less: Expenses of Management (Note 1e)	318,563	356,618
Profit before Taxation	4.117.680 2,289,053	997,416 489,465
Taxation (Note 3) Profit/(Loss) after Taxation Profit/(Loss) after Taxation	1,828,627 757,495	507,951 249,544
Retained Profit brought forward from previous year Total profit available for Appropriation	2,586.122	757,495
Appropriation Proposed Dividend for the year	720,000	
Retained Profit carried forward	£1,866,122	£757,495
Dealt with in the accounts of: The Company Associated Company	1,766,064 100,058 £1,866,122	667.748 89.747 £757.495

Balance Sheet

as at 31st December, 1976

	1976 £	1975 £
Capital and Reserves: Authorised Share Capital—48,000,000 Shares of 25p	£12,000,000	£1,000,000
Issued and Fully Paid—47,025,600 Shares of 25p Share Premium Account General Reserve Investment Reserve Retained Profit	11,756,400 257,400 400,000 594,754 1,866,122	756,400 257,400 400,000 594,754 757,495
Shareholders' Funds	£14,874,676	£2,766,049
Represented by: Fixed Assets (Note 8) Investments at Book Value (Note 6)	18,148 49,170,566	154,308 16,053,762
(Market Value £48,286,442 1975 £16,275,509) Investment in Associated Company	449,343	369,395
Current Assets (Note 9)	49,638,057 11,942,037	16,577,465 6,594,148
Total Assets	61,580,144	23,171,613
Less: Current Liabilities (Note 10) Insurance Funds	28,046,660 18,658,808	4,530,226 15,875,338
	£14,874,676	£2,766,049

J. C. S. LEPINE Chairman G. C. LARN Director

The Notes on pages 13 to 17 form an integral part of these Accounts.

Notes relating to and forming an integral part of the annexed Balance Sheet and Accounts

Accounting Policies

- (a) Underwriting Account
 - (i) Treaty accounts are included only to the extent of the figures received up to the time of preparation of the Company's Accounts.
 - (ii) The Proportional Treaty Accounts include business received from the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Group under a treaty, with special commission arrangements, applicable to the 1976 Revenue Year only which has been closed on a one year basis with a net underwriting profit, after reinsurance, of £1,496,000. The special portfolio deducted from Claims Paid represents the opening claims provision as a result of this arrangement. Outstanding claims, less reinsurances, in respect of this treaty/are included in the Funds.
 - (iii) Proportional Fire and Accident Treaty Account.

 With the exception of the business referred to in (ii) above, the underwriting year is closed at the end of three years. The balances of the open years are retained in the Fund as a provision for unexpired risks. Provision is made for outstanding claims both notified and unnotified in respect of the closed years. Transfers to or from Profit and Loss Account are made as appropriate.
 - (iv) Excess Loss and Facultative Account. The balance of the 1976 underwriting year is retained in the Fund, together with provision for the estimated cost of outstanding losses notified and, for 1975 and earlier underwriting years, provision for the estimated cost of outstanding claims notified and those incurred but not reported. Transfers to or from Profit and Loss Account are made as appropriate.
 - (v) Proportional Marine and Aviation Account.

 With the exception of the business referred to in (ii) above, the underwriting year is closed at the end of four years. The balances of the open years are retained in the Fund, together with a provision towards the future development of all years. Transfers to or from Profit of Loss Account are made as appropriate.
 - (vi) The figures shown in the underwriting accounts are net after the deduction of reinsurances.
- (b) Leasehold Premises have this year been written off. Other fixed assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their expected useful life.
- (c) Investments are stated at book value after exchange adjustments, where appropriate.
- (d) Exchange Rates.

 All business in U.S. and Canadian Dollars is accounted for in the original currencies and converted to sterling at year end rates, i.e. U.S. Dollars 1.70 and Canadian Dollars 1.72 to the £1 (1975—U.S. Dollars 2.024 and Canadian Dollars 2.056 to the £1). Transactions in all other currencies were converted to sterling at the approximate rate of exchange applicable when recorded in the books.

 Assets and liabilities have been shown in the Balance Sheet at rates ruling on the 31st December, 1976. The differences crising from the fluctuations of exchange rates are transferred to the underwriting account.
- (e) Expenses of Management of the Company and those of Stronghold Insurance Company Limited have been apportioned pro rata to gross premium income (excluding the income relating to the business referred to in Note 1 (a) (x)) and are shown in the Profit and Loss Account after this apportionment and after recoveries from certain reinsurers.

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Notes to the Balance Sheet and Accounts—continued

2	Ret (a)	in Switzerland. Under the terms of this retroces 50 per cent of the opening Insurance Funds after proportion of the closing provisions for outstand included in the Balance Sheet with "Reserves held	sion the Company adjustment for exc ing claims and und d on behalf of Bein	has retroceded hange. WN Re's expired risks are
	}	Provision for Unexpired Risks at 1st January, 1976 Portfolio to Winterthur Norwich Re	3	£ 2,459,371 1,229,685
	•	Provision for Unexpired Risks at 31st 🕹 tember, 1	976	1,229,686 1,183,768
		Decrease in Provision		£45,918
		Provision for Outstanding of 1st January, 1 Portfolio to Winterthur Norwal Ro	976	13,415,967 6,707,983
		Provision for Outstanding Clain,s at 31st Decembe	r, 1976	6,707,984 1 7, 475,040
		Increase in Provision		£10,767,056
3	Corp Paya su Tax o Overs Asso	etion tax charge for the year is made up as follows:— oration Tax at 52 per cent ble to group company in respect of tax losses rrendered by way of group relief on franked investment income seas tax not charged to revenue account ciated Company Tax	1976 £ 1,876,000 324,000 65,604 23,449 ———————————————————————————————————	1975 £ 245,000 145,000 50,959 26,304 22,202 £489,465
4	The to	ctors' Remuneration otal Directors' remuneration amounted to £16,906 (to the Chairman. None of the other Directors receiv	1975—£15,450) al ed any remuneratio	il of which was
5 6	Audi The re	tors' Remuneration emuneration of the Auditors was etments	£10,500	£8,500
	(a) S	See note 1 (c) British Government and Municipal Securities Commonwealth Government, Provincial and	, 35,548,244	5,780,567
	F C C N	Municipal Securities Foreign Government Securities Debentures and Unsecured Loan Stocks Preference Shares Convertible Stocks Ordinary Stocks and Shares Mortgages on Property within the United Kingdom Deposits at Interest	1,131,054 1,613,910 1,597,946 1,066,392 25,291 1,680,636 185,529 6,321,564	1,348,971 1,363,962 229,088 1,130,295 49,883 1,616,252 164,196 4,370,548 £16,053,762

Aggregate market value at 31st December	£48,286,442	£16,275,509
Unrealised (Deficit)/Surplus	£(884,124)	£221,747

As at the 24th May, 1977 the market value of investments exceeded the book value.

(b) Certain of the Company's investments are deposited as security for reinsurance obligations with ceding companies or in countries outside the United Kingdom as required under local laws.

7 Associated Company

At the 31st December, 1976 the Company held 500,000 ordinary shares of 1 Rand each being 50 per cent of the issued share capital of Central Reinsurance Corporation Limited, which is incorporated in South Africa. The value of this investment is shown at cost plus the share of post acquisition retained profits. No provision has been made for taxation payable in the event of such retained profits being remitted. The shares have since passed out of the ownership of the company into that of the parent company Norwich Winterthur Holdings Limited.

8	Fixed Assets, at Cost less amounts written off	1976	1975
	Leasehold Premises Furniture, Office Equipment and Motor Vehicles	£	£ 141,750 12,658
		£18,148	£154,308
9	Current Assets Reserves retained by Ceding Companies Due by Ceding Companies and Brokers Due by Reinsurers Sundry Debtors Interest Accrued Cash at Banks on Current Accounts and in Hand	3,871,709 5,726,843 263,868 654,698 1,214,887 210,082	3,353,050 1,633,096 280,832 142,184 221,924 963,062
		£11,942,087	£6,594.148
10	Current Liabilities Reserves held on behalf of Reinsurers (Note 2a) Due to Ceding Companies and Brokers Due to Reinsurers Sundry Creditors Proposed Dividend	21,400,635 815,830 3,368,947 1,741,248 720,000	2,162,637 532,742 859,965 974,882
		£28,046,660	£4,530,226

11 Contingent Liabilities

There are contingent liabilities in respect of staff pension funds arising from future service and future increases in remuneration, although the funds are adequate to provide all pensions to members in respect of their service to date calculated by reference to their current remuneration.

12 Inter Company Balances

Balances to and from group companies were as follows:—
Stronghold Insurance Co. Ltd.
Norwich Winterthur Holdings Ltd.
Dr. £553,818
£207,774

13 Holding Company

The ultimate Holding Company is Norwich Winterthur Holdings Limited, which is incorporated in Great Britain.

14 The analysis of the Underwriting Account appears on pages 16 and 17.

Analysis of Underwriting Account

	Combined Underwriting Account	
	1976 £	1975 £
Premiums Premiums accounted for, less reinsurance (Increase)/Decrease in provision for unexpired risks (Note 2b) Exchange Adjustment	16,647,569 45,918 77,000	7.233,025 (312,057) 43,000
	16,770,487	6,963,968
Claims Claims Paid, less recoveries Special Portfolio (Note 1a (ii))	8,737,935 (8,040,773)	4,909,712 —
Increase/(Decrease) in provision for outstanding claims (Note 2b) Exchange Adjustment	10,767,056 (572,500)	837,922 (477,000)
	10,941,718	5,270,634
Balance Less: Commission and Expenses	5,828,769 4,291,069	1,693,334 1,807,334
Underwriting Profit/(Loss) for the year	£1,537,700	£(114,000)
Insurance Funds		
Provision for:— Unexpired risks (Note 1a) Outstanding claims (Note 1a)	1,183.768 17,475,040	2,459,371 13,415,967
Total Insurance Funds at 31st December, 1976	£18,658,808	£15,875,338

Proport Fire & Ac Treat	cident		Loss & Itative	Propoi Marine & Trea	Aviation
1976 £	1975 £	1976 £	1975 £	1976 £	1975 £
14,005,205 45,918 77,000	3,676,105 (312,057) 43,000	1,087,878 — —	2,558,583 — —	1,554,486 — —	998.337
14,128,123	3,407,048	1,087,878	2,558,583	1,554,486	998,337
6,561,504 (7,528,755)	2,424,377	767 - 519 "	1,484,340	1,459,085 (512,018)	1,000,995
9,516,54 1 (94,000)	(283,597) (97,000)	624,302 (409,000)	1,264.765 (380,000)	625,653 (69,500)	(143.246) —
8,455,290	2,043,780	983,208	2,369,105	1,503,220	857.749
5,672,833 4,021,390	1,363,268 1,463,268	104,670 98,717	189,478 203,478	51,266 170,962	140,588 140,588
£1,651,443	£(100,000)	£5,953	£(14,000)	£(119,696)	
1,183,768 10,385,936	2,459,371 1,738,790	<u> </u>	 10,113,193	 1,407,645	 1,563,984
£11,569,704	£4,198,161	£5,681,459	£10,113,193	£1,407,645	£1,563 984

Statement of Source and Application of Funds for the year ended 31st December, 1976

	1976 £'000	1975 £'000
Source of Funds Profit before Taxation	4,118	997
Adjustments to convert revenue and expenditure onto a cash basis:		
Movement in: Insurance Funds Ceding Companies' and Brokers' balances and reserves Reinsuring Companies' and Brokers' balances and reserves Debtors Creditors Depreciation Profit retained by Associated Company	2,783 (4,329) 21,764 (1,506) (766) 149 (10)	1.150 (308) 1.066 297 486 21 (60)
Total generated from operations	22,203	3,669
Funds from other Sources Issue of shares	11,000	
Application of Funds Taxation paid Fixed Assets (purchases less sales)	33,203 (756) (13)	3,669 (394) (2)
Net Funds Available for โดงestment	£32,434	£3,273
Changes in Investments and Net Liquid Funds Movement in:		
Investments Associated Company Cash in hand or at Bank	33,117 70 (753)	2,539 (29) 763
	£32,434	£3,273

Norwich Winterthur Painsurance Corporation Limited

Report of the Auditors

To the Members of Norwich Winterthur Reinsurance Corporation Limited

In our opinion the accounts set out on pages 10 to 18, which have been prepared under the historical cost convention comply with the provisions of the Companies Acts 1948 and 1967 applicable to Insurance Surganies.

186 City Road London, EC1V 2NU 24th May, 1977

ROBSON RHODES

Chartered Accountants

Notice of Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FOURTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL IMEETING of STRONGHOLD INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Surrey Street, Norwich NR1 3LH, on 23rd June, 1977, at 3.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Balance Sheet and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1976, together with the Reports of the Directors and of the Auditors thereon, and of transacting any other ordinary business of the company. A member entitled to attend and vote at this Meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy, who need not be a member of the Company, to attend and vote on his behalf.

By Order of the Board,

R. E. Townsend

Secretary

27th May, 1977

Report of the Directors

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Principal Activity

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In view of the changes necessitated by this joint venture, the Company has become a wholly owned subsidiary of the Norwich Winterthur Reinsurance Corporation Limited during 1977.

Underwriting Accounts

A retrocession agreement signed on 13th January, 1977 has been entered into between Stronghold and WN Re whereby the latter company assumes 50 per cent of all business written and retained by Stronghold, irrespective of the underwriting year to which it attaches. Accordingly, the WN Re was credited with an opening portfolio of 50 per cent of the Insurance Funds held for net account by Stronghold as at the 1st January, 1976, to enable the WN Re to assume its share of the run-off of 1975 and prior years. WN Re has also participated to the appropriate extent in premiums, claims, commissions and expenses passing through the accounts in 1976, together with interest on retained reserves. The end-year insurance funds shown are after deduction of the WN Re's 50 per cent share. The Company's gross premium income amounted to £19,075,358 (1975—£15,253,335). The retained premiums amounted to £3,150,293 (1975—£5,274,061).

An underwriting loss over all classes of £173,067 (1975—£755,322) is declared. This is made up of a loss of £81,500 on the Proportional Fire and Accident Account (1975—£21,000 profit), a loss of £26,500 on the Proportional Marine and Aviation Account (1975—£79,000 profit) and a loss of £65,007 on the Excess Loss and Facultative Account (1975—£855,322).

Insurance Funds

The total Insurance Funds at the end of the year amounted to £5,072.334 (1975—adjusted £1,092,686). Before the 50 per cent retrocession to WN Re, the funds at the end of the year would have shown an increase of about £2.5m over the funds at the end of last year.

Profit and Loss Account

The Profit and Loss Account shown on page 25 sets out the results for the year. After transferring £173,067 (1975—£755,322) to the Underwriting Account, there is a profit before tax of £192,337 (1975—£167,458 loss). After providing for taxation, there is a sum of £89,787 (1975—£55,143 loss) which, together with the retained profits brought forward, results in a total of £397,592 (1975—£307,805) being available for appropriation. The Directors do not recommend payment

Company Stronghold Insurance Gorporation Limited

Donations

During 1976 charitable donations amounted to £1,000 (1975—£1,000).

Donsend.

Directors

The following persons served as Directors of the Company during 1976:-

Mr. J. C. S. Lepine
Mr. B. J. Brennan
Dr. S. B. Caflisch
Dr. H. Fehlmann
Mr. W. J. Gilmartin
Mr. K. Kurosawa

Mr. G. C. Larn
Mr. K. H. Williams

(Resigned 28.7.76)
(Appointed 28.7.76)
(Appointed 28.7.76)
(Appointed 28.7.76)
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Dr. H. Fehlmann retires by rotation and, being eligible, offers himself for re-election. Dr. Caflisch and Messrs. K. Kurosawa, Cr. C. Larn and K. H. Williams, having been appointed Directors since the last Annual General Meeting retire and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

No Director had any beneficial interest in the shares of the companies within the Group at any time during 1976.

Auditors

Coopers & Lybrand have tendered their resignation as Auditors to take effect at the end of the Annual General Meeting. It is proposed that Messrs. Turquands Barton Mayhew & Co. (the Auditors of the Holding Company) be appointed Auditors.

By Order of the Board,

R. E. Townsend

Secretary

24th May, 1977

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Consolidated Underwriting Account for the year ended 31st December, 1976

	197		1975
Income for the Year:	£	£	£
Premiums accounted for, less reinsurance	Ì	3,150,293	5,274,061
Increase in provision for unexpired risks (Note 3b) Exchange Adjustment		(300,012) 15,500	(249,833) 3,233
		2,865,781	5,027,461
Charges against Income:			
Claims Paid, less recoveries Increase in provision for outstanding	2,109,288		2,313,181
claims (Note 3b) Exchange Adjustment	594,280 (294,500)	٠	2,802,303 (276,207)
Commission and Overseas Taxes	2,409,068 629,780		4,839,277 943,506
		3,038,848	5,782,783
Underwriting Loss transferred to Consolidated Profit and Loss Account		£(173,067)	£(755,322)
Insurance Funds:		1976 £	1975 £
Provision for: Unexpired risks (Note 1b) Outstanding claims (Note 1b)		552,647 4.519,687	505,270 7,187,416
Total Insurance Funds at 31st December, 197	6	£5,072,334	£7,692,686

The Notes on pages 27 to 31 form an integral part of these Accounts. The Auditors' Report is on page 33.

Consolidated Profit and Loss Account

for the year ended 31st December, 1976

	1976		1975
	£	£	£
Dividends and Interest		625,355	830,630
Realised Profits on Sales of Investments		17,844	159,186
		643,199	989,816
Expenses of Management (Note 1f) Loss transferred from Consolidated	277,795		401,952
Underwriting Account	173,067		755,322
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Profit/(Loss) before Taxation	•	192,337	(167,458)
Taxation (Note 4)		102,550	(112,316)
Profit/(Loss) after Taxation		89,787	(55,143)
Retained Profit brought forward from previous year		307,805	362,948
Retained Profit carried forward		£397,592	£307,805
Dealt with in the accounts of:			
The Company		383 129	294,606
Subsidiary Company		14,463	13,199
		£397,592	£307,805
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Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1976

	1976 £	1975 £	1976 £	1975 £
Capital and Reserves:	Stronghold		Group	
Authorised Share Capital 2,000,000 Shares of £1	£2,000,000	£2,000,000	£2,000,000	£2,000,000
Issued and Fully Paid 1,600,000 Shares of £1 Investment Reserve Retained Profit	1,600,000 19,981 383,129	1,600,000 19,981 294,606	1,600,000 19,981 397,592	1,600,000 19,981 307,805
Shareholders' Funds	£2,003,110	£1,914,587	£2,017,573	£1,927,786
Represented by:				
Fixed Assets (Note 1c) Freehold Property Investments at Book Value (Note 8) (Market Value £10,234,640 1975 £8,229,970)	4,327 — 10,313,668	14,184 34,500 8,202,578	4,327 10,313,668	14,184 34,500 8,202,578
Subsidiary Company Shares, at cost	5,000	5,000	, 	
Current Assets (Note 10)	10,322,995 8,585,015	8,256,262 6,220,808	10,317,995 8,585,065	8,251,262 6,215,249
Total Assets Less:	18,908,010	14,477,070	18,903,060	14,466,511
Current Liabilities (Note 11) Insurance Funds	11,832,566 5,072,334	4,869,797 7,692,686	11,813,153 5,072,334	4,846,03) 7,692,686
	£2,003,110	£1,914,587	£2,017,573	£1,927,786

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The Notes on pages 27 to 31 form an integral part of these Accounts. The Auditors' Report is on page 33.

Notes relating to and forming an integral part of the annexed Balance Sheet and Accounts

1 Accounting Policies

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- (a) All income and expenditure including investment income and any realised investment gains and losses are reflected in the Consolidated Profit and Loss Account.
- (b) Underwriting Account
 - (i) Treaty accounts are included only to the extent of the figures received up to the time of preparation of the Company's Accounts.
 - (ii) Proportional Fire and Accident Treaty Account. This account is closed at the end of three years. The balances of the open years are retained in the Fund as a provision for unexpired risks. Provision is made for outstanding losses both notified and unnotified in respect of the closed years. Transfers to or from Profit and Loss Account are made as appropriate.
 - (iii) Excess Loss and Facultative Account. The balance of the 1976 underwriting year is retained in the Fund, together with provision for the estimated cost of outstanding claims and, for 1975 and earlier underwriting years, provision for the estimated cost of outstanding claims notified and those incurred but not reported. Transfers to or from Profit and Loss Account are made as appropriate.
 - (IV) Proportional Marine and Aviation Account.
 This account is closed at the end of four years. The balances of the open years are retained in the Fund, together with a provision to cover the future development of all years. Transfers to or from Profit and Loss Account are made as appropriate.
 - (v) The figures shown in the underwriting accounts are net after the deduction of reinsurances.
- (c) Fixed assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their expected useful life.
- (d) Investments are stated at book cost after exchange adjustments, where appropriate.
- (e) All business in U.S. and Canadian Dollars is accounted for in the original currencies and converted to sterling at year end rates, i.e. U.S. Dollars 1.70 and Canadian Dollars 1.72 to the £1 (1975—U.S. Dollars 2.024 and Canadian Dollars 2.056 to the £1). Transactions in all other currencies were converted to sterling at the approximate rate of exchange applicable when recorded in the books. Assets and liabilities have been shown in the Balance Sheet at rates ruling on the 31st December, 1976. The differences arising from fluctuations of exchange rates are transferred to the Underwriting Account.
- (f) Expenses of Management of the Company and those of Norwich Winterthur Reinsurance Corporation Limited have been apportioned pro-rate to their gross premium income and are shown in the Profit and Loss Account after this apportionment and after recoveries from certain reinsurars.
- 2 Change in Accounting Policy
 All loss reserves deposited with ceding companies were formerly treated in the Underwriting
 Account as paid losses. This year this practice has been changed and such deposits are
 now shown in the accounts as outstanding loss reserves. The items shown in the 1975
 accounts in respect of paid and outstanding losses have been amended accordingly. The
 effect that this has on past years' accounts is to increase the assets and liabilities as at 31st
 December, 1975 by the following amounts:—

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Loss reserves deposited with Ceding Companies £1,855,039

Loss reserves withheld from Reinsurers £1,191,640

£663,399

Loss reserves for Net Account

This change was effected to bring the company's accounting policy into line with that of the Norwich Winterthur Reinsurance Corporation Limited.

Retrocession to WN Re

(a) The Company has retroceded 50% of its business to WN Re which is incorporated in Switzerland. Under the terms of this retrocession the Company has retroceded 50% of the opening Insurance Funds, after adjustment for exchange. WN Re's share of the provisions for outstanding claims and unexpired risks is included in the Balance Sheet with "Reserves withheld from Reinsurers".

Notes relating to and forming an integral part of the annexed Balance Sheet and Accounts—continued

	(b) The movement in the Insurance Funds reflecting the a	bove are show	
	Provision for Unexpired Risks at 1st January, 1976 Portfolio to Winterthur Norwich Re		£ 505,270 252,635
	Provision for Unexpired Risks at 31st December, 1976	i	252,635 552,647
	Increase in Provision		£300,012
	Provision for Outstanding Claims at 1st January, 1976 (adjusted for Loss Reserves—See Note 2)		7.187,416
	Portfolio to Winterthur Norwich Re		3,262,009
	Provision for Outstanding Claims at 31st December, 19	976	3,925,407 4,519,687
	Increase in Provision		£594,280
4	Taxation		
	The tax charge for the year is made up as follows:—	1976	1975
	Corporation Tax at 52% On the profit for the year	£	£
	Prior year adjustment	50,000 13,000	
	Receivable from group company in respect of tax losses	10,000	~-
	surrendered by way of group relief Tax on franked investment income	39,550	(145,000) 32,685
		£102,550	£(112,315)
5	Directors' Remuneration		-
	The aggregate emoluments of the Directors were:	1976 Nil	1975 Nii
6	In 1976 staff members received remuneration as follows:	****	14(1
	£12,501—£15,000 £15,001—£17,500	_	1
	£20,001—£22,500	1	
	£22,501—£25,000	1	1
7	Auditors' Remuneration		
_	The remuneration of the Auditors was	£9,725	£7,250
8	Investments		
	(a) See Note 1 (d) British Government and Municipal Securities	E 160 000	040.440
	Foreign Government Securities	5,162,286 678,727	812,448 170,827
	Water Board and other Preference Stocks Debentures and Unsecured Loan Stocks	850,741	914,014
	Mortgages on Property within the United Vinadom	649,007 203,550	178,884
	Deposits at Interest	2,769,357	6,128,405
	Aggregate book value of investments £	10,313,668	£8,202,578
	Aggregate market value at 31st December £	10,234,640	£8,229,970
	Unrealised (Deficit)/Surplus	£(79,028)	£27,392
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At the 24th May, 1977, the market value of investments exceeded the book value

⁽b) Certain of the Company's investments are deposited as securally for a recurrence obligations with ceding companies, or in countries outside the United Region as required under local laws.

9 Mortgage Loans to Officers

	The amount of mortgage loans to Company at the 31st Decembe	o officers of the r was:		1976 £49,400	1975 £49,400
		1976	1975	1976	1975
		Stro	nghold	G	roup
10	Current Assets	£	£	£	£
	Reserves retained by Ceding Companies and Brokers Due by Agents, Brokers and	5,313,795	3,442,247	5,313,795	3,442,247
	Companies Due by Reinsurers Sundry Debtors	2,125,546 616,378 181,527	2,162,834 180,962 125,603	616,378	2,162,834 180,962 119,994
	Interest Accrued Cash at Banks on Current Accounts and in Hand	172,647 175,122	161,285 147,877	172,647	161,285 147,927
	Accounts and in Hand	£8,585,015	£6,220,808		£6,215,249
11	Current Liabilities Reserves retained on behalf				
	of Reinsurers Due to Agents, Brokers and	10,498,115	3,977,983	10.498,115	3,977,983
	Companies Due to Reinsurers	367,609 452,038	648,031 161,770	367,609 452,038	648,081 161,770
	Due to Subsidiary Sundry Creditors	21,158 493,646	24,308 57,655	495,391	58,205
		£11,832,566	£4,869,797	£11,813,153	£4,846,039

12 Contingent Liabilities

There are contingent liabilities in respect of staff pension funds arising from future service and future increases in remuneration, although the funds are adequate to provide all pensions to members in respect of their service to date calculated by reference to their current remuneration.

13 Inter-Company Balances

Balances amounting to £553,818 (1975—£207,774) are due to Nerwich Winterthur Reinsurance Corporation Limited, which is also a subsidiary of Norwich Winterthur Englishings Limited.

14 Subsidiary Company

The Company owns the whole of the issued share capital of R. W. Gibbon (1973) Limited, which is incorporated in Great Britain, and carries on business as an underwriting agency.

15 Holding Company

The ultimate holding company is Norwich Winterthur Holdings Limited, which is incorporated in Great Britain.

16 The analysis of the Consolidated Underwriting Account appears on pages 30 and 31.

Analysis of Consolidated Underwriting Account

	Und	mbined erwriting count
Premiums	1976 £	1975 £
Premiums accounted for, less reinsurance Increase in provision for unexpired risks (Note 3b) Exchange Adjustment	3,150,293 (300,012) 15,500	5,274,061 (249,833) 3,233
	2,865,781	5,027,461
Claims Claims Paid, less recoveries Increase/(Decrease) in provision for outstanding claims	2,109,288	2,313,181
(Note 3b) Exchange Adjustment	594,280	2,802,303
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	2,409,068	4,839,277
Balance Less: Commission and Overseas Taxes	456,713 629,780	188,184 943,506
Underwriting (Loss)/Profit for the year	£(173,067)	£(755,322)
Insurance Funds Provision for:—		
Unexpired risks (Note 1b)	552,647	505,270
Outstanding claims (Note 1b)	4.519,687	7,187,416
Total Insurance Funds at 31st December, 1976	£5,072,334	£7,692,686

Proportional Fire & Accident		Excess Loss & Facultative		Proportional Marine & Aviation Treaties	
Treation 1976		1976 £	1975 £	1976 £	1975 £
1,031,720 (300,012) 15,500	1,540,772 (249,833) 3,233	1,192,425 — — —	2,206.132 — —	926,148	1,527,157
747,208	1,294,172	1.192.425	2,206,132	926,148	1,027,107
636,149	515,018	754,326	1,098,766	718,813	699,397
(189,223)	250,715	644,758 (198,500)	2,045,659 (219,572)	138,745 (96,000)	505,929 (56,635)
446.026	765,733	1,200,584	2,924,853	761,558	1,148,691
300,282	628,439 507,439	(8,159) 56,848	(718,721) 136,601	164,590 191,090	378,466 299,466
381,842 £(81,560)	£21,000	£(65,007)	£(855,322)	£(26,500)	£79,000
552,6 ⁴⁷	505,270			 873,474	 1,302,301
110115	330,935	3,536,087	5,554,180	£873.474	£1,302,301
£662,773	£836,205	£3,536,087	£5,554,180	1010111	

Statement of Source and Application of Funds for the year ended 31st December, 1976

Source of Funds	1976 £'000	1975 £'000
Profit/(Loss) before Taxation		
From (1992) pelote Taxation	192	(167)
Adjustments to convert revenue and expenditure onto a cash basis:		à
Movement in: Insurance Funds Ceding Companies' and Brokers' balances and reserves Reinsuring Companies' and Brokers' balances and reserves Debtors Creditors Depreciation	(2,620) (2,115) 6,375 (5) 437 8	2,389 (1,375) 928 174 (45)
Total generated from operations	2 070	**********
Funds from other sources	2,272	1,913
Sale/(Purchase) of Freehold Property Sale/(Purchase) of Fixed Assets	34 2	(34) (2)
Application of Funds		
Taxation paid		
•	(170)	(33)
Net Funds available for Investment	2,138	1,844
Changes in Investments and Net Liquid Funds		
Movement in:		
Investments		
Cash in hand or at Bank	2,111	1,844
	27	
	2,138	1,844

Report of the Auditors

To the Members of Stronghold Insurance Company Limited

In our opinion the accounts set out on pages 24 to 32, which have been prepared under the historical cost convention, comply with the provisions of the Companies Acts 1948 and 1967 applicable to Insurance Companies. Cooper

London

24th May, 1977

COOPERS & LYBRAND

Chartered Accountants

Norwich Winterthur Reinsurance Corporation Limited

Directors:

Hans Braunschweiler, Winterthur, Chairman Gerald C. Larn, Norwich, Vice-Chairman Heinz Fehlmann, Winterthur, Managing Director

Summary of Income Statement

for the year ended 31st December, 1976

		S.Fr.
Premiums Earned		79,313,189
Claims Paid	55,597,054	
Commissions and Management Expenses	25,978,631	04 575 005
		81,575,685
Investment Income	11,767,546	
Less: Depreciation	428,135	
	11,339,411	
Less: Taxes	4,392,390	
		6,947,021
Profit for the Year		S.Fr. 4,684,525

The above is an extract from the accounts of Winterthur Munich Reinsurance Corporation audited by the Swiss Auditing Company, Zurich.

Winterthur Norwich Reinsurance Corporation

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1976

Capital and Reserves		S.Fr. 70,000,000
Share Capital Reserve Fund Special Fund Retained Profit		40,000,000 20,000,000 10,000,000 4,684,525
Shareholders' Funds		74,684,525
Represented by: Assets Investments Reinsurance Deposits Due by Insurance Coys Sundry Debtors Cash in Hand and at Bank Other Assets		66,670,150 119,624,974 8,212,540 990,634 145,340 1,842,215 197,485,853
Less: Liabilities Due to Insurance Coys Sundry Liabilities Insurance Funds	156,354 3,020,000 3,176,354 119,624,974	122,801,328
		S.Fr. 74,684,525

THE INSURANCE COMPANIES (INTERMEDIARIES) REGULATIONS 1976

Now that the above Regulations have brought into operation Section 18(2) of the Insurance Companies Act 1974, I understand that an insurance company has to include in its Annual Return a statement of the names and connection with the company of any persons issuing "invitations" in relation to the company who are "connected" with the company and defined in the act.

The business of Stronghold Insurance Company Limited is reinsurance and, therefore, we believe the requirement does not apply. Therefore, please accept this as a "nil return".

R.E. Townsend, Secretary.

11th August, 1977.



STRONGHOLD INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

6. Particulars of directors of Mile company at the date of this return

Name:

LEPINE, John Charles Stephen

(Date of Birth: 6.2.1918)

Address:

114, Old Broad Street, London, EC2.

Business Occupation:

Reinsurance Official



CAFLISCH, Dr. Silvio

(Date of Birth: 11.5.1934)

Nationality:

Swiss

Address:

61 Gottfried Keller Strasse, 8400 Winterthur,

Switzerland.

Business Occupation: Insurance Company Official

FEHLMANN, Dr. Hans

(Date of Birth: 2.11.1919)

Nationality:

Swiss

Address:

Palmstrasse 25, Winterthur, Switzerland.

Business Occupation:

Insurance Company Official

KUROSAWA, Keiichi (Alternate for Mr. T. Tejima)

(Date of Birth: 20-2-1931)

Nationality:

Japanese

Address:

6-22-18 Shimouma, Setagaya-ku,

Tokyo, Japan.

Business Occupation:

Insurance Company Official

LARN, Gerald Clifford

(Date of Birth: 14.8.1927)

Address:

5, Old Rectory Close, Thorpe St. Andrew,

Norwich.

Business Occupation:

Insurance Company Official

Other Directorships:

A P Bank Ltd.

Director

A P Bank Pension Trustees Ltd.

Director

Apcob (Nominees) Ltd.

Director

Norwich General Trust Ltd.

Director

Castle Finance Ltd.

WILLIAMS, Kenneth Harry

(Date of Birth: 30.5.1923)

Address:

158, Newmarket Road, Norwich.

Business Occupation:

Insurance Company Official

COMPANY

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Other Directorships:

Aviation & General Insurance Co. Ltd.

Director

JIBIKI, Michio (Alternate for Mr. K. Kurosawa) (Date of Birth: 28-9-1938)

Nationality:

Japanese

. Address:

1, Fenn Close, Bromley, Kent.

Business Occupation:

Insurance Official