

**ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER (UK) LIMITED**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements**

31 December 2011



**Company Number 1193013**

## **Arthur J. Gallagher (UK) Limited**

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### **DIRECTORS**

J Patrick Gallagher

T Gallagher

D C Ross

M S Mugge

S Dalgarno

C R Bowen

M Pike

M W Cooper-Mitchell

(Non-Executive Director)

P T O'Neill

(Non-Executive Director)

### **SECRETARY**

W L McGowan

### **AUDITORS**

Ernst & Young LLP

1 More London Place

London

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### **BANKERS**

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### **REGISTERED OFFICE**

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### **COMPANY NUMBER**

1193013

## **REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS**

The directors present their annual report together with the audited Financial Statements of Arthur J Gallagher (UK) Limited for the year ended 31 December 2011

### **PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The Company's principal activity is that of insurance broking. The directors aim to continue to expand the servicing capabilities of the Company through the acquisition of professional businesses and personnel.

The Directors have decided to take advantage from preparing consolidated financial statements under section 401 from Companies Act 2006. Arthur J Gallagher (UK) Limited is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Arthur J Gallagher & Co a company incorporated in the United States of America and is included in the consolidated financial statements of Arthur J Gallagher & Co which are publicly available.

The comparative financial statements for the year ended 2010 have been restated to show the Profit and Loss, the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses, the Balance Sheet and the related notes of Arthur J Gallagher (UK) Limited as a company without including the results and financial position of its subsidiaries.

### **REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS AND FUTURE ACTIVITIES**

For the year ended 31 December 2011, Arthur J Gallagher (UK) Limited recorded an unconsolidated loss before tax of £2.8 million, compared to a profit of £4.0 million for the year ended 31 December 2010. The operating loss decreased from a profit of £4.0 million in 2010 to a loss of £1.9 million in 2011. The loss is attributed to the integration costs of acquisitions from which the company expects to achieve annual costs synergies going forward.

Turnover increased by 13% to £65.0 million compared to £57.2 million in 2010. The largest increase of 30% was generated by business in the United Kingdom and Europe, this was offset by a reduction on business from North America of 7% and a 11% increase from other geographical areas, making an average increase of 13%.

Following the strategic plan the Company has in 2011 entered into agreements with Aon Entertaining, Lonmar Global Risk Ltd, and Oxygen Insurance Brokers Ltd, for teams that will improve market strength in their prospective areas.

### **RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS**

The results for the year ended 31 December 2011 are set out in these financial statements on pages 7 to 20. The total recognised loss for the year of £2.03 million (2010: £2.32 million) was transferred to reserves. No dividends were paid during the year (2010: £ nil). The directors have not recommended the payment of a final dividend (2010: £ nil).

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

### DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The directors serving during the year ended 31 December 2011 are shown below

|  |                                  |
|--|----------------------------------|
| M K Barton                                   | (resigned on 31 August 2011)     |
| C R Bowen                                    |                                  |
| M W Cooper-Mitchell (Non-executive director) |                                  |
| S Dalgarno                                   |                                  |
| J Patrick Gallagher                          |                                  |
| T Gallagher                                  | (appointed 01 April 2011)        |
| M S Mugge                                    | (appointed 31 August 2011)       |
| D E McGurn                                   | (resigned on 13 January 2011)    |
| P T O'Neill (Non-executive director)         |                                  |
| M Pike                                       |                                  |
| D C Ross                                     |                                  |
| A Pfitzner                                   | (resigned on 10 September 2012)  |
| W L McGowan                                  | (appointed on 11 September 2012) |

No director had any interest in the shares of the Company. The interests of the directors in the shares of the ultimate holding company, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. are not required to be disclosed in this report.

### FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The nature of the company's international operations and debt profile expose it to a variety of financial risks including the effects of changes in foreign currency exchange rates, counter party credit risks, liquidity and interest rates. The company has in place a risk management programme and policies that seek to limit the adverse impact upon the company by the use of financial instruments to fix currency rates.

#### *Borrowing Facilities and Liquidity Risk*

The company maintains facilities to ensure that it has adequate available funds to finance operations and the growth of the business. The company has a core uncommitted overdraft facility of £250k. The overdraft has not been drawn down upon in 2011.

#### *Foreign Currency Risk*

The company's major currency transaction exposure arises in respect of US dollar revenue earned in the UK. As a consequence, the company's results are sensitive to changes in the sterling/US dollar exchange rate.

Where forward foreign exchange contracts have been entered into to manage currency risk, they are designated as hedges of currency risk on specific future cash flows which qualify as highly probable transactions for which hedge accounting has been used.

#### *Interest Rate Risk*

The company has interest bearing assets but no material interest bearing liabilities that would give rise to exposures to fluctuations in interest rates.

#### *Counterparty Credit Risk*

The company manages its cash and investment balances in the form of deposits with prime banks and other short term money market instruments, in accordance with an investment and counterparty policy agreed by the Board of Directors, and, in respect of fiduciary funds, all relevant regulatory guidelines. Investment and bank counterparties are subject to pre approval at Board level. All exposures to individual counterparties are subject to a limit to control undue concentrations of credit risk.

#### *Price Risk*

The company does not have a material exposure to equity securities price risk or commodity price risk.

## **REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS**

### **POLITICAL AND CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS**

During the year the Company made charitable contributions totalling £32,732 (2010 £29,000) There were no political donations made during the year (2010 £nil)

### **EMPLOYMENT POLICIES**

The company is an equal opportunities employer and bases all decisions on individual ability regardless of race, religion, gender, age or disability

Applications for employment by disabled persons will always be fully considered, having regard to their particular aptitudes and abilities Should employees become disabled, every effort will be made to ensure that their employment with the company continues and, in the event that they are unable to continue to work, that their financial interests are safeguarded It is the intention of the company that opportunities for training, career development and promotion of disabled persons should, as far as possible, be identical with those for other employees

### **SUPPLIER PAYMENT POLICY**

The company agrees payment terms with suppliers when it enters into contracts for the purchase of goods and services and seeks to abide by those terms when it is satisfied that the supplier has provided the goods or services in accordance with the agreed terms and conditions

### **DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO THE AUDITORS**

So far as each person who was a director at the date of approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing its report, of which the auditor is unaware Having made enquiries of fellow directors and the company's auditor, each director has taken all the steps that he is obliged to take as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and that the auditor is aware of that information

### **AUDITORS**

A resolution to re-appoint Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's auditor was put to the annual General Meeting on 30 May 2012

By order of the board

D C Ross  
Director

Date 26 September 2012



## **STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable laws and regulations

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). 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 the profit or loss of the company for the period.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements 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 proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are 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.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**  
**to the members of Arthur J. Gallagher (UK) Limited**

We have audited the financial statements of Arthur J Gallagher (UK) Limited for the year ended 31 December 2011 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses, the Balance Sheet and the related notes 1 to 23. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

**Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on page 5, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

**Scope of the audit of the financial statements**

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

**Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2011 and of its loss for the year then ended
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practices, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

**Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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



Kevin Senior (Senior statutory auditor)  
for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP  
London

Date 26 September 2012

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**Arthur J. Gallagher (UK) Limited**  
**Company Number 01193013 Registered in England & Wales**

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**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**  
for the year ended 31 December 2011

|   | Notes | 2011<br>£'000 | 2010<br>£'000 |
|---|-------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>TURNOVER</b>   | 2     | 64,980        | 57,236        |
| Other operating income  | 3     | 1,032         | 237           |
| Other operating charges   |       | (67,893)      | (53,513)      |
| <b>OPERATING (LOSS)/ PROFIT</b>   | 4     | (1,881)       | 3,959         |
| Exceptional items   | 5     | (475)         | (15)          |
| <b>(LOSS)/ PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE INTEREST</b>              |       | (2,356)       | 3,944         |
| Interest charges  |       | (411)         | (260)         |
| <b>(LOSS)/ PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION</b>              |       | (2,767)       | 3,684         |
| Tax credit/ (charge) on profit on ordinary activities                     | 8     | 734           | (1,359)       |
| <b>(LOSS)/ PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION</b>               |       | (2,033)       | 2,325         |
| Minority interest   |       | -             | -             |
| <b>(LOSS)/ PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS</b> |       | (2,033)       | 2,325         |

The result attributable to the members of the parent company is a loss of £1.8 million (2010: gain of £2.3 million)

**STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES**

|  | 2011<br>£'000 | 2010<br>£'000 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| (Loss)/ profit for the financial year attributable to shareholders | (2,033)       | 2,325         |
| Unrealised (loss) / gain on hedge options                          | (834)         | (697)         |
|  | (2,867)       | 1,628         |

The notes on pages 9 to 20 are an integral part of these financial statements. The independent auditors' report is on page 6

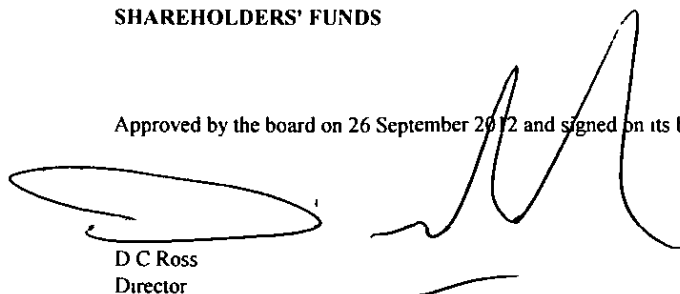


**Arthur J. Gallagher (UK) Limited**  
**Company Number 01193013 Registered in England & Wales**

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**COMPANY BALANCE SHEET**  
as at 31 December 2011

|  | Notes | 2011<br>£'000  | 2010<br>£'000  |
|--|-------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>                            |       |                |                |
| Intangible assets                                    | 9     | 15,118         | 14,294         |
| Tangible assets                                      | 10    | 3,680          | 3,031          |
| Investments  | 11    | 2,681          | 2,681          |
|  |       | <u>21,479</u>  | <u>20,006</u>  |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                                |       |                |                |
| Debtors  | 12    | 149,630        | 135,768        |
| Cash at bank and in hand                             |       | 82,370         | 56,812         |
|  |       | <u>232,000</u> | <u>192,580</u> |
| <b>CREDITORS</b> amounts falling due within one year | 13    | (213,697)      | (171,808)      |
| <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>                            |       | <u>18,303</u>  | <u>20,772</u>  |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>         |       | <u>39,782</u>  | <u>40,778</u>  |
| <b>PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES</b>        | 14    | (10,054)       | (10,683)       |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                                    |       | <u>29,728</u>  | <u>30,095</u>  |
| <b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>                          |       |                |                |
| Called-up share capital                              | 16/17 | 5,000          | 5,000          |
| Share premium account                                | 16    | 3,606          | 3,606          |
| Profit and loss account                              | 16    | 21,122         | 21,489         |
| <b>SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>                           | 16    | <u>29,728</u>  | <u>30,095</u>  |

Approved by the board on 26 September 2012 and signed on its behalf by

  
D C Ross  
Director

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**1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Accounting convention**

These financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis, under the historical cost convention, in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and comply with accounting standards applicable in the United Kingdom. These accounting policies have been applied consistently during the year.

The company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Arthur J Gallagher & Co, a company incorporated in the United States of America and is included in the consolidated financial statements of Arthur J Gallagher & Co, which are publicly available. These financial statements therefore do not include consolidated financial statements. The company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cash flow statement under the terms of FRS 1. The company is also exempt under the terms of FRS 8 from disclosing related party transactions with entities that are part of the Arthur J Gallagher & Co group or investees of the Arthur J Gallagher & Co group.

**Turnover**

Turnover represents brokerage and fees associated with placing insurance and reinsurance contracts. It is net of commission payable and is recognised at the later of inception date and the date the placement is completed and confirmed.

**Claims handling obligations**

The company provides for the expected cost of providing future claims handling services in respect of its insurance and reinsurance broking activities by reference to the estimated number of claims and expected costs. The provision is made in accordance with the requirements of FRS12 "Provisions, contingent liabilities and contingent assets".

**Intangible assets**

Intangible assets arising on the acquisition of teams and other business have been capitalised, classified as assets on the balance sheet and amortised over its useful economic life as shown below. It is reviewed for impairment if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Amortisation is provided on all intangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| Expiration lists | - over 5 years |
| Non-competes     | - over 5 years |

**Provision for liabilities and charges**

The provision for future servicing and claims handling costs is an estimate of the cost to run-off claims on policies previously placed by the Company. The provision is based on a projection of future claims applying a trend extrapolated from historical claims data. The provision is then discounted at the risk free interest rate of 5%.

**Depreciation**

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

|                                 |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Leasehold improvements          | to lease expiration   |
| Furniture and equipment         | over 10 years         |
| Computer equipment and software | over 3 years          |
| Motor vehicles                  | between 2 and 4 years |

**I ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Taxation**

Provision is made at current rates for taxation. In accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 19 "Deferred Tax", deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more, or a right to pay less or to receive more, tax in future periods.

Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the directors consider that it is more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

**Foreign currency transactions**

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All rate of exchange differences are taken to the profit and loss account.

The assets and liabilities of overseas subsidiary undertakings have been translated at rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date and resulting exchange differences taken directly to the statement of total recognised gains and losses.

**Pensions**

All company employees may become members of the Gallagher (UK) Pension Plan, a defined contribution scheme. Contributions are charged to the profit and loss account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme. The pension cost charges represent the contributions payable by the company for the year under the rules of the defined contribution scheme.

**Insurance broking debtors and creditors**

Insurance brokers usually act as agents in placing the insurable risks of their clients with insurers. As such they are generally not liable as principals for the amounts arising from these transactions. Notwithstanding these legal relationships, debtors and creditors arising from insurance broking transactions are shown as assets and liabilities, respectively.

Debtors and creditors arising from a transaction between client and insurers (e.g. premiums, claims etc.) are recorded simultaneously. Consequently, there is a high level of correlation between the totals reported in respect of insurance broking debtors and creditors.

The position of the insurance broker as agent means that generally the credit risk is borne by the principals. However there may be circumstances where the insurance broker acquires credit risk, through statute, or through the act or omission of the insurance broker or one of the principals. There is much legal uncertainty surrounding the circumstances and the extent of such exposure which, consequently, cannot be evaluated. The total of insurance broking debtors and creditors appearing in the balance sheet is therefore not an indication of credit risk.

It is normal practice for insurance brokers to settle accounts with other intermediaries, clients, insurers and market settlement bureaux on a net basis. Thus, large changes in insurance broking debtors and creditors can result from comparatively small cash settlements. For this reason, the totals of insurance broking debtors and creditors give no indication of future cash flows.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)****Insurance broking debtors and creditors (continued)**

The legal status of this practice of net settlement is uncertain and in the event of an insolvency it is generally abandoned. FRS 5, "Reporting the substance of transactions", requires that offset of assets and liabilities should be recognised in financial statements where, and only where, the offset would survive the insolvency of the other party. Accordingly, only such offsets have been recognised in calculating insurance broking debtors and creditors.

**2 TURNOVER**

All operating activities of the company are attributable to insurance broking. The company had operations in the United Kingdom.

|                 | 2011<br>£'000 | 2010<br>£'000 |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Turnover        |               |               |
| UK & Europe     | 32,335        | 24,844        |
| North America   | 17,217        | 18,546        |
| Other countries | 15,428        | 13,845        |
|                 | <u>64,980</u> | <u>57,236</u> |

|   |                |              |
|---|----------------|--------------|
| (Loss)/ profit on ordinary activities before taxation | <u>(2,767)</u> | <u>3,684</u> |
|---|----------------|--------------|

|            |               |               |
|------------|---------------|---------------|
| Net assets | <u>29,728</u> | <u>30,095</u> |
|------------|---------------|---------------|

|                       | 2011<br>£'000 | 2010<br>£'000 |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Turnover              |               |               |
| Continuing operations | <u>64,980</u> | <u>57,236</u> |
|                       | <u>64,980</u> | <u>57,236</u> |

|   |                |              |
|---|----------------|--------------|
| (Loss)/ profit on ordinary activities before taxation |                |              |
| Continuing operations                                 | <u>(2,767)</u> | <u>3,684</u> |

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|--|----------------|--------------|
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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

|                                 | 2011<br>£'000 | 2010<br>£'000 |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>3 OTHER OPERATING INCOME</b> |               |               |
| Investment income               | 433           | 184           |
| Other income                    | 37            | 38            |
| Credit write backs              | 562           | 15            |
|                                 | <u>1,032</u>  | <u>237</u>    |

During 2011 and 2010 the company, in conjunction with an independent accountancy firm, reviewed certain balances within its insurance ledger and identified credit balances related to unclaimed client money. The company, having notified the FSA, took credits totalling £562,000 (2010 £15,000) to the profit and loss account.

|   | 2011<br>£'000 | 2010<br>£'000 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| <b>4 OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT</b>              |               |               |
| This is stated after charging                 |               |               |
| Staff costs (note 7)                          | 53,212        | 43,779        |
| Auditors' remuneration *                      | 10            | 10            |
| Amortisation of intangible assets (note 9)    | 4,408         | 2,866         |
| Depreciation of fixed assets (note 10)        | 1,051         | 1,208         |
| Operating lease rentals                       | 2,421         | 1,915         |
| Provision for doubtful debts release          | 179           | (257)         |
| Lease abandonment provision release (note 14) | -             | (1,327)       |
| Gain on foreign exchange                      | (130)         | (764)         |

|  | 2011<br>£'000 | 2010<br>£'000 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Auditor's remuneration                   |               |               |
| AJGUK - services under other regulations | 10            | 10            |
|  | <u>10</u>     | <u>10</u>     |

|  | 2011<br>£'000 | 2010<br>£'000 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| <b>5 EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS</b>                 |               |               |
| Profit on disposal of fixed assets         | (615)         | (15)          |
| Proceeds from disposal of book of business | 140           | -             |
|  | <u>(475)</u>  | <u>(15)</u>   |

The Company disposed of fixed assets resulting in a realised loss of £615,167 (2010 loss of £15,000) which has been disclosed in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 3 'Reporting Financial Performance' as an exceptional item in the profit and loss account.

|   | 2011<br>£'000 | 2010<br>£'000 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| <b>6 DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS</b>                          |               |               |
| Aggregate Emoluments                                    | 1,912         | 2,315         |
| Company contributions paid to money purchase schemes    | 62            | 63            |
|   | <hr/>         | <hr/>         |
| Members of money purchase schemes                       | 3             | 3             |
|   | <hr/>         | <hr/>         |
| The amounts in respect of the highest paid director are |               |               |
| Aggregate Emoluments                                    | 938           | 962           |
| Company Contributions paid to money purchase schemes    | 36            | 39            |
|   | <hr/>         | <hr/>         |
| <b>7 STAFF COSTS</b>                                    |               |               |
|   | 2011<br>£'000 | 2010<br>£'000 |
| Wages and salaries                                      | 44,691        | 36,897        |
| Social Security costs                                   | 6,237         | 4,879         |
| Pension costs (note 18)                                 | 2,284         | 2,003         |
|   | <hr/>         | <hr/>         |
|   | 53,212        | 43,779        |
|   | <hr/>         | <hr/>         |
| The average number of employees during the year was     |               |               |
| Broking and technical                                   | 296           | 265           |
| Administration  | 117           | 105           |
|   | <hr/>         | <hr/>         |
|   | 413           | 370           |
|   | <hr/>         | <hr/>         |

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

|  |              |              |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| <b>8 TAX CHARGE ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES</b> | <b>2011</b>  | <b>2010</b>  |
|  | <b>£'000</b> | <b>£'000</b> |
| The charge for taxation comprises                    |              |              |
| <i>Current tax</i>                                   |              |              |
| UK Corporation tax                                   | 449          | 1,177        |
| Group relief surrendered for payment                 | 403          |              |
| Prior year adjustments                               | (731)        | (2,468)      |
| Total current tax                                    | 121          | (1,291)      |
| <i>Deferred tax (note 15)</i>                        |              |              |
| Origination and reversal of timing differences       | (576)        | 229          |
| Effect of change in tax rate                         | 95           | 18           |
| Prior year adjustments                               | (374)        | 2,404        |
| Tax (credit)/charge on profit on ordinary activities | (734)        | 1,359        |

#### Effective Tax Rate

The effective tax rate for the year is higher than the standard rate of tax in the UK (26.5%). The differences are explained below

|   |         |         |
|---|---------|---------|
| Profit on ordinary activities before tax              | (2,767) | 3,684   |
| Corporation tax at standard rate of 26.5% (2010: 28%) | (733)   | 1,031   |
| <i>Effect of</i>                                      |         |         |
| Depreciation in excess of capital allowances          | 82      | 61      |
| Origination of timing differences                     | 485     | (230)   |
| Profit on disposal of fixed assets                    | -       | 4       |
| Non deductible goodwill amortisation                  | -       | 104     |
| Non deductible share option expense                   | 4       | -       |
| Expenses not deductible for tax purposes              | 966     | 141     |
| Pension contributions outstanding at year end         | -       | 65      |
| Transfer pricing adjustments                          | 48      | -       |
| Prior year adjustments                                | (731)   | (2,467) |
| Current tax charge for the year                       | 121     | (1,291) |

|  |              |              |
|--|--------------|--------------|
|  | <b>2011</b>  | <b>2010</b>  |
|  | <b>£'000</b> | <b>£'000</b> |
| <b>Provision for deferred tax</b>            |              |              |
| Deferred tax asset at start of the year      | 436          | 2,843        |
| Depreciation in excess of capital allowances | 91           | 65           |
| Origination of timing differences            | 485          | (294)        |
| Unrealised gain on hedge options             | 294          | 242          |
| Prior year adjustments                       | 374          | (2,404)      |
| Effect of change in tax rate                 | (109)        | (16)         |
| Deferred tax asset at end of the year        | 1,571        | 436          |

**8 TAX CHARGE ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES (Continued)**

The Company profits are taxable in the UK under the standard rate of corporation tax being 26.5% for 2011 (2010 28%). The Company is expected to continue to attract the standard rate of UK corporation tax. The UK government legislated during 2011 to reduce the main rate of corporation tax to 25%, applicable from 1 April 2012, which has been reflected in the closing deferred tax position on the balance sheet. Furthermore, the Government announced in March 2012 as part of the Budget a further reduction of 1% to 24% to apply from 1 April 2012, with additional reductions of 1% per annum falling to 22% with effect from 1 April 2014. These reductions have not been reflected in the closing deferred tax liability as they were not substantively enacted at the balance sheet date. It is anticipated that the impact of the future changes on the closing deferred tax position would decrease the total recognised deferred tax asset by £188,500 in the Company.

| <b>9 INTANGIBLE ASSETS</b> | <b>Expiration<br/>Lists<br/>£'000</b> |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Cost</b>                |                                       |
| At 1 January 2011          | 21,351                                |
| Additions during the year  | 5,233                                 |
| At 31 December 2011        | <b>26,584</b>                         |
| <b>Amortisation</b>        |                                       |
| At 1 January 2011          | 7,057                                 |
| Charge for the year        | 4,408                                 |
| At 31 December 2011        | <b>11,466</b>                         |
| <b>Net book value</b>      |                                       |
| At 31 December 2011        | <b>15,118</b>                         |
| At 1 January 2011          | 14,294                                |

Expiration lists represent payments contracted to teams and individuals joining the Company. They are amortised on a straight-line basis over a maximum of 5 years based on the joining date.



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| <b>10 TANGIBLE ASSETS</b>            | Leasehold<br>improvements<br>£'000 | Computer<br>equipment<br>£'000 | Furniture &<br>equipment<br>£'000 | Motor<br>vehicles<br>£'000 | Total<br>£'000 |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Cost or valuation</b>             |                                    |                                |                                   |                            |                |
| At 1 January 2011                    | 1,880                              | 7,403                          | 1,012                             | 129                        | 10,424         |
| Additions                            | 91                                 | 2,170                          | 78                                | -                          | 2,339          |
| Additions on acquisition of business | -                                  | -                              | -                                 | -                          | -              |
| Disposals                            | -                                  | (714)                          | (2)                               | -                          | (716)          |
| <b>At 31 December 2011</b>           | <b>1,971</b>                       | <b>8,859</b>                   | <b>1,088</b>                      | <b>129</b>                 | <b>12,047</b>  |
| <b>Depreciation</b>                  |                                    |                                |                                   |                            |                |
| At 1 January 2011                    | 1,227                              | 5,397                          | 685                               | 84                         | 7,393          |
| Charge for the year                  | 214                                | 724                            | 92                                | 21                         | 1,051          |
| Additions on acquisition of business | -                                  | -                              | -                                 | -                          | -              |
| Disposals                            | -                                  | (77)                           | -                                 | -                          | (77)           |
| <b>At 31 December 2011</b>           | <b>1,441</b>                       | <b>6,044</b>                   | <b>777</b>                        | <b>105</b>                 | <b>8,367</b>   |
| <b>Net Book Value</b>                |                                    |                                |                                   |                            |                |
| <b>At 31 December 2011</b>           | <b>530</b>                         | <b>2,815</b>                   | <b>311</b>                        | <b>24</b>                  | <b>3,680</b>   |
| At 1 January 2011                    | 653                                | 2,006                          | 327                               | 45                         | 3,031          |

| <b>11 INVESTMENTS</b>                | Subsidiary<br>undertakings<br>2011<br>£'000 |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Cost:</b>                         |   |
| At 1 January 2011                    | 2,681                                       |
| Additions                            | -   |
| <b>At 31 December 2011</b>           | <b>2,681</b>                                |
| <b>Permanent diminution in value</b> |   |
| At 1 January 2011                    | -   |
| Charge for the year                  | -   |
| <b>At 31 December 2011</b>           | <b>-</b>                                    |
| <b>Net Book Value</b>                |   |
| <b>At 31 December 2011</b>           | <b>2,681</b>                                |
| At 1 January 2011                    | 2,681                                       |

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#### 11 INVESTMENTS (continued)

Details of the investments in which the Group or the Company holds more than 10% of the nominal value of any class of share capital are as follows (all held by the Company unless indicated)

| Name of company                         | Country of registration<br>(or incorporation<br>and operation) | Holding  | Proportion<br>of voting<br>rights and<br>shares held | Nature of<br>Business |
|---|--|----------|--|-----------------------|
| <b>Subsidiary undertakings</b>          |  |          |  |                       |
| Arthur J Gallagher Asia Limited         | Hong Kong  | Ordinary | 100%   | Non-Trading           |
| Risk Management Partners Limited        | England & Wales  | Ordinary | 100%   | Risk Management       |
| Alesco Risk Management Services Limited | England & Wales  | Ordinary | 65%  | Insurance Broking     |

|                                    | 2011<br>£'000  | 2010<br>£'000  |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>12 DEBTORS</b>                  |                |                |
| Insurance debtors                  | 136,845        | 124,549        |
| Corporation tax                    | 706            | 1,111          |
| Deferred corporation tax (note 15) | 1,571          | 436            |
| Other debtors                      | 2,551          | 2,491          |
| Other prepayments                  | 7,957          | 7,181          |
|                                    | <b>149,630</b> | <b>135,768</b> |

|   | 2011<br>£'000  | 2010<br>£'000  |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| <b>13 CREDITORS amounts falling due within one year</b> |                |                |
| Insurance creditors                                     | 184,746        | 153,196        |
| Amounts owed to fellow group undertakings               | 15,340         | 9,906          |
| Other taxes and social security costs                   | 1,865          | 1,218          |
| Other creditors   | 1,432          | 848            |
| Accruals and deferred income                            | 10,314         | 6,640          |
|   | <b>213,697</b> | <b>171,808</b> |

Included in "Amounts owed to fellow group undertakings" there is group relief of £408,440 (2010 £26,000) in relation to corporation tax

|  | Purchase<br>price<br>obligation<br>£'000 | Vacant<br>Property<br>provision<br>£'000 | Future<br>servicing<br>and claims<br>handling<br>costs<br>£'000 | Total<br>£'000 |
|--|--|--|---|----------------|
| <b>14 PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES<br/>AND CHARGES</b> |  |  |   |                |
| <b>Company</b>                                       |  |  |   |                |
| At 1 January 2011                                    | 2,000                                    | 1,509                                    | 7,174   | 10,683         |
| Amounts incurred during period                       | -  | 47                                       | (829)   | (782)          |
| Release of provision                                 | -  | -  | 153   | 153            |
| At 31 December 2011                                  | <b>2,000</b>                             | <b>1,556</b>                             | <b>6,498</b>  | <b>10,054</b>  |

In 2010 the company entered into certain contracts for the acquisition of teams and individuals. These contracts included certain future payments in relation to the performance of that business acquired. The provision is in relation to the estimated future amounts to be paid in respect of these contracts.

During 2007 the company moved some of its employees from an office in Grays, Essex to London. This office space is no longer used by the company. During 2008 the company reviewed its London property portfolio and established that certain office space was surplus to requirement. A provision was made in respect of the costs to the end of the lease for space it does not utilise. In 2010 the company decided that it would utilise the vacant space in its London office and therefore released the provision for these future costs.

## **15 DEFERRED TAXATION**

Included in debtors shown in Note 12 are the following in respect of deferred taxation

|   | 2011<br>£'000 | 2010<br>£'000 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Opening deferred tax asset                                      | 436           | 2,843         |
| <i>Amounts charged to profit and loss account<br/>including</i> |               |               |
| Accelerated capital allowances                                  | 91            | 65            |
| Timing differences  | 484           | (294)         |
| Unrealised gain on hedge options                                | 295           | 242           |
| Prior year adjustments  | 374           | (2,404)       |
| Effect of change in tax rate                                    | (109)         | (16)          |
| Closing deferred tax asset                                      | <b>1,571</b>  | <b>436</b>    |
| There is no unprovided deferred taxation                        |               |               |

**16 RECONCILIATION OF SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS AND MOVEMENT ON RESERVES**

|                                  | Called<br>up share<br>capital<br>£'000 | Share<br>premium<br>account<br>£'000 | Profit<br>and loss<br>account<br>£'000 | 2011<br>Total<br>£'000 | 2010<br>Total<br>£'000 |
|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Company</b>                   |  |                                      |  |                        |                        |
| At 1 January                     | 5,000                                  | 3,606                                | 21,489                                 | <b>30,095</b>          | 26,217                 |
| Unrealised gain on hedge options | -                                      | -                                    | (834)                                  | <b>(834)</b>           | (697)                  |
| Transfer to reserves             | -                                      | -                                    | (2,033)                                | <b>(2,033)</b>         | 2,325                  |
| Dividends from RMP Ltd           | -                                      | -                                    | 2,500                                  | <b>2,500</b>           | 2,250                  |
| <b>At 31 December</b>            | <b>5,000</b>                           | <b>3,606</b>                         | <b>21,122</b>                          | <b>29,728</b>          | <b>30,095</b>          |

Dividends received from Risk Management Partners Limited (RMP) a 100% subsidiary £2,500,000 (2010 £2,250,000)

No interim or final dividend was paid during the year (2010 £ nil) At 31 December 2011 the allotted, called up and fully paid share capital of the company amounted to £5m (2010 £5m)

|  | 2011<br>Number | 2010<br>Number | 2011<br>£'000 | 2010<br>£'000 |
|--|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>17 SHARE CAPITAL</b>                |                |                |               |               |
| <b>Authorised</b>                      |                |                |               |               |
| Ordinary shares of £1 each             | 5,000,000      | 5,000,000      | 5,000         | 5,000         |
| <b>Allotted, issued and fully paid</b> |                |                |               |               |
| Ordinary shares of £1 each             | 5,000,000      | 5,000,000      | 5,000         | 5,000         |

**18 PENSION COMMITMENTS**

The Company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost for the year was £2,284,892 (2010 £2,003,000)

**19 TRANSACTIONS WITH DIRECTORS**

All of the directors who are underwriting members of Lloyd's participate in syndicates on similar terms which govern all other members of the syndicates in which they participate. In the normal course of business, the Company may place risks with the syndicates at Lloyd's in which the directors participate as members. Any such business is placed on a normal commercial basis. Other than as noted above, no director is connected with any insurance underwriter other than as an insignificant shareholder in an insurance company listed on a recognised stock exchange.

As far as the directors are aware, other than as discussed above, no transaction or arrangement involving a director of the Company requires disclosure in these accounts under the Companies Act 2006.

**20 OTHER FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS**

At 31 December 2011 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases comprising

|                                    | 2011  | 2010  |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|
|                                    | £'000 | £'000 |
| <i>Land and Buildings</i>          |       |       |
| - Expiring within 1 year           | -     | -     |
| - Expiring between 1 and 4 years   | 2,138 | 2,138 |
| - Expiring after more than 5 years | -     | -     |

Whilst the above is the annual commitment, the company has entered into arrangements with other occupants of the office premises as to rent payable. Note 4 sets out the charge for the year.

**21 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES - CLAIMS AND LITIGATION**

The Company could be subject to claims and litigation in the course of its business, resulting from alleged errors and omissions in connection with its insurance broking business. Any such claims could arise several years after the original events that give rise to the dispute. Provision is made in respect of claims notified to the Company at the Balance Sheet date and no provisions have been made for claims attributable to events which may have occurred by the Balance Sheet date but which are yet to be made known.

Although such claims would be strenuously defended, provision would be made, after taking account of the Company's insurance arrangements, for potential liabilities including expenses that may arise in respect of any claims and litigation. This provision would be based on information then current and legal advice and the provisions would be adjusted from time to time according to developments. The directors believe that the Company does not have any exposure with respect to such claims and litigation.

**22 POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

The directors are not aware of any significant events arising after the balance sheet date that require disclosure or adjustment to amounts included within the financial statements outside of the change in tax rates as disclosed in note 8.

**23 ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING**

The immediate parent company is Gallagher Holding (UK) Limited, a company registered in England and Wales.

The largest group of undertakings of which the company is a member and for which financial statements are prepared, is headed up by Arthur J Gallagher & Co, a company incorporated in the United States of America, which is the ultimate parent undertaking. A copy of these consolidated financial statements is available from the registered office of Arthur J Gallagher (UK) Limited.