

SANTANDER ASSET FINANCE (DECEMBER) LIMITED

**Registered in England and Wales
Company Number 1562865**

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2014**

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SANTANDER ASSET FINANCE (DECEMBER) LIMITED - 1562865

Strategic Report

The Directors submit the strategic report together with their directors' report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014.

Principal activity

The principal activity of Santander Asset Finance (December) Limited (the "Company") is that of lessors and financiers of assets for the corporate sector.

Fair review of the Company's business

The Santander UK plc group (the "Group") manages its operations on a divisional basis. For this reason, the Company's Directors believe that further key performance indicators for the Company are not necessary or appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business. The performance of the divisions of the Group, which include the Company, are discussed in the Group's Annual Report which does not form part of this Report.

The purpose of this Report is to provide information to the members of the Company and as such it is only addressed to those members. The Report may contain certain forward-looking statements with respect to the operations, performance and financial condition of the Company. By their nature, these statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties since future events, circumstances and other factors can cause results and developments to differ materially from the plans, objectives, expectations and intentions expressed in such forward-looking statements. Members should consider this when relying on any forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements reflect knowledge and information available at the date of preparation of this Report and the Company undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement during the year. Nothing in this Report should be construed as a profit forecast.

Principal risks and uncertainties facing the Company

The Company's principal risks and uncertainties together with the processes that are in place to monitor and mitigate those risks where possible can be found in note 4.

By Order of the Board



For and on behalf of
Santander Secretariat Services Limited, Secretary

27 July 2015

Registered Office Address: Carlton Park, Narborough, Leicester LE19 0AL

SANTANDER ASSET FINANCE (DECEMBER) LIMITED - 1562865

Report of the directors

The Directors submit their report together with the strategic report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014.

Principal activity

The principal activity of Santander Asset Finance (December) Limited (the "Company") is that of lessors and financiers of assets for the corporate sector.

Likely future developments

The Directors do not expect any significant change in the level of business in the foreseeable future.

Results and dividends

The profit for the year on ordinary activities after taxation amounted to £4,460,593 (2013: £7,680,555). The Directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend (2013: £nil).

Directors

The Directors who served throughout the year and to the date of this report were as follows:

M Evans
C Morley
A Mussert

Statement of Director's responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the 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 International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union. Under company law directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, International Accounting Standard 1 requires that directors:

- properly select and apply accounting policies;
- present information, including accounting policies, in a manner that provides relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable information;
- provide additional disclosures when compliance with the specific requirements in IFRSs are insufficient to enable users to understand the impact of particular transactions, other events and conditions on the entity's financial position and financial performance; and
- make an assessment of the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and which 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.

Statement of going concern

The Company's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development, performance and position are set out in this Report. The financial position of the Company, its cash flows, liquidity position and borrowing facilities are set out in the financial statements. In addition, note 4 to the financial statements includes the Company's objectives, policies and processes for managing its financial risk management objectives and its exposures to credit risk, market risk, liquidity risk and other risks. As disclosed in note 11 to the financial statements the Company's capital is managed by the Santander UK Group.

The Company is part of the Santander UK Group. The Company has net current liabilities and is reliant on other Group companies for its funding. The Board of Santander UK plc has confirmed that it is a going concern and that it will provide funding to the Company for the foreseeable future.

On the basis of their assessment of both the Company's financial position and of the confirmations by the directors of Santander UK plc outlined above, the Company's directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company will be able to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing this Report and financial statements.

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Report of the directors (continued)

Financial Instruments

The Company's risks are managed on a group level by the intermediate UK parent company, Santander UK plc.

The financial risk management objectives and policies of the Group; the policy for hedging each major type of forecasted transaction for which hedge accounting is used; and the exposure of the Group to price risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and cash-flow risk are outlined in the Group financial statements.

The class of asset most exposed to credit risk in the Company is trade and other receivables and operating lease assets. Credit risk is mitigated by security over the borrower's assets and is monitored on a revolving basis and subject to an annual or more frequent review. All customer exposure is to corporate and small and medium sized businesses and all balances are secured by charges over assets being financed such as properties and vehicles.

The Company is financed by loans from its immediate parent company, Santander Asset Finance plc. The funding has no fixed repayment date and is therefore repayable on demand, which creates uncertainty in respect of the future funding position of the Company. This risk is mitigated by the fact that the board of directors of Santander UK plc, has confirmed that the funding will remain in place for the foreseeable future.

Residual values are reviewed for impairment in line with the policy of the immediate parent undertaking, Santander Asset Finance plc and an appropriate impairment loss is recognised in the income statement.

Further disclosures regarding financial risk management objectives and policies and the Company's exposure to principal risks can be found in note 4 to the financial statements.

Qualifying third party indemnities

Enhanced indemnities are provided to the Directors of the Company by Santander UK plc against liabilities and associated costs which they could incur in the course of their duties to the Company. All of the indemnities remain in force as at the date of this Report and Accounts. A copy of each of the indemnities is kept at the registered office address of Santander UK plc.

Auditor


Each of the Directors as at the date of approval of this Report has confirmed that:

- so far as the Director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and
- the Director has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a Director to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006.

In accordance with Sections 485 and 487 of the Companies Act 2006, Deloitte LLP are deemed to have been re-appointed as auditor of the Company.

By Order of the Board



For and on behalf of
Santander Secretariat Services Limited, Secretary

27 July 2015

Registered Office Address: Carlton Park, Narborough, Leicester LE19 0AL

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SANTANDER ASSET FINANCE (DECEMBER) LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Santander Asset Finance (December) Limited for the year ended 31 December 2014 which comprise the Income Statement, Statement of Other Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement and the related notes 1 to 18. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union.

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 auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Directors and auditor

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities, 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 and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. 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 state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2014 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Separate opinion in relation to IFRSs as issued by the IASB

As explained in note 1 to the financial statements, the company in addition to applying IFRSs as adopted by the European Union, has also applied IFRSs as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

In our opinion the financial statements comply with IFRSs as issued by the IASB.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SANTANDER ASSET FINANCE (DECEMBER) LIMITED (continued)

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.



Tom Millar
(Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Deloitte LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
London
United Kingdom

27 July 2015

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Income Statement

For the year ended 31 December 2014

	Notes	2014 £	2013 £
Revenue		48,726,004	50,494,979
Cost of sales		(35,529,430)	(33,327,421)
GROSS PROFIT		13,196,574	17,167,558
Administrative expenses		(1,816,532)	(1,816,532)
Impairment Release		5,419,900	601,946
Impairment Reallocation		(5,419,900)	-
PROFIT FROM OPERATIONS	5	11,380,042	15,952,972
Finance costs	6	(4,328,453)	(5,293,307)
PROFIT BEFORE TAX		7,051,589	10,659,665
Tax	7	(2,590,996)	(2,979,110)
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR ATTRIBUTABLE TO EQUITY HOLDERS OF SANTANDER ASSET FINANCE (DECEMBER) LIMITED		4,460,593	7,680,555

All profits during the year were generated from continuing operations.

Statement of Other Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 31 December 2014

There is no other comprehensive income or expense in either the current or previous financial year other than the profit (2013: profit) for the current and previous year as set out in the Income Statement, therefore a separate Statement of Other Comprehensive Income and Expense has not been presented.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the accounts.

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Statement of Change in Equity

For the year ended 31 December 2014

	Issued capital £	Retained earnings £	Total Equity £
Balance at 1 January 2014	100	31,322,279	31,322,379
Profit for the year	-	4,460,593	4,460,593
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Balance at 31 December 2014	100	35,782,872	35,782,972
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	Issued capital £	Retained earnings £	Total Equity £
Balance at 1 January 2013	100	23,641,724	23,641,824
Profit for the year	-	7,680,555	7,680,555
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Balance at 31 December 2013	100	31,322,279	31,322,379
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Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2014

	Notes	2014 £	2013 £
ASSETS			
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Operating lease assets	8	126,234,254	119,628,441
Trade and other receivables	9	96,584,509	83,352,653
		<u>222,818,763</u>	<u>202,981,094</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Trade and other receivables	9	33,953,017	55,503,316
Deferred Tax asset	14	5,335,447	4,057,770
		<u>39,288,464</u>	<u>59,561,086</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>262,107,227</u>	<u>262,542,180</u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	13	(226,324,255)	(231,219,801)
		<u>(226,324,255)</u>	<u>(231,219,801)</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>(226,324,255)</u>	<u>(231,219,801)</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>35,782,972</u>	<u>31,322,379</u>
EQUITY			
ISSUED CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Issued share capital	16	100	100
Retained profit		35,782,872	31,322,279
		<u>35,782,972</u>	<u>31,322,379</u>
EQUITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO EQUITY HOLDERS OF SANTANDER ASSET FINANCE (DECEMBER) LIMITED		<u>35,782,972</u>	<u>31,322,379</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the accounts.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 27 July 2015. They were signed on its behalf by: COLIN MORLEY


Director

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Cash Flow Statement

For the year ended 31 December 2014

	Notes	2014 £	2013 £
Profit for the year		4,460,593	7,680,555
NON-CASH ADJUSTMENTS			
Depreciation		35,529,430	33,327,421
Loss on disposal of operating lease		3,891,347	4,996,472
Decrease in trade and other receivables		13,738,343	24,832,203
Increase in trade payables		3,638,970	3,805,339
(Decrease) / increase in accruals		(267,200)	5,010
(Decrease) / increase in deferred taxes		(1,277,677)	658,161
Decrease in group relief receivable		(4,327,730)	(1,616,687)
		50,925,483	66,007,919
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		55,386,076	73,688,474
Tax paid		(3,921,500)	-
Interest paid to parent undertakings		(4,328,453)	(5,293,307)
Management charges paid to parent undertakings		(1,816,532)	(1,816,532)
		(10,066,485)	(7,109,839)
NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		45,319,591	66,578,635
CASH FLOWS (USED IN)/FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payments to acquire operating lease assets		(68,731,102)	(67,748,447)
Receipts from sale of operating lease assets		17,284,612	47,889,105
		(51,446,490)	(19,859,342)
CASH FLOWS FROM/(USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Payment of cash advances from/(to) parent undertakings		6,126,899	(46,719,293)
		6,126,899	(46,719,293)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AS AT 31 DECEMBER	15	-	-

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the accounts.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the Companies Act 2006 and the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of all derivative financial instruments and on the going concern basis of accounting as disclosed in the Directors' Report - Statement of Going Concern.

The functional and presentation currency of the Company is Sterling.

Compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards

The Company's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ('IFRS') as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ('IASB'), and interpretations issued by the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee ('IFRIC') of the IASB that, under European Union Regulations, are effective and available for adoption at the reporting date. The Company has complied with IFRS as issued by the IASB in addition to complying with its legal obligation to comply with IFRS as adopted for use in the European Union.

Recent accounting developments

In 2014, the Company adopted the following new accounting pronouncements and amendments to standards which became effective for financial years beginning on 1 January 2014.

- a) IAS 32 'Financial Instruments: Presentation' - In December 2011, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 32 entitled 'Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities' which clarified the requirements for offsetting financial instruments and addressed inconsistencies in current practice when applying the offsetting criteria in IAS 32 'Financial Instruments: Presentation'. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2014 with early adoption permitted and are required to be applied retrospectively. The amendments did not have a material effect on the Company's financial statements.
- b) There are a number of other changes to IFRS that were effective from 1 January 2014. Those changes did not have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

Future accounting developments

The Company has not yet adopted the following significant new or revised standards and interpretations, and amendments thereto, which have been issued but which are not yet effective for the Company:

- a) IFRS 9 'Financial Instruments' ('IFRS 9') – In July 2014, the IASB issued the final version of IFRS 9 which includes the completion of all phases of the project to replace IAS 39 'Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement' as discussed below.
Phase 1: Classification and measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities. Financial assets are classified on the basis of the business model within which they are held and their contractual cash flow characteristics. The standard also introduces a 'fair value through other comprehensive income' measurement category for particular simple debt instruments. The requirements for the classification and measurement of financial liabilities were carried forward unchanged from IAS 39, however, the requirements relating to the fair value option for financial liabilities were changed to address own credit risk and, in particular, the presentation of gains and losses within other comprehensive income.
Phase 2: Impairment methodology. IFRS 9 fundamentally changes the impairment requirements relating to the accounting for an entity's expected credit losses on its financial assets and commitments to extend credit. It is no longer necessary for a credit event to have occurred before credit losses are recognised. Instead, an entity always accounts for expected credit losses, and changes in those expected credit losses. The amount of expected credit losses is updated at each reporting date to reflect changes in credit risk since initial recognition.
Phase 3: Hedge accounting. These requirements align hedge accounting more closely with risk management and establish a more principle-based approach to hedge accounting. Dynamic hedging of open portfolios is being dealt with as a separate project and until such time as that project is complete, entities can choose between applying the hedge accounting requirements of IFRS 9 or to continue to apply the existing hedge accounting requirements in IAS 39. The revised hedge accounting requirements in IFRS 9 are applied prospectively.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

a) (continued)

The effective date of IFRS 9 is 1 January 2018. For annual periods beginning before 1 January 2018, an entity may elect to early apply only the requirements for the presentation of gains and losses on financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss. At the date of publication of the Company's financial statements the standard is awaiting EU endorsement and the impact of the standard is currently being assessed. It is not yet practicable to quantify the effect of IFRS 9 on these financial statements.

b) IFRS 15 'Revenue from Contracts with Customers' ('IFRS 15') – In May 2014, the IASB issued IFRS 15. The effective date of IFRS 15 is 1 January 2017. The standard establishes the principles that shall be applied in connection with revenue from contracts with customers including the core principle that the recognition of revenue must depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the entitlement to consideration in exchange for those goods and services. IFRS 15 applies to all contracts with customers but does not apply to lease contracts, insurance contracts, financial instruments and certain non-monetary exchanges. At the date of publication of these financial statements the standard is awaiting EU endorsement. Whilst it is expected that a significant proportion of the Company's revenue will be outside the scope of IFRS 15, the impact of the standard is currently being assessed. It is not yet practicable to quantify the effect of IFRS 15 on these financial statements.

c) There are a number of other standards which have been issued or amended that are expected to be effective in future periods. However, it is not practicable to provide a reasonable estimate of their effects on the Company's financial statements until a detailed review has been completed.

Principal accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below

Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Company and the revenue can be reliably measured. All such revenue is reported net of discounts and value added and other sales taxes.

Revenue from operating and finance leases is recognised in accordance with the Company's policy on Leases (see below).

Upfront arrangement fees on financing agreements with customers are spread on an effective interest rate basis over the contractual life of that agreement.

Finance income and finance costs

Income on financial assets that are classified as loans and receivables and interest expense on financial liabilities other than those at fair value through profit and loss are determined using the effective interest method. The effective interest rate is the rate that discounts the estimated future cash payments or receipts over the contractual life of the instrument or, when appropriate, a shorter period, to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. When calculating the effective interest rate, the future cash flows are estimated after considering all the contractual terms of the instrument excluding future credit losses. The calculation includes all amounts paid or received by the Company that are an integral part of the overall return, direct incremental transaction costs related to the acquisition, issue or disposal of the financial instrument and all other premiums or discounts. Interest income on assets classified as loans and receivables, interest expense on liabilities classified at amortised cost and interest income and expense on hedging derivatives are recognised in the income statement.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

Income taxes including deferred taxes

The tax expense represents the sum of the income tax currently payable and deferred income tax.

Income tax payable on profits, based on the applicable tax law in each jurisdiction, is recognised as an expense in the period in which profits arise. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the income statement because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred income tax is the tax expected to be payable or recoverable on income tax losses available to carry forward and on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the Financial Statements and is accounted for using the balance sheet liability method. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which the assets may be utilised as they reverse. Such deferred tax assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from goodwill. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not recognised from the initial recognition of other assets (other than in a business combination) and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit.

Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset is realised based on rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date. Deferred tax is charged or credited in the income statement, except when it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, in which case the deferred tax is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity.

Leases

The Company as lessor - Operating lease assets are recorded at deemed cost and depreciated over the life of the asset after taking into account anticipated residual values. Operating lease rental income and depreciation is recognised on a straight-line basis over the life of the asset.

Amounts due from lessees under finance leases are recorded as receivables at the amount of the Company's net investment in the leases. Finance lease income is allocated to accounting periods so as to reflect a constant periodic rate of return on the Company's net investment outstanding in respect of the leases and hire purchase contracts.

If the lease agreement transfers the risk and rewards of the asset, the lease is recorded as a finance lease and the receivable is capitalised. At inception, the asset is recorded at the lower of the present value of the minimum lease payments or fair value and depreciated over the lower of the estimated useful life and the life of the lease. The corresponding rental obligations are recorded as borrowings. The aggregate benefit of incentives, if any, is recognised as a reduction of rental expense over the lease term on a straight-line basis.

Cash and cash equivalents

The Company does not hold cash or cash equivalents.

Financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are recognised in the Company's balance sheet when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

Financial assets

The Company classifies its financial assets as: financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and loans and receivables.

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments, that are not quoted in an active market and which are not classified as available-for-sale or fair value through profit or loss.

Loans and advances to customers' are classed as Loans and Receivables. 'Net investment in finance leases' are treated in accordance with the Company's policy on finance lease agreements.

Loans and receivables are initially recognised at fair value including direct and incremental transaction costs. They are subsequently valued at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method, less any impairment. Interest calculated using the effective interest rate method is recognised in the income statement. They are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows have expired or the Company has transferred substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership.

Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are initially recognised when the Company becomes contractually bound to the transfer of economic benefits in the future. Financial liabilities are derecognised when extinguished.

Non-trading financial liabilities are initially recognised at fair value net of transaction costs incurred. They are subsequently stated at amortised cost and the redemption value recognised in the income statement over the period of the liability using the effective interest rate method.

Trade and other payables are initially measured at fair value, and are subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Effective interest method

Interest expense on financial assets and liabilities held at amortised cost is measured using the effective interest rate method, which allocates the interest income or interest expense over the contractual life of the lease agreements. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the contractual life of the financial instrument to the net carrying amount on initial recognition.

Impairment of financial assets

At each balance sheet date the Company assesses whether, as a result of one or more events occurring after initial recognition, there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets classified as loans and receivables have become impaired. Evidence of impairment may include indications that the borrower or group of borrowers have defaulted, are experiencing significant financial difficulty, or the debt has been restructured to reduce the burden to the borrower. Objective evidence that a financial asset or group of assets is impaired includes observable data that comes to the attention of the Company about the following loss events:

- a) significant financial difficulty of the issuer or obligor;
- b) a breach of contract, such as a default or delinquency in interest or principal payments;
- c) the Company, for economic or legal reasons relating to the borrower's financial difficulty, granting to the borrower a concession that the Company would not otherwise consider;
- d) it becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation;
- e) the disappearance of an active market for that financial asset because of financial difficulties; or
- f) observable data indicating that there is a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows from a group of financial assets since the initial recognition of those assets, although the decrease cannot yet be identified with the individual financial assets in the group, including:
 - i) adverse changes in the payment status of borrowers in the group; or
 - ii) national or local economic conditions that correlate with defaults on the assets in the group.

The Company first assesses whether objective evidence of impairment exists individually for financial assets that are individually significant, and individually or collectively for financial assets that are not individually significant. If there is no objective evidence of impairment for an individually assessed financial asset it is included in a group of financial assets with similar credit risk characteristics and collectively assessed for

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impairment.

1. **Accounting policies (continued)** **Impairment of financial assets (continued)**

Commercial lending is reviewed for impairment on a case by case basis for individually significant loans. Loans that are not individually significant are assessed for impairment on a portfolio basis.

Impairment is calculated based on the probability of default, exposure at default and the loss given default, using recent data. An adjustment is made for the effect of discounting cash flows.

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss on loans and receivables carried at amortised cost has been incurred, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future credit losses that have not been incurred) discounted at the financial asset's effective interest rate.

Financial assets are written off when it is reasonably certain that receivables are irrecoverable.

2. **Critical accounting estimates and areas of significant management judgement**

Some asset and liability amounts reported in the accounts are based on management judgement, estimates and assumptions. There is a risk of significant changes to the carrying amounts for these assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

Residual values

Residual values are estimated at the inception of lease agreements and are subsequently reviewed for impairment during the life of the lease agreements. Appropriate impairment losses are charged to the income statement.

Impairment loss allowances

Individual impairment loss allowances are made in respect of finance and rental agreements where recovery is considered doubtful; a collective impairment loss allowance is made for losses which, although not specifically identified, are known to be inherent in any portfolio of lending. The impairment loss allowances are deducted from the net investment in finance agreements. The charge in the income statement comprises write offs, recoveries and the net movement in impairment loss allowances in the year.

Effective interest rate calculations

IAS 39 requires certain financial assets and liabilities to be held at amortised cost, with income recognised using the effective interest rate (EIR) methodology. In order to calculate EIR, the contracted repayment profile is used. If customers repay earlier than anticipated, this will generally lead to an increase in the Balance Sheet carrying value and a gain in the Income Statement.

Deferred tax asset

The Company manages its taxation policy in line with Group policy. The deferred tax asset is only recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the asset can be utilised. In estimating the amount of the deferred tax asset that may be recognised the directors make judgements based on Group and Company budgets and forecasts about the amount of future Group and Company taxable profits and the timing of when these will be realised.

The carrying amount of the deferred tax asset is reviewed at each Balance Sheet date and is reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will allow all or part of the asset to be recovered. A reduction in the deferred tax asset is charged to the Income Statement in the period to which it relates.

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3. Risk management policy and control framework

As a result of its normal business activities, the Company is exposed to a variety of risks, the most significant of which are operational risk, credit risk, market risk, interest rate risk and liquidity risk. The Company manages its risk in line with the central risk management function of the Santander UK Group. Santander UK's Risk Framework ensures that risk is managed and controlled on behalf of shareholders, customers, depositors, employees and the Santander UK Group's regulators. Effective and efficient risk governance and oversight provide management with assurance that the Santander UK Group's business activities will not be adversely impacted by risks that could have been reasonably foreseen. This in turn reduces the uncertainty of achieving the Santander UK Group's strategic objectives.

Authority flows from the Santander UK plc Board to the Chief Executive Officer and from him to specific individuals. Formal standing committees are maintained for effective management of oversight. Their authority is derived from the person they are intended to assist. Further information can be found in the Santander UK plc Annual Report which does not form part of this Report.

4. Risk management disclosures

Operational risk

Operational risk is defined as the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems or from external events. This includes regulatory, legal and compliance risk. Operational risk is monitored and managed within the Group. An independent central operational risk function (Enterprise and Operational Risk) has responsibility for establishing the framework within which these risks are managed and is aligned to operational risk professionals within business areas (co-ordinated by IT and Operational Risk) to ensure consistent approaches are applied across the Group. The primary purpose of the framework is to define and articulate the Group-wide policy, processes, roles and responsibilities. The framework incorporates industry practice and regulatory requirements. The day-to-day management of operational risk is the responsibility of business managers who identify, assess and monitor the risks, in line with the processes described in the framework. The operational risk function ensures that all key risks are regularly reported to the Group's risk fora, risk committee and board of directors.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss arising from the default of a customer or counterparty to which the Company has directly provided credit, or for which the Company has assumed a financial obligation, after realising collateral held. The credit quality of customer assets is mitigated by the credit approval process in place. Credit risk is mitigated by security taken over the borrower's assets. The Company structures the levels of credit risk it undertakes by placing limits on the amount of risk accepted in relation to one borrower or group of borrowers. Such risks are monitored on a revolving basis and subject to an annual or more frequent review.

Lending decisions are based on independent credit risk analysis supplemented by the use of internal ratings tools which assess the obligor's likelihood of default. The output of the ratings tools is a borrower grade which maps to a long-run average one year probability of default.

Borrower grades are reviewed at least annually, allowing identification of adverse individual and sector trends. The grade is integrated into an overall Credit & Risk evaluation, including wider factors such as transaction and borrower structure (ranking and structural subordination), debt serviceability and security (initial and residual value considerations). Consideration is also given to risk mitigation measures to protect the Company, such as third-party guarantees, supporting collateral and security, robust legal documentation, financial covenants and hedging. Transactions are further assessed using an internal pricing model which measures both the return on equity and the risk adjusted return on capital against a series of benchmarks to ensure risks are appropriately priced.

Portfolio asset quality monitoring is based on a number of measures, including expected loss, financial covenant monitoring, security revaluations, pricing movements and external input from rating agencies and other organisations. Should particular exposures begin to show adverse features such as payment arrears, covenant breaches or business trading performance that is materially worse than expected at the point of lending, a full risk reappraisal is undertaken. Where appropriate, case management is transferred to a specialist recovery team that works with the customer in an attempt to resolve the situation. If this does not prove possible, cases are classified as being unsatisfactory and are subject to intensive monitoring and management procedures designed to maximise debt recovery.

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4. Risk management disclosures (continued)

Credit risk (continued)

The class of financial instruments that is most exposed to credit risk in the Company is net investment in finance leases (note 10).

	2014 £	2013 £
Net investment in finance leases	119,771,242	131,094,526

All exposures are with Corporate and other customers.

For the Company, 100% (2013: 100%) of the balances are secured. The main types of security are charges over assets being financed. £nil (2013: £nil) of finance and operating leases are secured by bank guarantees.

Arrears and impairment

Asset quality remains good with 0.3% of lending balances in arrears at 31 December 2014 (2013: 0.2%).

Payment due status:

	Corporate		2014 Commercial Asset Finance		Total	
	£	%	£	%	£	%
Not impaired						
Neither past due nor impaired	11,162,217	100	114,416,657	100	125,578,874	100
Past due up to 3 months but not impaired	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>11,162,217</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>114,416,657</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>125,578,874</u>	<u>100</u>
Provisions	-	-	(5,807,632)	-	(5,807,632)	-
Total	<u>11,162,217</u>		<u>108,609,025</u>		<u>119,771,242</u>	

	Corporate		2013 Commercial Asset Finance		Total	
	£	%	£	%	£	%
Not impaired						
Neither past due nor impaired	11,900,506	100	130,421,552	100	142,322,058	100
Past due up to 3 months but not impaired	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>11,900,506</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>130,421,552</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>142,322,058</u>	<u>100</u>
Provisions	-	-	(11,227,532)	-	(11,227,532)	-
Total	<u>11,900,506</u>		<u>119,194,020</u>		<u>131,094,526</u>	

The carrying value of repossessed stock at 31 December 2014 was £nil (2013: £nil). The Company sells the repossessed stock at market price rather than using them in its operations.

The portfolio is subject to regular monitoring for potential impairment under the impairment of financial assets policy set out in note 1.

Loans up to 3 months past due have a collective impairment loss allowance set aside to cover losses on loans which are in the early stages of arrears.

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4. Risk management disclosures (continued)

Impairment loss allowances on trade and other receivables

	2014 £	2013 £
At 1 January Collective	11,227,532	11,829,478
Total impairments	11,227,532	11,829,478
Released in the year	(5,419,900)	(601,946)
Total amounts written off in the year	(5,419,900)	(601,946)
At 31 December Collective	5,807,632	11,227,532
Total impairments	5,807,632	11,227,532

Market risk

Market risk is the risk of a reduction in economic value or reported income resulting from a change in the variables of financial instruments including interest rate, equity, credit spread, property and foreign currency risks. The Company recognises that the effective management of market risk is essential to the maintenance of stable earnings and the preservation of shareholder value, and manages market risk accordingly. Details of the market risk management policy are disclosed in the Santander UK plc Annual Report – Risk Management, which does not form part of this Report.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the most significant market risk to which the Company is exposed. This risk mainly arises from mismatches between the re-pricing dates of the interest bearing assets and liabilities on the Company's Balance Sheet, and from the investment of the Company's reserves. Interest rate risk primarily arises in the Company's leasing trade. The exposure in this area is hedged with Santander UK plc Treasury function using fixed rate loans and other appropriate instruments.

Changes in interest rates would result in no impact on either the equity of the Company or on the Income Statement. Interest is allocated on a lease agreement by lease agreement basis within the Company and all interest rate risk is borne by the immediate parent company, Santander Asset Finance plc.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company, though solvent, either does not have sufficient financial resources available to meet its obligations as they fall due, or can only secure them at excessive cost.

The Company is dependent on loans from its immediate parent undertaking. All liabilities are repayable on demand.

The day to day management of liquidity is the responsibility of Asset and Liability Management ("ALM") within Santander UK plc's Group Infrastructure, which provides funding to and takes surplus funds from the Company as required.

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5. Profit from operations

Profit from operations is stated after charging the following:

	2014 £	2013 £
Depreciation of operating lease assets	35,529,430	33,327,421
Loss on disposal of operating lease assets	3,891,347	4,996,472

The depreciation of operating lease assets is included in cost of sales.

Directors' emoluments

No directors were remunerated for their services to the Company. Directors' emoluments are borne by the intermediate UK parent company Santander UK plc. No emoluments were paid by the Company to the directors during the year (2013: £nil).

Auditor's remuneration

The audit fee for the current and prior year has been paid on the Company's behalf by its intermediate UK parent undertaking, Santander UK plc, in accordance with company policy, for which no recharge has been made. The audit fee payable to the Company's auditor for the audit of the Company's annual accounts for the current year is £11,655 (2013: £11,475).

No non-audit fees were borne on the Company's behalf in either the current or preceding year.

Particulars of employees

No salaries or wages have been paid to employees, including the directors, during the year or the preceding year. The Company had no employees in either the current or the preceding year.

6. Finance costs

	2014 £	2013 £
Amounts payable to immediate parent undertakings	4,328,453	5,293,307

7. Tax

	2014 £	2013 £
Current tax:		
UK corporation tax on profit of the year	3,955,222	4,481,640
Adjustments in respect of prior years	(15,794)	(2,161,033)
Total current tax	3,939,428	2,320,607
Deferred tax:		
Origination and reversal of temporary differences	(2,439,130)	(2,003,267)
Change in rate of UK corporation tax	170,172	630,154
Adjustments in respect of prior years	920,526	2,031,616
Total deferred tax	(1,348,432)	658,503
Tax charge on profit for the year	2,590,996	2,979,110

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7. Tax (continued)

UK corporation tax is calculated at 21.5% (2013: 23.25%) of the estimated assessable profits for the year. The standard rate of UK corporation tax was reduced from 23% to 21% with effect from 1 April 2014.

The Finance Act 2013, which provides for reductions in the main rate of UK corporation tax to 20% effective from 1 April 2015, was enacted on 17 July 2013.

As the change in rates were substantively enacted prior to 31 December 2014, they have been reflected in the deferred tax asset at 31 December 2014.

The tax on the Company's profit before tax differs from the theoretical amount that would arise using the basic tax rate of the Company as follows:

	2014 £	2013 £
Profit before tax	7,051,589	10,659,665
Tax calculated at a rate of 21.5% (2013: 23.25%)	1,516,092	2,478,373
Adjustment to prior year provisions	904,732	(129,417)
Effect of change in tax rate on deferred tax provision	170,172	630,154
Tax charge for the year	2,590,996	2,979,110

8. Operating lease assets

The Company enters into operating lease arrangements with customers in the commercial and public sectors.

	2014 £	2013 £
Cost		
At 1 January	215,967,885	261,809,456
Additions	68,731,102	67,748,447
Disposals	(41,987,905)	(113,590,018)
At 31 December	242,711,082	215,967,885
Depreciation		
At 1 January	96,339,444	123,716,463
Charge for year	35,529,430	33,327,421
Impairment Reallocation	5,419,900	-
Disposals	(20,811,946)	(60,704,440)
At 31 December	116,476,828	96,339,444
Net book value		
At 1 January	119,628,441	138,092,993
At 31 December	126,234,254	119,628,441

The loss on disposal of operating lease assets was £3,891,347 (2013: £4,996,472). This is included within the revenue line on the income statement.

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8. Operating lease assets (continued)

At the balance sheet date, the Company had contracted with lessees for the following future minimum lease payments:

	2014 £	2013 £
Within 1 year	31,617,959	30,001,137
Between 1-5 years	58,222,405	45,856,505
In more than 5 years	1,571,005	1,100,792
Total	<u>91,411,369</u>	<u>76,958,434</u>

9 Trade and other receivables

	2014 £	2013 £
Non current		
Finance lease receivables	<u>96,584,509</u>	<u>83,352,653</u>
Current		
Finance lease receivables	23,186,733	47,741,873
Other receivables	10,766,284	7,761,443
	<u>33,953,017</u>	<u>55,503,316</u>
Total trade and other receivables	<u>130,537,526</u>	<u>138,855,969</u>

10. Finance leases

The Company enters into finance lease arrangements with customers in the commercial and public sectors.

	Gross investment in the lease		Present value of minimum lease payments	
	2014 £	2013 £	2014 £	2013 £
Less than one year	27,713,085	56,316,569	23,186,733	47,741,873
Later than one year but less than five years	109,758,985	96,323,449	93,970,012	81,647,735
Later than five years	3,243,645	2,011,069	2,614,497	1,704,918
	<u>140,715,715</u>	<u>154,651,087</u>	<u>119,771,242</u>	<u>131,094,526</u>
Less:				
Unearned finance income	(19,139,703)	(19,375,761)		
Unguaranteed residual value accruing to the benefit of the lessor	(1,804,770)	(4,180,800)		
Provision for uncollectible minimum lease payments	-	-		
Net investment in finance leases	<u>119,771,242</u>	<u>131,094,526</u>		
Non-current			96,584,509	83,352,653
Current			23,186,733	47,741,873
			<u>119,771,242</u>	<u>131,094,526</u>

The directors consider that the net investment in finance leases is approximately equal to their fair value.

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11. Capital

The Company's intermediate UK parent company Santander UK plc adopts a centralised capital management approach, based in an assessment of both regulatory requirements and the economic capital impacts of businesses in the Santander UK Group. Disclosures relating to the Group's capital management can be found in the Santander UK plc Annual Report which does not form part of this Report.

12. Related party transactions

Trading activities

Payable to related parties

	2014 £	2013 £
Abbey National Treasury Services plc - group relief	-	4,327,730
Santander Asset Finance plc	213,401,194	213,419,280
	<u>213,401,194</u>	<u>217,747,010</u>

The Company entered into transactions with related parties as shown in the table below.

	2014 £	2013 £
Amount owed to related parties		
As at 1 January	217,747,010	273,192,830
Net movements	(4,345,816)	(55,445,820)
As at 31 December (note 13)	<u>213,401,194</u>	<u>217,747,010</u>
Interest paid to parent undertakings	<u>4,328,453</u>	<u>5,293,307</u>

Key management compensation

As detailed in note 5 the Company had no employees in either the current or preceding year and the directors are remunerated through Santander UK plc therefore no key management compensation was paid by this Company.

Administration expenses

During the current year the Company paid administrative cost recharges to other parent undertakings of £1,816,532 (2013: £1,816,532).

13. Trade and other payables

	2014 £	2013 £
Current		
Trade payables	5,019,037	5,319,495
Accrued liabilities	3,948,802	4,216,002
Current tax liabilities	3,955,222	3,937,294
Payable to related parties (note 12)	213,401,194	217,747,010
	<u>226,324,255</u>	<u>231,219,801</u>

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14 Deferred tax asset

Deferred taxes are calculated on temporary differences under the liability method using the tax rates expected to apply when the liability is settled or the asset is realised. The movement on the deferred tax account was as follows:

	2014 £	2013 £
At 1 January	4,057,770	4,715,931
Income statement credit / (charge) (note 7)	1,348,432	(658,503)
Transfer from group undertakings	(70,755)	342
At 31 December	<u>5,335,447</u>	<u>4,057,770</u>

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are attributable to the following items:

	Balance Sheet		Income Statement	
	2014 £	2013 £	2014 £	2013 £
Deferred tax assets				
Accelerated book depreciation	3,088,941	1,809,583	1,350,113	(235,877)
Other temporary differences	2,246,506	2,248,187	(1,681)	(422,626)
	<u>5,335,447</u>	<u>4,057,770</u>	<u>1,348,432</u>	<u>(658,503)</u>

The deferred tax assets scheduled above have been recognised in the Company on the basis that sufficient future taxable profits are forecast within the foreseeable future, in excess of the profits arising from the reversal of existing taxable temporary differences, to allow for the utilisation of the assets as they reverse.

15. Cash and cash equivalents

For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise the following:

	2014 £	2013 £
Cash at bank	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

16. Issued share capital

	2014 No	2014 £	2013 No	2013 £
Issued and fully paid				
Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

All issued share capital is classified as equity.

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17. Contingent liabilities

The Company, along with certain other subsidiaries of Santander UK plc, is a party to a capital support deed dated 14 December 2012 with Santander UK plc, Abbey National Treasury Services plc and Cater Allen Limited (each a "regulated entity"). The Capital Support Deed supports a core UK group for the purposes of section 10 of the Prudential Sourcebook for Banks, Building Societies and Investment Firms ("BIPRU") of the FSA Handbook. Under section 10.8 of BIPRU, exposures of each regulated entity to other members of the core UK group, including the Company, are exempt from large exposure limits that would otherwise apply. The purpose of the Capital Support Deed is to facilitate the prompt transfer of available capital resources or repayment of liabilities to a regulated entity to ensure that a regulated entity continues to comply with requirements relating to capital resources and risk concentrations. The amount of any transfer is limited to the sum of the Company's capital resources which would not cause the value of its liabilities to exceed the value of its assets, taking into account all of its contingent and prospective liabilities. The Capital Support Deed also provides that, in certain circumstances, funding received by the Company from other parties to the Capital Support Deed becomes repayable on demand, such repayment being limited to the Company's available resources. From 1 January 2014, section 10.8 BIPRU is replaced by Article 113(6) of the Capital Requirements Regulation.

18. Parent undertaking and controlling party

The Company's immediate parent company is Santander Asset Finance plc, a company registered in England and Wales.

The Company's ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is Banco Santander S.A., a company registered in Spain. Banco Santander S.A. is the parent undertaking of the largest Group of undertakings for which Group accounts are drawn up and of which the Company is a member. Santander UK plc is the intermediate parent undertaking of the smallest Group of undertakings for which Group accounts are drawn up and of which the Company is a member.

Copies of all sets of Group accounts which include the results of the Company are available from Secretariat, Santander UK plc, 2 Triton Square, Regent's Place, London, NW1 3AN.