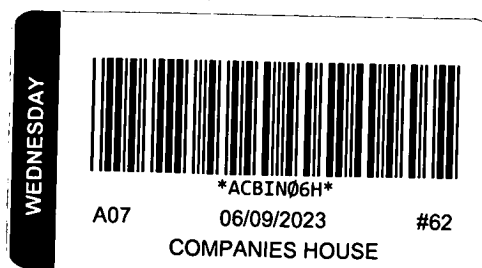


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LOMBARD LEASING CONTRACTS LIMITED

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the 15 months period ended 31 December 2022



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DIRECTOR'S REPORT**CHANGE OF REGISTERED OFFICE**

On 8 November 2021, the Registered Office of Lombard Leasing Contracts Limited (the "Company") changed from 1 Princes Street London EC2R 8BP to 250 Bishopsgate London EC2M 4AA.

ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW

This Directors' report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies' exemption and therefore does not include a Strategic report.

Activity

The principal activity of the Company was the provision of fixed asset finance usually involving individually structured facilities. Although the company had no remaining leases it still remained party to any warranty claims that could be made by the purchaser and this warranty expired in July 2022. Lombard North Central Plc provided an indemnity for any claims that might be made against the Company.

The Company is a subsidiary of NatWest Group plc which provides the Company with direction and access to all central resources it needs and determines policies in all key areas such as finance, risk, human resources or environment. For this reason, the directors believe that performance indicators specific to the Company are not necessary nor appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business. The annual reports of NatWest Group plc review these matters on a group basis. A copy of the NatWest Group annual report is available at www.natwestgroup.com and on the Companies House website. A copy can also be requested from Legal, Governance and Regulatory Affairs, NatWest Group, Gogarburn, Edinburgh, PO Box 1000, EH12 1HQ.

"NatWest Group" comprises NatWest Group plc, its subsidiary and associated undertakings.

Review of the period**Business review**

The Company ceased to trade in 2017 and has not traded subsequently. The stated intention of the Board of Directors is to wind up the Company within the next 12 months from the date of signing of these financial statements. International Accounting Standard (IAS) 1 "Presentation of Financial Statements" requires the financial statements in such circumstances to be prepared on a basis other than going concern. The Directors do not consider that this has affected the recognition and measurement of the assets at recoverable amount and liabilities at settlement value of the Company. Any costs of winding up will be borne by National Westminster Bank Plc.

Post balance sheet events are described in note 9 to the financial statements.

Financial performance

The Company's financial performance is presented on pages 8 to 10.

The loss for the period was £11k (2021: £25k) and this was transferred from reserves.

No dividend was paid during the period nor in 2021.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The Company seeks to minimise its exposure to financial risks other than credit risk.

Management focuses on both the overall balance sheet structure and the control, within prudent limits, of risk arising from mismatches, including currency, maturity, interest rate and liquidity. It is undertaken within limits and other policy parameters set by the NatWest Group Asset and Liability Management Committee.

The Company is funded by facilities from National Westminster Bank Plc. These are denominated in sterling which is the functional currency and carry no significant financial risk.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Principal risks and uncertainties (continued)

The Company's assets mainly comprise cash at bank which would expose it to liquidity risk except that the counterparties are NatWest Group companies and therefore credit risk is not considered significant.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk arises where assets and liabilities have different contractual maturities. Management focuses on risk arising from the mismatch of maturities across the balance sheet and from undrawn commitments and other contingent obligations.

The Company manages its liquidity risk by having access to Group funding.

Going concern

These financial statements are prepared on other than going concern basis, see note 1(a) on page 11.

DIRECTORS AND SECRETARY

The present directors and secretary, who have served throughout the period, are listed on page 1:

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The directors are responsible for preparing the annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare a Directors' report and financial statements for each financial period. Under that law, the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework ("FRS 101") and must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs at the end of the period and the profit or loss of the Company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether FRS 101 has been followed; and
- make an assessment of the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. For the reason stated in Note 1a), the financial statements have been prepared on a basis other than going concern.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to enable them to ensure that the Directors' report and financial statements comply with the requirements of 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.

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITOR

Each of the directors at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and
- directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information, and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and shall be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of section 418 of the Companies Act 2006.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

AUDITOR

Ernst & Young LLP has expressed its willingness to continue in office as auditor.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on its behalf:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L McKirkle', is written over the printed name.

L McKirkle

Date: 30 August 2023

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LOMBARD LEASING CONTRACTS LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Lombard Leasing Contracts Limited ("the Company") for the 15 months period ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the related notes 1 to 9, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of its loss for the period then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – financial statements prepared on a basis other than going concern

We draw attention to note 1(a) to the financial statements which explains that the directors intend to wind up the Company and therefore do not consider it to be appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. Accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared on a basis other than going concern as described in note 1(a). Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LOMBARD LEASING CONTRACTS LIMITED (Continued)

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial period for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which 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; or
- the directors were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the Directors' Report and from the requirements to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 3, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect irregularities, including fraud. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and management.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LOMBARD LEASING CONTRACTS LIMITED (Continued)

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the company and determined that the most significant are those that relate to the reporting framework (Financial Reporting Standard FRS 101 – Reduced Disclosure framework and the Companies Act 2006) and the relevant direct tax compliance regulation in the United Kingdom.
- We understood how the Company is complying with those frameworks by making inquiries of management, those charged with governance, internal audit and those responsible for legal and compliance matters. We corroborated our inquiries through review of meeting minutes of the Board and noted that there was no contradictory evidence.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the Company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by considering the controls that the Company has established to address the risks identified by the entity and to prevent or detect fraud, including in a remote-working environment; and how management monitors these controls. We identified the risk of material fraud related to management override of controls. We tested the appropriateness of journal entries recorded in the general ledger and evaluated the business rationale for significant and/or unusual transactions. We verified that the journals selected are supported by appropriate source documentation and noted no exceptions from the work we performed.
- Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations. Our procedures involved making inquiries of those charged with governance and senior management to understand if they were aware of any non-compliance with laws and regulations affecting the financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

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.



Richard Page (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP, Statutory Auditor
Bristol
Date: 3 September 2023

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
for the 15 months period ended 31 December 2022

		15 months period ended 31 December 2022 £'000	18 months period ended 30 September 2021 £'000
Income from discontinued operations	Notes		
Operating expenses	2	(11)	(25)
Operating loss before tax		(11)	(25)
Tax charge	3	-	-
Loss and total comprehensive loss for the period		(11)	(25)

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

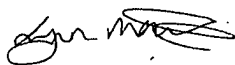
BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 December 2022

		31 December 2022 £'000	30 September 2021 £'000
	Notes		
Current assets			
Cash at bank		1,608	1,730
Total assets		1,608	1,730
Current liabilities			
Borrowings	4	-	54
Accruals, deferred income and other liabilities	5	33	90
		33	144
Total liabilities		33	144
Equity			
Share capital	6	-	-
Retained earnings		1,575	1,586
Total equity		1,575	1,586
Total liabilities and equity		1,608	1,730

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 30 August 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



L McKirkle
Director

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
for the 15 months period ended 31 December 2022

	Share capital £'000	Retained earnings £'000	Total £'000
At 1 April 2020	-	1,611	1,611
Loss for the period	-	(25)	(25)
At 30 September 2021	-	1,586	1,586
Loss for the period	-	(11)	(11)
At 31 December 2022	-	1,575	1,575

Total comprehensive loss for the period of £11k (2021: £25k) was wholly attributable to the owners of the Company.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting policies

a) Preparation and presentation of financial statements

These financial statements are prepared:

- on other than going concern basis. Under this basis, the assets have been measured at carrying value less impairment and liabilities at settlement / transfer values. All other accounting policies remain unchanged from *FRS 101 Reduced Disclosures Framework*.

The directors, having regard to their intention to wind up the Company within the next 12 months, have prepared the accounts on a basis other than as a going concern. The directors do not consider that this basis affects the measurement of the assets or the liabilities of the Company. Any cost of winding up will be borne by National Westminster Bank Plc.

The Company meets the definition of a qualifying financial entity under FRS 100 Application of Financial Reporting Requirements issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

The Company is incorporated in the UK and registered in England and Wales and the financial statements are presented:

- in accordance with the Companies Act 2006;
- in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Company; and
- with the benefit of the disclosure exemptions permitted by FRS 101 with regard to:
 - comparative information in respect of certain assets;
 - cash-flow statement;
 - standards not yet effective;
 - related party transactions;
 - certain disclosures from IFRS 15 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers" and IFRS 16 "Leases";
 - disclosure requirements of IFRS 7 "Financial Instruments: Disclosure" and IFRS 13 "Fair Value Measurement".

Where required, equivalent disclosures are given in the group accounts of NatWest Group plc; these accounts are available to the public and can be obtained as set out in note 8.

The financial year end of the Company was changed from 30 September to 31 December. Accordingly, the current financial statements are prepared for 15 months from 1 October 2021 to 31 December 2022. As a result, the comparative figures in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity and related notes are not comparable.

b) Taxation

Tax encompassing current tax is recorded in the profit and loss account except when taxable items are recognised in other comprehensive income or equity.

Current tax is income tax payable or recoverable in respect of the taxable profit or loss for the period arising in income, other comprehensive income or in equity. Provision is made for current tax at rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

c) Derecognition

A financial asset is derecognised (removed from the balance sheet) when the contractual right to receive cash flows from the asset has expired or when it has been transferred and the transfer qualifies for derecognition.

A financial liability is removed from the balance sheet when the obligation is paid, or is cancelled, or expires.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting policies (continued)

d) Critical accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The reported results of the Company are sensitive to the accounting policies, assumptions and estimates that underlie the preparation of its financial statements. In accordance with their responsibilities for these financial statements, the directors have considered whether there are any estimates important to the portrayal of the Company's performance and concluded that given the limited activity and resources of the company in the reporting period there are none to disclose.

2. Operating expenses

	15 months period ended 31 December 2022 £'000	18 months period ended 30 September 2021 £'000
Legal and professional fees	6	8
Audit fee	5	17
	<u>11</u>	<u>25</u>

Directors' emoluments

The Company does not remunerate directors nor can remuneration from elsewhere in the group be apportioned meaningfully in respect of their services to the Company. There are no other staff.

3. Tax

	15 months period ended 31 December 2022 £'000	18 months period ended 30 September 2021 £'000
Current taxation:		
UK corporation tax charge for the period	-	-

The actual tax charge differs from the expected tax credit computed by applying the standard rate of UK corporation tax of 19% (2021: 19%) as follows:

	15 months period ended 31 December 2022 £'000	18 months period ended 30 September 2021 £'000
Expected tax credit	(2)	(5)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	1	-
Movement in deferred tax not recognised	1	5
Actual tax charge for the period	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The UK Corporation Tax rate for the period was 19%. On 24 May 2021 the UK Government substantively enacted an increase in the UK Corporation Tax rate from 19% to 25% with effect from 1 April 2023.

4. Borrowings

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Loans from subsidiary - current (on demand or within one year)	-	54

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

5. Accruals, deferred income and other liabilities

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Accruals	33	90

6. Share capital

	2022 £	2021 £
Allotted, called up and fully paid: 100 ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100

The Company has one class of ordinary shares which carry no right to fixed income.

7. Capital Support Deed

The Company, together with certain other subsidiaries of NatWest Holdings Limited, is party to a capital support deed (CSD) relevant to NatWest Group. Under the terms of the CSD, the Company may be required, if the conditions set forth in the CSD are met, to declare and make a distribution of cash to its members, repurchase or redeem its members' shares for cash, and/or undertake a reduction or other reorganisation of its capital in order to maximise its distributable profits available for undertaking such distribution or repurchase or redemption of shares. The amount of this obligation is limited to the Company's resources that comprise cleared, immediately accessible funds or assets, rights, facilities or other resources that, using best efforts, are reasonably capable of being converted to cleared, immediately available funds (the Company's available resources). The CSD also provides that, in certain circumstances, funding received by the Company from other parties to the CSD becomes immediately due and repayable, such repayment being limited to the Company's available resources.

8. Related parties

UK Government

The UK Government through HM Treasury is the ultimate controlling party of NatWest Group plc. Its shareholding is managed by UK Government Investments Limited, a company it wholly-owns and as a result, the UK Government and UK Government controlled bodies are related parties of the Company.

The Company enters into transactions with these bodies on an arms' length basis; they include the payment of taxes including UK corporation tax and Value Added Tax.

Cash at bank relates to amounts with a group bank and other balances with group companies.

Group companies

As at 31 December 2022

The Company's immediate parent was:	Lombard North Central Plc
The smallest consolidated accounts including the Company were prepared by:	National Westminster Bank Plc
The ultimate parent company was:	NatWest Group plc

All parent companies are incorporated in the UK. Copies of their accounts may be obtained from Legal, Governance and Regulatory Affairs, NatWest Group plc, Gogarburn, PO Box 1000, Edinburgh EH12 1HQ.

9. Post balance sheet event

On 23 January 2023, the directors approved interim dividends of £1,606k based on the interim financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2022. These dividends were paid on 27 January 2023.