(Registered no: 2349713)

Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2000

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DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2000

The directors submit their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2000, to be presented at the annual general meeting of the company.

Principal activities

The company acts as a group holding company and provides administration and other services to group members. The group will continue to be actively involved in the management and distribution of unit trusts, OEICs, Fidelity Funds and Fidelity Money Funds, and the management of pension funds.

Review of business and future developments

Both the level of business and the year end financial position remain satisfactory. investment performance in most major markets and sustained good relative performance by Fidelity's fund managers have led to a strong level of sales and enhanced profitability for the group. Repetition of this level of profits in future years will be dependent on continued market strength and investor confidence.

FundsNetwork, Fidelity's funds supermarket accessed via the www.fidelity.co.uk website, was launched in June 2000. It currently offers direct customers and brokers the opportunity to make a selection from two hundred and fifty funds managed by fourteen different fund companies for investment within the Fidelity ISA.

The results of the group for the year are set out in the profit and loss account on page 5.

Dividends

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

Directors

The directors of the company during the year ended 30 June 2000, all of whom have been directors for the whole year, unless otherwise stated, are listed below.

E C Johnson 3rd (Chairman)

B R J Bateman

A J Bolton

M P Cambridge

S J Fraser (Appointed 29 February 2000)

S M Haslam

R A M Horlick (Appointed 29 February 2000)

R M Sylvain

R C Wastcoat (Appointed 29 February 2000)

No director had a beneficial interest in any of the contracts of the group during the year.

Fixed assets

In the opinion of the directors there is no difference of significance to the shareholders between the market value and the book value of the group's freehold properties at 30 June 2000.

DIRECTORS' REPORT - Continued

Directors' interests in shares

No director had any disclosable interest in the shares of the company or its subsidiaries at any time during the year.

Employees

There are no formal policies for consultation with employees on matters likely to affect their interests; however, information of concern to employees is given in regular information bulletins. Involvement of employees in the group's performance is encouraged by means of a performance related bonus and through the participation of certain employees as shareholders in the ultimate holding company.

The group's policy is to employ disabled workers for those vacancies that they are able to fill. All necessary assistance with initial training courses is given. Arrangements would be made, wherever possible, for retraining employees who become disabled, to enable them to perform work identified as appropriate to their aptitudes and abilities.

Charitable contributions

During the year the group made charitable contributions totalling £3,383,000 (1999: £1,497,062).

Directors' loans

During the year, a quasi loan was made to one director. The amount outstanding at 30 June 2000 was £3,272 (1999: £3,156).

Registered auditors

A resolution to reappoint PricewaterhouseCoopers as auditors will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

By order of the board

Company Secretary 28 November 2000

Registered office Oakhill House 130, Tonbridge Road Hildenborough TONBRIDGE Kent TN11 9DZ

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are required by UK company law to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the group as at the end of the financial year and of the profit or loss of the group for that period.

The directors confirm that suitable accounting policies have been used and applied consistently and reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates have been made in the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2000. The directors also confirm that applicable accounting standards have been followed and that the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, for safeguarding the assets of the company and of the group, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the board

S M Naslam

Company Secretary 28 November 2000

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF FIDELITY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 25 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on pages 9 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report. As described on page 4, this includes responsibility for preparing the financial statements, in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards. Our responsibilities, as independent auditors, are established in the United Kingdom by statute, the Auditing Practices Board and our profession's ethical guidance.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the United Kingdom Companies Act. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions is not disclosed.

We read the other information contained in the Annual Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the group at 30 June 2000 and of the profit and cash flows of the group for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

PricewaterhouseCoopers

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

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London

以外 November 2000

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2000

| | Notes | <u>2000</u> £'000 | <u>1999</u> £'000 |
|--|-------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Turnover | | 323,558 | 220,756 |
| Cost of sales | | (48,960) | (46,288) |
| Gross profit | | 274,598 | 174,468 |
| Administrative expenses Amortisation of goodwill | 6 | (244,042) (1,051) | (162,484) (1,051) |
| Operating profit | | 29,505 | 10,933 |
| Interest receivable Interest payable | | 2,240 (292) | 1,700 (249) |
| Profit on ordinary activities before taxation | on 4 | 31,453 | 12,384 |
| Tax on ordinary activities | 5 | (11,408) | (7,306) |
| Profit on ordinary activities after taxation | l | 20,045 | 5,078 |
| Minority interests | | (218) | (41) |
| Profit for the year | | 19,827 ==== | 5,037 ==== |

All businesses are regarded as continuing.

There is no difference between the profit on ordinary activities before taxation and the retained profit for the year in the profit and loss account, and their historical cost equivalents.

The notes on pages 9 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEETS AS AT 30 June 2000

| | | Gro | oup | Comp | any |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------------|-------------|----------|----------|
| | Notes | 2000 | <u>1999</u> | 2000 | 1999 |
| | | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Fixed assets | ^ | 0.457 | 40 500 | | |
| Intangible assets | 6 | 9,457 | 10,508 | - | - |
| Tangible assets | 7 | 62,722 | 39,927 | 57.404 | 45 400 |
| Interests in group undertakings | 8 | - | - | 57,491 | 45,490 |
| | | 72 470 | EO 42E | 57 404 | 45 400 |
| | | 72,179 | 50,435 | 57,491 | 45,490 |
| Current assets | | | | | |
| Stock of holdings | | 3,930 | 190 | _ | _ |
| Debtors: amounts falling due | | 3,500 | 100 | _ | |
| within one year | 9 | 237,526 | 162,353 | 65,155 | 34,870 |
| Debtors: amounts falling due | - | | ,_,_ | 40,700 | 0 1,07 0 |
| after more than one year | 10 | 3,221 | 3,616 | 5,258 | 5,616 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 11 | 17,686 | 28,792 | • | 6,281 |
| | | , | | , | |
| | | 262,363 | 194,951 | 70,413 | 46,767 |
| Creditors: amounts falling due | | | | | |
| within one year | 12 | (278,160) | (208,007) | (95,630) | (60,517) |
| Net current liabilities | | (4E 707) | (42.056) | (25.247) | (42.750) |
| Net current habilities | | (15,797) | (13,056) | (25,217) | (13,750) |
| | | · · · · · · | | | |
| Total assets less current liabilitie | es | 56,382 | 37,379 | 32,274 | 31,740 |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Creditors: amounts falling due | 4.4 | (4.045) | (4.705) | (005) | (4.544) |
| after more than one year | 14 | (1,015) | (1,765) | (805) | (1,544) |
| Net assets | | 55,367 | 35,614 | 31,469 | 30,196 |
| | | ===== | ==== | ===== | ===== |
| Capital and reserves | | | | | |
| Called up share capital | 19 | 30,000 | 30,000 | 30,000 | 30,000 |
| Other reserves | 20 | 1,503 | 1,503 | 1,503 | 1,503 |
| Profit and loss account | 20 | 23,425 | 3,889 | (34) | (1,307) |
| | | | | | |
| Total equity shareholder's funds | S | 54,928 | 35,392 | 31,469 | 30,196 |
| Minority interests - equity | | 439 | 222 | - | - |
| | | | 05.044 | 04.400 | |
| | | 55,367 | 35,614 | 31,469 | 30,196 |
| | | | ===== | ===== | ===== |

The financial statements on pages 5 to 25 were approved by the Board of Directors on 28 November 2000 and were signed on its behalf by

S M Hastam Director

The notes on pages 9 to 25 form part of these financial statements

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2000

| | 2000 £'000 | <u>1999</u> £'000 |
|--|-----------------|----------------------|
| Profit for the financial year | 19,827 | 5,037 |
| Currency translation differences on foreign currency net investments | (291) | 24 |
| Total recognised gains | 19,536 ===== | 5,061 |

The notes on pages 9 to 25 form part of these financial statements

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2000

| | <u>Notes</u> | 2000 £'000 | 2000 £'000 | <u>1999</u> £'000 | <u>1999</u> £'000 |
|--|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Net cash inflow from operating activities | 16 | | 35,508 | | 6,192 |
| Returns on investments and servicing of finance Interest received | | 2,240 | | 1,700 | |
| Interest paid | | (292) | | (249) | |
| Net cash inflow from returns of investments and servicing of | | | 1,948 | | 1,451 |
| Taxation Corporation tax paid | | | (11,068) | | (3,179) |
| Capital expenditure Purchase of tangible fixed asset Sale of tangible fixed assets | ts | (36,927) 702 | | (14,803) 34 | |
| Net cash outflow from capital expenditure | | | (36,225) | | (14,769) |
| | | | (9,837) | | (10,305) |
| Financing Loan repayments | 17 | (1,269) | | (1,224) | |
| Net cash outflow from financing | | | (1,269) | | (1,224) |
| (Decrease) in cash | 18 | | (11,106) ===== | | (11,529) ===== |

The notes on pages 9 to 25 form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 Principal accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards in the United Kingdom.

A summary of significant accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, is set out below:

a) Historical cost convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention.

b) Basis of consolidation

The consolidated profit and loss account and balance sheet include the financial statements of the company and its subsidiary undertakings made up to 30 June 2000. The results of subsidiaries sold or acquired are included in the consolidated profit and loss account up to, or from, the date control passes. Intra-group sales and profits are eliminated fully on consolidation.

c) Turnover

Turnover, which arises primarily in Europe and excludes Value Added Tax, comprises:

- i) net revenues receivable from the sale of holdings including franked investment income.
- ii) investment management and investment advisory fees and commissions receivable.
- iii) Performance related fees are deferred until the full performance period has been completed. Performance related fee rebates to clients are accounted for as soon as they can be foreseen on the basis of management's best estimate.

d) Goodwill

Goodwill arising on consolidation represents the excess of the fair value of the consideration given over the fair value of the identifiable net assets acquired. Goodwill is eliminated by amortisation on a straight line basis over its expected useful life of 20 years.

e) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated in the balance sheet at cost less accumulated depreciation. The cost of tangible fixed assets is their purchase cost, together with any incidental expenses of acquisition.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued

1 Principal accounting policies (continued)

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of fixed assets on a straight line basis over the expected useful economic lives of the assets concerned. The principal annual rates used for this purpose are:

| | % |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Freehold property | 2 |
| Leasehold improvements | 25 |
| Office equipment | 25 to 33 1/3 |
| Computer equipment | 33 1/3 |
| Fixtures and fittings | 25 |
| Motor vehicles | 33 1/3 |

In the year of acquisition depreciation is charged from the month following purchase; a full charge is made in the month of disposal.

f) Interests in group undertakings

Interests in group undertakings, where purchased, are stated at cost and where received by way of capital contribution are stated at net asset value; except where, in the opinion of the directors, there has been a permanent diminution in the value of the interest

g) Stocks of holdings

Stocks of holdings held in the manager's box are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is determined on a first in first out basis and represents amounts payable to the Trustee on creation of holdings and to stockholders on repurchase of holdings. Net realisable value is the price at which holdings can be sold, or cancelled, in the normal course of business after allowing for fiscal and sales charges.

h) Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities of the company expressed in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions denominated in foreign currency are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling on the date of the transaction. Translation differences are included in the profit before taxation.

Assets and liabilities of subsidiaries in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the end of the financial year and the results of foreign subsidiaries are translated at the average rate of exchange for the year. Differences on exchange arising from the retranslation of the opening net investment in subsidiary companies, and from the translation of the results of those companies at average rates, are taken to reserves and are reported in the statement of total recognised gains and losses. All other foreign exchange differences are taken to the profit and loss account in the year in which they arise.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued

1 Principal accounting policies (continued)

i) Deferred taxation

Provision is made for deferred taxation at the rate of Corporation Tax that is expected to apply when the timing differences are expected to reverse (the liability method) to the extent that it is probable that a liability or asset will crystallise.

j) Pension scheme arrangements

The group operates a self-administered pension scheme open to all employees over 24 years of age. The scheme is a modified defined contribution scheme and as such pension costs are charged to the profit and loss account on an accruals basis in the period in which contributions are payable to the scheme.

k) Leased assets

Costs in respect of operating leases are charged on a straight line basis over the lease term.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – Continued

2 Directors' emoluments

| photois unoluments | 2000 £'000 | <u>1999</u> £'000 |
|---|---------------|----------------------|
| Aggregate emoluments | 3,094 | 1,632 |
| Company pension contributions to defined contribution schemes | 238 | 184 |

Retirement benefits are accruing to 8 directors under a defined contribution scheme.

| Highest paid Director | 2000 £'000 | <u>1999</u> £'000 |
|---|---------------|----------------------|
| Aggregate emoluments | 816 | 696 |
| Company pension contributions to defined contribution schemes | 66 | 54 |

3 Employee information

- a) The average number of persons employed by the group during the year, including directors, was 1,265 (1999: 1,138).
- b) The aggregate amounts payable for the year for all employees including directors was:

| | <u>2000</u> £'000 | <u>1999</u> £'000 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Salaries and bonus Social security costs Pension contributions | 122,908 6,237 | 74,678 7,661 |
| (see note 1(j)) | 5,527 | 4,206 |
| | 134,672 | 86,545 ===== |

All employees and directors are involved in the investment management business.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued

4 Profit on ordinary activities before taxation

| | <u>2000</u> £'000 | <u>1999</u> £'000 |
|--|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| The profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging/(crediting): | | |
| (Profit)/loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets Depreciation Operating lease rentals - property - plant and machinery Auditors' remuneration for audit services | (634) 14,064 4,948 397 | 22 12,302 4,304 142 |
| (Company £15,015, 1999 £13,650) Auditors' remuneration for other services | 284 | 244 |
| (Company £115,500, 1999 £105,000) | 131 ==== | 119 ===== |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued

5 Taxation

a) The charge for taxation on the profit on ordinary activities is made up as follows:

| | 2000 £'000 | 1999 £'000 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| United Kingdom Corporation Tax at 30% (1999 30 | | £ 000 |
| Officed Kingdom Corporation Tax at 50% (1999 50 | J. 1 376). | |
| Current | 11,115 | 9,886 |
| Deferred | 293 | (2,900) |
| Overseas tax | • | 320 |
| | | |
| | 11,408 | 7,306 |
| | ===== | ===== |

The taxation charge for the year has been increased by the incidence of expenditure including the amortisation of goodwill for which no tax relief is available.

b) The movement on the deferred taxation is as follows: (Group & Company)

| | 2000 £'000 | <u>1999</u> £'000 |
|---|----------------|----------------------|
| At 1 July Transfer from/(to) profit and loss account | (2,900) 293 | (2,900) |
| At 30 June | (2,607) | (2,900) |

c) There was no potential liability in the company or the group as at either 30 June 1999 or 30 June 2000. The deferred tax asset consists of: (Group & Company)

| | 2000 £'000 | 1999 £'000 |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Other timing differences | (2,607) | (2,900) |
| At 30 June | (2,607) | (2,900) |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued

6 Intangible fixed assets

| | Goodwill £'000 |
|---|---------------------|
| Cost At 1 July 1999 Additions | 21,018 |
| At 30 June 2000 | 21,018 |
| Amortisation At 1 July 1999 Charge for year | 10,510 1,051 |
| At 30 June 2000 | 11,561 |
| Net book value At 30 June 2000 | 9,457 ==== |
| Net book value At 30 June 1999 | 10,508 ===== |

The goodwill above represents the excess of the fair value of the consideration given for acquisition of subsidiary undertakings over the fair value of the identifiable net assets acquired. It is eliminated by amortisation on a straight line basis over its expected useful life of 20 years.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued

7 Tangible assets - the group

| | Freehold property | Short leasehold improve- ments | Office equipment | Computer equipment | Fixtures and fittings | Motor vehicles | Total |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Cost | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| At 1 July 1999 Exchange | 20,214 | 6,147 | 12,723 | 52,617 | 10,038 | 126 | 101,865 |
| differences | <u>-</u> | (7) | (3) | (2) | (3) | (3) | (18) |
| Additions | 4,825 | 8,476 | 1,968 | 17,976 | 3,013 | 687 | 36,945 |
| Disposals | | (99) | _ | (634) | (132) | | (865) |
| At 30 June 2000 | 25,039 | 14,517 | 14,688 | 69,957 | 12,916 | 810 | 137,927 |
| Depreciation | | | | | | | |
| At 1 July 1999 | 3,695 | , | 8,863 | 38,398 | 7,546 | 126 | 61,938 |
| Charge for year | (249) | | 1,770 | 10,485 | 1,364 | 88 | 14,064 |
| Disposals | - | (66) | - | (634) | (97) | _ | (797) |
| At 30 June 2000 | 3,446 | 3,850 | 10,633 | 48,249 | 8,813 | 214 | 75,205 |
| Net book value | | | 5 | | | | |
| at 30 June 2000 | 21,593 ===== | 10,667 ==== | 4,055 ===== | 21,708 ===== | 4,103 ===== | 596 ===== | 62,722 ===== |
| Net book value | | | | | | | |
| at 30 June 1999 | 16,519 ==== | 2,837 ===== | 3,860 ===== | 14,219 ==== | 2,492 ===== | - | 39,927 ==== |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued

8 Interests in group undertakings

The company's investments, none of which are listed investments, are made up as follows:

| | £'000 |
|-------------------|--------|
| Cost or valuation | |
| At 1 July 1999 | 45,490 |
| Additions | 12,001 |
| Disposals | 0 |
| | |
| At 30 June 2000 | 57,491 |
| | ==== |

On 21 January 2000, 6,000,000 shares were issued at par in Fidelity Investments Services Limited

On 28 June 2000, 4,000,000 shares were issued at par in Fidelity Investments Services Limited.

On 25 February 2000, 2,000,000 shares were issued at par in Fidelity Pension Management.

On 10 November 1999, 1,000 shares were issued at par in Villa Mumm Limited.

The directors consider that to give full particulars of all subsidiary undertakings would lead to a statement of excessive length. The following information relates to those subsidiaries which, in the opinion of the directors, principally affected the results or assets of the group. The country of incorporation or registration is the principal place of operation of each company.

A full list of all subsidiaries and other related undertakings is to be annexed to the next Annual Return.

| Name of company | Description of shares held | Proportion o value of issu held | ed shares | Country of incorporation or registration |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|--|
| | J | | % | |
| Fidelity Investments International | Ordinary £1 sha | ares | 98.00 | England & Wales |
| Fidelity Investment Services Limited | Ordinary £1 sh | ares | 100.00 | England & Wales |
| Fidelity Investments Limited | Ordinary £1 sh | ares | 100.00 | England & Wales |
| Fidelity Pensions Management | Ordinary £1 sh | ares | 100.00 | England & Wales |
| Fidelity International Investment Advisors (UK Limited |) Ordinary £0.25 | shares | 99.76 | England & Wales |
| Fidelity Property Company Limited | Ordinary £1 sh | nares | 100.00 | England & Wales |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued

Fidelity Investment Services GmbH

Fidelity Investissements SAS

(COB Member)

8 Fixed asset investments - continued

| Fidelity Administration Services Limited | Ordinary £1 sh | ares | 100.00 | England & Wales | | |
|--|---|---|----------------------------------|------------------|--|--|
| Fidelity Investment Services GmbH | Ordinary 1 DM | ŀ | 100.00 | Germany | | |
| Fidelity Investissements SAS | Ordinary 1 FF | | 100.00 | France | | |
| The principal business a | activities of these | e subsidiaries | are: | | | |
| Fidelity Investments Inte (IMRO and PIA Memb | - distributor of Fidelity's funds and investment management | | | | | |
| Fidelity Investment Services Limited (IMRO and PIA Member) | | the management and distribution of authorised unit trusts and OEICS | | | | |
| Fidelity Investments Limited (IMRO and PIA Member) | | - the management of ISAs and PEPs for private investors | | | | |
| Fidelity Pensions Management (IMRO and PIA Member) | | the management of pension fund portfolios | | | | |
| Fidelity International Inv Advisors (UK) Limited (| | - investme | nt advisory ser | vices | | |
| Fidelity Property Comp | any | • | nent of propert | y for | | |
| Fidelity Administration Limited | Services | • | ı of administrat fixed assets | ive services and | | |

COB Commission Operations des Bourses
IMRO Investment Management Regulatory Organisation
PIA Personal Investment Authority

- distributor of Fidelity's funds

- provision of administrative services

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued

9 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

| | The Group | | The C | Company |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|---|
| • | <u>2000</u> £'000 | <u>1999</u> £'000 | 2000 £'000 | <u>1999</u> £'000 |
| Accounts receivable - customers and funds Amounts owed by parent | 188,222 | 136,177 | - | ** |
| undertakings Amounts owed by group | 18,142 | - | 30,555 | 1,147 |
| undertakings | 694 | - | 20,753 | 22,325 |
| VAT recoverable | - | - | - | 1,431 |
| Other debtors | 27,283 | 23,179 | 1,585 | 1,650 |
| Prepayments and accrued | | | | |
| income | 3,185 | 2,997 | 3,154 | 2,817 |
| Subordinated loans to | -, | _,•• | -, | _, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, |
| group undertakings | - | - | 8,600 | 5,500 |
| Corporation tax | - | _ | 508 | - |
| | | | | J |
| | 237,526 | 162,353 | 65,155 | 34,870 |
| | ===== | ====== | , ===== | |

Subordinated loans repayable upon the expiry of one month's written notice falling after 30 June 2000.

10 Debtors: amounts falling due after more than one year

| | The Group | | The Cor | npany |
|--|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| | 2000 £'000 | <u>1999</u> £'000 | <u>2000</u> €'000 | 1999 £'000 |
| Deferred tax asset | 2,607 | 2,900 | 2,644 | 2,900 |
| Subordinated loans to group undertakings (1) | - | - | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Loan to the Fidelity UK Foundation (2) | 614 | 716 | 614 | 716 |
| | 3,221 ===== | 3,616 | 5,258 ===== | 5,616 ===== |

⁽¹⁾ Repayable upon the expiry of one month's written notice falling after 30 June 2002. (2) Repayable over eight years to the year 2006.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued

11 Cash at bank and in hand

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| | 2000 £'000 | <u>1999</u> £'000 | <u>2000</u> £'000 | 1999 £'000 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 17,686 ===== | 28,792 ==== | - | 6,281 ===== |

Certain of the company's and the group's bank balances are subject to a legal set off agreement as explained in note 24(b).

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

| | The Group | | The Co | mpany |
|---|------------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| | 2000 £'000 | 1999 £'000 | <u>2000</u> £'000 | 1999 £'000 |
| Bank loans and overdrafts Accounts payable - | 662 | 1,269 | 15,442 | 1,269 |
| customers and funds Amounts owed to parent undertakings Other creditors including taxation and social | 158,504 | 127,516 | - | - |
| | - | 56 | - | - |
| security (note 13) Accruals and deferred | 31,273 | 18,077 | 5,121 | 4,574 |
| income | 87,721 | 61,089 | 75,067 | 54,674 |
| | 278,160 ===== | 208,007 ===== | 95,630 ===== | 60,517 ===== |

The loan bears interest at 6.385% and is repayable in instalments in the period through December 2000.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued

13 Other creditors including taxation and social security

| | The Group | | The C | Company |
|--|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| | 2000 £'000 | <u>1999</u> £'000 | <u>2000</u> £'000 | <u>1999</u> £'000 |
| Corporation tax PAYE & social security VAT | 12,522 2,609 2,954 | 12,182 1,436 432 | 2,377 1,744 | 3,302 1,272 |
| Other creditors | 13,188 31,273 ===== | 4,027 18,077 ===== | 1,000 5,121 ===== | 4,574 ==== |

14 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

| | The Group | | The Co | mpany |
|--|----------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| | 2000 £'000 | <u>1999</u> £'000 | 2000 £'000 | <u>1999</u> £'000 |
| Bank loan repayable in instalments as follows: Between one and two years | - | 634 | _ | 634 |
| Between two and five years Accruals and deferred | - | - | - | - |
| income | 1,015 | 1,131 | 805 | 910 |
| | 1,015 ===== | 1,765 | 805 ==== | 1,544 ===== |

15 Profit of Fidelity Investment Management Limited

The company has taken advantage of the dispensation under s230 of the Companies Act 1985 not to publish its own profit and loss account. Of the retained profit for the year of £19,827,000, a profit of £1,273,000 has been dealt with in the accounts of Fidelity Investment Management Limited.

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16 Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash inflow from operating activities

| | <u>2000</u> £'000 | <u>1999</u> £'000 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Operating profit | 29,505 | 10,933 |
| Amortisation of goodwill | 1,051 | 1,051 |
| Depreciation charges | 14,064 | 12,302 |
| (Profit)/loss on sale of tangible fixed assets | (634) | 22 |
| (Increase)/decrease in stocks | (3,740) | 267 |
| Increase in debtors | (74,779) | (97,645) |
| Increase in creditors | 70,304 | 79,129 |
| Exchange loss on loan | 28 | 133 |
| Other exchange gains | (291) | - |
| | 4000,4000 | |
| Net cash inflow from operating activities | 35,508 | 6,192 |
| | ===== | ===== |

17 Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt

| | 2000 £'000 | 1999 £'000 |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| (Decrease) in cash in the period | (11,106) | (11,529) |
| Cash paid to repay loan | 1,269 | 1,224 |
| Exchange losses | (28) | (79) |
| Movement in net funds in the period | (9,865) | (10,384) |
| Net funds at 1 July | 26,889 | 37,273 |
| Net funds at 30 June | 17,024 ==== | 26,889 |

18 Analysis of changes in net funds

| | At 1 July 1999 £'000 | Cashflows £'000 | Exchange (<u>Loss)/Gain</u> £'000 | Other Changes £'000 | At 30 June 2000 £'000 |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cash in hand at bank | 28,792 | (11,106) | - | - | 17,686 |
| Debt due within 1 year Debt due after 1 year | (1,269) (634) | 1,269 - | (28) | (634) 634 | (662) - |
| Total | 26,889 | (9,837) | (28) | | 17,024 |

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19 Called up share capital

| | 2000 Authorised, issued & fully paid | 1999 Authorised, issued & fully paid |
|-------------------------------|---|---|
| | £'000 | £'000 |
| 30,000,000 ordinary £1 shares | 30,000 ===== | 30,000 =≈=≈= |

20 Other Reserves

| Other Neserves | The Group | The Company | The Group | The Company |
|--------------------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Profit | Profit | Capital | Capital |
| | & Loss | & Loss | Contribution | Contribution |
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| At 1 July 1999 | 3,889 | (1,307) | 1,503 | 1,503 |
| Retained profit for year | 19,827 | 1,273 | - | - |
| Exchange gain | (291) | - | - | - |
| At 30 June 2000 | 23,425 | (34) | 1,503 ===== | 1,503 ===== |

21 Reconciliation of movements in shareholder's funds

| | <u>2000</u> £'000 | <u>1999</u> £'000 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Profit for the financial year Exchange (loss)/gain | 19,827 (291) | 5,037 24 |
| Opening shareholder's funds | 35,392 | 30,331 |
| Closing shareholder's funds | 54,928 | 35,392 |

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22 Capital commitments

At 30 June commitments were:

| | The Group | |
|----------------|-----------|---------------|
| | 2000 | 1999 |
| | £'000 | <u>0000</u> 3 |
| Contracted and | | |
| authorised | 3,314 | 12,604 |
| | 2222 | ===== |

23 Financial commitments in respect of operating leases

The group has the following financial commitments in respect of operating leases payable during the next year analysed by year of expiry:

| | 2000 | 1 9 99 |
|----------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| | Leases of | Leases of |
| | land and | land and |
| | buildings | <u>buildings</u> |
| | £'000 | £'000 |
| Within one year | 7,719 | 254 |
| Between two and five years | 29,032 | 8 |
| After 5 years | • | 4,209 |
| | 495015195 | |
| | 36,751 | 4,471 |
| | ===== | ===== |

Under the conditions of the finance lease agreement, all lease payments are made in advance.

The total value of assets held under finance leases is £1,948,000 (1999 : nil). Depreciation of £595,431 (1999 : nil) was charged on these assets during the period..

24 Contingent liabilities

- a) The company is a member of a group registration for Value Added Tax and is, with certain other Fidelity group companies, jointly and severally liable for the tax payable under this group registration.
- b) The company, along with certain other Fidelity group companies, has entered into an arrangement whereby the balance on its bank account is subject to a legal set off agreement, and is jointly and severally liable for any liabilities which may arise under this agreement. At 30 June 2000 the net bank balance on group accounts held within the arrangement was £1,622,000 (1999 net bank balance: £18,415,000). The company's ultimate holding company, Fidelity International Limited, has agreed to provide each subsidiary of Fidelity Investment Management Limited which is regulated by IMRO, without recourse to any such subsidiary, such funds, to a maximum of £20,000,000, as may be required from time to time to enable each such subsidiary to continue to satisfy the financial resources requirements under the IMRO Regulations.

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25 Related Party Transactions

The Group's controlling and ultimate controlling company is Fidelity International Limited, ("FIL") a Bermuda company which owns 100% of FIML's issued share capital. FIL operates under the general supervision of its Board of Directors who, by virtue of their aggregate voting shares, form a controlling group.

The Group has agreements with FIL and fellow FIL subsidiary undertakings, the most significant of which include:

- (a) the provision and receipt of investment advisory and related services for which the Group recorded £12,677,000 (1999: £14,568,000) in revenue and £32,260,000 (1999: £4,611,000) in expenses;
- (b) the provision of corporate management services for which the Group recorded expenses of £2,923,000 (1999: £2,845,000);
- (c) the distribution of Fidelity products, for which the Group recorded revenue of £45,576,000 (1999: £24,227,000);
- (d) the provision of software development for which the Group recorded revenue of £11,033,000(1998: £5,437,000);
- (e) the provision of marketing services for which the Group recorded revenue of £14,564,000 (1999:£7,650,000).
- (f) the provision of systems usage for which the Group recorded expenses of £4,322,000 (1999: £2,473,000)

The Group received management fees of £593,000 (1999: £394,000) from the Group Pension Scheme. There was no balance outstanding at either 30 June 2000 or 30 June 1999.

FIL and its subsidiaries have contracts with companies in the FMR Corp. group, which have some common ownership, under which investment advice, investment research, property services and other services are provided. During 2000 the Group received a net £15,957,000 (1999: £13,822,000) for such services.

During 1998 the Group made a loan of £773,000 to the Fidelity UK Foundation (a registered charity). £614,000 remains outstanding at the year end.