Finance & Leasing Association (A company limited by guarantee and not having share capital)

Directors' report and financial statements

31 December 1995

Registered number 2651248



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### Directors' report and financial statements

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Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 1995.

### Principal activities

The principal activities of the Association have been to continue to improve the business opportunities for members, to put the collective views of the members to government departments, Parliament, European institutions and other relevant organisations on matters which affect them, to promote honourable practices and encourage the highest standards of professionalism, to provide a forum for members to raise and have discussed general issues affecting their business and to provide business information to Members.

### **Business review**

Full Membership of the Association is available to organisations which are engaged in the business of providing consumer credit and finance, instalment finance or asset finance or asset leasing in the United Kingdom. Associate Membership is available to organisations with an interest in the same areas of business or providing professional advice or other services to full members.

The results for the period are set out in the profit and loss account on page 6.

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Directors' report (continued)

#### Directors and directors' interests

The members of the Executive Board who served during the period were as follows:

Anthony W Jukes

Hill Samuel Asset Finance Ltd

Chairman from 9 May 1995

(Deputy Chairman to 9 May 1995)

John D Callender

**Barclays Mercantile Business** 

Deputy Chairman from 9 May 1995

Finance Ltd

David A Baggaley

Lloyds Bowmaker Finance Group

(appointed 18 May 1995)

Michael Brian

Lombard North Central PLC

(appointed 17 May 1995)

John S Brown

NWS BANK plc

David C Flanigan

Ford Credit Europe plc

(resigned 9 May 1995)

Martin A Hall

Director General

(appointed 13 November 1995)

David G Hardisty

Close Brothers Group plc

(resigned 18 May 1995)

(Chairman to 9 May 1995)

Michael A Woodall

Beneficial Bank PLC

(appointed 18 May 1995)

The members of the Executive Board are directors of the Association for Companies Act purposes. No members of the Executive Board had any interest in the loan capital of the Association.

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Directors' report (continued)

### Political and charitable contributions

During the year the company made a donation of £550 to Motor and Allied Trade Benevolent Fund.

The company made no political contributions during the year.

### Liability insurance

During the year the company maintained liability insurance for its officers.

#### **Auditors**

In accordance with Section 384 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution for the re-appointment of KPMG as auditors of the company is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

By order of the board

MA Hall Secretary

18 Upper Grosvenor Street London W1X 9PB

7 March 1996

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Statement of directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which 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 those 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 applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. 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.



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Auditors' report to the members of Finance & Leasing Association (A company limited by guarantee and not having share capital)

We have audited the financial statements on pages 6 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 4 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

### Basis of 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 the company's affairs as at 31 December 1995 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

KIML

KPMG
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors

7 March 1996

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## Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 1995

	Note	1995 £	1994 £
Members' subscriptions Other trading income		1,518,393 565,766	1,404,909 444,194
Administrative expenses		(2,108,083)	(1,881,626)
Trading (loss)/profit		(23,924)	(32,523)
Other operating income		27,717	24,289
Other interest receivable and similar income	6	66,998	47,940
Interest payable and similar charges	7	(3,746)	(11,538)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	3	67,045	28,168
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	8	(19,369)	(25,641)
Retained profit for the financial year	13	47,676	2,527

The company made no acquisitions and had no discontinued activities.

In both the current and preceding years the company made no recognised gains or losses other than those reported above.

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## Balance sheet at 31 December 1995

	Note		1995		1994
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9		67,385		49,121
Current assets					
Debtors	10	158,705		151,597	
Cash at bank and in hand		269,175		284,586	
		427,880		436,183	
Creditors: amounts falling				,	
due within one year	11	(168,902)		(206,617)	
Net current assets			258,978		229,566
Total assets less current liabilities			326,363		278,687
Creditors: amounts falling					270,007
due after more than one year	12		(25,071)		(25,071)
Net assets			301,292		253,616
Capital and reserves					
Reserve fund	13		301,292		253,616
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These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 7 March 1996 and were signed on its behalf by:

AW Jukes Director

JD Callender Director

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#### Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

### 1 Status of the Association

The Finance and Leasing Association is a company limited by guarantee and does not have share capital. In the event of winding up, each full member is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards its debts and liabilities. At 31 December 1995 there were 113 members and 55 associate members.

### 2 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements.

#### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost accounting rules.

A cash flow statement has not been prepared on the grounds that the company qualifies as a small company.

#### Fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided by the company to write off the cost less the estimated residual value of tangible fixed assets by equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives as follows:

Leasehold improvements - period of lease

Fixtures and fittings - 3 to 5 years (or over the period of a lease)

Motor vehicles - 3 years

#### Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded using the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated using the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date and the gains or losses on translation are included in the profit and loss account.

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### 2 Accounting policies (continued)

#### Leases

Where the company enters into a lease which entails taking substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset, the lease is treated as a 'finance lease'. The asset is recorded in the balance sheet as a tangible fixed asset and is depreciated over its estimated useful life or the term of the lease, whichever is shorter. Future instalments under such leases, net of finance charges, are included within creditors. Rentals payable are apportioned between the finance element, which is charged to the profit and loss account, and the capital element which reduces the outstanding obligation for future instalments.

All other leases are accounted for as 'operating leases' and the rental charges are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the life of the lease.

#### Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The amount charged against profits represents the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period.

#### **Taxation**

The charge for taxation is based on the profit for the year and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. Provision is made for deferred tax only to the extent that it is probable that an actual liability will crystallise.

#### Other trading income

Other trading income represents income from conferences and training courses held during the year, income from statistical services and from the sale of publications, excluding value added tax.

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### 3 Profit on ordinary activities before taxation

	1995 £	1994 £
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated		
after charging		
Auditors' remuneration:		
Audit	8,000	8,000
Other services	1,500	1,500
Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible fixed assets:	,	
Owned	24,516	8,794
Leased	11,595	13,075
Hire of plant and machinery - rentals	, , -	,- ,-
payable under operating leases	21,913	20,171

The total amount charged to revenue for the hire of plant and machinery amounted to £34,137 (1994:£41,148). This comprises rentals payable under operating leases as well as depreciation on plant and machinery held under finance leases together with the related finance charges.

### 4 Remuneration of directors

The emoluments, excluding pension contributions of the only paid director were £13,968 (1994:£nil).

The emoluments paid to the director were refunded to the Association by certain member companies.

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### 5 Staff numbers and costs

The average number of persons employed by the company (including directors) during the year, analysed by category, was as follows:

		Number of	employees
		1995	1994
	Management	9	9
	Administration	19	15
		28	24
		<del></del>	271.544
	The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:		
	•	1995	1994
		£	£
	Wages and salaries	724,389	562,605
	Social security costs	73,608	56,763
	Other pension costs (see note 16)	93,626	72,668
		891,623	692,036
6	Other interest receivable and similar income		
		1995	1994
		£	£
	Bank interest receivable	66,998	47,940
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### 7 Interest payable and similar charges

	1995 £	1994 £
n bank loans, overdrafts and other loans		
	3,117	3,905
	629	7,633
•		<del></del>
	3,746	11,538
exation		
	1995	1994
	£	£
K corporation tax at 25% on the profit for		
	19,369	20,365
ljustment relating to an earlier year	-	5,276
	19,369	25,641
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The 1994 prior year item relates to adjustments made to the 1992 corporation tax computation.

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### 9 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold	Motor	Fixtures, fittings, tools and	
	improvements	vehicles	equipment	Total
_	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At beginning of period	28,812	13,070	60,794	102,676
Additions	11,900	36,575	8,441	56,916
Disposals		(13,070)	(39,949)	(53,019)
At end of period	40,712	36,575	29,286	106,573
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At beginning of period	11,417	10,166	31,972	53,555
Charge for year	5,837	10,402	19,872	36,111
On disposals	<u>-</u>	(10,529)	(39,949)	(50,478)
At end of period	17,254	10,039	11,895	39,188
Net book value				<del></del>
At 31 December 1995	23,458	26,536	17,391	67,385
At 31 December 1994	17,395	2,904	28,822	49,121
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Included in the total net book value of fixtures and fittings is £nil (1994:£11,595) in respect of assets held under finance leases. Depreciation for the year on these assets was £11,595 (1994:£13,075).

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10 Debtors: amounts falling due within one yea
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			1995	1994
			£	£
Trade debtors			22,442	40,189
Other debtors			25,227	-
Prepayments and accrued income		1	11,036	111,408
		1	58,705	151,597
Creditors: amounts falling due within	n one year			
		1995		1994
	£	£	£	£
Obligations under finance leases and hi	ire			
purchase contracts (see note 12)		-		14,345
Trade creditors		53,816		91,593
Other creditors including taxation and social security:				
Corporation tax	31,506		20,365	
Other tower and enaigh econoists	27,268		19,345	
Other taxes and social security			*****	
Taxation and social security			39,710	
·	58,774 21,831		39,710 34,591	
Taxation and social security	58,774	80, <del>6</del> 05		74,301
Taxation and social security	58,774	80,605 34,481		74,301 26,378

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### 12 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	1995	1994
	£	£
Members' loan capital	25,071	25,071

The maturity of obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts is as follows:

1995 £	1994 £
-	15,211
-	-
-	15,211
-	(866)
	•
-	14,345
	£

The members' loan capital has no fixed maturity date and members have waived their entitlement to interest thereon.

### 13 Reserves

	Reserve fund		
	1995	1994	
	£	£	
At beginning of year	253,616	251,089	
Transfer to reserves for year	47,676	2,527	
At end of year	301,292	253,616	
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### 14 Commitments

At 31 December 1995 the Association had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below:

Operating leases which expire: Within 1 year	Land and buildings £	Other £
2 - 5 years	-	_
Over 5 years	335,000	30,833
	335,000	30,833

### 15 Pension scheme

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £93,626 (1994:£72,668).