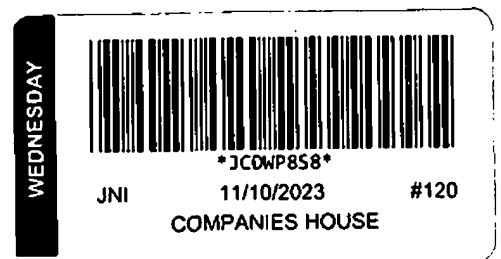


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**ALLEN & OVERY (LEGAL ADVISERS) LIMITED**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements  
For the year ended 30 April 2023**



**ALLEN & OVERY (LEGAL ADVISERS) LIMITED**  
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**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023**

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**ALLEN & OVERY (LEGAL ADVISERS) LIMITED**  
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**COMPANY INFORMATION**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023**

**Directors**

R K J Browne  
W M G C Dejonghe

**Registered Office**

One Bishops Square  
London  
E1 6AD  
United Kingdom

**Independent Auditors**

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors  
1 Embankment Place  
London  
WC2N 6RH

**Company Registered Number**

02704700

**ALLEN & OVERY (LEGAL ADVISERS) LIMITED**  
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**STRATEGIC REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023**

The directors present their strategic report of the company for the year ended 30 April 2023.

**REVIEW OF BUSINESS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

The principal activity of the company is to act as an intermediate holding company.

The company generated a profit for the financial year of £12,297,413 (2022: £6,691,852). The year-end financial position was satisfactory, with net assets of £295 (2022: net liabilities of £181).

The directors are satisfied with the level of activity of the company and do not expect any significant changes in the short term.

The directors believe that preparing the financial statements on the going concern basis is appropriate due to the continued financial support of the company's ultimate parent, Allen & Overy LLP. The directors have received confirmation that Allen & Overy LLP intends to support the company for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements.

The immediate parent, the ultimate controlling party and the ultimate parent undertaking of the company is Allen & Overy LLP.

**Principal risks and uncertainties**

The management of the business and the execution of the company's strategy are subject to a number of risks. The key business risks and uncertainties affecting the company are considered to relate to the economic environment and competition from other key market players. Further information in respect of principal risks and uncertainties is disclosed in the publicly available consolidated financial statements of Allen & Overy LLP.

**Financial risk management**

The financial risks are borne and managed by Allen & Overy LLP and are disclosed in the publicly available consolidated financial statements of Allen & Overy LLP.

**Key performance indicators**

Given the straightforward nature of the business and its principal activities, the company's directors are of the opinion that analysis using key performance indicators (KPIs) is not necessary for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the company. Due to the nature of the company, there are no relevant non-financial KPIs.

**Section 172(1) statement**

This section describes how the directors have had regard to the matters set out in section 172(1)(a)-(f) of the Companies (Miscellaneous Reporting) Regulation 2019 (**Reporting Regulations**). This requirement is intended to help members better understand how directors have discharged their duty to promote the success of the company while having regard to the matters set out in section 172 of the Reporting Regulations.

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**STRATEGIC REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)**

**Section 172(1) statement (continued)**

The directors have acted in a way that they considered, in good faith, to be the most likely to promote the success of the company for the benefit of its members. In doing so, the directors had regard, amongst other matters, to:

- the likely consequences of any decision in the long-term;
- the interests of the company's employees;
- the need to foster the company's business relationships with suppliers and others;
- the impact of the company's operations on the community and the environment;
- the desirability of the company to maintain its reputation for high quality service; and
- the need to act fairly between members of the company.

The directors' decision making is underpinned at all times by, and inextricably linked to, the strategy, aims and objectives of the company's ultimate parent, Allen & Overy LLP. Details on strategy are provided in the '*Report to the Members*' section of the publicly available consolidated financial statements of Allen & Overy LLP.

As noted in the directors' report, the company provides support services to the Allen & Overy group and the vision, values, ethical standards and policies of the Allen & Overy group are directly applicable to the company. The directors of the company are also members of Allen & Overy LLP, and the board of Allen & Overy LLP review, approve and implement the strategy for the Allen & Overy group.

The Allen & Overy group believe that looking after employees' wellbeing is a crucial ingredient in the employee experience and nurtures an environment and ways of working that care for people's wellbeing and sustains high performance. The Allen & Overy group's strategy for improving workplace mental health focuses on creating a culture of psychological safety, ensuring the work environment supports positive mental health, and providing and signposting accessible resources, tools and support. The Allen & Overy group has reinforced the culture of psychological safety and a supportive work environment through initiatives such as 'Mindful Leader' training for Allen & Overy partners and the senior sponsorship of over 40 Mental Health Advocates. People are encouraged to speak openly about their wellbeing and to seek help should they need it.

The Allen & Overy group provides comprehensive support for wellbeing and has intervention strategies to avoid people reaching crisis. The Allen & Overy group proactively encourages people to look after their mental wellbeing with the support of wellbeing apps that offer evidence-backed tools and information, and colleague support via the growing network of 200 mental health allies. Further, all employees, have free access to professional counselling for them and their families through the Allen & Overy group private healthcare cover and/or employee assistance programme.

Examples of how the directors have considered the community and the environment in their decision making are further outlined in the '*Report to the Members*' section of the publicly available consolidated financial statements of Allen & Overy LLP.

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**STRATEGIC REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)**

**Approval**

Approved by the directors on 4 October 2023 and signed on their behalf by W M G C Dejonghe.

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**W M G C Dejonghe**  
Director  
Date: 9 October 2023

**ALLEN & OVERY (LEGAL ADVISERS) LIMITED**  
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**DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023**

The directors present their report together with the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 30 April 2023. Information on business review, future developments and financial risk management is detailed in the strategic report.

**PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The principal activity of the company is to act as an intermediate holding company.

**Results and dividends**

The results of the company for the year ended 30 April 2023 and position of the company as at 30 April 2023 are set out in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on page 11 and the Statement of Financial Position on page 12.

During the year the company received interim dividends of £13,350,000 from subsidiary companies. The company subscribed to 520,000 ordinary shares of £1 each in Fleetside Legal Representative Services Limited for consideration of £520,000 and subscribed to 532,872 ordinary shares of £1 each in A&O (Legal Advisers) Limited for consideration of £532,872. The company subsequently impaired its investment in Fleetside Legal Representative Services Limited by £520,000 and also impaired its investment in A&O (Legal Advisers) Limited by £532,872.

An interim dividend of £12,296,937 was paid to the company's ordinary shareholder (2022: £6,693,000).

The directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend (2022: £Nil).

**Review of business and future developments**

The review of business and future developments is detailed in the strategic report.

**Donations and political contributions**

The company did not make charitable or political contributions during the year (2022: £Nil).

**Directors**

The directors of the company who were in office during the year and up to the date of signing the financial statements are as follows:

R K J Browne  
W M G C Dejonghe  
G D Price (Resigned 10 July 2023)

**Qualifying third party indemnity provisions**

The ultimate parent, Allen & Overy LLP, has entered into qualifying third party indemnity arrangements for the benefit of all of the company's directors in a form and scope which comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act). These arrangements were in place during the financial year and they are in place as at the date of approval of the financial statements.

**ALLEN & OVERY (LEGAL ADVISERS) LIMITED**  
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**DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)**

**Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the financial statements**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and regulation.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with the Act and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (**UK GAAP**) (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 101 '*Reduced Disclosure Framework*' (**FRS 101**), and applicable law).

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 the financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards, comprising FRS 101 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The directors are also 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 enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Act.

**Directors' confirmations**

In the case of each director in office at the date the directors' report is approved:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

**Independent auditors**

The independent auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, have indicated their willingness to be reappointed.



**ALLEN & OVERY (LEGAL ADVISERS) LIMITED**  
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**DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)**

**Approval**

Approved by the directors on 4 October 2023 and signed on their behalf by W M G C Dejonghe.

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**W M G C Dejonghe**  
Director  
Date: 9 October 2023

# **Independent auditors' report to the members of Allen & Overy (Legal Advisers) Limited**

## **Report on the audit of the financial statements**

### **Opinion**

In our opinion, Allen & Overy (Legal Advisers) Limited's financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 April 2023 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework", and applicable law); and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements, included within the Annual Report and Financial Statements (the "Annual Report"), which comprise: the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 April 2023; the Statement of Comprehensive Income and the Statement of Changes in Equity for the year then ended; and the notes to the financial statements, which include a description of the significant accounting policies.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities under ISAs (UK) are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Independence**

We remained independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, which includes the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this conclusion is not a guarantee as to the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### **Reporting on other information**

The other information comprises all of the information in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, any form of assurance thereon.

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**Independent auditors' report to the members of Allen & Overy (Legal Advisers)  
Limited (continued)**

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify an apparent material inconsistency or material misstatement, we are required to perform procedures to conclude whether there is a material misstatement of the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report based on these responsibilities.

With respect to the Strategic report and Directors' Report, we also considered whether the disclosures required by the UK Companies Act 2006 have been included.

Based on our work undertaken in the course of the audit, the Companies Act 2006 requires us also to report certain opinions and matters as described below.

**Strategic report and Directors' Report**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, the information given in the Strategic report and Directors' Report for the year ended 30 April 2023 is consistent with the financial statements and has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we did not identify any material misstatements in the Strategic report and Directors' Report.

**Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit**

**Responsibilities of the directors for the financial statements**

As explained more fully in the Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the financial statements, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable framework and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. The directors are also responsible for such internal control as they 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.

**Auditors' 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 auditors' 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Based on our understanding of the company and industry, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to the Companies Act 2006, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks

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**Independent auditors' report to the members of Allen & Overy (Legal Advisers)**  
**Limited (continued)**

were related to posting inappropriate journal entries to manipulate reported results and management bias in determining accounting estimates. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Evaluation of the design of management's controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities
- Discussions with management, internal audit and internal legal counsel, including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud; and
- Identifying and testing unusual journal entries, in particular those journal entries posted with an unusual account combination.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements. Also, 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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the FRC's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditors' report.

**Use of this report**

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

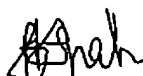
## Other required reporting

### Companies Act 2006 exception reporting

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.



Banshi Shah (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors  
London  
10 October 2023

**ALLEN & OVERY (LEGAL ADVISERS) LIMITED**  
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**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Other operating expenses		(1,052,587)	(8,148)
<b>Operating loss</b>	5	(1,052,587)	(8,148)
Income from shares in group undertakings	8	13,350,000	6,700,000
<b>Profit before taxation</b>		12,297,413	6,691,852
Tax on profit	7	-	-
<b>Profit for the financial year and total comprehensive income for the financial year</b>		<b>12,297,413</b>	<b>6,691,852</b>

The notes on pages 14 to 21 are an integral part of the financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT 30 APRIL 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Investments	8	6,695	6,695
<b>Current assets</b>			
Other receivables	9	526,470	500,004
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	10	(532,870)	(506,880)
<b>Net current liabilities</b>		(6,400)	(6,876)
<b>Net assets/(liabilities)</b>		<b>295</b>	<b>(181)</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Called up share capital	11	10	10
Retained earnings/(accumulated losses)		285	(191)
<b>Total shareholders' funds/(deficit)</b>		<b>295</b>	<b>(181)</b>

The notes on pages 14 to 21 are an integral part of the financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 11 to 21 were approved by the directors on 4 October 2023 and signed on their behalf by W M G C Dejonghe.



**W M G C Dejonghe**  
 Director  
 Date: 9 October 2023

**ALLEN & OVERY (LEGAL ADVISERS) LIMITED**  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023**

	Note	Called up share capital £	Retained earnings/ (accumulated losses) £	Total shareholders' funds/(deficit) £
<b>Balance as at 1 May 2021</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>967</b>
Profit for the financial year		-	6,691,852	6,691,852
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>6,691,852</b>	<b>6,691,852</b>
Transactions with owners: Dividend payment	11	-	(6,693,000)	(6,693,000)
<b>Balance as at 30 April 2022 and 1 May 2022</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>(191)</b>	<b>(181)</b>
Profit for the financial year		-	12,297,413	12,297,413
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>12,297,413</b>	<b>12,297,413</b>
Transactions with owners: Dividend payment	11	-	(12,296,937)	(12,296,937)
<b>Balance as at 30 April 2023</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>295</b>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023**

**1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

The principal activity of the company is to act as an intermediate holding company.

The company is a private company, limited by shares, incorporated and registered in England and Wales and tax resident in the UK with its registered office at One Bishops Square, London, E1 6AD, United Kingdom.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all of the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

**Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Act and UK GAAP, including FRS 101.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with FRS 101 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the company's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in note 3.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing consolidated financial statements under the terms of section 400 of the Act (see note 12).

The following exemptions from the requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) have been applied in the preparation of the financial statements, in accordance with FRS 101, on the basis that the company is a qualifying entity and its ultimate parent, Allen & Overy LLP, includes each of the below in its own consolidated financial statements:

- The requirements of paragraph 38 of International Accounting Standard (IAS) 1 *Presentation of Financial Statements* to present comparative information in respect of paragraph 79(a)(iv) of IAS 1;
- The requirements of paragraphs 10(d) (Statement of cash flows), 16 (Statement of compliance with all IFRS) and 111 (Cash flow statement information) of IAS 1 *Presentation of Financial Statements*;
- The requirements of IAS 7 *Statement of Cash Flows*;



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Basis of preparation (continued)**

- The requirements of paragraph 17 (Key management compensation) of IAS 24 *Related Party Disclosures*;
- The requirements of IAS 24 *Related Party Disclosures* to disclose related party transactions entered into between two or more members of a group; and
- The requirements of IFRS 7 *Financial Instruments: Disclosures*.

**Going concern**

The directors believe that preparing the financial statements on the going concern basis is appropriate due to the continued financial support of the company's ultimate parent, Allen & Overy LLP. The directors have received confirmation that Allen & Overy LLP intends to support the company for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements.

**Adoption of new and revised standards**

The company has applied the following standards and amendments for the first time for the annual reporting period commencing 1 May 2022:

- *Property, Plant and Equipment: Proceeds before Intended Use – Amendments to IAS 16*;
- *Onerous contracts – Cost of Fulfilling a Contract – Amendments to IAS 37*;
- *Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards 2018-2020*; and
- *Reference to the Conceptual Framework – Amendments to IFRS 3*.

The amendments listed above did not have any impact on the amounts recognised in prior periods and are not expected to significantly affect current or future periods.

**New standards and interpretations not yet adopted**

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for the reporting period commencing 1 May 2022 and have not been early adopted by the company. These standards are not expected to have a material impact on the company in the current or future reporting periods or on foreseeable future transactions.

**Functional and presentation currency**

Items included in the financial statements of the company are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the company operates (the **functional currency**).

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)**

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Functional and presentation currency (continued)**

The financial statements are presented in GBP 'Pounds Sterling' (£), which is the company's functional currency. All amounts are presented to the nearest pound unless otherwise stated.

**Dividend income**

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive payment is established.

**Other receivables**

Other receivables are initially measured at fair value and are subsequently carried at amortised cost and reduced for estimated irrecoverable amounts.

**Other payables**

Other payables are initially measured at fair value and are subsequently reduced for discounts given by suppliers.

**Offsetting**

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Statement of Financial Position when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. The legally enforceable right must not be contingent on future events and must be enforceable in the normal course of business and in the event of default, insolvency or bankruptcy of the company or the counterparty.

**Called up share capital**

Ordinary shares are classified as equity.

**Fixed asset investments**

Fixed asset investments are stated at their cost less accumulated provision for impairment. The impairment of investments is recognised when their carrying value is greater than their estimated recoverable amount.

**Taxation**

Current tax, including UK corporation tax, is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the Statement of Financial Position date.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023 (CONTINUED)**

**3. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS**

The preparation of the financial statements under FRS 101 requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of income, expenses, assets and liabilities. The estimates and judgements are based on historical experience and other factors including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable and constitute management's best judgement at the date of the financial statements. In the future, actual outcomes could differ from those estimates.

The directors do not consider there to be any critical accounting estimates or judgments that have been made in the process of applying the accounting policies and that have had a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

**4. DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES**

None of the directors received any remuneration for their services as directors of the company in the current year or the prior year. There were no employees of the company in the current year or the prior year.

**5. OPERATING LOSS**

	2023 £	2022 £
Operating loss is stated after charging:		
Impairment of investment in subsidiary undertakings	<u>(1,052,872)</u>	<u>(8,599)</u>

**6. AUDIT FEES**

Fees payable to the company's auditors for the audit of the company's annual financial statements have been included within the audit fee borne by the ultimate parent undertaking for the years ended 30 April 2023 and 30 April 2022. It is not possible to disaggregate the total audit fees relating to the company, however management have derived an internally allocated amount of £2,007 for the year ended 30 April 2023 (2022: £1,568). The amount was not recharged in either year.

**7. TAX ON PROFIT**

Tax expense included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income:

	2023 £	2022 £
Tax on profit	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The current year UK tax charge is lower (2022: lower) than that resulting from applying the effective rate derived from the standard UK tax rate of 19.5% (2022: 19%).

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**7. TAX ON PROFIT (CONTINUED)**

The differences are explained below:

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Profit before taxation</b>	12,297,413	6,691,852
Taxation thereon at the standard rate in the UK of 19.5% (2022: 19%)	2,397,153	1,271,452
Effects of:		
Exchange	-	(86)
Group relief claimed	(56)	-
Exempt dividend income not taxable	(2,602,336)	(1,273,000)
Impairment	205,239	1,634
<b>Total tax charge for the year</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

UK corporation tax payable is provided for on taxable profits at the current rate. From 1 April 2023, the UK corporation tax rate increased from 19% to 25%. A hybrid rate of 19.5% has therefore been applied for the year ended 30 April 2023.

**8. INVESTMENTS**

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 May	77,086	13,127,617
Additions	1,052,872	7,927
Transfer	-	(13,058,458)
<b>At 30 April</b>	<u>1,129,958</u>	<u>77,086</u>
<b>Impairment</b>		
At 1 May	70,391	13,120,248
Charge for the year	1,052,872	8,599
Transfer	-	(13,058,456)
<b>At 30 April</b>	<u>1,123,263</u>	<u>70,391</u>
<b>Net book value at 30 April</b>	<u>6,695</u>	<u>6,695</u>

During the year the company received an interim dividend of £10,450,000 (2022: £5,180,000) from Allen & Overy Service Company Limited.

During the year the company received an interim dividend of £2,900,000 (2022: £1,520,000) from Allen & Overy (Holdings) Limited.

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**8. INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

On 31 October 2022 the company subscribed to 520,000 ordinary shares of £1 each in Fleetside Legal Representative Services Limited for consideration of £520,000. The company subsequently impaired its investment in Fleetside Legal Representative Services Limited by £520,000 as a result of losses incurred by that entity.

On 28 April 2023 the company subscribed to 532,872 ordinary shares of £1 each in A&O (Legal Advisers) Limited for consideration of £532,872. The company subsequently impaired its investment in A&O (Legal Advisers) Limited by £532,872 as a result of losses incurred by that entity.

The company has the following direct subsidiaries:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Ownership at 30 April 2023 and at 30 April 2022</b>	<b>Registered office</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Fleetside Legal Representative Services Limited	100% ordinary shares	One Bishops Square, London, EI 6AD	Holding company
Allen & Overy Service Company Limited	100% ordinary shares	One Bishops Square, London, EI 6AD	Service company
Allen & Overy (Holdings) Limited	100% ordinary shares	One Bishops Square, London, EI 6AD	Supply of legal services
A&O (Legal Advisers) Limited	100% ordinary shares	One Bishops Square, London, EI 6AD	Intermediate holding company
Allen & Overy Management Services Company Limited	100% member	38F Roppongi Hills Mori Tower 6-10-1 Roppongi, Minato-ku, Tokyo, 106-6138, Japan	Service company

The directors believe that the carrying value of the investments is supported by their underlying net assets.

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**8. INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

The company has the following indirect subsidiaries:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Ownership at 30 April 2023 and at 30 April 2022</b>	<b>Registered office</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Peerpoint Limited	100% ordinary shares	One Bishops Square, London, E1 6AD	Service company
Allen & Overy (SSF) Limited	100% ordinary shares	One Bishops Square, London, E1 6AD	Service company
Allen & Overy Service GmbH	100% ordinary shares	Bockenheimer Landstraße 2 60306 Frankfurt am Main Germany	Service company
Allen & Overy Legal Services	100% ordinary shares	One Bishops Square, London, E1 6AD	Ceased trading

**9. OTHER RECEIVABLES**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Amounts due from other group undertakings	526,470	500,004

Amounts due from other group undertakings are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

**10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Amounts due to other group undertakings	532,870	506,880

Amounts due to other group undertakings are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

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**11. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL**

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Allotted and fully paid</b>		
10 (2022: 10) ordinary shares of £1 each	10	10

During the year, an interim dividend of £12,296,937 was paid to the company's ordinary shareholder (2022: £6,693,000). The directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend (2022: £Nil).

**12. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING**

The immediate parent, the ultimate controlling party and the ultimate parent undertaking of the company is Allen & Overy LLP, whose registered office is One Bishops Square, London, E1 6AD. Allen & Overy LLP is the parent undertaking of the smallest and largest group to which the company belongs and for which consolidated financial statements are prepared.

Copies of the consolidated financial statements of Allen & Overy LLP can be obtained from In-House Legal, Allen & Overy LLP, 68 Donegall Quay, Belfast, BT1 3NL.