GROUPAMA INSURANCES GROUP LIMITED (Registered No: 2772002) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2003

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# **Directors' Report**

The Directors of Groupama Insurances Group Limited present their Report and the audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2003.

### **Business Review**

The Company did not trade during the year. It has received no income and incurred no expenditure during the year. The Directors do not foresee any future activity by the Company.

#### **Directors**

The Directors currently holding office are:

P. Lefèvre

Chairman and Chief Executive

F-X. B. Boisseau R. L. Sampson P. W. Picknett

The following appointments and resignations have taken place since 1 January 2003:

Directors	Appointed	Resigned
T. A. Ablett		17 April 2003
M. A. B. M. Beauchesne		11 July 2003
T. H. Bishop		31 January 2004
F-X. B. Boisseau	3 November 2003	·
J-P. Bouquin		30 September 2003
A. Clyti		13 June 2003
C. H. Lemaire		3 November 2004
R. L. Sampson	3 November 2003	

None of the Directors holding office at the year end have an interest in the shares of the Company or any other group undertaking.

None of the Directors received any remuneration for services to the Company during the year.

### **Expenses**

All contracts of employment of the UK Group's employees are with fellow subsidiary undertakings. All expenses including auditors' remuneration are borne by Groupama UK Services Limited, a fellow subsidiary undertaking.

# Directors' Report (continued)

## 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 for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently, with the exception of changes arising on the adoption of new accounting standards in the year;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departure disclosed and explained in the financial statements; 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 confirm that the Financial Statements comply with the above requirements.

The Directors are responsible for keeping 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.

#### **Auditors**

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditors and accordingly a resolution to propose their reappointment will be submitted at the Annual General Meeting.

By order of the Board

R. Whitfield-Jones

Secretary

26 April 2004

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# Independent Auditors' Report

## Independent auditors' report to the members of Groupama Insurances Group Limited

We have audited the Financial Statements on pages 5 to 8, which have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 7.

## Respective responsibilities of Directors and auditors

The Directors' responsibilities for preparing the annual report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards are set out in the statement of Directors' responsibilities on page 3.

Our responsibility is to audit the Financial Statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. This opinion has been prepared for and only for the Company's members in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or in to whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

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 Companies Act 1985. 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. The other information comprises only the Directors' report.

# 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 as at 31 December 2003 and of its result for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants and
Registered Auditors

Southwark Towers, 32 London Bridge Street, London SE1 9SY United Kingdom

26 April 2004

# **Profit and Loss Account**

For the year ended 31 December 2003

	Notes	2003 £000	2002 £000
Other income		•	213
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation			213
Tax on profit on ordinary activites	3		
Retained profit for the financial year		•	213

All amounts shown are for discontinued operations.

All recognised gains and losses are accounted for in the Profit and Loss Account.

# **Balance Sheet**

As at 31 December 2003

	Notes	2003 £000	2002 £000
Current Assets			
Amounts owed by fellow subsidiary undertakings		87,458	87,458
Cash at bank		6	6
		87,464	87,464
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(9)	(9)
Total assets less current liabilities		87,455	87,455
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	4	(5,950)	(5,950)
Net assets		81,505	81,505
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	5	246,869	246,869
Share premium account	6	29,573	29,573
Other reserves	6	13,405	13,405
Profit and loss account	6	(208,342)	(208,342)
Total shareholders' funds		81,505	81,505

The Financial Statements on pages 5 to 8 were approved by the Board of Directors on 26 April 2004 and signed on its behalf by

P. Lefèvre

Chairman and Chief Executive

# Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ending 31 December 2003

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

# **Basis of Presentation**

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with schedule 4 to the Companies Act 1985 and with applicable accounting standards.

The Company, which is a wholly owned subsidiary, has used the exemption available in FRS 1 (Revised) and does not produce a cash flow statement.

#### Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is recognised as an asset or liability if transactions have occurred at the balance sheet date that gave rise to the right to pay less taxation in future or an obligation to pay more tax in future. An asset is not recognised to the extent that the transfer of economic benefits in the future is uncertain.

### 2. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

Auditors' remuneration is paid by a fellow subsidiary undertaking. The amounts paid on behalf of the Company were £7,000 (2002 : £21,000).

# 3. TAXATION ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

## (a) Current tax charge

	2003 £000	2002 £000
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	-	213
Profit at current rate of corporation tax (30%) Utilisation of tax losses Current tax charge for the year	<u> </u>	64 (64)

# (b) Factors affecting future tax charges

There are no amounts of unprovided deferred tax at 31 December 2003 (2002: Enil).

# 4. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2003 £000	2002 £000
Amounts owed to fellow subsidiary undertakings	5,950	5,950

## 5. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	2003 £000	2002 £000
Authorised 355,000,000 (2002 : 355,000,000) ordinary shares of £1 each	355,000	355,000
Allotted and fully paid 246,869,000 (2002 : 246,869,000) ordinary shares of £1 each	246,869	246,869

#### 6. RESERVES

	Share Premium Account £000	Capital Reserve £000	Capital Redemption Reserve £000	Profit and loss account £000
At 1 January 2003	29,573	5,950	7,455	(208,342)
Retained profit for the year At 31 December 2003	29,573	5,950	7,455	(208,342)

# 7. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	2003	2002	
	£000	£000	
Profit for the financial year	~	213	
Shareholders' funds at beginning of year	81,505	81,292	
Shareholders' funds at end of year	81,505	81,505	

### 8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption under FRS8 – Related Party Disclosures, that no disclosure is required in the Financial Statements of related party transactions in relation to subsidiary undertakings, 90% or more of whose voting rights are controlled within the Group.

# 9. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING

The Company's immediate parent undertaking is Groupama (UK) Limited, which is registered in England. The Directors regard Groupama S.A., a company incorporated in France, as its ultimate parent undertaking. Copies of the financial statements of both companies can be obtained from the registered office of Groupama Insurances Group Limited, as shown in the Directors' Report.