FUND NOMINEES LIMITED

Registered Number 3341264

BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2000

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	2000 £	1999 £
Current assets Debtors	2	2
Capital and reserves Called up share capital	2	2
Equity shareholders' funds	2	2

Statements

- a) For the year ended 31 December 2000 the Company was entitled to exemption under section 249AA(1) of the Companies Act 1985.
- b) Members have not required the Company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985.
- c) The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for:
 - ensuring the Company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221 of the Companies Act 1985; and
 - ii) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the financial year, and of its profit or loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the Company.

Approved by the board and signed on its behalf on 10 May 2001 by

K A Robinson Director

Parent undertaking

The Company's immediate parent company is Charterhouse Management Services Limited.

The Company's ultimate controlling party as defined under Financial Reporting Standard 8 "Related Party Disclosures" (FRS 8) is HSBC Holdings plc. The Company is controlled, as defined in FRS 8, by CCF Charterhouse Limited.

The smallest and largest groups in which the financial statements of the Company are consolidated are Crédit Commercial de France SA and HSBC Holdings plc respectively.

The consolidated financial statements of HSBC Holdings plc are available to the public and may be obtained from HSBC Holdings plc, Group Corporate Affairs, 10 Lower Thames Street, London, EC3R 6AE.