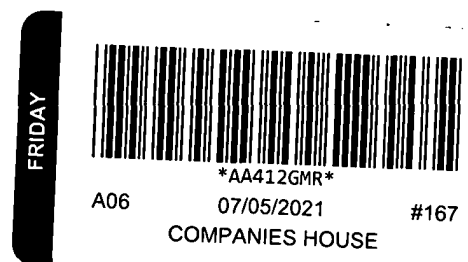


# Binomial Group Limited

Report and Accounts for the year ended  
31 December 2020



Company registered in England and Wales

Registered number: 03675407

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**Binomial Group Limited**  
**Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**  
**Directors and Officers**

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**Company Secretary**

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**Company registration**

Binomial Group Limited is a private limited company incorporated in the United Kingdom and registered in England and Wales. The Company registration number is 03675407.

**Auditor**

Ernst & Young LLP  
25 Churchill Place  
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E14 5EY

**Binomial Group Limited**  
**Strategic Report**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2020**

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The Directors present their strategic report for Binomial Group Limited ("the Company") for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**Principal activity**

The principal activity of the Company for the year under review has been, and continues to be, an intermediate holding company with one subsidiary, Sabre Insurance Company Limited. The Directors do not foresee a change in this activity in future years.

The Company is a member of the Sabre Insurance Group ("the Group"). The Company's ultimate parent is Sabre Insurance Group plc, incorporated and registered in the United Kingdom. Key performance indicators are referred to in the Sabre Insurance Group plc annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 ("the Annual Report") and accordingly for an understanding of the performance and position of the Company's business, please refer to the Annual Report. Copies can be obtained from Sabre Insurance Group plc secretariat, Sabre House, 150 South Street, Dorking, RH4 2YY, the Registrar of Companies or through the Group's website at [www.sabreplc.co.uk](http://www.sabreplc.co.uk).

**Business review**

The Company received dividends of £45,000k during 2020 (2019: £43,750k). The Company carried out no business during the year other than its direct activity as a holding company of Sabre Insurance Company Limited, its sole subsidiary undertaking.

Full details of the results are set out in the statement of comprehensive income on page 9.

**COVID-19**

The below describes the impact of COVID-19 on Sabre Insurance Company Limited, the trading subsidiary of the Company.

The outbreak of COVID-19 in Q1 of 2020 had a significant impact on all areas of life in the UK. For the Company, the highest priority throughout was to ensure the wellbeing of the Company's employees and customers, recognising the challenging circumstances faced by many.

**Operational impact**

When restrictions were first introduced, management immediately made provisions for all of the Company's employees to work from home, unless absolutely necessary for them to come into the office. People used either their own hardware or were issued with computers, which allowed them to work fully remotely.

The office was adapted as a COVID-secure environment, which allowed small numbers of staff to return to the office on a voluntary basis, if they were unable to work from home. The cost of switching to a remote working environment was negligible. All staff were retained on full pay and no advantage was taken of any of the UK Government assistance schemes.

**Business impact**

The change in customer behaviour resulting from the restrictions had a severe, temporary impact on both:

- The income generated by the Company
- The costs of claims incurred by policyholders

The Company tends to benefit from potential customers shopping around for the best deal following a change in circumstances, for example following the purchase of a new car or starting driving lessons. Restrictions in the ability to buy new cars, learn to drive or effect many other lifestyle changes led to a significant, temporary reduction in the new business written by the Company. Also, heavy discounts offered by competitors on the basis that the costs of claims may be significantly lower reduced our competitiveness in the market. As a result, at the height of the first lockdown, weekly premiums were down by up to 40%.

The cost of claims was reduced during the period of lockdown, primarily due to fewer journeys being made by customers. Once sufficient data had been collected, management responded by reducing prices to reflect the revised expected cost of providing cover. As such, management have attempted to maintain consistent margins throughout the pandemic. Whilst the Company has seen some short-term benefit to loss ratios, the fully-developed claims costs are not yet clear, and may not be for some time.

The net effect of the above is that while premium has reduced, a decrease in the cost of claims means that profitability has been largely preserved. Management expect that the medium-term impact of the pandemic on the insurance market is that the switch of the UK motor insurance market from "soft" to "hard" may have been delayed by at least one year.

**Financial impact**

There has been very little impact of the pandemic on the Company's balance sheet or core solvency. Throughout, target margins have been maintained on policies written, which means that additional capital has continued to be generated by the business's core operations. The investment portfolio remains extremely low risk, with zero exposure to equities, which means that capital strain caused by the economic recession and turbulence in the investment markets has been minimal. Continued reductions in the yields on low-risk bonds has impacted our ability to generate a return on our investment portfolio, however the core objective of the portfolio remains to maintain value, rather than generate income.

## **Section 172(1) statement**

This section of the Strategic Report describes how the Directors have had regard to the matters set out in section 172 (1) (a) to (f), and forms the Directors' statement required under section 414CZA of the Companies Act 2006.

## **Stakeholders and our Board**

Sabre aims to provide high-quality motor insurance at a fair price, while making attractive returns for its shareholders under any market conditions. This can only be achieved through engagement with, and consideration of, all stakeholders including our employees, customers, suppliers and regulators.

The consideration of stakeholder needs is not new to Sabre, however this year we are taking the opportunity to explain in more detail how we, and in particular our Board, engage with stakeholders, and how stakeholder needs are at the core of our decision-making.

## **Stakeholder engagement**

The Board recognises that the needs and relevance of different groups of stakeholders can vary over time, and as such the Board seeks to understand the needs and priorities of each stakeholder as part of its decision making. This is integral to the way the Board operates.

Our stakeholders are:

- Shareholders
- Employees
- Customers
- Partners
- Regulators
- Society

## **Listening to the needs of stakeholders**

Our Board interacts with stakeholders through direct engagement as well as through information provided by management.

Key engagement activities include:

- Appointing a Non-executive Director to be responsible for direct employee engagement, which involves meeting with employees at all levels within the business throughout the year in order to discuss their concerns, ambitions, and views on the business
- Engaging with shareholders, at the regular management roadshows, attendance at investor conferences and through meetings with the Chair
- The Board and management allow time for informal discussions with shareholders before and after the Group's AGM. This is an opportunity to interact with smaller, non-institutional shareholders
- Regular supervisory meetings between individual Board members and the Group's regulatory supervisory team, which facilitates wider discussion of the issues facing the insurance industry as a whole, as well as Company-specific matters
- Reports from executive management to the Board on customer service, including complaints root-cause analysis and whether customer service metrics have been met

## **Embedding stakeholder interests within our culture**

Through informed discussion at Board level, our Executive Team carries forward stakeholder consideration into and throughout the business. Sabre operates a culture of openness and transparency, with management at all levels working amongst their operational teams, ensuring that the tone from the top is well embedded in the day to day operations of the Company.

## **Ensuring stakeholder interests are taken into account**

The Board take their responsibilities under Section 172 of the Companies Act very seriously. The Board is aware that the Directors of the Company must act in good faith, and in ways that promote the success of the Company for the benefit of its members, and in doing so have regard 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, customers and others
- The impact of the Company's operations on the community and the environment
- The desirability of the Company maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct
- The need to act fairly as between members of the Company

**Binomial Group Limited**  
**Directors' Report**  
For the year ended 31 December 2020

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The Directors present their annual report and audited financial statements for the Company for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**Principal activity**

The principal activity of the Company for the year under review has been, and continues to be, an intermediate holding company with one subsidiary, Sabre Insurance Company Limited.

**Dividends**

Dividends of £45,022k were paid during the year (2019: £43,750k). A final dividend of £29,250k for 2020 has been declared (2019: £20,250k).

**Auditors**

The Company has dispensed with the obligation to appoint auditors annually. Ernst & Young LLP have expressed their willingness to continue in office.

**Directors**

A Westwood and G Carter remain as Directors of the Company. A Kingan remain as Company Secretary.

**Going concern**

The Directors believe that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, no less than 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

**Statement of Directors' responsibilities in respect of the company's financial statements**

The Directors are responsible for preparing the annual report and the company's financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and regulations.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Directors have elected to prepare the company's financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ('IFRSs') in conformity with the Companies Act 2006. Under company law the 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 these financial statements the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies in accordance with IAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- present information, including accounting policies, in a manner that provides relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable information
- provide additional disclosures when compliance with the specific requirements in IFRSs is insufficient to enable users to understand the impact of particular transactions, other events and conditions on the company's financial position and financial performance;
- in respect of the company, state whether IFRSs in conformity with the Companies Act 2006 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- in respect of the company's financial statements, state whether IFRSs in conformity with the Companies Act 2006, 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 appropriate to presume that the company will not continue in business.

The directors are 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 company financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. 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.

**Disclosure of information to the auditors**

So far as each person who was a Director at the date of approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing its report, of which the auditor is unaware. Having made enquiries of fellow Directors and the Company's auditor, each Director has taken all the steps that they are obliged to take as Directors in order to have made themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

By order of the Board



**G Carter**  
Director  
15 March 2021

## **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Binomial Group Limited for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise of Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Change in Equity, Statement of Cash Flow and the related notes 1 to 10, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and International Accounting Standards in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2020 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standards in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

## **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## **Conclusions relating to going concern**

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.

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.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report. However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

## **Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information contained with the annual report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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 course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.



**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the strategic report and the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report or directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

**Responsibilities of directors**

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 4, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors 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.

**Auditor's 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 auditor's 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.

**Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud**

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect irregularities, including fraud. 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. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and management.

- We obtained a general understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the company and determined that the direct laws and regulations related to elements of company law and tax legislation, and the financial reporting framework.
- We understood how Binomial Group Limited is complying with these legal and regulatory frameworks by making enquiries of management, internal audit and those responsible for legal and compliance matters. We also reviewed correspondence between the Company and regulatory bodies, reviewed minutes of the Board and gained an

understanding of the Company's approach to governance demonstrated by the Board's approval of the Company's governance framework.

- We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by considering the controls that the company has established to address risks identified by the entity, or that otherwise seek to prevent, deter or detect fraud. We also considered areas of significant judgement, including complex transactions, performance targets, external pressures and the impact these have on the control environment and their potential to influence management to manage earnings or influence the perceptions of investors and stakeholders. Additionally we considered the impact of Covid-19 and the impact this has on the company this included an assessment of the consistency of operations and controls in place within the company as they transitioned to operating largely remotely for a significant proportion of 2020, we made enquiries with management via the use of video conferencing and performed analytical review procedures to assess for unusual movements throughout the year. These procedures to address the risk identified, also incorporated unpredictability into the nature, timing and/or extent of our testing, challenging assumptions and judgements made by management within their forward-looking information.
- Based on our understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations including those at the components impacting the company. Our procedures involved making enquiry of those charged with governance and senior management for their awareness of any non-compliance of laws or regulations; inquiring about the policies that have been established to prevent non-compliance with laws and regulations by officers and employees both at a company; inquiring about the company's methods of enforcing and monitoring compliance with such policies.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

### **Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

*Ernst & Young LLP*

Stuart Wilson (Senior statutory auditor)  
for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP, Statutory Auditor  
London  
15 March 2021

**Binomial Group Limited**  
**Statement of Comprehensive Income**  
for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 £'k	2019 £'k
Operating income	3	45,000	43,750
<b>Total income</b>		<b>45,000</b>	<b>43,750</b>
<b>Profit before tax</b>		<b>45,000</b>	<b>43,750</b>
Tax charge	4	-	-
<b>Profit for the year attributable to the owners of the Company</b>		<b>45,000</b>	<b>43,750</b>
Total other comprehensive income for the year		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to the owners of the Company</b>		<b>45,000</b>	<b>43,750</b>

The attached notes on pages 13 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**Binomial Group Limited**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
As at 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 £'k	2019 £'k
<b>Assets</b>			
Investment in subsidiary	6	13,669	13,669
Other assets		-	7
Cash and cash equivalents	7	1	16
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>13,670</b>	<b>13,692</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Issued share capital	8	162	162
Capital redemption reserve		253	253
Retained earnings		13,255	13,277
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>13,670</b>	<b>13,692</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current tax liability		-	-
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>		<b>13,670</b>	<b>13,692</b>

The attached notes on pages 13 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 15 March 2021.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors by:



**A Westwood**  
Director  
15 March 2021

**Binomial Group Limited**  
**Statement of Change in Equity**  
for the year ended December 2020

	Notes	Ordinary shareholders' equity £'k	Capital redemption reserve £'k	Retained earnings £'k	Total equity £'k
Balance at 1 January 2019		162	253	13,277	13,692
Total comprehensive income		-	-	43,750	43,750
Dividends	5	-	-	(43,750)	(43,750)
Balance at 31 December 2019		162	253	13,277	13,692
Total comprehensive income		-	-	45,000	45,000
Dividends	5	-	-	(45,022)	(45,022)
Balance at 31 December 2020		162	253	13,255	13,670

The attached notes on pages 13 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**Binomial Group Limited**  
**Statement of Cash Flow**  
for the year ended December 2020

	Notes	2020 £'k	2019 £'k
<b>CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Profit before tax		45,000	43,750
<b>Operating cash flow before movements in working capital</b>		<b>45,000</b>	<b>43,750</b>
<i>Movement in working capital:</i>			
Change in other assets		7	-
<b>Net cash generating from operating activities</b>		<b>45,007</b>	<b>43,750</b>
<b>CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Dividends paid	5	(45,022)	(43,750)
<b>Net cash used by financing activities</b>		<b>(45,022)</b>	<b>(43,750)</b>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>(15)</b>	<b>-</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		16	16
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>

The attached notes on pages 13 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

## **Corporate information**

Binomial Group Limited is a private limited company incorporated in the United Kingdom and registered in England and Wales. The Company registration number is 03675407. The Company's ultimate parent company is Sabre Insurance Group plc.

The principal activity of the Company is an intermediate holding company.

### **1. Accounting policies**

#### **1.1 Basis of preparation**

The financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance and fully comply with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs"), as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements have been prepared on an historical cost basis, except for investment properties and those financial assets that have been measured at fair value.

The financial statements values are presented in Pounds Sterling (£) rounded to the nearest thousand (£'k), unless otherwise indicated.

The Company presents the statements of financial position broadly in order of liquidity. An analysis regarding recovery or settlement within twelve months after the reporting date (current) and more than 12 months after the reporting date (non-current) is presented in the respective notes.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the statement of financial position only when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realise the assets and settled the liability simultaneously.

The Company has claimed exemption from the production of consolidated financial statements under Section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 as its results are consolidated in the group financial statements prepared by the ultimate parent company, Sabre Insurance Group plc. Details of the subsidiaries of the Company are included within the Financial Statements in note 6 to the accounts.

Specific consideration has been given to the current COVID-19 global pandemic. The directors have made key assessments on credit risk, liquidity risk and operational risk as they pertain to the Company. The Company acts as a holding company for its subsidiary Sabre Insurance Company Limited. An impairment review has been performed on the value of its subsidiary with no evidence to suggest the value of its subsidiary has been impaired. With regards to Operational risk the Company is operating a 'working from home' model where staff and systems are responding well and 'business as usual' is being maintained as far as practicable and the impact on the Company is minimal.

#### **1.2 Summary of significant accounting policies**

##### ***(a) Investment in subsidiaries***

Investments in Group entities are carried in the Statement of Financial Position at cost less impairment. The Company assesses at each reporting date whether the investment is impaired.

##### ***(b) Cash and cash equivalents***

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand and demand deposits with banks together with short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and subject to insignificant risk of change in value.

##### ***(c) Taxation***

The taxation charge in the income statement is based on the taxable profits for the year. It is Company policy to relieve profits where possible by the surrender of losses from Group companies with payment for value. Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all temporary differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more, or a right to pay less or to receive more, tax, with the following exception.

Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the Directors consider that it is more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted. Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which timing differences reverse, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

**Binomial Group Limited**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
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## 2. Risk management

### 2.1 Overview

The Company adheres to the Risk Management Framework set out by the Board of the Company's parent company, Sabre Insurance Group plc. The Sabre Insurance Group plc Board ("Group Board") has responsibility for setting and monitoring adherence to the risk strategy, appetite and framework.

The Sabre Insurance Group plc Annual Report and Accounts includes a comprehensive review of the risk management framework for the Group. Copies can be obtained from Sabre Insurance Group plc secretariat, Sabre House, 150 South Street, Dorking, RH4 2YY, the Registrar of Companies or through the Group's website at [www.sabreplc.co.uk](http://www.sabreplc.co.uk).

### 2.2 Principal risks from activities

Given its activity is limited to that of an intermediary holding company, the Company is exposed to a narrow range of risks. The key risk is the valuation of the Company's sole subsidiary, Sabre Insurance Company Limited, which is the only trading entity within the Group. The subsidiary is held at cost at £13,669k (2019:£13,669k).

## 3. Operating income

	2020 £'k	2019 £'k
Dividend income received from subsidiary company	45,000	43,750
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,000</b>	<b>43,750</b>

### Auditor's remuneration

Fees for the audit and non-audit services for the current and prior years were borne by a fellow subsidiary. Fees paid to the auditor in respect of the statutory audit of the Company's financial statements were £NIL (2019: £NIL).

### Staff costs

The Company had no employees during the year (2019: NIL). The services provided to the Company by the Directors are incidental to their services to the Group and non-executive in nature and therefore it is not appropriate to allocate their remuneration in respect of the Company.

## 4. Tax charge

	2020 £'k	2019 £'k
Current taxation	-	-
<b>Tax charge for the year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

The actual income tax charge does not differ from the expected income tax charge computed by applying the standard rate of UK corporation tax of 19% (2019: 19%) as follows:

	2020 £'k	2019 £'k
Profit before tax	45,000	43,750
Expected tax charge	8,550	8,313
Effect of:		
Non-taxable income	(8,550)	(8,313)
<b>Tax charge for the year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Effective income tax rate	0.00%	0.00%

The Government announced on 4 March 2021 that the UK corporation tax rate would increase to 25% from 1 April 2023. It is expected that this rate increase will be enacted as a prospective measure as part of the forthcoming Finance Bill.



**Binomial Group Limited**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
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**5. Dividends**

	2020		2019	
	£ per share	£'k	£ per share	£'k
<b>Amounts recognised as distributions to equity holders in the period</b>				
Interim dividend for the current year	152.91	24,772	72.53	11,750
Final dividend for the prior year	125.00	20,250	197.52	32,000
	277.90	45,022	270.05	43,750
<b>Proposed dividends</b>				
Final dividend <sup>(1)</sup>	180.55	29,250	125.00	20,250

1) Subsequent to 31 December 2020, the Directors declared a final dividend for 2020 of £180.55 per ordinary share. This dividend will be accounted for as an appropriation of retained earnings in the year ended 31 December 2021 and is not included as a liability in the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2020.

**6. Investments in subsidiary undertakings**

	2020	2019
At 31 December	£'k	£'k
Unlisted shares in group undertakings	13,669	13,669

There was no impairment of the value of the Company's investments during the year (2019: £NIL)  
The Company owns the following percentage of the issued share capital in the company issued below.

<b>Company</b>	Sabre Insurance Company Ltd
<b>Holding</b>	100%
<b>Nature of Business</b>	Motor insurance underwriter
<b>Place of incorporation and operation</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Registered Office</b>	Sabre House, 150 South Street, Dorking, Surrey. RH4 2YY
<b>Net Assets</b>	£109,411k
<b>Profit for the year</b>	£40,572k

**7. Cash and cash equivalents**

	2020	2019
	£'k	£'k
Cash at bank and in hand	1	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>

The effective interest rate on short-term deposits with credit institutions for the year ended 31 December 2020 was 0.0% (2019: 0.00%) and average maturity was 1 day (2019: 1 day).

**8. Share capital**

	2020	2019
	£'k	£'k
<b>Authorised</b>		
162,006 Ordinary shares of £1 each	162	162
<b>Issued and fully paid: equity shares</b>		
162,006 Ordinary shares of £1 each	162	162

All shares are unrestricted and carry equal voting rights.

## **9. Related party transactions**

The immediate parent undertaking is Sabre Insurance Group plc, registered address Sabre House, 150 South Street, Dorking, RH4 2YY.

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption not to disclose any transactions with entities that are part of Sabre Insurance Group plc group which qualify as related parties, due to the preparation of consolidated financial statements by the Parent Company.

	2020 £'k	2019 £'k
<b>Due from</b>		
Sabre Insurance Company Ltd	-	7
<b>Total</b>	-	7

The key management personnel of the Company are the Directors. There were no balances outstanding with the Directors at year-end. There were no transactions entered into with the Directors during 2020 and 2019.

## **10. Events after the balance sheet date**

Other than the declaration of a final dividend as disclosed in Note 5, there have been no material changes in the affairs or financial position of the Company since the statement of financial position date.