Company Registration No: 03946857

**ARIANTY NO. 1 PLC** 

**Report and Financial Statements** 

Year ended 30 September 2018



## STRATEGIC REPORT

## **BUSINESS REVIEW AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

Arianty No.1 PLC ('the Company') is a wholly owned subsidiary of Arianty Holdings Limited. The shares in Arianty Holdings Limited are held by Intertrust Capital Markets (UK) Limited under a Declaration of Trust for charitable purposes. The directors regard Paragon Banking Group PLC ('the Group') as the ultimate controlling party.

The Company was set up to provide the funding of mortgage loans acquired by the Group by using a revolving credit facility. Subsequently, the mortgage loans were sold to fellow group companies. During the year the Company operated in the United Kingdom, its principal activities are the provisions of first mortgage loans. There have been no significant changes in the Company's principal activities in the year under review. The directors are not aware, at the date of this report, of any likely major changes in the Company's activities in the next year.

As shown in the Company's profit and loss account on page 6, the Company's net interest income has increased by 4% (2017: decreased of 4%). This was principally reflecting the increase in interest received from group companies due to an increase in the base rate during the year. The result after tax has improved from a loss of £107,000 to a profit of £98,000. This was principally due to a release of the provision charge on loans to group companies compared to a charge in the preceding year.

The balance sheet on page 7 of the Financial Statements shows the Company's financial position at the year end. Net assets have increased due to the profit for the year. Details of amounts owed from other group companies are shown in note 12.

No interim dividend was paid during the year (2017: £nil). No final dividend is proposed (2017: £nil).

The Group manages its operations on a centralised basis. For this reason, the Company's directors believe that further key performance indicators for the Company are not necessary or appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business. The performance of the Group's mortgage lending operation, which includes the Company, is discussed in the Group's Annual Report, which does not form part of this Report.

#### PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

An analysis of the Company's exposure to risk, including financial risk, and the steps taken to mitigate these risks are set out in note 5, and a discussion of critical accounting estimates is set out in note 4.

After considering the above, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company will have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the Financial Statements.

# **ENVIRONMENT**

The Group recognises the importance of its environmental responsibilities, monitors its impact on the environment, and designs and implements policies to reduce any damage that might be caused by the Group's activities. The Company operates in accordance with group policies, which are described in the Group's Annual Report, which does not form part of this Report.

# **EMPLOYEES**

The Company has no employees. All operational services are provided by employees of the Group. The Group's employment policies are described in its Annual Report, which does not form part of this Report.

Approved by the Board of Directors

and signed on behalf of the Board

K G Allen

Director

15 January 2019

# **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The directors present their Annual Report prepared in accordance with Schedule 7 to the Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the audited Financial Statements of Arianty No.1 PLC, a company registered in England and Wales with registration no: 03946857, for the year ended 30 September 2018.

## **DIRECTORS**

The directors throughout the year and subsequently were:

R D Shelton

R J Woodman

J Fairrie (resigned 19 November 2018)

K G Allen

J P Giles

P H Whitaker

# **AUDITOR**

The directors have taken all reasonable steps to make themselves and the Company's auditor, KPMG LLP, aware of any information needed in preparing the audit of the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year, and, as far as each of the directors is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the auditor is unaware.

A resolution for the re-appointment of KPMG LLP as the auditor of the Company is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

## INFORMATION PRESENTED IN OTHER SECTIONS

Certain information required to be included in a directors' report by the Companies Act 2006 and regulations made there under can be found in the other sections of the Annual Report, as described below. All of the information presented in these sections is incorporated by reference into this Directors' Report and is deemed to form part of this report.

- Commentary on the likely future developments in the business of the Company is included in the Strategic Report.
- A description of the Company's financial risk management objectives and policies, and its exposure to risks arising from its use of financial instruments are set out in note 5 to the accounts.
- Disclosure on any dividends paid during the year is included in the Strategic Report.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board

K G Allen

Director

15 January 2019

Registered Office: 51 Homer Road, Solihull, West Midlands, B91 3QJ

# STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES in relation to Financial Statements

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable 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 financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to 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 and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures 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.

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 their profit or loss for that period.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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 Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets, for the Company's systems of internal control and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities and for the preparation of a strategic report and directors' report which comply with the applicable requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board.

Pandora Sharp

Company Secretary

15 January 2019

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ARIANTY NO. 1 PLC

## **Opinion**

We have audited the Financial Statements of Arianty No. 1 PLC for the year ended 30 September 2018 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet, statement of movement in equity and the related notes 1 to 17, including the accounting policies in note 3.

In our opinion the Financial Statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 September 2018 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK accounting standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 101 – 'Reduced Disclosure Framework'; 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 are described below. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities under, and are independent of the company in accordance with, UK ethical requirements including the FRC Ethical Standard. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is a sufficient and appropriate basis for our opinion.

#### Going concern

We are required to report to you if we have concluded that the use of the going concern basis of accounting is inappropriate or there is an undisclosed material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt over the use of that basis for a period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. We have nothing to report in these respects.

## Strategic report and directors' report

The directors are responsible for the strategic report and the directors' report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover those reports and we do not express an audit opinion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the strategic report and the directors' report and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially misstated or inconsistent with the financial statements or our audit knowledge. Based solely on that work:

- we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report and the directors' report;
- in our opinion the information given in those reports for the financial year is consistent with the financial statements; and
- in our opinion those reports have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

# Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Under the Companies Act 2006, we are required 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.

We have nothing to report in these respects.

# Directors' responsibilities

As explained more fully in their statement set out on page 3, the directors are responsible for: the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view; 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; 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 they either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ARIANTY NO. 1 PLC (CONTINUED)

# Auditor's responsibilities

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 our opinion in an auditor's report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not 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 aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on the FRC's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities.

# The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

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.

Matthew Rowell (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants

One Snowhill, Snow Hill Queensway, Birmingham, B4 6GH

15 January 2019

# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

# YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

	Note	2018 £000	2017 £000
Interest receivable			
Mortgages		25	24
Other	6	92	88
Net interest income		117	112
Other operating income		463	220
Total operating income		580	332
Operating expenses		(576)	(329)
Provision for losses	8	36	(148)
Operating profit / (loss), being profit / (loss) on ord activities before taxation  Tax on profit / (loss) on ordinary activities	inary 9 10	40 58	(145)
Profit / (loss) on ordinary activities after taxation	14	98	(107)

All activities derive from continuing operations.

There are no recognised gains or losses, other than the proft for the current year and the loss for the preceding year, and consequently a separate statement of comprehensive income has not been presented.

# **BALANCE SHEET**

# **30 SEPTEMBER 2018**

	Note	2018 £000	2018 £000	2017 £000	2017 £000
ASSETS EMPLOYED					
FIXED ASSETS					
Loans to customers	11		1,007		1,008
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors falling due within one year	12	10,344		10,235	
Cash at bank		14		12	
	_		10,358		10,247
			11,365	-	11,255
FINANCED BY				-	
<b>EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>					
Called up share capital	13	12		12	
Profit and loss account	14	1,515		1,417	
			1,527		1,429
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	15	5		194	
Amounts falling due after one year	15	9,833		9,632	
	_		9,838		9,826
			11,365		11,255
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These Financial Statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 15 January 2019. Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

R D Shelton

Director

# STATEMENT OF MOVEMENT IN EQUITY

# YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

	Share capital	Profit and loss account	Total equity
	£000	£000	£000
Total comprehensive income for the year			
Profit for the year	-	98	98
Other comprehensive income	•	<u>-</u>	
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	98	98
Opening equity	12	1,417	1,429
Closing equity	12	1,515	1,527

# YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

	Share capital	Profit and loss account	Total equity
	£000	£000	£000
Total comprehensive income for the year			
Loss for the year	-	(107)	(107)
Other comprehensive income	-	<u>-</u>	
Total comprehensive income for the year	•	(107)	(107)
Opening equity	12	1,524	1,536
Closing equity	12	1,417	1,429

#### YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

#### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Arianty No. 1 PLC ('the Company') is a company domiciled in the United Kingdom and incorporated in England and Wales under the Companies Act 2006 with company number 03946857. The address of the registered office is 51 Homer Road, Solihull, West Midlands, B91 3QJ. The nature of the Company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Strategic Report.

These financial statements are presented in pounds sterling, which is the currency of the economic environment in which the Company operates.

## 2. RESTRICTION ON OPERATIONS

The ability of the Company to engage in any activity other than those associated with the purchase, servicing and subsequent securitisation of mortgages is restricted by agreements entered into by the Company with, among others, Mortgage Trust Limited ("MTL") as servicer and Citicorp Trustee Company Ltd as security agent.

Under the terms of the servicing agreement, MTL was appointed to service the mortgages. The business of MTL was transferred to Mortgage Trust Services PLC ("MTS") on 1 October 2003, under the novation agreement then dated, and consequently, since that date, MTS have been the servicer.

## 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable UK accounting standards. Disclosures have been made in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 – 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' ('FRS 101').

As permitted by FRS 100 – 'Application of Financial Reporting Requirements' ('FRS 100') the Company has applied the measurement and recognition requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards ('IFRS') as adopted by the EU, but makes amendments where necessary in order to comply with the Companies Act 2006 and has set out below where advantage of disclosure exemptions provided by FRS 101 has been taken.

# Accounting convention

The Financial Statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

## Going concern

The Financial Statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company will have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the Financial Statements.

#### Loans to customers

Loans to customers are considered to be 'loans and receivables' as defined by International Accounting Standard 39 – 'Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement' (IAS 39). They are therefore accounted for on the amortised cost basis.

Such loans are valued at inception as amount of initial advance, which is the fair value at that time, inclusive of procuration fees paid to brokers or other business providers and less initial fees paid by the customer. Thereafter they are valued at this amount less the cumulative amortisation calculated using the Effective Interest Rate ('EIR') method. The loan balances are then reduced where necessary by a provision for balances which are considered to be impaired.

The EIR method spreads the expected net income arising from a loan over its expected life. The EIR is that rate of interest which, at inception, exactly discounts the expected future cash payments and receipts arising from the loan to the initial carrying amount.

## YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

# 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Impairment of loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are reviewed for indications of possible impairment throughout the year and at each balance sheet date in accordance with IAS 39. Where loans exhibit objective evidence of impairment (a 'loss event') the carrying value of the loans is reduced to the net present value of their expected future cash flows, including the value of the potential realisation of any security (net of sales costs) discounted at the original EIR.

Within its buy-to-let portfolio the Group utilises a receiver of rent process, whereby the receiver stands between the landlord and tenant and will determine an appropriate strategy for dealing with any delinquency. This strategy may involve the immediate sale of any underlying security or the short or long term letting of the property to cover arrears and principal shortfalls. Properties in receivership are either returned to their landlord owners or sold.

Loss events reflect both loans that display delinquency in contractual payments of principal or interest or, for buy-to-let loans in receivership but up to date at the balance sheet date, properties where the receiver adopts a sale strategy, where a shortfall may or may not arise.

In addition to loans where loss events are evident, loans are also assessed collectively, grouped by risk characteristics and account is taken of any impairment arising due to events which are believed to have taken place but have not been specifically identified at the balance sheet date. Collective impairment provisions are calculated for each key portfolio based on recent historical performance, with adjustments for expected changes in losses based on management's judgement.

For financial accounting purposes provisions for impairments of loans to customers when first recognised in the income statement are held in an allowance account. These balances are released to offset against the gross value of the loan when it is written off to profit and loss on the administration system. After this point a salvage balance may be held in respect of any further recoveries expected on the loan.

# Servicing fees

Servicing fees are payable by the Company to MTS under the terms of a servicing agreement. The servicing fee is calculated on the outstanding mortgage portfolio as defined in the servicing agreement. MTS is also entitled to a deferred consideration based on the excess earnings as defined in the mortgage sale agreement.

#### Cash at bank

Balances shown as cash at bank in the balance sheet comprise demand deposits and short-term deposits with banks with initial maturities of not more than 90 days.

#### Current tax

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 balance sheet date.

# Deferred purchase consideration

Under the mortgage sale agreements profits of First Flexible No.5 Plc ("FFL5"), First Flexible No. 6 Plc ("FFL6"), Paragon Mortgages (No. 7) Plc ("PM7") and Paragon Mortgages (No.8) Plc ("PM8") are paid to the Company as originator of the loans by way of deferred purchase consideration. In turn, profits of the Company are paid to MTS by way of deferred purchase consideration. Deferred purchase consideration is recognised in the period in which it becomes payable and is paid when sufficient cash resources allow.

# Amounts owed by or to group companies

The balances owed by or to other group companies are carried at the current amount outstanding less any provision.

#### Revenue

The revenue of the Company comprises interest receivable and other income. The accounting policy for the recognition of each element of revenue is described separately within these accounting policies.

## YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

# 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Fee and commission income

Other income includes administration fees charged to borrowers, which are credited to the profit and loss account when the related service is performed.

#### **Disclosures**

In preparing these financial statements the Company has taken advantage of the exemptions from disclosure provided by FRS 101 in respect of:

- The requirement to produce a cash flow statement and related notes
- Disclosures in respect of transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries
- Disclosures in respect of capital management
- The effects of new, but not vet effective IFRSs
- Disclosures in respect of key management personnel
- Disclosures of transactions with a management entity which provides key management personnel services to the Company

As the consolidated financial statements of Paragon Banking Group PLC, the ultimate parent undertaking of the Company, include equivalent disclosures the Company has also taken advantage of these further exemptions provided by FRS 101:

- Certain disclosures required by IFRS 13 'Fair Value Measurement'
- Certain disclosures required by IFRS 7 'Financial Instruments Disclosures'

The Company presently intends to continue to apply these exemptions in future periods.

# 4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

Certain balances reported in the financial statements are based wholly or in part on estimates or assumptions made by the directors. There is, therefore, a potential risk that they may be subject to change in future periods. The most significant of these are:

# Impairment losses on loans to customers

Impairment losses on loans are calculated based on statistical models. The key assumptions revolve around estimates of future cash flows from customers' accounts, their timing and, for secured accounts, the expected proceeds from the realisation of the property. These key assumptions are based on observed data from historical patterns and are updated regularly based on new data as it becomes available.

In addition the directors consider how appropriate past trends and patterns might be in the current economic situation and make any adjustments they believe are necessary to reflect the current conditions.

The accuracy of the impairment calculations would therefore be affected by unexpected changes to the economic situation, variances between the models used and the actual results or assumptions which differ from the actual outcomes.

In particular, if the impact of economic factors such as employment levels on customers is worse than is implicit in the model then the number of accounts requiring provision might be greater than suggested by the model, while falls in house prices, over and above any assumed by the model might increase the provision required in respect of accounts currently provided.

## YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

# 4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES (CONTINUED)

#### Effective interest rates

In order to determine the EIR applicable to loans and borrowings an estimate must be made of the expected life of each loan and hence the cash flows relating thereto. For purchased accounts this will involve estimating the likely future performance of the accounts at the time of acquisition. These estimates are based on historical data and reviewed regularly. For purchased accounts historical data obtained from the vendor will be examined. The accuracy of the EIR applied would therefore be compromised by any differences between actual repayment profiles and that predicted, which in turn would depend directly or indirectly on customer behaviour.

#### 5. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Company's operations were financed principally by a mixture of share capital and loans from other group companies. Various financial instruments, for example debtors and accruals, arise directly from the Company's operations.

The principal risks arising from the Company's financial instruments are credit risk. The board of the Company's holding company reviews and agrees policies for all companies in the Group managing each of these risks and they are summarised below. These policies have remained unchanged throughout the year and since the year end.

#### Credit risk

The Company's credit risk is primarily attributable to its loans to customers. The maximum credit risk at 30 September 2018 approximates to the carrying value of loans to customers (note 11). There are no significant concentrations of credit risk due to the large number of customers included in the portfolios.

The acquired secured loans are secured by first charges over residential properties in the United Kingdom. Despite this security, in assessing credit risk an applicant's ability to repay the loan remains the overriding factor in the decision to lend by the originator.

Mortgages Trust Services PLC, a fellow group company continues to administer the mortgages on behalf of Arianty No. 1 PLC and the collections process is the same as that utilised for all companies in the group.

In order to control credit risk relating to counterparties to the Company's financial instruments, the board of the Company's holding company determines on a group basis, which counterparties the group of companies will deal with, establishes limits for each counterparty and monitors compliance with those limits.

# 6. INTEREST RECEIVABLE - OTHER

	2018 £000	2017 £000
Interest receivable from group companies	92	88

# 7. DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

Directors' remuneration from the Company during the year is stated in note 9.

The Company had no employees in the current or preceding years. All administration is performed by employees of the Group. The directors of the Company, with the exception of J Fairrie and P H Whitaker, are employed by Paragon Finance PLC, and their remuneration is disclosed within the financial statements of that company, which do not form part of this Report.

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# 8. PROVISIONS FOR LOSSES

	2018 £000	2017 £000
(Release of provision) / impairment of financial assets:	•	
Loans to group companies	(36)	148

# 9. OPERATING PROFIT / (LOSS), BEING PROFIT / (LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION

	2018 £000	2017 £000
Operating profit / (loss) is after charging:		
Servicing fees payable	1	1
Auditor remuneration - audit	4	4
Directors' fees	1	1
Deferred purchase consideration	555	293

Non audit fees provided to the Group are disclosed in the accounts of the parent company and the exemption from disclosure of fees payable to the Company's auditor in respect to non-audit services in these Financial Statements has been taken.

# 10. TAX ON PROFIT / (LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

# a) Tax credit for the year

	2018 £000	2017 £000
Current tax		
Corporation tax	-	(51)
Group Relief	(45)	
Adjustment in respect of prior periods	(13)	13
Total current tax	(58)	(38)
b) Factors affecting the tax credit for the year		
	2018 £000	2017 £000
Profit / (loss) before tax	40	(145)
UK corporation tax at 19% (2017: 19.5%) based on the profit / (loss) for the year Effects of:	8	(28)
Tax exempt revenues	(53)	(23)
Prior period (credit) / charge	(13)	13
Tax credit for the year	(58)	(38)

# YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

# 14. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	£000
At 1 October 2016	1,524
Loss for the financial year	(107)
At 30 September 2017	1,417
Profit for the financial year	98
At 30 September 2018	1,515

An interim dividend of £nil per share was paid during the year (2017: £nil per share). No final dividend is proposed (2017: £nil).

# 15. CREDITORS

	2018	2017
	€000	£000
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Accruals and deferred income	5	194
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Deferred purchase consideration (note 16)	9,833	9,632

# 16. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

# Transactions with the Mortgage Trust group

Under an agreement entered into on 28 December 2000 with MTL, a company under common control as defined by IAS 24 - 'Related Party Disclosures' ('IAS 24'), the Company bought mortgages intraday which were originated by MTL at net book value. MTL also provided credit and threshold margin support for these mortgages.

The business of MTL was transferred to MTS on 1 October 2003, under the novation agreement then dated, and consequently, since that date, MTS have been the servicer.

At the balance sheet date, the Company had bought £2,641,000 (2017: £2,641,000) of mortgages from MTL. The Company owed £9,833,000 (2017: £9,632,000) to MTS at the balance sheet date in relation to deferred purchase consideration. During the year the Company paid £354,000 (2017: £860,000) in relation to deferred purchase consideration. MTS earned £555,000 (2017: £293,000) from the Company in relation to deferred purchase consideration.

# YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

# 17. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING

The directors consider that the ultimate parent undertaking is Arianty Holdings Limited. The smallest and largest group into which the Company is consolidated is that of Paragon Banking Group PLC, registered in England and Wales.

The shares in Arianty Holdings Limited are held by Intertrust Capital Markets (UK) Limited under a Declaration of Trust for charitable purposes. The directors regard Paragon Banking Group PLC as the ultimate controlling party.

Copies of the consolidated financial statements may be obtained from the Company Secretary, 51 Homer Road, Solihull, West Midlands, B91 3QJ.