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# 280 BISHOPSGATE PROPERTY INVESTMENTS LIMITED

**Directors' Report and Financial Statements** 

For the year ended 31 December 2016

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# DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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# OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

### **DIRECTORS**

M H Filer (resigned 7 April 2017)
D J Wynne (appointed 20 March 2017)
Wilmington Trust SP Services (London) Limited

### **SECRETARY**

Wilmington Trust SP Services (London) Limited Third Floor 1 King's Arms Yard London EC2R 7AF

### **REGISTERED OFFICE**

c/o Wilmington Trust SP Services (London) Limited Third Floor 1 King's Arms Yard London EC2R 7AF

### **LAWYERS**

Clifford Chance LLP 10 Upper Bank Street London E14 5JJ

### **BANKERS**

Citibank N.A London Branch 5 Carmelite Street London EC4Y 0PA

### **AUDITOR**

SRG LLP London

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

### For the year ended 31 December 2016

The directors present their report on the affairs of 280 Bishopsgate Property Investments Limited ("the Company"), together with the financial statements and auditor's report for the year ended 31 December 2016.

The Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The Company's principal activity continues to be that of holding an interest in a property at Premier Place, Devonshire Square, London EC2 ("Premier Place").

### **BUSINESS REVIEW AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

The Company is a member of the Bishopsgate Premier Group of Companies (the "Group") which is headed by Bishopsgate Premier Holdings Limited.

In 2004 the Company granted a 299 year Head Lease to Premier Place Finance Limited in relation to Premier Place. The annual rent, which is increased or decreased by reference to the Retail Prices Index at half-yearly intervals, is payable throughout the first 30 years until the rent payment date falling due on 25 March 2034. After this the annual rental will be a peppercorn.

The Company has also entered into an Overriding Lease for a period of 299 years with 2 ½ Devonshire Square Limited the legal title holder of Premier Place. Drybarn Limited, the parent company of 2 ½ Devonshire Square Limited, holds a beneficial interest in Premier Place. 2 ½ Devonshire Square Limited and Drybarn Limited are fellow Group undertakings. Under the arrangements surrounding the Overriding Lease, 280 Bishopsgate Property Investments Limited, paid an upfront premium and also pays the on-going annual rent to Drybarn Limited for a period of 30 years until the rent payment date falling due on 25 March 2034. After this the annual rental will be a peppercorn.

The results for the year and the state of the Company's affairs are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

The profit for the year of £858k is slightly higher than the profit for the prior year of £856k. This is due to additional interest income this year.

Capital and reserves of the Company increased to £27,657k (2015: £26,799k), an increase of 3.2% during the year.

There are no plans to change the activities of the Company in the future.

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2015: £nil).

### GOING CONCERN

As there has been no identifiable deterioration in the ongoing cash flows of the Company, and after making enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

### **DIRECTORS**

The directors who served throughout the year are as follows:

M H Filer (resigned 7 April 2017)
D J Wynne (appointed 20 March 2017)
Wilmington Trust SP Services (London) Limited

### SECRETARY

Wilmington Trust SP Services (London) Limited acted as secretary throughout the year.

#### **EMPLOYEES**

Apart from the directors, the Company has no employees. Wilmington Trust SP Services (London) Limited provided corporate management services to the Company.

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)**

### For the year ended 31 December 2016

### **DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT**

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 prepared the financial statements in accordance with with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and applicable law. 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 and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- provide additional disclosures when compliance with the specific requirements in IFRSs are insufficient to enable users to understand the impact of particular transactions, other events and conditions on the entity's financial position and financial performance; 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 keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions, 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 of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO THE AUDITOR

The directors confirm that:

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

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act of 2006.

### **AUDITOR**

The Company has by elective resolution dispensed with the obligation to reappoint the auditor annually.

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

Mignon Clarke-Whelan for and on behalf of

Wilmington Trust SP Services (London) Limited

Director

26 September 2017

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF 280 BISHOPSGATE PROPERTY INVESTMENTS LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of 280 Bishopsgate Property Investments Limited for the year ended 31 December 2016 which comprise the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of financial position, the statement of changes in equity, the statement of cash flows and the related notes 1 to 11. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and International Financial Reporting Standard (IFRS) as adopted by European Union. 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.

### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

### Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2016 and of the Company's profit before other comprehensive income for the year then ended;
- · have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

### Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements the 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 knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatement in the strategic report and the director's report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- 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
- 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; or
- the directors were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption in preparing the Directors' Report.

Haydn Wood BA FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of SRG LLP Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor London, United Kingdom 26 September 2017

# STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

# For the year ended 31 December 2016

	Notes	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
TURNOVER		14.	14
Cost of sales		(5)	(5)
GROSS PROFIT		9	9
Administrative expenses		(4)	(4)
OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)	_	5	5
Other interest receivable and similar income	3	853	851
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	4	858	856
Income tax expense	5	<del>-</del>	-
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR FROM CONTINUING OPEARATIONS		858	856
Other comprehensive income TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ATTRIBUTABLE TO EQUITY HOLDERS	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	856

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form part of these financial statements

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

### As at 31 December 2016

	Notes	31 December 2016 £'000	31 December 2015 £'000
ASSETS CURRENT ASSETS Debtors Cash and cash equivalents TOTAL ASSETS	. 6	$   \begin{array}{r}     28,221 \\     \underline{590} \\     \underline{28,811}   \end{array} $	27,369 <u>579</u> <u>27,948</u>
LIABILITIES Current liabilities Creditors	7	<u>1,154</u>	<u>1,149</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,154	1,149
EQUITY Share capital Retained earnings Total Equity	8	27,657 27,657	26,799 26,799
Total Equity and Liabilities		<u>28,811</u>	<u>27,948</u>

These financial statements of 280 Bishopsgate Property Investments Limited, Company Registration 4365004, on pages 5 to 12 were approved and authorised for issue by the directors on 26 September 2017 and signed on its behalf by:

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Mignon Clarke-Whelan for and on behalf of

Wilmington Trust SP Services (London) Limited

Director

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

# For the year ended 31 December 2016

# Attributable to the owners of the parent

	Share capital	Retained earnings	Total equity
•	£'000	£'000	£'000
Balance as at 1 January 2015	-	25,943	25,943
Profit for the year	-	856	856
Other comprehensive income for the year	<del>-</del>	<del>-</del>	
Balance at 31 December 2015		<u>26.799</u>	<u>26,799</u>
	Share	Retained	Total equity
	capital	earnings	
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Balance at 1 January 2016	-	26,799	26,799
Profit for the year	-	858	858
Other comprehensive income for the year		· 	
Balance at 31 December 2016	-	<u>27.657</u>	27.657

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

# As at 31 December 2016

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Cash flows from operating activities	£	£
Profit before tax for the year	858	856
Adjustments for:		
Bank interest received	-	(1)
(Increase) in trade and other receivables	(852)	(8.50)
Increase in other liabilities	5	9
Net cash from operating activities	11	14
Tax paid		
Net cash from operating activities after tax	11 .	14
Investing activities		
Bank interest received		1
Net cash from investing activities	-	1
Financing activities		
Repayments loan during the year		
Net cash used in financing activities	-	-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	11	15
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	579	564
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	<u>590</u>	<u>579</u>

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# For the year ended 31 December 2016

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. They have all been applied consistently throughout the current and prior year.

### Basis of preparation

The Company's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) issued by the International Accounting Standards Board as adopted by the European Union.

For periods up to and including the year ended 31 December 2014, the company prepared its financial statements in accordance with UK generally accepted accounting practice.

The transition date was 1 January 2014 and there were no transitional adjustments.

The financial statements are presented in Pounds Sterling. The financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis as modified for the revaluation of certain financial instruments under IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement.

### Going concern

The Company's business activities and future developments are set out in the Directors' Report on page 2.

As there has been no identifiable deterioration in the ongoing cash flows of the Company, and after making enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

#### Turnover

Turnover represents rent receivable which is accounted for on an accruals basis. Turnover is derived from the United Kingdom.

#### Cost of sales

Cost of sales represents rent payable which is accounted for on an accruals basis.

#### Interest income

Interest income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

### Interest expense

Interest paid on the debt is accounted for on an accruals basis.

#### **Taxation**

Current tax, including United Kingdom corporation tax and foreign 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 tax is provided in full in respect of taxation deferred by timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes.

A net deferred tax asset is regarded as recoverable and therefore recognised only to the extent that, on the basis of all available evidence, it can be regarded as 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 not recognised when fixed assets are revalued unless by the balance sheet date there is a binding agreement to sell the revalued assets and the gain or loss expected to arise on sale has been recognised in the financial statements.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

# For the year ended 31 December 2016

### 2. DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

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None of the directors received any emoluments for their services to the Company during the current and prior year apart from Wilmington Trust SP Services (London) Limited who received £1k (2015: £1k) for corporate management services. Mr M H Filer is a director of Wilmington Trust SP Services (London) Limited.

None of the directors had any interests in the Company at the end of the current or prior year end.

None of the directors had any material interest in any contract of significance in relation to the business of the Company in the current or prior year.

The Company does not have any employees (2015: none).

### 3. OTHER INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Interest on amounts owed by group undertakings Interest on bank balance	853	850 1
	853	851
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXAT	ION	
The profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging:	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Auditor's fees for audit of the Company's accounts	1	1

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

# For the year ended 31 December 2016

### 5. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

	2016	2015
The tax charge comprises:	£'000	£'000
Current tax	-	-

### Factors affecting the tax charge:

The differences between total current tax shown on the face of the Profit and Loss Account and the amount calculated by applying the standard rate of UK Corporation tax to the profit before tax is as follows:

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	856	854
Corporation tax at 20% (2015: 21.50%) Utilisation of brought forward tax losses	171 (171)	184 (184)
Charge for the year	<u> </u>	-

A deferred tax asset has not been recognised in respect of the losses carried forward as there is insufficient evidence the asset will be recovered. The amount not recognised is £0.4m (2015: £0.6m).

### 6. **DEBTORS**

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Amounts owed from group undertakings Prepayments and accrued income	28,141 80	27,289 80
	28,221	27,369

The amounts owed from group undertakings relate to loans granted to fellow group undertakings to manage the financing of the group as a whole and which bear interest at a rate of 5% or such other rate that may be agreed between the parties.

### 7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

		2016 £'000	2015 £'000
	Amounts owed to group undertakings	1,154	1,149
		1,154	1,149
8.	CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL	2016	2015
	Called up, allotted and fully paid 2 ordinary shares of £1 each	£2	£2

The issued shares of the Company are held by 280 Bishopsgate Limited.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### For the year ended 31 December 2016

### 9. RELATED PARTIES TRANSACTIONS

Amount owed by group undertakings is £28.2 million (2015: 27.3 million) to the company. The Company owes £1.1 million (2015: 1.1 million) to other companies in the group.

During the year Wilmington Trust SP Services (London) Limited, a director of the Company, received £1k (2015: £1k) for corporate services provided to the Company under the terms of a Corporate Services Agreement.

### 10. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY AND CONTROLLING PARTY

The Company's immediate holding company is 280 Bishopsgate Limited, a company incorporated in the United Kingdom and registered in England and Wales.

The ultimate holding and controlling party is Bishopsgate Premier Holdings Limited. The shares in Bishopsgate Premier Holdings Limited are held by Wilmington Trust SP Services (London) Limited under a Declaration of Trust for charitable purposes and the directors regard Bishopsgate Premier Holdings Limited as the ultimate parent undertaking.

The smallest and largest group for which consolidated accounts are prepared is Bishopsgate Premier Holdings Limited which is incorporated in the United Kingdom and registered in England and Wales. Copies of these accounts are publicly available from Companies House.

### 11. GENERAL INFORMATION

The company is limited by shares and incorporated in England and Wales and the registered office is at 1 King's Arms Yard London EC2R 7AF.