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# ALIXPARTNERS LIMITED ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018



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# **COMPANY INFORMATION**

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#### STRATEGIC REPORT

The Directors present their strategic report for AlixPartners Limited for the year ended 31 December 2018.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the Group was that of consultancy services to assist clients in managing operational and financial challenges.

The principal activity of the Company is that of a holding company.

#### **REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF THE BUSINESS DURING THE CURRENT YEAR**

#### Key performance indicators

The key financial performance indicators of the Group are well known and monitored by Management monthly, they include: revenue growth, both in total value and by consultant, cash collections, days of sales outstanding, staff utilisation, and EBITDA.

#### Development and financial performance during the year

The Management team is pleased with the current year results and the performance of the Group and comforted in the strategic decisions taken during the year. Management take pride in the quality of the consultants hired as a result of the rigorous recruitment process undertaken and the enviable reputation of the international AlixPartners Group.

The Group performance recorded in 2018 has seen revenues increase by 10.1% to £333.7m (2017: £303.2m), while the consulting team has increased 7.4% to the prior year at 476 (2017: 443) and operating costs have increased 13.3% to £271.2m (2017: £239.3m) resulting in a decrease in profits by 4.6% to £49.9m (2017: £52.3m).

The strategic priorities of the Group will remain its staff and its offerings:

- The focus on recruiting the best staff in the market is driven by an extensive recruitment process and testing. Less than 10% of candidates selected for interviews and testing end up joining the team.
- A major aspect in managing the recruitment costs remains the Group's capacity to maintain high motivation and create an environment where talented people can excel and get rewarded.
- The Group continues to develop capabilities and expertise to meet client needs, and provide quality, meaningful and relevant insights.
- Our major differentiator in the market is our ability to build multidiscipline senior teams.

#### Financial position at the reporting date

The Statement of Financial Position shows that the Group's net asset position has increased by £24.6m to £90.6m during the year, which is driven by the increase in current trade and other receivables of £19.7m and property, plant and equipment £4.8m.

The cash generated by the operating activities in the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows of £28.8m has been offset by drawings by non-controlling interests of £32.5m.

# STRATEGIC REPORT (continued)

#### PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES FACING THE BUSINESS

The Executive Committee continually monitor the key risks facing the Group together with assessing the controls used for managing these risks. The Executive Committee formally reviews and documents the principal risks facing the business at least annually.

The principal risks and uncertainties facing the Group are as follows:

- Competitor pressure the market in which the Group operates is considered to be relatively competitive, and therefore competitor pressure could result in losing sales to key competitors.
   Mainstream consulting groups are creating some specific offerings to try and compete in the niche area of the market.
- Brexit following the referendum vote of 23 June 2016 and the decision to leave the European Union (EU), uncertainty surrounding the outlook of the UK economy has increased. The terms on which the UK may withdraw from the EU are still not clear. Management continue to monitor Brexit developments closely and consider the key risk is the implication for employment practices and the impact on staff mobility in and out of the EU.
- Loss of key personnel this would present significant difficulties for the Group. Management seeks to ensure that key personnel are appropriately remunerated to ensure that good performance is recognised and key staff retained.
- Reliance of key accounts exposure to over reliance of a few large accounts to maintain the Group KPI's and revenue growth. The Group manages this risk by ensuring there is enough breadth in its client base and maintaining a pipeline of potential/new clients.
- Liquidity and cash flow risk the Group produces cash flow forecasts covering a twelve month period
  to manage its liquidity requirements. The Group's Management and board review these forecasts
  regularly.
- Interest rate risk the Group has interest bearing assets and liabilities. Interest bearing assets includes cash balances that earn interest at a floating rate. Interest bearing liabilities are at a fixed rate and there is limited interest rate risk faced by the Group.
- Currency risk an increasing value of income and expenses are denominated in foreign currencies. The Group does not have a strategy to manage transactional currency exposure on an active basis as the Members believe the risks associated with currency exposure would be no greater than the risks associated with entering into hedging arrangements, as the costs of hedging can be significant, which may be greater than the cost of the fluctuation in currency. Some of the Group's assets and liabilities are denominated in foreign currency.
- Credit risk The Group's credit risk is primarily attributable to its trade receivables. Risks are mitigated by obtaining advances from customers together with regular monitoring of balances. In addition, the Group has exposure to credit risk relating to the financial assets of the Group including cash and deposits that are placed with financial institutions which are regulated. At the Statement of Financial Position date, the credit risk was concentrated with one financial institution but the risk of default is considered minimal as the institution is rated BBB by Standard & Poor's.

# STRATEGIC REPORT (continued)

Operational risk - The Group has put in place measures to minimise and manage risks to the disruption of its business. This plan has been put in place to manage its strategic and operational business risks during emergencies and is aimed at bringing together particular responses such as IT disaster recovery, contingency plans, off-site storage of records, data back-up and recovery procedures, evacuation procedures and customer/staff communications. The Group's insurance policies are reviewed each year prior to policy renewal.

#### **APPROVAL**

This report was approved on 23 September 2019 on behalf of the Directors by:

Paul Thompson

Director

6 New Street Square

London

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#### DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors submit their Report and consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018.

#### MATTERS COVERED IN THE STRATEGIC REPORT

As permitted by paragraph 1A of Schedule 7 to the Large and Medium-Sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulation 2008 certain matters which are required to be disclosed in the Directors' Report have been omitted as they are included in the Strategic Report on pages 4 and 6. These matters relate to the review and analysis of the business, development and financial performance, future prospects and the principal risks and uncertainties.

#### **RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS**

The profit for the year after taxation was £49.9m (2017: £52.3m).

The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2017: £nil).

#### **FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

AlixPartners revenue growth during 2018 confirms its value-proposition is still very relevant in the market place especially in the light of the uncertainties of some of the European economies.

The increasing reputation derived from the quality of the delivery of its projects across Europe continues to make the company an attractive employer for senior revenue generators and junior employees looking for a career in consulting. Furthermore, the Company has been strengthening the support functions servicing the business and developing training programs to help the current consultant force and the future new joiners with their clients' challenges. The coming years' growth of AlixPartners will be based on the new offerings and solutions adapted to the challenging economic environment companies are facing in Europe and the consistent quality of its delivery teams.

Following the referendum vote of 23 June 2016 and the decision to leave the European Union (EU), uncertainty surrounding the outlook of the UK economy has increased. The terms on which the UK may withdraw from the EU are still not clear. Management continue to monitor Brexit developments closely and consider the key risk is the implication for employment practices and the impact on staff mobility in and out of the EU. The announcement also caused significant volatility in global stock markets and currency exchange rate fluctuations. A fluctuation of currency exchanges may expose the Company and Group to gains or losses on non GBP currency transactions.

#### **CREDITOR PAYMENT POLICY**

The Group seeks to maintain good terms with all of its trading partners. In particular, it is the Group's policy to agree appropriate terms and conditions for its transactions with suppliers and, provided the supplier has complied with its obligations, to abide by the terms of payment agreed. Trade creditor days of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2018 were at 14 days (2017: 39 days).

#### **DISABLED EMPLOYEES**

AlixPartners is an equal opportunity employer and does not tolerate unlawful discrimination or harassment. Applications for employment by disabled persons are always fully considered, bearing in mind the aptitudes of the applicant concerned. In the event of members of staff becoming disabled, every effort is made to ensure that their employment with the group continues and that appropriate training is arranged. It is the policy of the group that the training, career development and promotion of disabled persons should, as far as possible, be identical to that of other employees.

# **DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)**

#### **EMPLOYEE CONSULTATION**

The group places considerable value on the involvement of its employees and has continued to keep them informed on matters affecting them as employees and on the various factors affecting the performance of the group. This is achieved through formal and informal meetings, group and local country newsletters and a wide range of material regularly posted to the group intranet. Employees are consulted regularly on a wide range of matters affecting their current and future interest as the group continues its commitment to be the best place to work in our industry – people centric, value based and focused on designing elegant solutions for our clients when it really matters.

#### **DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS IN SHARES**

The Directors of the Company during the year and at the date of this report are set out below:

Paul Thompson

Kathryn Koorenny

Stefano Aversa

Stephen Deedy

Lisa Carnoy

The Directors and their connected persons had no interest in the shares of the Company at 31 December 2018 and 31 December 2017. Their shares in the Parent Company, AlixPartners Holdings, LLP, are shown in that Company's financial statements.

The Directors' interests in the employee incentive plan are included in note 24 to the financial statements.

#### **DIRECTORS LIABILITIES**

The Company has granted indemnity against liability to its Directors during the year. Appropriate directors' and officers' liability insurance cover is in place in respect of the Company's Directors.

#### **POLITICAL DONATIONS**

The Group made no donations for political purposes (2017: nil).

#### **POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

There have been no other significant events between the year end and the date of approval of these accounts which would require a change or disclosure in the accounts.

#### **BRANCHES**

The company operates a branch in Zurich, Switzerland and Abu Dhabi, UAE and Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The UK LLP subsidiary operates a branch in Dubai, UAE and AlixPartners SV Ukraine Limited operates a branch in Zagreb, Croatia.

# **DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)**

#### STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, the Directors' 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 financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted for use in the European Union. 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 estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether IFRS as adopted by the European Union have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- provide additional disclosures when compliance with specific requirements in IFRS is 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 and 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.

#### **AUDITOR**

A resolution to re-appoint Mazars LLP will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

#### Statement of disclosure to auditor

Each of the persons who is a Director at the date of approval of this annual report confirms that:

- (a) so far as the Company Directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and
- (b) they have taken all the 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 Group's auditor is aware of that information.

Approved and signed on behalf of the Board

Paul Thompson

**Director** 

Registered Office:

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23 September 2019

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ALIXPARTNERS LIMITED

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of AlixPartners Limited (the 'parent company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 December 2018 which comprise of the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income, Consolidated Statement of Financial Position, Company Statement of Financial Position, Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity, Company Statement of Changes in Equity, Consolidated Statement of Cashflows, Company Statement of Cashflows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union and, as regards the parent Company financial statements, as applied in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006.

#### In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent company's affairs as at 31 December 2018 and of the group's profit for the year then ended;
- the group financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union;
- the parent company financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union and as applied in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006; and
- the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### The impact of uncertainties due to Britain exiting the European Union on our audit

The Directors' view on the impact of Brexit is disclosed on page 5.

The terms on which the United Kingdom may withdraw from the European Union are not clear, and it is therefore not currently possible to evaluate all the potential implications to the Group's and Company's trade, customers, suppliers and the wider economy.

We considered the impact of Brexit on the Group and Company as part of our audit procedures, applying a standard firm wide approach in response to the uncertainty associated with the Group's and Company's future prospects and performance.

However, no audit should be expected to predict the unknowable factors or all possible implications for the Group and Company and this is particularly the case in relation to Brexit.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ALIXPARTNERS LIMITED (continued)

#### **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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that
  may cast significant doubt about the group's or the parent company's ability to continue to adopt the
  going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the
  financial statements are authorised for issue.

#### Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 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 or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ALIXPARTNERS LIMITED (continued)

#### 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 the Directors' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic Report or the 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 by the parent company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent company 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 9, 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 group's and the parent 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 group or the parent company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ALIXPARTNERS LIMITED (continued)

#### 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.

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

#### Use of the audit 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.

Elisabeth Maxwell (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Mazars LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor

Tower Bridge House St Katharine's Way London

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Elisabeth Maxwell

27th September 2019

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME Year ended 31 December 2018

Continuing activities	Note	2018 £'000		2017 £'000
REVENUE Operating costs	2	333,730 (271,174)		303,243 (239,343)
Operating profit	3	62,556		63,900
Investment revenue Finance costs	4 5	24 (4,905)		75 (5,128)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		57,675		58,847
Taxation	6	(7,806)		(6,563)
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		49,869		52,284
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME				
Items that are or may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:				
Exchange differences on translating foreign operations		1,265		2,103
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR		51,134		54,387
Profit attributable to:				
Owners of the parent company Non-controlling interests		17,338 32,531	·•	21,153 31,131
		49,869		52,284
Total comprehensive income attributable to:				
Owners of the parent company	,	18,603	,	23,256
Owners of the parent company Non-controlling interests		32,531		23,230 31,131
Tron controlling interests		51,134		54,387
		31,134		34,307

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2018 Company number: 04560445

ASSETS:	Note .	2018 £'000	2017 £'000
Non-Current Assets			
Goodwill	8	55,812	55,812
Deferred tax	.19	1,913	574
Other intangible assets	9	1,353	582
Trade and other receivables	10	414	252
Financial assets at fair value through profit or			
loss	11	140	•
Property, plant and equipment	12	10,105	5,350_
		69,737	62,570
Current Assets		454.000	400.004
Trade and other receivables	14	151,936	132,264
Cash and cash equivalents	15	44,514 196,450	<u>55,142</u> 187,406
		190,430	107,400
Total Assets		266,187	249,976
LIABILITIES:			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	16	(74,886)	(93,233)
		(74,886)	(93,233)
Non-Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	17	(95,986)	(86,931)
Provisions for other liabilities and charges	18	(4,751)	(3,886)
		(100,737)	(90,817)
Total Liabilities		(175,623)	(184,050)
Net Assets		90,564	65,926
			•
EQUITY:			
Ordinary shares	20	-	-
Reserves		90,354	63,911
Capital and reserves		90,354	63,911
Non-controlling interests		210	<u>2,015</u>
Total Equity		90,564	65,926

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 23 September 2019 and signed on its behalf by

Paul Thomoson

Director

# COMPANY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As at 31 December 2018

	Ninan	2018	2017 £'000
ACCETC.	Note	£'000	£'000
ASSETS:			
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	12	1,558	1,804
Trade and other receivables	10	71,319	64,541
Investments	13	26,869	22,381
		99,746	88,726
Current Assets			
Trade and other receivables	14	9,866	14,119
Cash and cash equivalents	15	6,640	728
		16,506	14,847
Total Assets		116,252	103,573
Total Assets		110,232	100,070
LIABILITIES:			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	16	(26,464)	(32,766)
1.7		(26,464)	(32,766)
Non-Current Liabilities		• • •	•
Trade and other payables	17	(92,580)	(84,105)
Provisions for other liabilities and charges	18	(1,329)	(1,018)
Deferred tax	19	(10)	(19)
		(93,919)	(85,142)
Total Liabilities		(120,383)	(117,908)
Net Liabilities		(4,131)	(14,335)
Not Elabilities		(4,101)	(11,000)
EQUITY:			
		•	
Capital and Reserves Attributable to Equity Shareholders			
Ordinary shares	20	-	-
Reserves		(4,131)	(14,335)
Total Equity		(4,131)	(14,335)

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 23 September \_2019 and were signed on its behalf by

Paul Thompson

Director

The notes on page 21 to 54 form part of these financial statements.

Company number: 04560445

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY Year ended 31 December 2018

	Share Capital	Retained Earnings	Capital Contribution	Currency Translation Reserve	Attributable to Owners of Parent	Non- Controlling Interests	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	€'000
Balance at 1 January 2017	-	14,242	23,770	3,221	41,233	2,315	43,548
Profit for the year	•	52,284	-	-	52,284	-	52,284
Allocated profit	-	(31,131)	-	-	(31,131)	31,131	-
Capital contributions from new members of subsidiary LLPs	-	-	-	-	-	35	35
Drawings by members of subsidiary LLPs	-	-	-	-	-	(31,466)	(31,466 <u>)</u>
Distributions	-	(7,349)	-	-	(7,349)	-	(7,349)
Other comprehensive income:							
Currency translation differences	-	-	-	2,103	2,103	-	2,103
Total other comprehensive income	-		-	2,103	2,103	-	2,103
Total comprehensive income	-	13,804	-	2,103	15,907	(300)	15,607
Capital contribution	-	-	6,771	-	6,771	-	6,771
Balance at 31 December 2017	•	28,046	30,541	5,324	63,911	2,015	65,926
Adjustment related to IFRS 15	-	415	-	-	415	•	415
Tax adjustment related to IFRS 15	-	(52)	-	-	(52)	-	(52)
Adjusted balance at 31 December 2017	-	28,409	30,541	5,324	64,274	2,015	66,289
Profit for the year	-	49,869	-	-	49,869	-	49,869
Allocated profit	-	(32,531)	-	-	(32,531)	32,531	-
Capital contributions from new members of subsidiary LLPs	-	-	-	-	-,	115	115
Drawings by members of subsidiary LLPs	-	-	-	-	-	(34,451)	(34,451)
Other comprehensive income:						•	
Currency translation differences	-	-	-	1,265	1,265	-	1,265
Total other comprehensive income	-	. =	-	1,265	1,265	-	1,265
Total comprehensive income		17,338	-	1,265	18,603	(1,805)	16,798
Capital contribution	-	-	7,477	-	7,477	-	7,477
Balance at 31 December 2018	•	45,747	38,018	6,589	90,354	210	90,564

# COMPANY STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY Year ended 31 December 2018

	Share Capital £'000	Retained Earnings £'000	Capital Contribution £'000	Total £'000
Balance at 1 January 2017	-	(22,228)	2,133	(20,095)
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	5,628	-	5,628
Capital contribution	-	-	132	132
Balance at 31 December 2017		(16,600)	2,265	(14,335)
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	9,075	-	9,075
Capital contribution	-	-	129	129
Dividends received	-	1,000	-	1,000
Balance at 31 December 2018	-	(6,525)	2,394	(4,131)

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS Year ended 31 December 2018

	Note	2018 £'000	2017 £'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	NOLE	£ 000	. 2000
Operating profit		62,556	63,900
Adjustments for: Share option charge		7;477	6,771
Foreign exchange		1,417	(2,011)
Depreciation of property, plant & equipment		2,928	2,200
Amortisation of intangible assets		621	1,140
Decrease/(increase) in provisions		340	(3,831)
Loss on disposal of property, plant & equipment OPERATING CASH FLOWS BEFORE		64	3
MOVEMENT IN WORKING CAPITAL		75,403	68,172
Increase in receivables		(18,901)	(19,315)
(Decrease)/increase in payables		(21,266)	19,577
Increase in financial assets at fair value through			·
profit and loss		(140)	
CASH GENERATED BY OPERATING		25 00Ġ	69.424
ACTIVITIES		35,096	68,434
Income tax paid		(6,271)	(4,163)
NET CASH GENERATED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		28,825	64,271
Investing activities:		20,023	04,271
Interest received		24	75
Purchase of property, plant & equipment		(7,716)	(1,040)
Purchase of intangibles		(1,392)	-
Drawings by members of subsidiary LLPs		(32,531)	(31,131)
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(41,615)	(32,096)
Financing activities:			
Interest paid		(32)	(53)
Increase/(decrease) in long term loans		2,376	(11,812)
NET CASH GENERATED/(USED IN) IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES		2,344	(11,865)
NET (DECREASE)/ INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(10,446)	20,310
Effect of exchange rate on cash and cash equivalents		(182)	4,070
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		55,142	30,762
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	15	44,514	55,142

# COMPANY STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS Year ended 31 December 2018

		2018	2017
0.4.011.51.014/0.50.014.0050.4.7111.0.4.0711/17/17	Note	£'000	£'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		44.540	0.444
Operating profit		11,543	9,444
Adjustments for:			
Share option charge		129	132
Foreign exchange		1,024	(1,811)
Depreciation of property, plant & equipment		502	448
Investment impairment reversal		(4,488)	-
Increase in provisions		311	39
OPERATING CASH FLOWS BEFORE			
MOVEMENT IN WORKING CAPITAL		9,021	8,252
Decrease in receivables		630	2,044
Decrease in payables		(5,242)	(4,660)
CASH GENERATED BY OPERATING			
ACTIVITIES		4,409	5,636
Income tax paid		(2,277)	(22)
NET CASH GENERATED BY OPERATING		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
ACTIVITIES		2,132	5,614
Investing activities:		,	•
Dividend received		1,000	-
Purchase of property, plant & equipment		(256)	(16)
NET CASH GENERATED/(USED) IN INVESTING		744	(16)
ACTIVITIES			, ,
Financing activities:			
Interest paid		(5)	(3)
Increase/(decrease) in long term creditor advances		3,041	(5,926)
NET CASH GENERATED/(USED) IN FINANCING		3,036	(5,929)
ACTIVITIES			
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND			
CASH EQUIVALENTS		5,912	(331)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT			
BEGINNING OF YEAR		728	1,059
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF			
YEAR	15	6,640	728
I LAN	13	0,040	1 20

#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

#### 1 **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### **Presentation of Financial Statements**

AlixPartners Limited is a Company incorporated in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is given on page 3 of the financial statements. The nature of the Group's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Strategic Report and Directors' Report on pages 4 to 9.

#### **Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards adopted for use by the European Union.

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis and under the historical cost basis.

#### Basis of preparation

The following standards and interpretations have been adopted in the financial statements as they are mandatory for the year ended 31 December 2018:

> EU effective date Periods beginning on or after

IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers

IFRS 9 Financial Instruments (2014)

Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2014 – 2016

(Amendments to IFRS 1 and IAS 28)

1 January 2018

1 January 2018

1 January 2018

The Group and Company adopted standard IFRS 15: Revenue from Contracts with Customers, using the modified retrospective method and recorded a cumulative effect adjustment of £0.4m to the beginning balance of retained earning for revenue contracts which existed at the adoption date. Under the modified retrospective method, prior year information has not been adjusted and continues to be reported under the accounting standards in effect for periods prior to the adoption date.

The impact of adopting IFRS 15 primarily relates to certain contracts that include event-based variable consideration, or prospective discounts. Previously, the Company recognised eventbased variable fees when contractual milestones or obligations were met. IFRS 15 requires the Company to estimate and recognise revenue from certain event-based variable fees over the period of performance to the extent that it is probable that a significant reversal will not occur.

The adoption of the standards and interpretations above has not had a material impact on the Group and Company's financial statements.

The adoption of the following mentioned standards and amendments in future years are not expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

The Group and Company is in its final stages of quantifying the financial impacts of adopting IFRS 16 Leases, based on the leases that exist at the date of adoption, as well as evaluating presentation of our statement of financial position and required enhancements to disclosures. We are working to implement both process and information systems changes to identify and assess leases that are impacted by the new criteria and accumulate data to satisfy new disclosure requirements.

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### EU effective date Periods beginning on or after

IFRS 16 Leases 1 January 2019 Annual Improvements to IFRSs (2015 - 1 January 2019

2017)

IFRIC 23 Uncertainty over Income Tax 1 January 2019

**Treatments** 

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

#### **Basis of consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Company and enterprises controlled by the Company (its subsidiaries) made up to 31 December each year. Control is achieved where the Company has the power to govern the financial and operating policies of a subsidiary.

Subsidiaries are accounted for using the acquisition method of accounting whereby the Group's results include the results of the acquired business from the date of acquisition. Income and expenses of subsidiaries incorporated or acquired during the year are included in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income from the effective date of acquisition. Total comprehensive income of subsidiaries is attributed to the owners of the company and to the non-controlling interests even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance.

All intra-group transactions and balances are eliminated on consolidation.

Companies acquired from Group companies are consolidated, from the date control was achieved, in accordance with IFRS 3 Business combinations.

#### Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as management has reasonable expectation that the Company and Group have adequate financial resources to meet its operational needs for the foreseeable future.

#### Revenue recognition

Revenue represents amounts chargeable to clients for professional services rendered through the financial period. Revenue excludes value added tax and includes expenses recoverable from clients.

Revenue recognised during the current period may include revenue recognised from performance obligations satisfied or partially satisfied in previous periods. This primarily occurs when the estimated transaction price has changed based on a re-assessment of the expected probability of achieving the agreed-upon outcome for our performance based and contingent arrangements, resulting in catch-up adjustment for service provided in previous periods. For the year ended December 31, 2018, the Company recorded £nil in additional revenue related to estimated variable consideration, which would not have been recognized under the prior revenue recognition guidance and have been included in accounts receivable, net and contract assets. Prior year results are presented in accordance with historical accounting.

# **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)**

## 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Unfulfilled performance obligations represent the remaining contract transaction prices allocated to the performance obligations that are unsatisfied, or partially unsatisfied, and therefore revenues have not yet been recorded. Unfulfilled performance obligations primarily consist of the remaining fees not yet recognised under our proportional performance method for both our fixed fee arrangements, and the portion of performance based and contingent arrangements which we have deemed probable. The majority of our contracts include termination for convenience clauses which generally require 30 days' notice with no penalty. The notice period required determines the contract duration resulting in very few agreements which are contractually enforceable beyond one year. We elected to utilise the optional exemption to exclude from this disclosure, fixed fee and performance based and contingent arrangements with an original expected duration of one year or less and to exclude our time and expense arrangements for which revenues are recognised using the right to invoice practical expedient.

Contract assets are defined as assets for which revenue is recorded because it was determined probable that the Company will earn a performance based or contingent fee, but is not yet entitled to receive the fees, because certain events, such as completion of the measurement period or client approval, must occur. The contract asset balance was nil as of December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017.

Contract liabilities are defined as liabilities incurred when consideration is received from a client but the agreed upon services have not yet been performed. This may occur when advance billings are received before delivery and when clients pay up-front fees before work begins. The contract liability balance was nil as of December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017.

Unbilled income is recognised in debtors as amounts recoverable on contracts after provision for unrecoverable amounts.

#### Capital contribution

Share interests in the immediate Parent Company granted by the Directors of that Company to Directors and employees of AlixPartners Limited and its subsidiary undertakings are accounted for in each Company's financial statements and included as a capital contribution from the Parent Company. The Company calculates the cost of the shares to the Group based on the option pricing method and the charge relating to each subsidiary is accounted for in that Company.

#### Share based payments - employee services

The fair value of employee services received in exchange for the grant of options or shares is recognised as an expense. The total amount to be expensed annually over the vesting period is determined by reference to the fair value of the options or shares determined at the grant date, excluding the impact of any non-market vesting conditions (for example, profitability and sales growth targets). Non-market vesting conditions are included in assumptions about the number of options that are expected to become exercisable and the number of shares that the employee will ultimately receive. This estimate is revised at each balance sheet date and the difference is charged or credited to the consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

#### Goodwill

Goodwill arising on consolidation represents the excess of the cost of acquisition over the fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities of a subsidiary, associate or jointly controlled entity at the date of acquisition. Goodwill is recognised as an asset and is tested for impairment annually, or on such occasions that events or changes in circumstances indicate that its value might be impaired. Goodwill is allocated to cash-generating units for the purpose of impairment testing.

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

On disposal of a subsidiary, the attributable amount of unamortised goodwill, which has not been subject to impairment, is included in the determination of the profit or loss on disposal.

The goodwill impairment test is performed for each subsidiary which constitutes a business for which discrete financial information is available, and segment management regularly reviews the operating results of each subsidiary.

#### Provision for dismantling and restoration

AlixPartners Limited has a legal obligation to restore the leasehold property owned by third parties, at which the UK business is located, to their original state at the end of the lease. The costs associated with restoring the leasehold property are capitalised in the carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment and depreciated over the life of the lease. The total provision required to restore these leasehold properties, discounted to its present value, is recognised under provisions. If the provision is adjusted, the present value of the changes in the liability are either added to or deducted from the cost of the related asset. The amount deducted from the cost of the related asset shall not exceed its carrying amount. Any excess is recognised immediately in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

#### Onerous lease

The Group provides for its onerous obligations under operating leases when it has committed to a course of action that will result in the property becoming vacant and for properties where rental expense is in excess of income. The estimated timings and amounts of cash flows are determined using the experience of internal and external resources. Any changes to the estimated method of exiting from the property could lead to changes in the level of the provision recorded. Where there is a material impact the provision is calculated on discounted cash flows.

#### **Impairment**

At the reporting date, the Group reviews the carrying amount of its tangible and intangible assets, including goodwill, to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss or if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Group estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the impairment loss is recognised as an expense, unless the relevant asset is land and buildings at a re-valued amount, in which case the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease.

When an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised as income immediately, unless the relevant asset is carried at a re-valued amount, in which case the reversal of the impairment loss treated as a revaluation increase. Impairment losses relating to goodwill are not reversed.

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Intangible assets

Intangible assets represent Customers Lists and Computer Software. The Customer Lists represent the independent valuation to the Group of customer lists existing on the acquisition of subsidiaries. Valuation is determined by calculating the net profit arising on each contract and on each customer discounted at 15% over the period the benefits are expected to flow to the group. Computer software is carried at cost less accumulated amortisation and any recognised impairment loss. Externally acquired Computer Software are capitalised and amortised on a straight line basis over their useful lives. Costs relating to the development of computer software for internal use are capitalised once all the development phase recognition criteria of IAS 28 "Intangible Assets" are met. When the software is available for its intended use, these costs are amortised in equal annual amounts over the estimated useful life of the software. Amortisation and impairment of computer software or licences are charged to administrative expenses in the period in which they arise.

Amortisation is provided based on the expected pattern of consumption of the future economic benefits embodied in the asset:

Customer lists 5 years reducing

balance

Computer software 3 years

#### Depreciation of property, plant and equipment

Depreciation is provided on property, plant and equipment by equal instalments over their estimated useful lives on a straight-line basis:

Leasehold improvements

term of the lease

Office equipment

10 years 10 years

Office fixtures & fittings Computer equipment

3 years

#### Leasing

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Benefits received and receivable as an incentive to enter into operating lease are also spread on a straight line basis over the lease term.

#### Segment reporting

A business segment is a group of assets and operations engaged in providing services that are subject to risks and returns that are different from those of other business segments. The Group's reporting units are its subsidiaries, which are one level below the business segment.

#### Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for any permanent diminution in value.

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### **Pensions**

The Group operates defined contribution personal pension schemes for employees. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the Group in independently administered funds. Contributions in respect of defined contribution plans are charged to profit or loss when they are payable.

#### Financial liabilities and equity

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that creates a residual interest in the assets of Group.

#### **Equity instruments**

Equity instruments issued by the Company are recorded at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs.

#### Financial assets

The Group classifies its financial assets as trade and other receivables. Classification of financial assets depends on the purpose for which the financial assets were acquired. The Group determines the classification of its financial assets at initial recognition.

#### Fair value of financial instruments

Fair value is the price that would be received upon sale of an asset or paid to transfer a liability at an arms-length basis between market participants at the measurement date.

Financial instruments at fair value on the balance sheet are presented regarding the hierarchy of fair value that reflects the importance of data used for valuations. The fair value hierarchy consists of the following levels:

- Level 1 (L1): instruments valued on the basis of quoted prices, in active markets for identical assets and liabilities;
- Level 2 (L2): instruments valued using inputs other than quoted prices listed on Level 1 and that are observable for the asset or liability in question, either directly (i.e. prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices);
- Level 3 (L3): instruments valued using inputs that are not based on market data (referred to as unobservable inputs).

Unobservable inputs are assessed carefully, however, by their very nature, unobservable inputs inject a degree of uncertainty into the valuation of Level 3 instruments.

#### Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for trade receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the Group will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables. The amount of the provision is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flows, discounted at the effective interest rate. The amount of the provision is recognised in the statement of total comprehensive income.

Trade and other receivables are not amortised when the effect is immaterial.

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Financial liabilities

The Group classifies its financial liabilities as trade and other payables. Classification of financial liabilities depends on the purpose for which the financial liabilities arose. The Group determines the classification of its financial liabilities at initial recognition.

Trade and other payables are initially recognised at fair value, which in most cases approximates to the nominal value.

#### **Provisions**

Provisions for onerous contracts, restructuring costs and legal claims are recognised when: the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events; it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation; and the amount has been reliably estimated. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is assessed based on the impact on the class of obligations as a whole, even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one individual item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

Provisions are measured at the present value of the expenditures expected to be required to settle the obligation using a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the obligation. The increase in the provision due to passage of time is recognised as interest expense.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand, short term deposits and other short-term deposits and liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

#### Foreign currencies

The consolidated financial statements are presented in sterling which is the Company's functional currency and the Group's presentational currency. Foreign currency transactions of individual companies are translated at the rates ruling when they occurred. Foreign currency monetary assets and liabilities are translated at the rates ruling at the balance sheet date. Any differences are taken to the consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

On consolidation, the results of overseas operations are translated at the average rates of exchange during the year and their balance sheets translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling on the balance sheet date. Exchange differences that arise from translation of the opening net assets and results of foreign subsidiary undertakings are taken to reserves.

The average rate ruling in the accounting period was US\$1.33: £1 (2017: US\$1.29: £1), €1.13: £1 (2017: €1.14: £1); the rate ruling at the balance sheet date was US\$1.27: £1 (2017: US\$1.35: £1), €1.11: £1 (2017: €1.13: £1).

# **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)**

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### **Taxation**

The tax charge represents the sum of current and deferred tax.

Current tax is based on taxable profits for the year after all potential reliefs available have been utilised. Taxable profits differ from net profits as reported in the statement of comprehensive income because it excludes items that are taxable or deductible in other years and items that are not taxable or deductible. The Group's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

#### **Deferred taxation**

Deferred tax is provided in full in respect of taxation deferred by temporary differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. Deferred tax assets are not recognised to the extent that they will not be recovered. The deferred tax balance has not been discounted.

The carrying amounts of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each balance sheet date and is regarded as recoverable and therefore recognised only when, 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 calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability or the asset is realised.

#### Reserves

#### Currency translation reserve

This reserve represents exchange differences relating to the translation of the net assets of the group's foreign operations from their functional currency into the group's functional currency.

#### Retained earnings

This reserve represents cumulative profits and losses of the group.

#### Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

(a) Critical judgements in applying the Group's accounting policy

In the process of applying the Group's accounting policies which are described above, management has made a significant judgement on the accounting treatment of investments where the Group owns more than 20% of the ordinary shares of another company. Management has not had to make any further significant judgements on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

#### Revenue recognition

The Group evaluates revenue from contracts with customers based on the five-step model under IFRS 15: (1) Identify the contract with the customer; (2) Identify the performance obligations in the contract; (3) Determine the transaction price; (4) Allocate the transaction price to separate performance obligations; and (5) Recognise revenue when (or as) each performance obligation is satisfied. If, at the outset of an arrangement, it is determined that a contract with enforceable rights and obligations does not exist, revenue is deferred until all criteria for an enforceable contract are met.

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

The Group generates the majority of its revenue by providing consulting services to its clients, Most consulting service contracts are based on one of the following types of arrangements:

Time and expense arrangements require the client to pay based on the number of hours worked by revenue generating professionals at contractually agreed-upon rates. The Group recognises revenue for these arrangements based on hours incurred at contracted rates utilising a right-to-invoice practical expedient, an election allowed under the standard, because the Group has a right to consideration for services completed to date. When a time and expense arrangement includes a not-to-exceed or "cap" amount and the Group expects to perform work in excess of the cap, revenue is recognised up to the agreed cap amount specified by the client, based on the efforts or hours incurred as a percentage of total efforts or hours expected to be incurred (e.g. proportional performance method). Certain time and materials arrangements may be subject to third party approval, e.g., a court or other regulatory institution, with interim billing and payments made and received based upon preliminarily agreed upon rates. Revenue for these services is recorded based on the Group's assessment of the expected probability of amounts ultimately to be agreed upon by the court or regulator. These assessments are made on a case-by-case basis depending on the nature of the engagement, client economics, historical experience and other appropriate factors.

Fixed fee arrangements require the client to pay a pre-established fee in exchange for a predetermined set of professional services. Revenue is recognised for these arrangements based on the proportional performance related to individual performance obligations within each arrangement, however, these arrangements generally have one performance obligation.

Performance-based or contingent arrangements represent forms of variable consideration. In these arrangements, fees are based on the attainment of contractually defined objectives, such as completing a business transaction or assisting the client in achieving a specific business objective. When the Group's performance obligation(s) are satisfied over time, the transaction price is determined based on the expected probability of achieving the agreed-upon outcome and revenue is recognised by applying the proportional performance method to the extent it is probable that a significant reversal will not occur.

Time-and-expense and fixed fee billing arrangements may include client incentives in the form of volume-based discounts, where if certain fee levels are reached, the client can receive future services at a discounted hourly rate. Contracts with customers that have a discounted pricing option are evaluated to determine whether they include a material right, which is an option that provides a customer the right to acquire free or discounted goods or services in the future. If the option provides a material right to the customer, a portion of the transaction price is allocated to the material right and revenue is deferred during the pre-discount period.

Reimbursable expenses, including those relating to travel, out-of-pocket expenses, outside consultants and other outside service costs, are generally included in revenues, and an equivalent amount of reimbursable expenses is included in costs of services in the period in which the expense is incurred.

#### Fair value of financial instruments

The fair value of financial assets of Level 3 instruments with unobservable inputs requires significant management judgement, as, by their very nature, unobservable inputs inject a degree of uncertainty into the valuation of Level 3 instruments. The underlying assumptions of these estimates are explained in more detail in Note 11.

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### (b) Key sources of estimation uncertainty

Investments in subsidiaries and calculation of goodwill and intangible assets.

The Company determines whether investments in subsidiaries are impaired at least on an annual basis and measures the recoverable amount of the investments whenever there is an indication that the investments may be impaired. This requires an estimation of the value in use of the investments. Estimating the value in use requires the Company to make an estimate of the expected future cashflow from the subsidiaries and also to choose a suitable discount rate in order to calculate the present value of those cash flows.

#### Bad debt provisions

The trade receivables balances recorded in the Group's statement of financial position comprise a relatively small number of large balances. The provisions are determined based on the management specific reviews and assessment of the collectability of the amounts recorded as receivable from clients. Whilst every attempt is made to ensure that the bad debt provisions are as accurate as possible, there remains a risk that the provisions do not match the level of debts which ultimately prove to be uncollectible.

#### Accrued income provisions

The accrued income balances recorded in the Group's statement of financial position comprise a relatively small number of large balances. The provision is determined based on specific identification plus an estimate for amounts that have not been specifically identified that is based on a rolling twelve-month historical average of realisation adjustments, which management reviews on a regular basis. Whilst every attempt is made to ensure that the accrued income provisions are as accurate as possible, there remains a risk that the provisions do not match the level of debts which ultimately prove to be uncollectible.

#### 2 REVENUE

Revenue has been derived from the Group's principal activity. The Group's revenue is derived from the UK 20% (2017: 26%), continental Europe 56% (2017: 56%) and the rest of the world 24% (2017: 18%).

Included in revenue are amounts of approximately £17.1m (2017: £12.1m) arising on sales to the Group's largest customer.

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)

3	OPERATING PROFIT		
		2018	2017
	Operating profit is stated after charging/(crediting):	£'000	£'000
	Operating leases, property rental	7,235	5,675
	Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	2,928	2,200
	Amortisation of intangible assets	621	1,140
	Auditor's remuneration – audit fees (Parent Company and		
	consolidation)	95	74
	Auditor's remuneration – audit of company's subsidiaries	117	118
	Auditor's remuneration – tax compliance	10	25
	Share option charge	7,477	6,771
	Exchange differences	1,417	(2,011)
	Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	64	3
	Staff costs excluding share option charge	171,693	162,099
	•		
4	INVESTMENT REVENUE		
		2018	2017
		£'000	£,000
	Bank interest	24	75
5	FINANCE COSTS		
3	FINANCE COSTS	2018	2017
å		£,000	£'000
		2 000	2 000
	Interest on loan from parent company	4,410	4,296
	Other interest	495	832
		4,905	5,128

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)

#### 6 TAXATION

Analysis of charge for the year Current tax expense:	2018 £'000	2017 £'000
UK corporation tax	2,328	2,916
Foreign tax	6,998	4,592
Foreign tax relief	(1,184)	(848)
Adjustment in respect of previous years	964	82
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Deferred tax income:	•	·
(Charge)/credit for the year	(1,300)	(181)
Under provision in respect of previous years	•	Ž
Total deferred tax	(1,300)	(179)
Total tax expense	7,806	6,563
Factors affecting the tax charge for the year	2018	2017
	£'000	£'000
The tax assessment for the year is higher than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2017: 19.25%). The differences are explained below:		
Profit before tax	57,675	58,847
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by the standard rate of		
corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2017: 19.25%). Effects of:	10,958	11,328
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	3,014	915
Effect of local production tax	201	432
Tax effect of unrecognised deferred tax assets	•	-
Utilisation of tax losses brought forward	-	(1,317)
Unrelieved tax losses carried forward	714	141
Differences in taxation rates	1,563	1,187
Tax underprovided in previous years	1,055	44
Other temporary differences	(1,300)	(174)
Minority interest taxable on members personally	(8,399)	(5,993)
Effective tax charge	7,806	6,563

#### 7 PARENT COMPANY

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption allowed under Section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not presented its own statement of comprehensive income in these Financial Statements. The Parent Company's profit for the year amounted to £9.1m (2017: £5.6m).

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)

#### 8 GOODWILL - GROUP

	2018 £'000	2017 £'000
Cost At 1 January and 31 December	61,348	61,348
Impairment		
At 1 January and 31 December	5,536	5,536
Net book value		
At 31 December	55,812	55,812

The carrying amount of goodwill allocated to each identified cash generating unit is:

	2018 £'000	2017 £'000
United Kingdom Germany France	38,856 13,583 3,373	38,856 13,583 3,373
Italy	55,812	55,812

Each subsidiary undertaking was reviewed for impairment at 31 December 2018 by looking at the 5 year future cash flow projections discounted at 10% (2017: 15%). The recoverable amount for France, Germany and the UK was estimated to be in excess of the goodwill arising on their acquisition.

Management's assumptions on which the cash flow projections have been completed have been based on key metrics and ratios of historic performance. Management has flexed the assumptions downwards to account for the global economic conditions experienced post year-end.

In accordance with the Group's accounting policy, the carrying values of goodwill are reviewed for impairment annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the asset might be impaired. The carrying values are assessed for impairment purposes by calculating the net present value (NPV) of future cash flows arising from the original acquired businesses or from the business combinations subsequently created. The goodwill impairment review assessed whether the carrying value of goodwill was supported by the NPV of future cash flows based on management forecasts for 5 years from 2019 using an assumed annual growth rate of nil beyond 2019 and a pre-tax discount rate of 10% based on the Group's estimated weighted average cost of capital. Cash flows beyond the 5 year period are extrapolated using terminal value. Management have made the judgement that this long-term growth rate does not exceed the long-term average growth rate for the industry.

Sensitivity analysis was performed using different annual growth rates and a range of different weighted average cost of capital rates and period of forecast. A 1% reduction in growth rate in forecast cash flows and a 1% increase in the discount rate applied would have no impact on carrying values. Management concluded that an annual growth rate pre-tax discount rate of 10% was appropriate and safe in view of all relevant factors and reasonable scenarios. A 2% increase in the rate used would result in the carrying value being equal to the recoverable value.

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)

#### 8 GOODWILL - GROUP (continued)

NPV calculations have been run under several scenarios including change in WACC, change in growth rates and change in period of forecasts, to test the sensitivity of the investment and goodwill carrying values. Directors are of the view that growth based on projected increase in consultants is at the lower end of expectations of future performance based on historical results and the specific budgets and business plans of the CGU's.

#### 9 OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS - GROUP

	Customer Lists	Computer Software	Total	Customer Lists	Computer Software	Total
			2018 £'000			2017 £'000
Cost			•			
At 1 January	8,027	-	8,027	8,027	-	8,027
Additions	-	1,392	1,392	-	-	•
At 31 December	8,027	1,392	9,419	8,027	-	8027
Amortisation						
At 1 January	7,445	-	7,445	6,305	-	6,305
Charge for the year	490	131	621	1,140	-	1,140
At 31 December	7,935	131	8,066	7,445	-	7,445
Net book value						
At 31 December	92	1,261	1,353	582	-	582

The Customer Lists will be fully amortised January 2020.

#### 10 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES RECEIVABLE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	Group 2018 £'000	Group 2017 £'000	Company 2018 £'000	Company 2017 £'000
Amounts owed by Group undertakings	-	-	71,319	64,541
Other receivables	214	(5)	-	-
Amounts due to related parties	200	257		
	414	252	71,319	64,541

The Company amounts owed by Group undertakings includes an intercompany facility for \$74,723,093 (2017: \$71,293,362) with interest charged at a rate of 4% +LIBOR p.a., which is due for repayment on 1 January 2026. The facility is unsecured.

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)

#### 11 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT AND LOSS

	20	2018		2017	
	Level 3 £ '000	Total £ '000	Level 3 £ '000	Total £ '000	
Equity investments	140	140			

The Group holds a 0.4% interest in Sthaler Limited, a privately-owned company in the Fintech sector. The initial fair value at acquisition was assessed against similar transactions in Sthaler Limited nearer the reporting date. Based on the observed transactions there has been no change in the carrying value of the equity investment.

#### 12 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT – GROUP

	Leasehold improvements	Fixtures fittings and equipment	Computer equipment	Assets in course of construction	Total
•	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cost					
At 1 January 2017	4,173	2,971	6,637	277	14,058
Additions	132	263	510	137	1,042
Transfer of assets in course of	-	-	277	(277)	-
construction	(050)	(50)	(007)		(670)
Disposals	(259)	(53) 55	(367)	-	(679)
Foreign currency adjustment	101	55	7.404	407	200
At 31 December 2017	4,147	3,236	7,101	137	14,621
Additions	1,230	502	1,727	4,257	7,716
Disposals	(778)	(828)	· (40)	2	(1,646)
Foreign currency adjustment	27		30		88
At 31' December 2018	4,626	2,939	8,818	4,396	20,779
Depreciation					
At 1 January 2017	1,696	1,672	4,219	_	7,587
Charge for the year	507	243	1,450	-	2,200
Impairment losses	(259)	(51)	(366)	-	(676)
Arising on disposals	91	35	34	_	160
Foreign currency adjustment	•				
At 31 December 2017	2,035	1,899	5,337	-	9,271
Charge for the year	680	298	1,950	-	2,928
Arising on disposals	(597)	(686)	(297)	-	(1,580)
Foreign currency adjustment	12	17	26	-	55
At 31 December 2018	2,130	1,528	7,016	-	10,674
Net be always					
Net book value	0.400	4 444	4 000	4 200	40 405
At 31 December 2018	2,496	1,411	1,802	4,396	10,105
At 31 December 2017	2,112	1,337	1,764	137	5,350

No assets are secured.

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)

## 12 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT - COMPANY

	Leasehold improvements	Fixtures fittings and equipment	Computer equipment	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cost				
At 1 January 2017	2,419	72	93	2,584
Additions	16	•	-	16_
At 31 December 2017	2,435	72	93	2,600
Additions	253	3	<u> </u>	256
At 31 December 2018	2,688	75	93	2,856
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2017	305	9	34	348
Charge for the year	408	9	31	448
At 31 December 2017	713	18	65	796
Charge for the year	466	8	28	502
At 31 December 2018	1,179	26	93	1,298
Net book value	•			
At 31 December 2018	1,509	49	_	1,558
At 31 December 2017	1,722	54	28	1,804

No assets are secured.

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)

## 13 INVESTMENTS

#### **COMPANY**

04	2018 £'000	2017 £'000
Cost		
At 1 January and 31 December	44,558	44,558
Impairment		
At 1 January	22,177	22,177
Impairment reversal	(4,488)	-
At 31 December	17,689	22,177
Net book value		
At 31 December	26,869	22,381

The principal subsidiary undertakings included in the consolidated accounts are:

	Country of incorporation	Proportion of ordinary capital held	Nature of business
AlixPartners SAS	France	100%	Consultancy
AlixPartners GmbH	Germany	100%	Consultancy
AlixPartners SRL	Italy	100%	Consultancy
AlixPartners UK LLP	UK	99%	Consultancy
AlixPartners Services UK LLP	UK	99%	Consultancy
AlixPartners Corporate Finance Limited	UK	100%	Consultancy
AlixPartners SV Ukraine Limited	UK	100%	Consultancy
AlixPartners Ukraine LLC	Ukraine	1%	Consultancy
AlixPartners Proprietary Limited	South Africa	100%	Consultancy

AlixPartners Limited has effective control of AlixPartners Ukraine LLC (LLC) by virtue of its holding in AlixPartners SV Ukraine Limited which holds 99% of the ordinary capital of LLC.

## 14 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES RECEIVABLE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Group 2018 £'000	Group 2017 £'000	Company 2018 £'000	Company 2017 £'000
Trade receivables	69,983	59,978	3,716	790
Trade receivables – provision	(4,640)	(5,167)	(1)	
Trade receivables net	65,343	54,811	3,715	790
Amounts owed by Group undertakings Taxation and social security	66,658	57,229	4,504	12,476 95
Other receivables	1,327	3,785	(6)	25
Corporation tax	-	-	576	-
Prepayments	2,915	2,705	112	(10)
Amounts recoverable on contracts	15,693 151,936	13,734 132,264	965 9,866	743 14,119
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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)

## 14 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES RECEIVABLE WITHIN ONE YEAR (continued)

Included in other receivables are rent deposits of £0.4m (2017: £0.5m) repayable after more than one year.

The analysis of unsecured trade receivables that were past due but not impaired is as follows:

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		Neither past			
		due nor	Past d	lue but not in	npaired
	Total	impaired	< 60 days	60-120 days	> 120 days
As at 31 December 2018	£,000	£'000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Trade receivables	69,983	28,997	15,611	15,526	9,849
Trade receivables – provision	(4,640)	•	(174)	-	(4,466)
	65,343	28,997	15,611	15,526	5,209
As at 31 December 2017	£'000	£'000	£'000	£,000	£'000
Trade receivables	59,978	25,759	14,575	12,109	7,535
Trade receivables – provision	(5,167)	-	-	-	(5,167)
•	54,811	25,759	14,575	12,109	2,368

The Company unsecured trade receivables past due but not impaired were £1.8m (2017: £0.7m).

#### Movement on the provision for trade receivables are as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2018 £'000	2017 £'000	2018 £'000	2017 £'000
As at 1 January	5,167	8,837	-	63
Provision in year	2,597	1,973	1	-
Receivables written off	(2,002)	(4,259)	-	~
Unused amounts released	(1,122)	(1,384)	-	(63)
At 31 December	4,640	5,167	1	

Included within trade receivables is £0.2m (2017: £nil) due from the Group's largest customer. Before clients are taken on, a credit assessment is made and retainers obtained in the event of default.

Provisions are determined based on management's specific review and assessment of the collectability of amounts recorded as receivables from clients.

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)

## 15 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and in banks net of outstanding bank overdrafts. Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year as shown in the cash flow statement can be reconciled to the related items in the balance sheet as follows:

GROUP	2018 £'000	2017 £'000
Cash at bank and in hand	44,514	55,142
COMPANY	2018 £'000	2017 £'000
Cash at bank and in hand	6,640	728

## 16 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Group 2018 £'000	Group 2017 £'000	Company 2018 £'000	Company 2017 £'000
Trade payables	2,179	4,049	38	17
Due to Group companies	21,462	38,338	24,523	30,441
Corporation tax	3,940	1,014	-	1,059
Taxation and other social security	18,622	17,221	608	166
Accruals and deferred income	28,683	28,342	1,295	1,083
Amounts due to related parties	, 	4,269	<u> </u>	
-	74,886	93,233	26,464	32,766
	On time		Past due	
Total	l	< 60 days	60-120 days	> 120 days

		On time		Past due	
	Total		< 60 days	60-120 days	> 120 days
As at 31 December 2018	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£'000
Trade payables	2,179	1,278	498	359	44

As at 31 December 2017	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Trade payables	4,049	2,039	972	813	225

## **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)**

#### 16 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR (continued)

The amounts due to the Group undertakings are interest free, unsecured and have no fixed terms of repayment but are not due for repayment until the Company's and Group's resources permit.

### 17 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	Group 2018 £'000	Group 2017 £'000	Company 2018 £'000	Company 2017 £'000
Discount note due to Group undertaking	91,646	82,797	91,646	82,797
Accruals and deferred income	2,075	1,389	934	1,308
Amounts due to related parties	2,265	2,745	-	-
	95,986	86,931	92,580	84,105

Effective 1 January 2016 the Company issued a \$105,877,639 unsecured loan note in the form of a discount note to AlixPartners Finance Company, LLC.

The new discount note is discounted at 5.25% p.a. and is due for repayment by 1 Jan 2026.

#### 18 PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

	Group 2018 £'000	Group 2017 £'000	Company 2018 £'000	Company 2017 £'000
At 1 January	3,886	4,046	1,018	979
Additional provision in the year	1,410	774	311	39
Provision released in the year	(375)	(150)	-	-
Utilisation of provision	(170)	(784)	-	-
At 31 December	4,751	3,886	1,329	1,018

The gross provision includes £1.5m (2017: £1.3m) for the expected rectification costs to be incurred on cessation of the UK leasehold property agreement. The rectification costs are expected to be incurred between 2019 and 2026.

Litigation provisions have been set up to cover legal and administrative proceedings that arise in the ordinary course of business. These provisions concern numerous cases whose detailed disclosure could seriously prejudice the interests of the Group. Reversal of such provisions refers to cases resolved in favour of the Group. The timing of cash outflows of litigation provisions is uncertain as it depends upon the outcome of the proceedings. These provisions are therefore not discounted because their present value would not represent meaningful information. Management does not believe it is possible to make assumptions on the evolution of the cases beyond the balance sheet date.

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)

### 19 DEFERRED TAXATION

The main rate of corporation tax rate will be 19% (19%) from 1 April 2018 (2017). The change was substantively enacted by the balance sheet date, therefore this rate has been reflected in these financial statements.

The deferred tax included in the balance sheet is as follows: Group	2018 £'000	° 2017 £'000
Deferred tax at 1 January	574	395_
Adjustment due to change in UK corporation tax rate Change in deferred tax concerning the profit/(loss) for the year Deferred tax at 31 December	1,339 1,913	(3) 182 574
Company	2018 £'000	2017 £'000
Deferred tax at 1 January	(19)	(61)
Adjustment due to change in UK corporation tax rate Change in deferred tax concerning the loss for the year Deferred tax at 31 December	9 (10)	42 (19)
Deferred tax assets have not been recognised in respect of the following items:	Group 2018 £'000	Group 2017 £'000
Accelerated depreciation Tax losses	241 871 1,112	197 3,956 4,153

The deferred tax asset has not been recognised due to the uncertainty of utilisation of these losses.

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)

### 20 ORDINARY SHARES

ONDINARY STARES	2018 £	2017 £
Allotted and fully paid 100 ordinary shares of £1 each (2017: 100 ordinary shares of £1 each)	100	100

## 21 FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

The Group and Company has no finance leases.

At 31 December the annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

Group	Land and Buildings 2018	Other 2018	Land and Buildings 2017	Other 2017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expiry date:				
Within one year	5,812	853	4.595	•
Between two and five years	17,406	754	18,063	-
Over five years	6,221		7,630_	
	29,439	1,607	30,288	*

## Company

	Land and buildings		
	2018 £'000	2017 £'000	
Expiry date:	,		
Within one year	3,260	2,883	
Between two and five years	7,902	10,249	
Over five years	-	-	
	11,162	13,132	

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)

#### 22 EMPLOYEES

## **Number of employees**

The average number of persons (including Directors) employed during the year was 663 (2017: 597) classified as follows:

Category: Consultants Administration	2018 No. 476 187 663	2017 No. 443 154 597
Employment costs	2018 £'000	2017 £'000
Wages and salaries Social security costs Pensions	158,441 17,055 3,674 179,170	149,216 16,303 3,351 168,870
Directors' emoluments	2018 £'000	2017 £'000
Emoluments for qualifying services	3,449	3,320
Emoluments paid to the highest paid director	3,047	2,384

During the year pension contributions of £nil (2017: £3,077) and share based payments of £nil (2017: £nil) were made to Directors for qualifying services. Key management personnel are deemed to be the Directors of the Company and payments made to them during the year are detailed in the Directors' emoluments above.

### 23 PENSION COSTS

The Group offers employees a choice of defined contribution personal pension schemes. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the Group in independently administered funds. The pension cost represents contributions payable by the Group to the funds and amounted to £3.7m (2017: £3.4m). Contributions totalling £0.03m (2017: £0.1m) were payable to the funds at the year-end and are included in trade and other payables.

#### 24 SHARE BASED PAYMENTS

#### 2012 and 2017 LLP Interest and Option Plan

AlixPartners Holdings, LLP (the "Partnership") established 2012 and 2017 LLP Interest and Option Plans to provide long-term incentives to certain of the LLP's Members' and staff, by providing incentives through the granting of Common Interests, Common Options, CUPI Options or OPI Options. The majority of these awards vest ratably over three or five years, and the options have no exercise price and a maximum 10-year exercise period. The exercise period is subject to the terms of the individual award agreements.

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)

### 24 SHARE BASED PAYMENTS (Continued)

During 2013, the Partnership awarded CUPI Options to the Group's Members' and staff, with the intent that the participants, with continued service, would be rewarded in the event the Partnership is sold or an initial public offering occurs. The awards vest as of the first date on which both a service-based time condition and a liquidity event condition are met. The time condition is either a ratable three or five year service period, beginning on the award date. The provisions of the awards include a clawback feature, which allows both vested and unvested awards to be clawed back by the Partnership under subjective circumstances. The clawback feature expires on the earlier of the Managing Director's termination of employment or communication to the Managing Director that the clawback feature has expired. The liquidity event condition is defined as a sale of the Partnership or 180 days after an initial public offering. Furthermore, CUPI Options have no exercise price and a 10-year term.

The Partnership awards CUPI Options and OPI options to the LLP's Members and staff, which vest ratably over a three or five year service period, beginning on the date of the award. The provisions of the awards may include a clawback feature, which allows both vested and unvested awards to be clawed back by the Partnership under subjective circumstances. The clawback feature expires on the earlier of the Managing Director's termination of employment or communication to the Managing Director that the clawback feature has expired. The CUPI Options and OPI Options have no exercise price and a 10-year term.

During 2017, as part of the Investor Transaction, the Parent awarded CUPI Options which are subject to performance vesting conditions ("Performance CUPI Options"). The terms of the performance conditions state that the Parent must meet certain financial metrics. The provisions of the awards include a clawback feature, which allows both vested and unvested awards to be clawed back by the Parent under subjective circumstances. The clawback feature expires on the earlier of the Member's termination of employment or communication to the Member that the clawback feature has expired. The Performance CUPI Options have no exercise price and a maximum 10-year exercise period. The exercise period is subject to the terms of the individual award agreements.

#### **Rollover LLP Interest and Option Plan**

In connection with a previous merger agreement, the Parent established the Rollover LLP Interest and Option Plan (the "Rollover Plan") to govern the rights and restrictions of unvested Common Interests and unvested Common Options that were issued in exchange for predecessor entity Interests and Options. The unvested predecessor entity Interests and Options were exchanged at fair value for unvested Common Interests or unvested Common Options at a conversion value of \$1 per Common Interest. The unvested Common Interests and unvested Common Options vest over the same remaining service period as the original award (e.g., ratably over 6 months to 5 years) and the Common Options have no exercise price and a 10-year term. The exercise period is subject to the terms of the individual award agreements. No other Common Interests or Common Options may be granted under the Rollover Plan.

Common Interests and Common Options that were issued in exchange for predecessor entity Interests and Options vest ratably over a five year service period, beginning on the date of the original award, subject to the achievement of annual performance goals which, generally, vary on an individual-by-individual basis and are subjective in nature. The Common Options have no exercise price and a 10-year term. No compensation expense was recognised in the financial statements related to these awards as the service period for accounting purposes has not been established until the future annual performance goals are communicated to the holders of these awards.

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)

## 24 SHARE BASED PAYMENTS (Continued)

The charge to the statement of comprehensive income is apportioned for the period those granted options were employees or members of the Group and for the year is £7.5m (2017: £6.8m).

The Interests and Options under the plans, which are equity-based compensation and liability-based compensation awards, are accounted for in accordance with the fair value provisions of IFRS2.

Principles of option pricing theory were used to calculate the fair value of the grants.

Under this methodology, Common Interests, Common Options, CUPI Options, OPI Options, (collectively "Interests") are modelled as having distinct claims on the assets of the Partnership. Valuations are performed in order to estimate the fair value of Interests granted. The expected term of the Interests reflects the period during which the Interests are expected to be restricted. The expected volatilities are developed using expected historical volatilities of similar publicly traded companies.

The risk-free rate is based on U.S. Treasury zero-coupon yield curves with a remaining term equivalent to the expected time period until a liquidity event (i.e., sale of the business or initial public offering). The discount for post-vesting restrictions was 24% (2017: 27%).

The fair values of Interests were estimated at the date of grant using the following key assumptions:

·	Year Ended 31 December 2018	Year Ended 31 December 2017
Expected term	8.09 years	9.17 years
Expected volatility	40%	45%
Expected dividend yield	0.00%	0.00%
Risk-free rate	3.02%	2.34%

In concert with the Investor Transaction, the Parent established the AlixPartners Equity Exchange ("APEX") program. As part of this program, the Parent may propose to offer, from time to time, to buy back equity from eligible MDs, subject to certain restrictions. The APEX program also defines circumstances under which the Parent will repurchase MD equity upon qualifying terminations. The repurchase price will be the average of the fair market values at different dates before and/or after the date of purchase, and payments will be made in installments over the following 12 to 16 calendar quarters following the date of purchase as defined in the APEX agreement.

After a participant's termination and subject to meeting qualification requirements, the participant may tender their awards to the Parent. Payment for the repurchase will occur in instalments under the terms of the APEX agreement. Alternatively, the Parent may repurchase a participant's awards upon the later of six months and one day following vesting of an award or 60 days after the participant's termination under the terms of the Equityholders' Agreements. Additionally, the LLP Interests contain certain repurchase provisions that could result in an award being settled for cash at less than fair value in the event of certain types of termination scenarios. LLP Interests that, based on AlixPartners Holdings' estimates, are expected to be repurchased by AlixPartners Holdings at below fair value are accounted for as liability-based compensation awards, which are marked to fair value at each reporting period until settlement, with the changes in fair value recorded in the consolidated statements of operations. The liability associated with such LLP Interests at December 31 2018 and December 31, 2017 was de minimis. The weighted average remaining contractual life of the options at the end of the year was 6.71 years (2017: 9.30 years).

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)

## 24 SHARE BASED PAYMENTS (Continued)

Key information regarding the 2012 and 2017 Plan and Rollover Plan during the year ended 31 December 2018 is set out below:

Class	Date of grant of options	The Scheme at beginning of financial period	Granted during the financial period	Forfeited during the financial period	Repurchased during the financial period	Exercised during the financial period	At end of financial period	Price at grant date	Fair value per share
Common LLP Interests	29 June 2012	50,626	-	-	-	-	50,626	\$0.70	\$0.70
Common LLP Options	29 June 2012	420,483	•	•	-	-	420,483	\$0.70	\$0.70
Common LLP Options	09 August 2012	871,000	•	•	(82,000)	-	789,000	\$0.70	\$0.70
Common LLP Options	01 March 2013	668,502	-		-	•	668.502	\$0.81	\$0.81
Common LLP Options	31 March 2014	757,571	-	-		-	757,571	\$0.82	\$0.82
Common LLP Options	31 March 2015	872,760	-	-	•	-	872,760	\$1.03	\$1.03
Common LLP Options Options to purchase Catch-up	31 March 2016	508,592	-	(16,792)	(55,298)	•	436,502	\$1.13	\$1.13
Profits Interests Options to purchase Catch-up	29 June 2012	2,166,487	•	(51,445)	•	-	2,115,042	\$0.53	\$0.53
Profits Interests Options to purchase Catch-up	05 April 2013	1,888,506	-	(91,743)	•	-	1,796,763	\$0.61	\$0.61
Profits Interests Options to purchase Catch-up	21 April 2014	2,566,079	•	(179,579)	•	-	2,386,500	\$0.61	\$0.61
Profits Interests Options to purchase Catch-up	10 April 2015	2,869,871	-	(145,834)	-	-	2,724,037	\$0.73	\$0.73
Profits Interests Options to purchase Catch-up	18 April 2016	2,788,326	•	(76,642)	•	-	2,711,684	\$0.74	\$0.74
Profits Interests Options to purchase Catch-up	25 May 2016	288,318	•	•	•	-	288,318	\$0.74	\$0.74
Profits Interests Options to purchase Catch-up	14 February 2017	6,678,882	-	(265,947)	(8,059)	-	6,404,876	\$2.48	\$2.48
Profits Interests Options to purchase Catch-up	5 April 2017	2,351,476	-	(57,755)	(8,251)	-	2,285,470	\$1.12	\$1.12
Profits Interests Options to purchase Ordinary	17 April 2018	-	4,795,103	(122,952)	•	-	4,672,151	\$1.27	\$1.27
Profit Interests Options to purchase Ordinary	29 June 2012	3,156,041	-	(176,959)	(74,082)	-	2,905,000	\$0.36	\$0.36
Profit Interests Options to purchase Ordinary	05 April 2013	95,608	•	•	-	-	95,608	\$0.42	\$0.42
Profit Interests Options to purchase Ordinary	11 December 2013	317.948	-	(30,000)	•	-	287,948	\$0.38	\$0.38
Profit Interests Options to purchase Ordinary	21 April 2014	609,132	-	-	•	-	609,132	\$0.40	\$0.40
Profit Interests Options to purchase Ordinary	15 October 2014	147,887	-	-	-	•	147,887	\$0.47	\$0.47
Profit Interests Options to purchase Ordinary	10 April 2015	330,885	-	•	-	-	330,885	\$0.41	\$0.41
Profit Interests Options to purchase Ordinary	29 October 2015	118,110	-	(118,110)	-	•	-	\$0.37	\$0.37
Profit Interests Options to purchase Ordinary	18 April 2016	437,960	•	-	•	-	437,960	\$0.36	\$0.36
Profit Interests Options to purchase Ordinary	14 February 2017	708,398	-	(32,133)	-	-	676.265	\$2.48	\$2.48
Profit Interests Options to purchase Ordinary	5 April 2017	1,039,600	-	(79,208)	•	•	960.392	\$0.82	\$0.82
Profit Interests Options to purchase Ordinary	26 October 2017	72,816	-	•	-	•	72,816	\$0.85	\$0.85
Profit Interests Options to purchase Ordinary	17 April 2018	-	799,179	-	-	-	799,179	\$0.82	\$0.82
Profit Interests	27 April 2018		881,147			-	881,147	\$0.82	\$0.82
		32,781,864	6,475,429	(1,445,099)	(227,690)	•	37,584,504	=	

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)

#### 25 ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

On 12 January 2017, a transfer of ownership was executed between the ultimate controlling party, Affiliates of CVC Capital Partners ("CVC Capital"), incorporated in the United States of America, and Lakeview Capital, Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec, Public Sector Pension Investment Board and Investcorp Group (collectively the "New Investors"). The post-ownership change structure results in no individual investor being the ultimate controlling party.

The parent undertaking of the smallest group and largest of undertakings for which consolidated financial statements are drawn up and of which the company is a member is AlixPartners Holdings, LLP, a company registered in the United States of America.

#### **26 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

#### Group

Intercompany costs and revenues are for the provision of professional services between group undertakings.

Transactions with fellow group companies for the year ended 31 December 2018 are:

	Cost 2018 £'000	Revenue 2018 £'000	Receivable/(payable) at 2018 £'000
AP Services, LLC	-	3,153	3,308
AlixPartners (Shanghai) Business Advisory	209	93	1,253
Services Ltd			
AlixPartners Hong Kong Limited	123	586	3,006
AlixPartners Canada Inc	-	483	(320)
AlixPartners Asia, LLC	3	2,010	16,255
AlixPartners LLC (California)	307	3,169	7,607
System Advisory Group, LLC	-	-	11
AlixPartners Finance Company	-	-	(91,646)
AlixPartners International, LLC	-	3,743	13,438
AlixPartners Argentina SRL	303	-	(255)
AlixPartners International, Inc (S Korea	12	3	501
Branch)			
AlixPartners Holdings	-	-	2,346
AlixPartners International, Inc	-	4,246	560
AlixPartners Forensic Services, LLC	-	-	12
AlixPartners International, Inc (Puerto Rico	-	-	107
Branch)			
AlixPartners Evidence Exchange	-	-	2
AlixPartners, ULC	-	542	987
AlixPartners LLC	8,169	26,417	(3,622)
	9,126	44,445	(46,450)

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)

## 26 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

Transactions with fellow group companies for the year ended 31 December 2017 are:

	Cost 2017 £'000	Revenue 2017 £'000	Receivable/(payable) at 2017 £'000
AP Services, LLC	-	2,214	2,799
AlixPartners (Shanghai) Business Advisory Services Ltd	123	101	1,320
AlixPartners Hong Kong Limited	12	1,512	2,335
AlixPartners Canada Inc	-	1	62
AlixPartners Asia, LLC	1	5,552	12,907
AlixPartners LLC (California)	178	4,376	3,981
System Advisory Group, LLC	-	•	10
AlixPartners Finance Company	-	-	(82,796)
AlixPartners International, LLC	-	6,673	17,608
AlixPartners Argentina SRL	124	280	(121)
AlixPartners International, Inc (S Korea Branch)	44	30	461
AlixPartners Holdings	-	-	(7,736)
AlixPartners International, Inc	-	685	1,507
AlixPartners Forensic Services, LLC	_	-	12
AlixPartners International, Inc (Puerto Rico Branch)	-	-	106
AlixPartners Evidence Exchange	-	-	2
AlixPartners LLC	8,496	17,365	(16,361)
	8,978	38,789	(63,904)

Additional transactions with AlixPartners, LLC not included above are;

2018	2017
£'000	£,000
19,075	18,226
14,618	11,377
	<b>£'000</b> 19,075

### Company

Interest of £4.4m was payable by the company to AlixPartners Finance Co. (2017: £4.3m).

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)

## 26 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

## Company

Transactions with fellow group companies for the period ended 31 December 2018 are:

	Cost	Revenue	Receivable/(payable)
	2018	2018	at 2018
	£'000	£,000	£'000
AlixPartners UK LLP	1,671	774	45,448
AlixPartners Corporate Finance Ltd	-	-	(2,185)
AlixPartners SAS	1,258	414	(1,060)
AlixPartners Finance Company	· -	-	(91,646)
AlixPartners GmbH	6 <u>,</u> 311	1,030	(5,684)
AlixPartners, LLC	3,463	3,770	14,394
AlixPartners SRL	429	-	(2,163)
AlixPartners, LLC (California)	-	3	571
AlixPartners Asia LLC	-	-	(1)
AlixPartners Argentina SRL	5	-	(14)
AlixPartners International Inc	-	111	(2)
AlixPartners International, LLC	-	1,125	1,859
AlixPartners Services UK LLP	1	-	562
AlixPartners Holdings LLP	-	-	(25)
AlixPartners Services LLC	-	-	(10)
AlixPartners SV Ukraine Limited	-	•	18
AlixPartners Ukraine LLC	-	-	(408)
	13,138	7,227	(40,346)

Transactions with fellow group companies for the period ended 31 December 2017 are:

	Cost 2017	Revenue 2017	Receivable/(payable) at 2017
	£'000	£'000	£'000
AlixPartners UK LLP	358	248	9,393
AlixPartners Corporate Finance Ltd	-	-	(2,191)
AlixPartners SAS	268	124	(264)
AlixPartners Finance Company	-	-	(82,797)
AlixPartners GmbH	450	64	(723)
AlixPartners, LLC	369	2,560	12,889
AlixPartners SRL	1,349	-	(1,696)
AlixPartners, LLC (California)	-	460	567
AlixPartners Argentina SRL	-	~	(10)
AlixPartners International, LLC	-	2,186	1,097
AlixPartners Services UK LLP	9	-	27,625
AlixPartners Holdings LLP	-	-	(27)
AlixPartners SV Ukraine Limited	-	-	227
AlixPartners Ukraine LLC	1	-	(309)
	2,804	5,642	(36,219)

Intercompany costs and revenues are for the provision of professional services between group undertakings.

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)

#### 27 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Risk management is integral to the business of the Group. The Group has a system of controls in place to create an acceptable balance between the cost of risks occurring and the cost of managing the risks. Management continually monitors the Group's risk management process to ensure that an appropriate balance between risk and control is achieved. This section provides details of the Group's exposure to financial risks and describes the methods used by management to control such risk.

Details of significant accounting policies and methods adopted, including the criteria for recognition, the basis of measurement and the basis on which income and expenses are recognised, in respect of each class of financial asset, financial liability and equity instrument are disclosed in note 1 to the financial statements.

The Group's financial instruments comprise cash and various items, such as trade receivables and trade payables that arise directly from its operations. The Group does not trade in derivative financial instruments.

#### Credit risk

Credit risk is the potential financial loss resulting from the failure of a customer or counterparty in settling their financial and contractual obligations to the Group, as and when they fall due. The Group's primary exposure to credit risk relates to the financial assets of the Group including cash and deposits that are placed with financial institutions which are regulated. The carrying amount of the Group's financial assets represents its maximum exposure to credit risk.

#### Liquidity risk

It is the Group's policy to finance its business through working capital. Requirements to implement the Group's business plan are kept under regular review by the Board. The Group monitors its liquidity risk and maintains a level of cash and cash equivalents deemed adequate by the management to finance the Group's operations and to mitigate the effects of fluctuations in its cash flows. Cash not required for immediate operations is placed on deposit but can be drawn down by the Group at any time. The Group had no external borrowings at the year-end.

The maturity profile of the Group's financial liabilities was as follows:

	Total	On	< 3 months	3-12	1-5
		demand		months	years
As at 31 December 2018	£'000	£,000	£'000	£,000	£'000
Trade and other payables	(170,872)	-	(74,483)	(403)	(95,986)
	(170,872)	-	(74,483)	(403)	(95,986)
As at 31 December 2017					
Trade and other payables	(180,164)		(92,195)	(1,038)	(86,931)
	(180,164)	-	(92,195)	(1,038)	(86,931)

### **Currency risk**

The Group's activities are principally conducted in GBP, EUR and USD. Transactions with the Parent Company are GBP denominated. Foreign exchange risk arises from income received in these currencies together with a limited amount of exposure to costs payable. The Group does not use any forward contracts to hedge its exposure to foreign currency risks.

The Company is exposed to foreign currency fluctuations arising on translation of its foreign subsidiaries, as well as its foreign denominated financial assets and liabilities recorded within the operational Company.

Some of the Group's assets and liabilities are denominated in Euros and US Dollars.

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)

## 27 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

The Group's exposure to foreign currency exchange rate risk at 31 December 2018 was:

	EUR £'000	USD £'000	GBP £'000	Total £'000
Assets				
Trade and other receivables	48,672	20,480	83,198	152,350
Cash and cash equivalents	22,976	304	21,234	44,514
	71,648	20,784	104,432	196,864
<b>Liabilities</b> Trade and other payables	34,918	91,563	44,391	170,872

The Group's exposure to foreign currency exchange rate risk at 31 December 2017 was:

	EUR £'000	USD £'000	GBP £'000	Total £'000
Assets		· · · · · · ·		
Trade and other receivables	45,218	14,610	72,688	132,516
Cash and cash equivalents	26,094	7_	29,041	55,142
	71,312	14,617	101,729	187,658
<b>Liabilities</b> Trade and other payables	32,950	82,797	64,417	180,164

The following table demonstrates the estimated sensitivity of post-tax profit and net assets to an increase/(decrease) in the exchange rate, assuming all other variables are held constant.

	2018 £'000	2017 £'000
GBP/EUR up 10%	(3,673)	(2,858)
GBP/EUR down 10%	3,673	2,858
GBP/EUR up 20%	(7,346)	(5,716)
GBP/EUR down 20%	7,346	5,716
GBP/USD up 10%	(7,077)	(6,817)
GBP/USD down 10%	7,077	6,817
GBP/USD up 20%	(14,155)	(13,636)
GBP/USD down 20%	14,155	13,636

A number of the Company's assets and liabilities are denominated in Euros and USD.

## **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)**

### 27 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

The Company's exposure to foreign currency exchange rate risk at 31 December 2018 was:

	EUR £'000	USD £'000	GBP £'000	Total £'000
Assets	<del>-, •••</del>			
Trade and other receivables	2,421	16,398	62,366	81,185
Cash and cash equivalents		386	6,254_	6,640
	2,421	16,784	68,620	87,825
<b>Liabilities</b> Trade and other payables	· -	91,563	27,481	119,044

The Company's exposure to foreign currency exchange rate risk at 31 December 2017 was:

•	EUR £'000	USD £'000	GBP £'000	Total £'000
Assets Trade and other receivables Cash and cash equivalents	157	11,698 7	66,805 721	78,660 728
	157	11,705	67,526	79,388
<b>Liabilities</b> Trade and other payables	_	82,797	34,074	116,871

The following table demonstrates the estimated sensitivity of post-tax profit and net assets to an increase/(decrease) in the exchange rate, assuming all other variables are held constant.

	2018 £'000	2017 £'000
GBP/EUR up 10%	(242)	(13)
GBP/EUR down 10%	` 242	<b>`1</b> 3
GBP/EUR up 20%	(484)	(26)
GBP/EUR down 20%	* \ 484	` 2 <b>6</b>
GBP/USD up 10%	(7,833)	(7,109)
GBP/USD down 10%	7,833	7,109
GBP/USD up 20%	(15,667)	(14,218)
GBP/USD down 20%	15,667	14,218

### Capital risk management

The Group's and Company's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard its ability to continue as a going concern so that it may continue to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders. The focus of the Group's and Company's capital risk management is the current working capital position against the requirements of the Group to meet investment programmes and corporate overheads. This is monitored at the consolidated level of the immediate parent.

## **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)**

## 27 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

The Group's policy is to keep the ratio below 4.9. The Group monitors capital using a ratio of 'adjusted net debt' to equity. The AlixPartners Limited Group's adjusted net debt to equity ratio was as follows:

	2018	2017
	£'000	£'000
Total liabilities	175,623 <sup>-</sup>	184,050
Less: cash and cash equivalents	(44,514)	(55,142)
Adjusted net debt	131,109	128,908
Total equity	90,564	65,926
Adjusted net debt to equity ratio	1.45	1.96

#### Interest rate risk

The Group and Company has interest bearing assets, but no such liabilities external to the Group. Interest bearing assets include cash balances that earn interest at a floating rate and a loan note which pays interest at a fixed rate.

The following table demonstrates the estimated sensitivity of post-tax profit to a 0.5% absolute change in interest rates, assuming all other variables are held constant.

Group	Effect on post tax profit		
	2018 £'000	2017 £'000	
Interest rates up 0.5%	213	113	
Interest rates down 0.5%	(56)	(7)	
Company	Effect on po	st tax profit	
	2018	2017	
	£'000	£'000	
Interest rates up 0.5%	-	-	
Interest rates down 0.5%	-	-	

#### Fair values of financial assets and liabilities

The Directors consider there to be no difference between the carrying value of the Group and Company financial assets and liabilities and their fair value.

## Financial assets and liabilities by category

Group 2018	Loans and receivables £'000	Total £'000
Financial assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	44,514	44,514
Trade and other receivables	152,350	152,350
Total financial assets	196,864	196,864
	Other financial liabilities	Total
	£'000	£'000
Financial liabilities:	2 000	2 000
Trade and other payables	170,872	170,872

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 (continued)

## 27 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

2017  Financial assets:	Loans and receivables £'000	Total £'000
Cash and cash equivalents Trade and other receivables Total financial assets	55,142 132,516 187,658	55,142 132,516 187,658
Financial liabilities:	Other financial liabilities £'000	Total £′000
Trade and other payables	180,164	180,164
Company 2018	Loans and receivables £'000	Total £'000
Financial assets: Cash and cash equivalents Trade and other receivables Total financial assets	6,640 81,185 87,825	6,640 81,185 87,825
Financial liabilities: Trade and other payables	119,044	119,044
2017 Financial assets:	Loans and receivables £'000	Total £'000
Cash and cash equivalents Trade and other receivables Total financial assets	728 78,660 79,388	728 78,660 79,388
Financial liabilities: Trade and other payables	116,871	116,871

## 28 POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events between the end and the date of approval of these accounts which would require a change to or disclosure in the accounts.