

British American Tobacco Italy Investments Limited

Registered Number 04664012

Annual report and financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2018



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Strategic Report

The Directors present their Strategic Report on British American Tobacco Italy Investments Limited (the "Company") for the year ended 31 December 2018.

Principal activities

The Company's principal activity is the holding of an investment in a company operating in the tobacco industry as a member of the British American Tobacco p.l.c. Group (the "Group").

Review of the year ended 31 December 2018

The profit for the financial year attributable to British American Tobacco Italy Investments Limited shareholders after deduction of all charges and the provision of taxation amounted to £206,568,000 (2017: loss £240,454,000).

The Directors expect the Company's activities to continue on a similar basis in the foreseeable future.

Going concern

Notwithstanding net current liabilities of £96,103 as at 31st December 2018 the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which the directors consider to be appropriate for the following reasons.

The directors have prepared cash flow forecasts for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements which indicate that, taking account of reasonably possible downsides, the company will have sufficient funds, to meet its liabilities as they fall due for that period.

Those forecasts are dependent on British American Tobacco (Investments) Limited providing additional financial support during that period. British American Tobacco (Investments) Limited has indicated its intention to continue to make available such funds as are needed by the company for the period covered by the forecasts. As with any company placing reliance on other group entities for financial support, the directors acknowledge that there can be no certainty that this support will continue although, at the date of approval of these financial statements, they have no reason to believe that it will not do so.

Key performance indicators

Given the nature of the Company's activities, the Company's Directors believe that key performance indicators are not necessary or appropriate for an understanding of the Company's specific development, performance or the position of its business. However, key performance indicators relevant to the Group, and which may be relevant to the Company, are disclosed in the Strategic Report in the Annual Report of British American Tobacco p.l.c. and do not form part of this report.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The principal risks and uncertainties of the Company, including financial risk management, are integrated with the principal risks of the Group and are monitored by audit committees to provide a framework for identifying, evaluating and managing risks faced by the Group. Accordingly, the key Group risk factors that may be relevant to the Company are disclosed in the Annual Report of British American Tobacco p.l.c. and do not form part of this report.

By Order of the Board



Oliver Martin

Secretary

1 August 2019

Directors' Report

The Directors present their report together with the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2018.

Dividends

During the year the Company paid dividends amounting to £nil (2017: £nil).

Board of Directors

The names of the persons who served as Directors of the Company during the period 1 January 2018 to the date of this report are as follows:

David Patrick Ian Booth
John Fry
Robert Fergus Heaton
Robert James Casey (Resigned 11 March 2019)

Research and development

No research and development expenditure has been incurred during the year (2017: £nil).

Political contributions

The Company made no political donations or incurred any political expenditure during the year (2017: £nil).

Employees

The average number of employees employed by the Company during the year was nil (2017: nil).

Auditor

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor will be deemed to be reappointed and KPMG LLP will therefore continue in office.

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 they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK accounting standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 101 *Reduced Disclosure Framework*.

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 applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- assess the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and
- use the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Directors' Report (continued)

Statement of Directors' responsibilities (continued)

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 responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Directors' declaration in relation to relevant audit information

Having made appropriate enquiries, each of the Directors who held office at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- (a) to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and
- (b) he or she has taken all steps that a Director might reasonably be expected to have taken in order to make himself or herself aware of relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

By Order of the Board



Oliver Martin
Secretary

1 August 2019

Independent Auditor's Report to the members of British American Tobacco Italy Investments Limited

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of British American Tobacco Italy Investments Limited ("the company") for the year ended 31 December 2018 which comprise the Profit and loss account, Statement of changes in equity, Balance sheet and related notes, including the accounting policies in note 1.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2018 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK accounting standards, including FRS 101 *Reduced Disclosure Framework*; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities are described below. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities under, and are independent of the company in accordance with, UK ethical requirements including the FRC Ethical Standard. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is a sufficient and appropriate basis for our opinion.

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

Uncertainties related to the effects of Brexit are relevant to understanding our audit of the financial statements. All audits assess and challenge the reasonableness of estimates made by the directors, such as recoverability of investments and the appropriateness of the going concern basis of preparation of the financial statements. All of these depend on assessments of the future economic environment and the company's future prospects and performance.

Brexit is one of the most significant economic events for the UK, and at the date of this report its effects are subject to unprecedented levels of uncertainty of outcomes, with the full range of possible effects unknown. We applied a standardised firm-wide approach in response to that uncertainty when assessing the company's future prospects and performance. However, no audit should be expected to predict the unknowable factors or all possible future implications for a company and this is particularly the case in relation to Brexit.

Going concern

The directors have prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis as they do not intend to liquidate the company or to cease its operations, and as they have concluded that the company's financial position means that this is realistic. They have also concluded that there are no material uncertainties that could have cast significant doubt over its ability to continue as a going concern for at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements ("the going concern period").

We are required to report to you if we have concluded that the use of the going concern basis of accounting is inappropriate or there is an undisclosed material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt over the use of that basis for a period of at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In our evaluation of the directors' conclusions, we considered the inherent risks to the company's business model, including the impact of Brexit, and analysed how those risks might affect the company's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period. We have nothing to report in these respects.

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the absence of reference to a material uncertainty in this auditor's report is not a guarantee that the company will continue in operation.

Independent Auditor's Report to the members of British American Tobacco Italy Investments Limited (continued)

Strategic report and directors' Report

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

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

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

We have nothing to report in these respects.

Directors' responsibilities

As explained more fully in their statement set out on pages 3 and 4, the directors are responsible for: the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view; such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue our opinion in an auditor's report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

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

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

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



Toby Odell, (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
15 Canada Square
London. E14 5GL
1 August 2019

Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December

Continuing operations	Note	2018 £'000	2017 £'000
Other operating expenses	2	-	-
Impairment reversal/(expense)	6	220,764	(226,242)
Operating profit/(loss)		220,764	(226,242)
Interest receivable and similar income	3	21	1
Interest payable and similar expenses	4	(14,217)	(14,213)
Profit/(loss) before taxation		206,568	(240,454)
Tax on profit	5	-	-
Profit/(loss) for the financial year		206,568	(240,454)

There is no difference between the profit/(loss) on taxation and the profit/(loss) for the financial year stated above and their historical cost equivalents.

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the profit/(loss) for the financial year and therefore no Statement of other comprehensive income has been presented.

Statement of changes in equity for the year ended 31 December


	Share premium account £'000	Profit and loss account £'000	Total Equity £'000
1 January 2017	479,397	(541,614)	(62,217)
Loss for the financial year	-	(240,454)	(240,454)
31 December 2017	479,397	(782,068)	(302,671)
Profit for the financial year	-	206,568	206,568
31 December 2018	479,397	(575,500)	(96,103)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Balance sheet as at 31 December

	Note	2018 £'000	2017 £'000
Fixed assets			
Investments in Group undertakings	6	395,861	173,166
		395,861	173,166
Current assets			
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	7	45	3,216
		45	3,216
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8a	(16,297)	(8,588)
Net current liabilities		(16,252)	(5,372)
Total assets less current liabilities		379,609	167,794
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	8b	(475,712)	(470,465)
Net Liabilities		(96,103)	(302,671)
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	9	479,397	479,397
Profit and loss account		(575,500)	(782,068)
Total shareholders' deficit		(96,103)	(302,671)

The financial statements on pages 7 to 15 were approved by the Directors on 1 August 2019 and signed on behalf of the Board.


R.F. Heaton
Director

Registered number
04664012

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis, under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 *Reduced Disclosure Framework* ("FRS 101"). In preparing these financial statements, the Company applies the recognition, measurement and disclosure requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU ("IFRS"), but makes amendments where necessary in order to comply with the Companies Act 2006 and where advantage of disclosure exemptions available under FRS 101, such as the preparation of a cash flow statement or disclosures regarding financial instruments and transactions with related parties, have been taken.

Notwithstanding net current liabilities of £96,103,000 as at 31st December 2018 the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which the directors consider to be appropriate for the following reasons.

The directors have prepared cash flow forecasts for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements which indicate that, taking account of reasonably possible downsides, the company will have sufficient funds, to meet its liabilities as they fall due for that period.

Those forecasts are dependent on British American Tobacco (Investments) Limited providing additional financial support during that period. British American Tobacco (Investments) Limited has indicated its intention to continue to make available such funds as are needed by the company for the period covered by the forecasts. As with any company placing reliance on other group entities for financial support, the directors acknowledge that there can be no certainty that this support will continue although, at the date of approval of these financial statements, they have no reason to believe that it will not do so.

With effect from 1 January 2018, the Company has adopted IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments*. The adoption of IFRS 9 had no material effect on the Company's accounts.

The preparation of the financial statements requires the Directors to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of income, expenses, assets and liabilities, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements. The key estimates and assumptions are set out in the accounting policies below, together with the related notes to the accounts.

The most significant items include the review of asset values and impairment testing of financial and non-financial assets.

Such estimates and assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable in the circumstances and constitute management's best judgment at the date of the financial statements. In the future, actual experience may deviate from these estimates and assumptions, which could affect the financial statements as the original estimates and assumptions are modified, as appropriate, in the year in which the circumstances change.

The Company is included in the consolidated financial statements of British American Tobacco p.l.c. which is incorporated in the United Kingdom and registered in England and Wales. Consequently, the Company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing consolidated financial statements under the terms of section 400 of the Companies Act 2006.

The accounting policies set out below, have unless otherwise stated, been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

Foreign currencies

The functional currency of the Company is sterling. Transactions arising in currencies other than sterling are translated at the rate of exchange ruling on the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities expressed in currencies other than sterling are translated at rates of exchange ruling at the end of the financial year.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Taxation

Taxation is that chargeable on the profits for the period, together with deferred taxation.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Tax is recognised in the profit and loss account except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, in which case it is recognised in other comprehensive income or changes in equity.

Investments in Group undertakings

As permitted by IFRS 9, Investments in Group undertakings are stated at cost, together with subsequent capital contributions, less provisions for any impairment in value, where appropriate.

Dividends

Final dividend distributions to the Company's shareholders are recognised as a liability in the Company's financial statements in the period in which the dividends are approved by the Company's shareholders at the Annual General Meeting, while interim dividend distributions are recognised in the period in which the dividends are declared and paid.

Financial instruments

The Company's business model for managing financial assets is set out in the BAT Group Treasury Manual which notes that the primary objective with regard to the management of cash and investments is to protect against the loss of principal. The majority of financial assets are held in order to collect contractual cash flows (typically loans and other receivables) but some assets (typically investments) are held for investment potential.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the relevant instrument and derecognised when it ceases to be a party to such provisions. Such assets and liabilities are classified as current if they are expected to be realised or settled within 12 months after the balance sheet date. If not, they are classified as non-current. Financial instruments are initially recognised at fair value plus directly attributable transaction costs where applicable, with subsequent measurement as set out below. The Company's Loans and receivable, Amounts owed by Group undertakings and Other debtors are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are held in order to collect contractual cash flows and are subsequently carried at amortised cost. Non-derivative financial liabilities, including creditors, are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Derivative financial assets and liabilities are initially recognised, and subsequently measured, at fair value, which includes accrued interest receivable and payable where relevant. Changes in their fair values are recognised in profit and loss.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Operating expenses

Operating expenses are recorded in the period they relate to and are generated in the normal business operations of the company.

Impairment of financial assets held at amortised cost

With effect from 1 January 2018, loss allowances for expected credit losses on financial assets which are held at amortised cost are recognised on the initial recognition of the underlying asset. Allowances in respect of loans and other receivables (debtors) are initially recognised at an amount equal to 12-month expected credit losses. Where the credit risk on the receivables has increased significantly since initial recognition, allowances are measured at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit loss. Prior to 1 January 2018, financial assets were reviewed for impairment at each balance sheet date, or whenever events indicated that the carrying amount might not be recoverable.

Impairment of non-financial assets and investments in Group undertakings

Assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. In addition, assets that have indefinite useful lives are tested annually for impairment. An impairment loss is recognised to the extent that the carrying value exceeds the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and its value in use.

2 Other operating expenses

Auditor's fees of £2,500 were borne by a fellow Group undertaking (2017: £2,500).

There were no employees (2017: none) and no staff costs during the year (2017: £nil).

None of the Directors received any remuneration in respect of their services as a Director of the Company during the year (2017: £nil). The Company considers that there is no practicable method to allocate a portion of the emoluments the Directors received from their respective Group company employer for any qualifying services in respect of the Company, as these are considered to be incidental and part of the Directors overall management responsibilities within the Group.

3 Interest receivable and similar income

	2018 £'000	2017 £'000
Interest receivable from Group undertakings	2	1
Fair value gain	19	-
	21	1

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018

4 Interest payable and similar charges

	2018 £'000	2017 £'000
Interest payable to Group undertakings	10,902	11,441
Net exchange loss	3,315	2,725
Fair value loss	-	47
	14,217	14,213

The net exchange loss consists of a £5,247,000 (2017: £18,059,000) loss on the revaluation of a EUR 530,000,000 borrowing offset by a £1,931,363 (2017: £15,334,000) gain on the revaluation of investment. The borrowing has been designated as a fair value hedge on the exchange rate portion of the fair value risk of the investment. The total impact of the ineffective hedge in the profit and loss account for the year is a net loss of £3,315,000 (2017: £2,725,000).

5 Taxation

A reduction in the UK corporation tax rate from 20% to 19% (effective from 1 April 2017) and to 18% (effective 1 April 2020) were substantially enacted on 26 October 2015, and an additional reduction to 17% (effective 1 April 2020) was substantially enacted on 6 September 2016. This will reduce the Company's future current tax charge accordingly.

The current taxation charge differs from the standard 19% (2017: 19.25%) rate of corporation taxation in the UK. The major causes of this difference are listed below:

	2018 £'000	2017 £'000
Profit /(Loss) for the year	206,568	(240,453)
Total tax expense	-	-
Profit /(Loss) excluding taxation	206,568	(240,453)
Tax using the UK corporation tax rate of 19% (2017: 19.25%)	39,248	(46,279)
Non-deductible expenses	630	44,068
Income not taxable	(41,945)	-
Group relief surrendered for nil consideration	2,067	2,211
Total tax charge for the year	-	-

6 Investments

(1) Shares in Group undertakings

Company Italy	Share Class	Direct interest	Subsidiary Interest	Attributable Interest
<i>Via Amsterdam 147, 00144 Rome, Italy</i> British American Tobacco Italia S.p.A.	Ordinary	0.00	100.00	100.00
United Kingdom <i>Globe House, 1 Water Street, London, WC2R 3LA, United Kingdom</i>				
British American Tobacco Italy Limited	Ordinary B shares	100.00	0.00	100.00
British American Tobacco Italy Limited	Ordinary C shares	100.00	0.00	100.00
	Redeemable			
British American Tobacco Italy Limited	Preference A shares	100.00	0.00	100.00

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018

(2) Investments in Group undertakings

	Investment in Group undertakings £'000
Cost	
1 January 2018	924,779
Exchange gain on investments (note 4)	1,931
31 December 2018	926,710
Impairment provisions	
1 January 2018	(751,613)
Reversal of impairment	220,764
31 December 2018	(530,849)
Net book value	
1 January 2018	173,166
31 December 2018	395,861

- (3) The Directors are of the opinion that the individual investments in the Group undertakings have a value not less than the amount at which they are shown in the balance sheet.

At the end of 2015, the Company reappraised the carrying value of its investment in British American Tobacco Italy Limited ("BAT Italy") as a result of that company impairing its investment in British American Tobacco Italia S.p.A. ("BAT Italia"). This impairment arose in response to impairment recognised by BAT Italia arising from the forecasted financial effect of declining volumes of brands acquired with the business in 2003, the anticipated effects of the implementation of plain packaging, and future estimated excise increases.

As a consequence of the above, the underlying investment in BAT Italia had been impaired and its carrying value had been reduced to its estimated recoverable value on a value-in-use basis. As a result of the impairment recognised in respect of BAT Italia, the Company has recognised impairment against its holding in BAT Italy as well.

At the end of 2018, the Company reappraised the carrying value of its investment in BAT Italy. The valuations use cash flows based on detailed financial budgets prepared by BAT Italia management covering a five-year period. Cash flows for the years after this are assumed to grow at 1.5% per annum. A pre-tax discount rate of 6.5 per cent was used, based on the cost of capital, together with any premium applicable for economic and political risks. Following the reappraisal, the Company has reversed £220,764,000 (2017: impairment of £226,242,000) out of the total investment.

7 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2018 £'000	2017 £'000
Amounts owed by Group undertakings	45	3,216

Amounts owed by Group undertakings were unsecured, interest bearing and repayable on demand. The interest rate is based on LIBOR.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018

8 Creditors

a) Amounts falling due within one year

	2018 £'000	2017 £'000
Amounts owed to Group undertakings	16,297	8,588

A balance of £8,231,000 (2017: £8,588,000) out of amounts owed to Group undertakings represents interest related to the EUR 530,000,000 (2017: EUR 530,000,000) borrowing. The amounts are unsecured and the interest rate is based on EUR LIBOR.

Another amount of £8,066,000 represents amounts owed to Group undertakings which are unsecured, interest bearing and the interest rate is based on LIBOR.

b) Amounts falling due after one year

	2018 £'000	2017 £'000
Amounts owed to Group undertakings	475,712	470,465

Included in amounts owed to Group undertakings is £475,712,000 equivalent to EUR 530,000,000 (2017: 470,465,000 equivalent to EUR 530,000,000) which is unsecured and interest bearing. The interest rate is based on EUR LIBOR. The borrowing has been designated as a fair value hedge on the exchange rate portion of the fair value risk of the investment.

9 Called up share capital

Ordinary shares of £1 each	2018	2017
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
- value	£479,396,546	£479,396,546
- number	479,396,546	479,396,546

10 Related party disclosures

As a wholly owned subsidiary the Company has taken advantage of the exemption under FRS 101 from disclosing transactions with other subsidiary undertakings of the British American Tobacco p.l.c. Group.

11 Post balance sheet events

On 2 April 2019, the European Commission ("EC") announced in a press release that it found that certain aspects of the Group Financing Exemption within the UK Foreign Company ("CFC") rules that applied from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2018 constituted illegal State Aid. The UK CFC rules are provisions which allow the UK to tax the income of overseas subsidiaries, controlled by a UK corporate parent, where that income is deemed to be artificially diverted from the UK. The Company fully complied with the legislation as it applied at the time. The Company is assessing the impact, if any, from the EC ruling at this time. It is currently unclear as to what tax, if any, is due, how it should be calculated, and how it would be settled.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018

12 Parent undertakings

The Company's ultimate parent undertaking and ultimate controlling party is British American Tobacco p.l.c. being incorporated in the United Kingdom and registered in England and Wales. The Company's immediate parent undertaking is British American Tobacco International Holdings (UK) Limited. Group financial statements are prepared only at the British American Tobacco p.l.c. level and may be obtained from:

The Company Secretary
Globe House
4 Temple Place
London
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