**Report and Financial Statements** 

For the year ended 31 March 2005



# REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2005

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## REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2005

## OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

## DIRECTORS

P Cullum

A Homer

K Maciver

T Philip

D Wrathall

## SECRETARY

T Craton

## REGISTERED OFFICE

Towergate House 2 County Gate Staceys Street Maidstone Kent

**ME14 1ST** 

## **AUDITORS**

KPMG Audit Plc 8 Salisbury Square London EC4Y 8BB

# REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2005

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2005.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND REVIEW OF BUSINESS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The profit and loss account for the year is set out on page 5.

The principal activity of the Company during the year was an intermediate holding company in a group of insurance brokers.

Pursuant to certain financing arrangements between The Royal Bank of Scotland plc and certain of its subsidiary companies ("RBS"), and The Folgate Partnership Limited (note 11), the company has granted security to RBS in respect of monies owed via a guarantee and debenture in favour of RBS pursuant to which, among other things, the company guarantees all monies and liabilities now or at any time hereafter due, owing or incurred from and by The Folgate Partnership Limited and its subsidiaries to RBS and has granted fixed and floating charges over the whole of its assets and undertakings.

#### DIVIDENDS

The directors do not propose the payment of a dividend (2004: £nil).

#### DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The present membership of the Board is set out on page 1. The directors served throughout the year. The directors holding office at 31 March 2005 did not hold any beneficial interests in the issued share capital of the company at 1 April 2004 or 31 March 2005. The beneficial interests of the directors in the share capital of the ultimate parent company (note 11) are shown in the annual report of that company. None of the directors had an interest in the share capital of the company or any other group undertaking at any time during the year other than as already noted.

## **AUDITORS**

Deloitte & Touche LLP resigned as auditors of the Company on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2005. KPMG Audit Plc were appointed as auditors on this date and have indicated their willingness to continue in office, and in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985, it is proposed that they be re-appointed to the Company for the ensuing year.

#### POLITICAL AND CHARITABLE DONATIONS

The company made no political or charitable contributions during the year (2004: £nil).

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

13 January 2006

Director Y Date

## REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2005

## STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of the company and of the profit or loss for that period. In preparing those 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 accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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 1985. They 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.

## REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2005

# REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE FOLGATE BROKER ALLIANCE LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 10.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. 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 auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the director's report and, as described on page 3, the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. Our responsibilities, as independent auditors, are established in the United Kingdom by statute, the Audit Practices Board and by our profession's ethical guidance.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

#### Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 March 2005 and of its result for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

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KPMG Audit Plc Chartered Accountants Registered Auditor 8 Salisbury Square London EC4Y 8BB

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## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT Year ended 31 March 2005

	Note	From 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005 £	From 23 July 2003 to 31 March 2004 £
TURNOVER		-	<u></u>
RESULT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		-	-
Tax charge on result on ordinary activities			<del></del>
RETAINED RESULT FOR YEAR / PERIOD	8		

There are no recognised gains or losses for the current year or prior period other than as stated above. Accordingly, no statement of total recognised gains and losses is given.

There is no difference between the profit on ordinary activities before taxation and the retained profit for the year stated above, and their historical cost equivalents.

The notes on pages 8 to 10 form part of the financial statements.

## BALANCE SHEET 31 March 2005

	Note	At 31 March 2005 £	At 31 March 2004 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	3	451,925	
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors	4	1	1
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within			
one year	5	(382,541)	<u>-</u>
NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES)/ASSETS	;	(382,540)	1
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		69,385	1
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	6	(69,384)	
NET ASSETS		1	1
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		<del></del>	
Called up share capital	7	1	1
Profit and loss account	8		
EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	8	1	1

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 13 January 2006. Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

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# **RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS** 31 March 2005

	Note	From 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005 £	From 23 July 2003 to 31 March 2004 £
RESULT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXA	ATION	-	-
New shares issued			1
NET MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		-	1
OPENING EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	8	1	-
CLOSING EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	8	1	1

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year ended 31 March 2005

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with United Kingdom law and applicable accounting standards. The particular accounting policies adopted are described below.

#### Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### **Basis of reporting**

Group financial statements are not prepared since the company itself is a wholly owned subsidiary of a company registered in England and Wales (note 11). The company has therefore taken advantage of the exemption provided under section 228 of the Companies Act 1985. The financial statements present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

Under Financial Reporting Standard 1, the company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement, on the grounds that more than 90% of the company's voting rights are controlled by The Folgate Partnership Limited (note 11) which prepares a consolidated cash flow statement.

## Associate undertakings

Investments in associate undertakings are stated in the balance sheet of the company at cost less any provision for impairment in value.

#### **Deferred taxation**

In accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 19, deferred tax is provided in full on timing differences which result in an obligation at the balance sheet date to pay more tax, or a right to pay less tax, at a future date, at rates expected to apply when they crystallise based on current tax rates and law. Timing differences arise from the inclusion of items of income and expenditure in taxation computations in periods different from those in which they are included in the financial statements. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded more likely than not that they will be recovered. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

## 2. REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES AND AUDITORS

P Cullum, A Homer, K Maciver and T Philip are employees of The Folgate Partnership Limited (note 11) and D Wrathall is an employee of Folgate Sharp Risk Solutions Limited, a fellow subsidiary of The Folgate Partnership Limited. They received no remuneration for their services as directors of this company in the current year or prior period. Their emoluments are paid directly by the Folgate Partnership Limited and Folgate Sharp Risk Solutions Limited, and are disclosed in those companies.

Annual filing fees and audit fees for the current year and prior period were borne by The Folgate Partnership Limited. During the year ended 31 March 2005 the company did not have any employees (2004: nil).

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year ended 31 March 2005

## 3. INVESTMENTS

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INVESTMENTS				
Associate undertakings:				£
Cost				
At 1 April 2004				-
Additions			_	451,925
at 31 March 2005			==	451,925
amounts provided				
1 April 2004			_	
t 31 March 2005				_
			<u></u>	
et book value t 1 April 2004				_
-			_	<del> </del>
t 31 March 2005			-	451,925
The directors consider the following of Vales, to be an associate undertaking of		in Great Britain and	l registered in En	gland and
Associate undertaking	Date of acquisition	Shareholding	Principal ac	tivity
Fenton Insurance Solutions Limited	11 November 2004	35%	Insurance bro	oking
DEBTORS: AMOUNTS DUE WITH	HIN ONE VEAR			
DEDICAL TRANSPORTED BOLL WITH	III ONE TEAM		2005	2004
			£	2004 £
Amounts due from parent undertaking			1	1
		-		
		ı	1	1
Included within amounts due from pashare capital.	rent undertaking is an	amount of £1 (2004	4: £1) in relation	to unpaid
•				
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLIN	G DUE WITHIN ON	E YEAR		
			2005 £	2004 £
				£
Deferred Consideration  Amounts owed to parent undertaking			69,384 313,157	-
amounts owed to parent undertaking			313.13/	-
		•		
		•	382,541	

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year ended 31 March 2005

## 6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

6.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR					
				2005	2004	
				£	£	
	Deferred Consideration			69,384	•	
7.	CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL					
		2005	2005	2004	2004	
		No. of shares	£	No. of shares	£	
	Authorised:					
	Ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100	100	100	
	Called up, allotted and unpaid:					
	Ordinary shares of £1 each	1	1	1	1	
8.	RESERVES					
			Share capital	Profit and	Equity	
			called up	loss reserve	share-	
			and unpaid		holders'	
			£	£	funds £	
	At 1 April 2004		1		1	
	Retained result for the year		1	<del>-</del> -	<u>1</u>	
	The comment of the party of the					
	At 31 March 2005		1	1	1	

## 9. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

On 27 October 2005, the ultimate parent company, The Folgate Partnership Limited was acquired by Towergate Partnership Limited, a sister company sharing many of the same shareholders, that focuses on insurance intermediary services to the UK local personal and commercial markets. At the same time, the group's funding facilities were restructured and increased.

#### 10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

P Cullum, the Chairman of The Folgate Partnership Limited, has a controlling interest in the Towergate Underwriting Group Limited (Towergate). All transactions between the company and Towergate during the year have been negotiated on an arm's length basis.

Advantage has been taken of the exemption under Financial Reporting Standard 8 not to disclose transactions between entities, 90% or more of whose voting rights are controlled within The Folgate Partnership Limited (note 11).

#### 11. PARENT UNDERTAKING AND CONTROLLING PARTY

The company's immediate and ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party as at 31 March 2005 was The Folgate Partnership Limited, a company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales. The Folgate Partnership Limited is the parent of the largest and smallest groups for which group financial statements are prepared and of which the company is a member. Copies of the group financial statements are available from its registered office at Towergate House, 2 County Gate, Staceys Street, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1ST. The ultimate parent company and controlling party from 27 October 2005 is Towergate Partnership Limited (note 9).