# AA MID CO LIMITED ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2016

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## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2016

## STRATEGIC REPORT

The directors present their report and audited financial statements of AA Mid Co Limited ("the Company") for the year ended 31 January 2016.

## PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY AND REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of AA plc.

The principal activity of the Company is that of a holding company. The Company did not trade during the year.

During the year, the Company received dividends from subsidiary undertakings of £60.0m and paid a dividend of £60.0m.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK**

The Company is part of the AA plc Group which has developed an embedded enterprise risk management process that facilitates the identification, assessment, escalation and mitigation of the Company's risk exposure across every aspect and activity of the business. This framework enables the business to manage risk using predefined assessment criteria to ensure residual risk levels are in line with the Board's agreed risk appetite.

The principal risks have been grouped into the following categories:

#### Financial Risk

Financial risks are managed centrally by the Group Treasury team taking into account the Company's position as part of the group with due consideration being given to the impact of transactions with other group entities.

#### Brand Risk

The Company recognises that the AA brand is a key differentiator and source of competitive advantage, and brand damage from low quality products or services could have an adverse impact on the Company. The Company has in place policies and procedures to protect the brand at all times.

The business has put in place rigorous procedures and controls designed to prevent significant risks to the business occurring or to mitigate their effects if they should occur. These controls are monitored both by the Compliance and Internal Audit functions to ensure they are working effectively.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

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#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2016

#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

## **DIRECTORS**

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

M A Clarke

R J H Scott

Resigned 30 April 2016

B Mackenzie

M Millar G Pritchard

Appointed 30 April 2016

## **COMPANY SECRETARY**

M Millar

## **DIRECTOR'S INDEMNITY**

The Company maintains directors' and officers' liability insurance, which gives appropriate cover for any legal action brought against its directors and officers. The Company has also granted indemnities to its directors and officers against all losses and liabilities incurred in the discharge of their duties, to the extent permitted by law.

## STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, 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 the financial statements in accordance with applicable laws and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally accepted Accounting Policies) including FRS101 "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 the profit or loss of the company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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.

#### GOING CONCERN

The Company's business activities and its exposure to financial risk are described in the Strategic Report on page 1.

The directors believe that the Company has adequate financial resources. As a consequence, the directors believe that the Company is well placed to manage its business risks successfully despite the current uncertain economic outlook.

The directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2016

## **RE-APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

In accordance with section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor Ernst & Young LLP is deemed re-appointed.

## **DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITOR**

Each director has made enquiries of their fellow director and the Company's auditor and taken all the steps that they are obliged to take as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Relevant audit information is that information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing its report. So far as each director approving this report is aware, and based on the above steps, there is no relevant audit information of which the auditor is unaware.

## **EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD**

Subsequent to the year end, AA Corporation Limited, a subsidiary undertaking of the Company, disposed of AA Ireland Limited and its subsidiaries.

On 20 October 2016, the Company received a dividend of £60m from its subsidiary undertaking then declared a dividend of £60m.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

G PRITCHARD
DIRECTOR

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF AA MID CO LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of AA Mid Co Limited for the year ended 31 January 2016 which comprise the Income Statement, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the related notes 1 to 9. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework".

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

## Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities as set out on page 2, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

## Scope of the audit of the financial statements

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

## Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 January 2016 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework"; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

## Opinion on other matter 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.
- the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have identified no material misstatements in the Strategic Report or Directors' Report.

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, 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.

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Kathryn Barrow (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP, Statutory Auditor

London

28 OCTOBET 2016

## **INCOME STATEMENT**

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY

	Notes	2016 £m	2015 £m
Income from shares from group u	ındertakings _	60.0	
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PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL Y	/EAR	60.0	·

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

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY

	Notes	2016 £m	2015 £m
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		,	
Investment in group undertakings	4	2,640.0	2,640.0
CURRENT ASSETS Trade and other receivables	5 _	1,777.8	1,777.8
TOTAL ASSETS	_	4,417.8	4,417.8
CURRENT LIABILITIES Trade and other payables NET ASSETS	6 _	(2,982.6) 1,435.2	(2,982.6) .1,435.2
EQUITY			
Called up share capital Retained earnings TOTAL EQUITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO EQUITY	7 -	20.9 1,414.3	20.9 1,414.3
HOLDERS	=	1,435.2	1,435.2

Signed for and on behalf of the board by:

**G PRITCHARD** 

DIRECTOR

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

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY

	Share capital £m	Retained earnings £m	Total £m
At 1 February 2014 and 31 January 2015	20.9	1,414.3	1,435.2
Profit for the year	-	60.0	60.0
Dividends	-	(60.0)	(60.0)
. At 31 January 2016 💆	20.9	1,414.3	1,435.2

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

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1 Presentation of financial statements

AA Mid Co Limited is incorporated and domiciled in United Kingdom and Wales.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis.

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework ("FRS101"). The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements are prepared in Sterling and are rounded to the nearest £100,000.

## 2 Significant accounting policies

## 2.1 Basis of preparation

The Company has transitioned to FRS 101 from previously extant UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice for all periods presented. As a consequence of adopting FRS 101, the Company has made one restatement to the comparatives with regards to recognition and measurement and has required amendments to presentation and disclosures in the accounts. The Company has early adopted Statutory Instrument 2015/980.

The Company has restated the comparatives for the revaluation of investments in subsidiaries to a deemed cost of £2,640.0m. The Company no longer revalues its investments in subsidiaries to a Directors' valuation. The investments are now held at deemed cost. This has resulted in a credit of £360.0m to the investments in subsidiaries and debit to the revaluation reserve as at 31 January 2015.

The accounting policies which follow set out those policies which apply in preparing the financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2016.

The Company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions under FRS 101:

- IAS 1 paragraphs 10(d) and 10(f),
- IAS 1 paragraph 16 (statement of compliance with all IFRS),
- IAS 1 paragraph 38A (requirement for minimum of two primary statements, including cash flow statements),
- IAS 1 paragraph 111 (cash flow statement information),
- IAS 1 paragraphs 134-136 (capital management disclosures),
- IFRS 1 paragraphs 6 and 21,
- IAS 7 'Statement of cash flows',
- IAS 8 paragraphs 30 and 31,
- The requirements in IAS 24, 'Related party disclosures' to disclose related party transactions entered into between two or more members of a group,
- IAS 24 'Related party disclosures' (key management compensation).

## 2.2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The Company did not trade in the year and there are no critical accounting estimates or judgements to be made by management in respect of these financial statements.

## 2.3 Significant accounting policies

## a) Investments in subsidiaries

Investments in subsidiaries are valued individually at the lower of cost less any provision for impairment. Income from investments is recognised in the profit and loss account when it is receivable.

## b) Trade receivables and trade payables

Trade receivables and trade payables are not interest bearing and are recognised initially at fair value. A provision for impairment of trade receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the Company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

## 3 DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS

•	:	2016			2015
		£m			£m
Aggregate remuneration in respect of qualifying services		4.6			0.9
Money purchase scheme contributions		0.1			0.1
Compensation for loss of office					0.9
		4.7			1.9
The amounts paid in respect of the highest paid director were as follows:					<del></del>
Remuneration Contributions to money purchase schemes		2.6 0.1	;	;	1.0
		2.7			1.0

The directors of the Company are also directors of the ultimate parent undertaking (AA plc) and/or fellow subsidiaries. These directors are remunerated by another company that is part of the AA plc group. As the directors do not believe that it is practicable to apportion this amount between their services as directors of the Company and their services as directors of the ultimate parent undertaking and fellow subsidiary companies, their full remuneration have been reflected in the disclosure above.

Retirement benefits are accruing for 2 (2015: 2) directors under a defined benefit scheme and nil (2015: nil) under a money purchase scheme.

The Company had no employees throughout the year (2015: nil).

## 4 INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARIES

Investment at cost	•	£m
At 31 January 2015 and 2016		2,640.0

"All subsidiaries are wholly owned and incorporated and registered where stated below.

Name	Country
AA Intermediate Co Limited	United Kingdom
AA Acquisition Co Limited	United Kingdom
AA Bond Co Limited	Jersey
AA Senior Co Limited	United Kingdom
The Automobile Association Limited	Jersey
AA The Driving School Agency Limited	United Kingdom
Automobile Association Developments Limited	United Kingdom
AA Corporation Limited	United Kingdom
Peak Performance Management Limited	United Kingdom
Automobile Association Insurance Services Limited	United Kingdom
Automobile Association Underwriting Services Limited	United Kingdom
Automobile Association Holdings Limited	United Kingdom
AA Underwriting Limited	United Kingdom
AA Ireland Limited	Ireland ·
Breakdown Assistance Services Limited	Ireland
AA Ireland Pension Trustees Limited	Ireland
A.A Pensions Trustees Limited	United Kingdom
Intelligent Data Systems (UK) Limited	United Kingdom
Automobile Association Insurance Services Holdings Limited	United Kingdom
AA Financial Services Limited	United Kingdom
AA Media Limited	United Kingdom
DriveTech (UK) Limited	United Kingdom
AA Technical Solutions Limited	United Kingdom
AA Pension Funding LP	Scotland
AA Pension Funding GP Limited	Scotland

# 4 INVESTMENTS IN GROUP UNDERTAKINGS (continued)

Name	Country
AA Brand Management Limited	United Kingdom
Automobile Association Protection and Investment Planning Limited	United Kingdom
Personal Insurance Mortgages and Savings Limited	United Kingdom
1Stop Travel Insurance Services Limited	United Kingdom
AA Insurance Services Limited	United Kingdom
AA Assistance Limited	United Kingdom
AA Legal Services Limited	United Kingdom
AA Parking Solutions Limited	United Kingdom
AA Road Services Limited	United Kingdom
AA Signs Limited	United Kingdom
Automobile Association Commercial Services Limited	United Kingdom
Automobile Association Services Limited	United Kingdom
Automobile Association Travel Services Limited	United Kingdom
Drive Publications Limited	United Kingdom
Drivetech Advantage Agency Limited	United Kingdom
Driving Services UK Limited	United Kingdom
E Travel Insurance Services Limited	United Kingdom
Fanum Services Limited	United Kingdom
Go Insurance Services Limited	United Kingdom
Go Travel Insurance Services Limited	United Kingdom
Nationwide 4x4 Limited	United Kingdom
Quotebanana Limited	United Kingdom
The British School of Motoring Limited	United Kingdom
AA J Quartz Limited	United Kingdom
Intelematics Europe Limited	United Kingdom
Drakefield Group Limited	United Kingdom
Drakefield Holdings Limited	United Kingdom
Tourist Accommodation Management Services Limited	Ireland
Drakefield Insurance Services Limited	United Kingdom
Drakefield Services Limited	United Kingdom

All related undertakings are indirectly held by the Company, except for AA Intermediate Co Limited, which is a direct subsidiary undertaking.

## 5 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	. <b>2016</b>	2015
	£m	£m
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings	1,777.8	_1,777.8_
	1,777.8	1,777.8
	1,777.8	1,777

Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings are unsecured, have no repayment terms and bear no interest.

## **6 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES**

	2016	2015
	£m	£m
Amounts owed to subsidiary undertakings	2,982.6	2,982.6

Amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured, have no repayment terms and bear no interest.

## 7 CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	2016	2015
Allotted, called up and fully paid	£m_	£m
2,090,547,948 ordinary shares of £0.01 each	20.9	20.9

The voting rights of the holders of all ordinary shares are the same and all ordinary shares rank pari passu on a winding up.

The Company has 2,090,547,948 authorised shares of £0.01 each.

## B ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING AND ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of AA plc, a company registered in United Kingdom and Wales. AA plc is the ultimate controlling party and parent undertaking

The parent of the smallest group to consolidate these financial statements is AA plc whose registered office is Fanum House, Basing View, Basingstoke, RG21 4EA. The ultimate parent undertaking, which is also the parent of the largest group to consolidate these financial statements, is AA plc whose registered office is at Fanum House, Basing View, Basingstoke, RG21 4EA.

Copies of the consolidated AA plc financial statements are available from the Company Secretary at the relevant registered office address.

## 9 EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

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