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**EQUALS MONEY UK LIMITED  
(PREVIOUSLY SPECTRUM PAYMENT SERVICES LIMITED)**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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# **EQUALS MONEY UK LIMITED (PREVIOUSLY SPECTRUM PAYMENT SERVICES LIMITED)**

## **COMPANY INFORMATION YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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### **Directors**

I A I Trafford-Taylor

R Q M Cooper

A J Phillips

I P Campbell

M Boon

M T Newland

S England

J Simcox (appointed 19 May 2022)

### **Registered Office**

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### **Independent auditors**

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# **EQUALS MONEY UK LIMITED (PREVIOUSLY SPECTRUM PAYMENT SERVICES LIMITED)**

## **STRATEGIC REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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### **About Equals Money UK Limited ("the Company")**

The Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Equals Group PLC ("the Group"), offers retail and business bank accounts with all the payments functionality you would expect from a bank, namely faster payments, BACS, direct debits, international payments and a debit card to both personal and business customers. To facilitate these services, the Company is a member of the Faster Payments Scheme and a member of SWIFT and acquires certain other services from its banking partners and other group subsidiaries.

In line with Group strategy, the Company will continue to pursue a growth strategy through investment in product and sales and marketing, with a focus on business customers.

### **Principal activities**

The principal activity of the Company during the year was to provide payment banking services to both private customers and corporations. The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Equals Group Plc and is authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority under the Payment Services Regulations 2009 for the provision of payment services.

### **Review of business**

Company revenue increased by 9% to £6,287,189 (2021: £5,743,477).

Gross profit was £4,545,720 (2021: £4,032,594), an increase of 13%. Company gross profit is stated after the deduction of direct costs which increased by 2% to £1,741,469 (2021: £1,710,883). The gross profit margin (gross profit over revenue) was 72% (2021: 70%).

Company overheads increased by 17% to £3,364,654 (2021: £2,869,591). Despite the increase in costs, the Company continued to be profitable, generating a profit before tax of £605,809 for the year (2021: £555,662).

The net cash position of the Company at 31 December 2022 was £2,754,083 (2021: £977,146) excluding client funds. Accordingly, the Company has sufficient cash resources to continue implementing its growth strategy.

### **Principal and financial risks and uncertainties**

The Directors have reviewed the risks and uncertainties facing the Company and consider the key risk areas to be financial crime and data security. To manage and mitigate these risks, the Company has robust policies and procedures in place including a Risk Register; client onboarding and anti-money laundering controls, procedures and training; and automated transaction monitoring.

A description of the financial risks of the Company and measures taken to mitigate them may be found in note 17.

### **Outlook**

The Company will continue to align its marketing efforts across its brands as well as its development across the B2B business. B2B will continue to remain the focus, with the Company contributing to the Group focus on offering a unified platform of payments, cards and current account solutions, supported by impressive infrastructure and customer service capability to provide a superior customer experience.

### **Compliance with Companies Act 2006, Section 172 Statement**

Under Section 172 of the Companies Act 2006, the Directors have a duty to act in good faith, which would most likely promote the success of the Company for the benefit and interests of all its stakeholders as a whole. The Company's stakeholders include, but are not limited to, its employees; suppliers; customers and regulators.

The Board endeavors to achieve and maintain a reputation for high standards of conduct amongst its stakeholders which it regards as crucial in its ability to successfully achieve its corporate objectives. During the development of the Company's strategies and decision making processes, the Board will consider its stakeholders and their interests. The differing interests of stakeholders require the Board to assess and manage the impact of its policies in a fair and balanced manner to the benefit of its stakeholders as a whole.

The Board considers below these different stakeholders, their material issues and how the Company engages with them.

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### **Employees**

The employees are one of the greatest assets to the Company. Their interests, which include training and development; a safe environment to work; diversity and inclusion; fair pay and benefits; reward and recognition are a high priority. On a day-to-day basis, Directors engage directly with employees promoting an open, non-hierarchical culture, in which employees have an active contribution to the Group's success. Fortnightly "All Hands" meetings, Company updates and staff feedback questionnaires are performed, and the Board will actively reflect on these when making decisions. Regular management training, internship programmes, personal development and performance reviews all contribute to the development of staff.

### **Suppliers**

Supplier interests include fair trading, payment terms and working towards building a successful relationship. The Company will regularly review its supplier payments and performance alongside its monitoring of its performance. All suppliers, particularly low value suppliers are paid promptly on their invoices being validated by the approved personnel in the Company. The Company has processes in place in order to combat modern slavery in the business and its supply chains, and details of these can be found in the published Modern Slavery Statement at <https://www.equalsPLC.com/content/investors/corporate-governance>

### **Customers**

Customers are interested in successful product availability and usage; fair pricing and adherence to regulations. The Company wants to achieve the highest level of customer service and will regularly review feedback and reviews it receives from its customers. The Company operates under an open and transparent pricing model with its customers.

### **Regulators and Compliance**

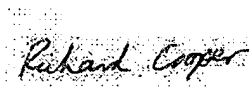
The Company holds licenses with the Financial Conduct Authority and HMRC and must adhere to the regulatory requirements of these licenses. The Company ensures that staff have sufficient knowledge and regular training, where necessary, to ensure that these regulations are met.

All staff receive the relevant Anti-Bribery and Anti-Money Laundering training as the nature of the business may result in a higher risk of money laundering. Procedures and communications are in place to ensure that staff are able to comply with Anti-Money Laundering should there ever be a case.

### **Continued geo-political events**

Following the recent events, the Company has taken all actions to ensure full compliance with the sanctions and actions implemented in response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The impact of this to the Company is not material as the Company's direct exposure to the region is extremely limited, the Company will continue to monitor the situation closely. Following recent bank failures abroad, the Company has no direct or indirect exposure to these as a borrower or depositor.

The Strategic Report on pages 3 to 4 was approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 22 May 2023, and was signed on its behalf by:



Richard Q M Cooper  
Director

# **EQUALS MONEY UK LIMITED (PREVIOUSLY SPECTRUM PAYMENT SERVICES LIMITED)**

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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The Directors present their annual report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

### **General information**

The Company is a private company, limited by shares, incorporated in the United Kingdom. The Company is authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority under the Payment Services Regulations 2009 for the provision of payment services. The Company financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Company's accounting policies under International Accounting Standards (IFRS) in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Results and dividends**

The results for the year are shown on page 11. The Company made a profit before taxation for the year of £605,809 (2021: £555,662). The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2021: nil).

The Strategic Report set out on pages 3 to 4 provides an assessment of the Company's financial performance throughout the year.

### **Directors**

The following Directors have held office during the financial year and up to the date of approval of these financial statements.

I A I Trafford-Taylor  
R Q M Cooper  
A J Phillips  
I P Campbell  
M T Newland  
M Boon  
S England  
J Simcox (appointed 19 May 2022)

### **Risks and risk management**

The Company's exposure to risks and uncertainties is outlined in the Strategic Report and note 17.

### **Indemnity Insurance**

The Company maintains a directors and officers liability insurance policy in respect of any legal costs that may be incurred against the Directors in dealing with any legal claims or investigations. The policy was in place throughout the year and up to the date of approval of the financial statements.

### **Independent auditors**

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP have been re-appointed pursuant to section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006 unless the members or Directors resolve otherwise.

### **Disclosure of information to the auditors**

The Directors who held office at the date of approval of this Directors' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware; and each Director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a Director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

### **Post balance sheet events**

There have been no post balance sheet events from the balance sheet date to the date of signing which require separate disclosure.

### **Going concern**

Based on the Company's budgets and financial projections, the Directors are satisfied that the business is a going concern and therefore the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. This assessment is based on whether there is sufficient liquidity and financing to support the business, including support from the Group, post balance sheet trading of the Company, the regulatory environment and the effectiveness of risk management policies. The Company has no bank borrowings and has maintained its cash position.

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**DIRECTORS' REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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**Outlook**

The Strategic Report includes an outlook for the forthcoming financial year.

Approved by the Board on 22 May 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Richard Q M Cooper  
**Director**

# **EQUALS MONEY UK LIMITED (PREVIOUSLY SPECTRUM PAYMENT SERVICES LIMITED)**

## **STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE STRATEGIC AND DIRECTORS' REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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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 prepared the financial statements in accordance with UK-adopted international accounting standards.

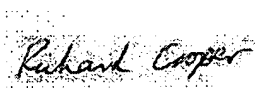
Under company law, Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- state whether applicable UK-adopted international accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; 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 safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The directors are also 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.

Approved by the Board on 22 May 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Richard Q M Cooper  
**Director**



# **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EQUALS MONEY UK LIMITED (PREVIOUSLY SPECTRUM PAYMENT SERVICES LIMITED) (CONTINUED)**

## **Report on the audit of the financial statements**

### **Opinion**

In our opinion, Equals Money UK Limited's financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of its profit and cash flows for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK-adopted international accounting standards; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements, included within the Annual Report, which comprise: statement of financial position as at 31 December 2022; statement of comprehensive income, statement of cash flows and the statement of changes in equity for the year then ended; and the notes to the financial statements, which include a description of the significant accounting policies.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities under ISAs (UK) are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Independence**

We remained independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, which includes the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the members' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this conclusion is not a guarantee as to the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the members with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### **Reporting on other information**

The other information comprises all of the information in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. The members are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, any form of assurance 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 an apparent material inconsistency or material misstatement, we are required to perform procedures to conclude whether there is a material misstatement of 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 based on these responsibilities.

# **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EQUALS MONEY UK LIMITED (PREVIOUSLY SPECTRUM PAYMENT SERVICES LIMITED) (CONTINUED)**

With respect to the Strategic report and Directors' Report, we also considered whether the disclosures required by the UK Companies Act 2006 have been included.

Based on our work undertaken in the course of the audit, the Companies Act 2006 requires us also to report certain opinions and matters as described below.

## **Strategic report and Directors' Report**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, the information given in the Strategic report and Directors' Report for the year ended 31 December 2022 is consistent with the financial statements and has 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 did not identify any material misstatements in the Strategic report and Directors' Report.

## **Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit**

### **Responsibilities of the members for the financial statements**

As explained more fully in the statement of directors' responsibilities, the members are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable framework and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. The members are also 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.

In preparing the financial statements, the members are responsible for 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 the members either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditors' 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 auditors' 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Based on our understanding of the company and industry, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to the Financial Conduct Authority's ('FCA') regulations, Anti-Money Laundering legislation and UK tax legislation, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the financial statements such as the Companies Act 2006. We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to posting inappropriate journal entries to misstate revenue or reduce costs through incorrect capitalisation, creation of fictitious transactions to hide losses or to improve financial performance, and management bias in accounting estimates. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Obtaining confirmations from third parties to confirm the existence of a sample of transactions and balances;
- Identifying and testing journal entries meeting specific fraud criteria, including those posted with certain descriptions, posted and approved by the same individual, backdated journals or posted by infrequent and unexpected users;
- Review of correspondence with and reports to the regulators, including the PRA and FCA; and

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EQUALS MONEY UK LIMITED (PREVIOUSLY SPECTRUM PAYMENT SERVICES LIMITED) (CONTINUED)**

- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their significant accounting estimates, in particular in relation to capitalisation of costs to internally generated intangible assets and the impairment of intangible assets.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the FRC's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditors' report.

### **Use of this report**

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

### **Other required reporting**

#### **Companies Act 2006 exception reporting**

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

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

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.



Daniel Brydon (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors  
London  
22 May 2023

**EQUALS MONEY UK LIMITED**  
**(PREVIOUSLY SPECTRUM PAYMENT SERVICES LIMITED)**

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

		<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>Note</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6,287,189</b>	<b>5,743,477</b>
Transaction and commission costs		(1,741,469)	(1,710,883)
<b>Gross profit</b>		<b>4,545,720</b>	<b>4,032,594</b>
Administrative expenses		(3,045,993)	(2,595,283)
Depreciation charge	9, 10	(318,661)	(274,308)
Amortisation charge	11	(536,412)	(565,823)
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>644,654</b>	<b>597,180</b>
Finance cost	10	(38,845)	(41,518)
<b>Profit before tax</b>		<b>605,809</b>	<b>555,662</b>
Tax charge	8	(64,616)	(73,836)
<b>Profit and total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>541,193</b>	<b>481,826</b>

All income and expenses arise from continuing operations.

The notes on pages 15 to 29 form an integral part of these financial statements.

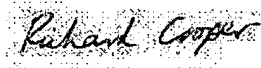
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

		2022	2021
	Note	£	£
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	9	145,020	148,377
Right of use asset	10	875,595	1,054,954
Intangible assets	11	1,313,799	1,247,459
		<u>2,334,414</u>	<u>2,450,790</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stock	12	36,033	19,737
Trade and other receivables	13	436,537	1,456,777
Cash and cash equivalents	14	2,754,083	977,146
		<u>3,226,653</u>	<u>2,453,660</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u><b>5,561,067</b></u>	<u><b>4,904,450</b></u>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Equity attributable to equity holders</b>			
Share capital	15	100,000	100,000
Retained earnings		3,567,174	3,025,981
<b>Total equity</b>		<u>3,667,174</u>	<u>3,125,981</u>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Lease liability	10	684,758	868,129
Deferred tax liability	8	342,125	277,509
		<u>1,026,883</u>	<u>1,145,638</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	16	648,540	422,492
Lease liability	10	218,470	210,339
		<u>867,010</u>	<u>632,831</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>		<u><b>5,561,067</b></u>	<u><b>4,904,450</b></u>

The notes on pages 15 to 29 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 11 to 29 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 22 May 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
Richard Q M Cooper  
Director

**EQUALS MONEY UK LIMITED**  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Share capital	Retained earnings	Total
	£	£	£
<b>Balance as at 1 January 2021</b>	100,000	2,544,155	2,644,155
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	-	481,826	481,826
<b>Balance as at 31 December 2021</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>3,025,981</b>	<b>3,125,981</b>
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	-	541,193	541,193
<b>Balance as at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>3,567,174</b>	<b>3,667,174</b>

The notes on pages 15 to 29 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Note	2022	2021
		£	£
Profit before tax		605,809	555,662
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
<i>Adjustments for:</i>			
Depreciation		318,661	274,308
Amortisation		536,412	565,823
(Increase)/decrease in stock		(16,296)	19,321
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables* <sup>1</sup>		1,012,111	(727,735)
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables* <sup>2</sup>		244,604	(160,961)
Finance costs		38,845	41,518
<b>Net cash generated from operating activities</b>		<u>2,740,146</u>	<u>567,936</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment		(39,871)	(9,498)
Acquisition of intangibles		(602,752)	(302,728)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		<u>(642,623)</u>	<u>(312,226)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Interest charge on finance lease		(38,845)	(40,451)
Interest paid		-	(1,067)
Principal elements of lease payments		(281,741)	(226,863)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>		<u>(320,586)</u>	<u>(268,381)</u>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>		1,776,937	(12,671)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year</b>		977,146	989,817
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year</b>	<b>14</b>	<u><u>2,754,083</u></u>	<u><u>977,146</u></u>

\*<sup>1</sup> The movement in the deferred and current tax assets and the right-of use asset balances (excluding the depreciation charge) is included within the movement in trade and other receivables.

\*<sup>2</sup> The movement in the deferred and current tax liabilities and the lease liability balances is included within the movement in trade and other payables.

The notes on pages 15 to 29 form an integral part of these financial statements.

# EQUALS MONEY UK LIMITED (PREVIOUSLY SPECTRUM PAYMENT SERVICES LIMITED)

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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### 1. Information

The Company is a private limited liability company incorporated and domiciled in the United Kingdom. The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary through direct holdings of Equals Group Plc. The Company financial statements are consolidated into the Group financial statements of its ultimate parent, Equals Group PLC and the financial statements are available from its registered office - Third Floor Thames House Vintners Place, 68 Upper Thames Street, London EC4V 3BJ.

### 2. New standards, amendments and interpretations to published standards

New and revised accounting standards and interpretations adopted, none of which had any material impact to the Company:

- *Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions – Amendment to IFRS 16*
- *Onerous Contracts – Cost of Fulfilling a Contract (Amendments to IAS 37)*
- *Property, Plant and Equipment: Proceeds before Intended Use (Amendments to IAS 16)*

**New standards, amendments and interpretations issued but not yet effective or early adopted**, none of which is expected to have a material impact on the Company:

- *IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts (effective date of 1 January 2023)*
- *Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current (Amendments to IAS 1) (effective date of 1 January 2023)*
- *Definition of Accounting Estimates (Amendments to IAS 8) (effective date 1 January 2023)*

### 3. Basis of presentation and significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of the Company financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated. The financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis.

#### 3.1 Basis of presentation

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with UK-adopted International Accounting Standards in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements are presented in sterling, the Company's presentational currency.

IFRS requires management to make certain accounting estimates and to exercise judgement in the process of applying the Company accounting policies. These estimates are based on the Directors best knowledge and past experience and are explained further in note 3.19.

#### *Going Concern*

Details of the Company's business activities, results, cash flows and resources, together with the risks it faces and other factors likely to affect its future development, performance and position are set out in the strategic report. The Company is regulated by Financial Conduct Authority and perform annual capital adequacy assessments. Consideration was given to whether there is sufficient liquidity and financing to support the business, the post balance sheet trading of the Company, the regulatory environment and the effectiveness of risk management policies. The Board therefore has a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and therefore the financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis.



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### **3.2 Foreign currency**

In preparing these financial statements, transactions in currencies other than the Company's presentational currency (foreign currencies) are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing on the dates of the transaction. At each statement of financial position date monetary items in foreign currencies are translated at the rate prevailing at statement of financial position date.

Exchange differences arising on the settlements of monetary items and on the retranslation of monetary items are included in the statement of comprehensive income for the year.

### **3.3 Gross value of banking deposit transactions**

The gross value of banking deposit transactions represents the gross value of banking deposits made by customers on which the Company earns residency and transaction-based fees. This value is a non-GAAP measure and therefore disclosed as additional information in the statement of comprehensive income.

### **3.4 Income recognition**

*The performance obligations of all revenue streams are satisfied on the transaction date. Revenue is not recognised where there is evidence to suggest that customers do not have the ability or intention to pay. The Company does not have any contracts with customers where the performance obligations have not been fully satisfied.*

Revenue from banking operations is the Company's main revenue.

There are two distinct revenue streams, account residency charges and transaction-based charges. The account residency charge is due monthly and the revenue is recognised when the monthly service has been provided and it is probable that payment will be received. The transaction-based charges are recognised at the time the transaction is entered into by the customer and deducted from the customer's account.

The Company also earns management fees from the provision of managerial and administrative services to companies within the Group. Management fee revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received and is included within administrative costs.

### **3.5 Pension Costs**

The Company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and outsources the administration of the pension scheme to a third party. The Company contributes to the pension scheme in line with Auto-enrolment obligations as defined in the Pensions Act 2008 and passes on the employer and employee contributions to the pension scheme administrator on a monthly basis. The employer contributions are recognised as they occur through the payroll.

### **3.6 Research and development**

Research costs are expensed as incurred. Expenditure on IT software and development is recognised as an intangible asset only if the expenditure can be measured reliably, when the intangible asset is technically and commercially feasible, future economic benefits are probable, and the Company intends to and has sufficient resources to complete development and sell the asset. Subsequent to initial recognition, development expenditure is measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

### **3.7 Treatment of research and development tax credits**

Research and development tax credits are treated as taxation credits as defined under IAS12 *Income Taxes* with a credit recorded in the year to which the claim relates.

### **3.8 Taxation**

The tax expense comprises current and deferred tax and R&D tax credits.

### **3.9 Deferred tax**

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. Deferred tax is not recognised for:

- temporary differences on the initial recognition of assets or liabilities in a transaction that is not a business combination and that affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss;
- temporary differences related to investments in subsidiaries to the extent that the Company is able to control the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences and it is probable that they will not reverse in the foreseeable future; and
- taxable temporary differences arising on the initial recognition of goodwill.

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The measurement of deferred tax reflects the tax consequences that would follow the manner in which the Company expects, at the end of the reporting period, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities. Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to be applied to temporary differences when they reverse, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset if there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax liabilities and assets, and they relate to taxes levied by the same tax authority on the same taxable entity, or on different tax entities, but they intend to settle current tax liabilities and assets on a net basis or their tax assets and liabilities will be realised simultaneously.

A deferred tax asset is recognised for unused tax losses, tax credits and deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be utilised. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised.

#### **3.10 Intangible assets**

##### *(i) Recognition and measurement*

Development expenditure is capitalised only if the expenditure can be measured reliably, the product or process is technically and commercially feasible, future economic benefits are probable, and the Company intends to and has sufficient resources to complete development and to use or sell the asset. Otherwise, it is recognised in profit or loss as incurred. Subsequent to initial recognition, development expenditure is measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

##### *(ii) Subsequent expenditure*

Subsequent expenditure is capitalised only when it increases the future economic benefits embodied in the specific asset to which it relates.

##### *(iii) Amortisation*

Amortisation is calculated to write off the cost of intangible assets less their estimated residual values using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives and is generally recognised in profit or loss. The estimated useful lives for current and comparative periods are as follows:

Non-patented technology

5 years

Amortisation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted if appropriate.

#### **3.11 Property, plant and equipment**

Items of property, plant and equipment are stated at cost of acquisition or production cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any gain or loss on disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment is recognised in profit or loss.

Depreciation is charged so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets over their estimated useful lives, using the straight line method, on the following basis:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment      20 - 50%

Leasehold improvements              10 - 25%

#### **3.12 Trade and other receivables**

Trade receivables are recognised initially at the amount of consideration that is unconditional unless they contain significant financing components, when they are recognised at fair value. The Company holds the trade receivables with the objective to collect the contractual cash flows and therefore measures them subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Details about the Company's impairment policies and the calculation of the loss allowance are provided in note 3.18.

#### **3.13 Inventories**

Inventories comprise of stock of plastic payment cards not yet distributed to customers. Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is based on the first-in first-out principle and includes expenditure incurred in acquiring the inventories, production or conversion costs and other costs in bringing them to their existing location and condition. There are no currency amounts loaded on the stock of cards.

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### **3.14 Cash and cash equivalents**

These include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks. Any cash held on behalf of customers is segregated from operational cash and safeguarded in accordance with our regulatory obligations. Any cash held on behalf of customers is segregated from operational cash and safeguarded in accordance with our regulatory obligations. The risks and rewards to the Company that arise from the holding of customer money are principally vested with the customers. As a result, the Company does not account for customer cash in the Company's financial statements.

### **3.15 Trade and other payables**

These are initially recognised at fair value and then carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The Company does not account for customer cash and the associated customer liability in the Company's financial statements, as the risks and rewards that arise are principally vested with the customers.

### **3.16 Provisions excluding those under IFRS 9 (see note 3.18)**

A provision is recognised in the statement of financial position when the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. If the effect is material, provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects the current market assessment of the time value of money and, where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability.

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the statement of comprehensive income because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the statement of financial position date.

### **3.17 Leases**

At inception of a contract, the Company assesses whether the contract is, or contains, a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. To assess whether a contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset, the Company uses the definition of a lease in IFRS 16.

Contracts may contain both lease and non-lease components. The Company allocates the consideration in the contract to the lease and non-lease components based on their relative stand-alone prices. However, for leases of real estate for which the Company is a lessee, it has elected not to separate lease and non-lease components and instead accounts for these as a single lease component.

The Company recognises a right of use asset and a corresponding liability at the date at which the leased asset is available for use. Lease liabilities arising from a lease are initially measured on a present value basis. Lease liabilities include the net present value of the fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments), less any lease incentives receivable. Lease payments to be made under reasonably certain extension options are also included in the measurement of the liability. The lease payments are discounted using the lessee's incremental borrowing rate, being the rate that the individual lessee would have to pay to borrow the funds necessary to obtain an asset of similar value to the right of use asset in a similar economic environment with similar terms, security and conditions.

Lease payments are allocated between principal and finance cost. The finance cost is charged to profit or loss over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period.

Right of use assets are measured at cost comprising the following:

- the amount of the initial measurement of lease liability;
- any lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received;
- any initial direct costs.

Right of use assets are depreciated using the straight-line basis over the lease term at a rate between 10-25%.

The Company applies the following practical expedients permitted by the standard:

- excluding short term leases (less than 12 months) and low-value items (less than USD 5,000)
- exercising extension options where the contract contains a provision.

There are no variable payment terms in current leases.

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#### **3.18 Impairment**

##### *Financial assets*

IFRS 9 offers two approaches for measuring and recognising a loss allowance: General and Simplified. General approach should be applied for all financial assets subject to impairment, except for trade receivables or contract assets (IFRS 15) without significant financing component for these assets simplified approach should be applied.

The Company's financial instruments measured at amortised cost falling within the scope of the standard are (i) trade and other receivables and (ii) cash and cash equivalents. While cash and cash equivalents are also subject to the impairment requirements of IFRS 9, the identified impairment loss was immaterial.

##### *Trade and other receivables*

The Company applies the IFRS 9 simplified approach. The Company does not track changes in credit risk, instead the Company recognised a loss allowance based on a lifetime expected Credit Loss at each reporting date.

#### **3.19 Judgements and estimates**

The preparation of the Company's financial statements requires management to make estimates, judgements and assumptions that affect the application of the Company's accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to estimates are recognised prospectively.

##### *Judgements*

The judgements made in applying the Company's accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements were as follows:

##### *(i) Technology development intangibles*

Development costs are capitalised based on management's judgements that the project is technologically and economically feasible, the asset is expected to generate future net cash inflows and a successful outcome is probable in accordance with IAS 38 *Intangible Assets*. Management judgement is required to determine the useful economic lives of these assets and requires market and technological knowledge in determining these.

##### *(ii) IFRS 16 Leases – lease term and extension options*

In determining the lease term, management considers all facts and circumstances that create an economic incentive to exercise an extension option, or not exercise a termination option. Extension options (or periods after termination options) are only included in the lease term if the lease is reasonably certain to be extended (or not terminated). All extension options in offices leases have been included in the lease liability.

##### *(iii) IFRS 16 Leases – incremental borrowing rate*

To determine the incremental borrowing rate, the Company uses a build-up approach that starts with a risk-free interest rate adjusted for credit risk for leases held by the Company which do not have recent third-party financing, and makes adjustments specific to the lease; inflation, country risk premium, financing spread level of indebtedness and asset specific risk.

#### **4. Revenue and segmental analysis**

The Company only has one operating segment, Banking, which is reported to the Board of Directors (being the chief operating decision maker) to assess both performance and support strategic decisions. These financial statements present the results of the one operating segment and as such segment results have not been disclosed again in this note.

IFRS 15 requires the presentation of disaggregated revenue from contracts with customers into categories that depict how the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows are affected by economic factors. Revenue is derived from a single segment in the UK. This is consistent with the Board strategy. Therefore, no segmental reporting is provided.

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### 5. Operating profit

Operating profit is stated after charging the following:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Staff costs (note 6)	1,911,666	1,674,440
Depreciation of right of use asset	275,434	227,618
Depreciation of plant and equipment and fixtures and fittings	43,228	46,690
Amortisation of intangibles	536,412	565,823
IT costs	505,293	406,412
Professional fees	97,666	38,905
Marketing costs	298,456	346,407
Property and office costs	203,500	109,481
Travel and subsistence	27,909	18,729
Foreign exchange loss	9	-
Other	1,494	909

The auditors' remuneration for the statutory audit of £20,000 excluding VAT (2021: £18,000 excluding VAT) is borne by the ultimate parent company, Equals Group Plc. There are no non-audit fees.

### 6. Staff costs

The average monthly number of employees (including Directors) during the year was:

	2022	2021
	Headcount	Headcount
Administrative staff	78	77

#### Employee costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,504,079	1,337,556
Social security costs	259,734	207,491
Other pension costs	147,853	129,393
	1,911,666	1,674,440

Employee costs are exclusive of £407,064 (2021: £298,829) reported within internally generated software intangibles.

### 7. Directors' remuneration

	2022	2021
	£	£
Total Remuneration	-	-

None of the Directors were remunerated in respect of their services as a Director of the Company (2021: £Nil).

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**8. Tax charge**

	2022	2021
	£	£
R&D tax charge – prior year adjustment	-	-
Current tax charge	-	-
Deferred tax charge	64,616	73,836
<b>Total tax charge</b>	<b>64,616</b>	<b>73,836</b>

**Factors affecting tax charge for the financial year**

The charge for the year can be reconciled to the profit per the statement of comprehensive income as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Profit before taxation	605,809	555,662
Taxation at the UK corporation rate tax of 19% (2021: 19%)	115,104	105,576
Temporary and permanent timing differences	25,658	42,271
Company relieved losses	-	(34,598)
Effect of change in tax rates	-	22,644
Utilisation of tax losses	-	(55,929)
Recognition of deferred tax on carry forward tax losses	(1,557)	55,929
Net impact of R&D	(74,589)	(62,057)
<b>Total tax charge for the year</b>	<b>64,616</b>	<b>73,836</b>

**Movement in deferred tax balances**

	Net balance at 1 January	Transfers from fellow undertaking	Recognised in P&L	Balance at 31 December	DTA	DTL
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>2022</b>						
Intangibles	(251,437)	-	(64,849)	(316,286)	-	(316,286)
Property, plant and equipment	(26,072)	-	(7,896)	(33,968)	-	(33,968)
Unutilised tax losses	-	-	8,129	8,129	8,129	-
<b>Net deferred tax liability</b>	<b>(277,509)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(64,616)</b>	<b>(342,125)</b>	<b>8,129</b>	<b>(350,254)</b>

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**8. Tax charge (continued)**

	Net balance at 1 January	Transfers from fellow undertaking	Recognised in P&L	Balance at 31 December	DTA	DTL
2021	£	£	£	£	£	£
Intangibles	(227,410)	-	(24,027)	(251,437)	-	(251,437)
Property, plant and equipment	(32,192)	-	6,120	(26,072)	-	(26,072)
Unutilised tax losses	55,929	-	(55,929)	-	-	-
<b>Net deferred tax (liability) / asset</b>	<b>(203,673)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(73,836)</b>	<b>(277,509)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(277,509)</b>

The standard rate of corporation tax applicable to the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022 was 19%. The rate in the year ending 31 December 2023 will be 23.5%. The Government has confirmed that the rate of corporation tax will be increased to 25% with effect from 1 April 2023. Deferred tax assets and liabilities have been recognised at the substantively enacted rate. The effect of change in tax rate has been calculated on deferred tax.

The Company has estimated tax losses of £34,590 (2021: £Nil) available to carry-forward against future trading profits. The losses can be carried forward indefinitely and have no expiry date.

Deferred tax assets are recognised for tax losses carried forward to the extent that the realisation of the related tax benefit through future taxable profits is considered more likely than not. The decision to recognise any asset is taken at such point the recovery is reasonably certain. The Company has concluded that the deferred assets will be recoverable using estimated future taxable income based on approved board budget for 2023 and a five-year forecast horizon. There are no unrecognised deferred tax assets.

**9. Property, plant and equipment**

	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Leasehold improvements	Total
	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 January 2022	344,135	138,969	483,104
Additions	30,853	9,018	39,871
At 31 December 2022	374,988	147,987	522,975
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>			
At 1 January 2022	304,642	30,085	334,727
Charge for the year	28,962	14,266	43,228
At 31 December 2022	333,604	44,351	377,955
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 December 2022	41,384	103,636	145,020

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**9. Property, plant and equipment (continued)**

	<b>Fixtures, fittings &amp; equipment £</b>	<b>Leasehold improvements £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 January 2021	337,493	136,113	473,606
Additions	6,642	2,856	9,498
At 31 December 2021	344,135	138,969	483,104
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>			
At 1 January 2021	271,659	16,378	288,037
Charge for the year	32,983	13,707	46,690
At 31 December 2021	304,642	30,085	334,727
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 December 2021	39,493	108,884	148,377

**10. Leases**

<b>Right of use assets</b>	<b>Property £</b>	<b>Vehicles £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
At 1 January 2021	893,569	51,301	944,870
Additions to right of use assets	-	337,702	337,702
Depreciation charge for the year	(105,764)	(121,854)	(227,618)
At 31 December 2021	787,805	267,149	1,054,954
Additions to right of use assets	-	157,136	157,136
Modifications to right of use assets	-	(61,061)	(61,061)
Depreciation charge for the year	(105,764)	(169,670)	(275,434)
At 31 December 2022	682,041	193,554	875,595

**Lease Liabilities**

	<b>Property £</b>	<b>Vehicles £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
At 1 January 2021	918,023	49,606	967,629
Additions to lease liabilities	-	337,702	337,702
Lease finance expenses	32,652	7,799	40,451
Payments	(129,632)	(137,682)	(267,314)
At 31 December 2021	821,043	257,425	1,078,468
Additions to lease liabilities	-	157,136	157,136
Lease finance expenses	29,156	9,689	38,845
Modifications to leases	-	(50,634)	(50,634)
Payments	(129,633)	(190,954)	(320,587)
At 31 December 2022	720,566	182,662	903,228



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**10. Leases (continued)**

**Lease Liabilities**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Current lease liabilities	218,470	210,339
Non-current lease liabilities	684,758	868,129
	<b>903,228</b>	<b>1,078,468</b>

*Amounts recognised in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income*

<b>Depreciation charge of right of use assets</b>	<b>Property</b>	<b>Vehicles</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Property</b>	<b>Vehicles</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Depreciation charge for right of use assets	105,764	169,670	275,434	105,764	121,854	227,618
Lease finance expenses	29,156	9,689	38,845	32,652	7,799	40,451
Modifications	-	10,427	10,427	-	-	-
	<b>134,920</b>	<b>189,786</b>	<b>324,706</b>	<b>138,416</b>	<b>129,653</b>	<b>268,069</b>

The total cash outflow for leases in 2022 was £320,586 (2021: £267,314) including for principal and interest.

**11. Intangible assets**

	<b>Trademarks</b>	<b>Non-patented technology</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 January 2022	187	2,783,034	2,783,221
Additions	-	602,752	602,752
At 31 December 2022	<b>187</b>	<b>3,385,786</b>	<b>3,385,973</b>
<b>Accumulated amortisation</b>			
At 1 January 2022	187	1,535,575	1,535,762
Charge for the year	-	536,412	536,412
At 31 December 2022	<b>187</b>	<b>2,071,987</b>	<b>2,072,174</b>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 December 2022	<b>-</b>	<b>1,313,799</b>	<b>1,313,799</b>

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**11. Intangible assets (continued)**

	Trademarks	Non-patented technology	Total
	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 January 2021	187	2,480,306	2,480,493
Additions	-	302,728	302,728
At 31 December 2021	<u>187</u>	<u>2,783,034</u>	<u>2,783,221</u>
<b>Accumulated amortisation</b>			
At 1 January 2021	187	969,752	969,939
Charge for the year	-	565,823	565,823
At 31 December 2021	<u>187</u>	<u>1,535,575</u>	<u>1,535,762</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 December 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>1,247,459</u>	<u>1,247,459</u>

**12. Stock**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Finished goods	<u>36,033</u>	<u>19,737</u>

The Company's stock comprises of cards. Included within cost of sales is a charge relating to stock of £44,481 (2021: £63,707) incurred in the ordinary course of business.

**13. Trade and other receivables**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade receivables	267,919	169,409
Amounts due from fellow group undertakings (note 18)	57,958	1,154,750
Other receivables	5,431	4,489
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>105,229</u>	<u>128,129</u>
	<u>436,537</u>	<u>1,456,777</u>

Information about the Company's exposure to credit and market risks, and impairment losses for trade and other receivables is included in note 17.2.

Amounts due from fellow group undertakings are interest-free, repayable on demand and unsecured.

**14. Cash and cash equivalents**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Cash at bank	<u>2,754,083</u>	<u>977,146</u>

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**15. Share capital**

	2022	2021
	£	£
<b>Authorised, issued and fully paid up capital</b>		
100,000 (2021: 100,000) ordinary shares of £1 each	100,000	100,000

**16. Trade and other payables**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade payables	368,314	192,747
Accruals	117,572	121,301
Social security and other taxation	162,654	108,444
	648,540	422,492

**17. Financial instruments**

The Company's financial instruments comprise cash, trade and other receivables and trade and other payables. The main purpose of these financial instruments is to provide working capital for the Company. In common with other businesses, the Company is exposed to the risk that arises from its use of financial instruments. Further quantitative information is found throughout these financial statements.

**17.1 Principal financial instruments**

The principal financial instruments of the Company, from which financial instrument risk arises, are as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
<b>Financial instruments held at amortised cost</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	2,754,083	977,146
Trade and other receivables	331,308	1,329,836
Trade and other payables	(485,886)	(314,048)
Lease liabilities	(903,228)	(1,078,468)

Trade and other payables generally have a maturity of less than one month.

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### 17.2 Financial risk management objectives and policies

#### Credit risk

As required under IFRS 9, the Company analysed its trade and other debtors. The Company has significant short-term receivables, which have either settled post balance sheet date or are considered negligible due to the financial strength of the counterparty. As such the impact of expected credit losses under IFRS 9 have been assessed as minimal.

The ageing of financial assets at the statement of financial position date is as follows:

2022	On demand	Between 1 and 3 months	Between 3 and 12 months	Over 1 year	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Trade and other receivables	331,308	-	-	-	331,308

2021	On demand	Between 1 and 3 months	Between 3 and 12 months	Over 1 year	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Trade and other receivables	1,329,836	-	-	-	1,329,836

#### Liquidity risk

Management of liquidity risk is achieved by monitoring budgets and forecasts and actual cash flows and available cash balances.

The table below analyses the Company's gross undiscounted financial liabilities by their contractual maturity date.

2022	On demand and within 1 month	Between 1 and 3 months	Between 3 and 12 months	Over 1 year	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Trade and other payables	485,886	-	-	-	485,886
Lease liabilities	18,225	36,430	163,815	684,758	903,228

2021	On demand and within 1 month	Between 1 and 3 months	Between 3 and 12 months	Over 1 year	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Trade and other payables	314,048	-	-	-	314,048
Lease liabilities	17,379	35,632	157,328	868,129	1,078,468

#### Market risk

Market risk arises from the Company's use of foreign currency. This is detailed below.

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### 17.2 Financial risk management objectives and policies (continued)

#### Interest rate risk

The Company is subject to interest rate risk as its bank balances are subject to interest at a floating rate. The Company has no borrowings so liabilities are not materially affected by changes in interest rates.

#### Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk arises from having assets and liabilities in currencies other than sterling. The Company's balance sheet currency exposure is primarily managed by matching currency assets with currency liabilities. As at 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021 the Company is not sensitive to movements in the strength of Sterling as no material foreign currency balances are held.

#### Financial instruments and fair value risk

The following table shows the carrying amount of financial assets and financial liabilities. It does not include a fair value as the carrying amount is a reasonable approximation of fair value.

31 December 2022	Financial assets £	Financial liabilities £	Total £
<b>Financial assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	2,754,083	-	2,754,083
Trade and other receivables	331,308	-	331,308
<b>Financial liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	-	(485,886)	(485,886)
Lease liabilities	-	(903,228)	(903,228)
	<b>3,085,391</b>	<b>(1,389,114)</b>	<b>1,696,277</b>
<b>31 December 2021</b>	<b>Financial assets £</b>	<b>Financial liabilities £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Financial assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	977,146	-	977,146
Trade and other receivables	1,329,836	-	1,329,836
<b>Financial liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	-	(314,048)	(314,048)
Lease liabilities	-	(1,078,468)	(1,078,468)
	<b>2,306,982</b>	<b>(1,442,516)</b>	<b>864,466</b>

All financial instruments are classified as level 2 financial instruments in the fair value hierarchy.

#### Capital management policy and procedures

The Company's capital management objectives are:

- to ensure that the Company will be able to continue as a going concern (see note 3.1); and
- to maximise the income and capital return to the Company's shareholders.

Equals Money UK Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary, is subject to the following externally imposed capital requirements:

- as a company regulated by the Payment Service Regulations 2009, the Company is required to maintain a capital requirement of either 10% of fixed overheads for the preceding year or the initial capital requirement of €323,000, whichever is the higher.

The Company has complied with the requirements of maintaining 10% of its fixed overheads throughout the year.

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### 18. Related party transactions

#### Key management personnel

Key management who are responsible for controlling and directing the activities of the Company comprise the Executive Directors of the Group and the Directors of the Company. The total amount payable to all Directors of the Company in respect of their services to the Company was £Nil (2021: £Nil).

Intercompany transactions and balances with the rest of the Group:

31 December 2022	Due from 2022 £	Due to 2022 £	Due from 2021 £	Due to 2021 £
<b>Balance sheet</b>				
Equals Group Plc	-	-	1,099,854	-
Fair Payments Limited	57,958	-	54,896	-
	<u>57,958</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,154,750</u>	<u>-</u>
31 December 2022	Due from 2022 £	Due to 2022 £	Due from 2021 £	Due to 2021 £
<b>Income statement</b>				
Equals Money Plc	-	778,948	-	851,097
Fair Payments Limited	438,938	-	542,892	-
	<u>438,938</u>	<u>778,948</u>	<u>542,892</u>	<u>851,097</u>

There are no other related party transactions which, as a single transaction or in their entirety, are on may be material to the Company and have been entered into the Company during the year ended 31 December 2022.

### 19. Ultimate controlling party

Equals Group Plc is the Company's ultimate parent company and is considered by the Directors to be the ultimate controlling party. The largest and smallest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that headed by Equals Group PLC. The registered office address of Equals Group PLC is Third Floor Thames House, Vintners' Place, 68 Upper Thames Street, London EC4V 3BJ, England. Copies of the consolidated accounts may be obtained from <https://www.equalsplc.com/content/investors>.

### 20. Post balance sheet events

There have been no post balance sheet events from the balance sheet date to the date of signing which require separate disclosure.