

## Rothschild & Co Australia Holdings Limited (formerly Rothschild Australia Holdings Limited)

# Report of the Directors and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2018

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## **Report of the Directors**

The Directors present their Directors' report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018.

## **Principal Activities and Business Review**

During the year, Rothschild & Co Australia Holdings Limited ("the Company") continued to be an investment holding company.

In 2017, the Company, changed its financial year end from 31 March to 31 December. This set of financial statements is the first full year since this change and consequently, the comparative figures for the Company's income statement, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, cash flow statement and related notes are for the 9 months from 1 April 2017 to 31 December 2017.

#### **Dividends**

The Company did not pay any dividends during the year (9 months to 31 December 2017: £nil).

#### **Directors**

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

Peter Barbour Anthony Coghlan John King

## **Directors' Indemnity**

The Company has provided qualifying third-party indemnities for the benefit of its Directors. These were provided during the year and remain in force at the date of this report.

## **Auditor**

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

## **Audit Information**

The Directors who held office at the date of approval of this Report of the Directors 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 he ought to have taken as a Director to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

Registered number: 06858903



## **Report of the Directors**

## **Directors' Responsibilities Statement**

The Directors are responsible for preparing 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 period. Under that law they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union (EU) and applicable law.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether they have been prepared in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the EU;
- assess the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and
- use the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The Directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Company's website. Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

By Order of the Board

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**Helen Horton for** 

N M Rothschild & Sons Limited

Secretary

New Court, St. Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8AL

16 July 2019



# Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Rothschild & Co Australia Holdings Limited

## **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Rothschild & Co Australia Holdings Limited ("the Company") for the year ended 31 December 2018 which comprise the statement of comprehensive income, balance sheet, statement of changes in equity, cash flow statement, and related notes, including the accounting policies in note 1.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2018 and of its result for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

## **Basis for opinion**

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

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

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

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

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## Going concern

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

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

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

## Directors' report

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

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

- we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' report;
- in our opinion the information given in that report for the financial period is consistent with the financial statements; and
- in our opinion that report has been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

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

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- · certain disclosures of Directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Directors were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report

We have nothing to report in these respects.

# Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Rothschild & Co Australia Holdings Limited

## Directors' responsibilities

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

## **Auditor's responsibilities**

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

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on the FRC's website at <a href="https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities">www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities</a>.

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

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

Pamela McIntyre (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor

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**Chartered Accountants** 

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London E14 5GL

19 July 2019



## **Statement of Comprehensive Income**

For the year ended 31 December 2018

During the financial year the Company did not trade and received no income and incurred no expenditure. Consequently, during the year, the Company made neither a profit nor a loss (9 months to 31 December 2017: £nil). There was no other recognised income or expense in other comprehensive income during the year (9 months to 31 December 2017:£nil).

## **Balance Sheet**

At 31 December 2018

		31	L December	31 December		
		2018	2018	2017	2017	
	Note	£	£	£	£	
Non-current assets			*			
Investments in subsidiaries	4		10,000,000		10,000,000	
Current assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	. 5	895,203		895,203	•	
Net current assets			895,203		895,203	
Total assets less current liabilities			10,895,203		10,895,203	
Shareholders' equity			•			
Share capital	6		10,600,000		10,600,000	
Retained earnings			295,203	,	295,203	
Total shareholders' equity			10,895,203		10,895,203	

Approved by the Board of Directors on 16 July 2019 and signed on its behalf by:

Peter Barbour Director

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements





## **Statement of Changes in Equity**

For the year ended 31 December 2018

		•	•
	Share	Retained	Total
	Capital	Earnings	Equity
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	£	£	£
At 1 January 2018	10,600,000	295,203	10,895,203
At 31 December 2018	10,600,000	295,203	10,895,203
At 1 April 2017	10,600,000	295,203	10,895,203
At 31 December 2017	10,600,000	295,203	10,895,203

## **Cash Flow Statement**

For the year ended 31 December 2018

At the beginning and end of the year the Company held cash of £895,203. There were no cash movements during the year.



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#### 1. Accounting Policies

Rothschild & Co Australia Holdings Limited ("the Company") is a private company limited by shares and incorporated in England and Wales. The principal accounting policies which have been consistently adopted in the presentation of the financial statements are as follows:

#### a. Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared and approved by the Directors in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) interpretations, endorsed by the European Union (EU) and with those requirements of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies reporting under IFRS. The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost accounting rules and presented in sterling, unless otherwise stated.

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The Company is exempt by virtue of s400 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to prepare group financial statements. These financial statements present information about the Company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

#### Standards affecting the financial statements

IFRS 9 Financial Instruments and IFRS 15 Revenue from contracts with customers were implemented with effect from 1 January. Neither of these standards has had a significant effect on these financial statements.

#### **Future accounting developments**

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for accounting periods ending after 31 December 2018 and therefore have not been applied in preparing these financial statements. The Company has reviewed these new standards to determine their effects on the Company's financial reporting. None of these are expected to have a significant effect on the Company's financial statements.

#### b. Investments in subsidiary undertakings

Investments in subsidiary undertakings are stated at cost less provisions to take account, where appropriate, of impairment in their value.

#### c. Income from investments in subsidiary undertakings

Dividend income from investments is included in the financial statements when the right to receive payment is established.

#### d. Cash and cash equivalents

For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise balances with other group companies that are readily convertible to cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

#### e. Capital management

The Company is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements. The Company follows the capital management policies of a parent undertaking N M Rothschild & Sons Limited and the capital of the Company is managed at the group level.





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#### 1. Accounting Policies (continued)

#### f. Financial risk management

The Company follows the financial risk management policies of a parent undertaking, N M Rothschild & Sons Limited. The key risks arising from the Company's activities, involving financial instruments, which are monitored at the group level as follows:

- Credit risk the the risk of loss arising from client or counterparty default is not considered
  a significant risk to the Company as all asset balances are with other group companies as
  detailed in note 7 Related Party Transactions.
- Market risk the exposure to changes in market variables such as interest rates, currency exchange rates, equity and debt prices is not considered significant.
- Liquidity risk the risk that the Company is unable to meet its obligations as they fall due or that it is unable to fund its commitments is not considered significant as at the balance sheet date the Company held sufficient cash to fund all future obligations.

#### 2. Audit Fee

The amount receivable by the auditors and their associates in respect of the audit of these financial statements is £3,511 (at 31 December 2017: £3,511). The audit fee is paid on a group basis by N M Rothschild & Sons Limited.

#### 3. Directors' Emoluments

No Director received any remuneration from the Company during the year (9 months to 31 December 2017: £nil).

#### 4. Non-Current Assets: Investments in Subsidiary Undertakings

		· .	Year to 31 December 2018	9 months to 31 December 2017
Cost at beginning of year  Cost at end of year	·		10,000,000	10,000,000



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# 4. Non-Current Assets: Investments in Subsidiary Undertakings (cont.)

The subsidiary undertakings of the Company are detailed below.

	Percentage of shares held			
	31 December 31	December '		
Subsidiary undertakings	2018	2017		
Rothschild & Co Australia Limited (formerly Rothschild Australia				
Limited) (incorporated in Australia with registered office at Level 34,	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
88 Phillip Street, Sydney, NSW 2000) which owns the following	ř	*		
subsidiary:	100	100		

#### 5. Cash and Cash Equivalents

At the year end the Company held cash of £895,203 (at 31 December 2017: £895,203) at a fellow subsidiary undertaking. The balance is non-interest bearing.

#### 6. Share Capital

		31 December 2018	31 December 2017
Authorised			· · · · · ·
Ordinary shares of £1 each		20,000,000	20,000,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid			
Ordinary shares of £1 each	•	10,600,000	10,600,000

#### 7. Related Party Transactions

Parties are considered related if one party controls, is controlled by or has the ability to exercise significant influence over the other party. This includes key management personnel, the parent company, subsidiaries and fellow subsidiaries.

Amounts recognised in the balance sheet in respect of related party transactions were as follows:

					31 December	31 December
					2018	2017
•		·	•	•	£	£
Investment in subsidiaries	:				10,000,000	10,000,000
Cash at fellow subsidiary ur	ndertaking				895,203	895,203

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#### 7. Related Party Transactions (cont.)

There were no loans made to Directors during the year (9 months to 31 December 2017: none) and no balances outstanding at the year-end (at 31 December 2017: £nil). The Directors did not receive any remuneration in respect of their services to the Company. There were no employees of the Company during the year (9 months to 31 December 2017: none).

#### 8. Parent Undertaking and Ultimate Holding Company

The largest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that headed by Rothschild & Co Concordia SAS, incorporated in France, and whose registered office is at 23bis, Avenue de Messine, 75008 Paris. The smallest group in which they are consolidated is that headed by Rothschild & Co SCA, a French public limited partnership whose registered office is also at 23bis, Avenue de Messine, 75008 Paris. The accounts are available on Rothschild & Co website at www.rothschildandco.com.

The Company's immediate parent company is Shield Trust Limited, incorporated in England and Wales and whose registered office is at New Court, St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8AL.

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