

DBW INVESTMENTS (9) LIMITED

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2023



**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31
MARCH 2023**

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

This directors' report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies entitled to the small companies' exemption.

BUSINESS REVIEW AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the Company is the holding of a fund to provide investment into Life Sciences businesses.

Following a competitive procurement exercise, Arix Capital Management Ltd (previously Arthurian Life Sciences Limited) was appointed as fund manager. A limited partnership, the Wales Life Sciences Investment Fund LP (WLSIF), was set up to house the fund investments. DBW Investments (9) Limited holds 80% of the share capital in the limited partnership.

The fund reached the end of its life on 28 February 2023 and a liquidation process has commenced.

Further details can be seen in Note 9.

GOING CONCERN

The directors have made an assessment of going concern, taking into account both current performance and the Company's outlook which considered the impact of macroeconomic uncertainties and financial market turmoil, the impact of the cost of living crisis, the conflict in Ukraine, and the UK's exit from the European Union. The directors have monitored the impact of market events in March 2023 on its cash holdings and have concluded that contagion risk for the Company is low. As part of the assessment of going concern the directors made enquiries and reviewed forecasts for the Company including considering the recoverability of the outstanding loan investments, undrawn funding commitments and investment repayments made, and the directors believe there are no material uncertainties that lead to significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue in business over the 12 month period from the date the Company's financial statements have been authorised for issue.

The going concern assessment for the Development bank of Wales Group covers all its subsidiaries so all inputs and assumptions used to support our conclusion can be found within the publicly available Group financial statements of Development Bank of Wales. The going concern assessment period covers the period to 30 September 2024, 12 months subsequent to signing the annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

As a result of this assessment, the directors consider that it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

DIRECTORS

The directors of the Company, who served throughout the financial year and to the date of this report, unless stated otherwise, are as shown on page 1.

DIRECTORS' INDEMNITIES

The Company has made qualifying third-party indemnity provisions for the benefit of all directors. These were in force during the financial year and remained in force at the date of approval of the financial statements.

POLITICAL DONATIONS

The Company made no political donations during 2023 (2022: nil).

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There were no subsequent events to report.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

AUDITOR


In the case of each of the persons who are directors of the Company at the date when this report is approved:

- so far as each of the directors is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and
- each of the directors have 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 auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of section 418 of the Companies Act 2006.

Development Bank of Wales plc (the "Group") of which the Company is a subsidiary, has a policy of tendering the external audit every five years. The last time the audit was tendered was during 2021 when Mazars LLP were appointed.

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



E Hitchings
Company Secretary
29 November 2023

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The directors are responsible for preparing the annual report and 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 United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law), including FRS 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework. Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and 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 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.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
DBW INVESTMENTS (9) LIMITED**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of DBW Investments (9) Limited (the 'company') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Profit and loss account, Balance sheet, Statement of changes in equity, and Notes to the financial statements, including a Summary of significant accounting policies.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; 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 under those standards are further described in the "Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements" section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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.

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

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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 course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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 in this regard.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
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Opinions on other matters 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 directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which 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.
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of Directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 4 of the annual report, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors 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 directors 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 directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's 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 auditor's 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 the financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

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.

Based on our understanding of the company and its industry, we considered that non-compliance with the following laws and regulations might have a material effect on the financial statements: employment regulation, health and safety regulation and anti-money laundering regulation.

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To help us identify instances of non-compliance with these laws and regulations, and in identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect to non-compliance, our procedures included, but were not limited to:

- Inquiring of management and, where appropriate, those charged with governance, as to whether the company is in compliance with laws and regulations, and discussing their policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations;
- Inspecting correspondence, if any, with relevant licensing or regulatory authorities;
- Communicating identified laws and regulations to the engagement team and remaining alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout our audit; and
- Considering the risk of acts by the company which were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the preparation of the financial statements, such as tax legislation, pension legislation and the Companies Act 2006.

In addition, we evaluated the directors' and management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements, including the risk of management override of controls, and determined that the principal risks related to posting manual journal entries to manipulate financial performance, management bias through judgements and assumptions in significant accounting estimates, and significant one-off or unusual transactions.

Our audit procedures in relation to fraud included but were not limited to:

- Making enquiries of the directors and management on whether they had knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- Gaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud;
- Discussing amongst the engagement team the risks of fraud; and
- Addressing the risks of fraud through management override of controls by performing journal entry testing.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities including fraud rests with management. As with any audit, there remained a risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal controls.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of the audit report

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.



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29 November 2023

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
For the year ended 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Administrative expenses:			
Other administrative expenses	3	(65,316)	(64,164)
Other operating expenditure:			
Fair value gain/(loss) on financial assets	5	674,179	(8,932,615)
PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE FINANCE INCOME		<u>608,863</u>	<u>(8,996,779)</u>
Other interest income	6	30,896	5,591,122
Interest expense	7	(1,071,002)	-
LOSS BEFORE TAXATION		<u>(431,243)</u>	<u>(3,405,657)</u>
Taxation	8	-	(1,907,981)
LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE OWNERS OF THE COMPANY		<u><u>(431,243)</u></u>	<u><u>(5,313,638)</u></u>

All activities derive from continuing operations.

There have been no recognised gains and losses for the current or prior financial year other than as stated in the profit and loss account. Accordingly, no separate statement of comprehensive income is presented.

DBW INVESTMENTS (9) LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET As at 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Financial assets at fair value	9	1,729,386	2,561,222
		<u>1,729,386</u>	<u>2,561,222</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Trade and other receivables	10	1,535,933	-
Cash at bank and in hand	11	254,826	318,011
		<u>1,790,759</u>	<u>318,011</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>3,520,145</u>	<u>2,879,233</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES	12	(5,057,985)	(1,922,115)
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>(1,537,840)</u>	<u>(1,604,104)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>(1,537,840)</u>	<u>957,118</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	12	-	(2,063,715)
NET LIABILITIES		<u>(1,537,840)</u>	<u>(1,106,597)</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Public equity		17,172,334	17,172,334
Called up share capital	14	1	1
Profit and loss account		<u>(18,710,175)</u>	<u>(18,278,932)</u>
TOTAL SHAREHOLDER'S FUNDS		<u>(1,537,840)</u>	<u>(1,106,597)</u>

The financial statements of DBW Investments (9) Limited, registered number 07986371, were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 29 November 2023.

Signed on its behalf by



D Staziker
Director

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
For the year ended 31 March 2023

	Public equity £	Called up share capital £	Profit and loss account £	Total £
Balance at 1 April 2021	17,172,334	1	(12,965,294)	4,207,041
Total comprehensive loss for the year	-	-	(5,313,638)	(5,313,638)
Balance at 31 March 2022	<u>17,172,334</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>(18,278,932)</u>	<u>(1,106,597)</u>
Total comprehensive loss for the year	-	-	(431,243)	(431,243)
Balance at 31 March 2023	<u>17,172,334</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>(18,710,175)</u>	<u>(1,537,840)</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. They have been applied consistently throughout the current and prior financial year.

Basis of accounting

DBW Investments (9) Limited is a company incorporated in the United Kingdom under the Companies Act 2006. The Company is a private company limited by shares and is registered in England & Wales. The address of the registered office is given on page 1. The nature of the Company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Directors' report on page 2.

The Company meets the definition of a qualifying entity under FRS 100 (Financial Reporting Standard 100) issued by the Financial Reporting Council. These financial statements were prepared in accordance with FRS 101 (Financial Reporting Standard 101) Reduced Disclosure Framework as issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis and on a going concern basis as discussed in the Directors' report on page 2. The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, except for the revaluation of certain financial instruments that are measured at revalued amounts or fair values at the end of each reporting period, as explained in the accounting policies below. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for the goods and services. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date, regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique. In estimating the fair value of an asset or liability, the Company takes into account the characteristics of the asset or liability if market participants would take those characteristics into account when pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. Fair value for measurement purposes in these financial statements is determined on such a basis. In addition, for financial reporting purposes fair value measurements are categorised into level 1, 2 or 3 based on the degree to which the inputs to the fair value measurements are observable and the significance of the inputs to the fair value measurement in its entirety, which are described as follows:

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date;
- Level 2 inputs are inputs, other than quoted prices included within level 1, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

As permitted by FRS 101, the Company has taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available under that standard in relation to business combinations, presentation of a statement of cash flows, standards not yet effective, revenue disclosures and related party transactions. Where required, equivalent disclosures are given in the Group financial statements of Development Bank of Wales plc. The Group financial statements of Development Bank Wales plc are available to the public and can be obtained as set out in Note 15.

Taxation

Current tax

Current tax is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date. The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the profit and loss account 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.

Deferred tax

Deferred tax is the tax expected to be payable or recoverable on differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit and is accounted for using the balance sheet liability method. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from the initial recognition of goodwill or from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Taxation (continued)

Deferred tax (continued)

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each balance sheet date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled, or the asset is realised based on tax laws and rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

The measurement of deferred tax liabilities and assets reflects the tax consequences that would follow from 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 assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority and the Company intends to settle its current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

Current tax and deferred tax for the year

Current and deferred tax are recognised in the profit and loss account, except when they relate to items that are recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, in which case, the current and deferred tax are also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

Foreign currency

The financial statements are presented in pounds sterling, which is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates (its functional currency). Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency are recorded at the rate of exchange at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are reported at the rates of exchange prevailing at that date. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are not retranslated.

Revenue recognition

Revenue represents monitoring fees. All revenue relates to one class of business and arises in the UK on investments made in Welsh businesses.

Other interest income

Interest income is recognised in the period to which it relates using the effective interest rate method.

Foreign currency

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Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the Company's balance sheet when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Recognised financial assets and financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets and financial liabilities (other than financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit and loss (FVTPL)) are added or deducted from the fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities, as appropriate, on initial recognition. Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets or financial liabilities at FVTPL are recognised immediately in the profit and loss account.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Financial instruments (continued)

Financial assets

All recognised financial assets that are within the scope of IFRS 9 are required to be subsequently measured at amortised cost or fair value on the basis of the entity's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets.

Specifically:

- debt instruments that are held within a business model whose objective is to collect the contractual cash flows, and that have contractual cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding (SPPI), are subsequently measured at amortised cost;
- all equity investments are subsequently measured at FVTPL.

Financial assets at FVTPL

Financial assets at FVTPL are:

- assets with contractual cash flows that are not solely payments of principal and interest;
- assets that are held in a business model other than held to collect contractual cash flows or held to collect and sell; or
- assets designated as FVTPL using the fair value option.

These assets are measured at fair value, with any gains/losses arising on re-measurement recognised in the profit and loss account. Fair value is determined in the manner described in Note 13.

Modification and de-recognition of a financial asset

Modification of a financial asset is considered to have occurred under IFRS 9 if the contractual cash flows of a financial asset are renegotiated or otherwise modified between initial recognition and maturity of a financial asset. A modification affects the amount and/or timing of the contractual cash flows either immediately or at a future date. The change to the original contractual terms must be legally binding and enforceable by law.

The Company renegotiates and reschedules loans to customers for a number of reasons. The most common reason is to assist customers in financial difficulty in order to maximise our collections and minimise the risk of default. The revised terms in most cases include an extension of the maturity of the loan or changes to the timing of the cash flows of the loan (principal and interest repayment). On modification the gross carrying amount of the loan is recalculated as the present value of the renegotiated or modified contractual cash flows, which are discounted at the original effective interest rate.

An assessment needs to be made at the time of modification as to whether the modification warrants the financial asset being de-recognised and a new financial asset originated. A change is deemed to be substantial if the movement in net present value (NPV) due to modification is >10%. In these cases, the original financial asset will be de-recognised and, where appropriate, a new financial asset originated at the date of modification. Where a loan is de-recognised and a new loan originated, a gain or loss being the difference between the fair value of the new loan recognised and the carrying amount of the original loan de-recognised (including the cumulative loss allowance) will be recognised in the profit and loss account. The assessment of the credit risk of the new financial asset will start again and the ECL will initially be calculated on a 12-month basis.

The Company would also de-recognise a financial asset where the modification of that financial asset would lead to any of the following scenarios:

- the extinguishing of the contractual rights to the cash flows from the assets, or
- the transfer of the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another entity.

Write-off

Financial assets are written off when the Company has no reasonable expectations of recovering the asset (either in its entirety or a portion of it). This is the case when the Company determines that the borrower does not have assets or sources of payment that could generate sufficient cash flows to repay the amounts subject to the write-off. A write-off constitutes a derecognition event. The Company may apply enforcement activities to financial assets written off. Recoveries resulting from the Company's enforcement activities will result in impairment gains being recognised in the profit and loss account.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Financial instruments (continued)

Financial liabilities and equity

Debt and equity instruments are classified as either financial liabilities or equity instruments according to the substance of the contractual arrangements.

Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are recognised as either financial liabilities at FVTPL or other financial liabilities. Other financial liabilities, including borrowings, are initially measured at fair value, net of transaction costs. Other financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Equity instruments

An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the Company after deducting all of its liabilities. Equity instruments issued by the Company are recorded at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs.

Embedded derivatives

Embedded derivatives that are not closely related will be separated from host contracts in accordance with IFRS 9, where a separate derivative is recorded it will be held at FVTPL.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and demand deposits and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

Public equity

The Welsh Ministers, acting through the Welsh Government, have from time to time provided funds for investment purposes. Some of this Welsh Government funding was originally made as public dividend capital (PDC) whilst the remainder is classified as grant in aid or core funding for investment purposes.

This non-repayable funding is to invest in the long-term sustainability of Development Bank of Wales and within the Welsh Minister's own accounting arrangements the funds are regarded as being an investment. Additional public equity arises where the Company receives loans from its parent company and relate to amounts received from the Welsh Government at below market rates as described below.

Amounts owed to principal shareholder held at amortised cost : Welsh Government loans (WG loans)

The Welsh Government has also provided financial transaction reserve (FTR) and core capital funding to the parent company which is passed to the Company via interest free loans, these loans are specific to each fund created with repayment levels linked to the performance of the fund.

Initial recognition

On initial recognition the financial liability is recognised at fair value, calculated in accordance with IFRS 13. Where the Company is obligated to issue below market rate loans and grant income is to be recorded (as noted above) this balance is included within deferred income. The difference between the sum of the fair value of the liability plus the deferred income recorded and the transaction value (funds received) is treated as a capital contribution. In line with previous capital contributions, we will include this in public equity within equity on the balance sheet.

As it is not possible to identify market transactions involving similar financial instruments and apply a market approach, the Company uses the income approach and a present value technique which uses the future cash flows associated with the loan discounted to give the present value of these cash flows and the fair value of the liability. The key inputs to this technique are the expected cash flows associated with the loan and the discount rate applied to those cash flows. See Note 2 for further information.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Amounts owed to principal shareholder held at amortised cost : Welsh Government loans (WG loans) (continued)

Subsequent treatment

Loans are held at amortised cost with a notional interest charge being recorded in each period to reflect the unwinding of the initial discount using the EIR of each loan.

In the event of a revision to expected repayments, the Company shall adjust the amortised cost of a financial liability to reflect the revised estimated contractual cash flows. The amortised cost of the financial liability will be recalculated as the present value of these cash flows using the original EIR of the loan, any adjustment will be recognised in the profit and loss account as income or expense.

Related party transactions

In accordance with the exemption conferred by paragraph 8 (j) of FRS 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework the Company has not disclosed transactions with other Group companies, where 100% of the voting rights are controlled by the Group.

2. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

In the application of the Company's accounting policies, which are described in Note 1, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

Critical judgements in applying the Company's accounting policies

The following are the critical judgements, apart from those involving estimations (which are dealt with separately below), that the directors have made in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Welsh Government loans

Under IFRS 9, financial instruments are initially to be recorded at fair value with adjustments for transaction costs in certain circumstances. As described in Note 1, the Company has received from its parent company, interest free loans received from the Welsh Government where in some instances full repayment of the loan principal is not contractually required, as such the initial fair value of the liability recognised is not equal to the transaction value i.e. the loan principal.

IFRS 9 states that ordinarily the difference between the transaction value and the fair value should be recognised as an expense or reduction of income unless it qualifies for recognition as another type of asset however, treatment of the below-market rate element of an intercompany loan is not directly addressed by IFRS 9. IAS 20 deals with government loans at a below-market rate of interest with the difference treated as a government grant however it does not address the situation where the government entity is a related party.

Whilst the loans provided by the Welsh Government are intended to support their policy objectives, Management's view with reference to the IASB's Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting is that the substance of these transactions is that a subsidy has been given by a parent company to its subsidiary. This interest subsidy should be recognised as a component of equity in the subsidiary i.e. a capital contribution in the financial statements of the Company. If the interest subsidy had instead been treated as a grant, this would have been recognised in the profit and loss account on a basis that reflected the substance of that grant.

Deferred tax

A deferred tax asset has not been recognised on the basis that there is insufficient certainty over the evidence of the recovery of these tax losses in future.

If deferred tax assets were recognised in full this would amount to an asset of £331,570 (2022: liability of £4,582) being recognised before any potential liabilities are taken into account.

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2. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION
UNCERTAINTY (continued)**Key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The key assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the balance sheet date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

Fair value measurement and valuation process

In estimating the fair value of a financial asset or liability, the company used market-observable data to the extent that it was available. Where such level 1 inputs were not available the Company used valuation models including discounted cash flow analysis and valuation models to determine the fair value of its financial instruments. The valuation techniques for level 3 financial instruments involved management assessment and estimates the extent of which depended on the complexity of the instrument.

Further details of the valuation techniques used are set out in Note 13.

3. OPERATING EXPENSES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other operating expenses include:		
Fees payable to the Company's auditor for the audit of the Company's annual financial statements	12,445	11,293

4. INFORMATION REGARDING DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

None of the directors received any emoluments from the Company in the current or prior financial year. It is not practicable to allocate their remuneration between their services as directors of this Company and other Group companies. Further details of directors' remuneration are presented in the financial statements of Development Bank of Wales Plc and DBW FM Limited.

The directors were the only employees of the Company during the current and prior financial year.

5. OTHER OPERATING INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fair value gain/(loss) on financial assets	674,179	(8,932,615)

6. OTHER INTEREST INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank deposits	29,918	25,662
Other interest	978	-
Notional interest on Welsh Government loans	-	5,565,460
	30,896	5,591,122

7. INTEREST EXPENSE

	2023	2022
	£	£
Loan interest	29,918	-
Notional interest on Welsh Government loans	1,041,084	-
	1,071,002	-

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8. TAX

	2023 £	2022 £
Current taxation		
UK corporation tax charge for the year	-	1,907,981
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
The charge for the year can be reconciled to the loss in the profit and loss account as follows:		
	£	£
Loss before tax	(431,243)	(3,405,657)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Tax on loss at standard UK corporation tax rate of 19% (2022: 19%)	(81,936)	(647,075)
Effects of:		
Adjustments in respect of prior years	-	1,907,981
Expenses not deductible	12,410	1,697,197
Income not taxable	(128,094)	(1,104,469)
Amounts not recognised	197,620	54,347
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Tax charge for the period	-	1,907,981
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

A net deferred tax asset of £331,570 (2022: liability of £4,582) has not been recognised in respect of unused tax losses and potential gains on available for sale assets.

The main rate of corporation tax is 19%. From 1 April 2023 the main rate of corporation tax will be 25% and this rate has been used to calculate deferred tax in these financial statements.

9. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE

	2023 £	2022 £
Investment in The Wales Life Sciences Investment fund	-	2,561,222
Convertible loan notes	868,881	-
Equity investments	860,505	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	1,729,386	2,561,222
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The fair value of the Company's investment in the WLSIF in the prior year was £2.6m. On February 28th 2023, the fund reached the end of its life, and a liquidation process has commenced. The investment in the fund has been derecognised and the assets to be distributed from the fund have been recognised within their respective asset classes, this has caused a net gain of £674,179 to be recognised.

As the Company held more than 20% of the equity of the Wales Life Science Investment Fund (WLSIF) the directors considered the relationship the Company had with the WLSIF and specifically as to whether the Company controlled or had significant influence over the fund. As the Company was a limited partner investor in the WLSIF and did not take part in the management of the WLSIF, this did not meet the definition of control and the WLSIF was therefore not consolidated into the financial statements. The company was not considered to have significant influence over the fund as it did not control the general partner and could not remove them without cause. Furthermore, the company did not control the fund manager which had full control on investment selection, sanction and decision making.

See Note 13 for information in respect of the valuation method.

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10. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade and other receivables		
Current assets		
Other debtors	1,535,933	-
	<u>1,535,933</u>	<u>-</u>

The fund reached the end of its life on 28 February 2023 and a liquidation process has commenced, other debtors represents amounts owed to the Company in respect of the liquidation.

11. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	254,826	318,011

Cash at bank and in hand comprise cash, short-term bank deposits with an original maturity of 3 months or less.

12. LIABILITIES

	2023 £	2022 £
Current liabilities		
Corporation Tax	1,907,981	1,907,981
Accruals	15,287	14,134
Amounts owed to parent company	3,104,799	-
Amounts owed to other Group companies	29,918	-
	<u>5,057,985</u>	<u>1,922,115</u>
Non-current liabilities		
Amounts owed to parent company	-	2,063,715
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,063,715</u>

The Company's financial liabilities are carried at amortised cost. The directors consider that the carrying amount of trade creditors approximates their fair value. There are no trade creditors past due and the trade creditors and other creditors will be settled within the credit period offered by the counterparty.

Amounts owed to parent company relates to amounts due to Development Bank of Wales plc in relation to financial transaction reserve (FTR) and core capital funding received from the Welsh Government. No formal repayment terms are in place with the Welsh Government at present, however there is an expectation that this will be repaid within the next year. These amounts are not interest bearing.

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13. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Significant accounting policies

Details of the significant accounting policies and methods adopted, including the criteria for recognition, the basis of measurement and the basis on which income and expenses are recognised, in respect of each class of financial asset, financial liability and equity instrument are disclosed in Note 1 to the financial statements.

Categories of financial instruments

The Company's financial instruments comprise investments in SMEs in the form of either loans or equity and trade receivables and payables arising from its operations. The purpose of the instruments is to raise finance for the Company, and to invest in SMEs in Wales.

The accounting policy note describes how the classes of financial instrument are measured, and how income and expenses, including fair value gains and losses, are recognised. The following table analyses the financial assets and liabilities in the balance sheet by class of financial instrument to which they are assigned and by the measurement basis.

Carrying value as at 31 March 2023 £	Note	Financial assets and liabilities at amortised cost	Financial assets and liabilities at FVTPL	Restated Total
Assets				
Cash at bank and in hand		254,826	-	254,826
Financial assets:				
Measured at market price	ia	-	325,909	325,909
Measured at fair value using other methods	i	-	1,403,477	1,403,477
Other receivables		1,535,933	-	1,535,933
Total financial assets		<u>1,790,759</u>	<u>1,729,386</u>	<u>3,520,145</u>
Total assets				<u>3,520,145</u>
Liabilities				
Amounts due to parent	ii,iii	21,313,308	(18,208,509)	3,104,799
Trade and other payables	ii	45,205	-	45,205
Total financial liabilities		<u>21,358,513</u>	<u>(18,208,509)</u>	<u>3,150,004</u>
Reserves and non-financial liabilities				<u>370,141</u>
Total reserves and liabilities				<u>3,520,145</u>
Carrying value as at 31 March 2022 £	Note	Financial assets and liabilities at amortised cost	Financial assets and liabilities at FVTPL	Restated Total
Assets				
Cash at bank and in hand		318,011	-	318,011
Other investments measured at fair value using other methods	i	-	2,561,222	2,561,222
Total financial assets		<u>318,011</u>	<u>2,561,222</u>	<u>2,879,233</u>
Total assets				<u>2,879,233</u>
Liabilities				
Amounts due to parent	ii,iii	20,806,305	(18,742,590)	2,063,715
Trade and other payables	ii	14,134	-	14,134
Total financial liabilities		<u>20,820,439</u>	<u>(18,742,590)</u>	<u>2,077,849</u>
Reserves and non-financial liabilities				<u>801,384</u>
Total reserves and liabilities				<u>2,879,233</u>

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13. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

The carrying value of the Company's financial instruments is considered to approximate fair value and hence a separate disclosure of carrying value versus fair value is not presented.

The following methods and assumptions have been applied in determining fair values.

Note:

- ia) The fair value of investments in quoted securities in an active market is the market price on the balance sheet date (level 1 hierarchy as defined below)

- i) *Investment in The Wales Life Sciences Investment fund - £nil (2022: £2,561,222)*

The fair value is the Company's investment in the WLSIF was derived from the amounts entitled to the Company from the WLSIF as at 31 March 2022 based on its net asset value (level 3 hierarchy as defined below).

The fund reached the end of its life on 28 February 2023 and a liquidation process has commenced, as such the Company has recognised the assets to be distributed from the fund within their respective asset classes.

Convertible Loan notes - £868,881 (2022: £nil)

Convertible loan notes are categorised as hybrid instruments as the equity conversion feature represents an embedded derivative. Hybrid instruments including derivative elements require complex pricing models to determine the value of the instrument.

The fair value at inception is generally determined to be equal to the transaction price, subsequent valuation models consider the outstanding debt, the conversion option (which has yet to be exercised) and the potential future equity value. (level 3 hierarchy as defined below)

Unlisted equity investments – £534,596 (2022: £nil)

Unlisted equity investments are valued using different techniques in accordance with the Group's valuation policy and International Private Equity and Venture Capital Guidelines. Depending on the circumstances of the investment, unlisted equity valuations are based on multiples, discounted cash flows, net asset values or price of recent investment, which can be either the price of recent funding round or cost in the case of a new direct investment.

The table below summarises the fair value measurements:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Discounted cash flows	534,596	-
Balance at 31 March	534,596	-

- ii) The fair value of amounts owed to our ultimate parent, other third parties, share capital and public equity are assumed to approximate to their carrying amount at the balance sheet date. Financial transaction reserve (FTR) and core capital funding is not carried at fair value (see Liquidity risk management for fair value consideration of FTR and core capital funding).

- iii) Repayments on amounts due to our parent company vary in line with the performance of the WLSIF. As repayments are linked to the return on equity investments there is an embedded derivative within the loan contract which requires separate recognition and measurement at fair value.

The fair value of the embedded derivative is calculated using the difference between the gross value of the loans received and the expected repayment amount discounted at an appropriate rate (level 3 hierarchy as defined below). The key inputs to determining the fair value of the embedded derivative are the expected cash flows associated with the loan and the discount rate applied to those cash flows. See Note 2 for further information.

Note that whilst separate recognition of the embedded derivative is required it is presented together with the host contract on the Balance Sheet which shows the net position of the host contract and embedded derivative.

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13. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

The Company hierarchy for measuring at fair value disclosures is as follows:

Level	Hierarchy for fair value disclosures
1.	Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
2.	Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly.
3.	Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data. For investments in non-quoted securities, the observable inputs are derived from recent transactional events, where these are considered reliable. These methods include using a recent valuation of the business for a funding round or using a recent offer from a prospective purchaser.

Reconciliation of Level 3 measurements of financial assets

	2023	2022
	£	£
Balance 1 April	2,561,222	11,493,837
Additions	1,403,477	-
Disposals	(3,297,856)	-
Revaluations	736,634	(8,932,615)
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Balance 31 March	<u>1,403,477</u>	<u>2,561,222</u>

Market risk

The Company's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks of changes in interest rates, and credit risks.

Other price risks

The Company is exposed to equity price risks arising from equity investments. The shares included at market value above represent investments in quoted equity securities that present the Company with opportunity for return through dividend income and trading gains. Equity investments are held for strategic rather than trading purposes. The Company does not actively trade these investments.

Liquidity risk management

Ultimate responsibility for liquidity risk management rests with the Board of Directors, which has built an appropriate liquidity risk management framework for the management of the Company's short, medium and long-term funding and liquidity management requirements. The Company manages liquidity risk by maintaining adequate reserves and banking facilities by continuously monitoring forecast and actual cash flows and matching the maturity profiles of financial assets and liabilities.

The majority of financial liabilities are amounts owed to parent company and relate to amounts due to Development Bank of Wales plc in relation to FTR and core capital funding received from the Welsh Government. No formal repayment terms are in place with the Welsh Government at present, however there is no expectation that this will be repaid within the next 25 years.

The Company's result is not seen as a risk but as part of the normal pattern for businesses involved in making long-term investments.

Foreign exchange risk

The Company is not exposed to foreign exchange risk as the Company primarily invests in its functional currency, pounds sterling.

Capital risk management

The Company's objective when managing capital is to safeguard its ability to continue as a going concern so that it can continue to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The capital structure of the Company consists of debt, cash and cash equivalents and equity, comprising public equity, issued capital and retained earnings as disclosed in the statement of changes in equity.

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14. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	2023 £	2022 £
Authorised and allotted		
1,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
1 ordinary share of £1	1	1

The Company has one class of ordinary shares which carry no right to fixed income.

15. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY AND CONTROLLING PARTY

The Company's immediate parent undertaking is DBW Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in the United Kingdom. Development Bank of Wales plc is the smallest group within which the Company is a member, and for which consolidated financial statements are prepared. Welsh Ministers is the largest group within which the Group results are consolidated. The registered office address of Development Bank of Wales plc is Unit J, Yale Business Village, Ellice Way, Wrexham, LL13 7YL. Copies of the Group financial statements of Development Bank of Wales plc are available from Companies House, Crown Way, Maindy, Cardiff CF14 3UZ. The consolidated financial statements of Welsh Ministers may be obtained from its registered address, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ.

Development Bank of Wales plc regards the Welsh Ministers, acting through the Welsh Government, as the ultimate parent company and ultimate controlling party.