

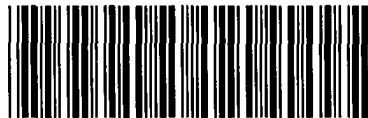
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# Wittington Investments (REOF) Limited

Directors' Report and Financial Statements

for the Period from 15 September 2019 to 12 September 2020

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### **Company Information**

<b>Directors</b>	Sir Guy Weston Charles Mason
<b>Company secretary</b>	Jennifer Dooley
<b>Registered office</b>	Weston Centre 10 Grosvenor Street London United Kingdom W1K4QY
<b>Auditors</b>	Ernst & Young LLP 1 More London Place London United Kingdom SE1 2AF

## **Directors' Report for the Period from 15 September 2019 to 12 September 2020**

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the period from 15 September 2019 to 12 September 2020.

### **Directors' of the company**

The directors, who held office during the period, were as follows:

Sir Guy Weston

Charles Mason

Notification of an interest in the shares of this company and shares in or debentures of other group companies by the directors was not required because at the end of the period each was also a director of a company of which this company is wholly owned subsidiary undertaking.

No director had at any time during the period any material interest in a contract with the company, other than service contracts.

### **Principal activity**

The principal activity of the company is that of an investment company.

### **Fair review of the business**

During the period the main activity of the Company remained unchanged and the directors expect that any future development will be related to this activity.

### **Trading results, dividends and transfers to reserves**

The statement of comprehensive income for the period is set out on page 8. The profit on ordinary activities was €96,666 (2019: a loss of € 271,343).

No dividend is recommended for the period (2019: €nil).

### **Political and charitable contributions**

The Company made no political or charitable donations or incurred any political expenditure during the year.

### **Financial risk management**

Details of the Company's use of financial instruments and its exposure to risk can be found in note 11.

### **Going concern**

The Company is dependent upon its parent company, Wittington Investments Ltd (Wittington), for continuing financial support. Wittington has provided the Company with an undertaking that it will continue to make available such funds as are needed by the Company for a period of 12 months from the date of accounts signing and accordingly the directors consider it appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the company's financial statements.

**Directors' Report for the Period from 15 September 2019 to 12 September 2020  
(continued)**

**Subsequent events**

The COVID-19 pandemic has become a worldwide crisis and at the date of this report the situation was still evolving. It has adversely impacted global commercial activity and contributed to significant declines and volatility in financial markets. The coronavirus outbreak and government responses are creating disruption in global supply chains and adversely impacting many industries. The outbreak could have a continued material adverse impact on economic and market conditions and trigger a period of global economic slowdown. As the Company's primary function is to invest in private equity funds, the outbreak presents uncertainty and risk with respect to the underlying investments, their performance, and financial results. The rapid development and fluidity of this situation precludes any prediction as to the ultimate material impact of the COVID-19 outbreak but the directors anticipate valuations to be adversely impacted. There were no other matters or circumstances that have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Company in future financial years.


**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 auditor is unaware; and each director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

**Auditor**

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

Approved by the Board on 10 June 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



Sir Guy Weston  
Director

### **Statement of Directors' Responsibilities**

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities 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 year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' ('FRS 101'). 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 apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether FRS 101 has been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Wittington Investments (REOF) Limited**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Wittington Investments (REOF) Limited (the 'company') for the period ended 12 September 2020 which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of changes in equity and the related notes 1 to 13, 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 company's affairs as at 12 September 2020 and of its profit 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 below. 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 the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in note 2 to the financial statements, 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**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

### **Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the Directors' Report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusions 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 such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in 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 in this regard.

## **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Wittington Investments (REOF) Limited (continued)**

### **Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial period 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 the light of our 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 where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

### **Responsibilities of directors**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on page 4, 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 these financial statements.

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](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Wittington Investments (REOF)  
Limited (continued)**

**Use of our 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.

*Ernst & Young LLP*

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(Senior Statutory Auditor)

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

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10 June 2021

**Statement of Comprehensive Income  
 for the Period from 15 September 2019 to 12 September 2020**

		12 September 2020	14 September 2019
	Note	€	€
Administrative expenses		-	(9,118)
Other operating income		11,553	-
<b>Operating profit/(loss)</b>	4	11,553	(9,118)
Net change in fair value of investments		28,225	(205,222)
<b>Profit/(loss) before tax</b>		39,778	(214,340)
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	5	56,888	(57,004)
<b>Profit/(loss) for the period</b>		96,666	(271,344)
Other comprehensive income		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income/(expense) for the year</b>		96,666	(271,344)

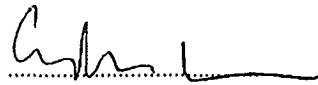
All activities of the company are from continuing operations.

**Balance Sheet as at 12 September 2020**

	Note	12 September 2020 €	14 September 2019 €
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Investments	6	3,411,284	2,398,666
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	7	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
<b>Total assets</b>		3,411,286	2,398,668
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(3,717,453)	(2,798,816)
Provisions for liabilities	9	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,685)</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<u>(3,717,453)</u>	<u>(2,801,501)</u>
<b>Net liabilities</b>		<u>(306,167)</u>	<u>(402,833)</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called up share capital	10	2	2
Profit and loss account		<u>(306,169)</u>	<u>(402,835)</u>
<b>Shareholders' deficit</b>		<u>(306,167)</u>	<u>(402,833)</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board on 10 June 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

  
 Sir Guy Weston  
 Director

**Statement of Changes in Equity  
 for the Period from 15 September 2019 to 12 September 2020**

	Share capital	Retained earnings	Total
	€	€	€
At 16 September 2018	2	(131,491)	(131,489)
Loss for the period	-	(271,344)	(271,344)
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Total comprehensive expense	-	(271,344)	(271,344)
At 14 September 2019	2	(402,835)	(402,833)
At 15 September 2019	2	(402,835)	(402,833)
Profit for the period	-	96,666	96,666
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income	-	96,666	96,666
At 12 September 2020	2	(306,169)	(306,167)

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period from 15 September 2019 to 12 September 2020

### 1 Accounting reference date

The accounting reference date of the Company is the Saturday nearest to 15 September. Accordingly, these financial statements have been prepared to 12 September 2020.

### 2 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Company's financial statements.

#### Basis of preparation

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework.

In preparing these financial statements, the Company applies the recognition, measurement and disclosure requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU ("Adopted IFRSs"), but makes amendments where necessary in order to comply with Companies Act 2006 and has set out below where advantages of the FRS 101 disclosure exemptions has been taken.

The Company's ultimate parent undertaking, Wittington Investments Limited, includes the Company in its consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements of Wittington Investments Limited are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and are available to the public and may be obtained from Companies House. The Company is incorporated and domiciled in England and Wales.

#### Summary of disclosure exemptions

In these financial statements, the Company has applied the exemptions available under FRS 101 in respect of the following disclosures:

- a Cash Flow Statement and related notes;
- Comparative period reconciliations for share capital (paragraph 79(a)(iv) of IAS );
- Disclosures in respect of transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries (paragraphs 17 and 18A of IAS 24 and the requirements in IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures to disclose related party transactions entered into between two or more members of a group, provided that any subsidiary which is a party to the transaction is wholly owned by such a member);
- Disclosures in respect of capital management (paragraph 134 - 136 of IAS 1);
- Disclosures in respect of the compensation of Key Management Personnel.
- The effects of new but not yet effective IFRSs (paragraphs 30 and 31 of IAS 8);

As the consolidated financial statements of Wittington Investments Limited include the equivalent disclosures, the Company has also taken the exemptions under FRS 101 available in respect of the following disclosures:

- Certain disclosures required by IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement and the disclosures required by 7 Financial Instrument Disclosures.

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period from 15 September 2019 to 12 September 2020 (continued)

### 2 Accounting policies (continued)

#### Going concern

The Company is dependent upon its parent company, Wittington Investments Ltd (Wittington), for continuing financial support. Wittington has provided the Company with an undertaking that it will continue to make available such funds as are needed by the Company for a period of 12 months from the date of accounts signing and accordingly the directors consider it appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the company's financial statements.

#### New accounting policies

The following accounting standards and amendments were adopted during the year and had no significant impact on the company:

- IFRS 16 Leases
- IFRIC 23 Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments
- Amendments to IFRS 9 Prepayment features with Negative Compensation
- Amendments to IAS 19 Plan Amendment, Curtailment or Settlement
- Amendments to IAS 28 Long-term Interests in Associates and Joint Ventures
- Annual Improvements to IFRS 2015 - 2017

The company is assessing the impact of the following standards, interpretations and amendments that are not yet effective. Where already endorsed by the EU, these changes will be adopted on the effective dates noted. Where not yet endorsed by the EU, the adoption date is less certain:

- IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts effective 2024 financial year (not yet endorsed by the EU)
- Amendments to IFRS 3 Definition of a Business effective 2021 financial year
- Amendments to IAS 1 and IAS 8 Definition of Material effective 2021 financial year
- Amendments to IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements: Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current effective 2023 financial year (not yet endorsed by the EU)
- Amendments to References to the Conceptual Framework in IFRS Standards effective 2021 financial year

The impact of the other standards effective in 2021 and beyond have not yet been fully assessed.

#### Fair Value Measurement Hierarchy

FRS 101 requires certain disclosures which require the classification of financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the fair value measurement. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

- Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices)
- Level 3: inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs)

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the financial asset or financial liability is categorised is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Financial assets and financial liabilities are classified in their entirety into only one of the three levels.

**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period from 15 September 2019 to  
12 September 2020 (continued)**

**2 Accounting policies (continued)**

**Tax**

Income tax on the profit/(loss) for the period comprises of current and deferred tax. Current tax is expected to be paid (or recovered) using tax rates and laws enacted, or substantively enacted, by the balance sheet date, together with any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred tax is provided on temporary differences that exist at the balance sheet date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. Deferred tax is measured at the rate expected to apply in the period in which the temporary differences are realised. A deferred tax asset is recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future profits will be available against which the asset can be recognised.

**Financial instruments - Investments**

The Company's financial instruments comprise investments measured at fair value. They are carried in the balance sheet at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in the profit and loss account.

The Company's primary function is to invest in private equity funds. The value of the Company's investments is a small proportion of the total fund value. Investments are initially recognised at cost, being the amount drawn or distributed by the fund. The private equity fund provides regular valuations which reflect the fair value of the Company's holding. Subsequently investments are revalued in line with the nearest available fund valuation to the Company's reporting date. Investments where the fair value derives mainly from the underlying assets, such as investments managed by fund managers, are valued based on methodologies derived from application of the International Private Equity and Venture Capital Valuation Guidelines (December 2018). Generally the valuation reflects the estimated price a market participant would receive from a hypothetical sale of the investee company in an orderly transaction given current market conditions.

The Company does not enter into speculative derivative contracts.

**Functional currency**

Items included in the financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ("the functional currency"). The directors consider the Euro to be the Company's functional and presentational currency as the investments and income derived from these investments are undertaken in Euros. The effective exchange rate at 12 September 2020 was £1: €1.08 (2019: £1: €1.12).

**3 Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported for assets and liabilities as at the balance sheet date and the amounts reported for revenues and expenses during the year. However, the nature of estimation means that actual outcomes could differ from those estimates.

**4 Operating profit/(loss)**

Other operating income includes a foreign exchange gain of € 11,553 (2019: a foreign exchange loss of €9,118) on group undertakings balances, which are denominated in GBP.

**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period from 15 September 2019 to  
 12 September 2020 (continued)**

**4 Operating profit/(loss) (continued)**

The auditor's remuneration for the period was €2,080 (2019: €1,796). The auditor's remuneration is borne by the parent company.

The Company did not employ staff at any time during the period nor make any payments in respect of wages and salaries.

The directors of the company are remunerated by the other group companies. Total remuneration attributable for qualifying services to this company is negligible.

**5 Income tax**

Tax (charged)/credited in the statement of comprehensive income

	12 September 2020 €	14 September 2019 €
<b>Current tax</b>		
Tax charge	(11,300)	(27,051)
Adjustment for prior periods	<u>65,503</u>	<u>(27,268)</u>
	54,203	(54,319)
<b>Deferred tax</b>		
Deferred tax credit/(charge)	<u>2,685</u>	<u>(2,685)</u>
	<u>56,888</u>	<u>(57,004)</u>

The difference between the total tax charge shown and the amount calculated by applying the standard rate of UK Corporation tax to the profit before tax is as follows:

	12 September 2020 €	14 September 2019 €
Profit/(loss) before tax	<u>39,778</u>	<u>(214,340)</u>
Nominal tax charge at standard rate of corporation tax of 19% (2019: 19%)	(7,558)	40,725
Adjustment to tax charge in respect of previous years	65,503	(27,268)
Share of tax from partnership	(6,230)	27,892
Movement on deferred tax asset not recognised	<u>5,173</u>	<u>(98,353)</u>
Current period tax credit/(charge)	<u>56,888</u>	<u>(57,004)</u>

The previously enacted reduction in the UK corporation tax rate to 17% which was expected to come into effect from 1 April 2020 was repealed in the Finance Act 2020 thereby maintaining the current rate of 19%. The UK Budget 2021 announcements on 3 March 2021 included an increase to the UK's main corporation tax rate to 25%, which is due to be effective from 1 April 2023.

**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period from 15 September 2019 to  
 12 September 2020 (continued)**

**6 Non-current asset investments measured at fair value**

	12 September 2020	14 September 2019
	€	€
Investments at fair value	<u>3,411,284</u>	<u>2,398,666</u>

**7 Debtors**

	12 September 2020	14 September 2019
	€	€
Other debtors	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

**8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	12 September 2020	14 September 2019
	€	€
Amounts due to related parties	3,706,153	2,776,617
Corporation tax	<u>11,300</u>	<u>22,199</u>
	<u>3,717,453</u>	<u>2,798,816</u>

**9 Deferred tax assets and liabilities**

	12 September 2020	14 September 2019
	€	€
At the beginning of the period	2,685	-
Origination and reversal of temporary differences	<u>(2,685)</u>	<u>2,685</u>
At the end of the period	<u>-</u>	<u>2,685</u>
The element of deferred tax are as follows:		
Deferred tax rising on non-current asset investments	<u>-</u>	<u>2,685</u>

Deferred taxes on the balance sheet have been measured at 19% (2019 - 17%) which represents the future corporation tax rate that was enacted at the balance sheet date.

The UK Budget 2021 announcements on 3 March 2021 included an increase to the UK's main corporation tax rate to 25%, which is due to be effective from 1 April 2023. These changes were not substantively enacted at the balance sheet date and hence have not been reflected in the measurement of deferred tax balances at the period end. It is not anticipated that these changes will have a material impact on the company's deferred tax balances.

**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period from 15 September 2019 to  
 12 September 2020 (continued)**

**10 Share capital**

Issued, allotted, called up and fully paid shares

	12 September 2020		14 September 2019	
	No.	€	No.	€
Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

**11 Financial instruments**

The Company's financial instruments comprise investments measured at fair value.

**a) Fair Values**

The fair values together with the carrying amounts shown in the balance sheet are as follows:

	Carrying value		Fair value	
	12 September 2020	14 September 2019	12 September 2020	14 September 2019
	€	€	€	€
Investments measured at fair value through Other comprehensive income	<u>3,411,284</u>	<u>2,398,666</u>	<u>3,411,284</u>	<u>2,398,666</u>

The investments measured at fair value are valued using the valuation basis as at 12 September 2020 outlined in Note 2.

All financial instruments measured at fair value fall under definition of level 2 as outlined in the accounting policies.

	€
At 15 September 2019	2,398,666
Additions during the year	1,519,539
Disposals during the year	(535,146)
Unrealised gain during the year	<u>28,225</u>
At 12 September 2020	<u>3,411,284</u>

Because of the inherent uncertainties of valuing unquoted investments, the eventual realisation proceeds may differ from the estimated fair value and the difference could be significant. Appropriate provisions are made against all individual values where necessary to reflect unsatisfactory financial performance or a fall in comparable ratings, leading to impairment in value.

**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period from 15 September 2019 to  
12 September 2020 (continued)**

**11 Financial instruments (continued)**

**b) Market risk**

Market risk is the risk of movements in the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument or forecast transaction as underlying market prices change. The Company is exposed to changes in market values of financial investments. These risks are known as "economic" (or forecast) exposures.

The Company invests in private equity funds. The proportion of the total fund held by the Company is small. Each fund will hold a portfolio of investments thus mitigating the risk to the Company.

**c) Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will encounter difficulty in meeting its obligations associated with its financial liabilities as they fall due. The Company is not considered to have any liquidity risk as the amounts are due to group undertakings and support is provided by the parent company.

**d) Valuation risk**

The Company values its investments according to the valuation methodology detailed in Note 2. The Company's valuation guidelines have been developed in accordance with the International Private Equity and Venture Capital Valuation Guidelines (December 2018). Investments are held at fair value, which is the price that would be received if the asset were sold in an orderly transaction between market participants given current market conditions at the measurement date. Valuation risks are mitigated by reviews of underlying investments in the private equity funds and direct investments carried out by the managers of the private equity funds quarterly. These valuations are then reviewed by the directors. The details of the valuation methodology are provided in Note 2 under the "Investments" sub-heading.

**12 Parent and ultimate parent undertaking**

The company's immediate and ultimate parent is Wittington Investments Limited. ("Wittington")

The ultimate controlling party is Wittington Investments Limited and, through their control of Wittington Investments Limited, the trustees of the Garfield Weston Foundation ("the Foundation"), the Foundation, a grant making trust and registered charity, is the majority shareholder of Wittington Investments Limited. The Trustees of the Foundation are Persons with Significant Control in relation to Wittington, the immediate parent.

**Relationship between entity and parents**

The parent of the largest group in which these financial statements are consolidated is Wittington Investments Limited, incorporated in England.

The address of Wittington Investments Limited is:

Weston Centre  
10 Grosvenor Street  
London  
W1K 4QY  
England

Wittington Investments Limited is also the smallest group in which these financial statements are consolidated..

**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period from 15 September 2019 to  
12 September 2020 (continued)**

**13 Subsequent events**

The COVID-19 pandemic has become a worldwide crisis and at the date of this report the situation was still evolving. It has adversely impacted global commercial activity and contributed to significant declines and volatility in financial markets. The coronavirus outbreak and government responses are creating disruption in global supply chains and adversely impacting many industries. The outbreak could have a continued material adverse impact on economic and market conditions and trigger a period of global economic slowdown. As the Company's primary function is to invest in private equity funds, the outbreak presents uncertainty and risk with respect to the underlying investments, their performance, and financial results. The rapid development and fluidity of this situation precludes any prediction as to the ultimate material impact of the COVID-19 outbreak but the directors anticipate valuations to be adversely impacted. There were no other matters or circumstances that have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Company in future financial years.