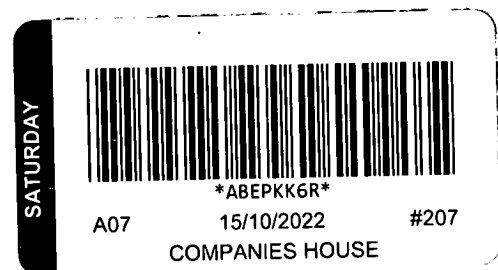


Womble Bond Dickinson Wealth Limited

Annual report and financial statements
for the year ended 30 April 2022

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Womble Bond Dickinson Wealth Limited

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Womble Bond Dickinson Wealth Limited

Strategic Report for the year ended 30 April 2022

The directors present their strategic report on Womble Bond Dickinson Wealth Limited (the "Company") for the year ended 30 April 2022.

Review of business

The principal activity of the Company is the provision of independent wealth management solutions for private individuals, corporates and charities. The firm provides high quality advice and works as part of a professional services team.

The year ended 30 April 2022 represented the ninth year of trading for the Company, and the Directors are very pleased with the level of activity and the financial results achieved.

The directors of the business consider the key performance indicators (KPI's) to be:

	2022 (£)	2021 (£)
Turnover	2,773,013	2,396,803
Profit before taxation	616,898	156,057

In the year ended 30 April 2021 World stock markets reduced in value, and in line with other businesses, our revenue also reduced. In the year ended 30 April 2022 World stock markets increased and in line with other firms, our revenue also increased.

In uncertain times consumers focus on stability through risk adjusted returns as part of their long term financial plan. Throughout the pandemic our clients valued our independent holistic advice assisting them to create, preserve and pass on their wealth to the next generation in the most tax efficient way.

As we emerge from the pandemic and learn to live with COVID-19, we enter a period of global economic slowdown, which is compounded by the Russian invasion of Ukraine and increased volatility of the World's financial markets, together with inflation which impacts consumer confidence. Despite these adversities, the Directors remain cautiously optimistic and believe they are well placed to deal with the challenges ahead.

The Company remains committed to provide the highest level of Independent Financial Advice and of client care.

It will continue to invest in the right people to achieve and maintain this personal service along with IT solutions to enable Advisors to work flexibly.

The Company remains committed to its trainee programme. The next 12 months will see further trainee appointments.

Accepting that the outlook for 2023 will be challenging, the Board are confident about seeing sustainable growth.

Principal risks and uncertainties

In common with other businesses, Covid-19 has impacted the Company. The financial impact to FY22 was principally due to investment markets. As a significant proportion of the Company's revenue is based on a percentage of the investment funds under influence this adds additional risk. It should be noted that this is not a new phenomenon, as fund based remuneration and volatility has been a fundamental part of the Company's remuneration model since inception.

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Strategic Report for the year ended 30 April 2022 (continued)

Principal risks and uncertainties (continued)

Primarily the business is structured to provide advice to 'Business 2 Consumers' and is not reliant on corporate contracts. It enjoys a stable and loyal client base generated over a number of years. The pandemic reinforced this fact.

As a prudent business Womble Bond Dickinson Wealth Limited undertakes a robust assessment of the financial hygiene of the Company. As an FCA regulated business it files bi-annual reports for regulatory capital, balance sheet and profit and loss accounts which are reviewed by the FCA. All financials are reported daily to Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP ("the ultimate parent company") who provide all of the daily accounting, as well as other central support functions.

At least annually the company undertakes solo and consolidated cash flow modelling market downturns and loss of key advisors along with Operational Risk Scenario calculations, including but not limited to dealing error, data protection breach, loss of IT systems, poor advice etc. In addition, orderly wind down working figures are also produced.

The Company operates in the financial services sector where revenue is dependent on relationships developed between staff, clients and the quality of advice provided. The Company is exposed to the risk of loss of key staff and clients and poor investment performance/market downturns (funds under influence). The Company actively encourages an honest and open team based approach. Risks are actively managed through documented procedures and peer and independent reviews. The Company is exposed to operational risk through the diverse and sometimes manual nature of the processes. Counterparty risk is actively managed through systems and procedures which track and follow up aged debtors making provisions where appropriate.

The Company constantly monitors its cash flow as part of its normal control process and, where necessary, undertakes further injections to meet the capital adequacy requirements of the Financial Conduct Authority. It should be noted that no such capital calls have been made or are envisaged to be made in the next 12 months.

The Company does not use financial derivatives or hedges to manage the Company's risk.

The Company has no operations in Ukraine or surrounding regions and therefore there is no direct impact on the Company's trading. However, any indirect impact, such as worsening in economic conditions, would represent such a sensitivity.

Specific consideration has been given to cash flows and reforecasting and based on this the Board are satisfied that the Company can continue to operate as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date of signing these financial statements.

The Company is committed to the prudent management of resource and overheads to ensure high quality client service and train and retain the experienced resource needed to meet its regulatory requirement.

The Company has retained an external regulatory consultant to review its internal compliance processes, ensuring effective staff utilisation.

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Strategic Report for the year ended 30 April 2022 (continued)

Statement by the Directors in performance of their statutory duties in accordance with s172(1) Companies Act 2006.

The Directors of the Company consider that they have acted in the way they consider, in good faith, to most likely promote the success of the company for the benefit of its stakeholders as a whole. The following paragraphs summarise how the Directors fulfil their duties:

Shareholders

Our ultimate parent undertaking is Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP. We openly engage with our ultimate parent company and understand that it is important that they understand our individual strategy and objectives.

The Managing Director of the company, David Dale, is a Board Member of Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP and a Business Group Head. Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP hold monthly Board meetings and David Dale individually attends twice monthly meetings with Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP's Managing Partner. In addition he has formal quarterly review meetings with the Managing Partner, Chief Financial Officer, Head of HR and Head of Business Development. He therefore has full oversight of both operational and strategic planning decisions.

Employees

Womble Bond Dickinson Wealth Limited have a small team of employees, who are fundamental to the Company. They are a key stakeholder of the Company as they generate revenue and growth for the business.

The Company's ultimate parent, Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP, provides an intranet, regular email communications and has a confidential whistleblowing hotline.

The Directors ensure that the company remains a responsible employer when it comes to pay, benefits, health, safety and the workplace environment.

The Company has full access to all of Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP training courses and employ external consultants to test authorised advisors competency skills. Employees of the company are provided with all of the required training in order for them to perform their roles to the best of their ability and are given support where needed.

The Company listen to their employees and have fostered an open management structure incorporating monthly team meetings, and weekly executive meetings.

Stringent performance management systems are adopted not only to ensure FCA compliance but to provide continued education to all employees. Any performance concerns are addressed in accordance with Company policy.

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Strategic Report for the year ended 30 April 2022 (continued)

Business Relationships

As a business we develop and maintain strong client relationships. We pride ourselves on maintaining a large number of client relationships over long periods and also our ability to attract new clients.

The Company do not rely on corporate tenders and is principally focused on the 'Business 2 Consumer' sector.

New clients are mainly introduced by existing clients and Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP.

The Company's clients are all segmented to deliver an agreed level of service. The service agreement confirms the scope of delivery, frequency of reviews and the agreed fee basis.

The majority of our supplies are through our ultimate parent, Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP, who has good relationships with all of its suppliers and treats them fairly, paying within agreed payment terms.

Community and Environment

The Directors take their responsibilities in this area very seriously. Together with our ultimate parent undertaking, Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP, we are committed to helping various charities in our communities.

In 2019 the Group established the Womble Bond Dickinson CIO as a vehicle by which to make charitable grants. Also as a group we are a founding member of the Legal Sustainability Alliance and are committed to reducing overall emissions per employee. The Group has also successfully gained re-accreditation to the ISO 14001 standard.

Key decisions made in the year

The most significant decision made in the year was to cease providing advice on defined benefit pension transfers. The decision was made as there has been no work done in this area of the business for some time.

Other stakeholders

The Directors consider all of their employees and the FCA, the regulator of the Company, as stakeholders of the business.

On behalf of the board


David J Dale
Director

19 August 2022

Womble Bond Dickinson Wealth Limited

Directors' report for the year ended 30 April 2022

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 30 April 2022.

Principal activities

The Company's principal activities are investment, pension and protection planning, as described under the review of the business section in the strategic report.

Financial risk mitigating procedures

Financial risks are managed through internal management controls using regular, timely and accurate management information. See the strategic report on page 3 for discussion of principal risks and uncertainties.

Directors indemnity provision

The Company has in place qualifying third party indemnity provisions for the directors of the Company.

Future developments

Details of future developments as well as risks and uncertainties in the business can be found in the Strategic report on page 3.

Results and dividends

The profit after taxation for the financial year was £418,898 (2021: £44,375). This profit includes amortisation of the £8,500,000 of goodwill on the acquisition of the business totalling £425,000. The directors consider the financial performance of the Company to be satisfactory.

An interim dividend of £469,375 (2021: £647,930) was paid during the year.

Directors

The directors who held office during the year and up to the date of signing the financial statements are given below:

D J Dale
L Hamilton

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Directors' report for the year ended 30 April 2022 (continued)

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"). 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 and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included in the company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Statement on disclosure of information to auditors

The directors confirm that:

- So far as each director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- the directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

Independent auditors

The Auditors, BDO LLP, have indicated their willingness to continue in office.

On behalf of the board


David J Dale
Director

19 August 2022

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Independent auditor's report to the members of Womble Bond Dickinson Wealth Limited

Opinion on the financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 30 April 2022 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.

We have audited the financial statements of Womble Bond Dickinson Wealth Limited ("the Company") for the year ended 30 April 2022 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 Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence

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.

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.

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Independent auditor's report to the members of Womble Bond Dickinson Wealth Limited (continued)

Other information

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

Other Companies Act 2006 reporting

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

- the information given in the Strategic report and the Directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic report and the Directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In the 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 Strategic report or 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.

Responsibility of Directors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities, 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.

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Independent auditor's report to the members of Womble Bond Dickinson Wealth Limited (continued)

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.

Extent to which the audit was capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

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

We have obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to Womble Bond Dickinson Wealth Limited. We determined that the most significant laws and regulations which are directly relevant to specific assertions in the financial statements are those related to the reporting framework (FRS 102 and the Companies Act 2006) as well as recognise resulting from being authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority to undertake regulated activities.

Audit procedures to address these risks are listed below:

- We understood how the Company is complying with those legal and regulatory frameworks by making enquiries of management and those responsible for compliance. We corroborated our enquiries through our review of board minutes, as well as review of relevant regulatory compliance information and correspondence.
- We assessed the risk of susceptibility of the Company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur, by meeting with management to understand where it is considered there was a susceptibility of fraud. We determined the principal risks related to the recognition of revenue to be the potential for posting fictitious manual journals.

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Independent auditor's report to the members of Womble Bond Dickinson Wealth Limited (continued)


- We also considered potential fraud drivers, including: financial or other pressures, opportunity, and personal or corporate motivations. We considered the programmes and controls that the Company has established to address the risks identified, or that otherwise prevent, deter and detect fraud: and how senior management monitors those programmes and controls, in particular in relation to the appropriateness of revenue recognition and accrued income. Where the risk was considered higher, we performed audit procedures to address each identified fraud risk. These procedures included review of manual journals, testing compliance with laws and regulations and key areas of estimation uncertainty or judgement, for example, valuation of goodwill.
- In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments in the general ledger and evaluated the business rationale of any significant transactions that were unusual or outside our expectation of what constitute normal business transactions. These procedures included testing key areas of estimation uncertainty and judgement, for example the valuation of goodwill.
- We communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and discussed how and where these might occur and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to risks of material misstatement in the financial statements, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery, misrepresentations or through collusion. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures performed and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we are to become aware of it.

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

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.

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Eran Wieder (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of BDO LLP, statutory auditor
London
United Kingdom
19 August 2022

BDO LLP is a limited liability partnership registered in England and Wales (with registered number OC305127).

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Profit and loss account for the year ended 30 April 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Turnover	2	2,773,013	2,396,803
Administrative expenses		(2,156,115)	(2,253,360)
Other operating income	3	-	11,811
Operating profit	4	616,898	155,254
Interest receivable and similar income	5	-	803
Profit before taxation		616,898	156,057
Tax on profit	8	(198,000)	(111,682)
Profit for the financial year		418,898	44,375

All results are derived from the company's continuing activities.

There are no income or expenditure items other than those included in the results above for the current financial year and the preceding financial year and therefore no separate statement of comprehensive income has been prepared.


The notes on pages 15-23 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet as at 30 April 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	9	4,675,000	5,100,000
Current assets			
Debtors	10	259,590	279,008
Cash at bank and in hand		1,275,080	928,961
		1,534,670	1,207,969
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(365,772)	(413,594)
Net current assets		1,168,898	794,375
Total assets less current liabilities		5,843,898	5,894,375
Net assets		5,843,898	5,894,375
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	12	750,000	750,000
Profit and loss account		5,093,898	5,144,375
Total shareholders' funds		5,843,898	5,894,375

The financial statements on pages 12 to 23 were approved by the board of directors on 19 August 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



David J Dale

Womble Bond Dickinson Wealth Limited

Registered number 08375875

Womble Bond Dickinson Wealth Limited

Statement of changes in equity for the year ended 30 April 2022

	Called up share capital	Profit and loss account	Total shareholders' funds
	£	£	£
At 30 April 2020	750,000	5,747,930	6,497,930
Profit for the financial year	-	44,375	44,375
Dividend	-	(647,930)	(647,930)
At 30 April 2021	750,000	5,144,375	5,894,375
Profit for the financial year	-	418,898	418,898
Dividend	-	(469,375)	(469,375)
At 30 April 2022	750,000	5,093,898	5,843,898

The called up share capital account represents the face value of the ordinary shares issued.

The profit and loss account represents cumulative profits or losses, net of dividends paid.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2022

1. Accounting policies

General information

Womble Bond Dickinson Wealth Limited ("the Company") provides investment, pension and protection planning services to clients primarily in the United Kingdom (UK).

The Company is a private company, limited by shares and is incorporated and domiciled in England. The Company is regulated by the FCA. The address of its registered office is 4 More London Riverside, London, United Kingdom, SE1 2AU.

Statement of compliance

The individual financial statements of Womble Bond Dickinson Wealth Limited have been prepared in compliance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102, "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland" and the Companies Act 2006.

Presentational and functional currency

The financial statements are presented in pounds sterling (£) which is the Company's functional currency.

Summary of significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Going concern

Management have assessed a period of 2 years from the balance sheet date and are content that their assessment indicates that the Company is likely to remain a going concern for at least 12 months from the date of signing these financial statements. Post year-end trade and cash balance both remain positive. Operational support, such as HR, Finance and IT Service are provided by the parent company and recharged.

The Company has no operations in Ukraine or surrounding regions and therefore there is no direct impact on the Company's trading. However, any indirect impact, such as worsening in economic conditions, would represent such a sensitivity.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom.

Exemptions for qualifying entities under FRS 102

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Womble Bond Dickinson Holdings Limited. The ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP. The consolidated financial statements of Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP are publicly available.

Consequently, the Company is a qualifying entity as per FRS100 and has taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions of FRS102, Section 1, paragraph 1.12(a) reconciliation of the number of shares outstanding at the beginning and end of the period, 1.12(b) statement of cash flows, 1.12(c) financial instruments, and 1.12(e) key management compensation in total.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2022 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Turnover

Turnover in respect of the accounting period represents revenue earned by reference to services provided during the period, excluding disbursements and value added tax.

Accrued Income

Income is recognised when the Company has performed services in accordance with the agreement with the relevant client and has obtained a right to consideration for those services, but has not yet been billed to the client.

Dividends

Interim dividends on shares are recognised as a liability and deducted from equity when they are paid. Final dividends on shares are recognised as a liability and deducted from equity when they are approved.

Taxation

Corporation tax payable is provided on taxable profits at the current rate. The current tax payable is provided on taxable profits using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Goodwill

Goodwill recognised represents the excess of the fair value and directly attributable costs of the purchase consideration over the fair value of the Company's interest in the identifiable net assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities acquired. Goodwill is amortised over its expected useful life, which is 20 years. Goodwill is assessed for impairment when there are indicators of impairment and any impairment is charged to the income statement.

Grants receivable

Grants receivable are recognised as other operating income in the period in which they become receivable. They are recognised on an accruals basis and included within other operating income (note 3).

Interest receivable and payable

Interest receivable and payable is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Financial assets

Financial assets, which include cash and trade debtors and other debtors excluding amounts recoverable for unbilled work, are initially measured at transaction price and subsequently held at cost, less any impairment. For amounts recoverable for unbilled work please refer to critical judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty.

Financial liabilities and equity

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the Company after deducting all of its liabilities.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2022 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Critical judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of the accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are reasonable under the circumstances. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

Impairment of goodwill

The Company considers whether goodwill is impaired. Where an indication of impairment is identified the estimation of recoverable value requires estimation of the recoverable value of the cash generating units (CGUs). This requires estimation of the future cash flows from the CGUs and also selection of appropriate discount rates in order to calculate the net present value of those cash flows. See note 9 for goodwill.

2 Turnover

All turnover was derived from the Company's main activity of investment, pension and protection planning but can be analysed by class of business as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Investment advisory fees	2,357,061	1,977,541
Other fee and commission income	415,952	419,262
	2,773,013	2,396,803

All turnover arose in the United Kingdom.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2022 (continued)

3 Other operating income

	2022	2021
	£	£
Interest on client accounts	-	501
Furlough income	-	11,310
	-	11,811

The full furlough grant was repaid in July 2021.

4 Operating profit

	2022	2021
	£	£
Operating profit is stated after charging:		
Staff costs (note 7)	1,237,889	1,312,232
Amortisation of goodwill (note 9)	425,000	425,000
Management charge from Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP	306,000	306,000
Professional fees	8,900	10,995
Professional Subscriptions	74,278	75,370
IT maintenance costs	91,921	87,077

Audit fees of £23,850 (2021: £18,500) have been borne by the ultimate parent undertaking, Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP.

Fees for non-audit services provided by BDO, our current auditor, were £3,000 (2021: £nil).

5 Interest receivable and similar income

	2022	2021
	£	£
Interest on bank deposits	-	803
	-	803

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2022 (continued)

6 Directors' emoluments

	2022	2021
	£	£
Aggregate emoluments	106,143	90,623

7 Staff numbers and costs

The average monthly number of employees was:

	2022	2021
	Number	Number
Administration	12	9
Technical staff and support	16	18
	28	27

Their aggregate remuneration comprised:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	994,881	1,082,347
Social security costs	104,382	102,137
Other pension costs (note 14)	138,626	127,748
	1,237,889	1,312,232

Included in the total above is £106,143 (2021: £90,623) in relation to sums paid to Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP in respect of the services of two directors.

During the year no members of staff (2021: 2) were placed on furlough using the Government's Coronavirus job retention scheme. The full furlough grant of £11,310 was repaid in July 2021 and is included in wages and salaries cost.

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8 Tax on profit

(a) Tax expense included in profit or loss

	2022	2021
	£	£
Current tax		
Corporation tax on profits of the year	196,983	109,313
Adjustments in respect of prior years	1,017	2,369
Total current tax	198,000	111,682
Deferred tax:		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	-	-
Total deferred tax	-	-
Tax on profit	198,000	111,682

(b) Reconciliation of tax charge

The tax assessed for the year is higher (2021: higher) than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2021: 19%). The differences are explained below:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Profit before taxation	616,898	156,057
Profit before taxation multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2021: 19%)	117,211	29,651
<i>Effects of:</i>		
Net of non-taxable income and expenses not deductible for tax purposes	79,772	79,662
Adjustments in respect of prior years	1,017	2,369
Tax charge for the year	198,000	111,682

(c) Tax rate changes

The main rate of corporation tax in the UK is 19% with effect from 1 April 2017. Accordingly, the Company's profits for this accounting year are taxed at an effective rate of 19%. An increase in the main rate of corporation tax to 25% from 1 April 2023 and was introduced in the Finance Bill 2022. This rate has not been substantively enacted at the balance sheet date. There are no other factors which are expected to significantly affect the future tax charge.

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9 Intangible assets

	Goodwill
	£
Cost	
At 1 May 2021	8,500,000
At 30 April 2022	8,500,000
Accumulated amortisation	
At 1 May 2021	3,400,000
Charge for the year	425,000
At 30 April 2022	3,825,000
Net book amount	
At 30 April 2022	4,675,000
At 30 April 2021	5,100,000

On 30 April 2013 the Company acquired the regulated Investment and Pensions business of Dickinson Dees LLP (now Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP) for a consideration of £8.5m. The consideration was satisfied by the issue of share capital for a total of £8.5m, including share premium. The consideration represented payment for the goodwill of the business and no payment was made for any other assets or liabilities. This goodwill is being amortised over a useful life of 20 years.

10 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade debtors	68,977	79,744
Amounts recoverable from clients in respect of unbilled work performed	20,793	12,291
Amounts owed by Group undertakings	8,904	-
Prepayments and accrued income	160,916	186,973
	259,590	279,008

Trade debtors are stated net of an impairment provision of £6,490 (2021: £13,969).

Amounts owed from Group undertakings are repayable on demand, unsecured and interest free.

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11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Amounts owed to Group undertakings	-	217,439
Other creditors	82,724	33,831
Corporation tax	196,983	109,312
Other taxation and social security	20,778	21,512
Accruals and deferred income	65,287	31,500
	365,772	413,594

Amounts owed to Group undertakings are repayable on demand, unsecured and interest free.

12 Called up share capital

	2022	2021
	£	£
Authorised, allotted and fully paid		
750,000 (2021: 750,000) ordinary shares of £1 each (2021: £1 each)	750,000	750,000

There is a single class of ordinary shares. There are no restrictions on the distribution of dividends and the repayment of capital.

13 Dividends

	2022	2021
	£	£
Interim dividend paid	469,375	647,930

14 Pension commitments

The Company provides pension arrangements to the majority of full time employees through a group defined contribution personal pension scheme. The pension charge for the year was £138,626 (2021: £127,748).

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15 Ultimate parent company and controlling party

The immediate parent undertaking is Womble Bond Dickinson Holdings Limited by virtue of its 100% shareholding.

The ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP. By virtue of its 100% shareholding in Womble Bond Dickinson Holdings Limited, it is the parent undertaking of the smallest and largest group to consolidate these financial statements.

The financial statements of Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP can be obtained from 4 More London Riverside, London, United Kingdom, SE1 2AU.

16 Related party transactions

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption under paragraph 33.1A from the provisions of FRS 102, not to disclose transactions with other members of the Group headed by Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP, on the grounds that it is a wholly owned subsidiary of Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP, whose financial statements are publicly available. There were no other related party transactions in the year.

The Company has elected to take advantage of key personnel compensation disclosure exemption under FRS 102 paragraph 1.12(e) and 33.7.

17 Post balance sheet events

There have been no events between the balance sheet date and the date of approval of these accounts that would require a change or additional disclosure within these financial statements.