

Company Number 10378704

ICAP Global Broking Finance Limited

Annual Report and Financial Statements - 31 December 2018



STRATEGIC REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

The Directors present their Annual Report and the audited financial statements of ICAP Global Broking Finance Limited (the 'Company') for the year ended 31 December 2018.

BUSINESS REVIEW AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The Directors consider that the year end financial position was satisfactory and do not anticipate any changes to the principal activities.

During the year/period, the Company earned interest receivable and similar income of \$23,162,000 (2017: \$17,041,000).

RESULTS

The results of the Company are set out in the statement of profit or loss on page 8.

The profit for the financial year/period of \$18,765,000 (2017: \$13,803,000) has been transferred to reserves.

The net assets of the Company are \$424,061,000 (2017: \$434,785,000).

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The key risks which the Company faces in its day to day operations can broadly be categorised as credit, operational and liquidity risk.

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Company in the event of non-performance by counterparty with respect to its contractual obligations to the Company. This includes the risk of default of the banking counterparties at which the Company has placed its cash balance.

Operational risk is the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people activities, systems or external events. Operational risk covers a wide and diverse range of risk types and the overall objective of the Company's approach to operational risk management is not to attempt to avoid all potential risks but to proactively identify and assess risk and risk situations in order to manage them in an efficient and informed manner.

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company, in periods of corporate or market volatility, will not have access to an appropriate level of cash or funding to enable it to finance its ongoing operations and any other reasonable unanticipated events on cost effective terms. Cash and cash equivalent balances are held with the primary objective of capital security and availability, with a secondary objective of generating returns. Funding requirements are monitored by the Group Finance and Operations departments.

For some months the Company has been preparing for a hard Brexit. In that circumstance, UK entities would lose their ability to provide services in the EU27 zone using passports, either through branches or on a cross-border services basis and the ability to continue doing business in Europe would be restricted. Given the nature of the Company's activities being a financing company, it is not expected to be materially impacted by Brexit.

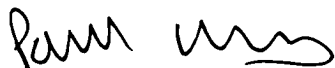
Management in front office and support functions have the day to day responsibility for ensuring that the Company operates in accordance with the Enterprise Risk Management Framework which includes policies and procedures for these key risks. Further details of the Enterprise Risk Management Framework are outlined in the Group's Annual Report, which does not form part of this report.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The Company's return on assets, calculated as net profit divided by net assets, is 4.4% (2017: 3.2%).

The Directors of TP ICAP plc manage the Group's operations on a regional basis. For this reason, the Company's Directors believe that further analysis using key performance indicators for the Company is not necessary or appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business of the Company. The key performance indicators of TP ICAP plc, which includes the Company, are discussed in the Group's Annual Report, which does not form part of this report.

This report has been approved by the board of Directors and signed by order of the board:



P Ashley
Director

11 September 2019

DIRECTORS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

ICAP Global Broking Finance Limited is a financing company. It is anticipated that the Company will continue its present business activities next year.

The Company is incorporated in the United Kingdom and domiciled in England and Wales. The Company is a private company limited by shares. The registered office is Floor 2, 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3TQ.

On 20 October 2017, the Company changed its accounting reference date to 31 December to align with the Group's accounting period. As a result, the Company's prior accounting period was shortened to a nine month period ended 31 December 2017. The current year is for the year ended 31 December 2018.

BUSINESS REVIEW AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Details of business review and future developments can be found in the Strategic Report on page 1.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

Details of principal risks and uncertainties can be found in the Strategic Report on page 1.

GOING CONCERN

The Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future being at least the next twelve months from approval of the financial statements. Thus, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in Note 1, accounting policies, in the financial statements.

DIVIDENDS

During the year/period, the Directors declared and paid dividends on the ordinary shares of \$27,779,000 (2017: \$nil).

The following dividends were paid post year end:

On 29 March 2019, ICAP Global Broking Finance Ltd declared a dividend of US\$5,400,000 to ICAP Global Broking Holdings Limited.

On 24 June 2019, ICAP Global Broking Finance Limited declared a dividend of \$5,600,000 to ICAP Global Broking Holdings Limited.

DIRECTORS

The following persons were Directors of the Company during the financial year and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated:

P Ashley (appointed 5 March 2018)
R Cordeschi (appointed 6 December 2018)
D Casterton (resigned 6 December 2018)
D McClumpha (resigned 2 March 2018)

DIRECTOR'S INDEMNITIES

The Company's ultimate parent, TP ICAP plc, has made qualifying third party indemnity provisions for the benefit of its Directors which remain in force at the date of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

The nature of the Company's activities is such that it has a minimal direct effect on the environment. However, management have agreed to adopt Group policies to safeguard the environment, to meet statutory requirements, or where such policies are commercially sensible.

POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

There were no political donations made by the Company during the year/period (2017: \$nil).

DISABLED EMPLOYEES

Applications for employment by disabled persons are always fully considered, bearing in mind the abilities of the applicant concerned. In the event of members of staff becoming disabled every effort is made to ensure that their employment with the Company continues and that appropriate training is arranged. It is the policy of the Company that the training, career development and promotion of disabled persons should, as far as possible, be identical to that of other employees.

EMPLOYEE CONSULTATION

The Company is committed to attracting, retaining, developing and advancing the most qualified persons without regard to their race, ethnicity, religion or belief, gender, age, sexual orientation or disability. This commitment is underpinned by policies on equal opportunities, harassment and discrimination, to which all employees are required to adhere.

The Company participates in the Group's policies and practices relating to current and prospective employees. These policies and practices are outlined in the Group's Annual Report which does not form part of this report.

POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

On 29 March 2019, ICAP Global Broking Finance Ltd declared a dividend of US\$5,400,000 to ICAP Global Broking Holdings Limited.

On 24 June 2019, ICAP Global Broking Finance Limited declared a dividend of \$5,600,000 to ICAP Global Broking Holdings Limited.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

The Company's incumbent auditor, Deloitte LLP, have indicated their willingness to continue in office and are deemed reappointed in the next financial year.

PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO THE AUDITOR

So far as each person who was a Director at the date of approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing its report, of which the auditor is unaware. Having made enquiries of fellow Directors and the Company's auditor, each Director has taken all the steps that they are obliged to take as a Director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

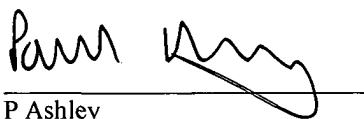
This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of section 418 of the Companies Act 2006.

APPROVAL OF REDUCED DISCLOSURES

As permitted by FRS 101, the Company has taken advantage of all of the disclosure exemptions available to it, including: statement of cash flows, the effect of new accounting standards not yet mandatory, presentation of comparative information for certain assets, key management compensation, related party transactions, share-based payments and financial risk management disclosures.

The report is authorised for issue by the board of Directors.

On behalf of the directors



P Ashley
Director

11 September 2019

Company No: 10378704

ICAP Global Broking Finance Limited
Directors' responsibilities statement
31 December 2018

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, 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 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 the profit or loss of the Company for that year.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether FRS 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' 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.

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

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements of ICAP Global Broking Finance Limited (the 'Company'):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2018 and of its profit for the year ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework"; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements of which comprise:

- the statement of profit or loss;
- the balance sheet;
- the statement of changes in equity;
- the related notes 1 to 15.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework" (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 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 Financial Reporting Council's (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

We are required by ISAs (UK) to report in respect of the following matters where:

- the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in 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.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

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.

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 respect of these matters.

Responsibilities of Directors

As explained more fully in the Directors' responsibilities statement, 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 FRC's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

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 Strategic Report and the Directors' report for the financial period 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 any material misstatements in the Strategic Report or the directors' report.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

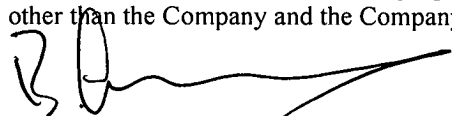
Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report in respect of the following matters if, in our opinion:

- 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.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

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.



Ben Jackson FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Deloitte LLP
Statutory Auditor
London, United Kingdom
11 September 2019

ICAP Global Broking Finance Limited
Statement of profit or loss
For the year ended 31 December 2018

	Note	Year ended 31 Dec 2018 \$'000	Period ended 31 Dec 2017 \$'000
Expenses			
Other operating income	4	62	-
Movement in provision for receivables		<u>5</u>	<u>-</u>
Operating profit		67	-
Interest receivable and similar income	6	23,162	17,041
Interest payable and similar expenses	7	<u>(62)</u>	<u>-</u>
Profit before income tax expense		23,167	17,041
Income tax expense	8	<u>(4,402)</u>	<u>(3,238)</u>
Profit after income tax expense for the year		<u><u>18,765</u></u>	<u><u>13,803</u></u>

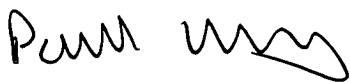
The operating profit for the year/period is derived from continuing operations.

There were no items of other comprehensive income in the current year or prior period other than the profit for the year/period and, accordingly, no statement of other comprehensive income is presented.

ICAP Global Broking Finance Limited
Balance sheet
As at 31 December 2018

	Note	As at 31 Dec 2018 \$'000	As at 31 Dec 2017 \$'000
Assets			
Non-current assets			
Deferred tax asset	8	365	-
Total non-current assets		365	-
Current assets			
Debtors	10	430,873	434,567
Cash and cash equivalents	9	3	5,595
Total current assets		430,876	440,162
Total assets		431,241	440,162
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	61	61
Tax payable	8	7,119	5,316
Total current liabilities		7,180	5,377
Total liabilities		7,180	5,377
Net assets		424,061	434,785
Equity			
Other reserves		412,668	412,668
Retained profits		11,393	22,117
Total equity		424,061	434,785

The financial statements on page 8 to 18 were approved and authorised for issue by the board of Directors on 11 September 2019 and were signed on its behalf by:



P Ashley
Director

11 September 2019

Company No: 10378704

ICAP Global Broking Finance Limited
Statement of changes in equity
For the year ended 31 December 2018

	Issued capital \$'000	Share premium \$'000	Other reserves \$'000	Retained profits \$'000	Total equity \$'000
Balance at 1 April 2017	-	-	412,668	8,314	420,982
Profit after income tax expense for the period	-	-	-	13,803	13,803
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	13,803	13,803
Balance at 31 December 2017	-	-	412,668	22,117	434,785
	Issued capital \$'000	Share premium \$'000	Other reserves \$'000	Retained profits \$'000	Total equity \$'000
Balance at 1 January 2018	-	-	412,668	22,117	434,785
Expected credit loss (Note 1)	-	-	-	(2,075)	(2,075)
Balance at 1 January 2018 - restated	-	-	412,668	20,042	432,710
Profit after income tax expense for the year	-	-	-	18,765	18,765
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	18,765	18,765
Deferred tax	-	-	-	365	365
Dividends paid (note 13)	-	-	-	(27,779)	(27,779)
Balance at 31 December 2018	-	-	412,668	11,393	424,061

Share capital

The balance classified as share capital includes the nominal value of the proceeds on issue of the Company's share capital, comprising \$1 ordinary shares.

Other reserves

The other reserves related to a capital contribution reserve.

Note 1. General information and principal accounting policies

General information

The Company is a private company limited by shares.

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

New or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted

The company has adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Financial Reporting Council ('FRC') that are mandatory for the current reporting period.

The adoption of these Accounting Standards and Interpretations did not have any significant impact on the financial performance or position of the Company.

Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

The following Accounting Standards and Interpretations are most relevant to the company:

IFRS 9 Financial Instruments

The Company has adopted IFRS 9 from 1 January 2018. The standard introduced new classification and measurement models for financial assets. A financial asset shall be measured at amortised cost if it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets in order to collect contractual cash flows which arise on specified dates and that are solely principal and interest. A debt investment shall be measured at fair value through other comprehensive income if it is held within a business model whose objective is to both hold assets in order to collect contractual cash flows which arise on specified dates that are solely principal and interest as well as selling the asset on the basis of its fair value. All other financial assets are classified and measured at fair value through profit or loss unless the entity makes an irrevocable election on initial recognition to present gains and losses on equity instruments (that are not held-for-trading or contingent consideration recognised in a business combination) in other comprehensive income ('OCI'). Despite these requirements, a financial asset may be irrevocably designated as measured at fair value through profit or loss to reduce the effect of, or eliminate, an accounting mismatch. For financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss, the standard requires the portion of the change in fair value that relates to the entity's own credit risk to be presented in OCI (unless it would create an accounting mismatch). New simpler hedge accounting requirements are intended to more closely align the accounting treatment with the risk management activities of the entity. New impairment requirements use an 'expected credit loss' ('ECL') model to recognise an allowance. Impairment is measured using a 12-month ECL method unless the credit risk on a financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition in which case the lifetime ECL method is adopted. For receivables, a simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses using a lifetime expected loss allowance is available.

The impact of applying the new impairment model under IFRS 9 is discussed within the impairment of financial assets accounting policy (Note 1).

Hedge accounting

The Company did not undertake any qualifying hedging activities during the reporting period and will apply IFRS 9's hedge accounting requirements as and when such transactions arise.

IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers

The Company has adopted IFRS 15 from 1 January 2018. The standard provides a single comprehensive model for revenue recognition. The core principle of the standard is that an entity shall recognise revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The standard introduced a new contract-based revenue recognition model with a measurement approach that is based on an allocation of the transaction price. This is described further in the accounting policies below. Credit risk is presented separately as an expense rather than adjusted against revenue. Contracts with customers are presented in an entity's balance sheet as a contract liability, a contract asset, or a receivable, depending on the relationship between the entity's performance and the customer's payment. Customer acquisition costs and costs to fulfil a contract can, subject to certain criteria, be capitalised as an asset and amortised over the contract period. The adoption of IFRS 15 has not had a material effect on the amounts reported in these financial statements.

Note 1. General information and principal accounting policies (continued)

Going concern

After consideration of the Company's business review and the risks and uncertainties; including the risks related to Brexit as set out in the Strategic Report, and having considered the Company's forecasts, including the Company's liquidity and capital, the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future being at least the next twelve months from approval of the financial statements. Accordingly, the going concern basis continues to be used in preparing these financial statements. Brexit implications have been considered in the Going Concern assessment.

Basis of preparation

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with FRS 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are prepared in US Dollar which is the functional currency of the Company.

As permitted by FRS 101, the Company has taken advantage of all of the disclosure exemptions available to it, including: statement of cash flows, the effect of new accounting standards not yet mandatory, presentation of comparative information for certain assets, key management compensation, related party transactions, share-based payments and financial risk management disclosures.

Where relevant, equivalent disclosures have been given in the group accounts of TP ICAP plc.

The Company has exercised its entitlement to not produce consolidated financial statements since consolidated financial statements have been prepared by the ultimate parent company TP ICAP plc.

The Company's ultimate parent is TP ICAP plc (incorporated in the United Kingdom) and its consolidated financial statements are available from Companies House.

Items which are of a non-recurring nature and material, when considering both size and nature, are disclosed separately to give a clearer presentation of the Company's results.

Historical cost convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Interest receivable and similar income

Interest revenue is recognised as interest accrues using the effective interest method. This is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and allocating the interest income over the relevant period using the effective interest rate, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

Borrowing costs

All borrowing costs are expensed as interest payable and similar charges in the profit or loss account using the applicable effective interest rate.

Tax

Tax on the profit for the year comprises both current and deferred tax as well as adjustments in respect of prior years. Tax is charged or credited to the profit or loss account, except when it relates to items charged or credited directly to equity, in which case the current and deferred tax is also recorded within equity.

Current tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the period, using tax rates enacted, or substantially enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is recognised using the liability method, in respect of all temporary differences between the carrying value of assets and liabilities for reporting purposes and the tax bases of the assets and liabilities. Deferred tax is calculated at the rate of tax expected to apply when the liability is settled or the asset is realised. A deferred tax asset is recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the asset can be utilised.

Calculations of current and deferred tax liability have been based on ongoing discussions with the relevant tax authorities, management's assessment of legal and professional advice, case law and other relevant guidance. Where the expected tax outcome of these matters is different from the amounts that were recorded initially, such differences will impact the current and deferred tax amounts in the period in which a reassessment of the liability is made.

Note 1. General information and principal accounting policies (continued)

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand, overdrafts and demand deposits and other short-term highly liquid investments which are subject to insignificant risk of change in value and are readily convertible into a known amount of cash with less than three months maturity.

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at amortised cost less provision for impairment.

All provisions are recorded within administrative expenses in the statement of profit or loss.

Financial instruments

The Company has applied IFRS 9 from 1 January 2018 which has replaced IAS 39 'Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement'. Under the transition methods chosen, comparative information has not been restated. The Company had no hedging relationships as at this date or during the current reporting period. The details of new significant accounting policies are set out below.

With respect to the classification and measurement of financial assets, the number of categories of financial assets under IFRS 9 has been reduced compared to IAS 39. Under IFRS 9 the classification of financial assets is based both on the business model within which the asset is held and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the asset.

There are three principal classification categories for financial assets that are debt instruments:

- (i) fair value through other comprehensive income 'FVOCI'
- (ii) fair value through profit or loss 'FVTPL' and
- (iii) amortised cost

On initial recognition of an equity investment that is not held for trading, the Company may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in the investment's fair value in Other Comprehensive Income ('OCI'). This election is made on an investment-by-investment basis.

Equity investments in scope of IFRS 9 are measured at fair value with gains and losses recognised in profit or loss unless an irrevocable election is made to recognise gains or losses in other comprehensive income. Under IFRS 9, derivatives embedded in financial assets are not bifurcated but instead the whole hybrid contract is assessed for classification.

All financial assets not classified as "measured at amortised cost" or "FVOCI" are measured at FVTPL. This includes all derivative financial assets. On initial recognition, the Company may irrevocably designate a financial asset that otherwise meets the requirements to be measured at amortised cost or at FVOCI, as an asset measured at FVTPL if doing this eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch that would otherwise arise.

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost only if both of the following conditions are met: (i) it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets in order to collect contractual cash flows; and (ii) the contractual terms of the financial asset represent contractual cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest.

There has been no change in the accounting for financial liabilities as IFRS 9 largely retains the existing requirements in IAS 39 for the classification and measurement of financial liabilities. Under IFRS 9, changes in the fair value of a financial liability designated as at FVTPL due to credit risk are presented in other comprehensive income unless such presentation would create or enlarge an accounting mismatch in profit or loss.

Impairment of financial assets

IFRS 9 replaces the 'incurred loss' model in IAS 39 with an 'expected credit loss' 'ECL' model. The new impairment model applies to financial assets measured at amortised cost and debt investments at FVOCI, but not to investments in equity instruments.

The financial assets at amortised cost consist of intercompany debtors and cash and cash equivalents.

Under IFRS 9, loss allowances are measured on either of the following bases:

- 12-month ECLs: these are ECLs that result from expected default events within the 12 months after the reporting date; and
- lifetime ECLs: these are ECLs that result from all expected default events over the expected life of a financial instrument.

Note 1. General information and principal accounting policies (continued)

The Company measures loss allowances at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs, except for the following, which are measured as 12-month ECLs:

- debt securities that are determined to have low credit risk at the reporting date; and
- other debt securities and cash and cash equivalents for which credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition.

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition and when estimating ECLs, the Company considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis, based on the Company's historical experience and informed credit assessment and including forward-looking information.

The Company assumes that the credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly if it is more than 30 days past due.

The Company considers a financial asset to be in default when:

- the borrower is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Company in full, without recourse by the Group to actions such as realising security (if any is held); or
- the financial asset is more than 90 days past due.

The Company considers a debt security to have low credit risk when its credit risk rating is equivalent to the globally understood definition of 'investment grade'. The Company considers this to be Baa3 or higher per Moody's or BBB- or higher per both Standard & Poor's and Fitch.

The maximum period considered when estimating ECLs is the maximum contractual period over which the Company is exposed to credit risk.

Measurement of ECLs

ECLs are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses. Credit losses are measured as the present value of all cash shortfalls, representing the difference between the cash flows due to the entity in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Company expects to receive. ECLs are discounted at the effective interest rate of the financial asset.

Credit-impaired financial assets

At each reporting date, the Company assesses whether financial assets carried at amortised cost and debt securities at FVOCI are credit impaired. A financial asset is 'credit-impaired' when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred.

Impact of the new impairment model

The application of the impairment requirements of IFRS 9 did not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements. For assets in the scope of the IFRS 9 impairment model, impairment losses are generally expected to increase and become more volatile.

The Company has determined that the application of IFRS 9's impairment requirements at 1 January 2018 results in an impairment allowance as follows:

	\$'000
Impairment recognised at 1 January 2018	<u><u>2,075</u></u>

During the prior period, there was no provision recognised under IAS 39.

Intercompany balances

Intercompany balances are shown in accordance with the netting agreement, which allows netting of bilateral intercompany balances within entities that are party to the netting agreement.

Dividends paid

Dividends are recognised as deductions from retained earnings in the period in which they are declared.

Note 2. Key accounting judgements and sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors, including expectations of future events, management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. There are no critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions that are likely to affect the current or future financial years.

Note 3. Administrative costs

Fees paid to the Company's auditor, Deloitte LLP, and its associates for services other than the statutory audit of the Company are not disclosed in the Company's financial statements since the consolidated financial statements of its parent, TP ICAP plc, include these fees on a consolidated basis.

Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements were \$6,855 (2017: \$6,592).

Note 4. Other operating income

This represents exchange differences arising on transactions in foreign currencies during the year and on the translation at the balance sheet date of assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies.

Note 5. Directors Remuneration

No fees were paid to the directors in respect of services to the Company during the year/period (2017: nil).

Note 6. Interest receivable and similar income

	Year ended 31 Dec 2018 \$'000	Period ended 31 Dec 2017 \$'000
Interest receivable from Group companies	23,156	17,037
Bank interest	6	4
	<u>23,162</u>	<u>17,041</u>

Note 7. Interest payable and similar expenses

	Year ended 31 Dec 2018 \$'000	Period ended 31 Dec 2017 \$'000
Interest payable from Group companies	62	-

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Note 8. Income tax

Analysis of charge for the year:

	Year ended 31 Dec 2018 \$'000	Period ended 31 Dec 2017 \$'000
<i>Current tax</i>		
UK Corporation tax - current year/period	4,402	3,238
Aggregate income tax expense	<u>4,402</u>	<u>3,238</u>
<i>Numerical reconciliation of income tax expense and tax at the statutory rate</i>		
Profit before income tax expense	23,167	17,041
Tax at the statutory tax rate of 19%	4,402	3,238
Income tax expense	<u>4,402</u>	<u>3,238</u>
Effective tax rate	19.0%	19.0%

In the UK, legislation to reduce the corporation tax rate from 20% to 19% from 1 April 2017 and from 19% to 17% from 1 April 2020 has been enacted. UK deferred tax will therefore unwind at a rate of 19% for periods from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2020 and at a rate of 17% thereafter.

	As at 31 Dec 2018 \$'000	As at 31 Dec 2017 \$'000
<i>Deferred tax asset</i>		
Deferred tax asset comprises temporary differences attributable to:		
Amounts recognised in equity:		
IFRS 9 Adjustment	365	-
Deferred tax asset	<u>365</u>	<u>-</u>
	As at 31 Dec 2018 \$'000	As at 31 Dec 2017 \$'000
Provision for income tax	<u>7,119</u>	<u>5,316</u>

Note 9. Current assets - Cash and cash equivalents

	As at 31 Dec 2018 \$'000	As at 31 Dec 2017 \$'000
Cash at bank	<u>3</u>	<u>5,595</u>

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Note 10. Current assets - Debtors

	As at 31 Dec 2018 \$'000	As at 31 Dec 2017 \$'000
Loan owed by Group companies	432,909	434,550
Amounts owed by Group companies	34	17
Less: allowance for expected credit losses	<u>(2,070)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u><u>430,873</u></u>	<u><u>434,567</u></u>

Note 11. Current liabilities - Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	As at 31 Dec 2018 \$'000	As at 31 Dec 2017 \$'000
Amounts owed to Group companies	<u>61</u>	<u>61</u>

Note 12. Equity - Issued capital

	As at 31 Dec 2018 Shares	As at 31 Dec 2017 Shares	As at 31 Dec 2018 \$'000	As at 31 Dec 2017 \$'000
\$1 Ordinary share of \$1 each - fully paid	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Note 13. Equity - Dividends

Dividends paid during the financial year were as follows:

	Year ended 31 Dec 2018 \$'000	Period ended 31 Dec 2017 \$'000
Dividend paid in January of \$5,591,000 per share (2017: \$nil)	5,591	-
Dividend paid in March of \$5,470,000 per share (2017: \$nil)	5,470	-
Dividends paid in June of \$5,530,000 per share (2017: \$nil)	5,530	-
Dividend paid in September of \$5,597,000 per share (2017: \$nil)	5,597	-
Dividend paid in December of \$5,591,000 per share (2017: \$nil)	<u>5,591</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u><u>27,779</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

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Note 14. Events after the reporting period

On 29 March 2019, ICAP Global Broking Finance Ltd declared a dividend of US\$5,400,000 to ICAP Global Broking Holdings Limited.

On 24 June 2019, ICAP Global Broking Finance Limited declared a dividend of \$5,600,000 to ICAP Global Broking Holdings Limited.

Note 15. Immediate and ultimate parent company

The Company's immediate parent is ICAP Global Broking Holdings Limited, which does not prepare consolidated financial statements.

The Company's ultimate parent is TP ICAP plc, which is incorporated in England and Wales, and heads the largest and smallest group of companies of which the Company is a member. TP ICAP plc prepares consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRS. Copies of TP ICAP plc financial statements are available from the registered office: Floor 2, 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3TQ.