

Registered number: 10487037

**DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** 

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018



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## DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

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

In preparing this report, the directors have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The company acts as an investment holding company for subsidiaries which provide support functions for the gorup.

#### **BUSINESS REVIEW**

On 28 February 2018 the company issued a further 662,616,360 ordinary £1 shares to its parent undertaking at par.

#### **RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS**

The profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to £155,630,000 (2017 - £NIL).

The profit is attributable to dividends received from subsidiaries.

Dividends of £155,629,000 have been paid in the year (2017 - £NIL).

#### **DIRECTORS**

The directors who served during the year were:

A P Anderson II Sir George Iacobescu CBE R J J Lyons

The company provides an indemnity to all directors (to the extent permitted by law) in respect of liabilities incurred as a result of their office. The company also has in place liability insurance covering the directors and officers of the company. Both the indemnity and insurance were in force during the period ended 31 December 2018 and at the time of the approval of this Directors' Report. Neither the indemnity nor the insurance provide cover in the event that the director is proven to have acted dishonestly or fraudulently.

## **DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS**

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this Directors' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- the director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

This report was approved by the board on 27 June 2019 and signed on its behalf.

J R Garwood Secretary

## DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 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 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 for the company's financial statements 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 to 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 AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CANARY WHARF CENTRAL LIMITED

#### REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### **OPINION**

In our opinion the financial statements of Canary Wharf Central 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 then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements which comprise:

- the statement of comprehensive income:
- the statement of financial position;
- the statement of changes in equity; and
- the related notes 1 to 11.

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 are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## **CONCLUSIONS RELATING TO GOING CONCERN**

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.

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CANARY WHARF CENTRAL LIMITED

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 Financial Reporting Council'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 directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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 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; or
- the directors were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CANARY WHARF CENTRAL LIMITED

## **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.

Valerie Main (Senior statutory auditor) For and on behalf of Deloitte LLP

Statutory Auditor

London, United Kingdom

27 June 2019

# STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

	Note	2018 £	2017 £
Income from shares in group undertakings	7.	155,630,000	-
PROFIT BEFORE TAX		155,630,000	<u>-</u>
Tax on profit			_
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		155,630,000	-
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR		155,630,000	

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2018

•	Note	2018 £	2017 £
FIXED ASSETS	11010	~	~
Investments	7	662,616,360	-
		662,616,360	-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	8	1,007	1
		1,007	1
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(6)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		1,001	1
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		662,617,361	1
NET ASSETS		662,617,361	1
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		-	
Called up share capital	10	662,616,361	1
Retained earnings		1,000	
		662,617,361	1

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 27 June 2019.

R J J Lyons Director

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

4	Called up share capital	Retained earnings	Total equity
	£	£	£
At 1 January 2018	1	-	1
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR			
Profit for the year	-	155,630,000	155,630,000
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR	-	155,630,000	155,630,000
Dividends: Equity capital	-	(155,629,000)	(155,629,000)
Shares issued during the year	662,616,360	-	662,616,360
AT 31 DECEMBER 2018	662,616,361	1,000	662,617,361
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017	•		
		Called up	
·		share capital	Total equity
		£	£
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD		_	-
Shares issued during the period		1	1

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

**AT 31 DECEMBER 2017** 

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

#### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Canary Wharf Central Limited is a company limited by shares incorporated in the UK under the Companies Act 2006 and registered in England and Wales at One Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London, E14 5AB.

The nature of the company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Directors' Report.

#### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### 2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value and in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including FRS 102 "the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland").

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgement in applying the company's accounting policies (see Note 3).

The principal accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year and are summarised below:

## 2.2 Going concern

At the year end, the company is in a net asset position. In addition, as a member of the Canary Wharf Group, the company has access to considerable resources.

Having made the requisite enquiries and assessed the resources at the disposal of the company, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company will have adequate resources to continue its operation for the foreseeable future. Accordingly they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

### 2.3 Cash flow statement

The company has taken the exemption from preparing the cash flow statement under Section 1.12(b) as it is a member of a group where the parent of the group prepares publicly available consolidated accounts which are intended to give a true and fair view.

## 2.4 Investments

Investments in subsidiaries are stated at cost less any provision for impairment.

Loans to subsidiaries which only entitle the company to an interest in the assets of the company once it has completed its principal activity are treated as additional investments.

Other investments are stated at cost less any provision for impairment.

Income from investments is recognised as the company becomes entitled to receive payment. Dividend income from investments in companies is recognised when received or irrevocably declared.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

## 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 2.5 Financial instruments

The directors have taken advantage of the exemption in paragraph 1.12c of FRS 102 allowing the company not to disclose the summary of financial instruments by the categories specified in paragraph 11.41.

#### Trade and other receivables

Debtors are recognised initially at fair value. A provision for impairment is established where there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the debtor concerned.

## Trade and other payables

Trade and other creditors are stated at cost.

#### 2.6 Taxation

Current tax is provided at amounts expected to be paid or recovered using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

#### 3. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires the use of estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Although these estimates are based on management's best knowledge of the amount, event or actions, actual results ultimately may differ from those estimates.

#### Impairment of investments

Investments in subsidiaries are stated at cost less any provision for impairment. In assessing provisions for impairment, the directors have valued each subsidiary at its net asset value, as adjusted for material differences between the fair value and carrying value of its assets and liabilities.

### 4. AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION

The auditor's remuneration of £540 (2017 - £Nil) for the audit of the company has been borne by another group undertaking.

### 5. EMPLOYEES

The Company has no employees other than the directors, who did not receive any remuneration (2017 - £NIL).

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

#### 6. TAXATION

**EFFECTS OF:** 

	2018 £	2017 £
Current tax on profits for the year	-	-
TOTAL CURRENT TAX		-
FACTORS AFFECTING TAX CHARGE FOR THE YEAR/PERIOD		
The tax assessed for the year/period is different to the standard rate of corp (2017 - 19.25%). The differences are explained below:	poration tax in th	e UK of 19%
	2018 £	2017 £
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	155,630,000	-
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2017 - 19.25%)	29,569,700	-

Dividends from UK companies (29,569,700) 
TOTAL TAX CHARGE FOR THE YEAR/PERIOD - -

On 29 March 2018, Stork Holdings Limited, a direct subsidiary of Stork HoldCo L.P., listed its shares on The International Stock Exchange in Jersey and the group headed by Stork Holdings limited, which includes the company, converted to a REIT. As a consequence of the conversion, all qualifying property rental business is exempt from corporation tax. Only income and expenses relating to non-qualifying activities will continue to be taxable.

## **FACTORS THAT MAY AFFECT FUTURE TAX CHARGES**

Enacted in the Finance Act (No.2) 2015 is a reduction in the corporation tax rate to 17.0% on 1 April 2020.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

#### 7. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Investments in subsidiary companies £
COST OR VALUATION	
Additions	662,616,360
At 31 December 2018	662,616,360
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2018	662,616,360
At 31 December 2017	<del></del> -

During the year the company acquired 2 ordinary £1 shares in Canary Wharf Contractors Limited, 662,516,350 ordinary £1 shares in Canary Wharf Limited, 50,000 ordinary £1 shares in CW Finance Holdings II Limited, 2 ordinary £1 shares in Canary Wharf Financing Limited and 50,000 Class A shares of £1 and 1 ordinary £1 share in Norquil Limited.

The company also acquired 1 ordinary £1 shares in each of the following companies: CWCB Finance II Limited, Canary Wharf Telecoms Limited, Canary Wharf Finance (Investments) Limited, Canary Wharf Residental Management Limited and Canary Wharf Management (HQ3/HQ4) Limited.

These investments were acquired by the way of share for share exchange.

During the year a dividend of £155,000,000 was paid by Canary Wharf Limited and a £630,000 dividend paid by Canary Wharf Management (HQ3/HQ4) Limited.

In accordance with Section 400 of the Companies Act 2006, financial information is only presented in the financial statements about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group because the company and its subsidiary undertakings are included in consolidated financial statements of a larger group (Note 11).

The directors are of the opinion that the value of the company's investments at 31 December 2018, was not less than the amount shown in the company's statement of financial position.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

## 7. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

## **DIRECT SUBSIDIARY UNDERTAKINGS**

The following were subsidiary undertakings of the company:

Name .	Class of shares I	Holding	Principal activity
Canary Wharf Contractors Limited	Ordinary	100 %	Property contactor
Canary Wharf Finance (Investments) Limited	Ordinary	100 %	Investment holding
Canary Wharf Financing Limited	Ordinary	100 %	Finance company
Canary Wharf Limited	Ordinary	100 %	Property development
Canary Wharf Management (HQ3/HQ4) Limited	Ordinary	100 %	Property management
Canary Wharf Residental Management Limited	Ordinary	100 %	Property investment Telecommunication
Canary Wharf Telecoms Limited	Ordinary	100 %	services
CW Finance Holdings II Limited	Ordinary	100 %	Investment holding
CWCB Finance II Limited	Ordinary	100 %	Finance company
Norquil Limited	Ordinary	100 %	Property investment
Norquil Limited	Class A	100 %	Property investment

## **INDIRECT SUBSIDIARY UNDERTAKINGS**

The following were subsidiary undertakings of the company:

Name	Class of shares	Holding	Principal activity
Canary Wharf Facilities Management Limited	Ordinary	100 %	Property management
Canary Wharf Finance Holdings Limited	Ordinary	100 %	Investment holding
Canary Wharf Finance [[ plc	Ordinary	100 %	Finance company
Canary Wharf Management Limited	Ordinary	100 %	Property management
CW Lending II Limited	Ordinary	100 %	Finance company
L39 Limited	Ordinary	100 %	Dormant
Level 39 Limited	Ordinary	100 %	Serviced offices
Southbank Place Management Limited	Ordinary	100 %	Property management

Subsidiaries incorporated in England and Wales are registered at One Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5AB.

## 8. DEBTORS

£	£
1,007	1
1,007	1
	1,007

Amounts owed by group undertakings are interest free and repayable on demand.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018.

## 9. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

Amounts owed to group undertakings	6	-
	6	-
	2018 £	2017 £

Amounts owed to group undertakings are interest free and repayable on demand.

#### 10. SHARE CAPITAL

	2018	2017
	£	£
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
662,616,361 (2017 - 1) Ordinary shares of £1.00 each	662,616,361	1

On 28 February 2018 the company issued a further 662,616,360 ordinary £1 shares to its parent undertaking at par.

#### 11. CONTROLLING PARTY

Until 28 February 2018, the company's immediate parent undertaking was Canary Wharf Developments Limited. On that date, the shares in the company were transferred to Canary Wharf Holdings Limited, the immediate parent of Canary Wharf Developments Limited.

As at 31 December 2018, the smallest group of which the company is a member and for which group financial statements are drawn up is the consolidated financial statements of Canary Wharf Group Investment Holdings plc. Copies of the financial statements may be obtained from the Company Secretary, One Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5AB.

The largest group of which the company is a member for which group financial statements are drawn up is the consolidated financial statements of Stork HoldCo LP, an entity registered in Bermuda and the ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party. Stork HoldCo LP is registered at 73 Front Street, 5th Floor, Hamilton HM12, Bermuda.

Stork HoldCo LP is controlled as to 50% by Brookfield Property Partners LP and as to 50% by Qatar Investment Authority.

The directors have taken advantage of the exemption in paragraph 33.1A of FRS 102 allowing the company not to disclose related party transactions with respect to other wholly-owned group companies.