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THE BLACK ANT GROUP LLP
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2016

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THE BLACK ANT GROUP LLP

INFORMATION

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MEMBERS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2016

The members present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of The Black Ant Group LLP (the "LLP") for the year ended 30 November 2016.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal object of the LLP is the provision of investment management services to a range of funds.

The partnership is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority in the United Kingdom.

DESIGNATED MEMBERS

A Schwartz and The Black Ant Group Services Limited were designated members of the LLP throughout the period.

MEMBERS' CAPITAL AND INTERESTS

Each member's subscription to the capital of the LLP is determined by the Limited liability Partnership agreement dated 12 January 2007. The members have no right to receive back any part of the capital paid.

Details of changes in members' capital in the year ended 30 November 2016 are set out in the financial statements.

Members are remunerated from the profits of the LLP and are required to make their own provision for pensions and other benefits. Profits are allocated and divided between members after finalisation of the financial statements. Members draw a proportion of their profit shares monthly during the year in which it is made, with the balance of profits being distributed after the year, subject to the cash requirements of the business.

MEMBERS' PROFIT ALLOCATION

Any profits are shared among the members under the terms of the Limited Liability Partnership Agreement dated 12 January 2007.

POLICY FOR MEMBERS' DRAWINGS, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND REPAYMENTS OF MEMBERS' CAPITAL

Policies for members' drawings, subscriptions and repayments of members' capital are governed by the Limited Liability Partnership Agreement dated 12 January 2007.

MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

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

Company law, (as applied by The Limited Liability Partnerships (Accounts and Audit) (Application of Companies Act 2006) Regulations 2008), requires the members to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the members have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law, (as applied by The Limited Liability Partnerships (Accounts and Audit) (Application of Companies Act 2006) Regulations 2008) the members 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 LLP and of the profit or loss of the LLP for that period.

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

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2016

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the LLP will continue in business.

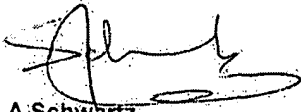
The members are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the LLP's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the LLP and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 (as applied by The Limited Liability Partnerships (Accounts and Audit) (Application of the Companies Act 2006) Regulations 2008). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the LLP and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

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

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

This report was approved by the members on 24 March 2017 and signed on their behalf by:



A Schwartz
Designated member

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BLACK ANT GROUP LLP

We have audited the financial statements of The Black Ant Group LLP for the year ended 30 November 2016, set out on pages 5 to 15. The relevant financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the 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'.

This report is made solely to the LLP's members in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, as applied by Part 12 of The Limited Liability Partnerships (Accounts and Audit) (Application of Companies Act 2006) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the LLP's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' 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 LLP and the LLP's members for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS AND AUDITORS

As explained more fully in the Members' Responsibilities Statement on page 1, the members are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

SCOPE OF THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the LLP's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the designated members; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Members' Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

OPINION ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the LLP's affairs as at 30 November 2016 and of its profit or loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, as applied to limited liability partnerships by The Limited Liability Partnerships (Accounts and Audit) (Application of Companies Act 2006) Regulations 2008.

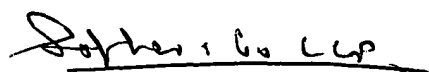
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MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006, as applied to limited liability partnerships, 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
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.



Martyn Atkinson FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

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24 March 2017

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2016

	Note	2016 £	2015 £
Turnover	2	2,919,881	3,708,357
Cost of sales		(32,069)	(30,501)
GROSS PROFIT		2,887,812	3,677,856
Administrative expenses		(1,299,749)	(1,355,672)
OPERATING PROFIT	3	1,588,063	2,322,184
Interest receivable and similar income	7	2,527	1
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR BEFORE MEMBERS' REMUNERATION AND PROFIT SHARES AVAILABLE FOR DISCRETIONARY DIVISION AMONG MEMBERS		1,590,590	2,322,185

There were no recognised gains and losses for 2016 or 2015 other than those included in the statement of comprehensive income.

There were no other comprehensive income for 2016(2015:£NIL).

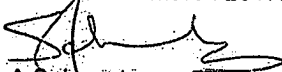
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2016

	Note	2016 £	2015 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	8	4,306,479	4,424,618
Cash at bank and in hand	9	703,117	1,229,274
		<u>5,009,596</u>	<u>5,653,892</u>
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	10	(154,723)	(50,173)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>4,854,873</u>	<u>5,603,719</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>4,854,873</u>	<u>5,603,719</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
LOANS AND OTHER DEBTS DUE TO MEMBERS WITHIN ONE YEAR			
Other amounts	12	3,033,284	3,050,534
MEMBERS' OTHER INTERESTS			
Members' capital classified as equity		231,000	231,000
Other reserves classified as equity		<u>1,590,589</u>	<u>2,322,185</u>
		<u>1,821,589</u>	<u>2,553,185</u>
		<u>4,854,873</u>	<u>5,603,719</u>
TOTAL MEMBERS' INTERESTS			
Amounts due from members (included in debtors)	8	(1,726,346)	(1,750,241)
Loans and other debts due to members	12	3,033,284	3,050,534
Members' other interests	13	<u>1,821,589</u>	<u>2,553,185</u>
		<u>3,128,527</u>	<u>3,853,478</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the members and were signed on their behalf on 24 March 2017.


A Schwartz
 Designated member

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2016

	Members capital (classified as equity) £	Other reserves £	Total equity £
At 1 December 2014	231,000	3,030,858	3,261,858
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR			
Profit for year for discretionary division among members	-	2,322,185	2,322,185
Allocated profit	-	(3,030,858)	(3,030,858)
At 1 December 2015	231,000	2,322,185	2,553,185
Profit for year for discretionary division among members	-	1,590,590	1,590,590
Allocated profit	-	(2,322,185)	(2,322,185)
AT 30 NOVEMBER 2016	231,000	1,590,590	1,821,590

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2016

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise specified within these accounting policies and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting by Limited Liability Partnerships".

Information on the impact of first-time adoption of FRS 102 is given in note 16.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgment in applying the LLP accounting policies.

The Black Ant Group LLP is a Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) incorporated and domiciled in England & Wales, with its registered address at 56 Eaton Mews South, London, SW1W 9HR. The LLP's functional and presentational currency is the British Pound Sterling (£)

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

1.2 Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by the FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland":

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- the requirements of Section 3 Financial Statement Presentation paragraph 3.17(d);

This information is included in the consolidated financial statements of The Black Ant Group Services Limited as at 30 November 2016 and these financial statements may be obtained from Companies House.

1.3 Turnover

Turnover is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the LLP and the turnover can be reliably measured. Turnover is measured as the fair value of the consideration received or receivable.

Turnover consists of management and performance fees. Management fees are recognised monthly as they accrue. Performance fees are recognised when they become payable to the LLP.

1.4 Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment.

1.5 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

1.6 Financial instruments

The LLP only enters into basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other accounts receivable and payable.

Financial assets that are measured at cost and amortised cost are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the Profit and Loss Account.

Debt instruments that are payable or receivable within one year, typically trade payables or receivables, are measured, initially and subsequently, at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration, expected to be paid or received. The LLP does not have debt instruments that are payable or receivable in more than one year.

1.7 Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price.

1.8 Foreign currency translation

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date.

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate ruling on the date of the transactions.

Exchange gains and losses are recognised in the Profit and Loss Account.

1.9 Taxation

No provision for taxation has been made in the financial statements. Each member is exclusively liable for any tax liabilities arising out of their interest in the LLP, which will be assessed on the individual members and not the LLP.

2. TURNOVER

Turnover, which is stated net of value added tax, represents fees receivable for investment management services provided during the year and arising from continued activities in the UK. Management fees are recognised on a receivable basis. Turnover arose on the supply to undertakings situated in Bermuda and Ireland.

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3. OPERATING PROFIT

The operating profit is stated after charging:

	2016 £	2015 £
Exchange differences	(93,334)	(46,428)

During the year, no member received any emoluments (2015 - £NIL).

4. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

	2016 £	2015 £
Fees payable to the LLP's auditor and its associates for the audit of the LLP's annual financial statements	4,500	4,500

**FEES PAYABLE TO THE LLP'S AUDITOR AND ITS ASSOCIATES IN
RESPECT OF:**

All other non-audit services not included above	13,400	9,350
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5. Staff Costs

The entity has no employees.

6. INFORMATION IN RELATION TO MEMBERS

	2016 Number	2015 Number
The average number of members during the year was	2	2

7. INTEREST RECEIVABLE

	2016 £	2015 £
Other interest receivable	2,527	1
	2,527	1

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8. DEBTORS

	2016 £	2015 £
Trade debtors	1,070,075	1,048,137
Amounts owed by group undertakings	1,503,035	1,566,401
Other debtors	4,452	44,853
Prepayments and accrued income	2,571	14,986
Amounts due from members	1,726,346	1,750,241
	<u>4,306,479</u>	<u>4,424,618</u>

9. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2016 £	2015 £
Cash at bank and in hand	703,117	1,229,274
	<u>703,117</u>	<u>1,229,274</u>

10. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2016 £	2015 £
Trade creditors	8,863	24,739
Other creditors	117,860	-
Accruals and deferred income	28,000	25,434
	<u>154,723</u>	<u>50,173</u>

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11. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2016 £	2015 £
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at cost	<u>2,524,307</u>	<u>2,659,391</u>
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES		
Financial liabilities measured at cost	<u>126,724</u>	<u>24,739</u>

Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at cost comprise of trade and other debtors and amounts owed by group undertakings.

Financial liabilities measured at cost comprise of trade and other creditors.

12. LOANS AND OTHER DEBTS DUE TO MEMBERS

	2016 £	2015 £
Amounts due to members	<u>3,033,284</u>	<u>3,050,534</u>

Loans and other debts due to members rank equally with debts due to ordinary creditors in the event of a winding up.

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13. RECONCILIATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

	EQUITY			DEBT		Total
	Members' other interests			Loans and other debts due to members less any amounts due from members in debtors		members' interests
	Members' capital (classified as equity) £	Other reserves £	Total £	Other amounts £	Total £	Total £
Amounts due to members				2,423,015	2,423,015	
Amounts due from members				(3,032,890)	(3,032,890)	
BALANCE AT 1 DECEMBER 2014	231,000	3,030,858	3,261,858	(609,875)	(609,875)	2,651,983
Profit for the year available for discretionary division among members	-	2,322,185	2,322,185	-	-	2,322,185
MEMBERS' INTERESTS AFTER PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	231,000	5,353,043	5,584,043	(609,875)	(609,875)	4,974,168
Allocated profit for the year	-	(3,030,858)	(3,030,858)	3,030,858	3,030,858	-
Drawings	-	-	-	(1,120,690)	(1,120,690)	(1,120,690)
Amounts due to members				3,050,534	3,050,534	
Amounts due from members				(1,750,241)	(1,750,241)	
BALANCE AT 30 NOVEMBER 2015	231,000	2,322,185	2,553,185	1,300,293	1,300,293	3,853,478
Profit for the year available for discretionary division among members	-	1,590,589	1,590,589	-	-	1,590,589
MEMBERS' INTERESTS AFTER PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	231,000	3,912,774	4,143,774	1,300,293	1,300,293	5,444,067
Allocated profit for the year	-	(2,322,185)	(2,322,185)	2,047,097	2,047,097	(275,088)
Drawings	-	-	-	(2,040,452)	(2,040,452)	(2,040,452)
Amounts due to members				3,033,284	3,033,284	
Amounts due from members				(1,726,346)	(1,726,346)	
BALANCE AT 30 NOVEMBER 2016	231,000	1,590,589	1,821,589	1,306,938	1,306,938	3,128,527

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14. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year the LLP provided investment management services to The Black Ant Group Limited, the ultimate parent undertaking, totalling £950,660 (2015 - £1,755,807). Amounts due from the Black Ant Group Limited at 30 November 2016 were £97,731 (2015 - £78,741).

During the year the LLP reimbursed The Black Ant Group Services Limited £1,262,877 (2015 - £1,272,130) for expenses incurred. Amounts due to The Black Ant Group Services Limited at 30 November 2016 were £1,627,980 (2015 - £1,562,874).

15. CONTROLLING PARTY

The LLP's immediate parent undertaking is The Black Ant Group Services Limited. It has included the LLP's results in its group financial statements, copies of which are available from its registered office; 56 Eaton Mews South, London SW1W 9HR.

The LLP's ultimate parent undertaking is The Black Ant Group Limited, a company incorporated and registered in Bermuda.

A Schwartz is considered to be the ultimate controlling party.

16. FIRST TIME ADOPTION OF FRS 102

The policies applied under the entity's previous accounting framework are not materially different to FRS 102 and have not impacted on equity or profit or loss.

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17. PILLAR 3 DISCLOSURE

The information provided below is required to be disclosed in accordance with the rules adopted by the Financial Conduct Authority and does not form part of the audited accounts.

The firm is categorised as a limited licence firm for capital purposes by the FCA and as such is subject to minimum regulatory reporting requirements. The disclosures within this note are shown on an individual LLP basis as the LLP is not subject to consolidated reporting.

Risk management

The LLP is managed by its members who determine the business strategy and risk appetite together with the design and implementation of a risk management framework. The LLP manages its risks by maintaining appropriate documented procedures with the aim of operating a defined and transparent risk management framework.

The members have identified that business, operational, market and credit risks are the main areas of risk which the firm is exposed to. Annually the firm formally reviews its risks, controls and other risk mitigation arrangements and assesses their effectiveness. Where material risks are identified the firm considers the financial impact of these risks as part of the business planning and capital management of the firm and conclude whether the amount of regulatory capital is adequate.

Capital resources

The firm maintains capital resources as follows::	£000
Tier 1 capital*	3,128
Tier 2 capital	
Tier 3 capital	
Deductions from Tiers 1 and 2 (itemise)	
Total capital resource	3,128

The LLP is a small firm with a simple operational infrastructure. Its market risk is limited to foreign exchange risk on its investments, debtors and foreign currency cash balances. The firm follows the standardisation approach to market risk and the simplified standard approach to credit risk.

It is the firm's experience that, as market and credit risks are not considered material for the LLP, the fixed overhead requirement establishes its capital requirement, which is currently £295,000.

Following a review of the firm's main risk areas the conclusion is that no additional capital is required for Pillar 2, and the fixed overhead requirement under Pillar 1 is sufficient capital to meet the firm's needs.