
LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP

John Biles LLP

Financial Statements

◆ **For the year ended 31 December 2017** ◆

Registered Number: OC348478



John Biles LLP

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General Information

DESIGNATED MEMBERS

Argenta Continuity Limited
Argenta LLP Services Limited

MEMBERS' AGENT

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**Strategic Report
For the year ended 31 December 2017**

The Members present their Strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2017.

Business Review

The Limited Liability Partnership continues to write insurance business in the Lloyd's insurance market as a limited liability underwriting member of Lloyd's.

The financial statements incorporate the annual accounting results of the syndicates on which the Limited Liability Partnership participates for the 2015, 2016 and 2017 years of account, as well as any 2014 and prior run-off years.

Results

The result for the year is shown in the profit and loss account.

Financial Risk Management Objectives and Policies

The Limited Liability Partnership is principally exposed to financial risk through its participation on Lloyd's Syndicates. It has delegated sole management and control of its underwriting through each Syndicate to the managing agent of that Syndicate and it looks to the managing agents to implement appropriate policies, procedures and internal controls to manage each Syndicate's exposures to insurance risk, credit risk, market risk, liquidity risk and operational risk. The Limited Liability Partnership is also directly exposed to these risks, but they are not considered material for the assessment of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Limited Liability Partnership.

Hedge accounting is not used by the Limited Liability Partnership.

Approved by the Members on 27 June 2018 and signed on their behalf by:



D C BOWLES
ARGENTA LLP SERVICES LIMITED
Designated Member

John Biles LLP

Members' Report For the year ended 31 December 2017

The Members present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017.

Statement of Members' Responsibilities

Legislation applicable to Limited Liability Partnerships requires the Members to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Partnership and of the profit or loss of the Partnership for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the Members are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departure 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 Partnership will continue in business.

The Members are responsible for ensuring that proper and up to date books of account are maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Partnership and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Limited Liability Partnership Regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Partnership and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Activities

The principal activity of the Limited Liability Partnership in the year under review was that of a limited liability underwriting member of Lloyd's.

Designated Members

The Designated Members during the period were as follows:

Argenta Continuity Limited
Argenta LLP Services Limited

Members' Interests

The net profit of the Limited Liability Partnership for the financial year is allocated to each Member in accordance with their respective profit shares for the relevant year(s) of account.

The net loss of the Limited Liability Partnership for the financial year is allocated to each Member in accordance with their respective yearly shares for the relevant year(s) of account.

Brexit

The Brexit talks have now entered the second phase focusing on trade. At present the insurance sector still needs certainty on the UK's future trading relationship with EU. The priority is to ensure mutual insurance and reinsurance market access once the UK leaves the EU. In the meantime Lloyds continue to move ahead with their plans to establish a Lloyd's subsidiary in Brussels, which will provide certainty for the market and Lloyds clients. The Members are monitoring the Lloyd's market's preparations along with general market conditions to identify if it is appropriate to make any changes to the current strategy of the Partnership.

Auditors

Mazars LLP have been appointed as the auditors to the Limited Liability Partnership during the period.

Approved by the Members on 27 June 2018 and signed on their behalf by:



D C BOWLES
ARGENTA LLP SERVICES LIMITED
Designated Member

**Independent Auditor's Report
To the Members of John Biles LLP
For the year ended 31 December 2017**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of John Biles LLP (the 'LLP') for the year ended 31 December 2017 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet, Reconciliation of Member's Interests, Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the LLP's affairs as at 31 December 2017 and of its result for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as applied to limited liability partnerships.

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 LLP 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.

Use of the audit report

This report is made solely to the LLP's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 as applied to limited liability partnerships. 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 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 LLP and the LLP's members as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

Other information

The members are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the whole financial statements, other than the financial statements themselves and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and 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 this regard.

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Independent Auditor's Report (continued) To the Members of John Biles LLP For the year ended 31 December 2017

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which 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.

Responsibilities of Members

As explained more fully in the statement of members' responsibilities set out on page 4, the members 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 members 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 members are responsible for assessing the LLP'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 members either intend to liquidate the LLP 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.



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27 June 2018

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Profit & Loss Account – Technical Account For the year ended 31 December 2017

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
Premiums			
Gross premiums written	1	1,740,039	1,575,280
Outward reinsurance premiums	1	(366,482)	(300,128)
Net premiums written		1,373,557	1,275,152
Change in the provision for Unearned premiums			
Gross provision	1	(17,532)	(9,702)
Reinsurers' share	1	12,972	10,465
Earned premiums, net of reinsurance		1,368,997	1,275,915
Allocated investment return transferred from the non-technical account		35,537	29,486
Other technical income, net of reinsurance		104	111
Claims paid			
Gross amount	1	(850,185)	(684,658)
Reinsurers' share	1	116,451	94,517
Net claims paid		(733,734)	(590,141)
Change in provision for claims			
Gross amount	1	(581,453)	(196,454)
Reinsurers' share	1	318,805	91,478
Net change in provisions for claims		(262,648)	(104,976)
Claims incurred, net of reinsurance		(996,382)	(695,117)
Changes in other technical provisions, net of reinsurance		1,839	(1,642)
Net operating expenses	1, 2	(556,504)	(531,728)
Other technical charges, net of reinsurance		-	-
Balance on the technical account for general business		(146,409)	77,025

The accounting policies and notes on pages 13 to 37 form part of these financial statements.

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Profit & Loss Account – Non Technical Account For the year ended 31 December 2017

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
Balance on general business technical account		(146,409)	77,025
Investment income	3	35,595	29,517
Allocated investment return transferred to the technical account		(35,537)	(29,486)
Other income		5,855	33,842
Other charges, including value adjustments		(51,924)	(47,779)
Profit/(loss) for the financial period before Members' remuneration and profit shares	4	(192,420)	63,119
Members' remuneration charged as an expense	5	-	-
Profit/(loss) for the financial period available for discretionary division among Members		(192,420)	63,119
Other comprehensive income/(expenditure):			
Currency translation differences		478	15,124
Total comprehensive income/(expenditure)		(191,942)	78,243

All items derive from continuing activities.

The accounting policies and notes on pages 13 to 37 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet As at 31 December 2017

		31 December 2017			31 December 2016		
	Note	Syndicate Participation £	Partnership £	Total £	Syndicate Participation £	Partnership £	Total £
Assets							
Intangible assets	6	-	26,657	26,657	-	23,363	23,363
Investments							
Other financial investments	7	1,505,813	-	1,505,813	1,657,786	-	1,657,786
Deposits with ceding undertakings		167	-	167	172	-	172
		1,505,980	-	1,505,980	1,657,958	-	1,657,958
Reinsurers' share of technical provisions							
Provision for unearned premiums	8	118,171	-	118,171	115,860	-	115,860
Claims outstanding	8	779,210	-	779,210	481,263	-	481,263
Other technical provisions		3,085	-	3,085	1,246	-	1,246
		900,466	-	900,466	598,369	-	598,369
Debtors							
Amounts falling due within one year	7	795,196	-	795,196	870,433	-	870,433
Amounts falling due after one year	7	214,663	-	214,663	255,120	-	255,120
		1,009,859	-	1,009,859	1,125,553	-	1,125,553
Other assets							
Cash at bank and in hand		94,899	-	94,899	103,856	1	103,857
Other		147,486	-	147,486	139,942	-	139,942
		242,385	-	242,385	243,798	1	243,799
Prepayments and accrued income							
Accrued interest		2,610	-	2,610	1,901	-	1,901
Deferred acquisitions costs	8	207,773	-	207,773	205,938	-	205,938
Other prepayments and accrued income		7,761	-	7,761	7,096	-	7,096
		218,144	-	218,144	214,935	-	214,935
Total assets		3,876,834	26,657	3,903,491	3,840,613	23,364	3,863,977

The accounting policies and notes on pages 13 to 37 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet As at 31 December 2017

		31 December 2017			31 December 2016		
	Note	Syndicate Participation £	Partnership £	Total £	Syndicate Participation £	Partnership £	Total £
Liabilities and Members' interests							
Loans and other debts due to Members							
Syndicate profit and loss		(153,498)	-	(153,498)	186,908	-	186,908
Corporate profit and loss - syndicate capacity		-	20,939	20,939	-	24,024	24,024
Corporate profit and loss - other		-	(22,613)	(22,613)	-	(29,760)	(29,760)
		(153,498)	(1,674)	(155,172)	186,908	(5,736)	181,172
Technical provisions							
Provision for unearned premiums	8	749,099	-	749,099	784,913	-	784,913
Claims outstanding	8	2,765,972	-	2,765,972	2,343,445	-	2,343,445
Other technical provisions		-	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for other risks and charges							
		-	-	-	-	-	-
Deposit received from reinsurers							
		7,632	-	7,632	10,449	-	10,449
Creditors							
Amounts falling due within one year	7	404,436	1,299	405,735	405,681	-	405,681
Amounts falling due after one year	7	67,491	3,900	71,391	82,609	-	82,609
		3,994,630	5,199	3,999,829	3,627,097	-	3,627,097
Accruals and deferred income							
		35,702	23,132	58,834	26,608	29,100	55,708
Total liabilities							
		3,876,834	26,657	3,903,491	3,840,613	23,364	3,863,977

The financial statements were approved by the Members of the Limited Liability Partnership and signed on its behalf by:



D C BOWLES
ARGENTA LLP SERVICES LIMITED
27 June 2018

Registered Number: OC348478

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Reconciliation of Members' Interests For the year ended 31 December 2017

	Syndicate profit and loss allocated to Members £	Liabilities		Total £
		Partnership profit and loss allocated to Members		
		Syndicate capacity £	Other £	
Members' interests at 1 January 2016	252,858	28,572	(48,221)	233,209
Allocated profits/(losses) 2014 year of account	122,599	-	-	122,599
Allocated profits/(losses) 2015 year of account	75,262	-	-	75,262
Allocated profits/(losses) 2016 year of account	(71,870)	(21,840)	(25,908)	(119,618)
Members' interests after profit/(loss) for the year	378,849	6,732	(74,129)	311,452
Reallocate distribution	(191,941)	-	191,941	-
Introduced by Members	-	17,292	-	17,292
Repayment of debt (including Members' capital classified as a liability)	-	-	(147,572)	(147,572)
Other movements	-	-	-	-
Members' interests at 31 December 2016	186,908	24,024	(29,760)	181,172
Allocated profits/(losses) 2015 year of account	92,986	-	-	92,986
Allocated profits/(losses) 2016 year of account	21,159	-	-	21,159
Allocated profits/(losses) 2017 year of account	(254,342)	(16,517)	(35,228)	(306,087)
Members' interests after profit/(loss) for the year	46,711	7,507	(64,988)	(10,770)
Reallocate distribution	(200,209)	-	200,209	-
Introduced by Members	-	13,432	-	13,432
Repayment of debt (including Members' capital classified as a liability)	-	-	(157,834)	(157,834)
Other movements	-	-	-	-
Members' interests at 31 December 2017	(153,498)	20,939	(22,613)	(155,172)

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Cash Flow Statement For the year ended 31 December 2017

	2017 £	2016 £
Operating activities		
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before tax	(192,420)	63,119
(Profit)/loss attributable to syndicate transactions	140,675	(110,867)
Profit/(loss) excluding syndicate transactions	(51,745)	(47,748)
Adjustment for:		
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(769)	(18,502)
(Profit)/loss on disposal of intangible assets	(121)	-
Amortisation of syndicate capacity	16,639	21,840
Realised/unrealised (gains)/losses on investments	-	-
Investment income	(58)	(31)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	(36,054)	(44,441)
Investing activities		
Investment income	58	31
Purchase of syndicate capacity	(19,933)	(17,250)
Proceeds from sale of syndicate capacity	121	-
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities	(19,754)	(17,219)
Financing activities		
Repayment of debt to Members	-	-
Capital introduced by Members	55,807	61,661
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities	55,807	61,661
Net cash increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(1)	1
Effect of exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	1	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	-	1
Consisting of:		
Cash at bank and in hand	-	1
Cash equivalents	-	-
	-	1

The Limited Liability Partnership has no control over the disposition of assets and liabilities at Lloyd's. Consequently, the cash flow statement is prepared reflecting only the movement in Limited Liability Partnership funds, which includes transfers to and from the syndicates at Lloyd's.

The accounting policies and notes on pages 13 to 37 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2017

General information

The Partnership is a Limited Liability Partnership incorporated in the United Kingdom.

The financial statements have been presented in Pounds Sterling ("Sterling") as this is the Limited Liability Partnership's functional currency, being the primary economic environment in which the Limited Liability Partnership operates.

Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* ("FRS 102");
- FRS 103 *Insurance Contracts*;
- The requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice *Accounting by Limited Liability Partnerships* ("LLP SORP"); and
- Applicable legislation, as set out in the Companies Act 2006 and The Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 ("SI 2008/410") as modified by the Large and Medium-sized Limited Liability Partnerships (Accounts) Regulations 2008 ("SI 2008/1913").

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical costs convention as modified for certain financial instruments held at fair value.

Recognition of insurance transactions

The Limited Liability Partnership recognises its proportion of all the transactions undertaken by the Lloyd's Syndicates in which it participates ("the Syndicates") in aggregation with the transactions undertaken by the Limited Liability Partnership at entity level ("the Partnership").

The financial statements are prepared using the annual basis of accounting. Under the annual basis of accounting a result is determined at the end of each accounting period reflecting the profit or loss from providing insurance coverage during that period and any adjustments to the profit or loss of providing insurance cover during earlier accounting periods.

Amounts reported in the general business technical account relate to movements in the period in respect of all relevant years of account of the syndicates on which the Limited Liability Partnership participates.

For each such Syndicate, the Limited Liability Partnership's proportion of the underwriting transactions, investment return and operating expenses has been reflected within the Limited Liability Partnership's profit and loss account. Similarly, its proportion of the Syndicate's assets and liabilities has been reflected in its balance sheet (under the column heading "Syndicate"). The Syndicate's assets are held subject to trust deeds for the benefit of the Limited Liability Partnership's insurance creditors.

The proportion referred to above is calculated by reference to the Limited Liability Partnership's participation as a percentage of the Syndicate's total capacity.

The Limited Liability Partnership has delegated sole management and control of its underwriting through each Syndicate to the managing agent of the Syndicate ("the Managing Agent") and it has further undertaken not to interfere with the exercise of such management and control. The Managing Agents of the Syndicates are therefore responsible for determining the insurance transactions to be recognised by the Limited Liability Partnership.

Sources of data

The information used to compile the technical account and the "Syndicate" balance sheet is based on returns prepared for this purpose by the Managing Agents of the Syndicates ("the Returns"). These Returns have been subjected to audit by the Syndicate auditors and are consistent with the audited annual reports to Syndicate Members.

The format of the Returns is established by Lloyd's. Lloyd's collate this data at a Syndicate level analysing it into corporate member level results which reflects the relevant data in respect of all the syndicates in which the LLP participates.

**Notes to the Financial Statements
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Accounting policies

i. Going concern

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

ii. Premiums

Premiums written comprise the total premiums receivable for the whole period of cover provided by the contracts incepting during the financial year, together with any adjustments arising in the year to such premiums receivable in respect of business written in prior years. Premiums are shown gross of commission payable to intermediaries and exclude insurance premium tax. Gross premiums written may include "reinsurance to close" premiums receivable (see vi below). Outward reinsurance premiums may include "reinsurance to close" premiums payable (see vi below). Premiums written by a Syndicate may also include the reinsurance of other syndicates on which the Partnership participates. No adjustments have been made to gross premiums written or outward reinsurance premiums (or to gross and reinsurers' claims) to remove this inter - Syndicate reinsurance. Unearned premiums represent the proportion of premiums written in the year that relate to the unexpired terms of policies in force at the balance sheet date, calculated on the basis of established earnings patterns or time apportionment as appropriate.

iii. Claims incurred

Claims incurred include the costs of claims handling expenses. Recoverable amounts arising out of subrogation or salvage are deducted from the cost of claims. Claims incurred comprise amounts paid or provided in respect of claims occurring during the year to 31 December, together with the amount by which settlement or reassessment of claims from prior years differ from the provision at the beginning of the year.

iv. Provision for claims outstanding

Claims outstanding comprise amounts set aside for claims notified and claims incurred but not yet reported (IBNR). Provision is made for claims incurred but not paid in respect of events up to 31 December. The provision is based on the Returns and reports from the Managing Agents and the Limited Liability Partnership's licensed adviser or Members' Agent. When appropriate, statistical methods have been applied to past experience of claims frequency and severity.

The two most critical assumptions with regard to claims provisions are that the past is a reasonable predictor of the likely level of claims development, and that the rating and other models used for current business are fair reflections of the likely level of ultimate claims to be incurred. The Members consider the provision for gross claims and related reinsurance recoveries, as based on the Returns to be fairly stated. However, ultimate liability will vary as a result of subsequent information and events and this may result in significant adjustments to the amounts provided. Adjustments to amounts of claims provisions established in prior years are reflected in the financial statements for the period in which the adjustments are made.

v. Unexpired risk provision

A provision for unexpired risk is made by the underlying Syndicates where claims, related expenses and deferred acquisition costs, likely to arise after the end of the financial period in respect of contracts concluded before that date, are expected to exceed the unearned premiums and premiums receivable under these contracts, after the deduction of any acquisition costs deferred.

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Accounting policies (continued)

vi. Reinsurance to close

A reinsurance to close is a particular type of reinsurance contract entered into by Lloyd's Syndicates. Under it, underwriting Members (the reinsured Members) who are Members of a Syndicate for a year of account (the closed year), agree with underwriting Members who comprise that or another syndicate for a later year of account (the reinsuring Members) that the reinsuring Members will indemnify, discharge or procure the discharge, of the reinsured Members against all known and unknown liabilities of the reinsured Members arising out of insurance business undertaken through that Syndicate and allocated to the closed year in consideration of:

- (1) a premium; and
- (2) either:
 - a) the assignment, or agreement to assign, to the reinsuring Members of all the rights of the reinsured Members arising out of, or in connection with, that insurance business (including without limitation the right to receive all future premiums, reinsurances and other monies receivable in connection with that insurance business); or
 - b) an agreement by the reinsured Members that the reinsuring Members shall collect on behalf of the reinsured Members the proceeds of all such rights and retain them for their own benefit so far as they are not applied in discharges of the liabilities of the reinsured Members.

Where the reinsurance to close is between Members on successive years of account of the same Syndicate, the Managing Agent has a duty to ensure both sets of Members are treated equitably and to set the reinsurance to close with the intention that neither a profit nor a loss accrues to either group of Members. To the extent that the Limited Liability Partnership participates on successive years of account of the same syndicate and there is a reinsurance to close between those years, the Limited Liability Partnership has offset its share of the reinsurance to close received against its share of the reinsurance to close paid.

If the Limited Liability Partnership has increased its participation from one year of account to the next, the reinsurance to close paid is eliminated, as a result of this offset, leaving an element of the reinsurance to close received. This reflects the fact that the Limited Liability Partnership has assumed a greater proportion of the business of the Syndicate. If the Limited Liability Partnership has reduced its participation from one year of account to the next, the reinsurance to close received is eliminated, leaving an element of the reinsurance to close paid. This reflects the reduction in the Limited Liability Partnership's exposure to risks previously written by the Syndicate. The reinsurance to close is technically a reinsurance contract and, as such, the payment of a reinsurance to close does not remove from Members of that year of account ultimate responsibility for claims payable on risks they have written. If the reinsuring Members under the reinsurance to close become insolvent and the other elements of the Lloyd's chain of security also fail, the reinsured Members remain theoretically liable for the settlement of any outstanding claims. However, payment of a reinsurance to close is conventionally accepted as terminating a reinsured Member's participation on a Syndicate year of account and it is treated for accounts purposes as settling all the Limited Liability Partnership's outstanding gross liabilities in respect of the business so reinsured.

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Accounting policies (continued)

vii. Financial instruments

The Limited Liability Partnership has chosen to apply the provisions of Section 11 *Basic Financial Instruments* and Section 12 *Other Financial Instruments* in full.

The Limited Liability Partnership holds both basic and non-basic financial instruments. The Limited Liability Partnership's financial instruments comprise of cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables, trade and other payables and investments in a variety of basic and non-basic financial instruments, through both the Limited Liability Partnership and through the Syndicates.

Financial assets and liabilities are recognised when the Limited Liability Partnership becomes party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument.

Basic financial instruments (except for non-puttable ordinary and non-convertible preference shares) are initially recognised at the transaction price, including any transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any provision for impairment in the case of financial assets. Amounts that are receivable/payable within one year are measured at the undiscounted amount of the cash expected to be received/settled.

Where a financial instrument constitutes a financing transaction, it is initially measured at the present value of the future payments, discounted at a market rate of interest, and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

All other financial instruments are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

At the end of each reporting year, the Limited Liability Partnership assesses whether there is objective evidence that any financial asset may be impaired. A provision for impairment is established when there is objective evidence that the Limited Liability Partnership will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables. The amount of the provision is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flows, discounted at the effective interest rate. The amount of the provision is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

Investment income is initially recorded in the non-technical account. All investment income arising on Syndicate participations is allocated to the technical account.

Interest income is recognised as it accrues using the effective interest method.

Dividend income receivable is recognised when the rights to receive the distributions have been established.

viii. Derivative financial instruments

The Limited Liability Partnership uses derivative financial instruments to reduce exposure to foreign exchange risk and interest rate movements. The Limited Liability Partnership does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes. Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value at the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured to their fair value at each reporting date. The resulting gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss immediately.

ix. Derecognition of financial assets

A financial asset or, when applicable, a part of a financial asset is derecognised when:

- The rights to the cash flows from the asset have expired; or
- The Limited Liability Partnership retains the right to receive cash flows from the asset or has assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party under a 'pass-through' arrangement and either (a) the Limited Liability Partnership has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset; or (b) the Limited Liability Partnership has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset.

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Accounting policies (continued)

ix. Derecognition of financial assets (continued)

When the Limited Liability Partnership has transferred its right to receive cash flows from an asset or has entered into a pass-through arrangement, and has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards nor transferred control of the asset, the asset is recognised to the extent of the Limited Liability Partnership continuing involvement in the asset. Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred asset is measured at the lower of the original carrying amount of the asset and the maximum amount of consideration that the Limited Liability Partnership could be required to repay. In that case, the Limited Liability Partnership also recognises an associated liability.

x. Offsetting of financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the balance sheet if, and only if there is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognised amounts; and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, to realise the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously.

xi. Net operating expenses

Operating expenses are recognised when incurred. They include the Limited Liability Partnership's share of Syndicate operating expenses, the remuneration payable to Managing Agents (and the Partnership's Members' Agent/licensed adviser) and the direct costs of Membership of Lloyd's.

xii. Deferred acquisition costs

Acquisition costs, which represent commission and other related expenses, are deferred over the period in which the related premiums are earned.

xiii. Foreign currencies

Transactions in United States dollars, Canadian dollars and Euros are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at the date the transaction is processed or at an appropriate average rate. Unless otherwise stated, transactions in currencies other than United States dollars, Canadian dollars and Euros are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the date the transaction is processed. Monetary assets and liabilities are retranslated into Sterling at the rate of exchange at the balance sheet date. Non-monetary assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date are maintained at the rate of exchange ruling when the contract was entered into except for non-monetary assets and liabilities arising out of insurance contracts which are treated as monetary items in accordance with FRS 103 *Insurance Contracts* ("FRS 103"). Exchange differences arising on translation to the functional currency are dealt with through the non-technical account in the profit and loss account.

xiv. Intangible assets

Intangible assets include purchased rights to participate on Syndicates. The purchase cost is capitalised and amortised on a straight line basis over the useful life of the rights which is five years.

xv. Insurance contracts – product classification

Insurance contracts are those contracts when the Limited Liability Partnership (the insurer/reinsurer) has accepted significant insurance risk from another party (the policyholder/reinsured) by agreeing to compensate the policyholder if a specified uncertain future event (the re/insured event) adversely affects the policyholder. As a general guideline, the Limited Liability Partnership determines whether it has significant insurance risk, by comparing benefits paid with benefits payable if the insured event did not occur. Insurance contracts can also transfer financial risk.

Once a contract has been classified as an insurance contract, it remains an insurance contract for the remainder of its lifetime, even if the insurance risk reduces significantly during this period, unless all rights and obligations are extinguished or expire.

Any separable embedded derivatives within an insurance contract are separated and accounted for in accordance with sections 11 and 12 of FRS102 unless the embedded derivative is itself an insurance contract (i.e. the derivative is not separated if the policyholder benefits from the derivative only when the insured event occurs).

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Accounting policies (continued)

xvi. Members' participation rights and remuneration

Members' participation rights are the rights of a Member against the Limited Liability Partnership that arise under the Members' Agreement.

Members' participation rights in the earnings or assets of the Limited Liability Partnership are analysed between those that are, from the Limited Liability Partnership's perspective, either a financial liability or equity, in accordance with Section 22 *Liabilities and Equity*. A Member's participation right results in a liability where there is a contractual obligation on the part of the Limited Liability Partnership to deliver cash, or other financial assets, to the Member.

Amounts subscribed or otherwise contributed by Members, for instance Members' capital and loans, are classified as equity where the Limited Liability Partnership has an unconditional right to avoid delivering cash or other assets to the Member (i.e. the right to any payment or repayment is discretionary on the part of the Limited Liability Partnership). If the Limited Liability Partnership does not have such an unconditional right, such amounts are classified as liabilities.

The net profit of the Limited Liability Partnership for the financial year is allocated to each Member in accordance with their respective profit shares for the relevant year(s) of account.

The net loss of the Limited Liability Partnership for the financial year is allocated to each Member in accordance with their respective yearly shares for the relevant year(s) of account.

Loans and other debts due to Members rank *pari passu* with other unsecured creditors on the winding up of a partnership.

The key management personnel of the Limited Liability Partnership are considered to be the Members. The Members are not employees of the Limited Liability Partnership, and consequently the total remuneration of the Members' consists of the allocated profit/(loss) for the year.

xvii. Taxation

Income tax payable on the Limited Liability Partnership's profits is solely the personal liability of the Members and consequently is not dealt with in these financial statements.

xviii. Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In applying the Limited Liability Partnership's accounting policies, the Members are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions in determining the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities. The Members' judgements, estimates and assumptions are based on the best and most reliable evidence available at the time when the decisions are made, and are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be applicable. Due to the inherent subjectivity involved in making such judgements, estimates and assumptions, the actual results and outcomes may differ. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised, if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods, if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The management and control of each Syndicate is carried out by the managing agent of that Syndicate, and the Limited Liability Partnership looks to the managing agent to implement appropriate policies, procedures and internal controls to manage each Syndicate. The critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty set out below therefore relate to those made by the Members in respect of the Partnership only, and do not include estimates and judgements made in respect of the Syndicates.

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Accounting policies (continued)

xviii. Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty (continued)

Critical accounting judgements

The critical judgements that the Members have made in the process of applying the Limited Liability Partnership's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the statutory financial statements are discussed below.

Assessing indicators of impairment

In assessing whether there have been any indicators of impairment assets, the Members have considered both external and internal sources of information such as market conditions, counterparty credit ratings and experience of recoverability. There have been no indicators of impairments identified during the current financial year.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The key assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

Estimating value in use

Where an indication of impairment exists the Members will carry out an impairment review to determine the recoverable amount, which is the higher of fair value less cost to sell and value in use. The value in use calculation requires the Members to estimate the future cash flows expected to arise from the asset or the cash generating unit and a suitable discount rate in order to calculate present value.

Recoverability of receivables

The Limited Liability Partnership establishes a provision for receivables that are estimated not to be recoverable. When assessing recoverability the Members consider factors such as the aging of the receivables, past experience of recoverability, and the credit profile of individual or groups of customers.

Determining the useful life of purchased syndicate capacity

The Members have assessed the useful life of syndicate capacity to be five years. This is on the basis that the Members consider this to be the life over which value is created from the investment made.

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1. Class of Business

2017	Gross Premiums Written £	Gross Premiums Earned £	Gross Claims Incurred £	Net Operating Expenses £	Reinsurance Balance £	Total £
Direct Insurance						
Accident and health	61,523	62,474	(32,785)	(27,301)	(1,663)	725
Motor – third party liability	6,576	7,617	(6,258)	(2,164)	100	(705)
Motor – other classes	97,566	99,089	(78,652)	(29,256)	1,337	(7,482)
Marine, aviation and transport	154,164	164,297	(100,494)	(62,654)	(5,679)	(4,530)
Fire and other damage to property	426,898	421,665	(410,182)	(141,582)	52,087	(78,012)
Third party liability	450,688	421,708	(245,452)	(151,307)	(16,596)	8,353
Credit and suretyship	37,263	33,734	(21,500)	(11,777)	(426)	31
Legal expenses	1,981	2,190	(1,222)	(1,147)	(7)	(186)
Assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	7,258	6,689	(3,134)	(2,571)	(683)	301
	1,243,917	1,219,463	(899,679)	(429,759)	28,470	(81,505)
Reinsurance	496,122	503,044	(531,959)	(126,745)	53,276	(102,384)
Total	1,740,039	1,722,507	(1,431,638)	(556,504)	81,746	(183,889)

2016	Gross Premiums Written £	Gross Premiums Earned £	Gross Claims Incurred £	Net Operating Expenses £	Reinsurance Balance £	Total £
Direct Insurance						
Accident and health	61,315	63,151	(32,126)	(29,221)	(1,365)	439
Motor – third party liability	9,656	10,817	(6,211)	(3,746)	(267)	593
Motor – other classes	91,275	88,053	(86,213)	(28,664)	19,623	(7,201)
Marine, aviation and transport	156,804	165,534	(95,203)	(66,869)	(7,135)	(3,673)
Fire and other damage to property	393,178	397,796	(200,731)	(134,939)	(50,562)	11,564
Third party liability	373,718	349,486	(243,789)	(125,747)	15,649	(4,401)
Credit and suretyship	20,380	20,569	(11,465)	(5,983)	(2,195)	926
Legal expenses	2,542	2,699	(1,497)	(1,415)	5	(208)
Assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	6,653	7,202	(3,186)	(2,714)	(412)	890
	1,115,521	1,105,307	(680,421)	(399,298)	(26,659)	(1,071)
Reinsurance	459,759	460,271	(200,691)	(132,430)	(77,009)	50,141
Total	1,575,280	1,565,578	(881,112)	(531,728)	(103,668)	49,070

All insurance business is underwritten in the United Kingdom in the Lloyd's insurance market. Consequently all insurance contracts are deemed to be concluded in the United Kingdom.

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2. Net Operating Expenses

	2017 £	2016 £
Acquisition costs	469,100	428,916
Change in deferred acquisition costs	(8,901)	(967)
Administrative expenses	91,333	85,771
Reinsurance commissions and profit participations	(38,898)	(38,229)
Personal expenses	43,870	56,237
	<u>556,504</u>	<u>531,728</u>

3. Investment Income

	2017 £	2016 £
Financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss:		
Interest and dividend income	32,277	30,895
Realised gains and losses	5,646	(523)
Unrealised gains and losses	535	1,595
Other	-	-
	<u>38,458</u>	<u>31,967</u>
Financial instruments held at amortised cost:		
Interest	58	31
Other	-	-
	<u>58</u>	<u>31</u>
Investment management expenses, including interest	(2,921)	(2,481)
	<u>(2,921)</u>	<u>(2,481)</u>
Total	<u>35,595</u>	<u>29,517</u>

4. Profit/(Loss) on Ordinary Activities before Taxation

	2017 £	2016 £
Operating profit/(loss) is stated after charging:		
Amortisation of syndicate capacity	16,639	21,840
(Profit)/loss on disposal of intangible fixed assets	(121)	-
(Profit)/loss on exchange	(9)	(38,197)

The Limited Liability Partnership has no employees.

The fees payable to the Limited Liability Partnership's auditors for audit services are included in the fees payable to the Members' Agent.

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5. Members' Remuneration

The key management personnel of the Limited Liability Partnership are considered to be the Members. The Members are not employees of the Limited Liability Partnership, and consequently the total remuneration of the Members' consists of the allocated profit/(loss) for the year.

The average number of Members during the year was 3.

6. Intangible Assets	2017	2016
	£	£
Purchased Syndicate Capacity		
Cost		
At 1 January 2017	408,485	391,235
Additions	19,933	17,250
Disposals	(7,520)	-
At 31 December 2017	<u>420,898</u>	<u>408,485</u>
Amortisation		
At 1 January 2017	385,122	363,282
Additions	16,639	21,840
Disposals	(7,520)	-
At 31 December 2017	<u>394,241</u>	<u>385,122</u>
Net Book Value		
At 31 December 2017	<u>26,657</u>	<u>23,363</u>
At 31 December 2016	<u>23,363</u>	<u>27,953</u>

7. Financial Instruments and Financial Risk Management

7.1 Financial Investments

Other financial investments – Syndicate participation

	2017	2016
	Market Value	Market Value
	£	£
Shares and other variable yield securities and units in unit trusts	256,211	287,256
Debt securities and other fixed income securities	1,175,179	1,291,636
Participation in investment pools	37,717	34,852
Loans with credit institutions	904	1,127
Derivative financial instruments	4,641	3,972
Other investments	764	3,996
Deposits with credit institutions	8,632	12,157
Other	21,765	22,790
	<u>1,505,813</u>	<u>1,657,786</u>

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7. Financial Instruments and Financial Risk Management (continued)

7.2 Debtors

	2017			2016		
	Syndicate Participation £	Corporate £	Total £	Syndicate Participation £	Corporate £	Total £
Amounts falling due within one year:						
Arising out of direct insurance operations	364,426	-	364,426	374,335	-	374,335
Arising out of reinsurance operations	284,119	-	284,119	255,901	-	255,901
Other Debtors:						
Amounts due from group undertakings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	146,651	-	146,651	240,197	-	240,197
Total Amounts falling due within one year	795,196	-	795,196	870,433	-	870,433
Amounts falling due after one year:						
Arising out of direct insurance operations	5,271	-	5,271	7,592	-	7,592
Arising out of reinsurance operations	194,531	-	194,531	232,539	-	232,539
Other Debtors:						
Amounts due from group undertakings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	14,861	-	14,861	14,989	-	14,989
Total Amounts falling due after one year	214,663	-	214,663	255,120	-	255,120
	1,009,859	-	1,009,859	1,125,553	-	1,125,553

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7. Financial Instruments and Financial Risk Management (continued)

7.3 Creditors

	2017		2016	
	Syndicate Participation £	Corporate £	Syndicate Participation £	Corporate £
Amounts falling due within one year:				
Arising out of direct insurance operations	67,570	-	52,535	-
Arising out of reinsurance operations	189,664	-	168,009	-
Amounts owed to credit institutions	4,583	-	-	-
Other creditors:				
Corporation tax	-	-	-	-
Members loan accounts	-	-	-	-
Third party funds	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	142,619	1,299	185,137	-
Amount due to group undertakings	-	-	-	-
Total Amounts falling due within one year	404,436	1,299	405,681	-
Amounts falling due after one year:				
Arising out of direct insurance operations	437	-	787	-
Arising out of reinsurance operations	57,231	-	62,467	-
Amounts owed to credit institutions	-	-	-	-
Other creditors:				
Corporation tax	-	-	-	-
Members loan accounts	-	-	-	-
Third party funds	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	9,823	3,900	19,355	-
Amount due to group undertakings	-	-	-	-
Total Amounts falling due after one year	67,491	3,900	82,609	-
	471,927	5,199	488,290	-

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7. Financial Instruments and Financial Risk Management (continued)

7.4 Classification of Financial Instruments

The tables below set out the Limited Liability Partnership's financial instruments by classification.

Other financial investments – Syndicate participation

	2017			2016		
	At fair value through profit or loss £	At amortised cost £	Total £	At fair value through profit or loss £	At amortised cost £	Total £
Financial assets						
Investments	1,505,813	-	1,505,813	1,657,786	-	1,657,786
Deposits with ceding undertakings	-	167	167	-	172	172
Insurance debtors	-	369,697	369,697	-	381,927	381,927
Reinsurance debtors	-	478,650	478,650	-	488,440	488,440
Other debtors	-	161,512	161,512	-	255,186	255,186
Cash at bank and in hand	-	94,899	94,899	-	103,856	103,856
Other assets	147,486	-	147,486	139,942	-	139,942
	1,653,299	1,104,925	2,758,224	1,797,728	1,229,581	3,027,309
Financial liabilities						
Borrowings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Derivative financial instruments	203	-	203	1,326	-	1,326
Insurance creditors	-	68,007	68,007	-	53,322	53,322
Reinsurance creditors	-	246,895	246,895	-	230,476	230,476
Amounts owed to credit institutions	-	4,583	4,583	-	-	-
Other creditors	-	-	-	-	-	-
	203	319,485	319,688	1,326	283,798	285,124

Other financial investments – Partnership

	2017			2016		
	At fair value through profit or loss £	At amortised cost £	Total £	At fair value through profit or loss £	At amortised cost £	Total £
Financial assets						
Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other debtors	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	-	-	-	-	1	1
Other assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	1	1
Financial liabilities						
Other creditors	-	5,199	5,199	-	-	-
	-	5,199	5,199	-	-	-

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7. Financial Instruments and Financial Risk Management (continued)

7.4 Classification of Financial Instruments (continued)

The table below sets out details of the Limited Liability Partnership's derivative financial instruments.

	2017		2016	
	Notional amount £	Fair value £	Notional amount £	Fair value £
Foreign exchange forward contracts	128,160	4,163	121,705	3,760
Interest rate future contracts	13,128	16	47,516	191
Foreign exchange options	-	-	-	-
Equity options	-	-	-	-
Foreign exchange contract for difference	55,355	397	34,849	(435)
Other	9,848	65	2,623	456
	206,491	4,641	206,693	3,972

7.5 Financial Instruments held at fair value through profit or loss

The assets and liabilities carried at fair value through profit or loss have been categorised between the three levels of the fair value hierarchy that reflects the observability and significance of inputs used when establishing the fair value. The categorisation of these instruments is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

Level (a) in the fair value hierarchy consists of assets and liabilities valued using unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. An active market for the asset or liability is a market in which transactions for the asset or liability occur with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an on-going basis.

Level (b) in the fair value hierarchy consists of assets and liabilities that do not have directly quoted market prices available from active markets. Instead the price of a recent transaction for an identical asset or liability is used, provided that there has not been a significant change in economic circumstances or a significant lapse of time since the recent transaction.

Level (c) in the fair value hierarchy consists of those types of assets and liabilities for which fair values cannot be obtained directly from quoted market prices in active markets or in a recent transaction. These assets and liabilities are measured using a valuation technique to estimate what the transaction price would have been in an arm's length transaction.

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7. Financial Instruments and Financial Risk Management (continued)

7.5 Financial Instruments held at fair value through profit or loss (continued)

The tables below set out the Limited Liability Partnership's financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss by level of hierarchy.

Other financial investments – Syndicate participation

	Level (a) £	Level (b) £	Level (c) £	Fair value total £	Held at amortised cost £	Total £
2017						
Financial assets						
Shares and other variable yield securities and units in unit trusts	41,413	202,870	11,928	256,211	-	256,211
Debt securities and other fixed income securities	271,329	903,850	-	1,175,179	-	1,175,179
Participation in investment pools	16,675	13,160	7,882	37,717	-	37,717
Loans and deposits with credit institutions	8,621	915	764	10,300	-	10,300
Overseas deposits	50,562	115,750	2,928	169,240	-	169,240
Derivatives	895	3,746	-	4,641	-	4,641
Other investments	-	11	-	11	-	11
Financial assets classified as held for sale	-	-	-	-	-	-
	389,495	1,240,302	23,502	1,653,299	-	1,653,299
Financial liabilities						
Borrowings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Derivative liabilities	200	3	-	203	-	203
Financial liabilities classified as held for sale	-	-	-	-	-	-
	200	3	-	203	-	203

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7. Financial Instruments and Financial Risk Management (continued)

7.5 Financial Instruments held at fair value through profit or loss (continued)

Other financial investments – Syndicate participation (continued)

	Level (a) £	Level (b) £	Level (c) £	Fair value total £	Held at amortised cost £	Total £
2016						
Financial assets						
Shares and other variable yield securities and units in unit trusts	61,976	225,230	50	287,256	-	287,256
Debt securities and other fixed income securities	272,001	1,019,635	-	1,291,636	-	1,291,636
Participation in investment pools	14,114	11,892	8,846	34,852	-	34,852
Loans and deposits with credit institutions	12,144	4,842	294	17,280	-	17,280
Overseas deposits	57,686	102,098	2,934	162,718	-	162,718
Derivatives	1,135	2,837	-	3,972	-	3,972
Other investments	-	-	14	14	-	14
Financial assets classified as held for sale	-	-	-	-	-	-
	419,056	1,366,534	12,138	1,797,728	-	1,797,728
Financial liabilities						
Borrowings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Derivative liabilities	835	491	-	1,326	-	1,326
Financial liabilities classified as held for sale	-	-	-	-	-	-
	835	491	-	1,326	-	1,326

At the Partnership level the Limited Liability Partnership does not hold any financial investments. Consequently investment tables have not been presented for the Partnership.

7.6 Financial Risk Management

The Limited Liability Partnership is a financial institution and therefore provides the following disclosures in respect of the financial instruments it holds. The Limited Liability Partnership holds only cash and cash equivalents in respect of financial instruments.

The Limited Liability Partnership is exposed to the following financial risks in the course of its operating and financing activities:

- Credit risk
- Liquidity risk
- Interest rate risk
- Equity price risk; and
- Foreign exchange risk

The management and control of each Syndicate is carried out by the managing agent of that Syndicate, and the Limited Liability Partnership looks to the managing agent to implement appropriate policies, procedures and internal controls to manage each Syndicate, including those in respect of financial risk management. The following qualitative risk management disclosures made by the Members therefore relate to the Partnership only. The quantitative disclosures are made in respect of both the Partnership and the Syndicates.

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7. Financial Instruments and Financial Risk Management (continued)

7.6 Financial Risk Management (continued)

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty to the Limited Liability Partnership's financial instruments will cause a loss to the Limited Liability Partnership through failure to perform its obligations. The key areas of exposure to credit risk for the Limited Liability Partnership result through its reinsurance programme, investments, bank deposits and policyholder receivables.

The Limited Liability Partnership manages credit risk at the Limited Liability Partnership level by ensuring that investments and cash and cash equivalent deposits are placed only with highly rated credit institutions.

The carrying amount of the Limited Liability Partnership's financial assets represents the Limited Liability Partnership's maximum exposure to credit risk.

The tables below show the credit quality of financial assets that are neither past due nor impaired.

Syndicate participation	AAA £	AA £	A £	BBB or lower £	Not rated £	Total £
2017						
Shares and other variable yield securities and units in unit trusts	51,385	10,624	40,136	20,332	133,734	256,211
Debt securities and other fixed income securities	282,001	373,728	389,541	107,809	22,100	1,175,179
Participation in investment pools	19,333	6,947	3,698	601	7,138	37,717
Loans secured with credit institutions	873	31	-	-	764	1,668
Deposits with credit institutions	-	110	7,178	-	1,344	8,632
Overseas deposits	81,204	40,653	12,032	18,165	17,186	169,240
Derivative investments	2	64	388	534	3,653	4,641
Other investments	-	-	-	-	11	11
Deposits with ceding undertakings	-	-	-	-	167	167
Reinsurers share of claims outstanding	7,530	142,488	563,064	3,168	62,960	779,210
Reinsurance debtors	-	5,411	18,636	284	12,955	37,286
Cash at bank and in hand	6,717	3,171	65,332	18,904	775	94,899
Insurance debtors	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other debtors	-	-	-	-	-	-
	449,045	583,227	1,100,005	169,797	262,787	2,564,861

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7. Financial Instruments and Financial Risk Management (continued)

7.6 Financial Risk Management (continued)

Syndicate participation	AAA £	AA £	A £	BBB or lower £	Not rated £	Total £
2016						
Shares and other variable yield securities and units in unit trusts	83,977	15,001	44,546	16,963	126,769	287,256
Debt securities and other fixed income securities	340,563	430,163	393,367	112,706	14,837	1,291,636
Participation in investment pools	11,268	11,930	3,187	333	8,134	34,852
Loans secured with credit institutions	1,071	3,758	-	-	294	5,123
Deposits with credit institutions	-	1,110	4,319	-	6,728	12,157
Overseas deposits	81,229	38,106	10,585	17,290	15,508	162,718
Derivative investments	-	206	773	156	2,837	3,972
Other investments	-	-	-	-	14	14
Deposits with ceding undertakings	-	-	-	-	172	172
Reinsurers share of claims outstanding	13,540	109,203	333,602	5,952	18,966	481,263
Reinsurance debtors	5,680	9,194	10,996	1,176	1,822	28,868
Cash at bank and in hand	106	11,501	71,118	21,112	19	103,856
Insurance debtors	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other debtors	-	-	-	-	-	-
	537,434	630,172	872,493	175,688	196,100	2,411,887

The tables below show the ageing and impairment of financial assets by class of instruments.

Syndicate participation	Neither due nor impaired £	Less than 6 months £	Between 6 months and 1 year £	Greater than 1 year £	Impaired £	Total past due or impaired £
2017						
Shares and other variable yield securities and units in unit trusts	256,211	-	-	-	-	256,211
Debt securities and other fixed income securities	1,175,179	-	-	-	-	1,175,179
Participation in investment pools	37,717	-	-	-	-	37,717
Loans secured with credit institutions	1,668	-	-	-	-	1,668
Deposits with credit institutions	8,632	-	-	-	-	8,632
Overseas deposits	169,240	-	-	-	-	169,240
Derivative investments	4,641	-	-	-	-	4,641
Other investments	11	-	-	-	-	11
Deposits with ceding undertakings	167	-	-	-	-	167
Reinsurers share of claims outstanding	779,366	-	-	-	(156)	779,210
Reinsurance debtors	22,356	14,035	429	475	(9)	37,286
Cash at bank and in hand	94,899	-	-	-	-	94,899
Insurance debtors	326,955	24,154	6,480	12,245	(137)	369,697
Other debtors	904,888	721	41	4	-	905,654
	3,781,930	38,910	6,950	12,724	(302)	3,840,212

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7. Financial Instruments and Financial Risk Management (continued)

7.6 Financial Risk Management (continued)

Syndicate participation	Neither due nor impaired £	Less than 6 months £	Between 6 months and 1 year £	Greater than 1 year £	Impaired £	Total past due or impaired £
2016						
Shares and other variable yield securities and units in unit trusts	287,256	-	-	-	-	287,256
Debt securities and other fixed income securities	1,291,636	-	-	-	-	1,291,636
Participation in investment pools	34,852	-	-	-	-	34,852
Loans secured with credit institutions	5,123	-	-	-	-	5,123
Deposits with credit institutions	12,157	-	-	-	-	12,157
Overseas deposits	162,718	-	-	-	-	162,718
Derivative investments	3,972	-	-	-	-	3,972
Other investments	14	-	-	-	-	14
Deposits with ceding undertakings	172	-	-	-	-	172
Reinsurers share of claims outstanding	481,263	-	-	-	-	481,263
Reinsurance debtors	19,887	7,448	200	773	560	28,868
Cash at bank and in hand	103,856	-	-	-	-	103,856
Insurance debtors	341,876	20,454	6,526	13,293	(222)	381,927
Other debtors	1,018,406	810	74	207	-	1,019,497
	3,763,188	28,712	6,800	14,273	338	3,813,311

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial instruments.

The following tables detail the Limited Liability Partnership's remaining contractual maturity for its financial liabilities. The tables have been drawn up based on the undiscounted cash flows of financial liabilities based on the earliest date of which the Partnership can be required to pay.

Syndicate participation	No stated maturity £	Less than 1 year £	1 to 3 years £	3 to 5 years £	Greater than 5 years £	Total £
2017						
Derivative financial instruments	-	203	-	-	-	203
Deposits received from reinsurers	-	2,836	2,892	1,843	61	7,632
Provisions for other risks and charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Claims outstanding	17,468	986,371	1,014,709	433,030	314,394	2,765,972
Creditors	3,844	347,565	59,112	18,075	267	428,863
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
	21,312	1,336,975	1,076,713	452,948	314,722	3,202,670

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7. Financial Instruments and Financial Risk Management (continued)

7.6 Financial Risk Management (continued)

Syndicate participation	No stated maturity £	Less than 1 year £	1 to 3 years £	3 to 5 years £	Greater than 5 years £	Total £
2016						
Derivative financial instruments	-	1,326	-	-	-	1,326
Deposits received from reinsurers	-	6,824	3,317	301	7	10,449
Provisions for other risks and charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Claims outstanding	-	758,728	883,462	372,430	328,825	2,343,445
Creditors	34,254	271,847	74,632	7,501	1,091	389,325
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
	34,254	1,038,725	961,411	380,232	329,923	2,744,545

At the Partnership level the Limited Liability Partnership is not exposed to significant liquidity risk. Consequently a maturity profile has not been presented for the Partnership.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of financial instruments will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The Limited Liability Partnership is exposed to the risk of interest rate fluctuations in respect of cash and cash equivalents and other interest bearing securities.

At the Partnership level the Limited Liability Partnership manages interest rate risk by maintaining an appropriate mix between fixed and floating rate financial instruments.

The table below shows the impact of changes in interest rates on the profit or loss for the period and on the equity of the Limited Liability Partnership.

Syndicate participation	2017 £	2016 £
Impact of 50 basis point increase on profit or loss	(13,524)	(14,840)
Impact of 50 basis point decrease on profit or loss	13,228	14,309
Impact of 50 basis point increase on equity	(13,524)	(14,840)
Impact of 50 basis point decrease on equity	13,228	14,309

At the Partnership level the Limited Liability Partnership is not exposed to significant cash flow interest rate risk as all of the financial instruments attract fixed rates of interest. Consequently a sensitivity analysis for interest rate risk has not been presented for the Partnership.

Equity price risk

Equity price risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of financial instruments will fluctuate because of changes in market prices.

The Limited Liability Partnership is exposed to equity price risk in respect of its equity investments.

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7. Financial Instruments and Financial Risk Management (continued)

7.6 Financial Risk Management (continued)

The table below shows the impact of changes in equity prices on the profit or loss for the period and on the equity of the Limited Liability Partnership.

Syndicate participation

	2017 £	2016 £
Impact on profit or loss of 5% increase in Stock Market Prices	1,982	2,657
Impact on profit or loss of 5% decrease in Stock Market Prices	(1,984)	(2,655)
Impact on equity of 5% increase in Stock Market Prices	1,982	2,657
Impact on equity of 5% decrease in Stock Market Prices	(1,984)	(2,655)

At the Partnership level the Limited Liability Partnership is not exposed to significant cash flow equity price risk. Consequently a sensitivity analysis for equity price risk has not been presented for the Partnership.

Currency risk

The Limited Liability Partnership holds both assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than Sterling, its functional currency. It is therefore exposed to currency risk as the value of the foreign currency assets and liabilities will fluctuate in line with changes in foreign exchange rates.

At the Partnership level the Limited Liability Partnership manages currency risk by ensuring that exchange rate exposures are managed within approved policy parameters.

The table below considers financial assets and financial liabilities denominated in the currencies of the Limited Liability Partnership's principal foreign exchange exposures in aggregate.

Net assets and liabilities

		2017		2016
	Syndicate Participation £	Partnership -£	Syndicate Participation £	Partnership £
Sterling	(392,202)	(28,331)	(413,374)	(29,099)
United States Dollar	(66,428)	-	264,088	-
Euro	92,356	-	87,725	-
Canadian Dollar	143,283	-	201,753	-
Australian Dollar	38,600	-	39,189	-
Japanese Yen	346	-	(3,221)	-
Other	10,019	-	235	-

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7. Financial Instruments and Financial Risk Management (continued)

7.6 Financial Risk Management (continued)

The Limited Liability Partnership has delegated sole management and control of its underwriting through each Syndicate to the managing agent of the Syndicate and it has further undertaken not to interfere with the exercise of such management and control. The managing agents of the Syndicates are therefore responsible for determining the insurance transactions to be recognised. As such, disclosures in respect of the assumptions and judgements made, and the objectives, policies and processes for managing currency risk arising from assets and liabilities are only presented for the Partnership in these financial statements.

The Limited Liability Partnership's assets are held in various currencies but are all cash. As such, any exchange movement would be accounted for in the profit and loss.

	Partnership Profit and loss			
	31 December 2017		31 December 2016	
	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
	£	£	£	£
Effect of sterling exchange movement by 10%				
United States Dollar	-	-	-	-
Euro	-	-	-	-
Canadian Dollar	-	-	-	-
Australian Dollar	-	-	-	-
Japanese Yen	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-

7.7 Capital Management

Lloyd's capital setting process

In order to meet Lloyd's requirements, each Syndicate is required to calculate its Standard Capital Requirement ("SCR") for the prospective underwriting year. This amount must be sufficient to cover a 1 in 200 year loss, reflecting uncertainty in the ultimate run-off of underwriting liabilities (SCR "to ultimate"). The Syndicate must also calculate its SCR at the same confidence level but reflecting uncertainty over a one year time horizon (one year SCR) for Lloyd's to use in meeting Solvency II requirements. The SCRs of each Syndicate are subject to review by Lloyd's and approval by the Lloyd's Capital and Planning Group.

Each Syndicate member is liable for its own share of underwriting liabilities on the Syndicate on which it participates but not other Members' shares.

Accordingly, the capital requirement that Lloyd's sets for each member operates on a similar basis. Each Member's SCR shall thus be determined by the sum of the Member's share of the Syndicate SCR "to ultimate".

Over and above this, Lloyd's applies a capital uplift to the Member's capital requirement, the ECA. The purpose of this uplift, which is a Lloyd's not a Solvency II requirement, is to meet Lloyd's financial strength, licence and ratings objectives.

Effective 1 January 2016, Lloyd's is subject to the Solvency II capital regime and the Solvency I figures are no longer applicable from that date. Although the capital regime has changed, this has not significantly impacted the solvency capital requirement of the Syndicate, since this has been previously calculated using Solvency II principles.

The total Members' interests represent the capital which allows the Limited Liability Partnership to participate on the Syndicates.

The Partnership has complied with all externally imposed capital requirements during the year.

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8. Insurance Contracts

The following reconciliation shows the movement in the provision for claims outstanding during the year.

	2017			2016		
	Gross provision £	Reinsurance asset £	Net £	Gross provision £	Reinsurance asset £	Net £
At 1 January	2,343,445	481,263	1,862,182	1,815,011	323,436	1,491,575
Movements in the year	581,453	318,805	262,648	196,454	91,478	104,976
Exchange differences	(158,926)	(20,858)	(138,068)	331,980	66,349	265,631
At 31 December	2,765,972	779,210	1,986,762	2,343,445	481,263	1,862,182

The following reconciliation shows the movement in the provision for unearned premium during the year.

	2017			2016		
	Gross provision £	Reinsurance asset £	Net £	Gross provision £	Reinsurance asset £	Net £
At 1 January	784,913	115,860	669,053	682,568	90,803	591,765
Movements in the year	17,532	12,972	4,560	9,702	10,465	(763)
Exchange differences	(53,346)	(10,661)	(42,685)	92,643	14,592	78,051
At 31 December	749,099	118,171	630,928	784,913	115,860	669,053

The following reconciliation shows the movement in deferred acquisition costs during the year.

	2017 £	2016 £
At 1 January	205,938	176,079
Movements in the year	8,901	967
Exchange differences	(7,066)	28,892
At 31 December	207,773	205,938

8.1 Risks arising from Insurance Contracts

The Limited Liability Partnership has delegated sole management and control of its underwriting through each Syndicate to the managing agent of the Syndicate and it has further undertaken not to interfere with the exercise of such management and control. The managing agents of the Syndicates are therefore responsible for determining the insurance transactions to be recognised by the Limited Liability Partnership. As such, disclosures in respect of the assumptions and judgements made, and the objectives, policies and processes for managing risk arising from insurance contracts, are not presented in these financial statements.

The development of insurance liabilities provides a measure of the managing agent's ability to estimate the ultimate value of claims. The top half of each table below illustrates how the estimate of total claims outstanding for each accident year has changed at successive year ends. The bottom half of the table reconciles the cumulative claims to the amount appearing in the balance sheet.

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8.1 Risks arising from Insurance Contracts (continued)

Claims development – gross

Reporting year	2013 £	2014 £	2015 £	2016 £	2017 £	Total £
Estimate of cumulative claims						
At end of reporting year	1,451,231	394,684	406,609	504,526	915,751	3,672,801
One year later	2,333,713	715,114	819,437	1,031,977	-	4,900,241
Two years later	2,355,016	753,311	845,078	-	-	3,953,405
Three years later	2,306,282	735,963	-	-	-	3,042,245
Four years later	2,265,691	-	-	-	-	2,265,691
Five years later	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cumulative payments to date	1,897,298	512,236	414,775	345,199	163,338	3,332,846
Estimated balance to pay	672,750	223,727	430,303	686,778	752,413	2,765,971

	2012 and prior in 2015 £	2013 and prior in 2016 £	2014 and prior in 2017 £
RITC received at 24 months	3,383,333	-	-
Reserve strengthening/(reduction) in subsequent 12 months	(205,200)	-	-
Paid in subsequent 12 months	(752,756)	-	-
Prior years RITC at 36 months	2,425,377	-	-

Claims development – net

Reporting year	2013 £	2014 £	2015 £	2016 £	2017 £	Total £
Estimate of cumulative claims						
At end of reporting year	1,182,762	333,980	350,729	403,978	586,855	2,858,304
One year later	1,970,678	616,757	709,069	817,452	-	4,113,956
Two years later	1,949,662	643,056	726,799	-	-	3,319,517
Three years later	1,886,125	623,175	-	-	-	2,509,300
Four years later	1,850,210	-	-	-	-	1,850,210
Five years later	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cumulative payments to date	1,561,670	457,141	373,724	294,745	136,024	2,823,304
Estimated balance to pay	494,116	166,034	353,074	522,707	450,831	1,986,762

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8.1 Risks arising from Insurance Contracts (continued)

	2012 and prior in 2015	2013 and prior in 2016	2014 and prior in 2017
	£	£	£
RITC received at 24 months	2,528,844	-	-
Reserve strengthening/(reduction) in subsequent 12 months	(213,424)	-	-
Paid in subsequent 12 months	(504,886)	-	-
Prior years RITC at 36 months	1,810,534	-	-

9. Related Party Disclosure

There are no related party transactions other than those disclosed in the members interest statements. Related party loans and balances do not attract interest and are repayable on demand.

10. Ultimate Controlling Party

The ultimate controlling party of the Partnership is Mr J A Biles.