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RBEF LIMITED

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2014

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors of RBEF Limited ("the Company") present their annual report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014.

ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW

The Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions available to companies entitled to the small companies exemption and therefore does not include a Strategic Report.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the Company is the management of investments in the UK and European countries.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The Company's financial performance is presented in the Profit and Loss Account on page 7.

The operating profit before taxation for the year was £31,200 (2013: £31,161). The retained profit for the year was £24,596 (2013: £22,803).

At the end of the year total assets were £436,993 (2013: £1,412,470).

Dividends

The directors declared and paid an interim dividend of £1,000,000 (2013: £nil).

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Company seeks to minimise its exposure to financial risks.

Management focuses on both the overall balance sheet structure and the control, within prudent limits, of risk arising from mismatches, including currency, maturity, interest rate and liquidity. It is undertaken within limits and other policy parameters set by the RBS Asset and Liability Management Committee (RBS ALCO).

The principal risks associated with the Company are as follows:

Operational risk

Operational risks are inherent in the Company's business. Operational risk losses occur as the result of fraud, human error, missing or inadequately designed processes, failed systems, damage to physical assets, improper behaviour or from external events. The key mitigating processes and controls include risk and control assessment, scenario analysis, loss data collection, new product approval process, key risk indicators, notifiable events process and the self certification process. The implementation of these processes and controls is facilitated and overseen by operational risk teams, with internal audit providing independent evaluation of the control framework.

Market risk

Market risk is the potential for loss as a result of adverse changes in risk factors including interest rates and equity prices together with related parameters such as market volatilities.

A Detail of the Company's exposure to interest rate risk is detailed below.

Interest rate risk

Structural interest rate risk arises where assets and liabilities have different repricing maturities.

The Company manages interest rate risk by monitoring the consistency in the interest rate profile of its assets and liabilities, and limiting any re-pricing mismatches.

DIRECTORS' REPORT**PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES (continued)****Credit risk**

The objective of credit risk management is to enable the Company to achieve appropriate risk versus reward performance whilst maintaining credit risk exposure in line with approved appetite for the risk that customers will be unable to meet their obligations to the Company.

The key principles of the bank's Credit Risk Management Framework are set out below:

- approval of all credit exposure is granted prior to any advance or extension of credit;
- an appropriate credit risk assessment of the customer and credit facilities is undertaken prior to approval of credit exposure. This includes a review of, amongst other things, the purpose of credit and sources of repayment, compliance with affordability tests, repayment history, capacity to repay, sensitivity to economic and market developments and risk-adjusted return;
- credit risk authority is delegated by the Board and specifically granted in writing to all individuals involved in the granting of credit approval. In exercising credit authority, the individuals act independently of any related business revenue origination; and
- all credit exposures, once approved, are effectively monitored and managed and reviewed periodically against approved limits. Lower quality exposures are subject to a greater frequency of analysis and assessment.

The Company's exposure to credit risk is not considered to be significant as all significant portion of the credit exposures are with RBS companies.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk arises where assets and liabilities have different contractual maturities.

Management focuses on risk arising from the mismatch of maturities across the balance sheet and from undrawn commitments and other contingent obligations.

The Company manages its liquidity risk by having access to group funding.

GOING CONCERN

The directors, having a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

DIRECTORS AND SECRETARY

The present directors and secretary, who have served throughout the year except where noted below, are listed on page 1.

	Appointed	Resigned
Directors		
R D Hook	5 March 2014	-
P D J Sullivan	-	5 March 2014
I McGillivray	-	20 March 2014
M E A Irish	18 September 2014	-

DIRECTORS' REPORT**DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT**

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare a Directors' Report and financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework (FRS 101) and must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs at the end of the year and the profit or loss of the Company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether FRS 101 has been followed; and
- make an assessment of the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to enable them to ensure that the Directors' Report and financial statements comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITOR

Each of the directors at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and
- the directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information, and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

Deloitte LLP has expressed its willingness to continue in office as auditor.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on its behalf:



R D Hook
Director

Date: 9 July 2015

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF RBEF LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of RBEF Limited ("the Company") for the year ended 31 December 2014 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the related notes 1 to 12. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and Financial Reporting Standard 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework.

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. 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 Auditing Practices Board'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 Company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the annual 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 Company's affairs as at 31 December 2014 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF RBEF LIMITED

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 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies' exemption from preparing the Strategic Report or in preparing the Directors' Report.



Alan Chaudhuri (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Deloitte LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor,
London, United Kingdom

9 July 2015

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
for the year ended 31 December 2014

Continuing operations	Notes	2014 £	2013 £
Interest receivable	2	5,700	5,663
Fees and commissions receivable		25,500	25,500
Loss on disposal of investments	6	-	(2)
Profit on ordinary activities before tax		31,200	31,161
Tax charge	4	(6,604)	(8,358)
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year		24,596	22,803

The Company had no recognised income or expenses in the financial year or preceding financial year other than those dealt with in the Profit and Loss Account.

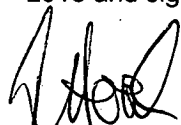
The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET
as at 31 December 2014

	Notes	2014 £	2013 £
Current assets			
Loans and receivables	7	413,082	1,387,058
Trade and other receivables	8	7,708	7,862
Deferred tax asset	10	6,191	7,550
Cash at bank		10,012	10,000
Total assets		436,993	1,412,470
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Trade and other payables	9	1,275	1,275
Current tax liabilities		5,245	5,318
Total liabilities		6,520	6,593
Equity: capital and reserves			
Called-up share capital	11	300,002	300,002
Profit and loss account		130,471	1,105,875
Total shareholders' funds		430,473	1,405,877
Total liabilities and shareholders' funds		436,993	1,412,470

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements of the Company were approved by the Board of Directors on 9 July 2015 and signed on its behalf by:



R D Hook
Director

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
for the year ended 31 December 2014

	Share capital £	Profit and loss account £	Total £
At 1 January 2013	300,002	1,083,072	1,383,074
Profit for the year	-	22,803	22,803
At 31 December 2013	300,002	1,105,875	1,405,877
Profit for the year	-	24,596	24,596
Dividends paid	-	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)
At 31 December 2014	300,002	130,471	430,473

Total comprehensive income for the year of £24,596 (2013: £22,803) was wholly attributable to the equity holders of the Company.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**1. Accounting policies****a) Preparation and presentation of financial statements**

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis and have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles of International Financial Reporting Standards issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and interpretations issued by the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee of the IASB as adopted by the European Union (together IFRS) and under FRS 101. The Company meets the definition of a qualifying entity under Financial Reporting Standard 100 Application of Financial Reporting Requirements issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

As permitted by FRS 101, the Company has taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available under that standard in relation to presentation of a Cash-Flow Statement, standards not yet effective and related party transactions. Where required, equivalent disclosures are given in the group financial statements of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc, these financial statements are available to the public and can be obtained as set out in note 12.

The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis.

The Company's financial statements are presented in Sterling which is the functional currency of the Company.

The Company is incorporated in the UK and registered in Scotland. The Company's financial statements are presented in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

Adoption of new and revised accounting standards

There are a number of changes to IFRS that were effective from 1 January 2014. They have had no material effect on the Company's financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014.

b) Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into Sterling at the foreign exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Foreign exchange differences arising on translation are reported in the Profit and Loss Account.

c) Revenue recognition

Revenue comprises advisory, management, placement, operational and performance fee income. Performance fees are calculated once the performance period has finished and recognised when they cannot be reversed. All other fees are recognised as earned.

Fees charged for managing investments are recognised as revenue as the services are provided. Incremental costs that are directly attributable to securing an investment management contract are deferred and charged as expense as the related revenue is recognised.

Interest income on financial assets that are classified as loans and receivables and interest expense on financial liabilities are determined using the effective interest method. The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset or financial liability and of allocating the interest income or interest expense over the expected life of the asset or liability. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash flows to the instrument's initial carrying amount. Calculation of the effective interest rate takes into account fees payable or receivable, that are an integral part of the instrument's yield, premiums or discounts on acquisition or issue, early redemption fees and transaction costs. All contractual terms of a financial instrument are considered when estimating future cash flows.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting policies (continued)

d) Taxation

Income tax expense or income, comprising current tax and deferred tax, is recorded in the Profit and Loss Account except income tax on items recognised outside profit or loss which is credited or charged to other comprehensive income or to equity as appropriate.

Current tax is income tax payable or recoverable in respect of the taxable profit or loss for the year arising in income or in equity. Provision is made for current tax at rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is the tax expected to be payable or recoverable in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amount of an asset or liability for accounting purposes and its carrying amount for tax purposes. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered. Deferred tax is not recognised on temporary differences that arise from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction (other than a business combination) that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss. Deferred tax is calculated using tax rates expected to apply in the periods when the assets will be realised or the liabilities settled, based on tax rates and laws enacted, or substantively enacted, at the balance sheet date.

e) Investments in Group undertakings

Investments in Group undertakings are stated at cost less accumulated impairment.

f) Financial assets

On initial recognition, financial assets are classified into loans and receivables.

Loans and receivables

Non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable repayments that are not quoted in an active market are classified as loans and receivables, except those that are classified as available-for-sale or as held-for-trading, or designated as at fair value through profit or loss. Loans and receivables are initially recognised at fair value plus directly related transaction costs. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method (see accounting policy 1(c)) less any impairment losses.

g) Cash at bank

Cash at bank comprises non-interest bearing deposits held with banks.

2. Interest receivable

	2014 £	2013 £
Other interest receivable	5,700	5,663

3. Operating expenses

Staff costs, number of employees and directors' emoluments

All staff and directors were employed by the group companies and the financial statements of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc which contain full disclosure of employee benefit expenses incurred in the period including share-based payments and pensions. The Company has no employees. The directors of the Company do not receive remuneration for specific services provided to the Company.

The auditor's remuneration for statutory audit work of £8,000 (2013: £8,000) for the Company was borne by The Royal Bank of Scotland plc. Remuneration paid to the auditor for non-audit work for the Company was £nil (2013: £nil).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

4. Tax

	2014 £	2013 £
Current tax:		
UK corporation tax charge for the year	5,245	5,318
	<u>5,245</u>	<u>5,318</u>
Deferred tax:		
Charge for the year	1,460	3,040
Over provision in respect of prior periods	(101)	-
Tax charge for the year	<u>6,604</u>	<u>8,358</u>

The actual tax charge differs from the expected tax charge computed by applying the blended rate of UK corporation tax of 21.5% (2013: 23.25%) as follows:

	2014 £	2013 £
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	31,200	31,161
Expected tax charge	6,705	7,244
Reduction in deferred tax following change in rate of UK corporation tax	-	1,114
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	(101)	-
Actual tax charge for the year	<u>6,604</u>	<u>8,358</u>

In recent years the UK Government has steadily reduced the rate of UK corporation tax, with the latest rates substantively enacted in July 2013 now standing at 21% with effect from 1 April 2014 and 20% from 1 April 2015. The closing deferred tax assets and liabilities have been calculated at 20% in accordance with the rates enacted at the balance sheet date.

5. Ordinary dividends

	2014 £	2013 £
Dividends paid	<u>1,000,000</u>	-

The Company paid an interim dividend amounting to £1,000,000 (3.33 per share) on 23 December 2014.

6. Investments in Group undertakings

Investments in Group undertakings are carried at cost less impairment. Movements during the year were as follows:

	2014 £	2013 £
At 1 January	-	2
Disposals	-	(2)
At 31 December	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The Company's subsidiary, RBDC General Partners Limited was dissolved on 8 February 2013.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

7. Loans and receivables

	2014 £	2013 £
Short term deposits – Group	<u>413,082</u>	<u>1,387,058</u>

8. Trade and other receivables

	2014 £	2013 £
Trade receivables	7,650	7,650
Other receivables	58	212
	<u>7,708</u>	<u>7,862</u>

9. Trade and other payables

	2014 £	2013 £
Vat Payable	<u>1,275</u>	<u>1,275</u>

10. Deferred tax

The following are the major tax assets recognised by the Company, and the movements thereon.

	Capital allowances £	Total £
At 1 January 2013	10,590	10,590
Charge to income	(3,040)	(3,040)
At 31 December 2013	7,550	7,550
Charge to income	(1,359)	(1,359)
At 31 December 2014	<u>6,191</u>	<u>6,191</u>

11. Share capital

	2014 £	2013 £
Authorised:		
301,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each	<u>301,000</u>	<u>301,000</u>
Allotted, called-up and fully paid:		
300,002 Ordinary Shares of £1 each	<u>300,002</u>	<u>300,002</u>

The Company has one class of Ordinary Shares which carry no right to fixed income.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

12. Related parties**UK Government**

The UK Government through HM Treasury is the ultimate controlling party of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc. Its shareholding is managed by UK Financial Investments Limited, a company it wholly-owns and as a result, the UK Government and UK Government controlled bodies are related parties of the Company.

The Company enters into transactions with these bodies on an arms' length basis; they include the payment of taxes including UK corporation tax which is separately disclosed in note 4.

Group undertakings

The Company's immediate parent company is The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, a company incorporated in the UK and registered in England and Wales.

As at 31 December 2014 The Royal Bank of Scotland plc heads the smallest group in which the Company is consolidated. Copies of the consolidated financial statements may be obtained from Corporate Governance and Secretariat, Gogarburn, PO Box 1000, Edinburgh EH12 1HQ.

The Company's ultimate holding company is The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc, a company incorporated in the UK. As at 31 December 2014, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc heads the largest group in which the Company is consolidated. Copies of the consolidated financial statements may be obtained from Corporate Governance and Secretariat, Gogarburn, PO Box 1000, Edinburgh EH12 1HQ.

Capital Support Deed

The Company, together with other members of the The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc, is party to a capital support deed (CSD). Under the terms of the CSD, the Company may be required, if compatible with its legal obligations, to make distributions on, or repurchase or redeem, its ordinary shares. The amount of this obligation is limited to the Company's immediately accessible funds or assets, rights, facilities or other resources that, using best efforts, are reasonably capable of being converted to cleared, immediately available funds (the Company's available resources). The CSD also provides that, in certain circumstances, funding received by the Company from other parties to the CSD becomes immediately repayable, such repayment being limited to the Company's available resources.