

**AEGON ASSET MANAGEMENT UK HOLDINGS LIMITED**  
**(FORMERLY KNOWN AS KAMES CAPITAL HOLDINGS LIMITED)**

**STRATEGIC REPORT, DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**



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**COMPANY INFORMATION**

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**STRATEGIC REPORT  
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**Principal and ongoing activities**

The principal activity of the company is to act as an investment holding company.

**Review of business and future developments**

The major investments of the Company are in Aegon Asset Management UK Plc (formerly Kames Capital plc), Aegon Asset Management Limited (formerly Kames Capital Management Limited) and Kames Target Healthcare General Partner Limited and the main key performance indicators relate to the performance of these underlying businesses.

The Company delivered profits after tax but before dividends of £0.0m (2019: £0.0m).

Net assets at the end of the year were £21.1m (2019: £21.1m). This is in line with the Directors' expectations.

The Directors do not anticipate any significant changes in the operation of the company within the foreseeable future other than those noted in the 'Future Developments' section below.

All directors served throughout the year and up to until the date of this report.

**Development and Performance of the Company's business during the financial year**

The main operational priority for the Aegon Asset Management UK Group in 2020 was to deliver a successful consolidation of the leadership team and business functions with our fellow subsidiaries within Aegon Asset Management globally following on from our move into a European structure over the course of 2019. Throughout the new global Aegon Asset Management structure distinct legal entities have been maintained within all geographies including the UK. Creating a single global leadership team has allowed us to further strengthen our product proposition and share and implement best practice.

During the year the company received nil dividends from its subsidiaries, (2019: £0.0m). The company did not pay a dividend to its parent entity during the year (2019: £0.0m). Details of developments in the business of the company's subsidiaries can be found within the audited financial statements of those entities.

The Aegon Asset Management UK Group – as set out in note 5 - (of which this company is the holding company) remains dedicated to active management. We have capabilities in fixed income, equities, property, cash and multi-asset investing and invest to meet a range of client objectives, including growth, income, total return and absolute return. We are also a leader in sustainable investing.

Aegon Asset Management UK is part of Aegon Asset Management, an international group of investment management businesses owned by Aegon N.V., one of the world's leading providers of financial services. As part of Aegon Asset Management we can offer our clients access to the best products and services from Aegon Asset Management UK and our sister companies across the group. We manage investments on behalf of UK and international clients, including pension funds, financial advisers, financial institutions, charities, wealth managers, family offices and individuals.

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**Future Development**

As part of the global Aegon Asset Management group the company is adopting a “Return to Growth” strategy along with the other members of the group. The six key areas of focus of this strategy are :-

1. Partnering with our affiliates to drive growth in assets under management
2. Increasing third party assets under management
3. Introducing new products
4. Making efficiency improvements
5. Developing a global integrated operating platform
6. Building out our strategic partnerships

Over the short to medium term the priority of the company is to return to profitable trading through a combination of increasing revenue whilst exercising cost control to bring operating margins in line with peers. A key aspect of this is the RAFT project which aims to standardise and radically simplify the company’s operating model delivering efficiency gains and a significant reduction in the number of outsourced partners and suppliers with which the company interacts. The RAFT project aims to overhaul the current complex operating model which features around 330 IT systems and processes. The ambition of RAFT is to nearly halve this number to around 170 by simplifying and standardising the approach taken whilst delivering service in line with current market practices to allow a more competitive and complete service to our clients whilst also reducing operational costs.

**Description of the principal risks and uncertainties facing the company**

The Company operates a formal risk management framework to assess risk and mitigating controls. Two of the company’s subsidiaries, Aegon Asset Management UK Plc and Aegon Asset Management Limited, review risk as part of their Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (ICAAP). The directors consider that the company is subject largely to Credit and Counterparty Risk; Market Risk; Business Risk; Concentration Risk; Group Risk; Liquidity Risk and Operational Risk – generally through the activities of its subsidiaries. The Company operates a policy which is designed to ensure that after taking account of mitigating actions the Company maintains a level of capital that is appropriate for the risks it faces.

- Credit and Counterparty Risk considers the risk that the failure of a counterparty to meet its obligations leads to a financial loss to the company, both through the loss of any monies owed to the company by the counterparty and the cost of re-instating economic exposure in the case of counterparty default.
- Market Risk considers the risk that adverse movements in market values, such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates and equity prices will affect the firm’s income or the value of its assets and liabilities.
- Business Risk considers the risk of losses due to failed or inadequate strategy execution, marketing and sales practices, distribution channels, pricing, investment return, handling of customer complaints or late reaction to changes in the business environment.
- Concentration Risk considers the risk that results from a lack of diversification. The risk can arise from an uneven distribution of counterparties in credit or any other business relationships or from a concentration in business sectors or geographical regions.
- Group Risk considers the risk that the company is adversely affected by its relationships, place in the structure or the obligations (financial and non-financial) placed upon it by Aegon Asset Management and/or the wider Aegon Group.

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- Liquidity Risk considers the risk that the company does not have sufficient liquid financial resources to meet its obligations as they fall due.
- Operational Risk considers the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems, or from external events.

The Company does not consider that it is exposed to significant financial instrument risk. Financial instruments comprise primarily the company's Investment in Subsidiaries which is held at cost. The Directors consider that the fair value of the Investment in Subsidiaries is in excess of cost. Credit risk is significantly reduced as assets are primarily cash and short term deposits which are placed with major banks of acceptable credit standing (A rated or higher).

**Corporate governance and capital management**

Consistent with the governance framework promulgated by Aegon Asset Management (AAM) for the AAM UK group, the Company has established a governance framework for monitoring and overseeing strategy, conduct of business standards and operations of the business across the Company. This includes a clearly stated corporate organisational structure, appropriate delegated authorities and independent internal audit and risk management functions. Risk management for the Company operated within this governance framework.

The Company considers its sources of capital to consist of Ordinary Share Capital and Retained Earnings. The Company's objective in managing its capital is to ensure that there are adequate resources to meet the Company's liabilities as they fall due, and to allocate capital efficiently to support growth and repatriate excess capital where appropriate. The Company's capital is managed in conjunction with that of other companies in the Aegon Asset Management UK Group (Aegon Asset Management UK Holdings Limited, Aegon Asset Management UK Plc and Aegon Asset Management Limited). The Company manages its capital by measuring its resources and cash available on a regular basis. The Company's capital position and the movement in this from the prior year are disclosed within the Statement of Changes in Equity.

The Company is not regulated by the FCA, however it maintains capital in line with the Capital Requirements Directive (CRD) via consolidated COREP reporting. The company has complied with all externally imposed capital requirements throughout the year.

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**Risk and Capital Management and Financial Instruments within the Statement of Financial Position**

The Company has a very simple Statement of Financial Position consisting largely of cash and non-current assets being its investment in subsidiaries.

The Company's capital consists of Ordinary Share Capital and Retained Earnings.

**Credit and Counterparty Risk**

The Company does not offer credit and is therefore only subject to Credit risk through the results of its subsidiaries. The company is subject to Counterparty Risk on its bank account and through the results of its subsidiaries.

**Market Risk**

The Company is only subject to Market Risk through the results of its subsidiaries.

**Business Risk**

The Company is principally subject to Business Risk through the results of its subsidiaries.

**Concentration Risk**

The Company is only subject to Concentration Risk through the results of its subsidiaries.

**Group Risk**

The Company is subject to Group risk principally through its interaction with its shareholder and through the results of its subsidiaries.

**Liquidity Risk**

The Company has a low tolerance for liquidity risk. The Company's holds assets of cash or short term deposits to ensure that invoices are settled as they fall due without the need to realise illiquid assets.

**Operational Risk**

The Company is principally subject to Operational Risk through the results of its subsidiaries.

This report was approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 18 May 2021

Signed on its behalf by



Stephen JM Jones  
**Director**

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**DIRECTORS' REPORT  
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The Directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**Structure of these financial statements**

The Company's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with international accounting standards in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Consolidated financial statements have not been prepared because Aegon Asset Management UK Holdings Limited is a subsidiary of the ultimate parent Company, Aegon N.V., a European Company into which the results of Aegon Asset Management UK Holdings Limited (formerly known as Kames Capital Holdings Limited) are consolidated.

**Results and dividends**

The results for the year are set out on page 12. The Company paid dividends of £0.0m (2019: £0.0m) during the year. This was equivalent to 0.0p per share (2019: 0.0p). The Directors do not recommend payment of a final dividend.

**Future Developments**

Future developments for the Company are included within the Strategic Report.

**Financial Risk Management**

Details of the Company's financial risk management can be found within the Strategic Report.

**Directors and their Interests**

The Directors who held office at the date of this report are shown on page 1. All Directors served throughout the year.

The Directors have declared that they had no interest in the share capital of the Company in the year ended 31 December 2020.

Each of the Directors has been granted a qualifying third party indemnity by the Company, in terms of the relevant sections of the Companies Act 2006 which was in force in the period from 1 January 2020 to the date of signing of the Financial Statements.

**Going Concern**

The Directors have considered the performance of the Company in the year, its Statement of Financial Position on 31 December 2020, its future plans and its approach to capital and risk management. The Directors consider that the Company has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

**Independent Auditors**

The independent auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP have indicated their willingness to continue in office and have been reappointed by the directors for 2021.



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**Statement of disclosure of information to auditors**

The Directors who held office at the date of approval of this report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the auditors are unaware; and each Director has taken all steps that they ought to have taken as Director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

The financial statements on pages 13 to 23 were approved by the Board of Directors on 18 May 2021 and signed on its behalf by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SJ Jones', written over a dotted line.

Stephen JM Jones  
**Director**

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**Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the financial statements**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulation.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with international accounting standards in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Under company law, directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- state whether applicable international accounting standards in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

# **Independent auditors' report to the members of Aegon Asset Management UK Holdings Limited (formerly known as Kames Capital Holdings Limited)**

## **Report on the audit of the financial statements**

### **Opinion**

In our opinion, Aegon Asset Management UK Holdings Limited's (formerly known as Kames Capital Holdings Limited) financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2020 and of its profit and cash flows for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with international accounting standards in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements, included within the Strategic Report, Directors' Report and Financial Statements (the "Annual Report"), which comprise: the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2020; the statement of comprehensive income, the cash flow statement, the statement of changes in equity for the year then ended; and the notes to the financial statements, which include a description of the significant accounting policies.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities under ISAs (UK) are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Independence**

We remained independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, which includes the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this conclusion is not a guarantee as to the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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## **Reporting on other information**

The other information comprises all of the information in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, any form of assurance 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 an apparent material inconsistency or material misstatement, we are required to perform procedures to conclude whether there is a material misstatement of 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 based on these responsibilities.

With respect to the Strategic report and Directors' Report, we also considered whether the disclosures required by the UK Companies Act 2006 have been included.

Based on our work undertaken in the course of the audit, the Companies Act 2006 requires us also to report certain opinions and matters as described below.

## **Strategic report and Directors' Report**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, the information given in the Strategic report and Directors' Report for the year ended 31 December 2020 is consistent with the financial statements and has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we did not identify any material misstatements in the Strategic report and Directors' Report.

## **Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit**

### **Responsibilities of the directors for the financial statements**

As explained more fully in the Statement of directors' responsibilities, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable framework and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. The directors are also responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditors' 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 auditors' 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Based on our understanding of the company and industry, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to the Companies Act 2006, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements, in particular those parts of the Companies Act 2006 which directly impact the financial statements. We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to posting inappropriate journal entries. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

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- Enquiries with management, including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud;
- Reviewing relevant meeting minutes, including those of the Board and the Audit Committee;
- Identifying and testing journal entries posted during the period; and
- Designing audit procedures to incorporate unpredictability around the nature, timing or extent of our testing.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the FRC's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditors' report.

### **Use of this report**

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

## **Other required reporting**

### **Companies Act 2006 exception reporting**

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- we have not obtained all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remunerations specified by law are not made; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns.

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.



Kirsty Boyle (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

Edinburgh

19 May 2021

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**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020  
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	Note	<u>2020</u> <u>£000's</u>	<u>2019</u> <u>£000's</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Finance Costs		-	-
<b>Operating Result</b>		-	-
<b>Dividends Received</b>	<b>3</b>	-	-
<b>Profit before tax</b>		-	-
Tax charge	<b>4</b>	-	-
<b>Profit for the year</b>		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		-	-

Any result for the year relates wholly to continuing activities.

Any Profit for the year is attributable to the equity shareholders of the Company.

There was no Other Comprehensive Income for 2020 (2019: £nil).

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**  
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	<u>Note</u>	<u>2020</u> <u>£000's</u>	<u>2019</u> <u>£000's</u>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Investments in subsidiaries	5	21,043	21,043
		<u>21,043</u>	<u>21,043</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and short term deposits	6	73	73
		<u>73</u>	<u>73</u>
<b>Total assets</b>		<u>21,116</u>	<u>21,116</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>21,116</u>	<u>21,116</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Issued capital	7	18,711	18,711
Retained earnings		<u>2,405</u>	<u>2,405</u>
<b>Total equity</b>		<u>21,116</u>	<u>21,116</u>

The notes on pages 17 to 23 are an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved for issue by the Board on 18 May 2021 and signed on its behalf by



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Stephen JM Jones  
Director

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
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	<u><b>Issued capital £000's</b></u>	<u><b>Retained earnings £000's</b></u>	<u><b>Total equity £000's</b></u>
At 1 January 2020	18,711	2,405	21,116
Result and total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-
Dividends paid	-	-	-
<b>At 31 December 2020</b>	<u><b>18,711</b></u>	<u><b>2,405</b></u>	<u><b>21,116</b></u>

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

	<u><b>Issued capital £000's</b></u>	<u><b>Retained earnings £000's</b></u>	<u><b>Total equity £000's</b></u>
At 1 January 2019	18,711	2,405	21,116
Result and total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-
Dividends paid	-	-	-
<b>At 31 December 2019</b>	<u><b>18,711</b></u>	<u><b>2,405</b></u>	<u><b>21,116</b></u>

All equity is attributable to equity shareholders of the Company.

The Company did not recognise any income or expense directly in equity (2019: £nil).

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**CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
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	Note	<u>2020</u> <u>£000's</u>	<u>2019</u> <u>£000's</u>
<b>Investing Activities</b>			
Dividends received	3	-	-
Dividends paid	10	-	-
Net cash flow from investing activities		-	-
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		-	-
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		<u>73</u>	<u>73</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December</b>	<b>6</b>	<u><u>73</u></u>	<u><u>73</u></u>

The cash flow statement is prepared according to the indirect method.

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**1. Accounting Policies**

**1.1. Basis of preparation**

The Company is a company limited by shares incorporated and domiciled in the UK.

The Company's financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and in accordance with international accounting standards in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention. Within the Financial statements accounting policies have been applied consistently.

The financial statements of Aegon Asset Management UK Holdings Limited (formerly known as Kames Capital Holdings Limited) were authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the directors on 18 May 2021.

These are the separate financial statements of the Company. The Company has taken the Companies Act Section 400 exemption from preparing consolidated financial statements as the ultimate parent undertaking Aegon N.V., which is incorporated in the Netherlands, prepares publicly available consolidated financial statements which comply with IFRS.

The functional currency and the presentational of the Company are pounds sterling (GBP). Amounts displayed within these financial statements are rounded into thousands (£000s).

**1.1.1. Adoption of new IFRS accounting standards**

New standards and amendments to standards become effective at the date specified by the IFRS-EU (International Financial Reporting Standard as adopted by the European Union) but may allow companies to opt for an earlier adoption date. In 2020, the following amendments to existing standards issued by the IASB became mandatory:

- Definition of a Business (Amendments to IFRS 3)
- Definition of Material (Amendments to IAS 1 and IAS 8)
- Amendments to References to the Conceptual Framework in IFRS Standards
- Covid-19 Related Rent Concessions (Amendment to IFRS 16)- early adopted

The above new standards and amendments to existing standards have been endorsed by the European Union and do not have a material impact on the results of the company.

**1.1.2 Future adoption of new IFRS accounting standards**

The following standards and amendments to existing standards, published prior to 1 January 2021, were not early adopted by the company, but will be applied in future years:

- Prepayment features with negative compensation (Amendment to IFRS 9)
- Extension of the temporary exemption from applying IFRS 9 (Amendment to IFRS 4 Insurance Contracts).

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The above list has been endorsed by the European Union and will not significantly impact the financial position or financial statements.

The following standards and amendments to existing standards, published prior to 1 January 2021, were not early adopted by the company, but where applicable will be applied in future years:

- Interest Rate Benchmark Reform- Phase 2 (Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39, IFRS 7, IFRS 4 and IFRS 16)
- Reference to the Conceptual Framework (Amendments to IFRS 3)
- Property, Plant and Equipment: Proceeds before Intended Use (Amendments to IAS 16)
- Onerous Contracts- Cost of fulfilling a contract (Amendments to IAS 37)
- Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards 2018 to 2020
- Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current (Amendments to IAS 1)

The above list has not been endorsed by the European Union and will not significantly impact the financial position or financial statements.

**1.2. Significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions**

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported for assets and liabilities as at the Statement of Financial Position date and the amounts reported for revenues and expenses during the year. However, the nature of estimation means that actual outcomes could differ from those estimates.

*Estimates and assumptions*

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

*Investments in subsidiaries and associates*

The Company assesses whether there are any indicators of impairment for all non-financial assets at each reporting date. Investments in subsidiaries are tested for impairment when there are indicators that the carrying amounts may not be recoverable. When value in use calculations are undertaken management must estimate the expected future cash flows from the asset and choose a suitable discount rate in order to calculate the present value of those cash flows in addition to considering the underlying carrying value of the assets and liabilities held by subsidiaries. No value in use calculation was undertaken in the current year as there was no impairment required.

**1.3. Revenue recognition**

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Company and the revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received, excluding VAT. The following specific recognition criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

*Interest income*

Interest income is recognised on an accruals basis.

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*Dividend income*

Dividend income is recognised when it is received or in the case of a final dividend when it is approved. During the year the Company received no dividend income from its subsidiaries (2019: £0.0m).

**1.4. Taxation**

**Current income tax**

Current income tax assets and liabilities for the current period and prior periods are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities, or paid to or recovered from other Aegon Group companies in respect of group relief surrendered or received. The tax rates and laws used to compute the amount are those that are enacted or substantively enacted by the Statement of Financial Position date.

Current income tax relating to items recognised directly in equity is recognised in equity and not in the statement of comprehensive income.

**1.5 Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and short-term deposits in the Statement of Financial Position comprise cash at banks and in hand and short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less.

For the purpose of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and cash equivalents as defined above.

**1.6 Investments in subsidiaries**

Subsidiaries are entities over which the Company has direct or indirect power to govern the financial and operating policies so as to obtain benefits from its activities ('control'). The assessment of control is based on the substance of the relationship between the Company and the entity and, among other things, considers existing and potential voting rights that are currently exercisable and convertible.

Subsidiaries are accounted for at cost. Any impairment on individual investments in subsidiaries held at cost is determined at each reporting date. Dividends from subsidiaries are included in investment income when paid (or in respect of final dividends when approved), net of any impairment of the investment in subsidiary resulting from the dividend.

**2. Administrative expenses**

No directors' fees are paid by the Company (2019: £nil). These are met by the subsidiaries of the Company – Aegon Asset Management UK Plc and Aegon Asset Management Limited – or by other companies within the Aegon Group.

The company has no employees (2019: nil).

No audit fees are paid by the Company. These are met by the subsidiaries of the Company – Aegon Asset Management UK Plc and Aegon Asset Management Limited. These amount to £103k (2019: £68k).

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**3. Dividends received**

	<u>2020</u> <u>£000's</u>	<u>2019</u> <u>£000s</u>
Dividend received from Aegon Asset Management UK Plc	-	-
Dividends received	-	-

**4. Tax charge**

**(a) Current year tax charge**

	<u>2020</u> <u>£000's</u>	<u>2019</u> <u>£000's</u>
<u>UK current tax</u>		
Corporation tax charge for the year	-	-
Total current tax	-	-
Total tax charge reported in the statement of comprehensive income	-	-

**(b) Reconciliation of tax charge**

	<u>2020</u> <u>£000's</u>	<u>2019</u> <u>£000's</u>
Accounting profit before tax and dividends paid	-	-
Tax charge calculated using weighted average applicable statutory rates	-	-
Effect of:		
Non-deductible expenses and non-taxable income	-	-
Total tax charge reported in the statement of comprehensive income	-	-

The current tax rate of 19%, which has been effective since 1 April 2017, was enacted by Finance (No.2) Act on 26 October 2015. The Finance Act 2016, enacted on 6 September 2016, included a future reduction in the corporation tax rate from 19% to 17% with effect from 1 April 2020, however in the Spring Budget 2020, the Government announced the corporation tax rate would remain at 19% from 1 April 2020 and this was substantively enacted on 17 March 2020.

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In the Spring Budget 2021, the Government announced their intention to increase the corporation tax rate from 19% to 25% from 1 April 2023. This increase has not been substantively enacted but if it were, using a 25% tax rate to value the deferred tax assets this would have no effect in this company.

**5. Investments in subsidiaries**

	<u>2020</u> <u>£000's</u>	<u>2019</u> <u>£000's</u>
At 1 January	<u>21,043</u>	21,043
At 31 December	<u>21,043</u>	<u>21,043</u>

All investments in subsidiaries are carried at cost less impairment losses.

At 31 December 2020 the Company held 100% of the shares in the following principle subsidiaries. The undertakings have only one class of share.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Principal activity</b>	<b>Registered</b>	<b>Holding %</b>	<b>Profit/(Loss) to 31 December 2020 £000s</b>	<b>Capital as at 31 December 2020 £000s</b>
Aegon Asset Management UK Plc	Asset Management Services	Scotland	100%	(18,196)	37,311
Aegon Asset Management Limited	Appointed Representative Services	Scotland	100%	(163)	4,084
Kames Target Healthcare General Partner Limited	General Partner	Jersey	100%	-	-

The registered address for both Aegon Asset Management UK Plc and Aegon Asset Management Limited is Aegon House, 3 Lochside Crescent, Edinburgh Park, Edinburgh, EH12 9SA. The registered address for Kames Target Healthcare General Partner Limited is 1 Waverley Place, Union Street, St Helier, Jersey, JE1 1SG.

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**6. Cash and short term deposits**

	<u>2020</u> <u>£000's</u>	<u>2019</u> <u>£000's</u>
Short term deposits	<u>73</u>	<u>73</u>
	<u>73</u>	<u>73</u>

Cash at banks earn interest at floating rates based on daily bank deposit rates. Short term deposits are made for varying periods of between one day and three months, depending on the immediate cash requirements of the Company, and earn interest at the respective short-term deposit rates. The fair value of cash and short term deposits is £73k (2019 : £73k).

The Company only deposits cash surpluses with major banks of acceptable credit standing (A rated or higher).

**7. Issued Capital**

	<u>2020</u> <u>£000's</u>	<u>2019</u> <u>£000's</u>
<b>Allotted, called up and fully paid</b>		
18,711,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each (2019: 18,711,000)	<u>18,711</u>	<u>18,711</u>

The Directors have passed a resolution which allows the allotment of additional shares as required in accordance with the Companies Act. There is therefore no Authorised share capital.

Information on capital management is included in the Strategic Report under 'Corporate governance and capital management'.

Aegon Asset Management Holding B.V. owns the entire share capital of the Company.

**8. Related party transactions**

**(a) Ultimate parent undertaking**

The ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is Aegon N.V., which is incorporated in the Netherlands. Aegon N.V. is the parent undertaking of the largest group of undertakings to consolidate these financial statements at 31 December 2020. The consolidated financial statements of Aegon N.V. are available from the Company Secretary, Aegon Asset Management UK Plc, Aegon House, 3 Lochside Crescent, Edinburgh Park, Edinburgh, EH12 9SA.

**(b) Year end balances and transactions with related parties**

There were no transactions with related parties during 2020 (2019: £nil) (other than dividends received and paid).

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**(c) Compensation of key management personnel (including directors)**

No key management personnel (including directors) received any compensation in respect of services provided to the Company. These costs are met by the subsidiaries of the Company – Aegon Asset Management UK Plc and Aegon Asset Management Limited.

**(d) Dividends received and paid**

During the year the company received no dividends from its subsidiary Aegon Asset Management UK Plc (2019: £0.0m). The company did not pay dividends (2019: £0.0m) to its parent entity Aegon Asset Management Holdings B.V.

**9. Risk Management**

The Company is not exposed to significant financial statement risk. Further details of the Company's risk management policies can be found within the Strategic Report section entitled "Risk and Capital Management and Financial Instruments within the Statement of Financial Position".

**10. Dividends paid and proposed**

	<u>2020</u> <u>£000's</u>	<u>2019</u> <u>£000's</u>
Declared and paid during the year		
Equity dividend on ordinary shares		
Final dividend for 2019 – 0.0p (2018 – 0.0p)	-	-
Interim dividend for 2020 – 0.0p (2019 – 0.0p)	-	-
Proposed for approval by shareholders		
Final dividend for 2020 – 0.0p (2019 – 0.0p)	-	-

**11. Post Balance Sheet events**

**Capital Injection**

A capital injection of £28m was made from Aegon Asset Management Holding BV. to Aegon Asset Management UK Holding Ltd (formerly Kames Capital Holdings Ltd) on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021. This equated to a subscription of 28m shares, fully paid at £1 each. Aegon Asset Management UK Holdings Limited then acquired 28m shares in Aegon Asset Management UK Plc fully paid at £1 each on the same date.