

LLOYDS BANK LEASING LIMITED

Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015



Member of Lloyds Banking Group

Registered Number: 01004792



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STRATEGIC REPORT

The directors present their strategic report of Lloyds Bank Leasing Limited ("the company") for the year ended 31 December 2015.

REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS

The company is part of the Commercial Banking division of the Lloyds Banking Group plc group of companies ("the Group"), principally focused on meeting the needs of commercial clients through the provision of asset finance. Strategic direction is set by the board, to ensure that the company's interests and other charges fully reflect the risks associated with its principal activities, while remaining profitable.

The company's business has remained consistent during the year and there have been no material changes to its operations. The financial performance of the company is detailed in the income statement on page 7.

The position of the company at the year end is detailed in the directors report on pages 3 and 4.

The company's finance lease assets and hire purchase assets are expected to continue for the foreseeable future.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

From the perspective of the company, the principal risks and uncertainties are integrated with the principal risks of the group and are not managed separately. For further details please refer to note 23 'Risk management of financial instruments' in these financial statements.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS ('KPIs')

Given the straightforward nature of the business, the company's directors are of the opinion that analysis using KPIs is not necessary for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business.

By order of the board



G.A. Fox
Director

Date: 08 September 2016

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report and audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2015.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS

During the year, the principal activity of the company was the leasing of plant and equipment through finance and operating lease transactions and the holding of investments in subsidiary undertakings and this is likely to continue for the foreseeable future.

The results of the company show a profit before taxation of £94,329,000 (2014: £23,704,000) for the year as set out in the income statement on page 7.

The company has shareholder's equity of £19,602,000 (2014: £171,036,000).

DIVIDENDS

The directors paid a dividend of £247,000,000 during the year (2014: £nil).

DIRECTORS

The names of the directors of the company who were in office during the year and up to the date of the signing of financial statements are shown on page 1. The following change in directors has taken place during the year:

Appointed	Resigned/ceased to be a director
P J Sherrington	13 June 2016

No director had any interest in any material contract or arrangement with the company during or at the end of the year.

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union. Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable IFRSs as adopted by the European Union have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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

In accordance with Section 418 of the Act, in the case of each director in office at the date the directors' report is approved:

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

DIRECTORS' INDEMNITIES

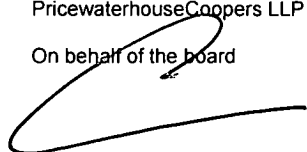
Lloyds Banking Group plc has granted to the directors of the company, including former directors who resigned during the year, a deed of indemnity through deed poll which constituted 'qualifying third party indemnity provisions' for the purposes of the Act. The deed was in force during the whole of the financial year and at the date of approval of the financial statements. Directors no longer in office but who served on the board of the company at any time in the financial year had the benefit of this contract of indemnity during that period of service. The indemnity remains in force for the duration of a director's period of office. The deed indemnifies the directors to the maximum extent permitted by law. The deed for existing directors is available for inspection at the registered office of Lloyds Banking Group plc. In addition, the Group has in place appropriate directors' and officers' liability insurance cover which was in place throughout the financial year.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' APPOINTMENT

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP are deemed to be re-appointed as auditors under section 487(2) of the Act.

On behalf of the board



G A Fox
Director

Date: 08 September 2016

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LLOYDS BANK LEASING LIMITED

Report on the Financial Statements

Our opinion

In our opinion, Lloyds Bank Leasing Limited's financial statements (the "financial statements"):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2015 and of its profit and cash flows for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs") as adopted by the European Union; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

What we have audited

The financial statements comprise:

- the Income Statement for the year ended 31 December 2015;
- the Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 31 December 2015;
- the Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2015;
- the Statement of Changes in Shareholder's Equity for the year then ended;
- Cash Flow Statement for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in the preparation of the financial statements is applicable law and IFRSs as adopted by the European Union.

In applying the financial reporting framework, the directors have made a number of subjective judgements, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates. In making such estimates, they have made assumptions and considered future events.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

Other matters on which we are required to report by exception

Adequacy of accounting records and information and explanations received

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

- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- 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.

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

Directors' remuneration

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion, certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made. We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

Our responsibilities and those of the directors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on page 3, 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) ("ISAs (UK & Ireland)"). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LLOYDS BANK LEASING LIMITED (CONTINUED)

What an audit of financial statements involves

We conducted our audit in accordance with ISAs (UK & Ireland). 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.

We primarily focus our work in these areas by assessing the directors' judgements against available evidence, forming our own judgements, and evaluating the disclosures in the financial statements.

We test and examine information, using sampling and other auditing techniques, to the extent we consider necessary to provide a reasonable basis for us to draw conclusions. We obtain audit evidence through testing the effectiveness of controls, substantive procedures or a combination of both.

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.



Mark Hoskyns-Abrahall (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

Edinburgh

Date: 12 September 2016

INCOME STATEMENT
For the year ended 31 December 2015

	Note	2015 £000	2014 £000
Investment income	2	103,079	22,617
Finance income	3	3,444	6,791
Finance costs	4	<u>(1,438)</u>	<u>(4,049)</u>
		105,085	25,359
Other operating income	5	6,977	26
Other operating expenses	6	(180)	-
Impairment charge	7	(17,373)	(1,443)
Administration expenses	8	(165)	(213)
Foreign exchange loss		<u>(15)</u>	<u>(25)</u>
Profit before taxation	9	94,329	23,704
Taxation credit/(charge)	10	<u>1,033</u>	<u>(474)</u>
Profit after taxation for the year		<u><u>95,362</u></u>	<u><u>23,230</u></u>

The accompanying notes on pages 12 to 27 are an integral part of the Financial Statements.

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
For the year ended 31 December 2015

	Note	2015 £000	2014 £000
Profit after taxation for the year		95,362	23,230
Other comprehensive income			
Items that may subsequently be reclassified to profit or loss:			
Movements in cash flow hedges			
- changes in fair value taken to equity	22	<u>204</u>	<u>515</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to owners of the parent		<u><u>95,566</u></u>	<u><u>23,745</u></u>

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LLOYDS BANK LEASING LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET
As at 31 December 2015

	Note	2015 £000	2014 £000
Assets			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	11	-	113
Investment in subsidiary undertakings	12	5,521	22,894
Hire purchase receivables	15	2,713	5,327
Deferred taxation	19	<u>39</u>	<u>70</u>
Total non-current assets		<u>8,273</u>	<u>28,404</u>
Current assets			
Finance lease receivables	14	-	1,515
Hire purchase receivables	15	3,132	2,812
Amounts owed by group companies	16	425,599	544,537
Other debtors		<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>
Total current assets		<u>428,733</u>	<u>548,864</u>
Total assets		<u><u>437,006</u></u>	<u><u>577,268</u></u>
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Amounts owed to group companies	17	414,908	405,187
Other creditors		<u>2,496</u>	<u>1,045</u>
Total current liabilities		<u>417,404</u>	<u>406,232</u>
Equity			
Share capital	20	2,000	2,000
Other reserves	22	101	(103)
Retained earnings		<u>17,501</u>	<u>169,139</u>
Total equity		<u>19,602</u>	<u>171,036</u>
Total liabilities and equity		<u><u>437,006</u></u>	<u><u>577,268</u></u>

The financial statements on pages 7 to 27 were approved by the Board of Directors on 08/09/16 and signed on its behalf by:


G A Fox
Director

Registered Number: 01004792

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY

	Note	Share capital	Other reserves	Retained earnings	Total equity
		£000	£000	£000	£000
Balance at 31 December 2013		2,000	(618)	145,909	147,291
Total comprehensive income for the year					
Profit for the year		-	-	23,230	23,230
Change in fair value of derivatives, net of tax	22	-	515	-	515
Balance at 31 December 2014		2,000	(103)	169,139	171,036
Dividend paid during the year	21	-	-	(247,000)	(247,000)
Total comprehensive income for the year					
Profit for the year		-	-	95,362	95,362
Change in fair value of derivatives, net of tax	22	-	204	-	204
Balance at 31 December 2015		<u>2,000</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>17,501</u>	<u>19,602</u>

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT
For the year ended 31 December 2015

	Note	2015 £000	2014 £000
Profit before taxation		94,329	23,704
Add/(less) non cash items:			
Depreciation		14	53
Impairment charge		17,373	1,443
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment		99	-
Gain on sale of investment		(6,900)	-
Foreign exchange loss		15	25
Operating cash flows before movements in working capital		104,930	25,225
Decrease in receivables		11,154	2,277
Increase in payables		49,112	515
Cash generated by operations		165,196	28,017
Group relief paid		(91)	(916)
Net cash flow from operating activities		165,105	27,101
Investing activities			
Disposal of investments		6,900	-
Net cash flow from investing activities		6,900	-
Financing activities			
Dividends paid	21	(247,000)	-
Decrease in bank borrowings		(45,215)	(107,779)
Net cash flow from financing activities		(292,215)	(107,779)
Exchange movements on cash and cash equivalents		-	2
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(120,210)	(80,676)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		283,766	364,442
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year		163,556	283,766
Cash and cash equivalents are comprised of:			
Cash at bank	16	94	136
Bank deposits	16	384,131	496,126
Bank overdraft	17	(220,669)	(212,496)
		163,556	283,766

The accompanying notes on pages 12 to 27 are an integral part of the Financial Statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union, under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies reporting under IFRSs.

The financial statements also comply with the relevant provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis which assumes that the company will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The validity of this assumption depends on the continuing financial support provided by Lloyds Bank plc. After making appropriate enquiries, the directors believe that it is appropriate for the financial statements to be prepared on the going concern basis.

Immediate parent undertaking

These separate financial statements contain information about Lloyds Bank Leasing Limited as an individual company and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The company has taken advantage of the exemption under IAS 27 (revised), 'Consolidated and separate financial statements', from the requirement to prepare consolidated financial statements as it and its subsidiaries are included by full consolidation in the consolidated financial statements of its parent, Lloyds Bank plc.

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Due to the inherent uncertainty in making estimates, actual results reported in future periods may be based upon amounts which differ from those estimates. Estimates, judgements and assumptions are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised and in any future periods affected. The accounting policies deemed critical to the company's results and financial position, based upon materiality and significant judgements and estimates, are discussed below.

- Impairment

The company regularly reviews the portfolio of financial assets for impairment. In determining whether an impairment has occurred at the balance sheet date the company considers whether there is any observable data indicating that there has been a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows or their timings; such observable data includes whether there has been an adverse change in the payment status of borrowers or changes in economic conditions that correlate with defaults on repayments or values of underlying assets. Where this is the case, the impairment loss is measured in accordance with note 1(f) below.

1(a) Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment is held at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is calculated on a straight line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset less any residual value of the assets over their useful lives as follows:-

Fixtures and fittings	10 - 20 years
Other equipment	2 – 8 years

Plant and machinery includes IT equipment.

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

Assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. In the event that an asset's carrying amount is determined to be greater than its recoverable amount it is written down immediately. The recoverable amount is the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and its value in use.

1(b) Investment in subsidiary undertakings

Investments in subsidiary undertakings are stated at historical cost, less any provision for impairment or fair value.

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive payment is established.

1(c) Investments in associates

Investments in associates represents entities over which the company has significant influence and that is neither a subsidiary or a joint venture. The group's share of results from associated entities, generally based on audited accounts, are included in the groups consolidated financial statements using the equity method of accounting. The share of any losses is restricted to a level that reflects an obligation to fund such losses.

1(d) Leases

Assets leased to customers are classified as finance leases if the lease agreements transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee; all other leases are classified as operating leases.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

1 Accounting policies (continued)**1(d) Leases (continued)**

When assets are leased under a finance lease the amount due from a lessee is recorded as a receivable at the present value of the lease payments being the company's net investment in the lease. Finance lease income is recognised over the lease term using the net investment method so as to reflect a constant periodic rate of return on the company's net investment in the lease.

Initial direct costs attributed to negotiating and arranging a finance lease are included in the initial measurement of the finance lease receivable thus reducing the amount of income recognised over the lease term. Fees and commissions received are deferred and recognised as an adjustment to the effective interest rate on the lease over the lease term.

1(e) Hire purchase receivables

Assets hired to customers are classified as hire purchase debtors if the hire purchase agreements provide the customer with an option to acquire title to the asset upon the fulfilments of agreed conditions and which is expected to be exercised. When assets are financed under a hire purchase agreement the amount due from the hirer is recorded as a receivable at the present value of the future payments being the company's net investment in the asset. Hire purchase income is recognised over the hire term using the net investment method so as to reflect a constant periodic rate of return on the company's net investment in the asset over the hire term.

Initial direct costs attributed to negotiating and arranging the hire purchase are included in the initial measurement of the hire purchase debtor thus reducing the amount of income recognised over the hire term.

Hire purchase agreements for which the assets are under construction at the year end have been classified as loans and advances. As at 31 December 2015, the value of hire purchase agreements on assets under construction was £5,845,000 (2014: £8,425,000).

1(f) Impairment

At each balance sheet date the company assesses whether, as a result of one or more events occurring after initial recognition, there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets has become impaired.

The criteria that the company uses to determine that there is objective evidence of an impairment loss include:

- Delinquency in contractual payments of principal and/or interest;
- Indications that the borrower or group of borrowers is experiencing significant financial difficulty;
- Restructuring of debt to reduce the burden on the borrower;
- Breach of loan covenants or conditions; and
- Initiation of bankruptcy.

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss has been incurred, a provision is established which is calculated as the difference between the balance sheet carrying value of the asset and the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted at the asset's implicit rate in the lease.

If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, such as an improvement in the borrower's credit rating, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised as a credit to the income statement.

1(g) Taxation

Current income tax which is payable on taxable profits is recognised as an expense in the period in which the profits arise.

Deferred tax is provided in full, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. However, deferred tax is not accounted for if it arises 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 determined using tax rates that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the balance sheet date which are expected to apply when the related deferred tax asset is realised or the deferred tax liability is settled.

Deferred tax assets are recognised where it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised. Income tax payable on profits is recognised as an expense in the period in which those profits arise. The tax effects of losses available for carry forward are recognised as an asset when it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which these losses can be utilised. Deferred tax related to fair value re-measurement of financial assets and liabilities, which are charged or credited directly to equity, is also credited or charged directly to equity and is subsequently recognised in the income statement together with the deferred gain or loss.

Deferred and current tax assets and liabilities are offset when they arise in the same tax reporting group and where there is both a legal right of offset and the intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

1(h) Dividends

Dividends are recognised in equity only when the company has the obligation to pay the ordinary shareholder.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

1 Accounting policies (continued)**1(i) Cash and cash equivalents**

For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash and amounts due from banks with original maturities of less than three months. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

1(j) Fair value

The fair value of finance lease and hire purchase receivables is derived from a present value cash flow model of expected cash flows from the lease using current market interest rates and margin for the risks inherent in the lease.

1(k) Derivative financial instruments

All derivatives are recognised at their fair value. Fair values are obtained from quoted market prices in active markets, including recent market transactions, and using valuation techniques, including discounted cash flow and options pricing models, as appropriate. Derivatives are carried in the balance sheet as assets when their fair value is positive and as liabilities when their fair value is negative.

Changes in the fair value of any derivative instrument that is not part of a hedging relationship are recognised immediately in the income statement.

Derivatives embedded in financial instruments are treated as separate derivatives when their economic characteristics and risks are not closely related to those of the host contract and the host contract is not carried at fair value through profit or loss. These embedded derivatives are measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in the income statement.

The method of recognising the movements in the fair value of the derivatives depends on whether they are designated as hedging instruments and, if so, the nature of the item being hedged. Hedge accounting allows one financial instrument, generally a derivative such as a swap, to be designated as a hedge of another financial instrument such as a loan or deposit or a portfolio of the same. At the inception of the hedge relationship, formal documentation is drawn up specifying the hedging strategy, the hedged item and the hedging instrument and the methodology that will be used to measure the effectiveness of the hedge relationship in offsetting changes in the fair value or cash flow of the hedged risk. The effectiveness of the hedging relationship must be tested throughout its life and if at any point it is concluded that it is no longer highly effective in achieving its objective the hedge relationship is terminated.

The company designates derivatives as hedges of highly probable future cash flows attributable to recognised assets or liabilities (cash flow hedges).

The effective portion of changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as cash flow hedges is recognised in other comprehensive income, and in equity. The gain or loss relating to the ineffective portion is recognised immediately in the income statement. Amounts accumulated in equity are recycled to the income statement in the periods in which the hedged item affects profit or loss. When a hedging instrument expires or is sold, or when a hedge no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting, any cumulative gain or loss existing in equity at that time remains in equity and is recognised when the forecast transaction is ultimately recognised in the income statement. When a forecast transaction is no longer expected to occur, the cumulative gain or loss that was reported in equity is immediately transferred to the income statement.

The company documents at the inception of the transaction the relationship between hedging instrument and the hedged item. The company also documents its assessment both at hedge inception and on an ongoing basis, of whether the derivatives that are used in hedging transactions are highly effective in offsetting changes in fair values or cash flows of hedged items.

The full fair value of a hedging derivative is classified as a non-current asset or liability if the remaining maturity of the hedged item is more than 12 months and as a current asset or liability, if the maturity of the hedged item is less than 12 months.

1(l) Foreign currency translation

Items included in the financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ("the functional currency"). The financial statements are presented in pounds sterling, which is the company's functional and presentation currency.

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income except when deferred in equity as qualifying cash flow hedges.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

2 Investment income

	2015 £000	2014 £000
Dividends received during the year	103,079	22,617
	<u>103,079</u>	<u>22,617</u>

Dividends were received from Lloyds Bank Maritime Leasing (No. 13) Limited (£11,690,946), Lloyds Bank Maritime Leasing (No. 15) Limited (£9,178,389), Lloyds Bank Leasing (No. 3) Limited (£9,158,959), Birchcrown Finance Limited (£8,912,763), Lloyds Bank Equipment Leasing (No. 5) Limited (£7,430,761), Whitestar Securities Limited (£7,077,540), Lloyds Leasing (No. 2) Limited (£6,429,594), Lloyds (Nimrod) Specialist Financed Limited (£5,775,662), Lloyds Portfolio Leasing Limited (£5,567,533), Lloyds Asset Leasing Limited (£5,418,401), Lloyds (Nimrod) Leasing Industries Limited (£4,633,670), Lloyds Bank General Leasing (No. 18) Limited (£3,641,875), Lloyds Bank General Leasing (No. 20) Limited (£3,551,373), Lloyds Leasing Developments Limited (£3,367,509), Lloyds Bank Maritime Leasing (No. 12) Limited (£3,305,316), Lloyds Bank Equipment Leasing (No. 2) Limited (£3,203,393), and the remaining £4,735,108 from another 11 subsidiaries and an associate (Omnium Leasing Company).

3 Finance income

	2015 £000	2014 £000
Finance lease income	27	524
Rental rebate	(40)	-
Interest receivable from other group companies	3,050	5,750
Hire purchase income	407	517
	<u>3,444</u>	<u>6,791</u>

Finance lease income represents the income component of finance lease receivable earned in the year, being finance lease rentals less capital repayment.

Hire purchase income represents the income component of hire purchase receivable earned in the year, being hire purchase rental receivable less capital repayment.

4 Finance costs

	2015 £000	2014 £000
Interest payable on bank loans and overdraft to other group companies	1,065	3,352
Interest rate swaps: cash flow hedges	317	696
Interest payable on rental rebate	56	-
Other interest paid	-	1
	<u>1,438</u>	<u>4,049</u>

5 Other operating income

	2015 £000	2014 £000
Other fees receivable	-	5
Gain on sale of finance lease assets	-	3
Gain on sale of subsidiary investment	6,900	-
Other income receivable	77	18
	<u>6,977</u>	<u>26</u>

6 Other operating expenses

	2015 £000	2014 £000
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	99	-
Other expenses	81	-
	<u>180</u>	<u>-</u>

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7 Impairment charge

	2015 £000	2014 £000
Impairment of finance lease receivable	-	445
Impairment of investment in subsidiary undertakings	<u>17,373</u>	<u>998</u>
	<u>17,373</u>	<u>1,443</u>

In 2015, there was a £17,373,000 impairment in five of the subsidiary entities following their payment of dividends to the company to clear down their reserves.

In 2014, there was a £998,000 impairment in Maritime Leasing (No. 7) Limited, which is one of the company's subsidiaries. There was also £445,000 worth of impairment of finance lease receivables due to one of the company's lessees going into administration in 2012.

8 Administration expenses

	2015 £000	2014 £000
Professional fees and other related expenses	151	160
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment (note 11)	<u>14</u>	<u>53</u>
	<u>165</u>	<u>213</u>

9 Profit before taxation

Audit fees for the company are borne by the ultimate parent company, which makes no recharge to the company.

The company has no employees (2014: nil).

The directors, who are considered to be key management, received no remuneration in respect of their services to the company. The emoluments of the directors are paid by a fellow Group undertaking on behalf of the ultimate parent, Lloyds Banking Group plc, which makes no recharge to the company. The directors are also directors of a number of other subsidiaries of the Group and are also substantially engaged in managing their respective business areas within the Group. Given this, it is not possible to make an accurate apportionment of directors' emoluments in respect of their services to each of the subsidiaries. Accordingly, these financial statements include no emoluments in respect of the directors.

10 Taxation credit/(charge)

	2015 £000	2014 £000
The taxation credit/(charge) for the year comprises:		
Current tax payable on profit for the year	(410)	(479)
Adjustment in respect of prior year	<u>1,420</u>	<u>(5)</u>
Total current tax receivable/(payable) for the year	1,010	(484)
Deferred taxation (note 19)	23	11
Impact of tax rate change (note 19)	<u>-</u>	<u>(1)</u>
Total taxation credit/(charge) for the year	<u>1,033</u>	<u>(474)</u>

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10 Taxation credit/(charge) (continued)

Where taxation on the company's profit for the year differs from the taxation charge that would arise using the standard rate of corporation tax of 20.25% (2014: 21.5%), the differences are explained below:

	2015 £000	2014 £000
Profit before taxation	<u>94,329</u>	<u>23,704</u>
Tax at standard rate of corporation tax	(19,102)	(5,096)
Non-taxable items	20,842	4,843
Gains exempted or covered by capital losses	1,397	-
Impact of tax rate change	-	(1)
Adjustment in respect of prior year	1,420	(5)
Impairment of investment in subsidiary undertakings	(3,518)	(215)
Partnership income	<u>(6)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total taxation credit/(charge)	<u>1,033</u>	<u>(474)</u>

The Finance Act 2013 was substantively enacted on 2 July 2013. The Act further reduced the main rate of corporation tax to 21% with effect from 1 April 2014 and 20% with effect from 1 April 2015.

The Finance Act 2015 which was substantively enacted on 26 October 2015 included legislation to reduce the corporation tax rate applicable from 1 April 2017 to 19% and from 1 April 2020 to 18%.

On 16 March 2016, the Government announced that the corporation tax rate applicable from 1 April 2020 would be 17%. The proposed reductions in the rate of corporation tax are expected to be enacted, and the impact accounted for, during 2016.

11 Property, plant and equipment

	2015 £000	2014 £000
Original cost:		
At beginning of the year	566	566
Disposals during the year	<u>(505)</u>	<u>-</u>
At end of the year	<u>61</u>	<u>566</u>
Depreciation:		
At beginning of the year	(453)	(400)
Charge for the year	(14)	(53)
Disposals during the year	<u>406</u>	<u>-</u>
At end of the year	<u>(61)</u>	<u>(453)</u>
Net book value at end of the year	<u>-</u>	<u>113</u>

12 Investment in subsidiary undertakings

	2015 £000	2014 £000
At beginning of year	22,894	23,892
Impairment of investment	<u>(17,373)</u>	<u>(998)</u>
At end of the year	<u>5,521</u>	<u>22,894</u>

Investments in subsidiaries are carried at cost less provision for impairment, or fair value.

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12 Investment in subsidiary undertakings (continued)

The principal subsidiary undertakings of the company, all of which are registered in England and Wales, are listed below. The principal activity of these subsidiaries is the leasing of plant and equipment.

<u>Company name</u>	<u>Ownership & Voting (%)</u>	<u>Class of shares</u>	<u>Accounting reference date</u>
Birchcrown Finance Limited	100	Ordinary	20 November 2015
Birchcrown Finance Limited	100	Preference	20 November 2015
Conquest Securities Limited	100	Ordinary	20 February 2015
Conquest Securities Limited	100	Preference	20 February 2015
CTSB Leasing Limited	100	Ordinary	20 November 2015
Equipment Leasing (No.3) Limited	100	Ordinary	27 June 2015
Equipment Leasing (No.6) Limited	100	Ordinary	31 March 2015
General Leasing (No. 10) Limited	100	Ordinary	30 September 2015
General Leasing (No. 12) Limited	100	Ordinary	30 September 2015
General Leasing (No. 15) Limited	100	Ordinary	31 December 2015
General Leasing (No. 19) Limited	100	Ordinary	27 June 2015
General Leasing (No. 2) Limited	100	Ordinary	31 March 2015
General Leasing (No. 4) Limited	100	Ordinary	31 December 2015
Hill Samuel Finance Limited	100	Ordinary	31 December 2015
Hill Samuel Finance Limited	100	Preference	31 December 2015
Hill Samuel Leasing (No.2) Limited	100	Ordinary	30 June 2015
LBI Leasing Limited	100	Ordinary	31 March 2015
Leasing (No. 2) Limited	100	Ordinary	31 December 2015
Lloyds (Nimrod) Leasing Industries Limited	100	Ordinary	31 December 2015
Lloyds (Nimrod) Specialist Finance Limited	100	Ordinary	31 March 2015
Lloyds Asset Leasing Limited	100	Ordinary	31 December 2015
Lloyds Bank Corporate Asset Finance (HP) Limited	100	Ordinary	31 December 2015
Lloyds Bank Corporate Asset Finance (No.1) Limited	100	Ordinary	31 March 2015
Lloyds Bank Corporate Asset Finance (No.2) Limited	100	Ordinary	30 June 2015
Lloyds Bank Corporate Asset Finance (No.3) Limited	100	Ordinary	30 September 2015
Lloyds Bank Corporate Asset Finance (No.4) Limited	100	Ordinary	31 December 2015
Lloyds Bank Equipment Leasing (No.1) Limited	100	Ordinary	30 September 2015
Lloyds Bank Equipment Leasing (No.10) Limited	100	Ordinary	31 December 2015
Lloyds Bank Equipment Leasing (No.11) Limited	100	Ordinary	31 December 2015
Lloyds Bank Equipment Leasing (No.2) Limited	100	Ordinary	2 July 2015
Lloyds Bank Equipment Leasing (No.5) Limited	100	Ordinary	31 December 2015
Lloyds Bank Equipment Leasing (No.7) Limited	100	Ordinary	31 December 2015
Lloyds Bank Equipment Leasing (No.9) Limited	100	Ordinary	30 November 2015
Lloyds Bank General Leasing (No. 1) Limited	100	Ordinary	24 October 2015
Lloyds Bank General Leasing (No. 11) Limited	100	Ordinary	30 September 2015
Lloyds Bank General Leasing (No. 17) Limited	100	Ordinary	31 December 2015
Lloyds Bank General Leasing (No. 18) Limited	100	Ordinary	31 December 2015
Lloyds Bank General Leasing (No. 20) Limited	100	Ordinary	31 December 2015
Lloyds Bank General Leasing (No. 3) Limited	100	Ordinary	31 December 2015
Lloyds Bank General Leasing (No. 5) Limited	100	Ordinary	30 June 2015
Lloyds Bank Leasing (No. 3) Limited	100	Ordinary	31 December 2015
Lloyds Bank Leasing (No. 4) Limited	100	Ordinary	24 October 2015
Lloyds Bank Leasing (No. 6) Limited	100	Ordinary	31 December 2015
Lloyds Bank Leasing (No. 7) Limited	100	Ordinary	24 October 2015
Lloyds Bank Leasing (No. 8) Limited	100	Ordinary	31 December 2015
Lloyds Bank Maritime Leasing (No.10) Limited	100	Ordinary	31 December 2015
Lloyds Bank Maritime Leasing (No.12) Limited	100	Ordinary	30 September 2015
Lloyds Bank Maritime Leasing (No.13) Limited	100	Ordinary	31 December 2015
Lloyds Bank Maritime Leasing (No.15) Limited	100	Ordinary	31 December 2015
Lloyds Bank Maritime Leasing (No.16) Limited	100	Ordinary	31 December 2015
Lloyds Bank Maritime Leasing (No.17) Limited	100	Ordinary	31 December 2015
Lloyds Bank Maritime Leasing (No.18) Limited	100	Ordinary	31 December 2015
Lloyds Bank Maritime Leasing (No.2) Limited	100	Ordinary	30 September 2015
Lloyds Bank Maritime Leasing (No.3) Limited	100	Ordinary	30 September 2015
Lloyds Bank Maritime Leasing (No.8) Limited	100	Ordinary	31 December 2015
Lloyds Bank Maritime Leasing Limited	100	Ordinary	31 December 2015
Lloyds Bank Property Company Limited	100	Ordinary	30 September 2015
Lloyds Commercial Leasing Limited	100	Ordinary	30 September 2015
Lloyds Financial Leasing Limited	100	Ordinary	30 June 2015
Lloyds General Leasing Limited	100	Ordinary	31 December 2015
Lloyds Industrial Leasing Limited	100	Ordinary	30 June 2015
Lloyds Investment Bonds Limited	100	Ordinary	31 December 2015
Lloyds Investment Securities No.5 Limited	100	Ordinary	31 December 2015
Lloyds Leasing (North Sea Transport) Limited	100	Ordinary	31 December 2015
Lloyds Leasing Developments Limited	100	Ordinary	31 December 2015
Lloyds Plant Leasing Limited	100	Ordinary	31 March 2015

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12 Investment in subsidiary undertakings (continued)

<u>Company name</u>	<u>Ownership & Voting (%)</u>	<u>Class of shares</u>	<u>Accounting reference date</u>
Lloyds Portfolio Leasing Limited	100	Ordinary	31 December 2015
Lloyds Project Leasing Limited	100	Ordinary	31 March 2015
Lloyds Property Investment Co Limited	100	Ordinary	30 June 2015
Lloyds Property Investment Co No.3 Limited	100	Ordinary	31 December 2015
Lloyds Property Investment Co No.5 Limited	100	Ordinary	31 December 2015
Maritime Leasing (No.1) Limited	100	Ordinary	30 September 2015
Maritime Leasing (No.11) Limited	100	Ordinary	31 May 2015
Maritime Leasing (No.14) Limited	100	Ordinary	31 March 2015
Maritime Leasing (No.19) Limited	100	Ordinary	31 December 2015
Maritime Leasing (No.4) Limited	100	Ordinary	30 September 2015
Maritime Leasing (No.7) Limited	100	Ordinary	31 December 2015
Maritime Leasing (No.9) Limited	100	Ordinary	31 March 2015
Savban Leasing Limited	100	Ordinary	31 December 2015
Whitestar Securities Limited	100	Ordinary	6 July 2015
Wood Street Leasing Limited	100	Ordinary	30 September 2015

During the year, two of the company's subsidiary investments were liquidated. These were Old Park Limited and Lloyds Bank General Leasing (No. 21) Limited. No subsidiary investments were liquidated in 2014.

During the year, the company sold one of its subsidiary investments, Lloyds (Nimrod) Machinery Finance Limited for proceeds of £6,900,000, resulting in a gain on sale of £6,900,000. No subsidiary investments were sold in 2014.

13 Investment in associates

	2015 £000	2014 £000
At beginning of the year	-	-
At end of the year	-	-

Investments in associates represent the company's 24% interest in Omnium Leasing Company.

14 Finance lease receivables

	Minimum lease payments		Present value of minimum lease payments	
	2015 £000	2014 £000	2015 £000	2014 £000
Amounts receivable under finance leases				
Within 1 year	-	1,541	-	1,515
2 - 5 years inclusive	-	-	-	-
After 5 years	-	-	-	-
	-	1,541	-	1,515
Less: Unearned finance income	-	(26)	-	-
Present value of minimum lease payments receivable	-	1,515	-	-
Analysed as:				
Non-current finance lease receivable	-	-	-	-
Current finance lease receivables	-	1,515	-	-
	-	1,515	-	-

The fair value of the company's finance lease receivables at 31 December 2015 is estimated at £nil (2014: £2,183,000).

During the year, the company terminated two finance leases. Both of these were in their secondary rental period and there were no sales proceeds and no gain or loss on sale.

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15 Hire purchase receivables

	Minimum lease payments		Present value of minimum lease payments	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Amounts receivable under hire purchase				
Within 1 year	3,387	3,211	3,132	2,812
2 - 5 years inclusive	2,792	5,644	2,713	5,327
After 5 years	-	-	-	-
	<u>6,179</u>	<u>8,855</u>	<u>5,845</u>	<u>8,139</u>
Less: Unearned finance income	<u>(334)</u>	<u>(716)</u>		
Present value of minimum lease payments receivable	<u>5,845</u>	<u>8,139</u>		
Analysed as:				
Non-current hire purchase receivable	2,713	5,327		
Current finance hire purchase receivables	<u>3,132</u>	<u>2,812</u>		
	<u>5,845</u>	<u>8,139</u>		

The fair value of the company's hire purchase receivables at 31 December 2015 is estimated at £5,981,000 (2014: £8,425,000).

16 Amounts owed by group companies

	2015	2014
	£000	£000
Cash at bank	94	136
Bank deposits	384,131	496,126
Interest receivable	195	238
Amounts due from immediate parent company	1,027	-
Amounts due from fellow group subsidiaries	<u>40,152</u>	<u>48,037</u>
	<u>425,599</u>	<u>544,537</u>

For further details please refer to note 24.

17 Amounts owed to group companies

	2015	2014
	£000	£000
Bank overdraft	220,669	212,496
Bank borrowings	21,767	66,982
Interest payable	246	242
Amounts due to fellow subsidiary undertakings	166,164	119,129
Amounts due to immediate subsidiary undertaking	5	-
Amounts due to parent undertakings	4,960	3,883
Group relief payable	890	1,991
Derivative financial instruments (note 18)	<u>207</u>	<u>464</u>
	<u>414,908</u>	<u>405,187</u>

For further details please refer to note 24.

18 Derivative financial instruments

Derivative financial instruments include interest rate swaps. An interest rate swap is an agreement between two parties to exchange fixed and floating interest payments, based upon interest rates defined in the contract, without the exchange of the underlying principal amounts.

Derivative transactions are with group companies. See note 17 for further details of balances outstanding at the year end.

The derivatives used by the company are designated as cash flow hedges, these hedge against fluctuations in market interest rates and are detailed below.

The effective portion of changes in the fair value of cash flow hedges is recognised in other comprehensive income. The ineffective portion is recognised immediately in the income statement. The cash flow hedges were highly effective through out the year and no ineffectiveness was recognised in profit or loss during the year.

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18 Derivative financial instruments (continued)

There was no portion of the hedging reserve reclassified from equity to profit and loss during the period.

Interest payments arising on borrowings are settled on a quarterly basis.

	Contractual/Notional amount £000	Fair Values Liabilities £000
31 December 2015		
Interest rate swaps	<u>8,618</u>	<u>207</u>
	<u>8,618</u>	<u>207</u>

	Contractual/Notional amount £000	Fair Values Liabilities £000
31 December 2014		
Interest rate swaps	<u>10,284</u>	<u>464</u>
	<u>10,284</u>	<u>464</u>

19 Deferred taxation

	2015 £000	2014 £000
At beginning of the year	70	189
Deferred taxation credit for the year (note 10)	23	11
Impact of tax rate change on deferred taxation (note 10)	-	(1)
Movement in other reserves (note 22)	(53)	(138)
Impact of tax rate change on cash flow hedges (note 22)	<u>(1)</u>	<u>9</u>
At end of the year	<u>39</u>	<u>70</u>

The deferred taxation credit in the income statement comprises the following:

	2015 £000	2014 £000
Accelerated tax depreciations	<u>23</u>	<u>10</u>
Total deferred taxation credit	<u>23</u>	<u>10</u>

Deferred taxation assets and liabilities are comprised as follows:

	2015 £000	2014 £000
Deferred taxation assets		
Cash flow hedges	<u>39</u>	<u>93</u>
Total deferred taxation assets	<u>39</u>	<u>93</u>
	2015 £000	2014 £000
Deferred taxation liability		
Accelerated tax depreciation	<u>-</u>	<u>(23)</u>
Total deferred taxation liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>(23)</u>
Total deferred taxation	<u>39</u>	<u>70</u>

The Finance Act 2013 was substantively enacted on 2 July 2013. The Act further reduced the main rate of corporation tax to 21% with effect from 1 April 2014 and 20% with effect from 1 April 2015.

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On 16 March 2016, the Government announced that the corporation tax rate applicable from 1 April 2020 would be 17%. The proposed reductions in the rate of corporation tax are expected to be enacted, and the impact accounted for, during 2016.

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20 Share capital

	2015 £	2014 £
Allotted, issued and fully paid		
2,000,000 ordinary share of £1 each	<u>2,000,000</u>	<u>2,000,000</u>
	<u>2,000,000</u>	<u>2,000,000</u>

The company's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, provide an adequate return to its shareholder through pricing products and services commensurately with the level of risk and, indirectly, to support the Group's regulatory capital requirements.

The company's parent manages the company's capital structure and makes adjustments to it in the light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of the underlying assets. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the company's parent may adjust the amount of dividends to be paid to the shareholder, return capital to the shareholder, issue new shares, or enter into debt financing.

The company's capital comprises all components of equity, movements in which appear in the statement of changes in shareholder's equity.

21 Dividends paid

	2015 £000	2014 £000
Dividends paid	<u>247,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>247,000</u>	<u>-</u>

On 26 November 2015, the company paid a dividend of £123.50 per share (2014: £nil).

22 Other reserves

Other reserves relates to gains and losses recognised on cash flow hedges.

	2015 £000	2014 £000
At beginning of the year	(103)	(618)
Change in fair value of cash flow hedges	258	644
Deferred taxation thereon (note 19)	(53)	(138)
Impact of tax rate change (note 19)	<u>(1)</u>	<u>9</u>
At end of the year	<u>101</u>	<u>(103)</u>

There was no ineffectiveness to be recorded in the statement of comprehensive income from cash flow hedges.

23 Risk management of financial instruments

The primary financial risks affecting the company are: credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk (which include interest rate risk and foreign currency risk). Information on the management of these financial risks and further disclosures is given below.

In accordance with IAS 39 "Financial instruments: Recognition and measurement", the following financial instruments, including derivatives, are classified as shown:

	Held at cost/amortised cost £000	Held at Fair Value £000	Loans or receivables £000	Total £000
At 31 December 2015				
Assets				
Finance lease receivables	-	-	-	-
Hire purchase receivables	-	-	5,845	5,845
Amounts owed by group companies	425,599	-	-	425,599
Other debtors	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>
Total financial assets	<u>425,601</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,845</u>	<u>431,446</u>
Liabilities				
Amounts owed to group companies	414,701	207	-	414,908
Other creditors	<u>2,496</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,496</u>
Total financial liabilities	<u>417,197</u>	<u>207</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>417,404</u>

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23 Risk management of financial instruments (continued)

	Held at cost/amortised cost £000	Held at Fair Value £000	Loans or receivables £000	Total £000
At 31 December 2014				
Assets				
Finance lease receivables	-	-	1,515	1,515
Hire purchase receivables	-	-	8,139	8,139
Amounts owed by group companies	<u>544,537</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>544,537</u>
Total financial assets	<u>544,537</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,654</u>	<u>554,191</u>
Liabilities				
Amounts owed to group companies	404,723	464	-	405,187
Other creditors	<u>1,045</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,045</u>
Total financial liabilities	<u>405,768</u>	<u>464</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>406,232</u>

Credit risk management:

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation.

The maximum credit risk exposure of the company in the event of other parties failing to perform their obligations is detailed below. The maximum exposure to loss is considered to be the balance sheet carrying amount as at 31 December.

	2015 £000	2014 £000
Financial assets which are neither past due nor impaired for credit risk:		
Finance lease receivables	-	1,515
Hire purchase receivables	5,845	8,139
Amounts owed by group companies	425,599	544,537
Other debtors	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>
Total credit risk exposure	<u>431,446</u>	<u>554,191</u>

Credit risk management is performed by various committees established by its ultimate parent, Lloyds Banking Group plc. Each exposure or loan is assessed for credit risk prior to approval and assigned a credit rating based on the credit risk rating methodology and management policy of the Lloyds Banking Group plc. The table below reflects the credit rating of the financial assets portfolio net of any financial guarantees received.

Financial assets by credit rating:

	AAA £000	AA £000	A £000	BBB £000	Rated BB or lower £000	Not rated £000	Total £000
At 31 December 2015							
Hire purchase receivables	-	-	-	-	5,845	-	5,845
Amounts owed by group companies	-	-	425,599	-	-	-	425,599
Other debtors	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>425,599</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,845</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>431,446</u>

	AAA £000	AA £000	A £000	BBB £000	Rated BB or lower £000	Not rated £000	Total £000
At 31 December 2014							
Finance lease receivables	-	-	-	1,515	-	-	1,515
Hire purchase receivables	-	-	-	-	8,139	-	8,139
Amounts owed by group companies	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>544,537</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>544,537</u>
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>544,537</u>	<u>1,515</u>	<u>8,139</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>554,191</u>

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23 Risk management of financial instruments (continued)

At the balance sheet date the company assesses if there is objective evidence that the financial assets have become impaired. Evidence of impairment may include indications that the counterparty is experiencing financial difficulty, default or delinquency in settlements of amounts due or debt restructurings to reduce the financial burden on the counterparty.

At 31 December 2015 there were no impairments relating to credit risk against any financial assets nor any lease receivables past due on scheduled lease payments.

At 31 December 2014 there was an impairment relating to credit risk against finance lease receivables of £445,000.

The credit risk exposure under short-term debtors, deposits and other financial assets are represented by the book values in the above table.

For financial assets held at amortised cost the fair value approximates to their carrying values, except for leases and hire purchase whose fair value is disclosed in notes 14 and 15.

Fair Value Estimation:

The table below provides an analysis of the financial assets and liabilities of the company that are carried at fair value, grouped into levels 1 to 3 based on the degree to which the fair value is observable as defined below:

- Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets of identical assets and liabilities (level 1)
- Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly, or indirectly (level 2)
- Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (level 3)

Valuation hierarchy	Level 1 £000	Level 2 £000	Level 3 £000	Total £000
31 December 2015				
Derivative financial instruments	-	207	-	207
Financial liabilities	-	207	-	207
	Level 1 £000	Level 2 £000	Level 3 £000	Total £000
31 December 2014				
Derivative financial instruments	-	464	-	464
Financial liabilities	-	464	-	464

Liquidity risk management:

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or other financial assets.

The liquidity profile of financial liabilities at year end was as follows:

At 31 December 2015	Bank overdraft £000	Bank borrowings £000	Other liabilities £000	Derivatives £000	Total Liabilities £000
On demand	220,669	-	7,241	-	227,910
Up to 1 month	-	179,216	1,531	-	180,747
1-3 months	-	8,534	6	-	8,540
3-12 months	-	-	-	-	-
1-5 years	-	-	-	207	207
Over 5 years	-	-	-	-	-
Total	220,669	187,750	8,778	207	417,404

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23 Risk management of financial instruments (continued)

Liquidity risk management (continued):

At 31 December 2014	Bank overdraft £000	Bank borrowings £000	Other liabilities £000	Derivatives £000	Total Liabilities £000
On demand	212,496	-	2,220	-	214,716
Up to 1 month	-	64,130	123,254	-	187,384
1-3 months	-	2,852	816	464	4,132
3-12 months	-	-	-	-	-
1-5 years	-	-	-	-	-
Over 5 years	-	-	-	-	-
Total	212,496	66,982	126,290	464	406,232

The fair value of current liabilities approximates their carrying values.

Bank borrowings and the associated interest payable upon them are borrowed short term and all borrowings are advanced by a fellow subsidiary undertaking of Lloyds Banking Group plc.

Interest rate risk management:

Interest rate risk is the risk that the future cash flows and fair values of a financial instrument may fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The company takes into account the exposure on fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates on its cash flows when structuring its operations by ensuring the interest terms of its finance income is matched to the variable interest terms of the borrowing used to finance the leasing portfolio. As such the company has no material exposure to financial risk arising from changes in market interest rates. Interest rate risk is hedged using interest rate swaps.

Foreign currency risk:

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates.

Exposure to foreign currency fluctuations arises due to its financial assets and liabilities being denominated in foreign currencies. The company hedges the majority of its foreign currency exposure by taking out foreign currency swaps where necessary. The fair value of any currency swap is included within derivative financial instruments if applicable.

At the year end, if the currency had fluctuated by +/- 25 basis points against the USD, with all other variables held constant, post tax profit would have changed by an insignificant amount (2014: insignificant) primarily due to assets/liabilities denominated in USD.

Foreign currency risk - carrying amount	2015 \$000	2014 \$000
Financial assets		
Hire purchase receivables	8,659	12,685
Amounts owed by group companies	7	5
	<u>8,666</u>	<u>12,690</u>
Financial liabilities		
Amounts owed to group companies	<u>8,649</u>	<u>12,137</u>
	<u>8,649</u>	<u>12,137</u>

24 Related parties

The company's immediate parent company is Lloyds Bank plc. The company regarded by the directors as the ultimate parent company and ultimate controlling party is Lloyds Banking Group plc, a limited liability company incorporated and domiciled in Scotland, which is also the parent undertaking of the largest group of undertakings for which group financial statements are drawn up and of which the company is a member. Lloyds Bank plc is the parent company of the smallest such group of undertakings. Copies of the group financial statements may be downloaded via www.lloydsbankinggroup.com.

The company's related parties include other companies in the Group and the company's key management personnel. Key management personnel are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the company, which is determined to be the company's directors, who are listed on page 1 of these financial statements.

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24 Related parties (continued)

In respect of related party transactions, the outstanding balances receivable/(payable) at 31 December were as follows:

Nature of transaction	Related party	Related party relationship	2015	2014	Terms and conditions	
			£000	£000	Repayment	Interest
Cash at bank	Lloyds Bank plc	Immediate parent undertaking	94	136	N/A	N/A
Bank deposits	Lloyds Bank plc	Immediate parent undertaking	384,131	496,126	04/01/16 and 14/01/16	0% to 0.58%
Amounts due from parent company	Lloyds Bank plc	Immediate parent undertaking	1,027	-	No fixed date	N/A
Amounts due from subsidiary companies	Various	Fellow subsidiary undertakings	39,980	40,645	Various	Various
Interest receivable from parent undertaking	Lloyds Bank plc	Immediate parent undertaking	160	226	04/01/16	N/A
Interest receivable from subsidiary undertaking	Lloyds Investment Bonds Limited	Immediate subsidiary undertaking	35	12	05/02/16	
Amounts due from group companies	Various	Fellow subsidiary undertakings	172	7,392	No fixed date	N/A
Bank overdraft	Lloyds Bank plc	Immediate parent undertaking	(220,669)	(212,496)	No fixed date	N/A
Bank borrowings	Lloyds Bank plc	Immediate parent undertaking	(21,767)	(66,982)	04/01/16 and 14/01/16	0.24% to 0.58%
Interest payable to parent undertaking	Lloyds Bank plc	Immediate parent undertaking	(163)	(218)	Various	N/A
Interest payable to group companies	Various	Fellow subsidiary undertakings	(83)	(24)	Various	N/A
Derivative financial instruments payable	Lloyds Bank plc	Immediate parent undertaking	(207)	(464)	Various	Various
Amounts due to subsidiary companies	Lloyds Bank General Leasing (No. 18) Limited	Immediate subsidiary undertaking	(5)	-	No Fixed date	N/A
Amounts due to group companies	Various	Fellow subsidiary undertakings	(166,164)	(119,129)	Various	Various
Amounts due to parent company	Lloyds Bank plc	Immediate parent undertaking	(4,960)	(3,883)	No fixed date	N/A
Group relief payable	Bank of Scotland plc	Fellow subsidiary undertaking	(890)	(1,991)	No fixed date	N/A

There were no doubtful debts or bad debt expenses relating to the above balances incurred during the year.

Dividends of £103,079,000 (2014: £22,617,000) were received during the year from subsidiaries and an associate.

Bank borrowings are interest bearing and during the year rates of interest of between 0.48% and 0.73% (2014: between 0.47% and 2.00%) were charged. Finance costs of £1,382,000 (2014: £4,049,000) were incurred during the year.

The company earned interest on bank deposits of £3,050,000 (2014: £5,750,000) on which rates of interest of between 0.43% and 0.59% (2014: between 0.36% to 2.00%) were received.

The company paid group relief of £91,000 (2014: £916,000) during the year to fellow subsidiary undertakings.

25 Adopted accounting standards

There were no new accounting standards adopted by the company during the year.

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26 Future developments

The following accounting standard changes will impact the company in the future financial years. Save as disclosed below, the initial view is that none of these pronouncements are expected to cause any material adjustments to reported numbers in the Financial Statements.

<u>Pronouncement</u>	<u>Nature of change</u>	<u>IASB effective date</u>
IFRS 9; 'Financial Instruments' ¹	<p>IFRS 9 replaces IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement. IFRS 9 requires financial assets to be classified into one of three measurement categories, fair value through profit or loss, fair value through other comprehensive income and amortised cost, on the basis of the objectives of the entity's business model for managing its financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the instruments. These changes are not expected to have a significant impact on the company.</p> <p>IFRS 9 also replaces the existing 'incurred loss' impairment approach with an expected credit loss approach. This change is likely to result in an increase in the company's balance sheet provisions for credit losses although the extent of any increase will depend upon, amongst other things, the composition of the company's lending portfolios and forecast economic conditions at the date of implementation. In February 2015, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision published a consultative document outlining supervisory expectations regarding sound credit risk practices associated with implementing and applying an expected credit loss accounting framework. A final version is expected to be issued at the end of 2015.</p> <p>The hedge accounting requirements of IFRS 9 are more closely aligned with risk management practices and follow a more principle-based approach than IAS 39. The revised requirements are not expected to have a significant impact on the company.</p>	Annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018

¹ As at the date of signing, this pronouncement is awaiting EU endorsement.