

Registered number: 03807789

ALAMY LIMITED

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017



ALAMY LIMITED

COMPANY INFORMATION

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Company secretary	Mr J S Schilizzi
Registered number	03807789
Registered office	Units 6 & 8 127 Olympic Avenue, Milton Park Milton Abingdon Oxfordshire OX14 4SA
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GROUP STRATEGIC REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

Business review

The Group's operating profit percentage rose to 8.9% in 2017 compared to 5.5% in 2016. This was on the back of turnover increasing by 15% to £22.1 million in 2017 from £19.2 million in 2016. The gross profit percentage of 48.7% has remained the similar to 2016; commission rates were held at 2016 levels.

Due to the perpetual increase in the number of photographers contributing images and the Group's contributor payment policy, trade creditors (comprising predominantly of contributor balances) remain higher than trade debtors this year.

The Company has a subsidiary based in India to which it outsources administrative and development work. In keeping with the general economic climate, the company continued to outsource further work to the subsidiary at the same time as implementing efficiency savings. The Indian subsidiary has continued its sales operation which started in 2013, which broke even in 2014 and has grown in 2016 and 2017.

The US sales office (Alamy Inc.) has continued to grow its sales with no increase in its sales force. The company is happy with the performance of this office.

The Australia sales office (Alamy Australia Pty Ltd), has continued to perform well and continues to grow Alamy's position in the Australian market.

The Company continues to hold 1,300,000 preference shares in Manything Systems Limited, which have been externally valued at £599,000. The company has provided a long-term loan of £1,415,000 as at the year end.

Manything Systems Limited is a unique video monitoring service which uses the video cameras on Smartphone's and tablets to provide an easy-to-use alternative to boring, complex and expensive IP camera, webcam, and network security camera systems.

Due to the solid financial performance of the Company, it has paid dividends totalling £423,313 in 2017.

The company continues to be a responsible corporate citizen and donates a proportion of its operating profits to charity; in 2017 this amounted to £303,846 (2016: £282,300).

Principal risks and uncertainties

As with many businesses, the Group is exposed to macro-economic factors of an uncertain nature such as changes in inflation and interest rates, consumer spending patterns and levels of disposable income.

Financial risk management

Credit Risk – The group assesses credit risks of customer on a systematic basis, performing credit checks where appropriate and refusing credit if necessary.

Market Risk – Web-based image selling is a competitive industry. Whilst retaining a wide range of images (124.7 million as at 31 December 2017) is important, the group's established client-base is a more pertinent factor.

Foreign Exchange Rate Risk - Alamy Limited is exposed to exchange rate risk given the high volume of transactions in foreign currency especially with its contributors whose balances are denominated in US dollars along with its overseas subsidiaries in the US, Australia and India. Forward swaps are used by Alamy Limited to hedge against the risk of adverse movements in US dollar exchange rates. The net balance of US dollar debtors and creditors is monitored on a weekly basis and is reviewed to assess the anticipated required balance of foreign currency required should any significant fluctuations occur one way or the other. This policy has been running since the end of 2008 and attempts to mitigate the exposure to currency fluctuations. However, in 2017 sharp fluctuations in the Euro, US Dollar and Sterling resulted in a profit for the group of £24,104 (2016: loss £31,310).

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GROUP STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

The Indian subsidiary also bills Alamy Limited in US Dollars and sells in advance that currency through forward contracts to limit the short to medium term fluctuations in US Dollars to the Indian Rupee.

The Group continually reviews its cost base and processes to ensure that, even if there is a downturn in the market, the Group is still in a position to maintain an operating profit. Alamy retains a cash reserve of about £1.0 million so that it can plan accordingly for any long-term downturn in the market.

Future developments

The Company has made important improvements in several key areas and has begun to operate in new markets with new products.

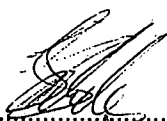
The number of images for sale has dramatically increased, now up to 124.7 million at the end of 2017 (98.2m in December 2016) and continues to grow at an average rate of about 94,500 images every day. Each year the company website continues to be improved both in its speed and design. This is so that it can provide a better experience for customers than that offered by the competition. Further development and improvement has continued across all aspects of the site and business into 2017. The whole site continues to be available in German. Later in the year the site was translated into Spanish, French, Italian and Portuguese so that it can directly compete in these large markets without any language problems.

The company has continued to operate in Australia, Germany and India with dedicated staff in each area.

The Alamy iQ product that enables the website to be tailored to suit individual clients for their specific needs and allows them to view all images and videos bought across all their worldwide offices in a seamless way continues to be improved. This has contributed to an increase in sales volumes and positive customer feedback in the targeted areas it has been deployed.

The company continues to undertake research and development in information technology to support its activities.

This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf.



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Mr J S Schilizzi
Secretary

Date: 27/09/2018

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DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017.

Directors' responsibilities statement

The directors are responsible for preparing the Group Strategic Report, the Directors' Report and the consolidated 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 elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'. 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 the Group and of the profit or loss of the Group for that period.

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

- select suitable accounting policies for the Group's financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Group 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 the Group and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and the Group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Group's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements and other information included in Directors' Reports may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Results and dividends

The profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to £1,420,292 (2016 - £619,148).

The group paid dividends of £423,313 in the year (2016: £128,400).

Directors

The directors who served during the year were:

Mr M D Fischer

Mr J L West

Mr T Pearson

Mr A Harding (appointed 2 December 2017, resigned 13 August 2018)

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

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Disclosure of information to auditor

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

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

Post balance sheet events

There have been no significant events affecting the Group since the year end.

Auditor

The auditor, James Cowper Kreston, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf.


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Mr J S Schilizzi
Secretary

Date: 27/09/2018

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF ALAMY LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Alamy Limited (the 'parent Company') and its subsidiaries (the 'Group') for the year ended 31 December 2017, which comprise the Group Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Group and Company Balance Sheets, the Group Statement of Cash Flows, the Group and Company Statement of Changes in Equity and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Group's and of the parent Company's affairs as at 31 December 2017 and of the Group's profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Auditor's Report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF ALAMY LIMITED (CONTINUED)

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Group Strategic Report and the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Group Strategic Report and the Directors' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Group and the parent Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Group Strategic Report or the Directors' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement 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, and for such internal control as the directors 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 Group's and the parent 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 Group or the parent Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

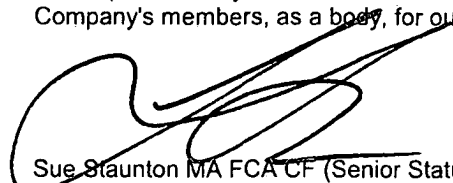
A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditor's Report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF ALAMY LIMITED (CONTINUED)

Use of our report

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



Sue Staunton MA FCA CF (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of
James Cowper Kreston

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor

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Date: 28/09/2018

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
Turnover		22,133,753	19,185,668
Cost of sales		(11,355,698)	(9,915,699)
Gross profit		10,778,055	9,269,969
Distribution costs		(1,075,964)	(892,249)
Administrative expenses		(8,070,611)	(7,326,026)
Operating profit		1,631,480	1,051,694
Share of loss of associates		-	(314,450)
Total operating profit		1,631,480	737,244
Interest receivable and similar income		81,804	13,561
Profit before taxation		1,713,284	750,805
Tax on profit	8	(292,992)	(131,657)
Profit for the year		1,420,292	619,148
Foreign exchange reserve movement		(67,305)	66,432
Total comprehensive income for the year		1,352,987	685,580
Owners of the parent Company		1,420,292	619,148

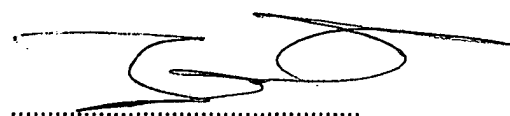
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ALAMY LIMITED
REGISTERED NUMBER: 03807789

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	579,819	480,774
Current assets			
Debtors	13	4,816,461	4,046,640
Cash at bank and in hand	14	3,299,280	3,535,251
		<u>8,115,741</u>	<u>7,581,891</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(5,123,629)	(5,420,408)
Net current assets		<u>2,992,112</u>	<u>2,161,483</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>3,571,931</u>	<u>2,642,257</u>
Provisions for liabilities			
Net assets		<u><u>3,571,931</u></u>	<u><u>2,642,257</u></u>
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	18	1,301	1,301
Share premium account	19	675,121	675,121
Foreign exchange reserve	19	(264,636)	(197,331)
Profit and loss account	19	3,160,145	2,163,166
		<u><u>3,571,931</u></u>	<u><u>2,642,257</u></u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf by:



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Mr J L West
 Director

Date: 27/09/2018

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ALAMY LIMITED
REGISTERED NUMBER: 03807789

COMPANY BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	410,750	345,571
Investments	12	444,038	444,038
		<u>854,788</u>	<u>789,609</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	13	4,793,027	3,886,296
Cash at bank and in hand	14	2,105,124	2,539,198
		<u>6,898,151</u>	<u>6,425,494</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(4,815,365)	(5,141,646)
Net current assets		<u>2,082,786</u>	<u>1,283,848</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>2,937,574</u>	<u>2,073,457</u>
Provisions for liabilities			
Deferred taxation	17	(40,655)	-
		<u>(40,655)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net assets		<u><u>2,896,919</u></u>	<u><u>2,073,457</u></u>
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	18	1,301	1,301
Share premium account	19	675,121	675,121
Profit and loss account	19	2,220,497	1,397,035
		<u><u>2,896,919</u></u>	<u><u>2,073,457</u></u>

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Share capital £	Share premium account £	Foreign exchange reserve £	Retained Earnings £	Total equity £
At 1 January 2017	1,301	675,121	(197,331)	2,163,166	2,642,257
Comprehensive income for the year					
Profit for the year	-	-	-	1,420,292	1,420,292
Currency translation differences	-	-	(67,305)	-	(67,305)
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	(67,305)	1,420,292	1,352,987
Dividends: Equity capital	-	-	-	(423,313)	(423,313)
Transfer to/from profit and loss account	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2017	1,301	675,121	(264,636)	3,160,145	3,571,931

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

	Share capital £	Share premium account £	Foreign exchange reserve £	Retained Earnings £	Total equity £
At 1 January 2016	1,301	675,121	(263,763)	1,954,538	2,367,197
Comprehensive income for the year					
Profit for the year	-	-	-	619,148	619,148
Currency translation differences	-	-	66,432	-	66,432
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	66,432	619,148	685,580
Dividends: Equity capital	-	-	-	(410,520)	(410,520)
Transfer to/from profit and loss account	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2016	1,301	675,121	(197,331)	2,163,166	2,642,257

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**COMPANY STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

	Share capital £	Share premium account £	Retained Earnings £	Total equity £
At 1 January 2017	1,301	675,121	1,397,035	2,073,457
Comprehensive income for the year				
Profit for the year	-	-	1,246,775	1,246,775
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-
Dividends: Equity capital	-	-	(423,313)	(423,313)
At 31 December 2017	1,301	675,121	2,220,497	2,896,919

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**COMPANY STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

	Share capital £	Share premium account £	Retained Earnings £	Total equity £
At 1 January 2016	1,301	675,121	1,922,834	2,599,256
Comprehensive income for the year				
Loss for the year	-	-	(115,279)	(115,279)
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-
Dividends: Equity capital	-	-	(410,520)	(410,520)
At 31 December 2016	1,301	675,121	1,397,035	2,073,457

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

	2017 £	2016 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit for the financial year	1,420,292	619,148
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation of tangible assets	259,519	219,847
Impairments of fixed assets	-	22,789
Interest received	(81,804)	(13,561)
Taxation charge	292,992	131,657
(Increase) in debtors	(780,941)	(684,713)
Increase in creditors	239,580	1,417,912
Share of operating profit in associates	-	314,450
Corporation tax (paid)	(229,465)	(13,423)
Net cash generated from operating activities	<u>1,120,173</u>	<u>2,014,106</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(360,021)	(328,340)
Purchase of share in associates	-	(291,004)
Interest received	81,804	13,561
Net cash from investing activities	<u>(278,217)</u>	<u>(605,783)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Dividends paid	(423,313)	(410,520)
Issued loans	(655,000)	-
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(1,078,313)</u>	<u>(410,520)</u>
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	<u>(236,357)</u>	<u>997,803</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	3,535,251	2,389,416
Foreign exchange gains and losses	386	148,032
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year	<u><u>3,299,280</u></u>	<u><u>3,535,251</u></u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year comprise:		
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>3,299,280</u>	<u>3,535,251</u>
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

1. General information

Alamy Limited is a private company limited by share capital and incorporated in England and Wales. The address of the registered office and principal place of business is Unit 6&8, 127 Olympic Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 4SA.

The principal activity of the Company in the year under review was that of an internet picture agency.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise specified within these accounting policies and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires Group management to exercise judgment in applying the Group's accounting policies (see note 3).

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption allowed under section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not presented its own Statement of Comprehensive Income in these financial statements.

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

2.2 Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements present the results of Group and its own subsidiaries ("the Group") as they formed a single entity. Intercompany transactions and balances between group companies are therefore eliminated in full.

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the results of business combinations using the purchase method. In the Balance Sheet, the acquiree's identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities are initially recognised at their fair values at the acquisition date. The results of acquired operations are included in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income from the date on which control is obtained. They are deconsolidated from the date control ceases.

2.3 Revenue

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Group and the revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured as the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, excluding discounts, rebates, value added tax and other sales taxes. The following criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

Sale of goods

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- the Group has transferred the significant risks and rewards of ownership to the buyer;
- the Group retains neither continuing managerial involvement to the degree usually associated with ownership nor effective control over the goods sold;
- the amount of revenue can be measured reliably;
- it is probable that the Group will receive the consideration due under the transaction; and
- the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets under the cost model are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Leasehold improvements	-	20% straight line
Motor vehicles	-	25% straight line
Fixtures & fittings	-	20% straight line
IT equipment & website	-	33% straight line

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income.

2.5 Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

2.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

In the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Group's cash management.

2.7 Research and development

Research and development expenditure is written off in the year in which it is incurred.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.8 Financial instruments

Financial instruments are classified and accounted for, according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as either financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

Currency swaps are used by Alamy Limited to hedge against foreign currency exchange rate risks. The currency exchange gain or loss is accrued when the agreement is made.

Forward exchange contracts are used by Alamy Images India Private Limited to hedge against exchange rate risk. The exchange rate gain or loss is realised when the forwarded contracts mature. Alamy Inc is not exposed to currency exchange rate risk as the subsidiary only trades in US dollars.

2.9 Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.10 Foreign currency translation

Functional and presentation currency

The parent company's functional and presentational currency is GBP.

Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the average of the last ten working days.

At each period end foreign currency monetary items are translated using the closing rate. Non-monetary items measured at historical cost are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction and non-monetary items measured at fair value are measured using the exchange rate when fair value was determined.

Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of transactions and from the translation at period-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the Profit and Loss Account except when deferred in other comprehensive income as qualifying cash flow hedges.

Foreign exchange gains and losses that relate to borrowings and cash and cash equivalents are presented in the Profit and Loss Account within 'finance income or costs'. All other foreign exchange gains and losses are presented in the Profit and Loss Account within 'other operating income'.

On consolidation, the results of overseas operations are translated into sterling at rates approximating to those ruling when the transactions took place. All assets and liabilities of overseas operations are translated at the rate ruling at the reporting date. Exchange differences arising on translating the opening net assets at opening rate and the results of overseas operations at actual rate are recognised in other comprehensive income.

2.11 Dividends

Equity dividends are recognised when they become legally payable. Interim equity dividends are recognised when paid. Final equity dividends are recognised when approved by the shareholders at an annual general meeting.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.12 Operating leases: the Group as lessee

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Benefits received and receivable as an incentive to sign an operating lease are recognised on a straight line basis over the lease term, unless another systematic basis is representative of the time pattern of the lessee's benefit from the use of the leased asset.

2.13 Valuation of investments

Investments in subsidiaries are measured at cost less accumulated impairment. Where merger relief is applicable, the cost of the investment in a subsidiary undertaking is measured at the nominal value of the shares issued together with the fair value of any additional consideration paid.

2.14 Pensions

Defined contribution pension plan

The Group operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the Group pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the Group has no further payments obligations.

The contributions are recognised as an expense in the Profit and Loss Account when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals as a liability in the Balance Sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the Group in independently administered funds.

2.15 Provisions for liabilities

Provisions are made where an event has taken place that gives the Group a legal or constructive obligation that probably requires settlement by a transfer of economic benefit, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Provisions are charged as an expense to the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income in the year that the Group becomes aware of the obligation, and are measured at the best estimate at the Balance Sheet date of the expenditure required to settle the obligation, taking into account relevant risks and uncertainties.

When payments are eventually made, they are charged to the provision carried in the Balance Sheet.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.16 Current and deferred taxation

The tax expense for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income, except that a charge attributable to an item of income and expense recognised as other comprehensive income or to an item recognised directly in equity is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date in the countries where the Company and the Group operate and generate income.

Deferred tax balances are recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the Balance Sheet date, except that:

- The recognition of deferred tax assets is limited to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits;
- Any deferred tax balances are reversed if and when all conditions for retaining associated tax allowances have been met; and
- Where they relate to timing differences in respect of interests in subsidiaries, associates, branches and joint ventures and the Group can control the reversal of the timing differences and such reversal is not considered probable in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax balances are not recognised in respect of permanent differences except in respect of business combinations, when deferred tax is recognised on the differences between the fair values of assets acquired and the future tax deductions available for them and the differences between the fair values of liabilities acquired and the amount that will be assessed for tax. Deferred tax is determined using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

3. Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported for assets and liabilities as at the balance sheet 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. The following judgements (apart from those involving estimates) have had the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are depreciated over their useful lives taking into account residual values, where appropriate. The actual lives of the assets and residual values are assessed annually and may vary depending on a number of factors. Residual value assessments consider issues such as the remaining life of the asset and projected disposal values.

Taxation

Deferred tax assets are recognised for unused tax losses to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the losses can be utilised. Significant management judgement is required to determine the amount of deferred tax assets that can be recognised, based upon the likely timing and the level of future taxable profits, together with future tax planning strategies.

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4. Turnover

Analysis of turnover by country of destination:

	2017 £	2016 £
United Kingdom	7,457,717	7,179,653
Rest of Europe	3,592,107	2,684,461
Rest of the World	11,083,929	9,321,554
	<u>22,133,753</u>	<u>19,185,668</u>

5. Operating profit

The operating profit is stated after charging:

	2017 £	2016 £
Exchange differences	13,096	(31,310)
Other operating lease rentals	<u>331,979</u>	<u>316,765</u>

6. Employees

Staff costs, including directors' remuneration, were as follows:

	Group 2017 £	Group 2016 £	Company 2017 £	Company 2016 £
Wages and salaries	5,262,797	4,603,782	3,230,008	3,001,047
Social security costs	308,701	308,945	239,711	252,898
Cost of defined contribution scheme	189,933	171,249	136,341	126,100
	<u>5,761,431</u>	<u>5,083,976</u>	<u>3,606,060</u>	<u>3,380,045</u>

The average monthly number of employees, including the directors, during the year was as follows:

2017 No.	2016 No.
<u>198</u>	<u>154</u>

The Company has no employees other than the directors, who did not receive any remuneration (2016 - £NIL)

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7. Directors' remuneration

	2017	2016
	£	£
Directors' emoluments	567,353	573,519
Company contributions to defined contribution pension schemes	7,809	10,518
	<u>575,162</u>	<u>584,037</u>

During the year retirement benefits were accruing to 2 directors (2016 - 1) in respect of defined contribution pension schemes.

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8. Taxation

	2017 £	2016 £
Corporation tax		
Current tax on profits for the year	52,445	(14,542)
Foreign tax		
Foreign tax on income for the year	199,892	153,943
Total current tax	<u>252,337</u>	<u>139,401</u>
Deferred tax		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	40,655	(7,744)
Total deferred tax	<u>40,655</u>	<u>(7,744)</u>
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	<u>292,992</u>	<u>131,657</u>

Factors affecting tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is the same as (2016 - lower than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.25% (2016 - 20%). The differences are explained below:

	2017 £	2016 £
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	<u>1,713,284</u>	<u>750,805</u>
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.25% (2016 - 20%)	321,588	150,161
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	2,249	160,345
Research & Development enhanced expenditure relief	(141,706)	(141,090)
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of prior periods	-	(23,116)
Differences in timing of allowances	40,655	40,114
Other short term timing differences	(1,217)	1,214
Differing tax rates in difference jurisdictions	68,521	58,251
Deferred tax not recognised	7,309	(102,369)
Adjustment to deferred tax rates	(4,407)	(11,853)
Total tax charge/(credit) for the year	<u>292,992</u>	<u>131,657</u>

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9. Dividends

	2017 £	2016 £
Dividends paid	423,313	410,520

10. Parent company profit for the year

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption allowed under section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not presented its own Statement of Comprehensive Income in these financial statements. The profit after tax of the parent Company for the year was £1,246,775 (2016 - loss £115,279).

11. Tangible fixed assets

Group

	Leasehold improvements £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures & fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation					
At 1 January 2017	131,884	177,167	641,689	2,724,139	3,674,879
Additions	-	65,800	119,397	174,824	360,021
Disposals	-	-	-	(1,173)	(1,173)
Exchange adjustments	(7,355)	(22,700)	(93,844)	67,713	(56,186)
At 31 December 2017	124,529	220,267	667,242	2,965,503	3,977,541
Depreciation					
At 1 January 2017	103,120	36,660	527,950	2,526,375	3,194,105
Charge for the year on owned assets	8,386	42,868	14,460	193,805	259,519
Disposals	-	-	-	(1,173)	(1,173)
Exchange adjustments	(7,355)	(31,353)	-	(16,021)	(54,729)
At 31 December 2017	104,151	48,175	542,410	2,702,986	3,397,722
Net book value					
At 31 December 2017	20,378	172,092	124,832	262,517	579,819
At 31 December 2016	28,764	140,507	113,739	197,764	480,774

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11. Tangible fixed assets (continued)

Company

	Leasehold improvements £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures & fittings £	IT equipment & website £	Total £
Cost or valuation					
At 1 January 2017	41,929	140,030	152,134	2,229,351	2,563,444
Additions	-	65,800	8,133	168,685	242,618
Disposals	-	-	-	(1,173)	(1,173)
At 31 December 2017	41,929	205,830	160,267	2,396,863	2,804,889
Depreciation					
At 1 January 2017	13,165	2,415	145,237	2,057,056	2,217,873
Charge for the year on owned assets	8,386	41,770	332	126,951	177,439
Disposals	-	-	-	(1,173)	(1,173)
At 31 December 2017	21,551	44,185	145,569	2,182,834	2,394,139
Net book value					
At 31 December 2017	20,378	161,645	14,698	214,029	410,750
At 31 December 2016	28,764	137,615	6,897	172,295	345,571

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12. Fixed asset investments

Subsidiary undertakings

The following were subsidiary undertakings of the Company:

Name	Class of shares	Holding	Principal activity
Alamy Images India Private Limited	Ordinary	100 %	Image Distribution
Alamy Inc	Ordinary	100 %	Image Distribution
Alamy Australia Pty Limited	Ordinary	100 %	Image Distribution

The aggregate of the share capital and reserves as at 31 December 2017 and of the profit or loss for the year ended on that date for the subsidiary undertakings were as follows:

	Aggregate of share capital and reserves £	Profit/(loss) £
Alamy Images India Private Limited	759,611	153,684
Alamy Inc	334,739	167,851
Alamy Australia Pty Limited	23,221	23,367
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Company

	Investments in subsidiary companies £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2017	444,038
At 31 December 2017	<hr/> 444,038 <hr/>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2017	444,038
At 31 December 2016	<hr/> 444,038 <hr/>

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13. Debtors

	Group 2017 £	Group 2016 £	Company 2017 £	Company 2016 £
Due after more than one year				
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	1,182,930	247,341
Other debtors	2,014,000	1,359,000	2,014,000	1,359,000
	<u>2,014,000</u>	<u>1,359,000</u>	<u>3,196,930</u>	<u>1,606,341</u>
Due within one year				
Trade debtors	1,985,720	1,940,786	1,185,789	1,989,027
Other debtors	362,902	337,549	45,233	44,465
Prepayments and accrued income	432,881	343,654	365,075	246,464
Deferred taxation	20,958	65,649	-	-
	<u>4,816,461</u>	<u>4,046,638</u>	<u>4,793,027</u>	<u>3,886,297</u>

The amounts owed by group undertakings relate to a loan to Alamy Inc of £227,118 (2016 - £247,341). Interest of £4,896 (2016 - £3,959) was charged by Alamy Limited at a rate of 2.04% per annum. This loan is not secured and has no fixed repayment date.

14. Cash and cash equivalents

	Group 2017 £	Group 2016 £	Company 2017 £	Company 2016 £
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>3,299,280</u>	<u>3,535,251</u>	<u>2,105,124</u>	<u>2,539,198</u>

15. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2017 £	Group 2016 £	Company 2017 £	Company 2016 £
Trade creditors	3,445,171	3,737,502	3,418,381	3,962,732
Amounts owed to group undertakings	-	-	309,811	-
Corporation tax	45,124	21,581	44,453	-
Taxation and social security	426,016	603,333	286,129	457,739
Other creditors	285,551	203,642	90,349	67,445
Accruals and deferred income	921,767	854,350	666,242	653,730
	<u>5,123,629</u>	<u>5,420,408</u>	<u>4,815,365</u>	<u>5,141,646</u>

Included within trade creditors are amounts which may be the subject of retention of title clauses.

Included within trade creditors of the Company is an amount owed by Alamy Limited to Alamy Images India Private Limited of £309,811 (2016 - £223,405).

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16. Financial instruments

	Group 2017 £	Group 2016 £	Company 2017 £	Company 2016 £
Financial assets				
Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost	<u>4,361,143</u>	<u>3,635,286</u>	<u>4,148,794</u>	<u>3,639,833</u>
Financial liabilities				
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	<u>(4,683,462)</u>	<u>(4,793,743)</u>	<u>(4,515,756)</u>	<u>(4,682,156)</u>

Financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise trade debtors, other debtors and amounts owed by group undertakings.

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise trade creditors, other creditors, accruals and amounts owed to group undertakings.

17. Deferred taxation

Group

	2017 £	2016 £
At beginning of year	65,649	48,419
Charged to profit or loss	-	7,744
Charged to other comprehensive income	(44,691)	9,486
At end of year	<u><u>20,958</u></u>	<u><u>65,649</u></u>

The deferred tax asset is made up as follows:

	Group 2017 £	Group 2016 £	Company 2017 £
Decelerated capital allowances	<u><u>20,958</u></u>	<u><u>65,649</u></u>	<u><u>(40,655)</u></u>

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18. Share capital

	2017 £	2016 £
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
1,300,000 (2016 - 1,300,000) 'A' Ordinary shares of £0.001 each	1,300	1,300
1 (2016 - 1) 'B' share of £1.000	1	1
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	1,301	1,301
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19. Reserves

Share premium account

The share premium reserve includes all amounts paid in excess of nominal value for ordinary shares issued less the cost of issuing the shares.

Foreign exchange reserve

The foreign exchange reserve includes differences arising upon translation of foreign denominated balances as part of the consolidation process.

Profit & loss account

The profit and loss account includes all current and prior year period profits and losses.

20. Pension commitments

The Group operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Group to the fund and amounted to £189,933 (2016: £171,249). There are no amounts outstanding at the year end.

21. Commitments under operating leases

At 31 December 2017 the Group and the Company had future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Group 2017 £	Group 2016 £	Company 2017 £	Company 2016 £
Not later than 1 year	187,095	105,000	105,000	105,000
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	653,479	498,750	393,750	498,750
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	840,574	603,750	498,750	603,750
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22. Related party transactions

During the year, the following transactions with related parties took place:

Alamy Limited made contributions totalling £303,846 (2016 - £274,100) to the Fischer Family Charitable Trust. Mr MD Fischer and Mr J West are directors of Alamy Limited and Trustees of the Fischer Family Charitable Trust.

Alamy Limited paid dividends to Mr MD Fischer, a director of the Company totalling £80,000 (2016 - £255,776).

Alamy Limited paid dividends to Mr J West, a director of the Company totalling £25,000 (2016 - £79,930).

Alamy Limited paid dividends to Mr T Pearson, a director of the Company totalling £1,000 (2016 - £3,197).

Alamy Limited are owed £2,014,000 (2016: £1,359,000) by Manything Limited, a Company with common directors. The loan is payable greater than one year and interest is being charged at 6% per annum.

23. Controlling party

The ultimate controlling party is Mr MD Fischer by way of his majority shareholding of the issued share capital of the Company.