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Chairman's Statement

The past year has not been an easy one for any financial and insurance institution. The growth of Islamic terrorism, the escalation of the war in Syria, the freeze between the Western world and Russia and, recently, the unexpected election of President Trump in the United States have created a high level of uncertainty and volatility on the financial markets.

This has also been a very eventful year for GlobalCapital. In April the company completed a successful rights issue which changed the shareholding structure and in June we completed the repayment of the euro 13,823,200 maturing bond and the issue a new euro 10,000,000 five years bond. Notwithstanding these major corporate changes the Group business kept growing and delivered another year of positive financial performances, the third in a row. I'm proud to state that the strategic plan which we designed last year when we were appointed to the Board of Directors has been fully implemented and that the results were much better than our best expectations.

This vision was based on three pillars of what we saw were opportunities for growth. These were to be the foundation of our turnaround strategy. The first focused on the need to strengthen operational efficiencies, and to enhance the financial strength and resilience of our business model. This set us off on a quest to invest heavily in technology over the past three years, particularly in a new line of business systems. Consequently, we have started achieving the required scalability and flexibility for growth in all lines of business.

Meanwhile, in terms of product sales and development, we took a strategic decision to focus on profitable and flexible products. In doing so we could benefit of the in-house expertise in the development of various products, ranging from interest-sensitive policies, to structured investment products, customised according to clients' needs. We also saw opportunities to grow our market share of insurance in Malta and Gozo and we aggressively designed products and services to exploit them. Looking beyond these shores, we laid the groundwork and have registered initial success in passporting insurance products to other EU jurisdictions. We remain convinced that Malta's membership in the EU, and its location at the heart of the Mediterranean, provides an ideal corporate base for GlobalCapital to serve as a bridge between Europe and Africa.

Finally, we took a strategic decision about our brand. Even if it would have been easier to change to a new brand and to try to cancel some negative legacies of the past, we decided to keep the original brand of our company, GlobalCapital, and to make it the most successful and respected brand in the industry. This is because we don't run from the past and we want to build the future on the highest ethical and professional standards. We invested in strengthening and promoting our brand image in all our segments and markets. This was accompanied by the need to attract and retain the best talent available, with the promise of working in a dynamic organisation, boasting a culture of providing a fast, efficient, very personal and private service to all our valued clients. All of this would be underlined by a commitment to maintain the highest standards of corporate governance.

As a part of our dedication to our community during the year we've also promoted and funded some major charitable events, partnering with Malta's most reputable cancer foundations to create awareness and prevention on one of the major plague of our age.

During the first half of 2016, GlobalCapital Plc pursued a Rights' Issue increasing the Group's share capital by 127%. This was successfully launched to the market and closed thereafter in April, returning a total net capital injection of €4.7M, in line with the Group's expectations. As a result, Investar Plc increased its shareholding from 8.93% to 52.60%. This investor has pledged full commitment to capitalise the Group even further, and since then we have seen an increase in share capital from 13 million shares to 30 million shares. An additional rights issue to be completed by end of 2017 has been approved .

I am pleased to state that the financial results for 2016 confirm the fact that our management team, ably led by CEO Reuben Zammit, have delivered on the commitment of restructuring our company.

During the year in review, we have continued to see growth in the main lines of business locally and we have witnessed the enhancement of all internal support structures. We have also been establishing a firm foundation for the realisation of our ultimate goal: transforming GlobalCapital into an international financial services and insurance organisation.

Although this has been a year of success strategically, operationally and financially, this is only the start of a long path. In such rapidly changing markets, we are aware of the need to focus our energies on innovation, on our customers and on exploiting opportunities for growth, both locally and on the global markets. We can only do this successfully with the contribution and support of excellent people, and on behalf of the Board, I would like to thank all our employees and partners, particularly our Sales Team, for their very considerable efforts in the past year. I look forward to continue, with the support of our stakeholders, our effort to make GlobalCapital an example of the Maltese talent around the world.



Prof Paolo Catalfamo
Chairman

Chief Executive Officer's Review

Tapping the strong momentum for further growth

I am pleased to report that as a result of the focused and dedicated endeavours of our management team and all our employees, we have managed to sustain the strong momentum we have been experiencing, for the third year in a row. This achievement is particularly noteworthy in the light of the changes which marked 2016, including the development of the necessary processes designed to create an efficient operative structure. These will support the Group's long-term growth objectives, amongst which the passporting in other EU jurisdictions continues to rank as a priority.

Market Overview

The year under review was characterised by very high volatility in the first quarter, subsequently leading to significant political developments such as the outcome of June's UK Brexit referendum, and the ripples created by the surprise election of Donald Trump as US president.

In the first quarter of 2016, Chinese productivity data was pointing towards the possibility of a contraction in economic growth, leading to investors selling risky assets. Meanwhile, the S&P 500 plunged 15%, while in February the WTI oil price collapsed from an already low \$30 to \$26/bbl.

The shift from a reliance on monetary policy to fiscal policy in late 2016 resonated through the US economy, allowing the US Federal Reserve to start normalising interest rates, with the first rate hike in November, following nine years at zero percent. Concurrently, we saw central bank policies in the UK and US start to diverge from those of the European Central Bank (ECB) and Bank of Japan (BoJ), with US unemployment numbers falling to 5%, and growth expectations for the country registering strong improvement. Meanwhile, both the ECB and BoJ had to increase quantitative easing to support their respective economies.

The US 10-year note yield recovered from a July low of 1.36%, to 2.45%. In the meantime, the 10-year US Treasury to 10-year German Bund spread increased to its widest in 27 years, reaching 2.2%

The US S&P 500 closed 2016 nearly 10% higher on the back of Donald Trump's election, and with investors expecting new policies to further stimulate economic growth, primarily through income tax reductions and government infrastructure spending.

The Group results for the year

The confidence generated by the Group's performance over the past two years was confirmed by the results registered in 2016, at the end of which the Group was showing a profit before tax of €2.8M, compared to €5.6M in 2015. The weighted average earnings per share was of 7c1 in 2016 and 15c7 in 2015. The 2016 decrease in profit reflects a reduction in fair value movements recognised on investments, which amounted to €5.9M. Fair value gains on investment property also decreased, from €3.2M to €1.6M.

Despite negative market developments, the Group managed to retain a profitable profile, thanks to the positive movements in revenue generated. Life insurance premiums earned increased by €1.4M, whilst premiums for investment contracts increased by €1.1M. Commissions generated by the health insurance agency increased by €0.33M. The increment in present value of in-force business, which represents the projected future shareholder profits expected from the insurance policies in force as at year end, discounted and adjusted for taxation, doubled from €1.4M in 2015 to €2.8M in 2016.

Meanwhile, Group Assets increased to €113M, with the cash generating assets increasing by €6.67M. The value of the life fund, represented by the technical provisions, also increased, from €71.1M in 2015 to €79.0M in 2016. As a consequence of the capitalisation programme completed in 2016, finance costs were reduced by €0.17M. The net asset value of the Group increased from €7.4M to €15.1M in 2016, as a result of the Rights Issue and profit for the year.

A positive trend sustained in 2016

The results of 2016 continue to vindicate the validity of the strategic decisions we have been taking over the past two years, and build upon the achievements we have registered during this period. These results owe much to the fact that the Company capitalised on the lean cost base of the Group. This, in turn, was due to the turnaround strategy we adopted and have successfully implemented, and which continues to contribute positively towards the Group's overall performance.

The year was also marked by a string of successes both in terms of investment, as well as in terms of overcoming challenges. The primary challenge we faced was that of realigning the shareholding structure, a requirement triggered by the insolvency of our former largest shareholder, BAI Co (Mtius) Ltd. The Rights Issue which followed was carried out in early 2016, and led to Investar becoming the single largest shareholder in the Group. This company has new and great ambitions for GlobalCapital plc. The first sign of things to come was the way in which the subsequent bond issue, subject to a short open period, was oversubscribed, and which in turn led to the settlement of the bond. Another challenge of note, which was also successfully overcome, was the reduction in the overconcentration of property that the Group was exposed to, particularly on the local market.

Maintaining efficient operations

It is worthwhile highlighting the fact that despite the challenges which the Company continued to face in this transitional period, operations continued to run smoothly. In line with the objectives of the turnaround strategy, and with an eye on the consolidation of the positive results already being registered, the Company further strengthened its infrastructure through the recruitment of new personnel, alongside the retention of good talent. This, together with further improvements in our internal systems and structures, contributed to the Company maintaining efficient operations across the three lines of business during the year.

Laying firm foundations for further growth

While the Company continued to consolidate and pursue opportunities on the local market, it concurrently embarked upon other projects aimed at expanding its presence and business portfolio, both locally and overseas. At the top of the list in terms of projects were efforts to establish the foundations for and generate business in passporting activity, in the latter part of 2016. These are now at an advanced stage. The Company also sought to extend its presence in the local market, particularly by setting up an office in Gozo. The year in review also saw preliminary work on other ambitious projects, which are now in their initial phase. These are expected to further augment the profitability of the Group going forward.

Community involvement

As a Malta-based company, we feel we owe it to our stakeholders and the community at large to contribute actively to issues affecting Maltese society. Consequently, during the year in review the Company was the main sponsor of Pink October 2016, a nationwide campaign which supports Breast Cancer Awareness. This successful campaign was responsible for raising a total of €117,000, also thanks to the contribution of over 2,500 participants. The campaign was spread over all media platforms, and its visibility and popularity was reflected in 105,000 YouTube video views, a total Facebook reach of 2.8 million, plus a further reach of 262k in Facebook advertising, together with 4 million impressions on Google and YouTube advertising. Meanwhile, we surpassed the 10,000 quota in all our traditional media reach, with a media exposure value of €110k, €440k and €10k in newspapers, on television and on radio respectively. The Company also continues to be involved in a number of initiatives aimed at supporting local charities, with particular focus on helping children through fundraising events.

On the right track...

The management team looks at 2017 with cautious optimism, confident in the knowledge that the turnaround strategy is delivering the expected results. Our underlying aim remains that of providing value to our shareholders, consolidating and building on our achievements, while maintaining the Company on a sound financial footing. The results for 2016 point to the fact that we are on the right track.

Finally, I would like to extend my gratitude to the Board of Directors, the management team, all our employees, and all stakeholders, for their constant support and commitment to GlobalCapital plc.

Sincerely,



Reuben Zammit
Chief Executive Officer

Board members

Prof. Paolo Catalfamo

Prof. Catalfamo is the founder and chairman of the merchant banking group 'Investar', based in Italy, US and India and a Professor at the Villanova School of Business in Philadelphia. He serves as managing director of IKF Spa, a holding company listed on the Italian Stock Exchange, as managing director and CEO of Milliora Finanzia Spa, a corporate lending company regulated by the Banca d'Italia, as managing director of Investar Plc, a financial services group in Malta. He was deputy chairman and CEO of the investment management group Franklin Templeton in Italy. Prof. Catalfamo serves as chairman of the Company and sits on the Investment, the Remuneration, the Nominations and the Risk Committees of the Board of Directors of the Company.

Mr. Reuben Zammit

Mr. Zammit is the chief executive officer of the Group. Prior to his current role as chief executive officer, Mr Zammit was the chief financial officer of the Group. Mr. Zammit sits on the Investment and the Risk Committees of the Board of Directors of the Company.

Mr. Joseph Schembri

Mr. Schembri is a consultant with Baker Tilly Sant. Mr Schembri is a certified public accountant and auditor. He was an audit partner of Joseph Tabone & Co and Senior Partner of KPMG Malta, as well as a board member of the KPMG regional practice specialising in Financial Services. Mr Schembri has also acted for a three-year period as director of EneMalta Corporation and as a member on the Disciplinary Committee of the Accountancy Board and the Malta Institute of Accountants. Mr Schembri was actively involved in the setting up of a KPMG member firm in Libya, acting as risk management principal as well as audit principal for foreign owned oil and gas clients operating in Libya. Mr. Schembri sits on the Audit and the Remuneration Committees of the Board of Directors of the Company.

Dr. Joseph Del Raso

Dr. Del Raso is a partner in the Commercial Department of Pepper Hamilton LLP. He is experienced in assisting businesses with a variety of international and domestic transactions, and advises on government relations on the federal, state and international level. Dr. Del Raso leads the firm's Investment Management Practice Group and is co-chair of the firm's Italian Desk and a practice leader for mutual funds of the firm's Funds Services Practice Group. He is a past member of Pepper Hamilton's Executive Committee and currently serves as a director of Freeh Group International Solutions, a Pepper Hamilton subsidiary. Dr. Del Raso sits on the Audit, the Nominations and the Ethics Committees of the Board of Directors of the Company.

Prof. Andrea Gemma

Prof. Gemma was admitted to the Supreme Court of Italy and is a partner of the legal and tax consultancy firm Gemma & Partners. He is a member of the Arbitro Bancario Finanziario (ABF) appointed by Banca d'Italia. Prof. Gemma is director of Eni S.p.A. He is also a member of the Board of Cinecitta' Centro Commercial SRL (Rome), deputy chairman of the Board of Serenissima SGR S.p.A (Verona), chairman of the Board of Directors of Immobiliare Strasburgo S.r.L, member of the Board of Vega Management S.p.A. (Torino), an extraordinary commissioner of Valtur S.p.A., an extraordinary commissioner of Novit Assicurazioni S.p.A. and Sequoia Partecipazioni S.p.A., an extraordinary commissioner of Suditalia Compagnia di Assicurazioni and Riassicurazione S.p.A., President of the Supervisory Body of Sorgente S.p.A. and Extraordinary Commissioner of Alpi Assicurazioni S.p.A. Prof. Gemma also serves as legal counsel to leading insurance companies (Società Cattolica di Ass.ne coop. a r.l., Carige Assicurazioni S.p.A., Faro Ass.ni in A.S.). Prof. Gemma sits on the Ethics Committees of the Board of Directors of the Company.

Mr. Jacopo Di Stefano

Mr. Di Stefano is the co-founder and chief executive officer of J-Invest S.P.A., an entity enrolled in the Elenco General under Art 106 of the Italian banking law and operating in the distressed asset and non-performing loans. Mr Di Stefano was co-founder, Chief Executive and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Fastfinance S.P.A between January 2000 and December 2007, before moving to J-Invest S.P.A. Mr Di Stefano sits not the Risk Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company.

Board members (continued)

Mr. Luca Galli

Mr. Galli is the chairman of Serenissima SGR and Managing Director of Minoprio Foundation. He is also a member of the Board of 2i Rete gas as well as being a consultant and entrepreneur. Mr Galli is former board member of A4 Holding and Infracom Spa, Finlombarda Spa, Fondazione Cariplo, Finlombarda SGR and San Paolo Imi Fondi chiusi SGR, Mediocredito Italiano, Banca IMI and Banca CIS. Mr Galli sits on the Audit and Nominations committee of the Company.

COMPANY SECRETARY

Dr. Clinton V. Calleja

Dr. Calleja is a practicing lawyer, specialising in the fields of corporate and commercial law. He is a partner of the law firm Guido de Marco & Associates - Advocates. Dr. Calleja was appointed company secretary of GlobalCapital p.l.c. and its regulated and operating subsidiaries in 2008.

Board Committees

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee is composed entirely of non-executive Directors and assists the Board in monitoring and reviewing the Group's financial statements, accounting policies and internal control mechanisms in accordance with the Committee's terms of reference. The responsibilities of the Audit Committee also include the review and approval of related party transactions in accordance with the Listing Rules.

The Audit Committee also approves and reviews the Group's Compliance Plan and Internal Audit Plan prior to the commencement of every financial year and monitors the implementation of these plans.

Mr. Schembri is a non-executive director, who the board considers as independent and having the necessary competence in financial and accounting matters for the purposes of the Listing Rules.

The Group's Internal Auditors, the Company's External Auditors and Chief Executive Officer are invited to attend Audit Committee Meetings on a regular basis, as deemed appropriate.

The Committee comprises:

Joseph Schembri - Chairman
Joseph Del Raso
Luca Galli

Remuneration Committee

The Remuneration Committee monitors, reviews and advises on the Group's remuneration policy as well as approves the remuneration packages of senior executives and management.

The Committee comprises:

Prof. Paolo Catalfamo - Chairman
Joseph Schembri

Investment Committee

The Investment Committee is responsible for developing investment strategies and policies with respect to investments that may be made by the Group. It is also responsible for the formulation, monitoring and review of Group's Investment processes.

The Committee comprises:

Prof. Paolo Catalfamo - Chairman
Reuben Zammit

Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee is responsible for making recommendations for appointment to the Board and for reviewing the constitution of the Group's Boards, in order to ensure that appointments to Boards are conducted in a systematic, objective and consistent manner. The Nominations Committee is also responsible for the review of performance of the Group's Board members and Committees, the appointment of senior executives and management and the development of a succession plan for senior executives and management.

The Committee comprises:

Prof Paolo Catalfamo - Chairman
Joseph Del Raso
Luca Galli

Board Committees (continued)

Risk Committee

The Risk Committee oversees policies, practices, procedures and controls related to risk identification, capital structure, liquidity management, regulatory compliance and monitoring the annual capital plan. The Risk Committee invites the Risk Manager to attend its meetings, as deemed necessary.

The Committee comprises:

Prof. Paolo Catalfamo - Chairman
Reuben Zammit
Jacopo Di Stefano

Ethics Committee

The Ethics Committee is responsible for the review of the Group's Code of Ethics, its operation and for reporting on these matters to the Board. The Ethics Committee may recommend amendments to the Code of Ethics from time to time. It is also responsible to investigate any suspected breach of the Code of Ethics and reports its findings to the Board with any recommendation that may impinge on the deliberations of the Board.

The Committee comprises:

Andrea Gemma - Chairman
Joseph Del Raso

Principal Companies within GlobalCapital

GlobalCapital Life Insurance Ltd

The company is authorised by the Malta Financial Services Authority to carry on long-term business of insurance in Malta as a principal under Class I (Life and Annuity) and Class III (Linked Long Term Contracts of Insurance) in terms of the Insurance Business Act, 1998. GlobalCapital Life Insurance Limited is engaged principally in ordinary life assurance business (interest sensitive and term), industrial life assurance business (home service) and linked long term contracts of insurance.

It provides both single premium and regular premium saving products and a range of life assurance products, including term, interest-sensitive endowment and group life policies.

Board of Directors

Prof. Paolo Catalfamo – Chairman
Reuben Zammit
Mario Galea
Guido Mizzi
Joseph C. Schembri

Company Secretary

Clinton V. Calleja

Globalcapital Health Insurance Agency Ltd

The company is authorised to act as an insurance agent for Bupa Insurance Ltd (UK) in relation to sickness insurance in accordance with the Insurance Intermediaries Act, 2006. As the exclusive agent in Malta for BUPA, the company is engaged in the promotion, administration and provision of health insurance cover for individuals and groups in Malta.

Board of Directors

Prof. Paolo Catalfamo – Chairman
Reuben Zammit
Adriana Zarb Adami
Joseph C. Schembri

Company Secretary

Clinton V. Calleja

GlobalCapital Financial Management Ltd

The company is licensed to conduct investment services under its Category 2 licence, issued by the Malta Financial Services Authority and is licensed to provide fund management and fund administration services in respect of collective investment schemes.

Through its stockbroking services, it provides clients with access to equities, bonds, funds and other financial instruments on both local and international markets. It also provides tailor-made income and capital guaranteed investment products, portfolio management services, investment advice and corporate guidance.

The Company is also licensed by the Malta Financial Services Authority to provide investment advice in respect of collective investment schemes.

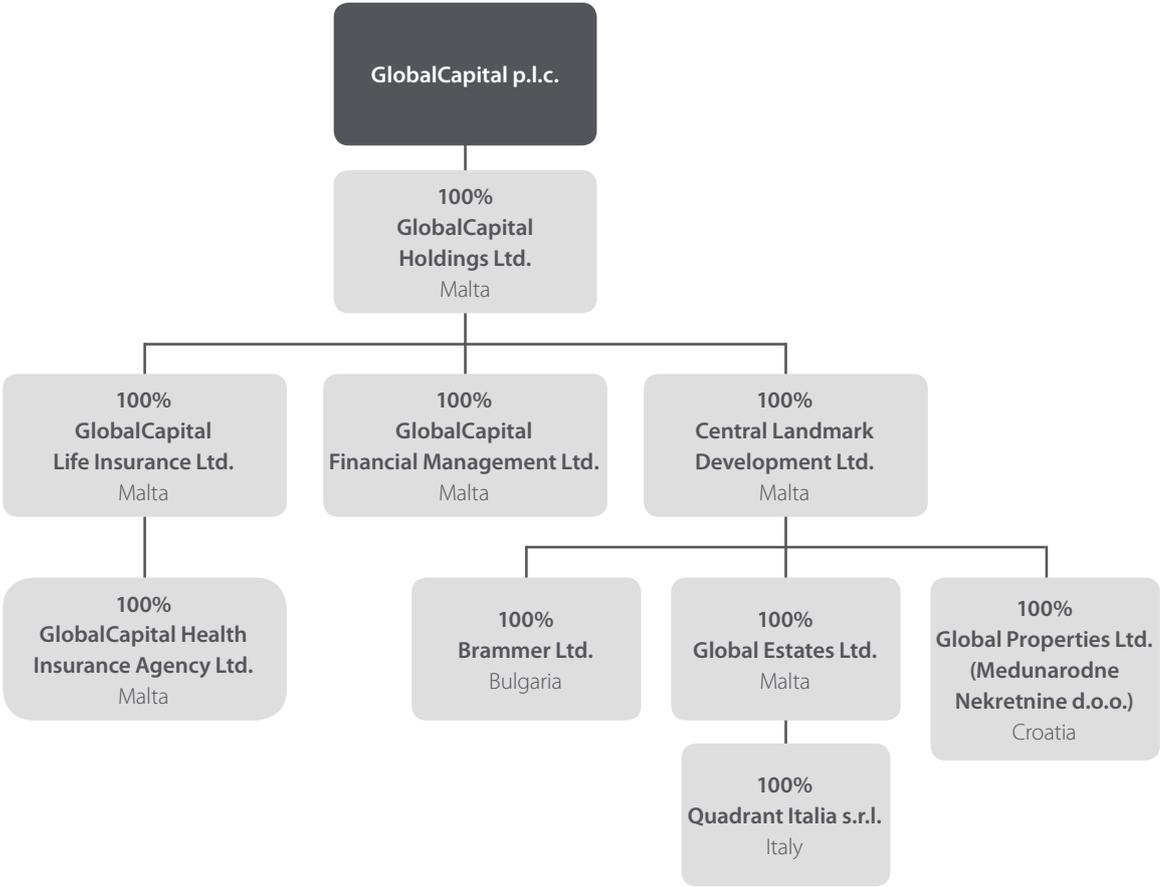
Board of Directors

Prof. Paolo Catalfamo – Chairman
Reuben Zammit
Joseph C. Schembri
Francesco Guarnieri

Company Secretary

Clinton V. Calleja

GlobalCapital Group Structure



Group Financial Highlights

	2016			2015		
	EUR	GBP	USD	EUR	GBP	USD
Commission and fees receivable	2,704,144	2,315,234	2,850,438	2,568,299	1,885,003	2,796,107
Commission payable and direct marketing costs	(154,797)	(132,534)	(163,172)	(147,059)	(107,934)	(160,103)
Balance on the long term business of insurance technical account	(2,359,112)	(2,019,825)	(2,486,740)	941,509	691,021	1,025,021
Increment in value of in-force business	2,821,660	2,415,849	2,974,312	1,355,385	994,785	1,475,608
Administrative expenses	(2,272,973)	(1,946,074)	(2,395,941)	(2,771,866)	(2,034,411)	(3,017,731)
Net Investment charges net of allocation to the insurance technical account	2,560,305	2,192,082	2,698,818	3,776,824	2,772,000	4,111,828
Impairment of goodwill	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Provisions	(519,513)	(444,797)	(547,619)	(116,587)	(85,569)	(126,928)
Profit/(Loss) before tax	2,779,714	2,379,936	2,930,097	5,606,505	4,114,894	6,103,802
Tax (expense)/income	(926,557)	(793,300)	(976,684)	(1,481,762)	(1,087,539)	(1,613,194)
Profit/(Loss) for the financial year	1,853,157	1,586,636	1,953,413	4,124,743	3,027,354	4,490,609
Earnings per share	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.16	0.12	0.17
Net dividends proposed	-	-	-	-	-	-
Share capital	3,845,668	3,292,584	4,053,719	3,845,668	2,822,528	4,186,779
Technical reserves - life business	71,340,900	61,080,652	75,200,443	67,452,974	49,507,110	73,436,053
Shareholders' funds	15,119,792	12,945,264	15,937,773	7,360,089	5,401,937	8,012,929
Net asset value per share	0.58	0.49	0.61	0.56	0.41	0.61

All current year figures have been converted at rates of exchange ruling at 31 December 2016

2014			2013			2012		
EUR	GBP	USD	EUR	GBP	USD	EUR	GBP	USD
2,724,420	2,122,051	3,307,718	2,932,066	2,444,463	4,043,612	3,165,014	2,582,968	4,175,919
(145,333)	(113,200)	(176,449)	(171,950)	(143,355)	(237,136)	(176,635)	(144,152)	(233,052)
1,316,623	1,025,518	1,598,512	(1,063,224)	(886,410)	(1,466,292)	(1,040,636)	(849,263)	(1,373,015)
610,968	475,883	741,776	735,186	612,925	1,013,895	626,154	511,004	826,148
(3,078,461)	(2,397,813)	(3,737,560)	(3,255,826)	(2,714,382)	(4,490,110)	(3,208,008)	(2,618,055)	(4,232,646)
(341,191)	(265,754)	(414,240)	(3,001,386)	(2,502,256)	(4,139,211)	(1,039,769)	(848,555)	(1,371,871)
–	–	–	–	–	–	(107,717)	(87,908)	(142,122)
(275,875)	(214,879)	(334,940)	(357,724)	(298,234)	(493,337)	(446,000)	(363,981)	(588,452)
811,151	631,806	984,819	(4,182,858)	(3,487,249)	(5,768,579)	(2,227,597)	(1,817,942)	(2,939,091)
(588,480)	(458,367)	(714,474)	521,664	434,911	719,427	(179,088)	(146,154)	(236,289)
222,671	173,439	270,345	(3,661,194)	(3,052,337)	(5,049,152)	(2,406,685)	(1,964,096)	(3,175,380)
0.02	0.01	0.02	(0.28)	(0.23)	(0.38)	(0.18)	(0.15)	(0.24)
–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
3,845,668	2,995,391	4,669,026	3,845,668	3,206,133	5,303,561	3,845,668	3,138,450	5,073,974
63,481,726	49,445,916	77,073,164	62,842,059	52,391,425	86,665,484	59,996,473	48,963,122	79,159,346
3,162,547	2,463,308	3,839,648	3,078,939	2,566,911	4,246,165	6,450,117	5,263,940	8,510,284
0.24	0.19	0.29	0.23	0.19	0.32	0.49	0.40	0.64

Directors' Report

The Directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016.

Principal activities

GlobalCapital p.l.c. (the "Company") together with its subsidiaries (the "Subsidiaries" and together with the Company the "Group") is involved in:

- the carrying on of long term business of insurance under the Insurance Business Act (Cap. 403 of the Laws of Malta);
- acting as an agent for sickness and accident insurance in terms of the Insurance Intermediaries Act (Cap. 487 of the Laws of Malta);
- the provision of investment services and advice in terms of the Investment Services Act (Cap. 370 of the Laws of Malta);
- money broking and trading in foreign exchange in terms of the Financial Institutions Act (Cap. 376 of the Laws of Malta); and
- the provision on behalf of Group undertakings of property management and consultancy services, including property acquisitions, disposals and development projects.

Review of business

Consolidated results

GlobalCapital p.l.c.'s consolidated results registered pre-tax earnings for the year amounting to €2.8M compared to €5.6M in 2015. The results include a significant reduction in fair value gains on the Group's financial and property investment portfolios amounting to €1.4M for the year compared to €7.3M as at the end of the previous reporting period.

Group assets increased by 11.9% from €101M at 31 December 2015 to €113.1M as at 31 December 2016 whereas shareholder funds more than doubled and this through a combination of the increase in share capital and other reserves. The Group's net asset value at end of the year stood at €15.1M (2015: €7.3M).

GlobalCapital p.l.c. (the 'Company')

During the financial year 2016, the Board of Directors embarked on consolidating the Company's position in the local market by strengthening its financial base through a capitalisation, debt restructuring, the repayment of the maturing bond and strengthening the financial operating results of its subsidiaries. The latter together with the positive results reported over the last four consecutive reporting periods led to a significant improvement in the Group's debt to equity ratio which reduced from 188% as at end December 2015 to 64% as at end of the current reporting period.

Rights Issue

On the 1 March 2016, the Company announced that it had submitted an application to the Listing Authority requesting the admissibility to listing of 16,792,452 new ordinary shares of a nominal value of €0.291172 each (the "New Ordinary Shares"), subject to regulatory approval. On 4 March 2016, the Company announced that it had been granted approval by the Listing Authority for the admissibility to listing. Furthermore, in the announcement of the 1 April 2016, the Company announced the closure of the Rights Issue, wherein as a result of the Lapsed Rights process, Investar p.l.c. became the single largest shareholder within the Group holding 15,781,465 shares, representing 52.60% of total shares in issue. All new ordinary shares were admitted to listing on the Malta Stock Exchange on 11 April 2016 and commenced trading on the 12 April 2016. Following the rights issue, the Company's issued share capital increased by 127% to 30,000,000 shares.

Directors' Report (continued)

Review of business (continued)

Bond Issue

On the 13 May 2016, the Board of Directors announced that they had submitted an application to the Listing Authority requesting the admissibility to listing on the official list of the Malta Stock Exchange of €10,000,000 5% Bonds 2021. Following regulatory approval, a further supplement dated 30 May 2016 was issued extending the offering period. In its announcement dated 8 June 2016 the Company communicated that the issue was oversubscribed. The issue was admitted to listing on the Malta Stock Exchange on 13 June 2016 and commenced trading on the 15 June 2016.

The proceeds generated from the equity and debt issues were used to settle both principal and interest of the 5.60% bond that matured on 2 June 2016, the principal amount of which amounted to €13.8M.

Planned capital activities

Moreover, through the motions of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on the 22 July 2016, the Company increased its authorised share capital from thirty million to eighty five million ordinary shares of €0.291172 each. It is the Directors' intention to increase the issued share capital of the Company, subject to any necessary regulatory approval, in order to increase the capital base by raising additional equity to meet the general financing requirements and to repay the Company's unsecured bonds maturity in 2021.

GlobalCapital Life Insurance Limited

GlobalCapital Life Insurance Limited ('GCLI') registered a profit before taxation for the year ended 31 December 2016 of €3.5M compared to €5.5M in the prior year. GCLI's total comprehensive income for the year recorded a significant improvement, closing at €6.9M compared to €5.4M at end 2015.

The net assets of GCLI increased by 18.6% from €20.8M as at the end of 2015 to €24.6M as at the end of the current reporting period.

The life insurance company continued registering significant growth in all lines of business, mainly protection and unit linked. Gross written premium for the year amounted to €10.7M compared to €9.3M at the end of the comparative period, an increase of 15% year on year. Claims incurred net of reinsurance remained in line with those of the prior year. GCLI has also intensified its efforts to recapture an amount of maturing business, which it completed successfully.

An important part of our business involves managing the treasury function, investing policyholder and shareholder funds across a wide range of financial investments, including equities, fixed income securities and to a lesser extent properties. Our results are sensitive to the volatility in the market value of these investments, either directly because we bear the investment risk, or indirectly because we earn management fees for investments managed on behalf of policyholders. Throughout 2016, investment conditions remained quite challenging with the persisting low interest rate environment. The low yields generated on GCLI's investment portfolio adversely impacted the profitability for the year as they resulted in a 28% increase in the interest sensitive non unit reserve on the prior reporting period.

GCLI continued to undertake restructuring and transformation activity to align the business operations with the board approved strategy. Relentless efforts to differentiate ourselves from the market started during the course of the year and will continue, with a stronger emphasis in 2017. The enhancements made to our product suite helped facilitate improved competitiveness and marketability, thus generating positive results.

Total assets increased by 12.1% from €98.1M at 31 December 2015 to €109.9M as at the end of the current reporting period. Technical provisions increased by 11.2% from €71.1M to 78.9M. GCLI's Solvency II ratio stood at 188% as at year end.

Directors' Report (continued)

Review of business (continued)

GCLI's value of in-force business for 2016 registered an increase of €1.8M, in aggregate amounting to €6.9M at end of the current year - this represents the projected future shareholder profits expected from the insurance policies in force as at year end appropriately discounted and adjusted for taxation.

The board of directors approved a 2016 bonus declaration of 2.5% for the Guaranteed Savings Bond, 3.5% for Money Plus and 3.0% (2015 – 3.75%) for all other interest sensitive products. GCLI also announced a bonus rate of 0.75% (2015 – 1.1 %) for paid up policies and committed to a terminal bonus for policies maturing during the course of 2017.

GlobalCapital Health Insurance Agency Limited

GlobalCapital Health Insurance Agency Limited registered a profit before tax of €1.1M compared to a prior period profit of €740K. The increase was driven by a sharp increase in revenue from €1.65M as at 31 December 2015 to €1.99M as at end of current reporting period together with a notable reduction in operating costs.

Net assets decreased from €3.27M as at end 2015 to €1.04M at end 2016, following a dividend distribution of €3M (2015: Nil) to its immediate parent.

GlobalCapital Financial Management Limited

The financial year ending 31 December 2016 was a challenging year for GlobalCapital Financial Management Limited ('GCFM'). GCFM experienced a significant drop in revenue, decreasing by 22% from €858K during 2015 to €667K during the current reporting period, primarily driven by a reduction in trailer fees. Moreover, GCFM's costs increased marginally, which was expected, following the decision to retain this line of business. Results were dampened by the provision charge for the year amount to €520K.

GCFM's net assets as at end of the current reporting period amounted to €772K (2015: €1.39M).

Other subsidiaries

The remaining subsidiaries within the Group, other than GlobalCapital Holdings Limited which is an investment holding company, are property holding companies carrying no operating activities. Brammer Limited is in the process of being liquidated following the sale of the properties it owned in Bulgaria. We expect this process to be complete during the course of 2017.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The Group's and Company's principal risks and uncertainties are further disclosed in Note 1 Critical accounting estimates and judgements, Note 2 Management of insurance and financial risk, Note 11 Intangible assets covering details on the Group's goodwill and value of in-force business, Note 14 Investment property disclosing the significant observable inputs and Note 17 Technical provisions which include the valuation assumptions.

Directors' Report (continued)

Financial risk management

Note 2 to the financial statements provides details in connection with the Group's use of financial instruments, its financial risk management objectives and policies and the financial risks to which it is exposed.

Results and dividends

The statements of comprehensive income are set out on pages 25 and 26. The Directors do not recommend the declaration of a dividend (2015 - Nil) as the company did not have any distributable reserves at 31 December 2016.

Directors

The Directors of the Company who held office during the period were:

Paolo Catalfamo (Chairman)
Reuben Zammit
Joseph C. Schembri
Joseph Del Raso
Andrea Gemma
Jacopo Di Stefano - Appointed 29 July 2016
Luca Galli - Appointed 29 July 2016
Christopher Pace - Resigned 29 July 2016
Luigi La Ferla - Resigned 18 January 2016

The Directors are required in terms of the Company's Articles of Association to retire at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting and may offer themselves for re-appointment or re-election.

Auditors

The Audit Committee recommended the appointment of Ernst & Young Malta Limited as external auditors, which recommendation was endorsed by the Board. This will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. Subject to the approval of the shareholders, Ernst & Young Malta Limited will undertake the audit of the GlobalCapital Group for the year ending 31 December 2017.

The Board would also like to take the opportunity to thank Deloitte Audit Limited for their service and professionalism demonstrated in their external audit role over the past years.

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



Paolo Catalfamo
Chairman



Joseph C. Schembri
Director

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Malta

5 April 2017

Corporate Governance – Statement of Compliance

In accordance with the Listing Rules issued by the Listing Authority of the Malta Financial Services Authority (“MFSA”), GlobalCapital p.l.c. (the “Company”) reports on the extent of its adoption of the Code of Principles of Good Corporate Governance (the “Principles”), and the relevant measures undertaken.

Adoption of the principles

The responsibility for ensuring good corporate governance vests in the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors of GlobalCapital p.l.c. remains committed to the adoption of the Principles and best practices established by international codes on corporate governance. The Board of Directors also believes strongly in the importance of appropriate disclosures to ensure transparency and protection of the Company’s stakeholders.

Board of Directors

During the financial year ended 31 December 2016, the Board of Directors consisted of six non-executive directors and one executive director, who bring to the Company a wide range of expertise. Directors are elected on an individual basis by ordinary resolution of the Company in General Meeting in accordance with the Company’s Memorandum & Articles of Association. Details of the attendance of Board Members will be available for inspection at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The Board of Directors meets in accordance with a regular schedule of meetings and reviews and evaluates the Group’s strategy, major operational and financial plans, as well as new material initiatives to be undertaken by the Group. The Board of Directors also meets and discusses from time to time, as often as is required. The Board of Directors meets formally at least once every quarter and at other times on an ‘as and when’ required basis. During the period under review the Board of Directors met six (6) times.

Under the direction of the Chairman, the Company Secretary’s responsibilities include ensuring good information flows between the Board and its committees and between senior management and the Directors as well as ensuring that the Board’s procedures are followed. In addition, the Directors may also seek external professional advice on their duties and responsibilities, at the Company’s expense. The Company’s Articles of Association also provide for adequate controls and procedures in so far as the treatment of conflicts of interest during Board Meetings are concerned.

The Company’s organisational structure includes the position of Chief Executive Officer, currently held by Reuben Zammit, who is also an executive director on the Board of Directors of the Company. The roles of Chief Executive Officer and Chairman are separate and distinct. The Board has delegated specific authorities to the Chief Executive Officer to manage the Group’s activities within the strategy and parameters set by it.

3. Committees

3.1 The Board of Directors delegates a number of specific duties to the following Board Committees:

- Audit Committee
- Nominations Committee
- Remuneration Committee
- Investment Committee
- Ethics Committee
- Risk Committee

3.1.1 Audit Committee

The Audit Committee is composed entirely of non-executive Directors and assists the Board in monitoring and reviewing the Group’s financial statements, accounting policies and internal control mechanisms in accordance with the Committee’s terms of reference. The responsibilities of the Audit Committee also include the review and approval of related party transactions in accordance with the Listing Rules.

Corporate Governance – Statement of Compliance (continued)

3. Committees (continued)

3.1.1 Audit Committee (continued)

The Audit Committee also approves and reviews the Group's Compliance Plan and Internal Audit Plan prior to the commencement of every financial year and monitors the implementation of these plans. During the financial year under review, the Audit Committee met five (5) times. Until the 29 July 2016, the Audit Committee was composed of Joseph Schembri, Joseph Del Raso and Andrea Gemma. Following the Annual General Meeting of the Company held on the 29 July 2016, the Audit Committee was composed of Joseph Schembri, Joseph Del Raso and Luca Galli.

Throughout 2016 Joseph Schembri chaired the Audit Committee. Joseph Schembri is a non-executive director, who the board considers as independent and having the necessary competence in financial and accounting matters for the purposes of the Listing Rules.

The Group's Internal Auditors, the Company's External Auditors and the Chief Executive Officer are invited to attend Audit Committee Meetings on a regular basis, as deemed appropriate.

3.1.2. Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee is responsible for recommending Directors for election by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting, for planning the structure, size, performance and composition of the Group's subsidiary boards, for the appointment of senior executives and management and for the development of a succession plan for senior executives and management. During the financial year under review, the Nominations Committee met twice and was composed of Prof. Paolo Catalfamo as Chairman and Joseph del Raso as member. Christopher J. Pace was a member of the Nominations Committee until the Annual General Meeting held on the 29 July 2016.

3.1.3. Remuneration Committee

The Remuneration Committee monitors, reviews and advises on the Group's remuneration policy as well as approves the remuneration packages of senior executives and management. At the end of every financial year, the Remuneration Committee draws up a report which is included in the Group's Annual Report. A performance management system has been implemented across the Group. This system is intended to:

- (a) enhance the existing systems used to define key performance indicators; and
- (b) improve the assessment of performance for all the Group's employees including senior management and members of the Executive Committee.

During 2016, the Remuneration Committee met one (1) time. The Remuneration Committee was composed of Joseph Schembri and Paolo Catalfamo.

3.1.4. Investment Committee

The Investment Committee is responsible for developing, overseeing and developing the investment strategies and policies with respect to investments that may be made by the Company. It is also responsible for the formulation, monitoring and review of Group's Investment processes.

The Investment Committee met one (1) time during 2016 as a Group Investment Committee. The members of this Committee are Paolo Catalfamo and Reuben Zammit. The life insurance subsidiary, GlobalCapital Life Insurance Limited, has its own Investment Committee composed of Paolo Catalfamo, Reuben Zammit and Guido Mizzi. The life insurance committee met twice in 2016.

3.1.5. Ethics Committee

The Ethics Committee was composed of Joseph Del Raso as Chairman and Andrea Gemma as a member. The Ethics Committee did not meet in 2016.

3.1.6. Risk Committee

The Risk Committee's function is to oversee policies, practices, procedures and controls related to risk identification, capital structure, liquidity management, regulatory compliance and monitoring the annual capital plan. This committee is composed of Paolo Catalfamo, Reuben Zammit and Jacopo di Stefano. During 2016, the Risk Committee met twice.

Corporate Governance – statement of compliance (continued)

3. Committees - (continued)

3.2 Executive Committee

The Executive Management Committee manages the Group's day-to-day business and the implementation of the strategy established by the Board of Directors. The Executive Management Committee is composed of the following members:

Reuben Zammit	- Chief Executive Officer
Shawn Bezzina	- Chief Financial Officer
Paul Said	- Chief Operations Officer
Jonathan Camilleri	- Life Operations Manager (appointed on 6 September 2016)

This Committee is presided by Reuben Zammit, Chief Executive Officer.

4. Directors' dealings

The Directors are informed of their obligations on dealing in GlobalCapital p.l.c. shares in accordance with the parameters, procedures and reporting requirements established in terms of applicable law and the Group's Dealing Rules.

During the financial year ended 31 December 2016, Investar p.l.c., which is 99.99% owned by Paolo Catalfamo, acquired 14,601,465 shares by way of rights issue to the shareholders which was completed in April 2016.

No other material transactions in the Company's shares were effected in which any director had a beneficial or non-beneficial interest.

5. Internal controls

GlobalCapital p.l.c. encompasses different licensed activities regulated by the Malta Financial Services Authority. These activities include investment services business under the Investment Services Act, business of insurance under the Insurance Business Act and insurance intermediaries' activities under the Insurance Intermediaries Act, as well as business of a financial institution under the Financial Institutions Act. The Board of Directors has continued to ensure that effective internal controls and processes are maintained to support sound operations.

The Internal Audit department monitors and reviews the Group's compliance with policies, standards and best practice in accordance with an internal audit plan approved by the Audit Committee. KPMG fulfil the functions of internal auditors of the Company.

Corporate Governance – Statement of Compliance (continued)

6. Annual General Meeting and communication with Shareholders

Business at the Company's Annual General Meeting to be held in June 2017, will cover the approval of the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2016, the election/re-election of Directors, the determination of the maximum aggregate emoluments that may be paid to Directors, the appointment of auditors and the authorisation of the Directors to set the auditors' remuneration.

Apart from the Annual General Meeting, the Group communicates with its shareholders through the Annual Report and Financial Statements, the publication of preliminary statements of interim and annual results, updates and articles on the Group's website, the publication of Group announcements and press releases.

7. Corporate social responsibility

During the financial year under review, the Group pursued its corporate social responsibility by supporting and contributing to a number of charitable causes.

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



Paolo Catalfamo
Chairman



Joseph C. Schembri
Director

Remuneration Committee Report

The composition and terms of reference of the GlobalCapital p.l.c. Remuneration Committee are in accordance with the recommendations set out in the Malta Financial Services Authority Listing Rules.

During the financial year under review the Remuneration Committee met once.

The attendance at the meetings was as follows:

Remuneration Committee Member	Committee meetings attended
Joseph Schembri	1
Prof. Paolo Catalfamo	1

The main activities of the Remuneration Committee include devising of appropriate policies and remuneration packages to attract, retain and motivate Directors and senior management of a high caliber in order to well position the Group within the financial services market and its areas of business.

Remuneration Statement

Senior management remuneration packages consist of basic salary and benefits.

In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, the total emoluments payable to Directors, whether as fees and/or salaries by virtue of holding employment with the Company, shall be subject to Shareholder approval in General Meetings. The following is the total of the Directors' emoluments for the financial year under review (2016):

Fees	€216,930
Remuneration	€105,603
Total emoluments	€322,533

Directors' remuneration and fees are disclosed in aggregate

Statement of Directors' responsibilities

The Directors are required by the Companies Act (Cap. 386) to prepare financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and the Group at the end of each financial year and of the profit or loss of the Company and the Group for the year then ended. In preparing the financial statements, the Directors should:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company and the Group will continue in business as a going concern.

The Directors are responsible for ensuring that proper accounting records are kept which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and the Group and which enable the Directors to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act (Cap. 386). This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining 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. The Directors 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.

Statement of the Directors pursuant to Listing Rule 5.68

We confirm that to the best of our knowledge:

1. the financial statements, prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU and in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act (Cap. 386), give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Company and the undertakings included in the consolidation taken as a whole; and
2. the Directors' report includes a fair review of the performance of the business and the position of the Company and the undertakings included in the consolidation taken as a whole, together with a description of the principal risks and uncertainties that they face.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 5 April 2017 and signed on its behalf by:



Paolo Catalfamo
Chairman



Joseph C. Schembri
Director

Statements of Comprehensive Income

	Notes	Year ended 31 December			
		Group		Company	
		2016	2015	2016	2015
		€	€	€	€
Commission and fees receivable	3	2,704,144	2,568,299	-	-
Commission payable and direct marketing costs	4	(154,797)	(147,059)	-	-
Balance on the long term business of insurance technical account before tax (page 26)		(2,359,112)	941,509	-	-
Increment in the value of in-force business		2,821,660	1,355,385	-	-
Staff costs	4	(994,611)	(949,264)	-	-
Other expenses	4	(1,218,904)	(1,773,405)	(334,503)	(753,169)
Investment income, net of allocation to the insurance technical account	6	2,133,463	4,265,075	1,084	1,660
Investment expenses, net of allocation to the insurance technical account	6	(241,906)	(983,446)	(22,543)	(761)
Finance costs, net of allocation to the insurance technical account	6	(651,179)	(805,841)	(675,498)	(823,775)
Profit/(loss) for the year before impairment charges and fair value movements on investment properties		2,038,758	4,471,253	(1,031,460)	(1,576,045)
Net gains on investment property, net of allocation to the insurance technical account	6	1,260,469	1,251,839	-	-
Other provisions	4	(519,513)	(116,587)	-	-
Impairment of balances due from group companies	4	-	-	(324,915)	-
Profit/(loss) before tax		2,779,714	5,606,505	(1,356,375)	(1,576,045)
Tax (expense)/credit	7	(926,557)	(1,481,762)	275	17,219
Profit/(loss) for the financial year attributable to the shareholders of the company		1,853,157	4,124,743	(1,356,100)	(1,558,826)
Other comprehensive income/(loss)					
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss					
Revaluation of property, net of deferred tax		1,062,461	-	-	-
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss					
Net (loss)/gain on available-for-sale financial assets, net of deferred tax		(45,407)	72,799	-	-
Total comprehensive gain/(loss) for the year, net of tax, attributable to the shareholders of the company		2,870,211	4,197,542	(1,356,100)	(1,558,826)
Profit per share (cents)	9	7c1	15c7		

Technical Account – Long Term Business of Insurance

	Year ended 31 December	
	Group	
	2016	2015
Notes	€	€
Earned premiums, net of reinsurance		
Gross premiums written	10,728,328	9,346,664
Outward reinsurance premiums	(1,066,458)	(869,494)
Earned premiums, net of reinsurance	9,661,870	8,477,170
Investment income	6 710,219	1,772,693
Fair value gains on investments	6 329,217	4,236,583
Investment contract fee income	871,161	740,681
Total technical income	11,572,467	15,227,127
Claims incurred, net of reinsurance		
Claims paid		
- gross amount	9,236,812	9,415,306
- reinsurers' share	(208,477)	(243,942)
	9,028,335	9,171,364
Change in the provision for claims		
- gross amount	743,637	187,775
- reinsurers' share	(463,395)	(32,396)
	17 280,242	155,379
Claims incurred, net of reinsurance	9,308,577	9,326,743
Change in other technical provisions, net of reinsurance		
Insurance contracts		
- gross amount	5,133,532	4,412,047
- reinsurers' share	(3,578,227)	(1,253,135)
	17 1,555,305	3,158,912
Investment contracts with DPF - gross	17 534,051	(339,120)
Investment contracts without DPF - gross	(65,010)	146,263
Change in other technical provisions, net of reinsurance	2,024,346	2,966,055
Claims incurred and change in other technical provisions, net of reinsurance	11,332,923	12,292,798
Net operating expenses	4 2,568,661	1,961,169
Other investment charges and expenses	6 29,995	31,651
Total technical charges	13,931,579	14,285,618
Balance on the long term business of insurance technical account before tax	(2,359,112)	941,509

Statements of financial position

		As at 31 December			
		Group		Company	
	Notes	2016	2015	2016	2015
		€	€	€	€
ASSETS					
Intangible assets	11	8,854,111	7,162,730	588	2,293
Property, plant & equipment	13	2,050,253	2,449,842	4,194	22,034
Investment property	14	18,664,160	15,237,008	–	–
Investment in group undertakings	15	–	–	6,451,553	6,451,553
Deferred tax asset	12	–	307	–	–
Other investments	16	58,363,399	55,580,847	281,289	2,129,258
Reinsurers' share of technical provisions	17	7,653,972	3,612,349	–	–
Taxation receivable		86,654	581,058	139	20,724
Trade and other receivables	19	3,160,841	2,555,144	163,432	117,146
Cash and cash equivalents	26	14,309,866	5,440,651	463,106	40,187
Non-current assets held-for-sale	14	–	8,415,000	–	–
Total assets		113,143,256	101,034,936	7,364,301	8,783,195
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES					
Capital and reserves attributable to the company's shareholders					
Share capital	20	8,735,160	3,845,668	8,735,160	3,845,668
Share premium account	21	16,970,641	16,970,641	16,970,641	16,970,641
Other reserves	22	7,149,101	4,297,968	–	–
Accumulated losses		(17,735,110)	(17,754,188)	(30,417,321)	(29,061,221)
Total equity/(deficiency)		15,119,792	7,360,089	(4,711,520)	(8,244,912)
Technical provisions:					
Insurance contracts	17	54,517,077	49,383,544	–	–
Investment contracts with DPF	17	17,564,138	17,030,087	–	–
Investment contracts without DPF	17	6,913,657	4,651,692	–	–
Provision for claims outstanding	17	1,188,194	444,557	–	–
Interest bearing borrowings	23	9,715,830	13,801,023	9,715,830	13,801,023
Deferred tax liability	12	2,099,185	3,104,849	–	7,762
Trade and other payables	24	5,972,928	5,211,363	2,359,991	3,219,322
Current tax liabilities		52,455	47,732	–	–
Total liabilities		98,023,464	93,674,847	12,075,821	17,028,107
Total equity and liabilities		113,143,256	101,034,936	7,364,301	8,783,195

Approved by the Board of Directors on 5 April 2017 and signed on its behalf by:



Paolo Catalfamo
Chairman



Joseph C. Schembri
Director

Statements of changes in equity

Group	Attributable to the company's shareholders				Total €
	Share capital €	Share premium account €	Other reserves €	Accumulated losses €	
Balance at 1 January 2015	3,845,668	16,970,641	3,344,169	(20,997,931)	3,162,547
Profit for the financial year	–	–	–	4,124,743	4,124,743
Other comprehensive gain for the year	–	–	72,799	–	72,799
Total comprehensive gain for the year	–	–	72,799	4,124,743	4,197,542
Increment in value of in-force business, transferred to other reserves	–	–	881,000	(881,000)	–
	–	–	881,000	(881,000)	–
Balance at 31 December 2015	3,845,668	16,970,641	4,297,968	(17,754,188)	7,360,089
Balance at 1 January 2016	3,845,668	16,970,641	4,297,968	(17,754,188)	7,360,089
Profit for the financial year	–	–	–	1,853,157	1,853,157
Other comprehensive gain for the year	–	–	1,017,054	–	1,017,054
Total comprehensive gain for the year	–	–	1,017,054	1,853,157	2,870,211
Increase in share capital	4,889,492	–	–	–	4,889,492
Increment in value of in-force business, transferred to other reserves	–	–	1,834,079	(1,834,079)	–
	4,889,492	–	1,834,079	(1,834,079)	4,889,492
Balance at 31 December 2016	8,735,160	16,970,641	7,149,101	(17,735,110)	15,119,792

Company	Share capital €	Share premium account €	Accumulated losses €	Total €
	Balance at 1 January 2015	3,845,668	16,970,641	(27,502,395)
Loss for the financial year/total comprehensive loss for the year	–	–	(1,558,826)	(1,558,826)
Balance at 31 December 2015	3,845,668	16,970,641	(29,061,221)	(8,244,912)
Balance at 1 January 2016	3,845,668	16,970,641	(29,061,221)	(8,244,912)
Increase in share capital	4,889,492	–	–	4,889,492
Loss for the financial year/total comprehensive loss for the year	–	–	(1,356,100)	(1,356,100)
Balance at 31 December 2016	8,735,160	16,970,641	(30,417,321)	(4,711,520)

Statements of cash flows

		Year ended 31 December				
		Group		Company		
Notes		2016	2015	2016	2015	
		€	€	€	€	
	Cash generated from/(used in) operations	25	2,670,795	985,106	(316,862)	(233,419)
	Dividends received		392,016	687,093	–	–
	Interest received		1,902,581	1,151,276	564	1,103
	Interest paid		(591,721)	(756,644)	(774,099)	(774,578)
	Tax paid		(1,408,337)	(563,272)	13,098	71,559
	<i>Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities</i>		2,965,334	1,503,559	(1,077,299)	(935,335)
	Cash flows generated from/(used in) investing activities					
	Purchase of intangible assets	11	–	(51,456)	–	–
	Purchase of property, plant and equipment	13	(148,914)	(26,515)	–	(4,666)
	Purchase of investment property	14	(156,846)	(62,526)	–	–
	Purchase of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	16	(8,962,441)	(6,840,829)	(465,619)	(20,315)
	Proceeds on maturity of held-to-maturity investments	16	500,179	725,352	–	–
	Proceeds from disposal of investments at fair value through profit or loss		5,470,333	6,414,776	24,413	–
	Proceeds from disposal of available-for-sale financial assets		29,353	332,321	–	–
	Proceeds from property classified as non-current assets held for sale		8,415,000	156,429	–	–
	Proceeds on maturity of cash instruments	16	–	1,000,000	–	–
	Net movement on other investments				–	–
	–loans and receivables	16	12,444	(5,827)	–	–
	<i>Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities</i>		5,159,108	1,641,725	(441,206)	(24,981)
	Cash flows generated from/(used in) financing activities					
	Proceeds from issue of shares		4,889,492	–	4,889,492	–
	Movement in amounts due to/from group undertakings		–	–	1,196,651	1,228,285
	Redemption of bond		(13,823,200)	–	(13,823,200)	–
	Net proceeds on bond		9,678,481	–	9,678,481	–
	Payment for purchase of own debt		–	(275,800)	–	(275,800)
	<i>Net cash generated from/(used in) financing activities</i>		744,773	(275,800)	1,941,424	952,485
	Movement in cash and cash equivalents		8,869,215	2,869,484	422,919	(7,831)
	Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of year		5,440,651	2,571,167	40,187	48,018
	Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year	26	14,309,866	5,440,651	463,106	40,187

Accounting policies

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

1. Basis of preparation

These consolidated financial statements comprise the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the 'Group'). The Group is primarily involved in the carrying on of long term business of insurance under the Insurance Business Act (Cap. 403), acting as an agent for sickness and accident insurance in terms of the Insurance Intermediaries Act (Cap. 487), the provision of investment services and advice in terms of the Investment Services Act (Cap. 370), money broking and trading in foreign exchange in terms of the Financial Institutions Act (Cap. 376), and the provision on behalf of Group undertakings of property management and consultancy services, including property acquisitions, disposals and development projects.

The Directors are satisfied that, having taken into account the Group's current and forecasted statement of financial position, its capital adequacy and cash flows, it is reasonable to assume that the Company and the Group have adequate resources to continue operating for the foreseeable future. Accordingly the Directors continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU (EU IFRSs), and with the Companies Act (Cap. 386). The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of GlobalCapital p.l.c. and its subsidiary undertakings. They also comply with the requirements of the Insurance Business Act (Cap. 403) in consolidating the results of GlobalCapital Life Insurance Limited, where appropriate. The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the fair valuation of investment property, financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, available for sale investments and the value of in-force business.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

For financial reporting purposes, fair value measurements are categorised into Level 1, 2 or 3 based on the degree to which the inputs to the fair value measurements are observable and the significance of the inputs to the fair value measurement in its entirety, which are described as follows:

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date;
- Level 2 inputs are inputs, other than quoted prices included within Level 1, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

For assets and liabilities that are recognised in the financial statements at fair value on a recurring basis, the Group and the Company determine when transfers are deemed to have occurred between Levels in the hierarchy at the end of each reporting period.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with EU IFRSs requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise their judgement in the process of applying the Group's and the company's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement and estimates or complexity are disclosed in Note 1 to these financial statements.

The statements of financial position are presented in increasing order of liquidity, with additional disclosures on the current or non-current nature of the assets and liabilities provided within the notes to the financial statements.

1. Basis of preparation (continued)

Initial application of an International Financial Reporting Standard

In the current year, the Company has applied the following:

Amendment to IAS 1 – Disclosure Initiative

In the current year, the Company and the Group have applied the Amendments to IAS 1 entitled “Disclosure Initiative.” These Amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016. The amendments aim at clarifying IAS 1 to address perceived impediments to preparers exercising their judgement in presenting their financial reports. The application of these Amendments has not resulted in any significant impact to these financial statements.

International Financial Reporting Standards in issue but not yet effective

IFRS 9 – Financial Instruments

The final version of IFRS 9 brings together the classification and measurement, impairment and hedge accounting phases of the IASB’s project to replace IAS 39 ‘Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement’. The Standard supersedes all previous versions of IFRS 9.

IFRS 9 introduces a logical approach for the classification of financial assets, which is driven by cash flow characteristics and the business model in which an asset is held. This single, principle-based approach replaces existing rule based requirements that are generally considered to be overly complex and difficult to apply. The new model also results in a single, forward-looking ‘expected loss’ impairment model that will require more timely recognition of expected credit losses. The effective date for IFRS is 1 January 2018.

IFRS 15 – Revenue from Contracts with Customers

The standard is the result of a convergence project between the IASB and the FASB. IFRS 15 specifies how and when an IFRS reporter will recognise revenue as well as requiring such entities to provide users of financial statements with more informative, relevant disclosures. The standard supersedes IAS 18 ‘Revenue’, IAS 11 ‘Construction Contracts’ and a number of revenue-related interpretations. Application of the standard is mandatory for all IFRS reporters and it applies to nearly all contracts with customers: the main exceptions being leases, financial instruments and insurance contracts.

By virtue of an amendment issued on 11 September 2015, the effective date of the Standard was deferred by one year to annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018, with earlier application being permitted.

On 12 April 2016, the IASB issued certain clarifications to IFRS 15. These Amendments to the Revenue Standard, IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers, clarify some requirements and provide additional transitional relief for companies that are implementing the new Standard. These Amendments are applicable for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018. These Amendments have not yet been endorsed at the date of authorisation of these financial statements.

IAS 7 Amendment

The Amendments to IAS 7 are intended to improve information provided to users of financial statements about an entity’s financing activities. These Amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2017. These amendments have not yet been endorsed by the EU.

1. Basis of preparation (continued)

International Financial Reporting Standards in issue but not yet effective (continued)

IFRS 4 Amendment

These Amendments are intended to address concerns about the different effective dates of IFRS 9 and the forthcoming new insurance contracts standard. These amendments have not yet been endorsed by the EU.

IAS 12 Amendment

The Amendments to IAS 12 clarify how to account for deferred tax assets related to debt instruments measured at fair value to address diversity in practice. These Amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2017. These Amendments have not yet been endorsed by the EU.

IFRS 16 – Leases

The new standard brings most leases on-balance sheet for lessees under a single model, eliminating the distinction between operating and finance leases. Lessor accounting however remains substantially unchanged (except for a requirement to provide enhanced disclosures) and the distinction between operating and finance leases is retained. IFRS 16 supersedes IAS 17 'Leases' and related interpretations. IFRS 16 is effective for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019. Early application is permitted for companies that also apply IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers. This Standard has not as yet been endorsed by the EU at the date of authorisation of these financial statements.

2. Consolidation

Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are all entities over which the Group has control. The Group controls an investee when the Group is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee. The existence and effect of potential voting rights that are when those rights give the Group the current ability to direct the relevant activities are considered when assessing whether the Group controls another entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group. They are de-consolidated from the date that control ceases.

The acquisition method of accounting is used to account for the acquisition of subsidiaries by the Group. The consideration is measured as the fair value of the assets given, equity instruments issued and liabilities incurred or assumed at the date of exchange. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date. Acquisition related costs are recognised in the profit and loss as incurred, except for costs to issue debt or equity securities.

Goodwill arising in a business combination is recognised as an asset at the date that control is acquired. Goodwill is measured as the excess of:

- a) The aggregate of:
 - i. the consideration transferred;
 - ii. the amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquiree; and
 - iii. in a business combination achieved in stages, the acquisition date fair value of the acquirer's previously held equity interest in the acquiree.
- b) The net of the acquisition date amounts of the identifiable assets acquired and the liabilities assumed.

Any gain on a bargain purchase, after reassessment, is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

2. Consolidation - (continued)

Inter-company transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between group companies are eliminated. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group. A listing of the Group's principal subsidiaries is set out in Note 15.

3. Intangible assets**(a) Goodwill**

Goodwill on acquisition of group undertakings is included in intangible assets. Goodwill is tested at least annually for impairment and carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill is allocated to cash-generating units for the purpose of impairment testing.

(b) Value of in-force business

On acquisition of a portfolio of long term contracts, the net present value of the Shareholders' interest in the expected after-tax cash flows of the in-force business is capitalised in the statement of financial position as an asset. The value of in-force business is subsequently determined by the Directors on an annual basis, based on the advice of the approved actuary. The valuation represents the discounted value of projected future transfers to Shareholders from policies in force at the year-end, after making provision for taxation. In determining this valuation, assumptions relating to future mortality, persistence and levels of expenses are based on experience of the type of business concerned. Gross investment returns assumed vary depending on the mix of investments held and expected market conditions. All movements in the in-force business valuation are credited or debited to the profit or loss. They are subsequently transferred out of retained earnings to other reserves.

(c) Computer software

Acquired computer software licences are capitalised on the basis of the costs incurred to acquire and bring to use the specific software. These costs are amortised using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives (thirteen years). Costs associated with maintaining computer software programmes are recognised as an expense as incurred.

4. Deferred income tax

Deferred income tax is provided using the balance sheet liability method for temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying values for financial reporting purposes. Currently enacted tax rates or those that are substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period are used in the determination of deferred income tax.

Deferred income tax related to the fair value re-measurement of investments is allocated between the technical and non-technical account depending on whether the temporary differences are attributed to policyholders or shareholders respectively.

Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that future taxable profit will be available such that realisation of the related tax benefit is probable.

5. Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment, comprising land and buildings, office furniture, fittings and equipment and motor vehicles, are initially recorded at cost and are subsequently shown at cost less depreciation and impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items. Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount, or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group, and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the profit or loss during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate the cost of the assets to their residual values over their estimated useful lives as follows:

	%
Buildings	2
Office furniture, fittings and equipment	20 - 25
Motor vehicles	20

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

Property, plant and equipment are derecognised on disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from their use or disposal. Gains or losses arising from derecognition represent the difference between the net disposal proceeds, if any, and the carrying amount, and are included in profit or loss in the period of derecognition.

6. Non-current assets and disposal groups held for sale

Non-current assets and disposal groups are classified as held for sale if their carrying amount will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use. This condition is regarded as met only when the sale is highly probable and the asset or disposal group is available for immediate sale in its present condition. Management must be committed to the sale, which should be expected to qualify for recognition as a completed sale within one year from the date of classification. Non-current assets and disposal groups classified as held for sale are measured at the lower of the assets' previous carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell. An impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss. Non-current assets are not depreciated (or amortised) while they are classified as held for sale or while they are part of a disposal group classified as held for sale.

7. Investment properties

Freehold and leasehold properties treated as investments principally comprise buildings that are held for long term rental yields or capital appreciation or both, and that are not occupied by the Group. Investment properties are initially measured at cost including related transaction costs. Investment properties are subsequently carried at fair value, representing open market value determined annually by external valuers, or by virtue of a Directors' valuation. Fair value is based on active market prices, adjusted, if necessary, for any difference in the nature, location or condition of the specific asset. If this information is not available, the Group uses alternative valuation methods such as recent prices on less active markets or discounted cash flow projections. The fair value of investment properties reflects, among other things, rental income from current leases and assumptions about rental income from future leases in the light of current market conditions.

Subsequent expenditure is charged to the asset's carrying amount only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance costs are charged to the profit or loss during the financial period in which they are incurred. Unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in fair value (net of deferred taxation) are recognised in the profit or loss.

8. Investment in group undertakings

In the Company's financial statements, shares in group undertakings are accounted for by the cost method of accounting, net of impairment loss. The Company gathers objective evidence that an investment is impaired using the same process adopted for financial assets held at amortised cost and available-for-sale assets. These processes include but are not limited to those disclosed in accounting policy 10(a). The impairment loss is measured in accordance with accounting policy 10(b). On disposal of an investment, the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount is charged or credited to the profit or loss.

The dividend income from such investments is included in profit or loss in the accounting year in which the Company's right to receive payment of any dividend is established.

9. Other financial assets

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially recognised at their fair value plus directly attributable transaction costs for all financial assets or financial liabilities not classified at fair value through profit or loss.

Financial assets are derecognised when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial assets expire or when the entity transfers the financial asset and the transfer qualifies for derecognition.

Financial liabilities are derecognised when they are extinguished. This occurs when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities. Equity instruments are recorded at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs.

(i) Trade receivables

Trade receivables are classified with current assets and are stated at their nominal value.

(ii) Investments

The Group classifies its other financial assets in the following categories: financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, held-to-maturity investments, loans and receivables and available-for-sale financial assets. The classification depends on the purpose for which the financial assets were acquired. The Directors determine the appropriate classification of the Group's financial assets at initial recognition, and re-evaluate such designation at every reporting date.

(a) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

This category has two sub-categories: financial assets held for trading and those designated at fair value through profit or loss at inception. A non-derivative financial asset is classified into this category at inception if acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the near-term, if it forms part of a portfolio of financial assets that are managed together and for which there is evidence of short term profit-taking, if the financial asset is part of a group of financial assets that is managed on a portfolio basis and whose performance is evaluated and reported internally to the Group's key management personnel on a fair value basis in accordance with a documented financial assets strategy or if this designation eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch that would otherwise arise from measuring assets or liabilities or recognising the gains and losses on them on different bases.

9. Other financial assets (continued)

(b) Held-to-maturity investments

Non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturity that the Group has the positive intention and ability to hold to maturity other than those that upon initial recognition are designated as at fair value through profit or loss, those that are designated as available-for-sale financial assets and those that meet the definition of loans and receivables are classified as held-to-maturity investments.

(c) Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market, other than those that are held for trading or that are designated as at fair value through profit or loss or as available for sale or those for which the Group may not recover substantially all of its investment other than because of credit deterioration. They include, inter alia, receivables, interest bearing deposits and advances.

(d) Available-for-sale financial assets

Available-for-sale financial assets are those non-derivative financial assets that are either designated in this category by the Group or not classified as loans and receivables, held-to-maturity investments or financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

All purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on the trade date, which is the date that the Group commits to purchase or sell the assets. All financial assets are initially recognised at fair value, plus in the case of financial assets not carried at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs that are directly attributable to their acquisition. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or where they have been transferred and the transfer qualifies for de-recognition.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are subsequently re-measured at fair value. Held-to-maturity investments and loans and receivables are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the effect of discounting is immaterial, less any provision for impairment.

Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of the 'financial assets at fair value through profit or loss' category are presented in profit or loss.

Available-for-sale financial assets are measured at their fair value. Gains and losses arising from a change in fair value are recognised in other comprehensive income, except for impairment losses and foreign exchange gains and losses on monetary assets, until the financial asset is derecognised, at which time the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified from equity to profit or loss as a reclassification adjustment. Interest calculated using the effective interest method is recognised in profit or loss.

The fair value of quoted financial assets is based on quoted market prices at the end of the reporting period. If the market for a financial asset is not active (and for unlisted securities), the Group establishes fair value by using valuation techniques. These include the use of recent arm's length transactions, reference to other instruments that are substantially the same and discounted cash flow analysis.

(iii) Trade payables

Trade payables are classified with current liabilities and are stated at their nominal value.

10. Impairment of assets

(a) Impairment of financial assets at amortised cost and available-for-sale investments

The Group assesses at the end of each reporting period whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired. A financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired and impairment losses are incurred only if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that have occurred after the initial recognition of the asset ("a loss event") and that loss event (or events) has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset or group of financial assets that can be reliably estimated.

Objective evidence that a financial asset or group of assets is impaired includes observable data that comes to the attention of the Group about the following events:

- i. significant financial difficulty of the issuer or debtor;
- ii. a breach of contract, such as a default or delinquency in payments;
- iii. it becoming probable that the issuer or debtor will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation; and
- iv. observable data indicating that there is a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flow from a group of financial assets since the initial recognition of those assets, although the decrease cannot yet be identified with the individual financial assets in the group.

In addition to the above loss events, objective evidence of impairment for an investment in an equity instrument includes information about significant changes with an adverse effect that have taken place in the technological, market, economic or legal environment in which the issuer operates, and indicates that the cost of the investment in the equity instrument may not be recovered and/or a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value of an investment in an equity instrument below its cost.

For financial assets at amortised cost, the Group first assesses whether objective evidence of impairment exists for financial assets that are individually significant. If the Group determines that no objective evidence of impairment exists for an individually assessed financial asset, whether significant or not, it includes the asset in a group of financial assets with similar credit risk characteristics and collectively assesses them for impairment. Assets that are individually assessed for impairment and for which an impairment loss is or continues to be recognised are not included in a collective assessment of impairment.

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss has been incurred on financial assets carried at amortised cost, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of an allowance account and the amount of the loss is recognised in the profit or loss.

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 improved credit rating), the previously recognised impairment loss is reversed by adjusting the allowance account. The amount of the reversal is recognised in the profit or loss.

When a decline in the fair value of an available-for-sale financial asset has been recognised in other comprehensive income and there is objective evidence that the asset is impaired, the cumulative impairment loss that had been recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified from equity to profit or loss as a reclassification adjustment and is measured as the difference between the acquisition cost and current fair value, less any impairment loss on that financial asset previously recognised in profit or loss.

Impairment losses recognised in profit or loss for an available-for-sale investment in an equity instrument are not reversed through profit or loss. Impairment losses recognised in profit or loss for an available-for-sale investment in a debt instrument are reversed through profit or loss if an increase in the fair value of the instrument can be objectively related to an event occurring after the recognition of the impairment loss.

(b) Impairment of other financial assets

At the end of each reporting period, the carrying amount of other financial assets is reviewed to determine whether there is an indication of impairment and if any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated. An impairment loss is the amount by which the amount of the asset exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less the costs to sell and value in use. Impairment losses and reversals are recognised in profit or loss.

10. Impairment of assets (continued)

(c) Impairment of non-financial assets

Assets that are subject to amortisation or depreciation, are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable, principally comprise property, plant and equipment and computer software. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash-generating units). An impairment loss recognised in a prior year is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the asset's recoverable amount since the last impairment loss was recognised. Impairment losses and reversals are recognised in profit or loss.

Goodwill arising on the acquisition of subsidiaries is tested for impairment at least annually. Goodwill is allocated to each of the Group's cash-generating units expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination. Where the recoverable amount is less than the carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognised. An impairment loss recognised for goodwill is not reversed in a subsequent period.

11. Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the statement of financial position only when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

12. Property held for development

When the main object of a property project is the development for resale purposes, the asset is classified in the financial statements as property held for development. The development property is carried at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost comprises the purchase cost of acquiring the property together with other costs incurred during its subsequent development including:

- (i) The costs incurred on development works, including demolition, site clearance, excavation, construction, etc.
- (ii) The cost of various design and other studies conducted in connection with the project, together with all other expenses incurred in connection therewith.
- (iii) Any borrowing costs attributable to the development phases of the project.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less the costs of completion and selling expenses.

13. Insurance contracts and investment contracts with DPF

(a) Classification

Insurance contracts are those contracts that transfer significant insurance risk. Such contracts may also transfer financial risk. As a general guideline, the Group defines as significant insurance risk the possibility of having to pay benefits on the occurrence of an insured event that are at least 10% more than the benefits payable if the insured event did not occur. Investment contracts are those contracts that transfer financial risk with no significant insurance risk.

A number of insurance and investment contracts contain a DPF ("Discretionary participation feature"). This feature entitles the holder to receive, as a supplement to guaranteed benefits, additional benefits or bonuses:

- that are likely to be a significant portion of the total contractual benefits;
- whose amount or timing is contractually at the discretion of the Group; and
- that are based on realised and/or unrealised investment returns on underlying assets held by the Group.

Local statutory regulations and the terms and conditions of these contracts set out the bases for the determination of the amounts on which the additional discretionary benefits are based (the DPF eligible surplus), and within which the Group may exercise its discretion as to the quantum and timing of their payment to contract holders, also considering the advice of the approved actuary.

13. Insurance contracts and investment contracts with DPF (continued)

(b) Recognition and measurement

Insurance contracts and investment contracts with DPF are categorised depending on the duration of risk and whether or not the terms and conditions are fixed.

Short term insurance contracts

These contracts are short duration life insurance contracts. They protect the Group's customers from the consequences of events (such as death or disability) that would affect the ability of the customer or his/her dependants to maintain their current level of income. Guaranteed benefits paid on occurrence of the specified insurance event are either fixed or linked to the extent of the economic loss suffered by the policyholder. There are no maturity or surrender benefits under these insurance contracts.

Long term contracts

Insurance contracts without DPF

These contracts insure events associated with human life (mainly for death) over a long and fixed duration. The guaranteed and fixed element for these contracts relates to the sum assured, i.e. the benefit payable on death.

Premiums are recognised as revenue when they become payable by the contract holder. Premiums are shown before deduction of commission, and are inclusive of policy fees receivable.

Insurance contracts with DPF

In addition to the guaranteed amount payable on death, these products combine a savings element whereby a portion of the premium receivable, and declared returns, are accumulated for the benefit of the policyholder. Annual returns may combine a guaranteed rate of return and a discretionary element.

Premiums are recognised as revenue when they become payable by the contract holder. Premiums are shown before deduction of commission, and are inclusive of policy fees receivable.

Investment contracts with DPF

These long term contracts are substantially savings products since they do not transfer significant insurance risk. Annual returns may combine a guaranteed rate of return and a discretionary element.

The Group does not recognise the guaranteed element separately from the DPF for any of the contracts that it issues. As permitted by IFRS 4, it continues to apply accounting policies existing prior to this standard in respect of such contracts, further summarised as follows:

- (i) Premiums are recognised as revenue when they are paid and allocated to the respective policy account value. Premiums are shown before deduction of commission, and are inclusive of policy fees receivable.
- (ii) Maturity claims are charged against revenue when due for payment. Surrenders are accounted for when paid or, if earlier, on the date when the policy ceases to be included within the calculation of the liability. Death claims and all other claims are accounted for when notified. Claims payable include related internal and external claims handling costs.
- (iii) Bonuses charged to the long term business technical account in a given year comprise:
 - (a) new reversionary bonuses declared in respect of that year, which are provided within the calculation of the respective liability;
 - (b) terminal bonuses paid out to policyholders on maturity and included within claims paid; and
 - (c) terminal bonuses accrued at the Group's discretion, and included within the respective liability.

13. Insurance contracts and investment contracts with DPF (continued)

(b) Recognition and measurement (continued)

Long term contracts (continued)

- (iv) A liability for long term contractual benefits that are expected to be incurred in the future is recorded when premiums are recognised. This liability is determined by the approved actuary following his annual investigation of the financial condition of the Group's long term business as required under the Insurance Business Act (Cap. 403). It is calculated in accordance with the relevant legislation governing the determination of liabilities for the purposes of statutory solvency. The calculation uses a prospective valuation method, unless a retrospective calculation results in a higher liability, and makes explicit provision for vested reversionary bonuses. Provision is also made, explicitly or implicitly, for future reversionary bonuses. The prospective method is determined as the sum of the expected discounted value of the benefit payments and the future administration expenses that are directly related to the contract, less the expected discounted value of the theoretical premiums that would be required to meet the benefits and administration expenses based on the valuation assumptions used. The liability is based on assumptions as to mortality, maintenance expenses and investment income that are established at the time the contract is issued, subject to solvency restrictions set out in the Insurance Business Act (Cap. 403). The retrospective method is based on the insurance premium credited to the policyholder's account, together with explicit provision for vested bonuses accruing as at the end of the reporting period, and adjustment for mortality risk and other benefits.

This long term liability is recalculated at the end of each reporting period. The above method of calculation satisfies the minimum liability adequacy test required by IFRS 4. The liability in respect of short term insurance contracts is based on statistical analysis for the claims incurred but not reported, estimates of the expected ultimate cost of more complex claims that may be effected by external factors (such as court decisions), and further includes the portion of premiums received on in-force contracts that relate to unexpired risks at the end of the reporting period.

(c) Reinsurance contracts held

Contracts entered into by the Group with reinsurers under which the Group is compensated for losses on one or more contracts issued by the Group and that meet the classification requirements for insurance contracts in accounting policy 13(a) are classified as reinsurance contracts held. Contracts that do not meet the classification requirements are classified as financial assets.

The benefits to which the Group is entitled under its reinsurance contracts held are recognised as reinsurers' share of technical provisions or receivables from reinsurers (unless netted off against amounts payable to reinsurers). These assets consist of short term balances due from reinsurers (classified within receivables), as well as longer term receivables (classified as reinsurers' share of technical provisions) that are dependent on the expected claims and benefits arising under the related reinsured insurance contracts. Reinsurance liabilities are primarily premiums payable for reinsurance contracts and are recognised as an expense when due.

The Group assesses its reinsurance assets for impairment on an annual basis. If there is objective evidence that the reinsurance asset is impaired, the Group reduces the carrying amount of the reinsurance asset to its recoverable amount and recognises that impairment loss in the profit or loss. The Group gathers objective evidence that a reinsurance asset is impaired using the same process adopted for financial assets held at amortised cost. The impairment loss is also calculated following the same method used for these financial assets. These processes are described in accounting policy 10(a).

(d) Receivables and payables related to insurance contracts

Receivables and payables are recognised when due. These include amounts due to and from agents, brokers and policyholders. If there is objective evidence that the insurance receivable is impaired, the Group reduces the carrying amount of the insurance receivable accordingly and recognises that impairment loss in the profit or loss in a similar manner to the process described above for reinsurance contracts held (also see accounting policy 10(a)).

14. Investments contracts without DPF

The Group issues investment contracts without DPF. Premium arising on these contracts is classified as a financial liability – investment contracts without DPF. Investment contracts without fixed terms are financial liabilities whose fair value is dependent on the fair value of underlying financial assets, and are designated at inception as at fair value through profit or loss. The fair value of a unit linked financial liability is determined using the current unit values that reflect the fair values of the financial assets linked to the financial liability multiplied by the number of units attributed to the contract holder at the end of the reporting period. If the investment contract is subject to a surrender option, the fair value of the financial liability is never less than the amount payable on surrender, where applicable. Other benefits payable are also accrued as appropriate.

15. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand and demand deposits, together with short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash, and that are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value. For the purposes of the statements of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks and time deposits maturing within three months (unless these are held specifically for investment purposes) and are net of the bank overdraft, which is included with liabilities.

16. Borrowings

Borrowings are recognised initially at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently stated at amortised cost; any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption value is recognised in profit or loss over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method. Trade payables are stated at their nominal value unless the effect of discounting is material.

Borrowing costs are capitalised within property held for development in so far as they relate to the specific external financing of assets under development. Such borrowing costs are capitalised during the development phase of the project. Other borrowing costs are recognised as an expense in the year to which they relate.

17. Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

18. Dividend distribution

Dividend distribution to the Company's Shareholders is recognised as a liability in the Company's financial statements in the period in which the dividends are declared.

19. Fiduciary activities

Client monies are held by the Group as a result of clients' trades that have not yet been fulfilled. They are not included in the financial statements as these assets are held in a fiduciary capacity.

20. Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate of the amount of the obligation can be made. Provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessment of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as finance cost.

21. Revenue recognition

Revenue comprises the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for goods sold and services provided in the normal course of business, net of value added tax and discounts, where applicable. Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the Group and these can be measured reliably. Revenue also includes interest, dividend and rental income. The following specific recognition criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

(a) Rendering of services

Premium recognition dealing with insurance contracts and investments contracts with DPF is described in accounting policy 13. Revenue arising from the issue of investment contracts without DPF is recognised in the accounting period in which the services are rendered.

Other turnover arising on rendering of services represents commission, consultancy and advisory fees receivable in respect of the Group's activities in providing insurance agency, brokerage or investment services. Performance fees are recognised in the financial statements on the date when the advisor's entitlement to the income is established.

(b) Sale of property held for development

Revenue from the sale of property held for development is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership of property being sold are effectively transferred to the buyer. This is generally considered to occur at the later of the date of contract of sale and the date when all the Company's obligations relating to the property are completed and the possession of the property can be transferred in the manner stipulated by the contract of sale. Amounts received in respect of sales that have not yet been recognised in the financial statements, due to the fact that the significant risks and rewards of ownership still rest with the Company, are treated as deposits on contracts and are included with payables.

(c) Dividend income

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

(d) Interest income

Interest income from financial assets not classified as fair value through profit or loss is recognised using the effective interest method.

22. Foreign currencies

(a) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements of each of the Group's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ("the functional currency"). The consolidated financial statements are presented in Euro, which is the Company's functional and presentation currency.

22. Foreign currencies (continued)**(b) Transactions and balances**

Foreign currency transactions are translated into functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the date 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 profit or loss. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the functional currency that are measured at fair value are re-translated using the exchange rate ruling on the date the fair value was measured. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the functional currency that are measured in terms of historical cost are not re-translated. Exchange differences arising on the translation of non-monetary items carried at fair value are included in profit or loss for the period, except for differences arising on the re-translation of non-monetary items in respect of which gains and losses are recognised in other comprehensive income. For such non-monetary items, any exchange component of that gain or loss is also recognised in other comprehensive income.

23. Investment return

The total investment return in the notes includes dividend income, net fair value movements on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (including interest income from financial assets classified as fair value through profit or loss), interest income from financial assets not classified as fair value through profit or loss, rental receivable and net fair value movements on investment property and is net of investment expenses, charges and interest.

The investment return is allocated between the insurance technical account and the non-technical account on the basis of the investment return as recommended by the approved actuary.

24. Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases, less the aggregate benefit of incentives received from the lessor, are recognised as an expense in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the lease term unless another systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern of the user's benefit.

Leased assets are presented in the statement of financial position according to their nature and are tested for impairment in accordance with the Group's accounting policy on impairment. Rental income from operating leases, less the aggregate cost of incentives given to the lessee, is recognised as income in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the lease term unless another systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which use benefit derived from the leased asset is diminished. Initial direct costs incurred in negotiating and arranging an operating lease are added to the carrying amount of the leased asset and recognised as an expense in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

25. Employee benefits

The Company and the Group contribute towards the state pension in accordance with local legislation. The only obligation is to make the required contributions. Costs are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

26. Current tax

Current tax is charged or credited to profit or loss except when it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. The charge/credit for current tax is based on the taxable result for the period. The taxable result for the period differs from the result as reported in profit or loss because it excludes items which are non-assessable or disallowed and it further excludes items which are taxable or deductible in other periods. It is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Notes to the financial statements

1. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The Group makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and based on historical experience and other factors including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

In the opinion of the Directors, the accounting estimates and judgements made in the course of preparing these financial statements are not difficult, subjective or complex to a degree which would warrant their description as critical in terms of the requirements of IAS 1, unless further described below.

(a) Fair valuation of investment properties

The determination of the fair value of investment properties at the end of the reporting period requires the use of significant management estimates.

Fair valuation of Baronial Castle in Italy

The Group's investment property includes a Baronial Castle situated outside of Rome. Given the specialised nature of this property the uncertainties in the estimation of its fair value are inherently more significant than for the remaining portfolio of investment property.

Details of the valuation methodology and key assumptions of investment property classified as Level 3 are disclosed in Note 14 to the financial statements.

(b) Value of in-force business

The value of in-force business is a projection of future Shareholders' profit expected from insurance policies in force at the year-end, appropriately discounted and adjusted for the effect of taxation. This valuation requires the use of assumptions relating to future mortality, persistence, levels of expenses and investment returns over the longer term (see accounting policy 3(b)). Details of key assumptions and sensitivity for this intangible asset are provided in Note 11 to the financial statements.

(c) Technical provisions

The Group's technical provisions at year-end are determined in accordance with accounting policy 13. Details of key assumptions and sensitivities to the valuation are disclosed in Note 17 to the financial statements.

(d) Recognition of deferred tax asset

Deferred tax assets are recognised for unused tax losses, unused tax credits and deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which these deferred tax assets can be utilised. Significant management judgment is required to determine the amount of deferred tax assets that can be recognised, based upon the likely timing and level of future taxable profits together with future tax planning strategies. The carrying value of recognised and unrecognised deferred tax assets is disclosed in Note 12.

2. Management of insurance and financial risk

The Group holds or issues contracts that transfer insurance risk or financial risk or both. This section summarises these risks and the way the Group manages them. The Group's risk management strategy has remained unchanged from the prior year.

Insurance risk

The risk under any one insurance contract is the possibility that the insured event occurs and the uncertainty of the amount and timing of the resulting claim. By the very nature of an insurance contract, this risk is random and therefore unpredictable.

For a portfolio of insurance contracts where the theory of probability is applied to pricing and provisioning, the principal risk that the Group faces under its insurance contracts is that the actual claims and benefit payments exceed the carrying amount of the insurance liabilities. This could occur because the frequency or severity of claims and benefits are greater than estimated. Insurance events are random and the actual number and amount of claims and benefits will vary from year to year from the estimate established using statistical techniques.

Experience shows that the larger the portfolio of similar insurance contracts, the smaller the relative variability about the expected outcome will be. In addition, a more diversified portfolio is less likely to be affected across the board by a change in any subset of the portfolio. The Group has developed its insurance underwriting strategy to diversify the type of insurance risk accepted and within each of these categories to achieve a sufficiently large population of risks to reduce the variability of the expected outcome.

Factors that aggravate insurance risk include lack of risk diversification in terms of type and amount of risk and geographical location.

(a) Frequency and severity of claims

For contracts where death is the insured risk, the most significant factors that could increase the overall frequency of claims are epidemics or wide spread changes in lifestyle, resulting in earlier or more claims than expected.

At present, these risks do not vary significantly in relation to the location of the risk insured by the Group. However, undue concentration by amounts could have an impact on the severity of benefit payments on a portfolio basis.

For contracts with fixed and guaranteed benefits and fixed future premiums, there are no mitigating terms and conditions that reduce the insurance risk accepted. Investment contracts with DPF ("Discretionary participation feature") carry negligible insurance risk.

The Group manages these risks through its underwriting strategy and reinsurance agreements. The underwriting strategy is intended to ensure that the risks underwritten are well diversified in terms of type of risk and the level of insured benefits. Medical selection is also included in the Group's underwriting procedures with premiums varied to reflect the health condition and lifestyle of the applicants.

2. Management of insurance and financial risk (continued)

Insurance risk (continued)

Frequency and severity of claims (continued)

The Group has retention limits on any single life assured for term business or risk premium business. The Group reinsures the excess of the insured benefits over approved retention limits under a treaty reinsurance arrangement. Facultative reinsurance is selectively sought for non-standard risks that are not covered by the treaty reinsurance arrangement where the Group has decided to accept the insurance risk. Short term insurance contracts are also protected through a combination of selective quota share and surplus reinsurance. Further, the Group has a "CAT XL" reinsurance arrangement to cover its exposure in the case of an event affecting more than three lives.

In general, all large sums assured are facultatively reinsured on terms that substantially limit the Group's maximum net exposure. The Directors consider that all other business is adequately protected through treaty reinsurance with a reasonable spread of benefits payable according to the age of the insured, and the size of the sum assured. The Group is largely exposed to insurance risk in one geographical area, Malta. Single event exposure is capped through the "CAT XL" reinsurance arrangement as referred above.

(b) Sources of uncertainty in the estimation of future benefit payments and premium receipts

Uncertainty in the estimation of future benefit payments and premium receipts for long term insurance contracts arises from the unpredictability of long term changes in overall levels of mortality and the variability in contract holder behaviour. The Group uses appropriate base tables of standard mortality according to the type of contract being written. The Group does not take credit for future lapses in determining the liability for long term contracts in accordance with the insurance rules regulating its calculation.

Financial risk

The Group is exposed to financial risk through its financial assets and liabilities, reinsurance assets, and insurance liabilities. In particular, the key financial risk is that the proceeds from its financial assets are not sufficient to fund the obligations arising from its insurance and investment contracts with DPF. The Group is also exposed to significant liquidity risk in relation to obligations arising on the bonds issued in 2016. The most important components of financial risk are market risk (including currency risk, cash flow, fair value interest rate risk and price risk), credit risk and liquidity risk.

These risks partly arise from open positions in interest rate, currency and equity products, all of which are exposed to general and specific market movements. The Group manages these positions through adherence to an investment policy. The policy adopted is modelled to take into account actuarial recommendations, and is developed to achieve long term investment returns in excess of its obligations under insurance and investment contracts with DPF. The principal technique underlying the Group's framework is to broadly match assets to the liabilities arising from insurance and investment contracts with DPF by reference to the type of benefits payable to contract holders, and the recommended portfolio mix as advised by the approved actuary.

The Group's investment policy is formally approved by the Board of Directors. Portfolio review processes and investment decisions are generally delegated to a dedicated Sub-Investment Committee or the Chief Executive Officer. Transactions in excess of pre-established parameters are subject to Board approval. The procedures consider, inter alia, a recommended portfolio structure, authorisation parameters, asset and counterparty limits and currency restrictions. Management reports to the Investment Committee on a regular basis. The Committee meets to consider, inter alia, investment prospects, liquidity, the performance of the portfolio and the overall framework of the Group's investment strategy. Solvency considerations as regulated by the relevant Authority are also taken into account as appropriate.

2. Management of insurance and financial risk (continued)

Financial risk (continued)

Market risk

(a) Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

The Group and the Company are exposed to the risk of fluctuating market interest rate. Assets/liabilities with variable rates expose the Group and the Company to cash flow interest risk. Assets/liabilities with fixed rates expose the Group and the Company to fair value interest rate risk to the extent that they are measured at fair value.

The total assets and liabilities subject to interest rate risk are the following:

	Group		Company	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	€	€	€	€
Assets attributable to policyholders				
Assets at floating interest rates	12,657,940	4,717,928	-	-
Assets at fixed interest rates	28,155,299	26,352,211	-	-
	40,813,239	31,070,139	-	-
Assets attributable to shareholders				
Assets at floating interest rates	1,651,926	668,073	463,106	38,225
Assets at fixed interest rates	-	1,144,048	-	20,800
	1,651,926	1,812,121	463,106	59,025
	42,465,165	32,882,260	463,106	59,025
Liabilities				
Technical provisions	72,081,215	66,858,186	-	-

As disclosed in Note 23 the Company issued a bond having a remaining nominal value of €10,000,000 (2015 - €13,823,200) as at year end at a fixed rate of interest. This exposure does not give rise to fair value interest rate risk since the bond is carried at amortised cost in the financial statements.

Interest rate risk is monitored by the Board on an ongoing basis. This risk is mitigated through the distribution of fixed interest investments over a range of maturity dates, and the definition of an investment policy as described earlier, which limits the amount of investment in any one interest earning asset or towards any one counterparty. Management monitors the movement in interest rates and, where possible, reacts to material movements in such rates by adjusting or restructuring its investment or financing structure and by maintaining an appropriate mix between fixed and floating rate instruments. As at the end of the reporting period, the Directors considered that no hedging arrangements were necessary to address interest rate risk.

Insurance and investment contracts with DPF have benefit payments that are fixed and guaranteed at the inception of the contract (for example, sum assured), or as bonuses are declared. The financial component of these benefits is usually a guaranteed fixed interest rate set at the inception of the contract, or the supplemental benefits payable. The Group's primary financial risk on these contracts is the risk that interest income and capital redemptions from the financial assets backing the liabilities are insufficient to fund the guaranteed benefits payable.

The supplemental benefits payable to holders of such contracts are based substantially on historic and current rates of return on fixed income securities held as well as the Group's expectations for future investment returns. The impact of interest rate risk is mitigated by the presence of the DPF. Guaranteed benefits increase as supplemental benefits are declared and allocated to contract holders.

All insurance and investment contracts with a DPF feature can be surrendered before maturity for a cash surrender value specified in the contractual terms and conditions. This surrender value is either lower than or at least equal to the carrying amount of the contract liabilities as a result of the application of surrender penalties set out in the contracts. The Group is not required to, and does not, measure this embedded derivative at fair value.

2. Management of insurance and financial risk (continued)

Financial risk (continued)

Market risk (continued)

(a) Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk (continued)

The sensitivity for interest rate risk illustrates how changes in the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates at the reporting date. The Group's interest rate risk arises primarily on fixed-income and floating rate financial assets held to cover policyholder liabilities. Interest-bearing assets or liabilities attributable to the shareholders are not significant, or they mainly mature in the short term, and as a result the Group's income and operating cash flows are substantially independent of changes in market interest rates in this regard. An indication of the sensitivity of insurance results to a variation of investment return on policyholders' assets is provided in Note 11 to the financial statements in relation to the value of in-force business. Further sensitivity to investment return variations in relation to technical provisions is provided in Note 17 to the financial statements. Should the carrying amounts of assets at fixed interest rates at the end of the reporting period increase/decrease by 10%, with all other variables held constant, the impact on the Group's pre-tax profit would be +/- €2,816,000 in 2016 (2015 - +/-€2,750,000). The Group is not exposed to significant cash flow interest rate risk on assets at floating interest rates as a reasonably possible change would not result in a significant cash flow interest rate risk.

(b) Price risk

The Group and the Company are exposed to market price risk arising from the uncertainty about the future prices of investments held that are classified in the statement of financial position as at fair value through profit or loss or as available for sale. This risk is mitigated through the adherence to an investment policy geared towards diversification as described earlier. The Group is exposed to price risk in respect of listed equity investment. Approximately 54% of equity securities held at fair value through profit or loss in Note 16 relate to holdings in three local banks (2015 – 55%). The remaining equity securities held at fair value through profit or loss are mainly held in equities in the Telecommunication Services and Information Technology sectors.

The total assets subject to equity price risk are the following:

	Group		Company	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	€	€	€	€
Assets attributable to policyholders	16,301,417	16,285,924	-	-

The sensitivity analysis for price risk illustrates how changes in the fair value of equity securities will fluctuate because of changes in market prices, whether these changes are caused by factors specific to the individual equity issuer, or factors affecting all similar equity securities traded in the market.

The sensitivity analysis measures the change in the fair value of the instruments for a hypothetical change of 10% in the market price of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. The amounts generated from the sensitivity analysis are forward-looking estimates of market risk assuming certain market conditions. Actual results in the future may differ materially from those projected results due to the inherent uncertainty of global financial markets. Should market prices at the end of the reporting period increase/decrease by 10%, with all other variables held constant, the impact on the Group's pre-tax profit would be +/- 1,576,000 in 2016 (2015 - +/- €1,624,000). This sensitivity analysis is based on a change in an assumption while holding all assumptions constant and does not consider, for example, the mitigating impact of the DPF element on policyholder liabilities for contracts with a DPF.

2. Management of insurance and financial risk (continued)

Financial risk (continued)

Market risk (continued)

(c) Currency risk

The Group's and the Company's exposure to foreign exchange risk arises primarily from investments that are denominated in currencies other than the Euro. As at 31 December 2016, the Group's exposure to foreign currency investments (principally comprising a mix of US Dollar, UK Pound and Swiss Franc) represented 5% of the Group's total investments in Note 16 (2015 - 4%). 2% (2015 - 17%) of the Group's cash and cash equivalents, at 31 December 2016, are denominated in foreign currency (principally comprising a mix of US Dollar, UK Pound and Swiss Franc).

The risk arising from foreign currency transactions is managed by regular monitoring of the relevant exchange rates and management's reaction to material movements thereto. In addition, currency exposure is regulated by the Regulations underlying the Insurance Business Act (Cap. 403), in so far as life assurance business is concerned.

For financial instruments held or issued, a sensitivity analysis technique that measures the change in the fair value and the cash flows of the Group's financial instruments at the reporting date for hypothetical changes in exchange rates has been used. The amounts generated from the sensitivity analysis are forward-looking estimates of market risk assuming certain market conditions. Actual results in the future may differ materially from those projected results due to the inherent uncertainty of global financial markets. The sensitivity analysis is for illustrative purposes only, as in practice market rates rarely change in isolation and are likely to be interdependent.

Should GBP and USD exchange rates at the end of the reporting period differ by +/-10%, with all other variables held constant, the impact on the Company's pre-tax profit would be +/-€253,000 in 2016 (2015 - +/-€253,000) and +/-€51,000 in 2016 (2015 - +/-€61,000) respectively.

2. Management of insurance and financial risk (continued)

Financial risk (continued)

Credit risk

The Group and the Company have exposure to credit risk, which is the risk that a counterparty will be unable to pay amounts in full when due. Financial assets that potentially subject the Group to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of:

- investments (including counterparty risk);
- reinsurers' share of technical provisions;
- trade and other receivables; and
- cash and cash equivalents.

The Company is exposed to credit risk as at the financial year-end in respect of amounts due from subsidiary undertakings and cash at bank balances, which are placed with reliable financial institutions.

The Group structures the levels of credit risk it accepts by placing limits on its exposure to a single counterparty, or groups of counterparties. Limits on the level of credit risk by category are defined within the Group's investment policy as described earlier. This policy also considers regulatory restrictions on asset and counterparty exposures. Further detail on the content of the Group's investment portfolio is provided in Note 16 to these financial statements.

Credit risk in respect of trade and other receivables is not deemed to be significant after considering the range of underlying debtors, and their creditworthiness. Receivables are stated net of impairment. Further detail in this regard is provided in Note 19 to the financial statements.

Reinsurance is used to manage insurance risk. This does not, however, discharge the Group's liability as primary insurer. If a reinsurer fails to pay a claim for any reason, the Group remains liable for payment to the policyholder. The creditworthiness of reinsurers is considered on an ongoing basis and by reviewing their financial strength prior to finalisation of any contract. The Group's reinsurer retained its Standard and Poor's rating of AA- as at 31 December 2016.

The credit risk in respect of cash at bank is mitigated by placing such balances with reliable financial institutions.

Credit risk in respect of the amounts due from subsidiary undertakings to the Company is closely monitored by the Company and is tested for impairment as disclosed in Note 16.

The following table illustrates the assets that expose the Group to credit risk as at the end of the reporting period and includes the Bloomberg's composite rating for debt securities at fair value through profit or loss, when available, and the Fitch long term issuer default rating for deposits with banks and cash and cash equivalents, when available.

2. Management of insurance and financial risk (continued)**Financial risk** (continued)**Credit risk** (continued)

Assets bearing credit risk at the end of the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	As at 31 December 2016					
	AAA to AA €	A+ to A €	A- €	BBB+ to B- €	Unrated €	Total €
Investments						
Debt securities at fair value through profit or loss	569,301	1,114,445	18,218,230	5,599,904	2,653,419	28,155,299
Debt securities held-to-maturity	–	604,592	5,202,846	824,341	181,221	6,813,000
	569,301	1,719,037	23,421,076	6,424,245	2,834,640	34,968,299
Loans and receivables						
Loans secured on policies	–	–	–	–	138,884	138,884
Trade and other receivables	–	–	–	–	3,160,841	3,160,841
Cash and cash equivalents	–	655,257	–	13,044,726	609,883	14,309,866
	–	655,257	–	13,044,726	3,909,608	17,609,591
Reinsurance share of technical provisions	7,653,972	–	–	–	–	7,653,972
Total assets bearing credit risk	8,223,273	2,374,294	23,421,076	19,468,971	6,744,248	60,231,862

	As at 31 December 2015					
	AAA to AA €	A+ to A €	A- €	BBB+ to B- €	Unrated €	Total €
Investments						
Debt securities at fair value through profit or loss	581,711	1,123,543	–	23,276,685	2,514,327	27,496,266
Debt securities held-to-maturity	–	485,993	–	6,661,676	181,262	7,328,931
	581,711	1,609,536	–	29,938,361	2,695,589	34,825,197
Loans and receivables						
Loans secured on policies	–	–	–	–	151,328	151,328
Trade and other receivables	–	–	–	–	2,555,144	2,555,144
Cash and cash equivalents	–	857,230	–	4,344,885	238,536	5,440,651
	–	857,230	–	4,344,885	2,945,008	8,147,123
Reinsurance share of technical provisions	3,612,349	–	–	–	–	3,612,349
Total assets bearing credit risk	4,194,060	2,466,766	–	34,283,246	5,640,597	46,584,669

Unrated financial assets principally comprise locally traded bonds on the Malta Stock Exchange, receivables and certain deposits with local bank institutions for which no credit rating is available.

As at 31 December 2016 and 2015 the Group had significant exposure with the Government of Malta through investments in debt securities. In 2016 these were equivalent to 36% (2015 - 42%) of the Group's total investments.

2. Management of insurance and financial risk (continued)

Financial risk (continued)

Liquidity risk

Liquidity is the risk that cash may not be available to pay obligations when due at a reasonable cost. The Group adopts a prudent liquidity risk management approach by maintaining a sufficient proportion of its assets in cash and marketable securities through the availability of an adequate amount of committed credit facilities and the ability to close out market positions. Senior management is updated on a regular basis on the cash position of the Group illustrating, inter alia, actual cash balance net of operational commitments falling due in the short term as well as investment commitments falling due in the medium and long term.

The Group is exposed to daily calls on its available cash resources in order to meet its obligations, including claims arising from contracts in issue by the Group. Other financial liabilities which expose the Group and the Company to liquidity risk mainly comprise the borrowings disclosed in Note 23 and trade and other payables disclosed in Note 24.

The tables below analyse the Group's financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period between the end of the reporting period and the maturity date. The expected cash outflows for insurance and investment contracts do not consider the impact of early surrenders. Expected cash outflows on unit linked liabilities have been excluded since they are matched by expected inflows on backing assets.

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As at 31 December 2016

	Contracted undiscounted cash outflows					Carrying amount €
	Less than one year €	Between one and two years €	Between two and five years €	Over five years €	Total €	
Borrowings						
5.6% bonds 2015/2016	500,000	500,000	11,500,000	–	12,500,000	10,027,619
Trade and other payables	5,972,928	–	–	–	5,972,928	5,972,928
	6,472,928	500,000	11,500,000	–	18,472,928	16,000,547

	Expected undiscounted cash outflows					Carrying amount €
	Less than five years €	Between five and ten years €	Between ten and twenty years €	Over twenty years €	Total €	
Technical provisions	19,032,852	12,582,138	22,257,693	25,122,189	78,994,872	78,994,872

As at 31 December 2015

	Contracted undiscounted cash outflows					Carrying amount €
	Less than one year €	Between one and two years €	Between two and five years €	Over five years €	Total €	
Borrowings						
5.6% bonds 2015/2016	14,612,744	–	–	–	14,612,744	14,267,635
Trade and other payables	5,211,363	–	–	–	5,211,363	5,211,363
	19,824,107	–	–	–	19,824,107	19,478,998

	Expected undiscounted cash outflows					Carrying amount €
	Less than five years €	Between five and ten years €	Between ten and twenty years €	Over twenty years €	Total €	
Technical provisions	18,380,120	10,750,745	22,133,675	19,800,783	71,065,323	71,065,323

2. Management of insurance and financial risk (continued)

Company

The tables below analyse the Company's financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period between the end of the reporting period and the maturity date.

As at 31 December 2016

	Contracted undiscounted cash outflows					Carrying amount €
	Less than one year €	Between one and two years €	Between two and five years €	Over five years €	Total €	
Borrowings						
5.6% bonds 2015/2016	500,000	500,000	11,500,000	-	12,500,000	10,027,619
Trade and other payables	2,359,991	-	-	-	2,359,991	2,359,991
	2,859,991	500,000	11,500,000	-	14,859,991	12,387,610

As at 31 December 2015

	Contracted undiscounted cash outflows					Carrying amount €
	Less than one year €	Between one and two years €	Between two and five years €	Over five years €	Total €	
Borrowings						
5.6% bonds 2015/2016	14,612,744	-	-	-	14,612,744	14,267,635
Trade and other payables	3,219,322	-	-	-	3,219,322	3,219,322
	17,832,066	-	-	-	17,832,066	17,486,957

3. Segmental analysis

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue and result by reportable segment, assets, liabilities and other information for 2016.

Year ended 31 December 2016	Investment and advisory services €	Business of insurance €	Agency and brokerage services €	Property services €	Other €	Eliminations €	Group €
Segment income							
Earned premiums, net of reinsurance	–	9,661,870	–	–	–	–	9,661,870
Commission and other fees receivable	671,230	–	2,032,914	–	–	–	2,704,144
Investment income	–	9,607,169	13,749	1,101	3,034,679	(6,101,131)	6,555,567
Net gains on investments at fair value through profit and loss	–	–	29,977	1,685	–	–	31,662
Net gains on investment property	–	1,484,111	–	143,075	–	–	1,627,186
Total revenue	671,230	20,753,150	2,076,640	145,861	3,034,679	(6,101,131)	20,580,429
Revenue from external customers	676,416	10,728,328	1,986,342	–	–	–	13,391,086
Intersegment revenues	9,388	3,032,940	5,774	1,101	3,034,095	–	6,083,298
Segment expenses							
Net claims incurred	–	(9,308,577)	–	–	–	–	(9,308,577)
Net change in technical provisions	–	(2,024,346)	–	–	–	–	(2,024,346)
Net operating expenses	(1,270,159)	(2,842,276)	(957,988)	(196,075)	(403,400)	101,131	(5,568,767)
Unrealised losses on investment property	–	(207,061)	–	–	(23,914)	–	(230,975)
Investment expenses	(15,574)	(36,434)	–	(2)	–	–	(52,010)
Total expenses	(1,285,733)	(14,418,694)	(957,988)	(196,077)	(427,314)	101,131	(17,184,675)
Segment profit/(loss)	(614,503)	6,334,456	1,118,652	(50,216)	2,607,365	(6,000,000)	3,395,754
Unallocated items							
Finance costs	–	–	–	–	–	–	(616,040)
Total unallocated items	–	–	–	–	–	–	(616,040)
Group profit							2,779,714
Tax expense							(926,557)
Profit after tax							1,853,157
Segment assets	1,002,917	104,194,747	1,621,066	6,144,919	15,275,719	(23,819,891)	104,419,477
Unallocated assets							8,723,779
							113,143,256
Segment liabilities	756,582	83,548,837	74,256	145,013	1,333,849	(8,081,759)	77,776,778
Unallocated liabilities							20,246,686
							98,023,464
Other segment items							
Capital expenditure	–	306,340	–	–	–	–	
Amortisation	–	140,993	–	–	59,458	–	
Depreciation	551	42,009	109	–	17,389	–	

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue and result by reportable segment, assets, liabilities and other information for 2015.

Year ended 31 December 2015	Investment and advisory services €	Business of insurance €	Agency and brokerage services €	Property services €	Other €	Eliminations €	Group €
Segment income							
Earned premiums, net of reinsurance	–	8,477,170	–	–	–	–	8,477,170
Commission and other fees receivable	868,457	–	1,699,842	–	–	–	2,568,299
Investment income	805	5,103,665	32,596	56,429	35,076	(96,016)	5,132,555
Net gains on investments at fair value through profit and loss	–	4,092,325	41,738	1,685	2,727	–	4,138,475
Net gains on investment property	–	3,454,271	–	–	–	–	3,454,271
Total revenue	869,262	21,127,431	1,774,176	58,114	37,803	(96,016)	23,770,770
Revenue from external customers	850,989	9,346,664	1,649,790	–	–	–	11,847,443
Intersegment revenues	7,839	28,482	(5,815)	56,429	34,004	–	120,939
Segment expenses							
Net claims incurred	–	(9,326,743)	–	–	–	–	(9,326,743)
Net change in technical provisions	–	(2,966,055)	–	–	–	–	(2,966,055)
Net operating expenses	(756,003)	(1,995,359)	(1,043,294)	(264,822)	(804,168)	96,016	(4,767,630)
Unrealised losses on investment property	–	–	–	(260,693)	–	–	(260,693)
Investment expenses	(18,113)	(49,781)	–	(14)	(658)	–	(68,566)
Total expenses	(774,116)	(14,337,938)	(1,043,294)	(525,529)	(804,826)	96,016	(17,389,687)
Segment profit/(loss)	95,146	6,789,493	730,882	(467,415)	(767,023)	–	6,381,083
Unallocated items							
Finance costs	–	–	–	–	–	–	(774,578)
Total unallocated items	–	–	–	–	–	–	(774,578)
Group profit							5,606,505
Tax expense							(1,481,762)
Profit after tax							4,124,743
Segment assets	431,092	91,498,470	436,623	7,224,347	16,328,684	(28,298,780)	87,620,436
Unallocated assets							13,414,500
							101,034,936
Segment liabilities	232,886	73,392,806	78,286	165,545	1,443,003	(10,185,560)	65,126,966
Unallocated liabilities							28,547,881
							93,674,847
Other segment items							
Capital expenditure	–	135,831	–	–	4,666		
Amortisation	–	–	–	–	49,197		
Depreciation	551	263,431	109	–	21,329		

3. Segmental analysis (continued)

The Group's reportable segments under IFRS 8 are identified as follows:

- Investment and advisory services – the provision of services in terms of the Investment Services Act (Cap. 370);
- Business of insurance - to carry on long term business of insurance under the Insurance Business Act (Cap. 403);
- Agency and brokerage services - provision of agency or brokerage services for health or other general insurance in terms of the Insurance Intermediaries Act (Cap. 487) and money broking and trading in foreign exchange in terms of the Financial Institutions Act (Cap. 387);
- Property services – to handle property acquisitions, disposals and development projects both long and short term; and
- Other.

The other operating segment includes corporate expenses and other activities which are not reportable segments due to their immateriality. Certain expenses, finance costs and taxes are not allocated across the segments.

The accounting policies of the reportable segments are the same as the Group's accounting policies. Segment profit or loss represents the results generated by each segment without the allocation of certain finance costs, impairment of goodwill and taxation. This is the measure reported to the Group's chief executive officer for the purpose of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance.

All the Group's turnover is primarily generated in and from Malta. The above turnover includes inter segment revenues amounting to €101,131 (2015 - €120,939).

Segment assets consist primarily of investments, receivables, intangible assets, property, plant and equipment and operating cash. Segment liabilities comprise insurance technical provisions and other operating liabilities. Capital expenditure comprises additions to computer software and to property, plant and equipment. Unallocated assets comprise investments that are not allocated to policyholders, taxation and intra group receivables. Unallocated liabilities mainly comprise borrowings, taxation and intra group payables.

All non-current assets (other than financial instruments, deferred tax assets and rights under insurance contracts) are held in Malta with the exception of investment property located in Italy amounting to €5,500,000 (2015 - €5,500,000), in Croatia of €550,000 (2015 - €490,000) and other countries amounting to €182,000 (2015 - €182,000).

4. Expenses by nature

	Group		Company	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	€	€	€	€
Staff cost	1,501,868	1,468,944	–	–
Commission and direct marketing costs	1,224,167	935,883	–	–
Amortisation of computer software	142,698	3,380	1,705	3,380
Depreciation of property, plant and machinery	60,016	285,869	17,389	21,779
Legal and professional fees	458,452	581,308	37,832	370,950
Operating lease rentals payable	70,906	89,428	–	–
Other provisions	519,513	116,587	–	–
Impairment of balances due from group companies	–	–	324,915	–
Other expenses	1,591,147	1,572,825	277,577	357,060
	5,568,767	5,054,224	659,418	753,169
Allocated as follows:				
Long term business technical account				
– claims related expenses	112,281	106,740	–	–
– staff costs	507,257	519,680	–	–
– net operating expenses	2,061,404	1,441,489	–	–
Non-technical account				
– staff costs	994,611	949,264	–	–
– commission and direct marketing costs	154,797	147,059	–	–
– other provisions	519,513	116,587	–	–
– impairment of intercompany receivables	–	–	324,915	–
– other administrative expenses	1,218,904	1,773,405	334,503	753,169
	5,568,767	5,054,224	659,418	753,169

Actuarial valuation fees for the current financial year amounted to €137,468 (2015 - €94,071) for the Group.

Auditor's remuneration for the current financial year amounted to €116,750 (2015 - €109,750) for the Group and €66,500 (2015 - €59,000) for the Company. Other fees payable to the auditor comprise €10,500 (2015 - €13,000) for other assurance services, €10,675 (2015 - €10,675) for tax compliance service and €60,000 (2015 - €13,000) for other non-audit services.

Other provisions for the year under review represent the best estimate of the expected outflow of resources to settle a present obligation resulting from outstanding court and arbitration cases against the Group.

5. Staff costs

	Group		Company	
	2016 €	2015 €	2016 €	2015 €
Staff costs:				
Wages and salaries	1,413,066	1,360,908	1,413,066	1,360,908
Social security costs	88,802	108,036	88,802	108,036
	1,501,868	1,468,944	1,501,868	1,468,944
Recharged to group undertakings	-	-	(1,501,868)	(1,468,944)
	1,501,868	1,468,944	-	-

The average number of persons employed by both the Group and the Company during the year are analysed below:

	2016 Number	2015 Number
Managerial	13	13
Sales	5	3
Administrative	39	41
	57	57

The table above represents salaried staff and does not include self-employed Tied Insurance Intermediaries.

6. Investment return and finance costs

	Group		Company	
	2016 €	2015 €	2016 €	2015 €
Investment income				
Rental income from investment property	818,366	891,163	–	–
Dividends received from investments at fair value through profit or loss	357,399	644,643	–	–
Dividends received from available-for-sale investments	34,617	42,450	–	–
Interest receivable from				
– investments at fair value through profit or loss	1,202,152	1,202,168	–	–
– held-to-maturity investments	321,740	355,805	–	–
– other loans and receivables	5,896	22,622	564	1,103
Net exchange gains	–	71,880	20	–
Net gains on investment property and non-current assets held for sale	1,629,999	3,193,578	–	–
Gain on sale of property held for development	–	16,145	–	–
Net gains on financial investments at fair value through profit or loss	–	5,004,595	–	485
Gain on buy-back of interest-bearing borrowings	–	72	–	72
Other income	33,204	49,418	500	–
	4,403,373	11,494,539	1,084	1,660
Investment charges and expenses				
Net losses on financial investments at fair value through profit or loss	52,636	940,967	22,543	–
Investment management charges	31,715	25,078	–	730
Net exchange losses	141,624	–	–	31
Interest payable on:				
– Interest-bearing borrowings	591,721	756,644	616,040	774,578
Amortisation charge on held-to-maturity investments	15,931	17,401	–	–
Amortisation of bond issue costs	59,458	49,197	59,458	49,197
	893,085	1,789,287	698,041	824,536
Total investment return/(loss)	3,510,288	9,705,252	(696,957)	(822,876)
Allocated as follows:				
Long term business technical account	1,009,441	5,977,625	–	–
Statement of comprehensive income	2,500,847	3,727,627	(696,957)	(822,876)
	3,510,288	9,705,252	(696,957)	(822,876)

7. Income tax

	Group		Company	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	€	€	€	€
Current tax charge	809,664	21,469	7,487	-
Deferred tax (credit)/expense	(870,688)	985,908	(7,762)	(17,219)
Tax relating to value of in-force business	987,581	474,385	-	-
Tax charge/(credit)	926,557	1,481,762	(275)	(17,219)

Income tax recognised in other comprehensive income is as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	€	€	€	€
Deferred tax				
Arising on income and expenses recognised in other comprehensive income:				
Revaluations of property	159,119	-	-	-
Revaluations of available-for-sale financial assets	(24,450)	39,345	-	-
	134,669	39,345	-	-

The tax on the Group's and the Company's profit/(loss) before tax differs from the theoretical amount that would arise using the basic tax rate as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	€	€	€	€
Profit/(loss) before tax	2,779,714	5,606,505	(1,356,375)	(1,576,045)
Tax on profit/(loss) at 35%	972,900	1,962,277	(474,731)	(551,616)
Tax effect of:				
Non - deductible expenditure	379,081	713,046	474,456	552,161
Exempt income and income subject to a reduced rate of tax	-	(23,530)	-	-
Deferred tax asset not recognised	182,008	(93,400)	-	-
Effect of fair value movement on investment property	(546,156)	(1,141,064)	-	-
Other differences	(61,276)	64,433	-	(17,764)
Tax expense/(income)	926,557	1,481,762	(275)	(17,219)

8. Directors' emoluments

	Group		Company	
	2016 €	2015 €	2016 €	2015 €
Fees	216,930	186,087	216,930	186,087
Salaries	105,603	34,074	105,603	34,074
	322,533	220,161	322,533	220,161
Recharged to group undertakings	-	-	(163,603)	(97,324)
	322,533	220,161	158,930	122,837

The executive directors are entitled to participate in a health insurance scheme subsidised by the Group.

The above information for the Company for 2016 and 2015 includes salaries and emoluments amounting to €163,603 (2015 - €97,324) that were recharged to group undertakings.

9. Earnings per share

Earnings per share is based on the net profit for the year divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year.

	Group	
	2016 €	2015 €
Net profit attributable to shareholders	1,853,157	4,124,743
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue	26,203,907	26,203,907
Earnings per share (cents)	7c1	15c7

There is no difference between basic and diluted earnings per share as the Company has no potential dilutive ordinary shares.

10. Dividends

The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend for 2016 as the Company had no distributable reserves at the end of the reporting period. No dividend was paid in 2015.

11. Intangible assets

Group	Goodwill €	Value of in-force business €	Computer software €	Total €
At 1 January 2015				
Cost or valuation	311,541	4,140,000	2,344,812	6,796,353
Accumulated amortisation	-	-	(562,699)	(562,699)
Carrying amount	311,541	4,140,000	1,782,113	6,233,654
Year ended 31 December 2015				
Opening carrying amount	311,541	4,140,000	1,782,113	6,233,654
Additions	-	-	51,456	51,456
Increment in value in force business	-	881,000	-	881,000
Amortisation charge	-	-	(3,380)	(3,380)
Closing carrying amount	311,541	5,021,000	1,830,189	7,162,730
At 1 January 2016				
Cost or valuation	311,541	5,021,000	2,396,268	7,728,809
Accumulated amortisation	-	-	(566,079)	(566,079)
Carrying amount	311,541	5,021,000	1,830,189	7,162,730
Year ended 31 December 2016				
Opening carrying amount	311,541	5,021,000	1,830,189	7,162,730
Increment in value in force business	-	1,834,079	-	1,834,079
Amortisation charge	-	-	(142,698)	(142,698)
Closing carrying amount	311,541	6,855,079	1,687,491	8,854,111
At 31 December 2016				
Cost or valuation	311,541	6,855,079	2,396,268	9,562,888
Accumulated amortisation	-	-	(708,777)	(708,777)
Carrying amount	311,541	6,855,079	1,687,491	8,854,111

Amortisation of computer software amounting to €142,698 (2015 - €3,380) is included in expenses by nature (Note 4).

Computer software relates to the company's policy administration system. The carrying amount of the software is €1,686,907 (2015 - €1,827,900) will be fully amortised in 12 years (2015 - 13 years). The amortisation charge for the year on this software is €140,993 (2015 - €Nil).

11. Intangible assets (continued)***Impairment tests for goodwill***

The goodwill component at the end of the reporting period relates to the Group's health insurance agency that was acquired as a result of the merger by acquisition of the local operations of BAI Co (Mtius) Ltd in 2004. An impairment assessment was carried out in which the recoverable amount of the goodwill was determined based on its value in use. The value in use was determined by estimating the discounted future cash flows the Group expects to derive from this component over 10 years. Projected cash flows assumed an average growth rate of 3% per annum. A discount rate of 6% and a capitalisation rate of 10% were applied to determine value in use. From such assessment there was no indication of impairment on the remaining goodwill.

Value of in-force business – assumptions, changes in assumptions and sensitivity

The value of in-force business ("VOIFB") represents the net present value of projected future transfers to Shareholders from policies in force at the year end, after making provision for taxation. The value of in-force business is determined by the Directors on an annual basis, based on the advice of the approved actuary.

The assumption parameters of the valuation are based on a combination of the Group's experience and market data. Due to the long-term nature of the underlining business, the cash flow projection period for each policy is set to its maturity date. The valuation is based on a discount rate of 5.50% and a growth rate of 3.65% to 3.80% depending on the type of policy.

The valuation assumes a margin of 1.50% (2015 - 1.15%) between the weighted average projected investment return and the discount factor applied. The calculation also assumes lapse rates varying from 1% to 8.5%, and expenses are implicitly inflated.

Sensitivity of the main assumptions underlying the valuation is applied as follows:

- a 10% increase in the assumption for policy maintenance expenses reduces the VOIFB by €448,000 (2015 - €232,000);
- a decrease in the projected investment return by 10% reduces the VOIFB by €919,000 (2015 - €507,000); and
- an increase in the discount factor by 10% reduces the VOIFB by €401,000 (2015 - €167,000).

The above sensitivity analysis is based on a change in an assumption while holding all other assumptions constant.

11. Intangible assets (continued)

Company	Computer Software €
At 1 January 2015	
Cost	16,922
Accumulated amortisation	(11,249)
Carrying amount	<u>5,673</u>
Year ended 31 December 2015	
Opening carrying amount	5,673
Amortisation charge	(3,380)
Closing carrying amount	<u>2,293</u>
At 31 December 2015	
Cost	16,922
Accumulated amortisation	(14,629)
Carrying amount	<u>2,293</u>
Year ended 31 December 2016	
Opening carrying amount	2,293
Amortisation charge	(1,705)
Closing carrying amount	<u>588</u>
At 31 December 2016	
Cost	16,922
Accumulated amortisation	(16,334)
Carrying amount	<u>588</u>

12. Deferred tax

Deferred taxes are calculated on temporary differences under the balance sheet liability method using a principal tax rate ranging between 8% and 35% (2015 - 8% and 35%). In particular temporary differences on investment properties situated in Malta that have been owned by the Group since 1 January 2004 are calculated under the liability method using a principal tax rate of 8% of the carrying amount, while investment properties situated in Malta that had been acquired by the Group before 1 January 2004 are calculated under the liability method using a principal tax rate of 10% of the carrying amount. Deferred tax on temporary differences on investment properties situated outside Malta has been calculated based on tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the end of the reporting period.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off a current tax asset against a current tax liability and the deferred tax assets and liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the same taxable entity or different taxable entities which intend either to settle current tax liabilities and assets on a net basis, or to realise the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously, in each future period in which significant amounts of deferred tax liabilities or assets are expected to be settled or recovered.

12. Deferred tax (continued)

The following amounts, determined after appropriate offsetting, are shown in the statement of financial position:

	Group		Company	
	2016 €	2015 €	2016 €	2015 €
Deferred tax asset	-	307	-	-
Deferred tax liability	(2,099,185)	(3,104,849)	-	(7,762)
	(2,099,185)	(3,104,542)	-	(7,762)

The Directors consider that the above temporary differences are substantially non-current in nature.

The deferred tax asset has been recognised to the extent that realisation of the related tax benefit through future taxable income is probable. In making this assessment the Directors have taken into account projected taxable income based on approved budgets as well as the nature of the temporary differences giving rise to the deferred tax asset. As at 31 December 2016, the Group had deductible temporary differences of €336,247 (2015 – €154,652), unused tax credits of €647,839 (2015 – €647,426) and unused tax losses of €526,142 (2015 – €534,913) for which no deferred tax asset is recognised in the statement of financial position.

The movement on the deferred tax account is as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2016 €	2015 €	2016 €	2015 €
Year ended 31 December				
At beginning of year	(3,104,542)	(2,079,289)	(7,762)	(24,981)
Charged/(credited) to profit and loss account	870,688	(985,908)	7,762	17,219
Charged/(credited) to other comprehensive income	134,669	(39,345)	-	-
At end of year	(2,099,185)	(3,104,542)	-	(7,762)

Deferred taxation at the year-end is in respect of the following temporary differences:

	Group		Company	
	2016 €	2015 €	2016 €	2015 €
Arising on:				
Accelerated tax depreciation	55,276	206,858	-	-
Unabsorbed tax credits	1,824,985	1,248,567	-	-
Capitalisation of bond issue costs	-	(7,762)	-	(7,762)
Fair value adjustments	(3,979,446)	(4,552,205)	-	-
	(2,099,185)	(3,104,542)	-	(7,762)

13. Property, plant and equipment

Group	Land and buildings €	Office furniture, fittings and equipment €	Motor vehicles €	Total €
At 1 January 2015				
Cost	2,725,085	2,195,536	192,856	5,113,477
Accumulated depreciation	(315,762)	(1,895,662)	(192,856)	(2,404,280)
Carrying amount	<u>2,409,323</u>	<u>299,874</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>2,709,197</u>
Year ended 31 December 2015				
Opening carrying amount	2,409,323	299,874	–	2,709,197
Additions	1,791	24,724	–	26,515
Depreciation charge	(27,088)	(258,782)	–	(285,870)
Closing carrying amount	<u>2,384,026</u>	<u>65,816</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>2,449,842</u>
At 1 January 2016				
Cost	2,726,876	2,220,260	192,856	5,139,992
Accumulated depreciation	(342,850)	(2,154,444)	(192,856)	(2,690,150)
Carrying amount	<u>2,384,026</u>	<u>65,816</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>2,449,842</u>
Year ended 31 December 2016				
Opening carrying amount	2,384,026	65,816	–	2,449,842
Additions	148,914	–	–	148,914
Transferred to investment property	(488,037)	–	–	(488,037)
Disposals	–	(6,733)	–	(6,733)
Depreciation charge	(35,233)	(18,500)	–	(53,733)
Closing carrying amount	<u>2,009,670</u>	<u>40,583</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>2,050,253</u>
At 31 December 2016				
Cost	2,387,753	2,213,527	192,856	4,794,136
Accumulated depreciation	(378,083)	(2,172,944)	(192,856)	(2,743,883)
Carrying amount	<u>2,009,670</u>	<u>40,583</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>2,050,253</u>

Land and building with a carrying amount of €488,037 was reclassified to investment property. On reclassification, the difference between the carrying amount of the property and its fair value amounted to €1,221,580 which was recognised in other comprehensive income.

13. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Company	Office furniture, fittings and equipment €
At 1 January 2015	
Cost	105,027
Accumulated depreciation	(65,880)
Carrying amount	<u>39,147</u>
Year ending 31 December 2015	
Opening carrying amount	39,147
Additions	4,666
Depreciation charge	(21,779)
Closing carrying amount	<u>22,034</u>
At 31 December 2015	
Cost	109,693
Accumulated depreciation	(87,659)
Carrying amount	<u>22,034</u>
Year ending 31 December 2016	
Opening carrying amount	22,034
Depreciation for the year	(17,840)
Closing carrying amount	<u>4,194</u>
At 31 December 2016	
Cost	109,693
Accumulated depreciation	(105,499)
Carrying amount	<u>4,194</u>

14. Investment property

	Group		Company	
	2016 €	2015 €	2016 €	2015 €
Year ended 31 December				
At beginning of year	15,237,008	20,395,208	-	-
Additions	156,846	62,526	-	-
Property reclassified from property, plant and equipment	1,709,617	-	-	-
Property reclassified as non-current asset held-for-sale	-	(8,415,000)	-	-
Net fair value gains	1,560,689	3,194,274	-	-
At end of year	18,664,160	15,237,008	-	-
At 31 December				
Cost	11,411,106	10,765,643	-	-
Accumulated fair value gains	7,253,054	4,471,365	-	-
Net book amount	18,664,160	15,237,008	-	-

The additions to investment properties relate to refurbishment costs incurred on properties held by the Group. In the prior year, investment property which had a book value of €8,415,000 was reclassified to non-current assets held-for-sale in the statement of financial position. These consisted of four local properties, of which €950,000 related to the property segment and €7,465,000 related to the insurance segment. These were sold during the year under review.

Land and building with a carrying amount of €488,037 was reclassified to investment property. On reclassification, the difference between the carrying amount of the property and its fair value amounted to €1,221,580 which was recognised in other comprehensive income.

Details about the Group's investment properties, including those classified as non-current assets held-for-sale, and information about the fair value hierarchy at 31 December 2016 and 2015 are as follows:

	Fair value measurement at end of the reporting period using:			
	Level 1 €	Level 2 €	Level 3 €	Total €
2016				
Investment property:				
Local property	-	-	12,432,160	12,432,160
Foreign property	-	-	6,232,000	6,232,000
Total	-	-	18,664,160	18,664,160
2015				
Investment property:				
Local property	-	-	9,065,008	9,065,008
Foreign property	-	-	6,172,000	6,172,000
Non-current assets held-for-sale:				
Local property	-	-	8,415,000	8,415,000
Total	-	-	23,652,008	23,652,008

14. Investment property (continued)

In estimating the fair value of the properties, the highest and best use of the properties is their current use. In accordance with the Group's accounting policy, the valuation of investment properties is assessed by the Board of Directors at the end of every reporting period.

Fair value in relation to local properties which are leased out was computed using a discounted cash flow model by reference to rental income earned. No valuation was obtained from an independent professionally qualified valuer.

The fair value of foreign properties was determined by reference to an independent professionally qualified valuer. The basis of valuation adopted by the independent qualified valuer is the 'Open Market Value' which gives an opinion of the best price at which the sale of the property would be completed unconditionally, for cash consideration, by a willing seller, assuming there had been a reasonable period for the proper marketing of the property, and for the agreement of the price and terms for the completion of the sale. The directors are of the opinion that the fair value of the foreign properties have not altered significantly since December 2015 being the date of the valuation and hence this is an appropriate estimate of the fair value at 31 December 2016. There has been no change to the valuation technique during the year.

The table below includes further information about the Group's Level 3 fair value measurements (excluding the Rome property):

	Significant unobservable input EUR	Narrative sensitivity EUR
2016		
Local properties	Rental value per square metre, ranging from EUR 92 to EUR 230	The higher the price per square metre, the higher the fair value
	Rent growth of 2% per annum	The higher the rent growth, the higher the fair value
	Discount rate of 6.98%	The higher the discount rate, the lower the fair value
Foreign property - Croatia	Value per square metre of €111	The higher the price per square metre, the higher the fair value
2015		
Local properties	Rental value per square metre, ranging from EUR 178 to EUR 234	The higher the price per square metre, the higher the fair value
	Rent growth of 2% per annum	The higher the rent growth, the higher the fair value
	Discount rate of 6.9%	The higher the discount rate, the lower the fair value
Foreign property - Croatia	Value per square metre of €98	The higher the price per square metre, the higher the fair value

14. Investment property (continued)

The Group's investment property portfolio also includes a property of an exceptional nature – a Baronial castle situated outside of Rome, which accounts for 5% (2015: 5%) of the Group's total assets. The specialised nature of this property makes such an assessment particularly judgemental. A professional valuation of the property was obtained in February 2017 to provide the most probable market value of the asset on an 'as is' basis taking cognisance of the building's physical condition, facilities and components. The valuation is based on an average value per square metre of €2,890 (2015: 2,917), based on a sales comparison approach.

The values proposed by the various valuation experts over the last 8 years varied materially from each other resulting in a wide range of possible estimates. This highlights the significance of the judgements involved in estimating the fair value of this property as well as the subjectivity of each valuation. The directors resolved to maintain the carrying value of this property towards the lower end of this range.

Details about the Group's investment properties classified as Level 3 at 31 December 2016 and 2015 are as follows:

	Local property	Foreign property	Total
	€	€	€
Year ended 31 December 2016			
At beginning of year	9,065,008	6,172,000	15,237,008
Additions	156,846	–	156,846
Property reclassified from property, plant and equipment	1,709,617	–	1,709,617
Fair value gains/(losses)	1,500,689	60,000	1,560,689
At end of year	12,432,160	6,232,000	18,664,160
Year ended 31 December 2015			
At beginning of year	13,945,008	6,450,200	20,395,208
Additions	62,526	–	62,526
Property reclassified to non-current assets held-for-sale	(8,415,000)	–	(8,415,000)
Fair value gains/(losses)	3,472,474	(278,200)	3,194,274
At end of year	9,065,008	6,172,000	15,237,008

15. Investment in group undertakings

	Company	
	2016 €	2015 €
Opening cost and net book amount	6,451,553	6,451,553
Closing net book amount	6,451,553	6,451,553

During the year, the Company carried out a review of the recoverable amount of its investment in group undertakings in view of the losses incurred by group undertakings during the financial year.

The recoverable amount of the relevant asset has been determined by reference to either the fair value less costs to sell or the value in use of the group undertakings.

No impairment loss was recognised in the current and prior year.

The principal group undertakings at 31 December are shown below:

Group undertakings	Registered office	Principal place of business	Class of shares held	Percentage of shares held	
				2016	2015
Brammer Limited	City of Sofia, Region of Mladost H.E. "Mladost" Bl. 434 Floor 5 App 114 Bulgaria	Bulgaria	Ordinary shares	100%	100%
Central Landmark Development Limited	Testaferrata Street, Ta' Xbiex Malta	Malta	Ordinary shares	100%	100%
Global Estates Limited	Testaferrata Street, Ta' Xbiex Malta	Malta	Ordinary 'A' shares	100%	100%
Global Properties Limited (Međunarodne Nekretnine d.o.o.)	26/A/3 Gunduliceva, Split Croatia	Croatia	Ordinary shares	100%	100%
GlobalCapital Financial * Management Limited	Testaferrata Street, Ta' Xbiex Malta	Malta	Ordinary shares	100%	100%
GlobalCapital Health * Insurance Agency Limited	Testaferrata Street, Ta' Xbiex Malta	Malta	Ordinary 'A' shares	100%	100%
GlobalCapital Holdings Limited	Testaferrata Street, Ta' Xbiex Malta	Malta	Ordinary shares	100%	100%
GlobalCapital Insurance * Brokers Limited	Testaferrata Street, Ta' Xbiex Malta	Malta	Ordinary shares	merged	100%
GlobalCapital Life * Insurance Limited	Testaferrata Street, Ta' Xbiex Malta	Malta	Ordinary shares	100%	100%
Quadrant Italia S.R.L.	Via Bruxelles 34 Cap 00100 Rome RM Italy	Italy	Ordinary shares	100%	100%

* The distribution of dividends by these subsidiary undertakings may be restricted by the solvency requirements of relevant legislation, mainly the Insurance Business Act (Cap. 403), the Insurance Intermediaries Act (Cap. 487) and the Investment Services Act (Cap. 370).

By virtue of a resolution signed passed on the 6 July 2016, by the Board of Directors of GlobalCapital Holdings Limited and GlobalCapital Insurance Brokers Limited, the latter has been amalgamated into GlobalCapital Holdings Limited.

15. Investment in group undertakings (continued)

Capital and reserves

	2016	2015
	€	€
Brammer Limited	(66,967)	(102,117)
Central Landmark Development Limited	(235,974)	(241,362)
Global Estates Limited	(951)	(3,916)
Global Properties Limited (Međunarodne Nekretnine d.o.o.)	(815,799)	(490,740)
GlobalCapital Financial Management Limited	771,565	1,386,068
GlobalCapital Health Insurance Agency Limited	1,042,352	3,275,190
GlobalCapital Holdings Limited	9,652,884	7,995,835
GlobalCapital Life Insurance Limited	24,622,922	20,763,883
Quadrant Italia S.R.L.	(268,019)	(97,141)

Profit / (loss)

	2016	2015
	€	€
Brammer Limited	35,148	(105,146)
Central Landmark Development Limited	(15,683)	(125,766)
Global Estates Limited	(3,948)	(3,916)
Global Properties Limited (Međunarodne Nekretnine d.o.o.)	316,688	(265,057)
GlobalCapital Financial Management Limited	(614,503)	95,197
GlobalCapital Health Insurance Agency Limited	767,162	740,194
GlobalCapital Holdings Limited	1,637,302	32,384
GlobalCapital Life Insurance Limited	4,004,906	4,417,615
Quadrant Italia S.R.L.	(170,876)	(97,141)

16. Other investments

The Group's and Company's other investments are summarised by measurement category in the table below:

	Group		Company	
	2016 €	2015 €	2016 €	2015 €
Fair value through profit and loss	50,427,792	47,017,655	–	20,800
Available-for-sale investments	983,723	1,082,933	–	–
Held-to-maturity investments	6,813,000	7,328,931	–	–
Loans and receivables	138,884	151,328	281,289	2,108,458
Total investments	58,363,399	55,580,847	281,289	2,129,258

Included in the Group total investments are €6,515,329 of assets held to cover linked liabilities (2015 - €4,318,398). These relate to collective investment schemes which are classified as investments at fair value through profit or loss as described in accounting policy number 13.

(a) Investments at fair value through profit or loss

	Group		Company	
	2016 €	2015 €	2016 €	2015 €
Equity securities and collective investments schemes:				
- listed shares	13,684,830	14,102,122	–	–
- unlisted shares	598,647	–	–	–
- collective investment schemes	7,989,016	5,419,267	–	–
	22,272,493	19,521,389	–	–
Debt securities				
- listed	28,155,299	27,496,266	–	20,800
Total investments at fair value through profit or loss	50,427,792	47,017,655	–	20,800

Maturity of debt securities classified as fair value through profit or loss.

	Group		Company	
	2016 €	2015 €	2016 €	2015 €
Within 1 year	187,232	508,550	–	–
Between 1 and 2 years	2,386,424	50,000	–	–
Between 2 and 5 years	14,096,992	8,041,042	–	–
Over 5 years	11,484,651	18,896,674	–	–
	28,155,299	27,496,266	–	–

16. Other investments (continued)

(a) Investments at fair value through profit or loss (continued)

	Group		Company	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Weighted average effective interest rate at the balance sheet date	4%	5%	–	3%

There were no Group investments which were pledged in favour of third parties at the financial year-end (2015 - none).

The movements in investments classified at fair value through profit or loss are summarised as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2016 €	2015 €	2016 €	2015 €
Year ended 31 December				
At beginning of year	47,017,655	41,417,176	20,800	–
Additions	8,962,441	6,840,829	465,619	20,315
Disposals (sale and redemption)	(5,369,733)	(5,197,655)	(463,876)	–
Net fair value gains	(182,571)	3,957,305	(22,543)	485
At end of year	50,427,792	47,017,655	–	20,800
At 31 December				
Cost	41,421,286	39,471,752	–	20,315
Accumulated fair value gains	9,006,506	7,545,903	–	485
Carrying amount	50,427,792	47,017,655	–	20,800

The table below analyses debt securities classified at fair value through profit or loss by sector:

	Group		Company	
	2016 €	2015 €	2016 €	2015 €
Banks	3,564,752	4,998,202	–	–
Energy	3,227,206	2,485,035	–	–
Government	18,232,925	18,074,682	–	20,800
Other	3,130,416	1,938,340	–	–
	28,155,299	27,496,259	–	–

16. Other investments (continued)**(b) Held-to-maturity investments**

	2016	2015
	€	€
Debt securities		
Government bonds	5,202,805	5,211,045
Listed corporate bonds	1,610,195	2,117,886
	6,813,000	7,328,931

Maturity of debt securities classified as held-to-maturity.

	2016	2015
	€	€
Within 1 year	785,855	500,180
Between 1 and 2 years	697,835	610,570
Between 2 and 5 years	2,172,519	2,905,379
Over 5 years	3,156,791	3,312,802
	6,813,000	7,328,931
Weighted average effective interest rate at the balance sheet date	5%	5%

The movements in investments classified as held-to-maturity are summarised as follows:

	2016	2015
	€	€
Year ended 31 December		
At beginning of year	7,328,931	8,071,684
Maturities	(500,179)	(725,352)
Amortised cost	(15,752)	(17,401)
At end of year	6,813,000	7,328,931
At 31 December		
Cost	6,921,224	7,421,403
Accumulated amortisation	(108,224)	(92,472)
Carrying amount	6,813,000	7,328,931

(c) Available-for-sale investments

	2016	2015
	€	€
Equity securities and collective investments schemes:		
-listed shares	983,723	1,082,933

16. Other investments (continued)

(c) Available-for-sale investments (continued)

The movements in investments classified as available-for-sale are summarised as follows:

	2016	2015
	€	€
Year ended 31 December		
At beginning of year	1,082,933	1,303,110
Disposals	(29,353)	(332,321)
Net fair value (loss)/gain	(69,857)	112,144
At end of year	983,723	1,082,933
At 31 December		
Cost	659,026	688,379
Accumulated fair value gains	324,697	394,554
Carrying amount	983,723	1,082,933

(d) Loans and receivables

	Group		Company	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	€	€	€	€
Loans to group undertakings	–	–	281,289	2,108,458
Loans secured on policies	138,884	151,328	–	–
	138,884	151,328	281,289	2,108,458

	Group		Company	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	€	€	€	€
Year ended 31 December				
At beginning of year	151,328	145,501	2,108,458	1,973,808
Waiver of balances due from group undertakings	–	–	(324,915)	–
Advances	–	–	–	134,650
Repayments	–	–	(1,502,254)	–
Other movements	(12,444)	5,827	–	–
At end of year	138,884	151,328	281,289	2,108,458

Group

Loans secured on policies are substantially non-current in nature. They are charged interest at the rate of 8% (2015 - 8%) per annum.

Company

Loans to group undertakings are unsecured and do not bear interest. These loans are repayable on demand but are not expected to be realised within twelve months after the end of the reporting period.

16. Other investments (continued)

(d) Loans and receivables (continued)

Furthermore, as disclosed in Note 31, during the year under review amounts owed by group undertakings to the company amounting to €324,915 were waived. This was determined following an assessment of the ability of the related counterparties to repay the amounts due.

17. Technical provisions – insurance contracts and investment contracts

	2016	2015
	€	€
Insurance contracts (net of reinsurance)	47,651,614	46,002,705
Investment contracts with DPF	17,963,823	17,243,134
	65,615,437	63,245,839
Investment contracts without DPF	6,913,657	4,651,692
Total technical provisions	72,529,094	67,897,531

The movements in technical provisions relating to insurance contracts and investment contracts with DPF net of reinsurance are analysed below:

	Insurance contracts €	Investment contracts with DPF €	Total €
Year ended 31 December 2015			
At beginning of year	42,791,616	17,479,051	60,270,667
Charged to technical account			
-change in the provision for claims	52,176	103,203	155,379
-change in other technical provisions	3,158,913	(339,120)	2,819,793
At end of year	46,002,705	17,243,134	63,245,839
Year ended 31 December 2016			
At beginning of year	46,002,705	17,243,134	63,245,839
Charged to technical account			
-change in the provision for claims	93,604	186,638	280,242
-change in other technical provisions	1,555,305	534,051	2,089,356
At end of year	47,651,614	17,963,823	65,615,437

17. Technical provisions – insurance contracts and investment contracts (continued)

Insurance contracts are further analysed as follows:

	2016	2015
	€	€
Gross technical provisions - insurance contracts		
<i>Short term insurance contracts</i>		
claims outstanding	173,698	11,920
other provisions	215,340	108,608
<i>Long term insurance contracts</i>		
claims outstanding	614,811	219,590
long term business provision	54,301,737	49,274,936
	55,305,586	49,615,054
Reinsurers' share of technical provisions - insurance contracts		
<i>Short term insurance contracts</i>		
claims outstanding	(121,589)	(8,344)
other provisions	(110,143)	(48,628)
<i>Long term insurance contracts</i>		
claims outstanding	(429,134)	(78,984)
long term business provision	(6,993,106)	(3,476,393)
	(7,653,972)	(3,612,349)
Net technical provisions - insurance contracts		
<i>Short term insurance contracts</i>		
claims outstanding	52,109	3,576
other provisions	105,197	59,980
<i>Long term insurance contracts</i>		
claims outstanding	185,677	140,606
long term business provision	47,308,631	45,798,543
	47,651,614	46,002,705

Long term contracts – assumptions, changes in assumptions and sensitivity

(a) Assumptions

For long term contracts, estimates are determined by reference to expected future deaths, investment return and policy maintenance expenses. Mortality estimates are based on standard mortality tables that reflect recent historical mortality experience, adjusted where appropriate to reflect the Company's own experience. A weighted average rate of investment return is applied in accordance with the Insurance Business (Insurers' Assets and Liabilities) Regulations, 2007, reflecting current investment yields, adjusted by a margin of contingency. Allowance is made for policy maintenance expenses at a rate determined by reference to the insurance Company's cost base. The calculation assumes the continuation of existing tax legislation and rates.

17. Technical provisions – insurance contracts and investment contracts (continued)*(b) Changes in assumptions*

During the year, there were no changes in mortality assumptions for interest sensitive or unit linked business; however there was a slight reduction in mortality rates of permanent term assurances by 5% to be more in line with the reinsurance rates.

Sensitivity analysis

The following table presents the sensitivity of the value of liabilities variable that will trigger an adjustment and the liability disclosed in this note to movements in the assumptions used in the estimation of liabilities for long term contacts. The table below indicates the level of the respective adjustment that would be required.

	Increase in liability	
	2016	2015
	€	€
10% loading applied to mortality assumptions - gross	2,781,326	1,555,867
10% loading applied to mortality assumptions - net	667,443	539,178
Lowering of investment return by 25 basis points	759,743	952,425

The above analysis is based on a change in an assumption while holding all other assumptions constant. In practice, this is unlikely to occur, and changes in some of the assumptions may be correlated.

18. Property held for development

	Group	
	2016	2015
	€	€
At cost		
Year ended 31 December		
At beginning of year	–	679,930
Disposals	–	(679,930)
At end of year	–	–

19. Trade and other receivables

	Group		Company	
	2016 €	2015 €	2016 €	2015 €
Trade receivables - third parties	1,267,581	781,313	-	-
Less: impairment of receivables	-	(147,519)	-	-
Trade receivables - net	1,267,581	633,794	-	-
<i>Other loans and receivables:</i>				
Receivables from other related parties	12,974	13,125	-	-
Prepayments	729,798	613,222	6,329	4,515
Accrued investment income	523,135	895,928	-	-
Other receivables	627,353	399,075	157,103	112,631
	3,160,841	2,555,144	163,432	117,146

Movement in the Group provision for impairment of trade receivables is as follows:

	Group	
	2016 €	2015 €
Year ended 31 December		
At the beginning of year	147,519	66,489
(Decrease)/Increase in provision	(147,519)	81,030
At end of year	-	147,519

The movement in the provision for impairment of trade receivables is included in 'net operating expenses' in the technical account. Amounts charged to the allowance account are generally written off when there is no expectation of recovering additional cash. The Group holds a bank guarantee of €4,000 as collateral in respect of receivables (2015 - €4,000). No trade receivables were written off as bad debts in 2016 and 2015.

As at 31 December 2016, trade receivables amounting to €1,074,962 (2015 - €67,235) were fully performing and trade receivables amounting to €192,619 (2015 - €566,559) were past due but not impaired. These dues related to a number of independent parties for whom there is no recent history of default. The ageing analysis of the trade receivables that are past due but not impaired is as follows:

	2016 €	2015 €
Between 3 to 6 months	33,037	154,872
More than 6 months	159,582	411,687
	192,619	566,559

There are no other material past due amounts in trade and other receivables.

Other receivables include cash amounting to €338,997 (2015 - €281,063) held with the Law Courts for precautionary garnishee orders in connection with claims against a subsidiary in the Group.

Amounts owed by other related parties are unsecured and interest free. Amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured and do not bear interest. These balances are payable on demand.

Interest-bearing automatic premium loans are classified as loans and receivables in Note 16 to the financial statements.

All of the above amounts are current in nature.

20. Share capital

	2016 €	2015 €
Authorised		
85,000,000 ordinary shares of €0.291172 each (2015 - 30,000,000 ordinary shares of €0.291172 each)	<u>24,749,620</u>	8,735,160
Issued and fully paid		
30,000,000 Ordinary shares of €0.291172 each (2015 - 13,207,548 ordinary shares of €0.291172 each)	<u>8,735,160</u>	3,845,668

During the year a rights issue offer was made in which 1,618,396 rights were fully paid and taken up, having the nominal value of €0.291172, amounting to a total value of €471,232. The remaining 15,174,056 rights that were not taken up (i.e. the Lapsed Rights) were subsequently all taken up by eligible shareholders at prices ranging between a high of €0.35 and a low of €0.2915 per share for a total value of €4,424,257. Following the rights issue, the Company's issued share capital increased by 127% to 30,000,000 shares.

The Group's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, in order to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders, and to maintain an optimal capital structure to reduce the cost of capital. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Group may adjust the amount of dividends paid to shareholders, issue new shares or additional debt or sell assets to reduce debt.

The Directors consider that capital management is of particular relevance in the areas of the Group that are subject to regulatory supervision. GlobalCapital Life Insurance Limited, which is authorised by the Malta Financial Services Authority to carry out long term business of insurance, is required to hold regulatory capital to support its long term insurance business as determined in accordance with the Insurance Business (Assets and Liabilities) Regulations. The capital of GlobalCapital Financial Management Limited is regulated by rules issued under the Investment Services Act and by the Financial Institutions Act. The capital of GlobalCapital Health Insurance Agency Limited is regulated by rules issued under the Insurance Intermediaries Act.

The above regulations set out the required minimum capital that must be maintained at all times throughout the year. Each company monitors capital on a regular basis through detailed reports compiled with management accounts. Such reports are circulated to senior management. Any transactions that may potentially affect a company's regulatory position are immediately reported to the Directors for resolution prior to notifying the Malta Financial Services Authority.

At both year-ends, GlobalCapital Health Insurance Agency Limited and GlobalCapital Financial Management Limited satisfied minimum prudential capital requirements.

GlobalCapital Life Insurance Limited's Minimum Capital Requirement Absolute Floor stands at €3,700,000 as per Part B of the Insurance Rules. GlobalCapital Life Insurance Limited is sufficiently capitalised and was compliant at all times with the regulatory capital requirements as stipulated by the MFSA which are in line with the Solvency II requirements which became effective 1 January 2016.

Non-regulated entities are financed by items presented within equity in the statement of financial position and long-term borrowings.

During the year end under review, the Group also raised capital through the issue for subscription to the general public of €10,000,000 unsecured bonds, carrying a rate of interest of 5% per annum (Note 23). Such issue was raised for the purpose of redeeming the previous unsecured bonds which were issued in 2006 and carried a rate of interest of 5.6% per annum (Note 23). The conditions outlined in the offering document to the issue contain restrictions as to the amount of secured borrowing which can be entered into by the Group. Management monitors such requirement on a regular basis, at least once a month, to ensure ongoing compliance with these requirements. As at the date of this report, according to management's best estimates, the Group had surplus net assets over the maximum permitted secured borrowing limit of €22,784,000 (31 December 2015 - €13,833,000). Management are continuously monitoring this position to ensure that the bond covenant requirements are complied with.

21. Share premium account

Group and Company	2016	2015
	€	€
Share premium	16,970,641	16,970,641

22. Other reserves

Group	Value of in-force business €	Other unrealised gains €	Property revaluation reserve €	Investment compensation scheme €	Total €
Year ended 31 December 2015					
At beginning of year	3,152,346	183,661	–	8,162	3,344,169
Increase in value in-force business, transferred from profit and loss account	881,000	–	–	–	881,000
Net gain on available-for-sale financial assets	–	112,144	–	–	112,144
Deferred tax movement on available-for-sale financial assets	–	(39,345)	–	–	(39,345)
At end of year	4,033,346	256,460	–	8,162	4,297,968
Year ended 31 December 2016					
At beginning of year	4,033,346	256,460	–	8,162	4,297,968
Increase in value in-force business, transferred from profit and loss account	1,834,079	–	–	–	1,834,079
Net loss on available-for-sale financial assets	–	(69,857)	–	–	(69,857)
Deferred tax movement on available-for-sale financial assets	–	24,450	–	–	24,450
Gain on revaluation of property	–	–	1,221,580	–	1,221,580
Deferred tax movement on revaluation of property	–	–	(159,119)	–	(159,119)
At end of year	5,867,425	211,053	1,062,461	8,162	7,149,101

The above reserves are not distributable.

23. Interest-bearing borrowings

	Group		Company	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	€	€	€	€
5% bonds 2021 (2015 - 5.6% bonds 2014/2016)	9,715,830	13,801,023	9,715,830	13,801,023
Total borrowings	9,715,830	13,801,023	9,715,830	13,801,023

By virtue of the offering memorandum dated 10 May 2006, the Company issued for subscription to the general public €17,000,000 bonds. The bonds were effectively issued on 26 May 2006 at the bond offer price of €100 per bond. The bonds were subject to a fixed interest rate of 5.6% per annum payable yearly on 2 June. All remaining bonds were redeemed at par during the year under review within the time frame stipulated by the bond prospectus.

During the year under review, by virtue of the offering memorandum dated 12 May 2016, the Company issued for subscription to the general public €10,000,000 bonds. The bonds are unsecured and were effectively issued on 8 June 2016 at the bond offer price of €100 per bond.

The bonds are subject to a fixed interest rate of 5.0% per annum payable yearly on 2 June.

All bonds are redeemable at par and at the latest are due on 2 June 2021.

The bonds were admitted to the official list of the Malta Stock Exchange. The quoted market price of the bonds at 31 December 2016 was €100.00.

The bond is disclosed at the value of the proceeds less the net book amount of the issue costs as follows:

	Group and Company	
	2016	2015
	€	€
Proceeds		
€ 10,000,000, 5% bonds 2021 (2015 - € 17,000,000, 5.6% bonds 2014/2016)	10,000,000	14,027,626
Less:		
Issue cost	321,519	493,326
Accumulated amortisation	(37,349)	(468,828)
Bonds repurchased and cancelled	-	202,105
	284,170	226,603
	9,715,830	13,801,023

Restrictions with regards to the bond issue as to the amount of secured borrowing which can be entered into by the Group are disclosed in Note 20.

24. Trade and other payables

	Group		Company	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	€	€	€	€
Trade payables	2,700,755	3,270,501	778,480	541,715
Amounts due to group undertakings	-	-	1,033,566	1,778,632
Accruals and deferred income	995,062	1,377,165	415,493	850,199
Other payables	2,277,111	563,697	132,452	48,776
	5,972,928	5,211,363	2,359,991	3,219,322

All of the above amounts are payable within one year.

Amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured and do not bear interest. These balances are payable on demand.

25. Cash used in operations

Reconciliation of operating loss to cash used in operations:

	Group		Company	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	€	€	€	€
Cash flows generated from/(used in) operating activities				
Profit/(loss) before tax	2,779,714	5,606,505	(1,356,375)	(1,576,045)
Adjustments for:				
Net gain/(loss) on investments	(1,480,627)	(7,331,111)	22,523	(485)
Increment in value in-force business	(1,834,079)	(881,000)	-	-
Amortisation	219,613	66,598	61,163	52,577
Depreciation	53,733	285,870	17,840	21,779
Net movement in technical provisions	4,955,274	3,121,435	-	-
Impairment of receivables (Note 19)	(147,519)	(81,030)	-	-
Increase in impairment of intercompany receivables	-	-	324,915	-
Gain on sale of property held for development	-	(16,145)	-	-
Dividend income	(392,016)	(687,093)	-	-
Interest income	(1,529,788)	(1,580,595)	(564)	(1,103)
Interest expense	591,721	756,644	616,040	774,578
	3,216,026	(739,922)	(314,458)	(728,699)
Operating profit/(loss) before working capital movements				
Movement of property held for development	-	696,075	-	-
Movement in trade and other receivables	(1,203,764)	(53,748)	(46,287)	135,194
Movement in trade and other payables	658,533	1,082,701	43,883	360,086
	2,670,795	985,106	(316,862)	(233,419)

26. Cash and cash equivalents

For the purposes of the statements of cash flows, the year-end cash and cash equivalents comprise the following:

	Group		Company	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	€	€	€	€
Cash at bank and in hand	14,309,866	5,440,651	463,106	40,187

Cash at bank earns interest on current deposits at floating rates.

27. Fair values

As at the end of the reporting period, all the group's and the company's financial instruments that are measured subsequent to initial recognition at fair value through profit or loss and all available-for-sale investments were measured using Level 1 inputs with the exception of collective investment schemes that are measured using Level 2 inputs and the unlisted equities which are measured using Level 2 inputs.

The fair value of the bonds issued by the company, carried at amortised cost, is disclosed in Note 23.

At 31 December 2016 and 2015, the carrying amounts of financial assets, other than investment in group undertakings, and financial liabilities, other than the 5% unsecured bond in Note 23, approximated their fair values, with the exception of financial liabilities emanating from investment contracts with DPF and certain held-to-maturity investments with interest rates that exceed the current market rates. It is impracticable to determine the fair value of investment contracts with DPF due to the lack of a reliable basis to measure the future discretionary return that is a material feature of these contracts.

The financial liabilities for investment contracts without DPF are classified as Level 2. The fair value of these contracts is determined using the current unit values that reflect the fair values of the financial assets (classified as Level 2) linked to the financial liability.

The following table provides an analysis of financial instruments that are not measured subsequent to initial recognition at fair value, other than those with carrying amounts that are reasonable approximations of fair value and other than investments in subsidiaries and investment contracts with DPF, grouped into Levels 1 to 3.

27. Fair values (continued)

Company	Fair value measurement at end of the reporting period using:				Carrying amount €
	Level 1 €	Level 2 €	Level 3 €	Total €	
2016					
Financial assets					
Loans and receivables					
- Loans to group undertakings	-	281,289	-	281,289	281,289
Total	-	281,289	-	281,289	281,289
Financial liabilities at amortised cost					
- Amounts due to group undertakings	-	1,033,566	-	1,033,566	1,033,566
- 5% bonds 2021	-	10,000,000	-	10,000,000	10,000,000
Total	-	11,033,566	-	11,033,566	11,033,566
Company	Fair value measurement at end of the reporting period using:				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	Carrying amount
	€	€	€	€	€
2015					
Financial assets					
Loans and receivables					
- Loans to group undertakings	-	2,108,458	-	2,108,458	2,108,458
Total	-	2,108,458	-	2,108,458	2,108,458
Financial liabilities at amortised cost					
- Amounts due to group undertakings	-	1,778,632	-	1,778,632	1,778,632
- 5.6% bonds 2015/2016	-	13,270,272	-	13,270,272	13,823,200
Total	-	15,048,904	-	15,048,904	15,601,832

28. Related party transactions

Group

Transactions during the year with other related parties were as follows:

	2016	2015
	€	€
Commission receivable from related parties	9,388	7,839
Commission receivable on investments made by related funds (see note below)	–	5,039
Fees receivable in respect of advice provided to related funds (see note below)	67,035	87,301

GlobalCapital Financial Management Limited, a group undertaking, acts as Investment Advisor and Fund Manager to Global Funds SICAV p.l.c. The advisory fees earned by this group undertaking from its activity as Investment Advisor and Fund Manager are included in turnover, and during the year amounted to €67,035 (2015 - €87,301). Global Funds SICAV p.l.c. is considered to be a related party by way of key management.

Interest receivable and payable from and to related parties is disclosed in Note 6. Amounts owed by or to related parties are disclosed in Notes 19 and 24 to these financial statements. No impairment loss has been recognised in 2016 and 2015 in respect of receivables from related parties. The terms and conditions of the related party balances do not specify the nature of the consideration to be provided in settlement. No guarantees have been given or received in relation to these balances.

The following financial assets were held by the Group in related entities as at 31 December:

	2016	2015
	€	€
Malta Privatisation & Equity Fund	464,940	464,940
Melita International Equity Fund	72,750	70,438
Global Bond Fund Plus Accumulator	157,345	157,345
	695,035	692,723

As at 31 December 2016, the above investments were represented by the following holdings held by the Group directly in each fund:-

	2016	2015
	%	%
Global Bond Fund Plus	13	13
Malta Privatisation & Equity Fund	19	19
Melita International Equity Fund	19	19

The above disclosures do not include investments in related collective investment schemes held to cover linked liabilities.

28. Related party transactions (continued)

In addition the Group held the following holdings in each fund in a nominee capacity:-

	2016	2015
	%	%
Global Bond Fund Plus	21	21
Malta Privatisation & Equity Fund	14	14
Melita International Equity Fund	22	22

As at the end of the reporting date, there were no bonds held by other related parties (2015 - €Nil). The compensation to Directors in 2016 and 2015 is disclosed in Note 8 to the financial statements.

Company

All companies forming part of the GlobalCapital Group are considered by the Directors to be related parties as these companies are also ultimately owned by GlobalCapital p.l.c. Related parties that do not form part of the consolidated group include entities related by way of common Directors and ultimate Shareholders.

Dividends and interest receivable from group undertakings are disclosed in Note 6. Amounts owed by or to group undertakings and related parties are disclosed in Notes 16, 19 and 24. The terms and conditions of the related party balances do not specify the nature of the consideration to be provided in settlement. No guarantees have been given or received in relation to these balances. Impairment loss in respect of loans to group undertakings is disclosed in Notes 16 and 19. Furthermore, waivers given in respect of amounts owed by group undertakings are disclosed in Note 31. During the year, the Company settled in part an amount due a subsidiary, GlobalCapital Holdings Limited, by way of transfer of an investment for a consideration of €439,463.

At year end, the directors considered the ultimate controlling party to be Paolo Catalfamo who owns 99.99% of the issued share capital of Investar p.l.c., which is the single major shareholder of the company. The single major shareholder at the end of the prior reporting period was BAI Co (Mtius) Ltd which directly owned 48.45% of GlobalCapital p.l.c.. At the end of the prior period, the directors considered the ultimate controlling party to be Dawood Rawat on the basis of his total direct and indirect shareholding in the company.

29. Commitments

Operating lease commitments - where the Group is a lessee

Future minimum lease payments due by the Group under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2016	2015
	€	€
Not later than one year	9,697	9,697
Later than one year and not later than five years	19,394	29,090
	<u>29,091</u>	<u>38,787</u>

Rent is payable on the basis of the contract terms signed between lessor and lessee as disclosed above. The Group has the right of first refusal if it wishes to extend the lease further but terms need to be negotiated with the lessor. The agreement restricts subleasing the said property to a third party.

Operating lease commitments - where the Group is a lessor

Future minimum lease payments due to the Group under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2016	2015
	€	€
Not later than one year	330,273	519,945
Later than one year and not later than five years	335,686	174,942
	<u>665,959</u>	<u>694,887</u>

Operating leases relate to the investment properties owned by the company with lease terms of up to 4 years. The lessees do not have an option to purchase the properties at the expiry of the lease period.

30. Contingent liabilities

In addition to the court cases made against the company (refer to Note 4), the Board considered other complaints received in respect of past actions by the company to determine whether there could be a possible obligation. The Directors estimate that the cash outflow from the possible obligation which may transpire in due course from such complaints amounts to €130,799 (2015 - €125,610).

31. Significant non-cash transactions

During the year under review, amounts owed by group undertakings to the company amounting to €324,915 were waived.

32. Statutory information

GlobalCapital p.l.c. is a limited liability company incorporated in Malta with registration number C19526. The registered address of the company is Testaferrata Street, Ta' Xbiex.

Consolidated financial statements prepared by GlobalCapital p.l.c. may be obtained from the Company's registered office.

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Report on the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the individual financial statements of GlobalCapital p.l.c. (the Company) and the consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries (together, the Group), set out on pages 25 to 90, which comprise the statements of financial position of the Company and the Group as at 31 December 2016, and the statements of comprehensive income, statements of changes in equity and statements of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of GlobalCapital p.l.c. and its Group as at 31 December 2016, and of the Company's and its Group's financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union and have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act (Cap. 386).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the Company and Group financial statements in Malta, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. The following key audit matters apply to the Group. There are no key audit matters relevant to the Company's individual financial statements.

Valuation of long term technical reserves and present value of in-force business ("PVIF")

The valuation of the Group's long term technical reserves and PVIF is a key source of estimation uncertainty that is material to the Group's financial statements, representing 76% of the total liabilities and 6% of total assets respectively. The valuation of long term technical reserves and PVIF is determined by the appointed actuary and is approved by the board of directors. These reserves are based on assumptions as to mortality, maintenance expenses and investment income.



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Key Audit Matters (continued)

Our audit procedures included:

- Evaluating the design and implementation of key controls over the Group's technical reserve and PVIF valuation;
- Assessing the board's review and approval of the technical reserves and PVIF valuation proposed by the appointed actuary based on a review of board and audit committee minutes and discussions with board members;
- Making an assessment of the appointed actuary's competence, capabilities and objectivity;
- Obtaining an understanding of the work of the appointed actuary;
- Performing tests of detail to assess the completeness and integrity of the data provided to the appointed actuary for the purpose of determining technical reserves and PVIF;
- Involving our internal actuarial team to assist with evaluating the appropriateness of the appointed actuary's report on the year-end technical reserves and PVIF including challenging the methodology used its key assumptions.

The Group's disclosures about long term technical reserves are disclosed in notes 1, 11 and 17 to the financial statements.

Valuation of investment property located in Italy

The Group's investment property includes a Baronial Castle situated on the outskirts of Rome which accounts for 5% of total assets. The property does not generate any cash inflows to the Group and given its specialised nature is not easily comparable to other properties on the market thereby making the uncertainties in the estimation of its fair value inherently more significant than other investment properties held by the Group. The values proposed by the various valuation experts over the last 8 years varied materially from each other resulting in a wide range of possible estimates. The directors obtained an updated valuation report as at the end of the reporting period which confirmed the valuation of the previous year. On this basis, the directors resolved to maintain the carrying value of this property towards the lower end of this range.

Our audit approach included:

- Reviewing the valuation assessment and obtaining a detailed understanding of management's rationale in support of the judgements made in arriving at the fair value;
- Evaluating the competence, capabilities and objectivity of the appointed valuation expert;
- Reviewing the current year's valuation expert's report and corroborating key inputs used to publically available information such as asking prices of similar properties;
- Assessing the reasonability of the carrying value in the light of the range of valuation estimates obtained by the group over the last 8 years;
- Assessing the adequacy of disclosures made in the financial statements, particularly as they relate to the judgements made in determining fair value.



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Key Audit Matters (continued)

Disclosures about the valuation of the investment property located in Italy are made in notes 1 and 14 to the financial statements.

Valuation of other investment property

The Group's other investment property which represented 12% of its total assets at year end, is carried in the financial statements at fair value. The determination by the directors of fair value is a significant area of estimation, particularly for those properties that do not generate cash flows through rental income. The Group utilises various valuation techniques including discounted cash flow from rental income and sales comparison approaches.

Our audit approach included:

- Evaluating the design and implementation of key controls over the Group's investment property valuation process;
- Where valuation experts were used, assessing the board's review and approval of valuations proposed by external valuation experts based on a review of board and audit committee minutes and discussions with board members;
- Where discounted cash flow models were used as a basis of valuation, reviewing such models and challenging the key assumption made. This included corroborating key model inputs against supporting evidence such as active rental agreements and involving internal valuation experts to assess the discount rate used;
- Assessed the adequacy of disclosures made in the financial statements, particularly as it relates to those properties the valuation of which require a greater degree of judgement.

Disclosures about the valuation of the Group's investment properties are made in notes 1 and 14 to the financial statements.

Information other than the financial statements and the auditor's report thereon

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises (i) the Directors' report, the Statement of directors' responsibilities, the Corporate Governance Statement of Compliance and the remuneration committee report, which we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, and (ii) the chairman's statement, the chief executive officer's review, the group financial highlights and other related information which is expected to be made available to us after the date of this audit report. However, the other information does not include the separate and consolidated financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Except for our opinions on the directors' report in accordance with the Companies Act (Cap.386) and on the Corporate Governance Statement of Compliance in accordance with the Listing Rules issued by the Maltese Listing Authority, our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not and will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.



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Information other than the financial statements and the auditor's report thereon (continued)

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above 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, based on the work we have performed on the other information that we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

With respect to the directors' report, we also considered whether the directors' report includes the disclosure requirements of article 177 of the Companies Act (Cap. 386).

When we read the other information expected to be made available to us after the date of this audit report and set out in paragraph (ii) above, if we conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, we are required to communicate the matter to the Audit Committee and, if necessary, to take appropriate action, considering our legal rights and obligations, to seek to have an uncorrected material misstatement appropriately brought to the attention of users for whom the auditor's report is prepared, for example by addressing the matter in a general meeting of shareholders.

In accordance with the requirements of sub-article 179(3) of the Companies Act (Cap. 386) in relation to the directors' report on pages 14 to 17, in our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with the applicable legal requirements.

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the directors' report.

Responsibilities of the directors and the Audit Committee for the Financial Statements

As explained more fully in the statement of directors' responsibilities on page 23, the directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union and the requirements of the Companies Act (Cap. 386), and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

The directors have delegated the responsibility for overseeing the Company's and the Group's financial reporting process to the Audit Committee.



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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 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.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company and the Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's and the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company or the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the Audit Committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (continued)

We also provide the Audit Committee with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the Audit Committee, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

Report on Corporate Governance Statement of Compliance

Pursuant to Listing Rule 5.94 issued by the Malta Financial Services Authority, in its capacity as the Listing Authority in Malta, the directors are required to include in the Company's annual financial report a Corporate Governance Statement of Compliance explaining the extent to which they have adopted the Code of Principles of Good Corporate Governance set out in Appendix 5.1 to Chapter 5 of the Listing Rules, and the effective measures that they have taken to ensure compliance with those principles. The Corporate Governance Statement of Compliance is to contain at least the information set out in Listing Rule 5.97.

Our responsibility is laid down by Listing Rule 5.98, which requires us to include a report to shareholders on the Corporate Governance Statement of Compliance in the Company's annual financial report.

We read the Corporate Governance Statement of Compliance and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any information therein that is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or that otherwise appears to be materially misstated. We also review whether the Corporate Governance Statement of Compliance contains at least the information set out in Listing Rule 5.97.

We are not required to, and we do not, consider whether the directors' statements on internal control cover all risks and controls, or form an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's corporate governance procedures or its risk and control procedures.

In our opinion, the Corporate Governance Statement of Compliance set out on pages 18 to 21 has been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of Listing Rules 5.94 and 5.97.



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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Under the Companies Act (Cap. 386), we have responsibilities to report to you if in our opinion:

- proper accounting records have not been kept;
- proper returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have been unable to obtain all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purpose of our audit.

We have nothing to report to you in respect of these responsibilities.

The engagement director on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Ian Coppini.

Ian Coppini as Director
in the name and on behalf of
Deloitte Audit Limited
Registered auditor
Mriehel, Malta

5 April 2017

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Five Year Summary

Statement of Comprehensive income

	Group 2016 Eur	Group 2015 Eur	Group 2014 Eur	Group 2013 Eur	Group 2012 Eur
Turnover - commission and fees receivable	2,704,144	2,568,299	2,724,420	2,932,066	3,165,014
Gross premiums written	10,728,328	9,346,664	8,219,126	6,794,205	7,142,174
Profit/(loss) before tax	2,779,714	5,606,505	811,151	(4,182,858)	(2,227,597)
Tax (expense)/income	(926,557)	(1,481,762)	(588,480)	521,664	(179,088)
Profit/(loss) for the financial year	1,853,157	4,124,743	222,671	(3,661,194)	(2,406,685)

Statement of Financial Position

	Group 2016 Eur	Group 2015 Eur	Group 2014 Eur	Group 2013 Eur	Group 2012 Eur
ASSETS					
Intangible assets	8,854,111	7,162,730	6,233,654	5,032,779	3,610,066
Property, plant and equipment	2,050,253	2,449,842	2,709,197	3,115,766	3,768,866
Investment property	18,664,160	15,237,008	20,395,208	20,319,662	23,833,231
Investments	58,363,399	55,580,847	51,937,471	48,329,084	49,658,425
Property held for development	-	-	679,930	748,541	1,242,797
	87,931,923	80,430,427	81,955,460	77,545,832	82,113,385
Other non current assets	7,740,626	12,608,714	2,978,707	2,883,480	2,232,898
Current assets	17,470,707	7,995,795	4,562,214	10,152,338	7,360,405
Total assets	113,143,256	101,034,936	89,496,381	90,581,650	91,706,688
EQUITY & LIABILITIES					
Capital and reserves	15,119,792	7,360,089	3,162,547	3,078,939	6,450,117
Provisions for liabilities and charges	80,183,066	71,509,880	66,065,326	65,348,755	61,974,279
Interest-bearing borrowings	9,715,830	13,801,023	14,027,626	16,887,565	17,185,552
Other liabilities	8,124,568	8,363,944	6,240,882	5,266,391	6,096,740
Total equity and liabilities	113,143,256	101,034,936	89,496,381	90,581,650	91,706,688

Accounting Ratios

	Group 2016 Eur	Group 2015 Eur	Group 2014 Eur	Group 2013 Eur	Group 2012 Eur
Commission, fees receivable and gross premium written to total assets	12%	11%	12%	10%	11%
Net operating expenses to total assets	3%	3%	4%	4%	4%
Net profit/ (loss) to commission, fees receivable and gross premium written	14%	37%	2%	(41%)	(25%)
Profit/(loss) before tax to commission, fees receivable and gross premium written	21%	51%	8%	(46%)	(23%)
Pre-tax return on capital employed	18%	76%	26%	(136%)	(35%)
Shares in issue at year end	30,000,000	13,207,548	13,207,548	13,207,548	13,207,548
Weighted number of shares in issue during the year (1)	26,203,907	26,207,548	13,207,548	13,207,548	13,207,548
Net assets per share (cents)	50.4	55.7	23.9	23.3	48.8
Earnings per share (cents)	7.07	31.23	1.69	(27.72)	(18.22)
Dividend cover (times)	–	–	–	–	–

Share register information

	Number of Shares 31 December 2016	Number of Shares 31 March 2017
Total Shares in issue	30,000,000	30,000,000

Directors' interest in issued share capital of the Company

	Number of Shares 31 December 2016	Number of Shares 31 March 2017
N/A	N/A	N/A

Shareholders holding 5% or more of the equity

	Number of Shares 31 December 2016	% Holding 31 December 2016
Investar Plc	15,781,465	52.60%
BAI Co. (Mtius) Ltd	6,399,092	21.33%
Christopher J. Pace	1,539,625	5.13%

	Number of Shares 31 March 2017	% Holding 31 March 2017
Investar Plc	15,781,465	52.60%
BAI Co. (Mtius) Ltd	6,399,092	21.33%
Christopher J. Pace	1,539,625	5.13%

	Number of Shareholders 31 December 2016	Number of Shareholders 31 March 2017
One class of shares carrying equal voting rights	1458	1453

Share register information (continued)

Distribution of Shareholding

	Number of shareholders 31 December 2016	Shares 31 December 2016
Range :		
1 – 1,000	1229	394,626
1,001 – 5,000	184	353,413
5,001 and over	45	29,251,961

	Number of shareholders 31 March 2017	Shares 31 March 2017
Range :		
1 – 1,000	1222	392,360
1,001 – 5,000	183	350,313
5,001 and over	48	29,257,327

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