

# **WILLIS UK INVESTMENTS**

(Registered Number 5146638)

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

### **Directors**

KL Clark (appointed 29 January 2016)  
OHW Goodinge  
Willis Corporate Director Services Limited

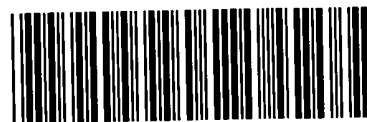
### **Registered Office**

51 Lime Street  
London EC3M 7DQ

### **Auditor**

Deloitte LLP  
London, UK

THURSDAY



\*A6ALGENE\*

A08

13/07/2017

#374

COMPANIES HOUSE

# WILLIS UK INVESTMENTS

## CONTENTS

	Page
Directors' report.....	3
Independent auditor's report.....	5
Income statement.....	7
Balance sheet.....	8
Statement of changes in equity.....	9
Notes to the financial statements.....	10

## **WILLIS UK INVESTMENTS**

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

The Directors present their annual report, together with the audited financial statements, for the year ended 31 December 2016.

The Directors' report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies' exemption.

#### **Principal activities and review of developments**

The Company provides financing to fellow Group undertakings and is a subsidiary of Willis Towers Watson plc (formerly Willis Group Holdings plc). Willis Towers Watson plc, together with its subsidiaries ('the Group') is one of the world's leading professional service providers of risk management, insurance broking, consulting, technology and solutions and private exchange services.

##### *Merger with Towers Watson & co.*

On 4 January 2016, pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger, the Willis Group Holdings plc group and the Towers Watson & Co. group combined, with Towers Watson & Co. becoming a wholly-owned subsidiary of Willis Group Holdings plc. Immediately following the merger, Willis Group Holdings plc changed its name to Willis Towers Watson plc. The Company was not directly affected by this merger.

##### *Results*

The profit for the year amounted to \$22,000 (2015: \$12,000) as shown in the income statement on page 7. The increase in profit is largely attributable to:

- \$12,000 increase in interest receivable from Group undertakings.

The Directors do not anticipate any changes in the Company's position for the foreseeable future.

##### *Going concern*

The Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in note 1 to the financial statements on page 10.

##### *Dividends*

No interim dividend was paid in the year (2015: \$nil).

#### **Directors**

The current Directors of the Company are shown on page 1, which forms part of this report. SE Wood resigned as Director of the Company on 29 January 2016. KL Clark was appointed as Director of the Company on 29 January 2016. There were no other changes in Directors during the year or after the year end.

## **WILLIS UK INVESTMENTS**

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016 (continued)**

#### **Statement of Directors' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements**

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

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the Directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law, the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

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

#### **Disclosure of information to the auditor**

Each of the persons who is a Director at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

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

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

#### **Auditor**

Deloitte LLP have indicated their willingness to be reappointed for another term and appropriate arrangements have been put in place for them to be deemed reappointed as auditor in the absence of an Annual General Meeting.

By Order of the Board

*Katharine Clark*

KL Clark  
Director  
51 Lime Street  
London EC3M 7DQ

3 July 2017

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WILLIS UK INVESTMENTS**

We have audited the financial statements of Willis UK Investments for the year ended 31 December 2016 which comprise the Income Statement, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the related notes 1 to 10. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework".

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

### **Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor**

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

### **Scope of the audit of the financial statements**

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

### **Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2016 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

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

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WILLIS UK INVESTMENTS (continued)**

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

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

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



Elanor Gill (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of Deloitte LLP  
Statutory Auditor  
London, UK

3 July

2017

## WILLIS UK INVESTMENTS

### INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

	Notes	2016 \$000	2015 \$000
Operating income - foreign exchange gain		-	1
<b>Operating profit</b>	3	-	1
Interest receivable from Group undertakings		26	14
<b>Profit on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		26	15
Tax charge on profit on ordinary activities	6	(4)	(3)
<b>Profit for the year</b>		22	12

All activities derive from continuing operations.

There is no other comprehensive income in either 2016 or 2015.

## WILLIS UK INVESTMENTS

### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

	Notes	2016 \$000	2015 \$000
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	7	3,334	3,317
		<u>3,334</u>	<u>3,317</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(7)	(12)
		<u>3,327</u>	<u>3,305</u>
<b>Net assets</b>			
<hr/>			
<b>Equity</b>			
Called up share capital	9	-	-
Retained earnings		3,327	3,305
		<u>3,327</u>	<u>3,305</u>
<b>Shareholder's equity</b>			
<hr/>			

The financial statements of Willis UK Investments, registered company number 5146638, were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 3 July 2017 and signed on its behalf by:

*Katherine Clark*

KL Clark  
Director



## WILLIS UK INVESTMENTS

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

	Called up share capital \$000	Retained earnings \$000	Total equity \$000
Balance at 1 January 2015	-	3,293	3,293
Profit for the year	-	12	12
<b>Balance at 31 December 2015</b>	-	<b>3,305</b>	<b>3,305</b>
Profit for the year	-	22	22
<b>Balance at 31 December 2016</b>	-	<b>3,327</b>	<b>3,327</b>

## **WILLIS UK INVESTMENTS**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

#### **1. Accounting policies**

##### **Basis of preparation**

The Company meets the definition of a qualifying entity under Financial Reporting Standard 100 and, consequently, has prepared these financial statements in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101, Reduced Disclosure Framework ('FRS 101').

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

##### **Disclosure exemptions**

The Company has taken advantage of the certain disclosure exemptions permitted under FRS 101 in relation to: (i) financial instruments; (ii) presentation of a cash flow statement; (iii) related party transactions; and (iv) new International Financial Reporting Standards ('IFRSs') that have been issued but are not yet effective as, where required, equivalent disclosures are given in the Group accounts of Willis Towers Watson plc.

##### **Going concern**

The Company's business activities and the factors likely to affect its future development and position are set out in the Directors' Report.

The Directors have conducted enquiries into the nature and quality of the assets and liabilities that make up the Company's capital. Furthermore, the Directors' enquiries extend to the Company's relationship with the Group and external parties on a financial and non-financial level. Having assessed the responses to their enquiries, the Directors have no reason to believe that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt upon the ability of the Group to continue as a going concern or its ability to repay loans due to the Company from time to time.

As a consequence of the enquiries the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has appropriate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the accounts.

##### **True and fair view override**

In special disclosure circumstances, where compliance with any of the provisions of the Companies Act as to the matters to be included in a company's accounts (or notes thereto) is inconsistent with the requirement to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs and profit or loss, the directors shall depart from that provision to the extent necessary to give a true and fair view. In these instances, the Company would adopt a true and fair view override.

## **WILLIS UK INVESTMENTS**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016 (continued)**

#### **1. Accounting policies (continued)**

##### **Parent undertaking and controlling party**

The Company's:

- immediate parent company and controlling undertaking is Willis Group Limited; and
- ultimate parent company is Willis Towers Watson plc, a company incorporated in Ireland, whose registered office is Willis Towers Watson House, Elm Park, Merrion Road, Dublin 4, Ireland.

In accordance with Section 400 of the Companies Act 2006, the Company is exempt from the requirement to produce group financial statements.

The largest and smallest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is Willis Towers Watson plc, whose financial statements are available to members of the public on the Group's website [www.willistowerswatson.com](http://www.willistowerswatson.com), in the Investor Relations section.

##### **Interest receivable**

Interest receivable is recognised as interest accrues using the effective interest method.

##### **Foreign currency translation**

These financial statements are presented in US dollars which is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates (the 'functional currency').

Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency are initially recorded at the rate of exchange at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are reported at the rates of exchange ruling at that date. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are not retranslated.

Exchange differences are recognised in profit and loss in the period in which they arise.

##### **Income Taxes**

Current tax is provided at amounts expected to be paid or recovered using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Income tax is charged or credited to other comprehensive income if it relates to items that are charged or credited to other comprehensive income. Similarly, income tax is charged or credited directly to equity if it relates to items that are credited or charged directly to equity. Otherwise income tax is recognised in the income statement.

##### **Financial assets and financial liabilities**

Financial assets and financial liabilities include amounts owed to / by group undertakings.

The Company classifies its financial assets and financial liabilities in the following categories: as loans, receivables or payables (including amounts owed by / to group undertakings). The classification is made by management at initial recognition and depends on the purpose for which the financial assets or financial liabilities were entered into.

Loans, receivables and payables are non-derivative financial assets or financial liabilities with fixed or determinable receipts or payments that are not quoted in an active market. Such financial assets or financial liabilities are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Any resulting interest is recognised in interest income or interest expense, as appropriate.

## **WILLIS UK INVESTMENTS**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016 (continued)**

#### **1. Accounting policies (continued)**

##### **Recent accounting pronouncements adopted in the current period**

The Company did not adopt any new International Financial Reporting Standards ('IFRSs') or interpretations ('IFRICs') issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ('IASB') during the year ended 31 December 2016 and no amendments to IFRSs or International Accounting Standards ('IASs') issued or adopted by the IASB had a significant effect on its financial statements.

---

#### **2. Critical accounting judgements and estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with FRS 101 and in the application of the Company's accounting policies, which are described in note 1, requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities as at the dates of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the year. Judgements, estimates and assumptions are made about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The following are the critical judgements that management has made in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies and/or the key assumptions or sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

##### ***Impairment of loans and receivables***

Management judgement is required to assess at the end of each reporting period whether there is any objective evidence that loans and receivables are impaired and, if so, to determine the amount of any impairment loss. See note 7 for the carrying amount of loans and receivables. No impairment loss was recognised in 2016 or 2015.

---

## WILLIS UK INVESTMENTS

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016 (continued)

	2016	2015
	\$000	\$000
<b>3. Operating profit</b>		
Currency translation adjustments: foreign exchange gain	-	1

The foreign exchange gain in 2015 of \$1,000 was attributable to the fluctuation in the value of the US dollar to the pound in relation to intercompany assets and liabilities.

Auditor's remuneration of £2,800 (\$3,500) (2015: £2,600 (\$3,830)) was borne by another Group company.

#### 4. Employee costs

The Company employed no staff during the year (2015: none).

#### 5. Directors' remuneration

The Directors of the Company received no remuneration for services rendered to the Company during the year (2015: \$nil).

	2016	2015
	\$000	\$000
<b>6. Taxation</b>		
<i>(a) Tax charged in the income statement</i>		
<b>Current tax:</b>		
UK corporation tax	(4)	(3)
Total current tax (note 6(b))	(4)	(3)

#### *(b) Reconciliation of total tax charge*

The tax assessed for the year is equal (2015: equal) to the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 20% (2015: 20.25%).

#### *(c) Change in Corporation tax rates*

The Finance Act 2013, set the rate of UK corporation tax at 20% with effect from 1 April 2015. The Finance Act 2015, maintained this rate for the year from 1 April 2016. The Finance (No.2) Act 2015, which was substantively enacted on 26 October 2015 and received royal assent on 18 November 2015, reduced the rate to 19% with effect from 1 April 2017 with a further reduction to 18% from 1 April 2020. The Finance Act 2016, which received royal assent on 15 September 2016, subsequently reduced the main rate of corporation tax from 18% to 17% from 1 April 2020. As the changes were substantively enacted prior to 31 December 2016, they have been reflected in these financial statements.

## WILLIS UK INVESTMENTS

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016 (continued)

	2016	2015
	\$000	\$000
<b>7. Debtors</b>		
<i>Amounts falling due within one year:</i>		
Amounts owed by Group undertakings	3,334	3,317

	2016	2015
	\$000	\$000
<b>8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Amounts owed to Group undertaking	3	9
Amounts owed to Group undertaking in respect of corporation tax group relief	5	3
	7	12

	2016	2015
	£	£
<b>9. Called up share capital</b>		
<b>Allotted, called up and fully paid</b>		
1 (2015: 1) ordinary share of £1 each	1	1

#### 10. Related party transactions

FRS 101 (paragraph 8(k)) exempts the reporting of transactions between Group companies in the financial statements of companies that are wholly owned within the Group. The Company has taken advantage of this exemption. There are no other transactions requiring disclosure.