

# Annual Report 31 December 2010



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## **Chief Executive Officer's Report**

#### Overview

2010 proved to be a testing year for the industry and for Cathedral. In spite of this, the Group has made a profit of £4.0 million which, whilst down from £9.5 million last year, is creditable given our business profile and the circumstances of the year. Syndicate 2010 produced a combined ratio of 92.5% (2009: 74.9%).

The result reflects a record year for non-US catastrophe losses on transparent short tail classes of business. Dealing with frequency of mid size losses is always difficult on a book of business such as our own, so the fact that we were able to do so and still remain profitable is pleasing. Furthermore, we are robustly provisioned for the losses we have sustained and go into an increasingly tricky market with a well balanced book, supportive reinsurers and a highly experienced set of traders who have seen all this, and dealt with it handsomely, before.

To move forward from a marketplace where all of our trading areas are under some pressure, there needs to be a removal of participants before things improve. This will only happen as capital is burnt.

The industry has immeasurably more demands from more supposedly sophisticated capital providers and regulators in comparison to the last period of capital destruction. However, underneath the models and the benchmarks, the business is still the same. It may cost more, there may be more time consumed documenting process, but we continue to trade in an overpopulated, over-diversified and arguably over-capitalised market place.

On a more basic level, this is unsurprising since many of today's underwriters have no experience of writing in a genuine soft market, nor have most of those who are attempting to monitor their behaviour with rather crude analytical tools. We are now seeing some previously very costly business creeping back into areas of the market that has not been placed since the last soft market over a decade ago.

All anecdotal evidence points to this story having the same ending as usual.

### Market

 $2011\ has$  started where  $2010\ left$  off and has all the signs of another difficult year.

Calendar year 2010 had a busy but unusual pattern of losses. The USA benefitted from a second consecutive benign Hurricane season; however events elsewhere more than made up for it, with market losses from natural disasters alone heading toward \$40billion.

In January 2010, an earthquake in Haiti resulted in the devastation of the Island's capital and surrounding area with over 200,000 people dead or missing. The insurance industry suffered little loss from this tragic event but, in February, an earthquake measuring 8.8 on the Richter scale struck 75 miles from Concepcion in Chile. Concepcion suffered severe structural damage while nearby coastal towns and islands were affected by a tsunami following the earthquake. Damage extended over a wide area including the capital Santiago where many buildings and some infrastructure has collapsed or been damaged. The final cost of the earthquake is likely to be in the region of \$10billion but will take some time to resolve, particularly as some of the affected areas suffered a substantial aftershock towards the end of the year. In stark contrast to Haiti, less than 300 are reported dead or missing. Coincidentally, at exactly the same time, Western Europe was suffering the effects of Windstorm Xynthia which ran from Spain through France into Germany. Losses are estimated to be in the region of €2.8billion.

Australia saw a bumper year for losses with Perth and Melbourne suffering storm loss in excess of US\$1 billion each in March followed by a bout of flooding over a huge area of Queensland spreading from Rockhampton in the north in December, to Brisbane and Victoria at the start of this year. To add to loss adjusters' work schedules, Typhoon Yasi struck the Queensland coast south of Cairns in January. The combined cost of these losses is as yet unknown but likely to be substantial.

Christchurch, New Zealand was hit by an earthquake in September 2010 centred on the nearby town of Darfield. This caused substantial damage to the Christchurch suburbs. Costs of this event, thought to be NZ\$6 billion, were still being assessed in February 2011 when a shallower much more destructive quake hit the centre of Christchurch. This has resulted in more than 200 lives lost and devastation of the centre of Christchurch. This time the insurance bill will reflect a more commercial nature and is likely to be easily as high as the first one. Aside from these headlines, the Mid-West USA had another poor spring with two storm systems resulting in damage over \$1 billion each.

Adding to this impressive list of natural disasters, there were many man-made ones, notably the explosion of the Deepwater Horizon Rig spilling oil into the Gulf which will likely result in insurance claims in excess of the \$1 billion currently posted.

It is an interesting reference point on our industry that the above losses have had no effect to date apart from in the relevant lines of business and specific territories that have suffered loss.

Reserve releases have once again (largely from liability business) been partial if not complete contributors to many underwriting results this year. Interestingly some major players have been forced to top up existing reserve levels and many of those still releasing seem to have less to release this year than previously.

Despite popular sound-bites on how big a catastrophe event needs to be to move the wider market, catastrophe business is a relatively small part of the whole and, in isolation, a single large event will only move pricing on catastrophe business. Each time the market has broadly rebased in the past, this has been at least partially due to a significant reversal in reserve adequacy across an already struggling P&C industry. There are many clues that cupboards must be nearly bare and downside risk on reserve adequacy will continue to build.

A sensible conclusion here could be that the potential for future releases will be limited. In the meantime, experience rather than logic suggests it always takes longer than you think for the dam to finally burst. When it does the effects are usually dramatic.

As a post script to this report, a powerful earthquake and following tsunami has devastated north east Honshu, Japan on March 11. Substantial aftershocks continued for days later. Although apparently leaving Tokyo relatively unscathed, many communities have been lost. Towns and villages surrounding Sendai have been all but wiped out and much of the regions' infrastructure, including the nuclear power industry, has suffered substantial damage. The economic damage will almost certainly top \$100billion. Estimates of insured damage are as yet very wide ranging and speculative with numbers ranging from \$15-\$35billion quoted. Whether this loss, on top of the sequence of international catastrophes described above, is enough to make a momentum change in the catastrophe marketplace remains to be seen!

## Syndicates 2010 and 3010

The Underwriters' Report in the Report & Accounts for each Syndicate (which are available on our website) gives good colour to both the current trading conditions and issues that affect the lines of business that we underwrite together with prospects for open years of account that we have written. I do not intend to paraphrase John Hamblin's comments here as they are worth reading in their entirety. Save to say, Syndicate 2010 has closed its 2008 year of account with a profit (to a third party Name with standard personal expenses) of 10.6% of capacity and Syndicate 3010 has produced a marginal loss in its first full year of trading in a very tough environment.

I am particularly pleased with the Syndicate 2010 result since the year featured Hurricane lke which landed at Galveston in Texas and swept across the entire Midwest up to Ohio. Ike struck a pattern never seen before and across a wider breadth of our portfolio than would normally be expected. Notwithstanding this and a string of expensive commercial property losses, we have managed to secure a reasonable return for our capital providers.



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### Lloyd's

In past reports I have highlighted the increasing day to day burden of regulation coming from Lloyd's central. I regret to report that the combination of the requirement for the market as a whole to successfully complete the Solvency II exercise, coupled with the increasing demands for more and more quantitative data, has not made life any easier.

It remains to be seen post-restructure what the FSA's attitude is to Solvency II adoption and whether it takes leave to postpone part of the process from the current implementation date, a route many of our European competitors and those seeking equivalence may be allowed to follow by their own regulators. However, it is clear that we must move on at full steam to play our part in the whole market reaching the required standard at the appropriate time.

I do, however, have issues with the increasing demands for data, which is returned to us in benchmark and peer group formats that serve little purpose if one wishes to scratch the surface of the conclusions. The Franchise Board has made some good progress but, as a participant in the market, one cannot help but feel the balance between the qualitative and the quantitative is out of kilter.

I am reasonably confident that the recent poor performance of the motor syndicates in Lloyd's will not reflect too badly on the reassurance that the Franchise Board has given to investors, but it may offer a silver lining where the emphasis of underwriting regulation moves more toward interacting with the market rather than policing by crude statistics alone, even on a class of business that most lends itself to actuarial control.

On a wider basis, Lloyd's has again produced relatively good results and has a significantly lower proportion of liability business than is typical in most of our major competitors which I suspect will play to our advantage in the not too distant future.

Another plus is that it seems difficult to get any more new start ups into the market place at this stage of the cycle. Bearing in mind, until three years ago, none of our main competitive pressures came from inside the market and now on every line we underwrite it comes from inside, one could argue there is a degree of stable door slamming going on here, but it is progress and recognition of where the market sits at present.

### **Financial Review**

The Group has elected to prepare its financial results under International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") to be consistent with the Cathedral Capital Holdings Limited sub-group's financial statements which are required to be prepared under IFRS because that company has issued and listed its four Floating Rate Unsecured Subordinated Loan Notes on the Irish Stock Exchange. That sub-group is required to file its financial statements with the Irish Stock Exchange. Though the Investor Loan Notes issued by Cathedral Capital (Investments) Limited have been listed on the Channel Island Stock Exchange there is no requirement for that company to prepare its financial statements under IFRS. In addition, all the results of the individual subsidiary entities of the Group have continued to be reported under UK GAAP.

The basis of preparation of this Annual Report, together with the details of the significant accounting policies adopted, is set out in Notes 2 and 3 to the Annual Report.

## Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

The consolidated profit on ordinary activities after tax, as reported in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income, was £4.0 million (2009: £9.5 million) which equates to earnings per equity share of £3.23 (2009: £7.66).

	Underwriting					
	Managed	External	Total	Corporate	Total	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Gross Written Premium	182,819	(35)	182,784	_	182,784	
Net Earned Premium *	141,474	57	141,531	-	141,531	
Net Claims incurred	(95,682)	1,261	(94,421)	-	(94,421)	
Acquisition costs	(30,938)	(60)	(30,998)	-	(30,998)	
Underwriting results	14,854	1,258	16,112	-	16,112	
Other expenses ***	(14,388)	(921)	(15,309)	(5,946)	(21,255)	
Net investment return	2,541	82	2,623	3,386	6,009	
Fees, Commission and other income	-	-	-	5,077	5,077	
Profit before tax	3,007	419	3,426	2,517	5,943	
Tax	(986)	(137)	(1,123)	(825)	(1,948)	
Profit after tax	2,021	282	2,303	1,692	3,995	
Earnings per equity share	£1.63	£0.23	£1.86	£1.37	£3.23	
Return on Equity ***	4.7%	0.7%	5.4%	3.9%	9.3%	

<sup>\*</sup> included in net earned premiums is net reinsurance to close premiums paid of £1.0 million (2009: £9.8 million).

The insurance and reinsurance contracts underwritten by the syndicates supported by the Company's underwriting subsidiary are earned over the life of a policy normally commencing at the inception of a policy. An earnings pattern is established which reflects the underwriting exposure of the business written. Thus net earned premiums during 2010 include premiums on policies incepting during the year together with estimates for premiums and adjustments to premiums on policies incepting in previous periods.

includes Profit Related Pay and financing charges which have been allocated to underwriting and corporate according to profitability of the profit centre.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Return on equity is based on profit after tax divided by opening shareholders' equity.



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The aggregate combined ratio, which is based on a function of gross or net earned premiums and excludes the investment return of Syndicates 2010 and 3010 at 100% level, is analysed by class of business below:

## Managed Syndicates (Syndicates 2010 and 3010) Combined Ratio Analysis

	31 Dece	mber 2010	31 December 2009	
	Gross %	Net %	Gross %	Net %
Claims ratio:		•••••		
Non-marine reinsurance	78.9	68.0	28.9	34.3
Aviation	70.9	78. I	82.5	71.0
Satellite	37.3	36.8	70.4	71.8
Direct & facultative property	45.8	61.9	45. I	57.4
Contingency	51.0	62.4	85.6	39.6
Cargo	68.4	72.2	78.0	70.4
Other	82.1	82. I	0.5	0.3
Total claims ratio	65.5	67.2	48.3	51.2
Expense ratio	19.8	26.8	19.9	26.6
Combined ratio	85.3	94.0	68.2	77.8

The aggregate expense ratio is on a UK GAAP basis, as disclosed in the accounts of Syndicates 2010 and 3010, and does not include any exchange gains and losses in the year.

Cathedral's participation on its managed syndicates was not the same year on year so that the combined ratio at 100% level for these syndicates is not the same as Cathedral's share of these syndicates' result. The overall combined ratio for the Group includes its share of managed syndicates, its share of external syndicates and non underwriting corporate expenses net of other fees and income. The Group's combined ratio is analysed as follows:

## Group Combined Ratio Analysis

	31 Dece	31 December 2010		ember 2009
	Gross %	Net %	Gross %	Net %
Claims ratio:			••••••	••••••
Managed syndicates	66.1	67.6	49.1	54.9
External syndicates	(0.7)	(0.9)	(6.6)	(6.0)
Total claims ratio	65.4	66.7	42.5	48.9
Expense ratio:				
Managed syndicates	20.6	27.3	20.1	28.5
External syndicates	(0.1)	(0.1)	0.7	1.0
Corporate	(1.2)	(1.6)	(2.2)	(3.2)
Staff profit-related pay	1.7	2.2	2.3	3.3
Total expense ratio	21.0	27.8	20.9	29.6
Combined ratio	86.4	94.5	63.4	78.5

The corporate expense ratio is net of fees, commissions and other non-investment income. For the year ended 2010 the gross expense ratio does not include circa 5.0% (2009: 4.9%) (net expense ratio 6.6% (2009: 6.9%)) relating to financing charges in respect of the servicing costs for the Preference shares, Investor Loan Notes and Manager Loan Notes issued to the equity investors. Nor does it include circa £1.5 million of exchange gains (2009: £13.5 million of exchange losses) from its trading or financing activities that have been accounted for through the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income.

### **Investment Strategy and Return**

The investment policy adopted by the Group's managing agency subsidiary with respect to the managed syndicates reflects the underlying exposure and business written by each syndicate. Premiums are retained in original currency in order that they are available to meet any claims incurred by these syndicates from insurance and reinsurance policies they have written. The investment strategy for syndicate funds reflects the low investment risk appetite for these funds which are invested in short-term, high quality fixed income securities or held in cash.

However, the investment strategy with respect to the Group's funds at Lloyd's reflects the differing investment risk appetite that we have with respect to shareholder funds held to support the Group's underwriting activities. We continue to view the Group's funds at Lloyd's to be more akin to permanent capital rather than being held to meet claims and pay expenses on a day-to-day basis. We continue to maintain an equity exposure within these funds, but the majority of the funds remain held in short dated fixed income instruments and cash.

The corporate investment return for the year was a profit of £3.4 million (2009: £4.0 million) which equates to a return of 2.1% down from 2.6% a year earlier. An analysis of this return is set out on the table below:

	Average funds £'000	Actual return %	Actual return £'000
Funds at Lloyd's:		••••••	
Equities	3,971	18.3	727
Fixed interest	104,303	1.7	1,783
Alternative investments	2,502	21.4	535
Cash	11,369	0.4	40
Total	122,145	2.5	3,085
Free Funds:			
Cash	36,904	0.8	301
Total	159,049	2.1	3,386

## Financing of borrowings

The Company paid, on 31 December 2010, dividends on its Preference shares at a rate of 6.44% per annum. The Group also paid, on the same date, interest on both the Investor Loan Notes and the Manager Loan Notes at a rate of 9.2% per annum. The costs of these have been included within finance costs on the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income.

The Group has also issued a series of four Unsecured Floating Rate Subordinated Notes due in 2034 and 2035. These Notes comprise US\$60 million and  $\leqslant$ 12 million and the net cost was £1.9 million (2009:£2.3 million) on these borrowings by the Group during the course of the year. More detail on these borrowings can be found in Note 23 to the Annual Report.

## Taxation

The Group tax charge for the year is £1.9 million (2009:£3.1 million) which gives an effective tax rate of 32.8% (2009:24.5%). This year, we have claimed £5.3 million of tax relating to claims equalisation reserves, although we expect this to eventually be repaid. The impact is therefore on the split of current and deferred tax. A detailed analysis of the composition of the Group charge figure is set out on Note 13 to the Annual Report.

### Earnings per share

All equity shares rank pari passu with regards to distributions by the Group. The Preference shares of the Company and the Manager and Investor Loan Notes of Cathedral Capital (Investments) Limited are entitled to a fixed coupon per annum which has been taken into consideration when calculating the earnings per equity share. The earnings per share for the year are £3.23 down from £7.66 from the previous year. The earnings per share are enhanced by 4 pence (2009: 10 pence) per share as a result of the equity shares held by the Cathedral Group Employee Ownership Plan ("ESOP").



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#### Return on equity

The return on equity for an equity shareholder is 9.3% for the year. However, these shareholders have also invested in the Preference shares of the Company together with either the Investor or Manager Loan Notes issued by Cathedral Capital (Investments) Limited. After taking account of the service costs of these instruments, a return of 7.3% (2009: 11.5%) for the year was achieved on the total funds invested in the Group. This return has been enhanced by circa 0.1% (2009: 0.2%) as a result of the interests (B ordinary and Preference shares of the Company and Manager Loan Notes issued by Cathedral Capital (Investments) Limited) held by the ESOP.

#### Dividend

The Company does not intend to declare a final dividend for the year on its equity shares (2009: £nil).

### Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

The Consolidated Statement of Financial Position includes the Group's share of syndicate assets and liabilities together with other directly held corporate assets.

The Consolidated Statement of Financial Position is analysed below and includes the Group's interest in the managed Syndicates and external syndicates at 31 December 2010 as single line items:

	31 December 2010 £'000	31 December 2009 £'000
Intangible assets	23,234	23,234
Tangible fixed assets	504	562
Group assets used as funds at Lloyd's	127,853	110,265
Other investments and cash balances	29,112	39,316
Borrowings	(112,501)	(112,501)
Unsecured subordinated loan notes	(44,522)	(43,153)
Deferred and current taxation	(21,927)	(23,398)
Interest in managed syndicates	35,779	48,177
Interest in external syndicates	(1,013)	(2,648)
Net other assets/(liabilities)	10,467	3,137
	46,986	42,991
Own shares (ESOP)	(13)	(13)
Equity shareholders' funds	46,973	42,978

The valuation of the intangible assets consists of the cost of underwriting capacity for Syndicate 2010 and goodwill. Both of these intangible assets continue to be the subject of annual impairment tests rather than straight line amortisation as was the case under UK GAAP. We have concluded that there was no impairment of these assets at the year end.

The borrowings figures include the Preference shares issued by the Company and the Investor and Manager Loan Notes of Cathedral Capital (Investments) Limited, that are not held by the Cathedral Group's ESOP. These shares and loan notes have been issued to the equity shareholders of the Company. Accordingly, the equity shareholders consider their net tangible assets to be £141.2 million. The Investor Loan Notes are listed on the Channel Islands Stock Exchange.

The Group did not issue any new tranches of Unsecured Floating Rate Subordinated Loan Notes during the year and the decrease in cost of these borrowings is substantially as a result of reductions in interest rates during the year. All four Unsecured Floating Rate Notes continue to be listed on the Irish Stock Exchange. Further information on the terms of all of the Floating Rate Notes is set out in Note 23.

The Group had no bank facilities at December 2010.

An analysis of the Group's interest in the managed syndicates and the external syndicates are set out below:

	31 Dec	ember 2010	31 December 2009	
	Managed £'000	External £'000	Managed £'000	External £'000
Cash and investments	187,884	5,467	169,474	7,881
Debtors - insurance and reinsurance	59,318	537	57,609	689
Net technical provisions	(205,800)	(6,669)	(173,789)	(11,359)
Creditors - insurance and reinsurance	(15,128)	(128)	(15,321)	(99)
Other net assets/(liabilities)	9,505	(220)	10,204	240
Group's interest	35,779	(1,013)	48,177	(2,648)

As I mentioned earlier in my report, premiums are earned over the life of the policy, commencing at inception, in accordance with the underlying exposure of the policy. Therefore, at the year end there is a proportion of these premiums unearned. The unearned premium reserve at 31 December 2010 was £58.3 million (2009: £63.8 million) which, subject to normal claims activity on that business, should contribute to the profitability of the Group during future years.

The Own shares relate to the B ordinary I pence shares of the Company held by the Cathedral Group's ESOP. The value of the shares has been deducted from the Shareholders' equity. These shares have not been allocated to any employee. The ESOP also holds Preference shares in the Company and Manager Loan Notes in Cathedral Capital (Investments) Limited. These borrowing figures have also been reduced by the value of these holdings. A more detailed analysis of the ESOP holdings can be found in Note 31.

## **Underwriting Capital**

The capital framework at Lloyd's requires each managing agent in the market to calculate the capital requirement for each syndicate they manage, a process known as Individual Capital Assessment ("ICA"). The FSA require the ICA to be calibrated at a confidence level of 99.5% over a 12 month time horizon. The ICA is regarded as the minimum regulatory capital requirement for that business. Lloyd's has the discretion to take into account other factors (including the need to maintain the market's overall security rating) when agreeing each syndicate's capital requirement. This is the Economic Capital Assessment ("ECA").

Lloyd's then uses each syndicate's ECA as a basis for determining member level Economic Capital Requirement ("ECR"). For the 2011 calendar year, the Group's Funds at Lloyd's initial requirement is set at 58% of underwriting capacity supported. This compares with an initial Funds at Lloyd's requirement of 55% for 2010, subsequently reduced to 52% mid-year.

This year marks the closure of our final participations on Syndicates outside the Cathedral Group. Over 10 years, the experience on the third party portfolio has been a good one and I would like to thank the underwriters concerned for their efforts on our behalf.

## Strategy

For readers reaching this far, it will come as no surprise that our trading strategy will be to use our experienced underwriters and focussed long-standing accounts to pick our way through a generally tricky market place. Historically, the best underwriters have managed to make decent returns through markets that are considerably softer than those we find ourselves at present. In the past, that has not applied to the market as a whole.

All of our accounts have been refined over the last couple of years to address the onset of more competitive conditions in advance of them arriving. Where we have cut back, we have also reduced exposures rather than simply writing more at an unmanageable price or 'writing around the models' to pile on more exposure, at more remote risk levels, at lower prices. Ultimately if you sell a Pound of cover it is there for you to lose. Most companies don't pay money for nothing, whatever the catastrophe models may say.



## **Chief Executive Officer's Report**

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Our ethos has always been one of profit-making rather than chasing top line growth and our main objective is to maintain a decent return with a risk profile that is not dependant on events failing to happen in order to produce a profit.

There is a building interest in M&A activity in our sector which is valued at historically low values at present. Using conventional economic theory, now would be a likely time for companies to consider this strategy. Whether this moves beyond the odd deal for poorly valued stocks remains to be seen. However should any high quality individuals or teams that would fit into our business model become disturbed then we will be active in exploring whether they would fit into our business.

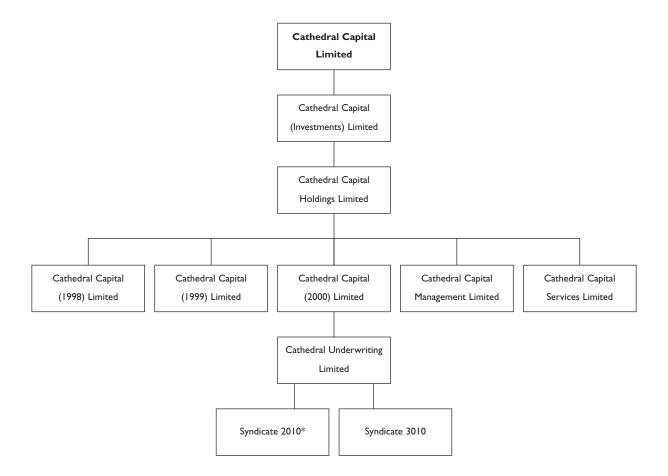
Ultimately the industry has had a fairly easy ride for the last decade where profits have been relatively easy to come by. There is a change on the way and not all will be there on the other side of the change. We have one of the few teams in the market who across all lines of business have dealt successfully with these circumstances in the past. It will be a challenge but those coming out the other side – which we intend to be one – will be in the position to reap the rewards.

We have an experienced long-standing team that has run our business successfully for ten years. To all of them, I extend my thanks for their hard work once again.

#### **Peter Scales**

Chief Executive Officer
30 March 2011

## **Group Structure**



<sup>\*</sup>The Group provides capital to support 57.8% of the stamp.



## **Directors and Advisors**

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## **Directors of the Company**

#### Elvin Patrick

After gaining a Masters in Business Administration from Cranfield, Elvin Patrick joined Edward Bates, merchant bankers in 1973 where he specialised in mergers and acquisitions, Stock Exchange practice and Balance Sheet Reorganisations, before joining the Lloyd's market in 1974. In 1981, he joined Stenhouse (becoming Limit/Bankside) as underwriter of marine syndicate 566 (until 1997). From 1989-1999 he was chairman of Bankside Underwriting Agencies Limited and latterly, 1998/99, chief executive officer of Limit PLC. He has held numerous positions at Lloyd's including deputy chairman in 1998, a member of the Lloyd's Regulatory Review Board in 1997 and a member of the Lloyd's Rowland Task Force in 1991. He was Active Underwriter of syndicate 2010 until 30 November 2001. He was appointed as Non-Executive Chairman of Cathedral Capital (Investments) Limited and Cathedral Capital Limited on 12 December 2006.

#### Peter Scales

After gaining a degree in Economics and Geography at University College, London, Peter Scales joined Bankside Underwriting Agencies Limited in 1986. In 1991, he joined Wren Underwriting Agencies Limited as an analyst. He was appointed a director of Wren Underwriting Agencies Limited in 1993 and managing director of Wren Lloyd's Advisers Limited in 1994. He was involved in the original placement of one of Lloyd's first listed corporate capital vehicles, subsequently to become Wren Limited, of which he was an executive director. Following the acquisition of Wren Limited by BRIT Insurance Holdings PLC, he was director of capital management. He is Chief Executive Officer of Cathedral Capital Holdings Limited, was appointed as a director of Cathedral Capital (Investments) Limited and Chief Executive Officer of Cathedral Capital Limited on 12 December 2006.

#### John Lynch

After gaining a degree in commerce from University College Cork, Ireland in 1988, John Lynch joined Robson Rhodes and qualified as a chartered accountant in 1992. After spending two years in industry he joined Finsbury Asset Management Limited and became head of accounting and administration for institutional investment clients. Since 1994 he has also been involved in the structuring of capital entities in Lloyd's. He joined Wren Limited as company secretary and head of finance in January 1999. Following the acquisition of Wren Limited by BRIT Insurance Holdings PLC, he was company secretary and group financial controller from September 1999 until October 2000. He is Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary of Cathedral Capital Holdings Limited, was appointed as a director of Cathedral Capital (Investments) Limited and Chief Financial Officer of Cathedral Capital Limited on 12 December 2006.

### Dominic Slade

Dominic Slade is a partner of Alchemy Partners LLP and a member of the Investment Committees of Alchemy Partners and Alchemy Special Opportunities LLP. A Cambridge graduate in Social and Political Sciences, he also holds an MPhil in International Relations from Cambridge and an MBA from Harvard. Before joining Alchemy in 1998, he worked at UBS in investment banking. He has been responsible for leading most of the financial services transactions at Alchemy. He was appointed as a Director of Cathedral Capital Limited on 30 October 2006.



## **Report of the Directors**

The Directors present the annual report and the audited accounts for the year ended 31 December 2010.

### **Registered Office and Company Number**

The registered office and principal place of business of the Company is 5th Floor, Fitzwilliam House, 10 St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8EN. The accounting and statutory records of the Company are also held at this address. The Company registration number is 5958018.

#### **Principal Activity and Review of the Business**

The Company was initially established by the Alchemy Investment Plan for the purposes of acquiring the Cathedral Capital Holding Limited group of companies. On 3 November 2006 Cathedral Capital (Investments) Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary company, made an offer for the Cathedral Capital Holdings Limited group. On 6 December 2006, this offer was declared to be unconditional in all respects. Following the acquisition, Alchemy own 56.1% of the Ordinary Shares of the Company.

Cathedral Capital Holdings Limited was originally set up in 1997 as a Names' Conversion vehicle which enabled names at Lloyd's with unlimited liability to convert to limited liability. One of its two main trading subsidiary companies, Cathedral Capital (1998) Limited, underwrites at Lloyd's as a corporate member. This company underwrote approximately £232.3 million (2009: £203.4 million) of capacity for the 2010 year of account all of which supported Cathedral Syndicates 2010 and 3010. For the 2011 year of account, the Group will underwrite £232.3 million of capacity across Syndicates 2010 and 3010 only.

Cathedral Capital Holdings Limited's other main trading subsidiary is Cathedral Underwriting Limited, a Lloyd's managing agency which is authorised and regulated by the UK Financial Services Authority ("FSA") and Lloyd's. This company has the rights to manage Cathedral Syndicate 2010 and Cathedral Syndicate 3010. Syndicate 2010 currently specialises in non-marine and aviation reinsurance and direct and facultative property and contingency business, with premium capacity of around £350 million for the 2010 year of account. The capacity of the Syndicate has been maintained at £350 million for the 2011 year of account. Cathedral Syndicate 2010 has just closed its eighth underwriting year, the 2008 year of account, with a profit.

Cathedral Underwriting Limited set up Syndicate 3010 during 2007 with an initial capacity of £20 million and commenced underwriting on I July 2007. The Syndicate currently specialises in marine cargo including specie, fine art and war. The capacity of the Syndicate was increased to £30 million for the 2008 year of account and maintained at that level for the 2009, 2010 and 2011 years of account. The Syndicate's sole capital provider is the Group's corporate member. Cathedral Syndicate 3010 has just closed its second underwriting year, the 2008 year of account, with a small loss.

The managed Syndicates reported an aggregate 2010 calendar year profit of £15.7 million (2009: £49.8 million) which equates to an aggregate net combined ratio for the Syndicates of 94.0% (2009: 77.8%). This company intends to expand and develop its insurance operations as opportunities and market conditions allow. The Company has been approved by the FSA and Lloyd's as a controller of Cathedral Underwriting Limited.

A more detailed review of the activities and operating results of the Group are included in the Chief Executive Officer's Report on pages 2 to 10.

### **Results and Dividends**

The results attributable to shareholders for the period and the transfer to reserves are shown on page 22.

Details of the accounting policies adopted by the Group for the period are set out in Note 3 to the Financial Statements.

The Directors do not intend to declare a dividend on the equity shares for the year (2009: £nil). The Company has paid a dividend at a rate of 6.44% per annum in respect of its Preference shares on 31 December 2009 and 2010.

## **Future Developments**

Details of future plans for the Group are set out in the Chief Executive Officer's Report on pages 2 to 10.

### **Principal risks and uncertainties**

The Group is exposed to various risks and uncertainties, details of which are disclosed in Note 4. This includes risks associated with the Group's financial instruments.

### **Share Capital**

On 25 November 2010, the Company reorganised its share capital as follows:

702,290 of the A Ordinary Shares of Ip each were sub-divided into 702,290 A Ordinary Shares of 0.1p each and 702,290 Deferred A Shares of 0.9p each. All of the Deferred A Shares were then bought back by the Company for an aggregate of Ip and were cancelled by the Company.

At the same time, 144,515 of the B Ordinary Shares of Ip each were redesignated as BI Ordinary Shares of Ip each.

Following this share reorganisation, the voting rights of the shares were such that the A Ordinary Shares of 0.1p each equate to 51.3% of the total votes, the B Ordinary Shares of 1p each equate to 5.25% of the total votes, the B1 Ordinary Shares of 1p each equate to 23.45% of the total votes and the Ordinary Shares of 1p each equate to 20.0% of the total votes.

The A Ordinary Shares of 0.1p each, the Ordinary Shares of 1p each, the B Ordinary Shares of 1p each and the B1 Ordinary Shares of 1p each all continue to rank pari-passu as regards to economic rights.

At the year end, there were 38,144,962 (2009: 38,144,962) Preference shares of £1 in issue with each Preference share entitled to receive a dividend at a rate of 6.44% per annum.

### **Directors**

The Directors who held office during the period are set out on page 12.



## **Report of the Directors**

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## **Directors' Interests in Shares**

The interests of the Directors and their families in the share capital and in Preference shares issued by the Company and Investor and Manager Loan Notes issued by Cathedral Capital (Investments) Limited at the year end according to the register of directors' interests are as follows:

					31 Dec	ember 2010
	<b>B</b> I ordinary	Ordinary	A ordinary		Investor	Manager
	I pence	I pence	0.1 pence	Preference	Loan	Loan
	shares	shares	shares	£1 shares	Notes £1	Notes £1
E E Patrick	9,388	9,788	-	357,211	-	714,533
J A Lynch	21,634	33,413	-	822,639	-	1,645,531
P D Scales	21,634	33,413	-	822,639	-	1,645,531
D J H Slade	-	-	85 I	36,530	73,071	-

					31 De	ecember 2009
	B ordinary	Ordinary	A ordinary		Investor	Manager
	I pence	I pence	I pence	Preference	Loan	Loan
	shares	shares	shares	£1 shares	Notes £1	Notes £1
E E Patrick	9,388	9,788	-	357,211	-	714,533
J A Lynch	21,634	33,413	-	822,639	-	1,645,531
P D Scales	21,634	33,413	-	822,639	-	1,645,531
D J H Slade	-	-	851	36,530	73,071	-

The Cathedral Group has an ESOP in which all full time employees are potential beneficiaries. As such, all Directors who are full time employees of the Cathedral Group have a potential interest in the shares (and other assets) held by the ESOP.

The interests of the ESOP in the B ordinary and Preference shares of the Company and the Manager Loan Notes issued by Cathedral Capital (Investments) Limited at the year end are:

•••••		21.5		•••••	21.5	
		31 Dec	ember 2010		31 De	ecember 2009
	<b>B</b> ordinary		Manager	B ordinary		Manager
	I pence	<b>Preference</b>	Loan	I pence	Preference	Loan
	shares	£1 shares	Notes £1	shares	£1 shares	Notes £1
ESOP	13,723	651,084	1,302,367	13,723	651,084	1,302,367

## **Related Parties**

Details of related parties and any related party transactions can be found in Note 36.

### **Going Concern**

After making reasonable enquiries 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 have adopted the going concern basis in preparing the accounts.

### **Auditors**

Mazars LLP have expressed their willingness to continue in office for the coming year.

### Disclosure of information to the auditors

So far as each person who was a Director at the date of approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing its report, of which the auditor is unaware. Having made enquiries of fellow Directors, each Director has taken all the steps that he is obliged to take as a Director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

### **Employee Involvement**

Details of employees and their remuneration are included in Note 12.

Cathedral is an equal opportunity employer with all existing and prospective employees being treated equally and without discrimination on the grounds of gender, race, religion, age, sexual orientation or disability. Where existing employees become disabled it is the Group's policy, wherever practicable, to provide continuing employment under normal terms and conditions and to provide training and career development and promotions to disabled employees wherever applicable.

The Group's employment practices and procedures are designed to attract and retain high calibre ambitious individuals. The work environment and culture is designed to enable motivated individuals to hone their skills in order to achieve their career goals and the appropriate training, both internal and external, is provided in an effort to ensure that this occurs in a timely manner. All employees receive the same opportunity for training, development and promotion.

Cathedral is committed to involving all employees in the performance and development of both the Company and the Group and employees are encouraged to discuss matters of interest and subjects affecting day-to-day operations. Employees are also regularly updated on the financial performance of the Group by the executive Directors.

A number of employees have an interest in the shares of the Company and the Manager Loan Notes of Cathedral Capital (Investments) Limited.

All full time employees of the Group have a potential interest in the ESOP.

#### **Donations**

During the year the Group made no charitable or political donations (2009: £nil).

## **Corporate Governance**

Cathedral Capital Limited's Board comprises executive and independent non-executive Directors and meetings of the Board are held quarterly or at such other intervals as may be determined by the Board to discuss corporate business, with further meetings to consider Lloyd's related matters as required by Lloyd's or the FSA. Additional ad hoc meetings are convened as required. As provided by the Articles of Association, the quorum for Board meetings can be one. The Board of the Company exercises the highest level of authority in the Cathedral Group.

On a day to day basis the management of the Group's affairs and businesses are dealt with by the executive management of the Group who include the executive Directors of the Company and selected other senior management and underwriters. This group has delegated authority from the Board to make such decisions and authorise such acts as are decided by the management to be necessary to manage and control the Group's affairs. The executive management report back to the Board at its quarterly meetings.

The Board has also established two sub Committees of the Board being: Audit Committee and Remuneration Committee. The constitutions and compositions of these Committees are set out below:

## Audit Committee

The Audit Committee concentrates mainly on the financial reporting, compliance, internal control and risk management framework of the Group. It is also responsible for vetting the appointment, independence and fees of the external auditors and makes recommendations to all subsidiary company Boards on these matters.

Membership of the Audit Committee comprises all the non-executive Directors of the Company. The Non-Executive Chairman of the Company is chairman of the Committee. The quorum for Audit Committee meetings is two and it meets at least annually.

The main activities of the Audit Committee include a detailed review of accounting policies and the financial statements; reviewing the report of the Group's risk management committee; an evaluation of the effectiveness of internal control, compliance and risk management systems of the Group; monitoring compliance with statutory and regulatory reporting requirements.



## **Report of the Directors**

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The Committee meets with the Group's external auditors and receives a report from them at least once a year. The Committee also agrees any appointment of the external auditors to provide any non audit services. The cost of all the services provided by the external auditors is set out in Note 11.

The Group has a risk management committee, which sits as a committee within the Group's managing agency subsidiary. This committee comprises the executive Directors of the Company together with the directors, senior managers and underwriters of the managing agency. This committee, though primarily determining and monitoring risks and controls within the regulated business of the managing agency, also evaluates risks and controls throughout the rest of the Group's operations. A report on the work of the risk management committee is made to the Audit Committee at least annually.

#### Remuneration Committee

The Remuneration Committee's main focus is on ensuring that salary, benefit and incentive levels throughout the Group are sufficiently competitive to attract and retain staff, particularly those holding key positions of responsibility.

The Board approves the membership of the Remuneration Committee, which currently comprises all non-executive Directors of the Company together with the Chief Executive Officer of the Company or his alternate. The Non-Executive Chairman of Cathedral Capital Limited is chairman of the Remuneration Committee and the quorum for meetings is two.

The Remuneration Committee is responsible for agreeing the remuneration of the Group Chief Executive Officer and the executive Directors of Cathedral Capital Limited, together with that of senior executives having basic salaries of £125,000 and above.

## **Directors' Remuneration**

Details of the Director's Remuneration is set out in Note 36 of this Annual Report.

## **Directors' and Officers' Insurance**

In accordance with the provisions of the articles, the Company has purchased and maintained throughout the year directors' and officers' liability insurance in respect of itself, all of its subsidiary companies and all directors and officers of the Group.

## **Directors' Responsibilities**

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 Group financial statements under International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as adopted by the European Union, and the Company financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to 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 those financial statements, the directors are required to:

## Company

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and 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.

#### Group

- properly select and apply accounting policies;
- present information, including accounting policies, in a manner that provides relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable information; and
- provide additional disclosures when compliance with the specific requirements in IFRS is insufficient to enable users to understand the potential impact of particular transactions, other events and conditions on the entity's financial position and financial performance.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and Group and 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.

The maintenance and integrity of the Group's website is the responsibility of the Directors. The Directors' responsibility also extends to the ongoing integrity of the financial statements contained therein. Financial statements are published on the Group's website in accordance with legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements, which may vary from legislation in other jurisdictions.

By order of the Board

John Lynch
Company Secretary
30 March 2011



## **Report of the Independent Auditors**

## Independent auditor's report to the members of Cathedral Capital Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Cathedral Capital Limited for the year ended 31 December 2010 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position, the Company Balance Sheet, the Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity, the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in the preparation of the Consolidated financial statements is applicable law and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in the preparation of the Company financial statements is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on pages 18 and 19, 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 (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors. 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 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.

## Scope of the audit of the financial statements

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the APB's web-site at www.frc.org.uk/apb/scope/private.cfm.

## **Opinion on the financial statements**

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and the parent company's affairs as at 31 December 2010 and of the group's profit for the year then ended;
- the Consolidated financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union;
- the Company financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- the financial statements 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 Report of the Directors for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

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

**Andrew Hubbard** (Senior Statutory auditor) for and on behalf of Mazars LLP, Chartered Accountants (Statutory auditor)

Tower Bridge House, St Katharine's Way, London EIW IDD 30 March 2011



## Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income For the year ended 31 December 2010

	3 Notes	Year ended I December 2010 £'000	Year ended 31 December 2009 £'000
Income			
Gross premiums written	5	182,784	187,436
Less premiums ceded to reinsurers		(47,673)	(54,796)
Net premiums written		135,111	132,640
Gross amount of change in provision for unearned premiums		5,280	2,657
Reinsurers' share of change in provision for unearned premiums		1,140	(1,264
Earned premiums, net of reinsurance		141,531	134,033
Fees and commission income	6	5,061	3,534
Investment return	7	6,009	6,558
Other income		16	33
Total income		152,617	144,158
Expenses Claims paid			
Gross amount		(84,313)	(87,496
Reinsurers' share		20,386	19,829
Net claims paid		(63,927)	(67,667
Net change in the provision for claims			
Gross amount		(38,513)	6,582
Reinsurers' share		8,019	(4,426
Net change in the provision for claims		(30,494)	2,156
Claims incurred, net of reinsurance	5	(94,421)	(65,511
Acquisition costs		(30,998)	(31,862
Other operating expenses	8	(10,663)	(11,796
Net foreign exchange gains/(losses)	9	1,520	(13,470
Total expenses, excluding finance costs		(134,562)	(122,639
Operating profits		18,055	21,519
Finance costs	10	(12,112)	(8,987
Profit on ordinary activities before tax		5,943	12,532
Income tax expense	13	(1,948)	(3,068
Profit on ordinary activities after tax		3,995	9,464
Profit attributable to equity shareholders of the parent company		3,995	9,464
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		3,995	9,464
Basic & diluted earnings per share	15	£3.23	£7.66

All activities were in respect of continuing operations.

## Consolidated Statement of Financial Position As at 31 December 2010

	31	December	
	Notes	2010 £'000	2009 £'000
Assets	140003	2 000	
Property, plant and equipment	16	504	562
Intangible assets	17	23,234	23.234
Reinsurance assets	24	62,215	51,691
Financial investments	18	250,938	180,061
Deferred acquisition costs	24	12,687	13,090
Other assets		645	1,220
Prepayments and accrued income	20	7,189	5,524
Trade and other receivables	21	66,387	61,172
Cash and cash equivalents	22	99,378	146,875
Total assets		523,177	483,429
Equity			
Called up share capital	28	6	13
Share premium account	29	1,237	1,237
Capital redemption reserve		1,020	1,013
Own shares		(13)	(13
Retained earnings		44,723	40,728
Total shareholders' equity		46,973	42,978
Liabilities			
Borrowings	23	157,023	155,654
Insurance contracts	24	274,684	236,839
Provision for other liabilities	25	3,337	4,972
Deferred tax liabilities	26	21,375	19,251
Trade and other payables	27	18,075	18,449
Current tax liabilities		552	4,147
Accruals and deferred income		1,158	1,139
Total liabilities		476,204	440,451
Total equity and liabilities		523,177	483,429



## Company Balance Sheet As at 31 December 2010

	31 December		31 December
		2010	2009
	Notes	£'000	£'000
Assets			
Investments in subsidiary undertakings	19	40,408	40,408
		40,408	40,408
Trade and other receivables	21	5,984	6,077
Prepayments and accrued income	20	1	-
Cash and cash equivalents		-	1
Total assets		46,393	46,486
Equity			
Called up share capital	28	6	13
Share premium	29	1,237	1,237
Capital redemption reserve	29	1,020	1,013
Profit and loss reserve	29	5,949	5,983
Total shareholders' equity	30	8,212	8,246
Liabilities			
Borrowings	23	38,145	38,145
Trade and other payables	27	-	55
Current tax liabilities		-	1
Accruals and deferred income		36	39
Total liabilities		38,181	38,240
Total equity and liabilities		46,393	46,486

The financial statements on pages 22 to 72 were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 30 March 2011 and signed on its behalf by:

Peter Scales

John Lynch

Chief Executive Officer

Chief Financial Officer

The Company Balance sheet is prepared under UK GAAP.

The Notes on pages 27 to 72 form part of these consolidated financial statements.

## Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity For the year ended 31 December 2010

Year ended 31 December 2010				Total attributable to
	Balance at			
	I January	Profit for	Share	equity
	2010	the year	reorganisation	holders
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Called up share capital	13	-	(7)	6
Share premium account	1,237	-	-	1,237
Capital redemption reserve	1,013	-	7	1,020
Own shares	(13)	-	-	(13)
Retained earnings	40,728	3,995	-	44,723
Total shareholders' equity	42,978	3,995	-	46,973
Year ended 31 December 2009				Total
				attributable
	Balance at	Profit for	Purchase of Own	to
	l January 2009	the year	shares	equity holders
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Called up share capital	13	-	-	13
Share premium account	1,237	-	-	1,237
Capital redemption reserve	1,013	_	-	1,013
Own shares	(5)	-	(8)	(13)
Retained earnings	31,264	9,464	-	40,728

## Nature and purpose of each reserve

Total shareholders' equity

The called up share capital is the nominal value of each share in issue and is not distributable.

The share premium account represents the difference between the proceeds and the nominal value of each share issued and is not distributable, although expenses relating to the issue of shares can be offset against this reserve.

33,522

9,464

The capital redemption reserve is in respect of shares (including Preference shares) cancelled by the Company and is not distributable.

The Own shares reserve relates to B ordinary shares in the Company which are held by the Group's ESOP. Details of the ESOP are set out in Note 31.

42,978

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## Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows For the year ended 31 December 2010

	Year ended		Year ended
	31	December	31 December
	Notes	2010 £'000	2009 £'000
	Notes	2 000	
Cash generated from operations	35	(34,856)	14,456
Interest received		5,135	8,351
Dividends received		278	251
Interest paid		(8,839)	(9,246)
Preference share dividends paid		(2,415)	(2,415)
Income taxes paid		(7,351)	(5,885)
Net cash (used in) / from operating activities		(48,048)	5,512
Investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(186)	(105)
Net cash (used in) investing activities		(186)	(105)
Financing activities			
Purchase of own shares by ESOP		-	(8)
Net cash (used in) financing activities		-	(8)
Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents		(48,234)	5,399
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		146,875	147,179
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash and cash equivalents		737	(5,703)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	22	99,378	146,875

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2010

#### General Information

Cathedral Capital Limited ("the Company") is a limited company incorporated and domiciled in England and Wales. The addresses of its registered office and principal place of business are disclosed in the Report of the Directors on page 14. The principal activities of the Company and its subsidiaries ("the Group") are described in Note 19.

### 2 Basis of preparation of financial statements

## a) Basis of preparation

#### (i) Group

The Group's subsidiary, Cathedral Capital Holdings Limited, issued a series of Floating Rate Subordinated Loan Notes due in 2034 and 2035, all of which are listed on the Irish Stock Exchange. Accordingly, Cathedral Capital Holdings Limited is required to prepare its consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") endorsed by the European Commission ("EC"). Given this, Cathedral Capital Limited has elected to prepare its consolidated financial statements under the historical cost accounting rules, modified by the revaluation of certain financial instruments as described below and in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the EU, and those parts of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies reporting under IFRS.

#### (ii) Company

The financial statements of the Company are prepared under UK GAAP. The financial statements of the Company have been prepared under the historical cost accounting rules, modified by the revaluation of certain financial instruments as described below and in accordance with Regulation 3(1) of the Large and Medium Sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

No profit and loss account is presented for the Company as permitted by Section 408 of the Companies Act 2006. The result of the Company is set out in Note 14.

## b) Basis of consolidation

The financial statements of the Group include the accounts of the Company and its subsidiaries, together with the Group's share of the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses of the Lloyd's syndicates supported by the Group's corporate member subsidiary for the year ended 31 December 2010. Subsidiaries are those entities in which the Group directly or indirectly has the power to govern the operating and financial policies in order to gain economic benefits. The Group's Employee Share Ownership Plan ("ESOP") is also included within the financial statements of the Group as the Group is deemed to have de facto control of the assets and liabilities of the ESOP. The financial statements of subsidiaries are prepared for the same reporting year as the Company. Adjustments are made to convert the accounts of the Company and its subsidiaries prepared under UK GAAP into IFRS so as to remove any dissimilar accounting policies that may exist. All inter-company balances, profit and transactions are eliminated on consolidation.

### c) Adoption of new and revised Standards

All new standards and interpretations released by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") have been considered and, of these, the following new and amended standards which are relevant to these financial statements have been adopted by the Group during the year.

The amendment to IAS 36 ("Impairment of assets") has been adopted. This had no impact on the Group's assets, liabilities or equity reported in earlier years. The impact has been only on disclosure. Accordingly, only two statements of financial position have been presented.

The amendment to IAS 38 ("Intangible assets") has been adopted. The adoption of this Standard has not led to any changes in the Group's accounting policies or disclosures.



## Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2010

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### d) Standards, interpretations and amendments to published standards that are not yet effective

At the date of authorisation of these financial statements, the following Standards and Interpretations issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and which are relevant to the Group are in issue but not yet effective:

- (i) Amendments to IAS 32 ("Financial Instruments: Presentation");
- (ii) IFRIC 19 ("Extinguishing Financial Liabilities with Equity Instruments");
- (iii) Amendments to IAS 24 ("Related Party Disclosures"); and
- (iv) Amendments to IFRS 7 ("Financial Instruments: Disclosures").

The Directors anticipate that the adoption of these standards and interpretations will have no material impact on the consolidated financial statements of the Group, except for changes to disclosures.

#### 3 Significant Accounting Policies

#### a) Recognition of insurance transactions and sources of data

The Group participates on syndicates at Lloyd's. These consist of Syndicates 2010 and 3010 ("the managed syndicates") which are managed by the Group's managing agent, and syndicates managed by managing agents outside of the Group.

The Group recognises its proportion of all the transactions undertaken by the Lloyd's syndicates in which it participates ("the syndicates") within the Group's Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income. Similarly, the Group's proportion of the syndicates' assets and liabilities has been reflected in its Consolidated Statement of Financial Position. This proportion is calculated by reference to the Group's participation as a percentage of each syndicate's total capacity for each year of account.

Syndicate assets are held subject to the terms of the trust deeds for the benefit of the Group's insurance policyholders.

The financial information on these transactions, assets and liabilities of the syndicates is based on returns prepared by the managing agent of each syndicate and submitted to Lloyd's, with any adjustments in respect of IFRS provided directly by those agents to the Group. Information for syndicates managed by the Group is determined by the Group's managing agent subsidiary. However, for other syndicates on which the Group participates, such information is provided by managing agents outside of the Group.

In accordance with IFRS 4, "Insurance Contracts", the Group continues to apply existing accounting policies to its insurance contracts but has the option to make improvements to its policies if the changes make the financial statements more relevant to decision making needs of the users. Insurance contracts entered into by way of the Group's participation on the syndicates are accounted for under the annual accounting basis (which is used by most insurance entities in the United Kingdom).

### b) Use of estimates

The financial statements have been prepared using critical estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities. Although these estimates are based on management's best knowledge of current events and actions, actual outcomes may ultimately differ from those estimates, possibly significantly. For those syndicates managed by managing agents outside of the Group, the Group has relied on information provided by those agents.

### c) Insurance contracts

Insurance contracts entered into by way of the Group's participation on the syndicates are accounted for as follows:

## (i) Premiums

Gross written premiums represent contracts on business incepting during the financial year, together with adjustments made in the year to premiums written in previous accounting periods. All premiums are gross of commission payable to intermediaries.

Outwards reinsurance premiums are accounted for in the same accounting period as the premiums for the related direct or inwards business being reinsured by the syndicates. This includes both the Group's share of outwards reinsurance premiums written by the syndicates and also premiums paid by the Group's subsidiaries for reinsurance protection.

The movement in the provision for unearned premiums is taken to the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income in order that revenue is recognised over the period of the risk.

### (ii) Provision for unearned premiums

Written premium is earned according to the risk profile of the policy commencing from the date of inception of the policy. Unearned premiums represent the proportion of premiums written in the year that relate to the unexpired terms of policies in force at the balance sheet date, calculated on the basis of established earnings patterns or time apportionment as appropriate. Estimates are based on managing agent's estimates of the exposures of the underlying business written.

#### (iii) Claims incurred

Claims incurred comprise claims and settlement expenses (both internal and external) paid in the year and the movement in the provision for outstanding claims and settlement expenses, including an allowance for the cost of claims incurred by the balance sheet date but not reported ("IBNR") until after the year end. Claims outstanding are reduced by anticipated salvage and other recoveries.

#### (iv) Outstanding claims provisions

The outstanding claims comprise amounts set aside for claims notified by the balance sheet date and IBNR and includes amounts in respect of internal and external claims handling costs.

Notified claims are estimated on a case by case basis with regard to the circumstances as reported, any information available from loss adjusters and previous experience of the cost of settling claims with similar characteristics.

With respect to the Group's share of Syndicates 2010 and 3010, the amount included in respect of IBNR is based on a detailed review of losses and loss development by the management of the Group's managing agent subsidiary. This provision is reviewed by external consulting actuaries. Techniques used generally involve projecting from past experience of the development of claims over time to form a view of the likely ultimate claims to be experienced for more recent underwriting, having regard to variations in the business accepted and the underlying terms and conditions. For the most recent years, where a high degree of volatility arises from projections, estimates may be based in part on output from rating and other models of the business accepted and assessments of underwriting conditions.

The critical assumptions used when estimating provisions are that the past experience is a reasonable predictor of likely future claims development and that the rating and business portfolio assumptions are a reasonable reflection of the likely level of ultimate claims to be incurred.

With respect to the Group's share of externally managed syndicates, the amount included in respect of IBNR is based on estimates by the managing agents of those syndicates.

### (v) Reinsurance

The reinsurers' share of provision for claims is based on calculated amounts of outstanding claims and projections for IBNR, net of estimated irrecoverable amounts, having regard to the reinsurance programme in place for the class of business, the claims experience for the year and the current security rating of the reinsurance companies involved. Where reliance has been placed on the security rating by rating agencies, it has been assumed that they provide a reliable estimate of the likelihood of the reinsurer in question being able to meet its obligations when called upon to do so.



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If a reinsurance asset is impaired, the Group reduces its carrying amount accordingly, and will immediately recognise the impairment loss in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income. A reinsurance asset will be deemed to be impaired if there is objective evidence, as a result of an event that occurred after initial recognition of the asset, that the Group may not receive all amounts due to it under the terms of the contract, and that the event has a reliably measurable impact on the amounts that the Group will receive from the reinsurer. It should be noted that the amount of impairment, if any, for those syndicates managed by external managing agents is based on estimates from those agents and not by the Group.

## (vi) Deferred acquisition costs

Acquisition costs represent commission and other expenses arising from the conclusion of insurance contracts. They are deferred over the period in which the related premiums are earned.

### (vii) Liability adequacy tests

At each period end, liability adequacy tests are performed, employing the current estimates of the Group's future cash flows under its insurance contracts. If, as a result of these tests, the carrying amount of the Group's insurance liabilities is found to be inadequate in comparison to the value of these future cash flows, the deficiency is charged to the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income for the accounting period.

## (viii) Reinsurance to close

To the extent that the Group participates on successive years of account of the same syndicate and there is a reinsurance to close between those years, the Group has offset its share of the reinsurance to close received against its share of the reinsurance to close paid. This is accounted for in the accounting period when the reinsurance to close contract is completed (usually the year after the year of account is deemed to have closed).

Where the Group has increased or decreased its syndicate participation from one year of account to the next, the difference between the reinsurance to close received and the reinsurance to close paid is shown in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income as either gross premiums written or reinsurance premiums payable as appropriate.

### d) Revenue recognition

## (i) Fees and commission income

Fees and commission income consists mainly of managing agents fees and profit commission charged to Names in respect of the Group's managed syndicates. This excludes any fees charged to the Group's corporate member subsidiary. The fees are recognised in the accounting period in which the service is rendered by reference to completion of the specific transaction, assessed on the basis of the actual service provided as a proportion of the total services to be provided. Profit commission is recognised on open years where its measurement is reasonably certain.

## (ii) Investment return

Investment return comprises all investment income, realised investment gains and losses and movements in unrealised gains and losses. The investment return comprises both the Group's share of the syndicates' investment return and the Group's investment return on its corporate assets. Interest income is recognised on an accruals basis. Dividend income is recognised when the shareholders' right to receive the payment is established.

Realised investment gains and losses are calculated as the difference between net proceeds on disposal and their purchase price. Unrealised investment gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the valuation at the balance sheet date and the valuation at the last balance sheet date or purchase price, if acquired during the year. Unrealised investment gains and losses include adjustments in respect of unrealised gains and losses recorded in prior years which have been realised during the year and are reported as realised gains and losses in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income in the same accounting period.

## (iii) Profit on sale of syndicate capacity

Where syndicate capacity is disposed during the period, any proceeds less the carrying value of the capacity disposed are recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income in the same accounting period.

### e) Other operating expenses

Operating expenses include the Group's share of the syndicates' operating expenses and the Group's corporate expenses. The Group's share of the syndicates' operating expenses includes the direct costs of membership of Lloyd's ("personal expenses"). Expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenses which are incidental to the acquisition or disposal of an investment are treated as part of the cost or proceeds of the investment.

#### f) Foreign currency translation

The consolidated financial statements are presented in sterling which is the Group's presentational currency. Items included in the financial statements of each of the Group's entities are measured using the functional currency which is the primary economic environment in which each entity of the Group operates.

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency for each entity using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions or at the average rate for the period when this is a reasonable approximation. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at period end exchange rates. Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured at historical cost denominated in a foreign currency are translated using the historical exchange rate. The resulting exchange differences on translation are recorded in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### g) Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of an acquisition over the fair value of the Group's share of the net assets of the acquired subsidiary at the date of acquisition. Goodwill is carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

Goodwill is annually tested for impairment. Goodwill is impaired when the net present value of the forecast future cashflows are insufficient to support its carrying value. An impairment loss recognised for goodwill is not reversed in a subsequent accounting period.

## h) Syndicate participation rights

The cost of participation rights is capitalised at cost in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position. The cost in respect of Syndicate participation rights on entities acquired is the fair value at the date of acquisition. It has an indefinite useful life and is carried at cost less accumulated impairment. It is annually tested for impairment and provision is made for any impairment. The participation rights are impaired when the net present value of the forecast future cashflows are insufficient to support its carrying value.

If a syndicate participation is sold, any related costs are offset against the disposal proceeds and any gain/loss is taken to the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income in the same accounting period.

### i) Investments

The Group has classified its financial assets held for investment purposes as designated at fair value through profit and loss at inception. A financial asset is classified into this category at inception if acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short term, if it forms part of a portfolio of financial assets in which there is evidence of short term profit taking, or if so designated by management. The fair values of quoted financial investments are based on current bid prices at the balance sheet date. If the market for a financial investment is not active, the Group establishes fair value by using valuation techniques, such as recent arm's length transactions, reference to similar listed investments, discounted cash flow models or option pricing models.

For the Group, unlisted investments are stated at fair value. For the Company, unlisted investments and its subsidiary undertaking are stated at the lower of cost or Directors valuation.

Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments classified as fair value through profit and loss are recognised through the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income.

All regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on the trade date, i.e. the date that the Group commits to purchase or sell the asset. Regular way purchases or sales of financial assets require delivery of assets within the time frame generally established by regulation or convention in the marketplace.



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The Group's share of the syndicates' investments are treated as sold and purchased at each 31 December in recognition of the annual venture nature of participations on a syndicate. Their cost is therefore their market value, based on bid values, at that date.

#### j) Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is charged so as to write off the cost over their estimated useful economic lives using the straight line method. The estimated useful economic lives are as follows:

Lease 5 years
Computer and other equipment 3 years
Furniture, fixtures and fittings 5 years

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of the asset. Gains and losses on the disposal of property, plant and equipment are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount of the asset and included in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income. Costs for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred.

#### k) Cash and cash equivalents

For the Group, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash at bank and in hand, deposits held at call with banks, bank overdrafts and other short-term highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

For the Company, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash at bank and in hand and deposits repayable on demand if they can be withdrawn at any time without notice or penalty.

## Taxation

Income tax expense represents the sum of tax currently payable and deferred tax.

## Current income tax

The income tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from profit as reported in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The Group's liability for current income tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

### Deferred income tax

Deferred tax is recognised on differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit, and is accounted for using the liability method. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit or the accounting profit.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each balance sheet date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

Deferred income tax is calculated using tax rates (and laws) that are expected to apply when the liability is settled or the asset realised. Deferred tax is charged or credited to the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income, except when it relates to items charged or credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also dealt with in equity.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority and the Group intends to settle its current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

The Group is taxed on its share of the underwriting results on a declarations basis. The underwriting result for tax purposes will be adjusted to reflect discounting of reserves, if any.

HM Revenue and Customs determines the taxable results of individual syndicates on the basis of computations submitted by the managing agent. At the date of approval of these financial statements, some of the taxable results of syndicates supported by the Group have not been agreed. Any adjustments that may be necessary to the tax provisions established by the Group as a result of HM Revenue and Customs agreement of individual syndicate taxable results will be reflected in the financial statements of subsequent accounting periods.

#### m) Employee Share Ownership Plan ("ESOP")

The Group's subsidiary, Cathedral Capital Holdings Limited, operates an ESOP which owns Manager Loan Notes in Cathedral Capital (Investments) Limited and B ordinary shares and Preference shares in Cathedral Capital Limited. The Group has de facto control of these investments held by the ESOP and bears their benefits and risk, and records certain assets and liabilities of the ESOP as its own. Finance costs and administrative expenses are charged as they accrue. As the investments held by the ESOP are those of the Group, the cost of the Manager Loan Notes and Preference shares are deducted from the Group's borrowings, and the B ordinary shares held by the ESOP are presented as a reserve and deducted against equity shareholders' funds. Any profits arising on the sale of such shares by the ESOP are credited to this reserve.

## n) Leased assets

Rentals in respect of assets held under operating leases are charged to the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income in the accounting period they are incurred.

## o) Borrowings

Borrowings are initially recognised at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred, and subsequently stated at amortised cost. Any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption value is recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method. Where the interest rate changes during the period, the borrowing is revalued to the fair value at the date of the interest rate change and any change in value is recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income during the accounting period.

Preference shares are included within borrowings as there is a specified repayment date.

Costs arising on the issue of loan notes are charged to the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income over the period of the loan notes. The loan notes payable are shown on the Consolidated Balance Sheet, net of any unamortised cost. Borrowing costs are recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income in the period in which they are incurred.

## p) Retirement benefit costs

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit plans are charged as an expense in the accounting period they fall due.

## q) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present obligation as a result of a past event, and it is probable that the Group will be required to settle that obligation. Provisions are measured at the Directors' best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the obligation at the balance sheet date, and are discounted to present value where the effect is material.



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#### 4 Risk disclosure

The Group is exposed to a variety of risks when undertaking its activities. The Board has policies in place to identify and manage the key risks in accordance with its risk appetite. Together with general operational risks, these risks can be split into the following categories:

- Insurance risk
- Credit risk
- Liquidity risk
- Market risk

The Group underwrites predominantly on its own managed syndicates and the risks set out below relate to this. However, the Group also underwrote on third party syndicates managed by external managing agents for the 2008 and prior years of account. Many of the operational controls applied to risks relating to the underwriting by those syndicates are dealt with by those managing agents and the Group has only limited influence as to how those risks are managed. Such risks include insurance risk, liquidity risk, market risk and credit risk, as well as the managing agents' own group and operational risk.

The Group is reliant on financial information provided by those managing agents semi-annually. This information is provided by way of returns submitted to Lloyd's. Any risk in relation to the accuracy or completeness of this financial information is mitigated, to some extent, by the fact that the returns are audited by the syndicates' external auditors and the managing agents are required to compile the returns in accordance with Lloyd's guidelines. The Group also receives annual audited accounts for those syndicates. Furthermore, the capacity and number of syndicates supported that are managed by external managing agents have significantly reduced in recent years and are, for the most part, an immaterial part of the Group's overall result.

The sections below outline the Group's risk appetite and explain how it defines and manages each category of risk. This is in respect of its managed syndicates only.

### 4.1 Insurance risk

The Group's underwriting of insurance risks is naturally a high-risk business, with the potential for earnings to be volatile. It would be possible for the capital supporting the underwriting to be completely eroded in extreme circumstances. Even in less extreme circumstances, major losses may cause erosion of capital which, if not replaced, may curtail the Group's ability to trade forward and potentially recoup its losses.

The risk under any one insurance / reinsurance contract is the possibility that the insured event occurs and the uncertainty of the amount 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 payments exceed the carrying amount of the insurance liabilities. This could occur because the frequency or severity of claims are greater than estimated. Insurance events are random and the actual number and amount of claims 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 risks accepted and within each of these categories to achieve a sufficiently large population of risks in an attempt to reduce the variability of the expected outcome. However, it should be recognised that much of the business written by the Group is accumulative by nature.

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

## 4.1.1 Diversification across classes of business

The Group's underwriting covers various classes of business which, to some extent, have different exposure profiles and therefore provides an element of diversification to the Group. An analysis of gross written premiums by class of business is as follows:

	182,784		187,436	
RITC adjustment*	991		1,524	
	181,793	100.0	185,912	100.0
Externally managed syndicates:	(37)	0.0	591	0.3
FTC	492	0.3	535	0.3
Satellite	2,858	1.5	5,124	2.7
Contingency	3,415	1.9	4,980	2.7
Cargo	21,631	11.9	21,719	11.7
Aviation	22,904	12.6	25,910	13.9
Direct property	53,048	29.2	56,483	30.4
Non-marine	77,482	42.6	70,570	38.0
Cathedral managed syndicates:				
	£'000	%	£'000	%
	2010	2010	2009	2009

<sup>\*</sup>The RITC adjustment relates to the receipt of premiums in respect of additional liabilities accepted when the Group increases its underwriting capacity on a syndicate.

The Group's managing agency subsidiary monitors the type of business underwritten by its managed syndicates at a whole account level and, where appropriate, adjusts either the business mix or the level of reinsurance protection in place to try to reduce the extent of overly concentrated exposures.

## 4.1.2 Frequency and severity of claims

The frequency and severity of claims in respect of the managed syndicates can be affected by several factors and these can impact the Group.

The managed syndicates currently specialise in property and aviation treaty reinsurance, direct and facultative property insurance, satellite, contingency business and marine cargo. These accounts are predominantly short-tail in nature, and some of them have a high degree of catastrophe exposure (for example the property accounts could be affected by hurricane losses or earthquakes).

The catastrophe nature of the accounts is managed through the syndicate's underwriting strategy, aggregate management and reinsurance arrangements.

Underwriting limits are in place to support appropriate risk selection criteria and loss aggregates are reviewed and managed by the Group.

The reinsurance arrangements include excess and catastrophe coverage. These arrangements are designed to mitigate the impact of any significant losses to a more manageable level. The Group models various loss scenarios and also runs specific realistic disaster scenarios ("RDS") in accordance with Lloyd's franchise guidelines to enable it to monitor the exposure at a gross and net level for the managed syndicates.

#### 4.1.3 Underwriting

The managed syndicates have a defined event risk appetite. Best efforts are made to restrict the maximum gross and net loss that the managed syndicates may retain/lose for any single major catastrophe event (taken to be a Lloyd's RDS) to be not materially more than circa 20% of capacity net or circa 75% of capacity gross. This is when applying rates of exchange used for planning purposes. The managed syndicates model various loss scenarios and also prepare prescribed RDS which seek to analyse and quantify their exposures to certain specified events, and the managed syndicates endeavour to ensure that their potential loss exposures remain within Franchise Board guidelines.



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Key underwriting risks include accumulative loss including unknown / unexpected accumulations, the risk of extreme losses, frequency of major loss, wording issues and unsustainable pricing. These are discussed in detail below:

#### a) Accumulative loss including unknown / unexpected accumulations

The business written by the managed syndicates is short tail in nature and, whilst the US Terror Attacks in 2001 showed that short tail classes are not immune from unknown/unexpected accumulations, the threat of this occurring is probably more pronounced in the liability fields. By and large the insurances and reinsurances provided by the managed syndicates are of a well tested nature. More crucially, the approach taken to risk management is heavily exposure driven. The managed syndicates continually seek to model their portfolio of accounts in order to identify accumulations and to monitor the exposures of the syndicates, and the whole process is supported by sophisticated internal and external modelling systems. Finally, to ensure the maximum depth of reinsurance coverage, all accounts other than FTC have purchased separate reinsurance programmes.

#### b) Risk of extreme losses

Even ignoring apocalyptical type losses (e.g. massive meteorite strike), crippling losses of circa US\$ 50 billion could have a major destabilising effect on the insurance industry as a whole. Whilst the reinsurance writings for the managed syndicates (unlike direct insurance) provide policyholders with defined cover by way of both limits and number of reinstatements, the development of the direct and facultative property account and the marine cargo account gives rise to very large assured values which are vulnerable to failures in PML assumptions. Also, the managed syndicates could be vulnerable to significant failure amongst their own reinsurers.

The key controls rest on the strict recording of aggregate exposures and modelling work carried out on these numbers utilising various risk modelling systems and approaches. The managed syndicates also purchase reinsurance programmes that are structured so as to limit the exposure to any single reinsurer.

## c) Frequency of major loss

The managed syndicates are vulnerable to a high frequency of major loss.

The major defences the managed syndicates have to a high frequency of major loss on the reinsurance accounts are both the level at which cover is given and the limited number of reinstatements which they will typically provide. Additionally, the managed syndicates seek to purchase a depth of cover at the lower levels particularly to protect against a frequency of mid-sized claims. The direct and facultative property account and the marine cargo account are also more vulnerable to loss frequency, although this is mitigated by modulating line size by attachment point, geographical spread of risks and a separate reinsurance programme.

## d) Wording issues

The coverages provided by the managed syndicates may be extended in circumstances where either the wording used does not reflect the underwriters' intentions or where courts decide the wordings used provide wider coverage than intended.

Despite this risk, most coverages utilised are fairly standard. Slip checking has always been part of the underwriting process. Furthermore, the independent review director of the Group's managing agent subsidiary reviews a sample of risks written and as part of his review looks at wordings to identify inconsistencies between slips and wordings. Contract certainty and pre-bind checks further mitigates this risk.

#### e) Unsustainable pricing

The cyclical nature of insurance means that rates constantly fluctuate. Whilst in the core reinsurance areas of the managed syndicate's accounts, deductible levels tend to be the crucial driver, like all insurers the overall account written needs to develop sufficient income to pay for the attritional losses which would typically attach to the type of business it writes, to pay for the reinsurance programme which is required to protect and/or mitigate the impact of catastrophes and to meet all expenses, whilst leaving sufficient money to produce a profit to capital providers, given normal loss experience.

The business planning process seeks to ensure the underwriting capacity is applied to those areas of business that offer sound prospects for profitable underwriting.

The major controls applied on a day-to-day basis include the peer review processes within the managed syndicates which ensure that all risks are seen by at least two underwriters and the managed syndicates' rate monitoring processes. The managing agency's syndicates' board reviews loss ratio statistics to identify adverse developments (which may be due to pricing issues) so that appropriate remedial action can be taken. It also reviews the rate monitoring index to identify pricing trends.

The Lloyd's Franchise Board provides quarterly updates of key trends in the market at risk level, as well as benchmarking the managed syndicate's own performance.

#### Other controls

In addition to the above, other controls in place to mitigate the key underwriting risks of the managed syndicates are set out below:

Each managed syndicate prepares an annual business plan which sets out the premium income to be written, by class of business. This plan is monitored on a continuous basis throughout the year. Line limits for each underwriting team are pre agreed as are the line limits that can be deployed on each risk/programme. These limits are monitored throughout the year.

A risk summary report is generated daily, setting out all new risks and any changes to existing risks, which is reviewed and signed off by the relevant class underwriter. The independent review director of the Group's managing agency subsidiary also reviews a sample of all risks underwritten by the managed syndicates.

All risks underwritten by the managed syndicates are modelled in a timely fashion with underlying exposure information being recorded. This output is used to build up aggregates by class of business, broad risk types and geographical location. Aggregate reports by class of business and geographical zone are presented to the managing agency's syndicate board monthly and these are monitored against those that had been expected per the managed syndicates business plans. Aggregation systems are also used for the other accounts to monitor exposures.

## 4.1.4 Reinsurance risk

Reinsurance risk is the risk of inadequate reinsurance coverage in terms of vertical or horizontal limits purchased or the risk of disputes arising with reinsurers as to terms and conditions. The three key risks for the managed syndicates include an inappropriate reinsurance programme (or a reinsurance programme with gaps), the collapse of the retrocession market and the lack of availability of reinsurance cover on acceptable terms. These are discussed in detail below:

#### a) Inappropriate reinsurance programme / unplanned gaps

The managed syndicates knowingly run exposures which are not covered by reinsurance. These exposures may be run below the attachment point of the outwards programme (syndicates' retention), in the form of co-insurance/partial placement of coverages or uncovered exposures in excess of the vertical protections placed on either the whole account or specific accounts. Provided these unprotected exposures are known and recognised and are consistent with the RDS and other modelled outputs produced by the managed syndicates then this would not be regarded as inappropriate. However, where gross exposures are assumed on the basis that reinsurance protection of a type or quantum is available then for that not to be the case could produce serious adverse consequences.

Also, if following the occurrence of major losses, the reinsurance programmes do not respond or provide that which was assumed, then there could be significant financial consequences to the managed syndicates. It is emphasised that the amount of reinsurance cover which the managed syndicates purchase have finite limits which may not be sufficient to contain all loss activity.

The controls applied include full review of the purchased reinsurance programme by the independent review director. There are known exclusions in our outwards cover, eg terrorism, spiral and pollution, and the inwards book is written to take account of these factors. Various loss scenarios are also modelled through the programme to determine where unexpected gaps, if any, may arise.



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#### b) Collapse of the retrocession market

Whilst the managed syndicates aim to produce a gross underwriting profit across the cycle, in order to mitigate volatility, a significant amount of retrocessional cover is purchased. The availability of retrocessional cover going forward will be a function of the managed syndicates' record with their reinsurers together with the overall availability of retrocessional capacity.

The major controls rest at the underwriting level and are aimed at ensuring the managed syndicates underwrite accounts that do not expose their reinsurers to a scale or type of exposure which was not reasonably within their contemplation at the time of writing the syndicates' outward reinsurance programmes. The managed syndicates endeavour to provide their reinsurers with the most up to date and accurate information on their account (and advise them quickly of any losses incurred) to ensure that they have the best prospect of being regarded as a reliable and fair reassured.

Should there be a collapse in the retrocessional market generally, the managed syndicates would endeavour to adjust the inwards books accordingly, although the circumstances described would almost certainly have a dramatic impact on rates, terms and deductibles on the inward book which would result in less risk being assumed.

## c) Lack of availability of reinsurance cover on acceptable terms

The reinsurance programmes are planned and structured based on the business plan income and exposure assumptions. The managed syndicates aim to protect themselves to some degree against significant catastrophic losses. However, the level of reinsurance or retrocession cover that is bought is dependent on availability, and there can be no assurance that the level of cover required is either available or available on terms acceptable to them. Where such cover is not available, then the managed syndicates' exposures to large losses increases accordingly, though this may be mitigated somewhat by a reduction in the aggregate exposures taken on by them.

## 4.1.5 Reserving risk

Reserves include both claims liabilities and also provisions for unearned premiums.

Reserves for claims liabilities do not represent an exact calculation of liability. Rather, reserves are estimates of what the Group expects the ultimate settlement and administration of claims will cost. The reserving risk to the Group is that reserves established by the Group are insufficient to meet actual claims liabilities, or that reinsurance bad debt provisions or allowances for future expenses are inadequate.

When estimating claims liabilities, significant reserving judgements are required to be made, particularly in respect of the ultimate cost of major catastrophes, contentious or complex claims, reinsurance recoverables and liability awards.

Provisions for unearned premiums are generally less contentious, but the reserving risk still remains that the written premiums are earned too quickly and not in accordance with the underlying exposure.

The processes used to decide on assumptions and related sensitivities for both claims liabilities and unearned premiums are set out below and on the following pages.

#### a) Claims outstanding

### (i) Process used to decide on assumptions

The projection of claims outstanding (and reinsurance recoveries thereon) is subjective in nature as it relates to claims which have happened but for which there is limited information available at the year-end, or which relates to claims which can be complex (for example, subject to potential litigation or disputes over specific terms and conditions of the policies written).

For the managed syndicates, the Group uses assumptions based on a mixture of internal and market data to measure its claims liabilities. The managed syndicates underwrite relatively short-tail accounts, which can often mean that after a short period of time (e.g. typically two years), a large proportion of the underwriting losses have already been notified to them and, more importantly, catastrophic losses are known soon after an event occurs. Therefore, projections are able to be undertaken using underwriter judgement, market share analysis and comparison to the rest of the market.

The managed syndicates also have a catastrophe element to their accounts, giving the accounts exposure to large but relatively less frequent losses. When setting assumptions and projecting claims liabilities, this means that the underwriters will tend to know whether or not a loss large enough to materially impact the account has happened (e.g. severe windstorms, earthquakes, aircraft losses). However, such losses may have varying levels of complexity which can make the projection of some losses more difficult. Nevertheless, the assumptions used in projecting claims liabilities are derived from underwriter experience and judgement, statistical projections and market data

#### (ii) Changes in assumptions and sensitivity analysis

The broad assumptions used in respect of the managed syndicates have not significantly changed during the year.

#### (iii) Sensitivity analysis - sensitivity of claims liabilities

When reviewing the claims liability projections in respect of the managed syndicates, the Group considers the factors and assumptions which could have a large impact on those projections. The main areas of sensitivity relate to:

- further litigation / legal developments in relation to the US Terror Attacks of 2001. This is particularly the case in respect of the aviation part of the account; and
- future advices / notifications with respect to significant losses occurring close to the year end. By their nature, these claims are large at a gross level and, given the limited time between their event and the year-end, notifications by year-end would not be expected to be complete. Any projections of these losses at this early stage will be subjective. Nonetheless, the Group has sought to consider all potential losses and reviews / follows up such losses on a regular basis.

If the provision for net outstanding claims deteriorated by 1%, the impact would equate to pre tax decrease on net assets of £1,542,000 (2009:£1,210,000).

The loss development table that follows provides information about historical claims development for managed syndicates. It shows how the Group's estimates of the claims ratio for the past ten underwriting years have changed at successive year-ends. In effect, the table highlights the Group's ability to provide a robust estimate of the claims costs. An underwriting year basis is considered to be the most appropriate basis for business written by the Group.



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While the information in the table provides a historical perspective on the adequacy of the claims liabilities established in previous years, users of these financial statements are cautioned against extrapolating redundancies or deficiencies of the past on current claims liabilities. The Group believes that the estimate of total claims liabilities as at 31 December 2010 are adequate. However, due to the inherent uncertainties in the reserving process, it cannot be assured that such balances will ultimately prove to be adequate.

Managed Syndicates loss ratio development table (whole account)

		Under	writing <b>Y</b> e	ar						
Gross	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
l year	177%	46%	50%	89%	156%	28%	40%	74%	40%	64%
2 years	140%	35%	29%	76%	121%	36%	46%	70%	52%	
3 years	149%	29%	27%	76%	116%	36%	47%	70%		
4 years	145%	29%	26%	73%	117%	36%	46%			
5 years	139%	29%	26%	73%	117%	35%				
6 years	139%	28%	25%	73%	117%					
7 years	138%	28%	25%	73%						
8 years	138%	27%	25%							
9 years	138%	27%								
10 years	139%									
		Under	writing <b>Y</b> e	ar						
Net	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
l year	91%	57%	52%	70%	87%	39%	58%	66%	53%	76%
2 years	79%	44%	33%	55%	72%	45%	57%	60%	58%	
3 years	75%	36%	29%	56%	66%	46%	57%	60%		
4 years	70%	36%	29%	53%	66%	44%	55%			
5 years	69%	36%	28%	53%	66%	44%				
6 years	68%	35%	28%	52%	66%					
7 years	66%	35%	28%	52%						
8 years	67%	34%	28%							
9 years	67%	34%								
10 years	68%									

The loss ratios above are in respect of the pure year of account and are the cumulative annually accounted loss ratios at each stage.

## b) Provision for unearned premiums

#### (i) Process used to decide on assumptions

With respect to the managed syndicates, the provision for unearned premiums is determined at an individual policy level and is either based on a straightforward time basis or, where appropriate, weighted towards where the exposure is believed to fall. For example, insurance policies protecting windstorms in the Florida region of the USA will tend to be earned later in the calendar year as that is when the hurricane season will occur.

#### (ii) Changes in assumptions and sensitivity analysis

There have been no changes in assumptions or sensitivity analyses for determining the provision for unearned premiums in respect of the managed syndicates.

## (iii) Sensitivity analysis - sensitivity of provision for unearned premiums

The Group believes that the only significant sensitivity relates to the estimate of underwriters as to the underlying exposure of the book of business (of the managed syndicates) and how this is applied to the figures. This is not believed to be significant to the account.

A change in the proportion of business written that is unearned of one percentage point would equate to an adjustment of £1,828,000 to the unearned premium provision (2009: £1,874,000).

#### 4.2 Credit risk

The Group has exposure to credit risk, which is the risk that a counterparty will be unable to pay amounts in full when due. Key areas where the Group is exposed to credit risk are:

- reinsurers' share of insurance liabilities:
- amounts due from reinsurers in respect of paid claims;
- amounts due from insurance contract holders; and
- amounts due from insurance intermediaries.

With respect to the managed syndicates, the Group's managing agency subsidiary's reinsurance and broker security committee has established guidelines on its exposure to a single counterparty. These guidelines are regularly reviewed by this committee and adjusted as appropriate by the managing agency subsidiary's board.

Reinsurance is used to manage insurance risk, specifically catastrophe losses. This does not, however, discharge the Group's liability to its assureds. 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 a continuous basis by reviewing credit grades provided by rating agencies and other publicly available financial information. An external consultant is also contracted by the Group's managing agency subsidiary to assist in assessing and evaluating reinsurers.

At the year-end, the Group has quantified the credit risk to the managed syndicates and reduced the amounts due from reinsurers and reinsurers' share of insurance liabilities for this. Where the managed syndicates have any legal right of off-set, this is assumed in the calculation of credit risk.

The Group also has exposure to credit risk on its investments and cash holdings, whereby an issuer default results in the Group losing all or part of the value of a financial instrument.

With respect to the managed syndicates, all funds are held in either cash or short-dated fixed interest securities (either government or high-quality investment grade corporate bonds). Fixed interest managers are employed and their performance is regularly monitored by the managing agency subsidiary's syndicate investment committee.



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With respect to the Group's corporate investments, the Group applies an asset allocation strategy aimed at preserving capital. A limit is applied to the proportion of investments which can be invested in riskier asset classes such as equities or capital protected securities. The short-dated fixed interest securities can be invested in either government or high-quality corporate bonds.

With respect to the managed syndicate's investments and Group's corporate investments, detailed requirements regarding asset diversification and concentration limits are set out in the investment managers given to the external investment managers.

The following tables analyse the Group's concentration of credit risk, using ratings from external rating agencies. This analysis is in respect of the corporate group and the Group's share of managed syndicates only.

					External	
At 31 December 2010	A++ to A-	B++ to B-	F	Unrated	Syndicates*	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Financial investments	240,006	-	-	8,671	2,261	250,938
Insurance receivables	43,538	432	2,354	12,994	537	59,855
Reinsurance assets	51,328	40	33	9,427	1,387	62,215
Cash and cash equivalents	95,838	-	-	334	3,206	99,378
	430,710	472	2,387	31,426	7,391	472,386

					External	
At 31 December 2009	A++ to A-	B++ to B-	F	Unrated	Syndicates*	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Financial investments	169,918	-	-	6,455	3,688	180,061
Insurance receivables	40,112	297	4,319	12,881	689	58,298
Reinsurance assets	44,128	18	1,068	4,394	2,083	51,691
Cash and cash equivalents	142,487	-	-	195	4,193	146,875
	396,645	315	5,387	23,925	10,653	436,925

 $<sup>^{</sup>st}$  Credit rating split of externally managed syndicates is unavailable to the Group.

Some of the unrated insurance receivables and reinsurance assets are fully collateralised in trust funds (circa £0.3 million). Also, a large element of the reinsurance assets relating to the Group's share of managed syndicates are in respect of attritional IBNR losses and have not been allocated to any specific reinsurer.

The ageing analysis of debtors arising out of direct insurance operations and reinsurance operations past due but not impaired is as follows:

	Group	Group
	3 I December	31 December
	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
3 to 6 months past due	680	263
6 to 9 months past due	260	41
Greater than 9 months past due	322	779
	1,262	1,083

## 4.3 Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that cash may not be available to pay obligations when due on a timely basis. The Group is exposed to call on its available cash resources as follows:

Claims arising from insurance contracts are settled by the syndicates using their own funds. Where insufficient liquid funds exist, the syndicates can cash call the Names supporting them and can ultimately draw down from the Names' funds at Lloyd's. With respect to the managed syndicates, the funds are held in cash or in short-term, liquid stocks which are able to be converted to cash within a few days. It is believed that this is also substantially true for the syndicates managed by other agents. Furthermore, the managed syndicates have banking catastrophe facilities available to them.

A portion of the corporate Group's assets are held as funds at Lloyd's which are restricted in terms of their use, although they can be drawn down to pay any cash calls to syndicates supported by the Group. However, at 31 December 2010, the Group had £28.8 million of cash available for use (2009: £39.1 million).

The following tables group the debt securities, cash and cash equivalents and borrowings into maturity date periods. Note that the maturity date used below for the long term debt is on the same basis as its valuation.

					External	
At 31 December 2010	< I year	I-3 years	4-5 years	> 5 years	Syndicates*	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Debt securities	143,602	95,566	1,505	115	2,261	243,049
Cash and cash equivalents	96,172	-	-	-	3,206	99,378
Borrowings	-	-	(157,023)	-	-	(157,023)
	239,774	95,566	(155,518)	115	5,467	185,404
		•••••			External	
At 31 December 2009	< I year	I-3 years	4-5 years	> 5 years	Syndicates*	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Debt securities	81,072	81,768	5,273	1,805	3,688	173,606
Cash and cash equivalents	142,682	-	-	-	4,193	146,875
Borrowings	-	-	(112,501)	(43,153)	-	(155,654)
	223,754	81,768	(107,228)	(41,348)	7.881	164.827

 $<sup>^{*}</sup>$  Maturity period information in respect of the externally managed syndicates is not available to the Group.

## 4.4 Market risks

### 4.4.1 Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will impact the Group. This can arise where the Group holds investments (either directly or through its participation on syndicates) with a fixed return, and market interest rates change which in turn change the market value of the investments.

The fixed interest securities held by the corporate entities of the Group and the managed syndicates have a short duration and so foreseeable changes in market interest rates would not be expected to have a significant impact on their value.

Except for the Preference shares and Manager/Investor Loan Notes, all borrowings are at variable rates which are re-priced quarterly. The rates are as set out in Note 23. Borrowings issued at variable rates expose the Group to cash flow interest rate risk. However, this exposure is to some extent mitigated as any changes in LIBOR could be expected to impact both the interest earned on the cash and investments held by the Group as well as on the loans themselves. The Group has not entered into any interest rate swap products.



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The effective interest rate of the Group's financial instruments exposed to interest rate risk at the balance sheet date is as follows:

	31 December	31 December
	2010	2009
Debt Securities	0.8%	1.0%
Cash and cash equivalents	0.7%	1.2%
Borrowings	6.0%	7.6%

A change in market interest rates of one percentage point would equate to a pre tax movement on net assets/profits of £3,927,000 (2009: £4,076,000). This has been calculated by revaluing the assets and liabilities that would be affected by a movement in market interest rates.

#### 4.4.2 Equity price risk

The Group holds some equity investments on its Consolidated Statement of Financial positions to widen its investment asset class exposure with a view to enhancing its investment returns over the longer term. However, by doing so, the Group is exposed to a degree of equity price risk. The exposure to equities is only to the corporate assets of the Group as syndicates on which the Group participates did not hold equity investments, other than overnight money market instruments.

The Group manages its equity price risk by placing a limit on the amounts that can be invested in equities. The performance of the investment managers is continuously monitored and the Group's asset allocation committee formally receives a report from the investment managers each quarter.

Based on the year end value of equities and alternative investments, a change in the FTSE All Share Index of 10 percentage points would equate to a pre tax movement on net assets/profits of £789,000 (2009: £646,000).

## 4.4.3 Currency risk

The Group holds assets and liabilities in three main currencies - sterling, euros and US dollars. The syndicates themselves also hold their assets and liabilities in Canadian dollars.

Syndicates for the most part aim to ensure that their assets and liabilities match by currency as closely as possible, which reduces the degree of currency risk somewhat.

Syndicate underwriting profits and losses are currently only capable of being distributed in either US dollars or sterling and so the Group is affected to some degree by movements in the US dollar. This is further compounded by the fact that any underwriting profits are currently only paid out once a year into members reserves at the distribution date although any release of funds at Lloyd's is subject to Lloyd's distribution tests. The Group does not currently enter into any currency deals to mitigate this currency risk.

The table below shows the currency split of the corporate side of the Group's assets and liabilities and the Group's share of the managed syndicate's assets and liabilities. Information in respect of the Group's share of the external syndicates is not available.

As at 31 December 2010				_	External	
in	STG conv. £'000	EUR in conv. £'000	USD in conv. £'000	CAD in conv. £'000	Syndicates in conv. £'000	Tota in conv. £'000
Assets				III COIIV. L 000	III COIIV. L 000	III COIIV. L OO
Property, plant and equipment	504	-	_	_	_	504
Intangible assets	23,234	_	_	_	_	23,234
Reinsurers' share of technical provisions	11,810	698	47.659	661	1.387	62,21
Financial investments	58,241	21,558	159,421	9,457	2,261	250,938
Deferred acquisition costs	1,708	553	9,333	1,093	_	12,687
Other assets	-	-	364	281	_	64!
Prepayments and accrued income	6,487	210	492	_	-	7,189
Trade and other receivables	12,766	4,970	46,824	1,272	555	66,387
Cash and cash equivalents	53,516	7,946	28,435	6,275	3,206	99,378
•		35,935	292,528	19,039	7,409	523,177
Total assets  As at 31 December 2010	168,266			,	External	
	168,266	33,733	272,320	17,007		
As at 31 December 2010	STG	EUR in conv. £'000	USD in conv. £'000	CAD in conv. £'000		Tota
As at 31 December 2010	, 	EUR	USD	CAD	External Syndicates	Tota
As at 31 December 2010 in a	STG	EUR	USD	CAD	External Syndicates	Tota
As at 31 December 2010	STG	EUR in conv. £'000	USD in conv. £'000	CAD	External Syndicates	Tota in conv. £'000
As at 31 December 2010  in c  Liabilities  Borrowings	STG conv.£'000	EUR in conv. £'000	USD in conv. £'000	CAD in conv. £'000	External Syndicates in conv. £'000	Tota in conv. £'000
As at 31 December 2010  in c  Liabilities  Borrowings  Insurance contracts	STG conv. £'000	EUR in conv. £'000	USD in conv. £'000	CAD in conv. £'000	External Syndicates in conv. £'000	Tota in conv. £'000 157,02: 274,684
As at 31 December 2010  in of Liabilities  Borrowings Insurance contracts  Provision for other liabilities and charges	STG conv. £'000 112,501 43,402 3,337	EUR in conv. £'000	USD in conv. £'000	CAD in conv. £'000	External Syndicates in conv. £'000	Tota in conv. £'000 157,023 274,684 3,333
As at 31 December 2010  in a  Liabilities  Borrowings  Insurance contracts  Provision for other liabilities and charges  Deferred tax liabilities	STG conv. £'000 112,501 43,402 3,337 21,375	FUR in conv. £'000 9,610 16,478	USD in conv. £'000 34,912 194,028	CAD in conv. £'000	External Syndicates in conv. £'000	Tota in conv. £'000 157,02: 274,684 3,333 21,375
As at 31 December 2010  in a  Liabilities  Borrowings Insurance contracts  Provision for other liabilities and charges Deferred tax liabilities  Trade and other payables	STG conv. £'000 112,501 43,402 3,337 21,375 5,323	FUR in conv. £'000 9,610 16,478	USD in conv. £'000 34,912 194,028	CAD in conv. £'000	External Syndicates in conv. £'000	Tota in conv. £'000 157,023 274,684 3,333 21,373 18,075
As at 31 December 2010  in contacts  Provision for other liabilities and charges Deferred tax liabilities  Trade and other payables  Current tax liabilities	STG conv. £'000 112,501 43,402 3,337 21,375 5,323 552	FUR in conv. £'000  9,610 16,478 - 315	USD in conv. £'000 34,912 194,028 - - - 11,923	CAD in conv. £'000	External Syndicates in conv. £'000	Tota in conv. £'000 157,023 274,684 3,337 21,379 18,079
As at 31 December 2010  in of Liabilities  Borrowings  Insurance contracts  Provision for other liabilities and charges	STG conv. £'000 112,501 43,402 3,337	EUR in conv. £'000	USD in conv. £'000	CAD in conv. £'000	External Syndicates in conv. £'000	i
As at 31 December 2010  in of Liabilities  Borrowings Insurance contracts  Provision for other liabilities and charges Deferred tax liabilities  Trade and other payables  Current tax liabilities  Accruals and deferred income	STG conv. £'000 112,501 43,402 3,337 21,375 5,323 552 1,027	9,610 16,478 - 315 - 53	USD in conv. £'000 34,912 194,028 - - 11,923 - 62	CAD in conv. £'000 - 12,720 - - 383 -	External Syndicates in conv. £'000  - 8,056 131 - 16	To in conv. £'C  157,0  274,6  3,3  21,3  18,0

<sup>\*</sup> This is the pre tax impact on net assets (i.e. total assets less total liabilities) / profits of a movement in the US dollar, Canadian dollar and euro against sterling by 10%, with all other variables constant. This is based on the above currency split, but excludes the impact of externally managed syndicates.

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## 5 Segmental information

## **Analysis of Group's Reportable Segments**

There are four main reportable segments to the Group. These are as follows:

- Managed syndicates, being those syndicates managed by the Cathedral Group specifically, Syndicate 2010 and Syndicate 3010;
- · External syndicates, being those syndicates on which the Group participates but which are managed by other managing agents at Lloyd's;
- Corporate Funds consisting of funds at Lloyd's and free funds for the corporate group; and
- Corporate Other, being other areas of the group such as fees, profit commission and expenses.

The Group is managed at this level and results are reported to the Chief Operating Decision Maker at this level too.

The Boards of Cathedral Capital Holdings Limited and Cathedral Capital Limited (the ultimate parent company) have delegated certain day-to-day responsibilities to the executive officers of the Company. The role of Chief Operating Decision Maker has been delegated to the Group Chief Executive Officer, Peter Scales.

				For the ye	ear ended 31 Dec	ember 2010
	Managed	External	Corporate	Corporate		
	Syndicates <b>Syndicates</b>	Syndicates <b>Syndicates</b>	Funds	Other	Elimination	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Gross premiums written	181,830	(37)	-	-	-	181,793
Underwriting:						
Net earned premiums	140,485	55	-	-	-	140,540
Net claims incurred	(94,693)	1,263	-	-	-	(93,430)
Underwriting expenses	(30,938)	(60)	-	-	-	(30,998)
Underwriting result	14,854	1,258	-	-	-	16,112
Other income and expenses:						
Fees and commission income	-	-	-	6,638	(1,577)	5,061
Investment return	2,541	82	3,386	-	-	6,009
Other income	-	-	-	16	-	16
Operating expenses	(9,355)	(50)	(497)	(2,370)	1,609	(10,663)
Exchange gains/(losses)	1,097	(14)	-	437	-	1,520
Finance costs	(6,130)	(857)	(1,938)	(3,166)	(21)	(12,112)
Profit before tax	3,007	419	951	1,555	11	5,943
Income tax expense	(986)	(137)	(312)	(510)	(3)	(1,948)
Profit after tax	2,021	282	639	1,045	8	3,995
Combined ratio	97.1%	-1,736.4%	N/A	N/A	N/A	94.5%
Total assets	-	-	156,965	73,571	-	230,536
Total liabilities	-	-	-	(183,563)	-	(183,563)
Net assets	-	-	156,965	(109,992)	-	46,973
Capital expenditure		-	-	186		186

The combined ratio is net of fees and commission income and excludes finance costs relating to Preference share dividends and Investor and Manager Loan Notes interest as detailed in Note 10.

## 5 Segmental information continued

Restated *				For the	year ended 31 Dec	cember 2009
	Managed	External	Corporate	Corporate		
	Syndicates	Syndicates	Funds	Other	Elimination	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Gross premiums written	185,322	591	-	-	-	185,913
Underwriting:						
Net earned premiums	137,857	5,969	-	-	-	143,826
Net claims incurred	(72,038)	(3,266)	-	-	-	(75,304)
Underwriting expenses	(30,507)	(1,355)	-	-	-	(31,862)
Underwriting result	35,312	1,348	-	-	-	36,660
Other income and expenses:						
Fees and commission income	-	-	-	4,932	(1,398)	3,534
Investment return	2,444	145	3,969	-	-	6,558
Other income	-	-	-	33	-	33
Operating expenses	(10,520)	(151)	(680)	(1,867)	1,422	(11,796)
Exchange gains/(losses)	(13,753)	(498)	-	781	-	(13,470)
Finance costs	(5,628)	(353)	(1,375)	(1,620)	(11)	(8,987)
Profit before tax	7,855	491	1,914	2,259	13	12,532
Income tax expense	(1,573)	(98)	(639)	(754)	(4)	(3,068)
Profit after tax	6,282	393	1,275	1,505	9	9,464
Combined ratio	81.9%	-11.9%	N/A	N/A	N/A	82.4%
Total assets	-	-	149,581	79,296	-	228,877
Total liabilities	-	-	-	(185,899)	-	(185,899)
Net assets	-	-	149,581	(106,603)	-	42,978
Capital expenditure	_	_	_	105	_	105

All revenues for each reportable segment are from external customers, with the exception of £1,577,000 (2009: £1,398,000) of sales received by Corporate Other which are from managed syndicates.

Corporate Other also includes depreciation and amortisation of £244,000 (2009: £237,000) and impairment of £nil (2009: £nil).

The only transactions between reportable segments to date relate to managing agency fees which are paid by the managed syndicates to the Group's managing agent. These are therefore reported as an expense by the managed syndicates and income by Corporate Other.

<sup>\*</sup>The operating expenses and Finance costs have been reallocated between segments for 2009 to reflect a more appropriate allocation.



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## 5 Segmental information continued

Reconciliation of reportable segments to Financial Statements

		For the year ended 31 December 20			
	Per total	Adjustment	Syndicate	Per total	
	Reportable	for RITC	assets and	Group	
	Segments	premiums	liabilities	Accounts	
Gross premiums written	181,793	991	-	182,784	
Underwriting:					
Net earned premiums	140,540	991	-	141,531	
Net claims incurred	(93,430)	(991)	-	(94,421	
Underwriting expenses	(30,998)	-	-	(30,998	
Underwriting result	16,112	-	-	16,112	
Other income and expenses:					
Fees and commission income	5,061	-	-	5,061	
Investment return	6,009	-	-	6,009	
Other income	16	-	-	16	
Operating expenses	(10,663)	-	-	(10,663)	
Exchange gains	1,520	-	-	1,520	
Finance costs	(12,112)	-	-	(12,112	
Profit before tax	5,943	-	-	5,943	
Income tax expense	(1,948)	-	-	(1,948)	
Profit after tax	3,995	-	-	3,995	
Total assets	230,536	-	292,641	523,177	
	(183,563)	_	(292,641)	(476,204)	
Total liabilities	(103,303)				
	46,973	For the	e year ended 31 D	46,973	
Net assets				46,973	
Net assets	46,973  Per total Reportable	For the Adjustment for RITC	e year ended 31 D Syndicate assets and	46,973 ecember 2009 Per total Group	
Net assets  Gross premiums written	Per total Reportable Segments	For the Adjustment for RITC premiums	e year ended 31 D Syndicate assets and	ecember 2009 Per total Group Accounts	
Net assets  Gross premiums written  Underwriting:	Per total Reportable Segments	For the Adjustment for RITC premiums	e year ended 31 D Syndicate assets and	ecember 2009 Per total Group Accounts	
Met assets  Gross premiums written  Underwriting: Net earned premiums	Per total Reportable Segments 185,913	For the Adjustment for RITC premiums 1,523	e year ended 31 D Syndicate assets and	ecember 2009 Per total Group Accounts 187,436	
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Gross premiums written  Underwriting: Net earned premiums Net claims incurred Underwriting expenses Underwriting result Other income and expenses: Fees and commission income Investment return	Per total Reportable Segments 185,913  143,826 (75,304) (31,862) 36,660  3,534 6,558	For the Adjustment for RITC premiums  1,523  (9,793) 9,793	e year ended 31 D Syndicate assets and	46,973 ecember 2009 Per total Group Accounts 187,436 134,033 (65,511 (31,862 36,660 3,534 6,558	
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Gross premiums written  Underwriting: Net earned premiums Net claims incurred Underwriting expenses Underwriting result Other income and expenses: Fees and commission income Investment return Other income Operating expenses Exchange (losses) Finance costs  Profit before tax	Per total Reportable Segments 185,913  143,826 (75,304) (31,862) 36,660  3,534 6,558 33 (11,796) (13,470) (8,987) 12,532	For the Adjustment for RITC premiums  1,523  (9,793) 9,793	e year ended 31 D Syndicate assets and	46,973 ecember 2009 Per total Group Accounts 187,436 134,033 (65,511 (31,862 36,660 3,534 6,558 33 (11,796 (13,470 (8,987 12,532	
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## 5 Segmental information continued

#### Explanations of the reconciling items

For internal reporting purposes, the premiums and claims for each segment relate purely to the business written by each of the syndicates on which the Group participates. However, for statutory reporting purposes, the premiums and claims are required to be grossed up for RITC premiums (where the Group's participation on a syndicate changes from one year of account to the next and the Group technically receives premiums for taking on the liabilities of a previous Name).

For internal reporting purposes, syndicate assets and liabilities are not considered separately but instead are monitored at a net level. However, for statutory reporting purposes, the syndicate assets and liabilities are required to be separately analysed.

#### Geographical information

The Group is domiciled in the UK. All insurance contracts are written through Lloyd's of London, and so it is deemed that the geographical location of its customers is the UK.

A geographical analysis of the Group's non-current assets has not been presented as this information is not readily available and the cost to develop it is considered to be excessive.

#### Information about major customers

No revenues from transactions with a single external customer amounted to 10 per cent or more of the Group's revenues for the year ended 31 December 2010 or the year ended 31 December 2009.

#### 6 Fees and commission income

	Year ended	Year ended
	31 December	31 December
	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
Managing agency fees	932	825
Profit commission	4,129	2,709
	5,061	3,534



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## 7 Investment return

	Year ended	Year ended
	31 December	31 December
	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
Syndicate investments		
Investment income - interest	3,488	4,112
Realised investment (losses)	(865)	(1,523)
Net investment return on syndicate investments	2,623	2,589
Funds at Lloyd's		
Investment income - interest	2,048	2,098
Investment income - dividends	283	249
Realised investment (losses)/gains	(105)	232
Net fair value gains on assets at fair value		
through the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income	859	516
Net investment return on funds at Lloyd's investments	3,085	3,095
Cash and other investments		
Investment income - interest	292	881
Investment income - dividends	-	-
Realised investment (losses)	(121)	-
Net fair value gains/(losses) on assets at fair value		
through the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income	130	(7)
Net investment return on cash and other investments	301	874
Net investment return	6,009	6,558

## 8 Other operating expenses

Year ended	Year ended
31 December	31 December
2010	2009
€'000	£'000
Syndicate operating expenses 4,166	5,652
Names' personal expenses on Lloyd's syndicates I,83 I	630
Corporate expenses 4,666	5,514
10,663	11,796

## 9 Net foreign exchange (gains)/losses

	Year ended	Year ended
	31 December	31 December
	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
Retranslation of underwriting balances	(603)	3,063
Exchange (gain)/loss to maintain non-monetary assets and liabilities at historical rates of exchange	(480)	11,188
Exchange loss/(gain) on long-term loan notes	519	(5,123)
Retranslation of other corporate balances	(956)	4,342
	(1,520)	13,470

## 10 Finance costs

	Year ended	Year ended
	31 December	31 December
	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
Interest expense on:		
Unsecured Floating Rate Subordinated Notes	1,946	2,263
Investor and Manager Loan Notes	6,900	6,900
Other	-	7
Effective interest rate method adjustment	851	(2,598)
Dividends on Preference shares	2,415	2,415
	12,112	8,987

Unsecured Floating Rate Subordinated Notes are measured at amortised cost.

## 11 Profit on ordinary activies before taxation

	Year ended 31 December 2010 £'000	Year ended 31 December 2009 £'000
The profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging:		
Operating lease charges - rent	27	24
Operating lease charges - other	1	1
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	244	237
Fees payable to the auditor for:		
Audit of the Company's annual accounts	10	12
Audit of the Company's subsidiaries' annual accounts	72	88
Technical and actuarial support	5	1
Taxation services	25	23
Employee services	1	1
Internal review	-	25

Mazars LLP received no further fees in the year. Fees paid to Mazars LLP in respect of the issue of the Floating Rate Subordinated Notes of Cathedral Capital Holdings Limited are charged to the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income as part of the finance cost.



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## 12 Employees

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Year ended	Year ended
31 December	31 December
2010	2009
£'000	£'000
The aggregate payroll costs borne by the Corporate Group were as follows:	
Salaries 3,306	4,362
Social security costs 435	570
Pension costs under defined contribution plans 95	71
3,836	5,003

The average monthly number of people (excluding non-executive directors) employed by the Group during the year was 52 (2009:49). Of this, 31 were dedicated underwriting and claims (2009:29) with the remainder of employees involved in operations, administration and finance. Refer to Note 36 for details of compensation of key management personnel.

## 13 Income tax expense

	Year ended	Year ended
	31 December	31 December
	2010	2009
/	£'000	£'000
(a) Analysis of charge in the year  Current tax		
Corporation tax at 28% (2009: 28%)	2,999	9.557
Adjustments in respect of previous years	(3,373)	358
Overseas tax	(3,373)	247
Withholding tax	24	247
Total current tax charge	(176)	10,186
Deferred taxation	(170)	10,100
Underwriting profits	(3,047)	(7,446)
Investment losses	(3,047)	211
Temporary differences on accelerated capital allowances	(19) 3,477	(15)
Adjustments in respect of previous years	· ·	-
Changes in tax rates	(456)	132
Other temporary differences	1,851	
Total deferred tax charge	2,124	(7,118)
Tax charge	1,948	3,068
(b) Factors affecting the tax charge for the year		
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	5,943	12,532
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of		
corporation tax in the UK of 28% (2009: 28.%)	1,664	3,509
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	683	753
Temporary differences	2	(116)
Changes in tax rates	(592)	-
Investment income received net of tax	(79)	(70)
Investment income not taxable	(32)	(5)
Overseas tax	174	247
Withholding tax	24	24
Prior period adjustments	104	(1,274)
Total tax charge	1,948	3,068

## 14 (Loss)/profit attributable to members of the parent company

The loss dealt with in the accounts of the Company (as prepared under UK GAAP) was £34,000 (2009: profit of £45,000). As permitted by Section 408 of the Companies Act 2006, no separate profit and loss account for the Company has been included in these financial statements.

## 15 Earnings per share

Year ended 31 December 2010	
The basic earnings per share is calculated as follows:	
Profit for the year (£'000) 3,995	9,464
Basic and diluted weighted average number of shares (no.)*	1,236,308
Basic and diluted earnings per share $(\pounds)$ 3.23	7.66

 $<sup>^{*}</sup>$  Note that the weighted average number of shares excludes the shares held by the ESOP.

The A ordinary, B ordinary, BI ordinary and Ordinary shares all rank pari passu with respect to profits arising in the Group. Consequently, no separate earnings per share has been calculated for each class of share.

## 16 Property, plant and equipment

	Lease £'000	Computers & other equipment £'000	Furniture, fixtures & fittings £'000	Assets under construction £'000	Total 2010 £'000	Total 2009 £'000
Cost	••••••	•••••		••••••	•••••	•••••
At I January	29	815	552	210	1,606	1,501
Additions	-	173	13	-	186	105
Disposals	-	(87)	-	-	(87)	-
At 31 December	29	901	565	210	1,705	1,606
Depreciation						
At I January	20	647	377	-	1,044	807
Charge for the year	5	136	103	-	244	237
Disposals	-	(87)	-	-	(87)	-
At 31 December	25	696	480	-	1,201	1,044
Net book value						
At 31 December	4	205	85	210	504	562
At I January	9	168	175	210	562	694

The depreciation charge for the year is included in other operating expenses in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income.



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## 17 Intangible assets

	Syndicate		Total	Total
	participations	Goodwill	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cost at I January	22,934	300	23,234	23,234
Disposals in the year	-	-	-	-
Cost at 31 December	22,934	300	23,234	23,234

The cost of syndicate participations relates to the Group's underwriting subsidiary's right to participate on a syndicate for future underwriting years. The carrying value of these rights consists of the value of the syndicate participtaion rights when the Cathedral Capital Holdings Limited group was acquired on 6 December 2006, with subsequent additions at cost. The value ascribed on 6 December 2006 was based on expected future underwriting results generated by each syndicate, plus any residual value in the auctions. This was then discounted for the time value of money and uncertainty.

Goodwill relates to the difference between the consideration paid for the Cathedral Capital Holdings Limited group and the fair value of the assets acquired in December 2006. The useful life of the goodwill is deemed to be indefinite.

Having considered the future prospects of the Lloyd's insurance market, the Board believe that the Group's ownership of the syndicate participation rights and the goodwill will provide economic benefits over an indefinite period. Consequently they are not annually amortised but the Group annually tests these assets for impairment. They are allocated to the Group's cash generating units as follows:

As at 31 December 2010	Managed Syndicate	Syndicate Management	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Goodwill	-	300	300
Syndicate capacity	22,934	-	22,934
As at 31 December 2009	Managed	Syndicate	••••••
	Syndicate	Management	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Goodwill	-	300	300
Syndicate capacity	22,934	-	22,934

When testing for impairment, the recoverable amounts of a cash generating unit are determined based on value in use. Value in use is calculated using risk adjusted projected cash flows for six years and a discount rate of 8%. These cashflow projections are the latest ones approved by the Board. The Board has used cashflows for more than five years as the Group does not receive its underwriting profits until the fourth year after the year of account has commenced. A 1% increase in the discount rate used would not result in any impairment to the intangible assets.

Value in use for Goodwill is based on only those employees who spend some or all of their time working on the corporate part of the Group who held employment contracts with the Cathedral Capital Holdings Limited group at the date of acquisition and who are still employed by the Group.

## 18 Financial investments

The Group's financial investments consist of:

		31 December	31 December	31 December
	2010	2010	2009	2009
	Market value	Cost	Market value	Cost
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Corporate				
Shares and other variable yield securities	5,100	4,315	3,786	3,443
Alternative investments	2,789	2,329	2,669	2,799
Debt and other fixed income securities	109,730	109,573	47,896	47,565
Total investments - Corporate	117,619	116,217	54,351	53,807
Syndicate participations				
Debt securities and other fixed interest securities	133,319	126,035	125,710	125,959
Total investments - Syndicate participations	133,319	126,035	125,710	125,959
Group financial investments	250,938	242,252	180,061	179,766

The Group's financial investments are all categorised as investments at fair value through profit or loss. All investments are classified as level I of the fair value hierarchy.

Of the Group's investments above, £117,619,000 (2009: £54,351,000) are held as funds at Lloyd's and therefore their use is restricted. All investments held by syndicates are only available for investment and for paying of claims and expenses by the syndicates to their policyholders. Corporate investments of £117,619,000 (2009: £54,351,000) are listed on recognised stock exchanges.

Alternative investments are investments which are characterised by a significant degree of capital protection, though for the most part they do have a degree of equity exposure.

The Company holds no financial investments.



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## 19 Investments in subsidiary undertakings

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31 December	· 31 December
2010	2009
£'000	£'000
Investments in subsidiary undertakings 40,408	40,408

## Details of the Company's subsidiaries are as follows:

Name of company	Nature of business	Proportion of ordinary shares held by the Company	Proportion of ordinary shares held by a subsidiary
Cathedral Capital (Investments) Limited	Intermediate holding company	100%	
Cathedral Capital Holdings Limited	Investment company		100%
Cathedral Capital (1998) Limited	Lloyd's corporate member		100%
Cathedral Capital (1999) Limited	Non trading		100%
Cathedral Capital Management Limited	Non trading		100%
Cathedral Capital Services Limited	Employment company		100%
Cathedral Capital (2000) Limited	Intermediate holding company		100%
Cathedral Underwriting Limited	Lloyd's managing agent		100%

As from I January 2002, Cathedral Capital (1999) Limited ceased to underwrite new business at Lloyd's and resigned as a Name at Lloyd's with effect from I January 2005. Furthermore, Cathedral Capital Management Limited ceased to trade from I January 2008.

All companies are registered and operate in England.

## 20 Prepayments and accrued income

	Group	Group	Company	Company
	31 December	31 December	31 December	31 December
	2010	2009	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Accrued income - investments	1,095	398	-	-
Accrued income - underwriting	5,620	4,641	-	-
Prepayments	474	485	1	_
	7,189	5,524	I	-

Accrued income - underwriting is in respect of profit commission receivable from Syndicate 2010.

## 21 Trade and other receivables

	Group	Group	Company	Company
	31 December	31 December	31 December	31 December
	2010	2009	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Arising out of direct insurance operations	13,159	14,232	-	-
Arising out of reinsurance operations	46,696	44,066	-	-
Tax recoverable	3,932	-	119	-
Amounts owed by managed syndicates	2,252	2,333	-	-
Amounts owed by Group undertakings	-	-	5,865	6,077
Other receivables	348	541	-	_
	66,387	61,172	5,984	6,077

Of the amounts due from managed syndicates, £nil (2009: £nil) is due in more than one year.

The carrying amount disclosed above reasonably approximates to fair values at year end.

## 22 Cash and cash equivalents (Group)

	Group	Group
	31 December	31 December
	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
Cash and cash equivalents consist of:		
Cash at bank and in hand	70,858	122,179
Short term investments	28,520	24,696
	99,378	146,875
Cash and cash equivalents consist of:		
Cash and cash equivalents held by syndicates	60,032	51,645
Cash and cash equivalents held within funds at Lloyd's	10,234	55,914
Cash and cash equivalents held by ESOP	328	189
Cash and cash equivalents available for use by the Group	28,784	39,127
	99,378	146,875

Cash and cash equivalents held by syndicates and within funds at Lloyd's are restricted and are not freely available for use by the Group. Cash and cash equivalents held by the ESOP are also restricted.

The effective interest rate for cash and cash equivalents is set out in Note 4.4.1.



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#### 23 Borrowings

The Group's and Company's borrowings (at carrying value) consist of:

	Group 31 December 2010	2009	Company 31 December 2010	Company 31 December 2009
Unsecured Floating Rate Subordinated Notes	£'000 44,522	£'000 43,153	£'000 -	£'000
Preference shares	37,496	37,496	38,145	38,145
Loan Notes	75,005	75,005	-	-
	157,023	155,654	38,145	38,145

The carrying amount disclosed above reasonably approximates to fair values at year end.

The Unsecured Floating Rate Subordinated Notes are all classed as non-current.

## **Unsecured Floating Rate Subordinated Notes**

During 2004, two Unsecured Floating Rate Subordinated Notes Due 2034 were issued by Cathedral Capital Holdings Limited. Both Notes were listed on the Irish Stock Exchange effective from 12 January 2005.

- (i) Eur 12,000,000 Floating Rate Subordinated Notes were issued on 18 November 2004 and pay interest at a variable interest rate equal to the rate for three months deposits in Euros plus a margin of 3.75% per annum. The Company can redeem these Notes in whole or in part, from time to time, on any interest payment date falling on or after 31 December 2009.
- (ii) US\$ 10,000,000 Floating Rate Subordinated Notes were issued on 26 November 2004 and pay interest at a variable interest rate equal to the rate for three months deposits in US Dollars plus a margin of 3.75% per annum. The Company can redeem these Notes in whole or in part, from time to time, on any interest payment date falling on or after 15 December 2009.

During 2005, a further two Unsecured Floating Rate Subordinated Notes Due 2035 were issued by Cathedral Capital Holdings Limited. These Notes were listed on the Irish Stock Exchange effective from 1 July 2005 and 1 March 2006.

- (i) US\$ 25,000,000 Floating Rate Subordinated Notes were issued on 13 May 2005 and pay interest at a variable interest rate equal to the rate for three months deposits in US Dollars plus a margin of 3.25% per annum. The Company can redeem these Notes in whole or in part, from time to time, on any interest payment date falling on or after 15 June 2010.
- (ii) US\$ 25,000,000 Floating Rate Subordinated Notes were issued on 18 November 2005 and pay interest at a variable interest rate equal to the rate for three months deposits in US Dollars plus a margin of 3.25% per annum. The Company can redeem these Notes in whole or in part, from time to time, on any interest payment date falling on or after 15 December 2010.

The amount of interest charged during 2010 in respect of the Unsecured Floating Rate Subordinated Notes is set out in Note 10.

Although the Unsecured Floating Rate Subordinated Notes are listed, they are thinly traded as they are sold into CDO pools after which there is no readily available quoted market price for these Unsecured Floating Rate Subordinated Notes. The fair values of the borrowings are therefore based on a discounted cash flow model based on a yield curve appropriate for the remaining term to maturity. The discount rate used in the valuation technique is based on the borrowing rate of the respective loans.

### Loan Notes

On 12 December 2006 the Group's subsidiary, Cathedral Capital (Investments) Limited, created two separate instruments the first being £25,163,353 Fixed Rate Unsecured Manager Loan Notes 2014 ("MLN") and the second £61,913,428 Fixed Rate Unsecured Investor Loan Notes 2014 and payment in kind notes ("ILN"). The ILN were issued to the financial investors for cash and the MLN were issued to certain shareholders of Cathedral Capital Holdings Limited as consideration for the acquisition of their shares in that company. These notes pay a coupon of 9.2% per annum.

On 12 December 2006 £8,748,731 of the MLN were transferred to Cathedral Capital Limited by the holders of these MLN as consideration for B ordinary I pence shares, Ordinary I pence shares and Preference £1 shares in that company. On the same date these MLN were repaid at par by Cathedral Capital (Investments) Limited.

On 31 December 2008, £424,650 of the MLN and £1,601,700 of the ILN were redeemed in Cathedral Capital (Investments) Limited.

The amount of interest charged to the Group in respect of the loan notes for the year ended 31 December 2010 was £6,900,000 (2009: £6,900,000).

#### Preference shares

On 12 December 2006, the Company issued 39,158,156 Preference £1 shares dated 2014 and paying a fixed rate of 6.44%. These shares were allotted and issued to the holders of the MLN (as set out above) and to new financial investors of the Company. These shares are valued at par and recorded on the balance sheet as a liability as there is a fixed repayment date. The amount recorded on the Consolidated Balance Sheet is after deducting those Preference shares held by the ESOP. Further details of the ESOP are set out in Note 31.

On 31 December 2008,£1,013,194 of the Preference shares were redeemed in Cathedral Capital Limited.

The amount of dividends charged to the Group in respect of the Preference shares for the year ended 31 December 2010 was £2,415,000 (2009: £2,415,000).

## **Facilities**

The corporate Group had no bank facilities. The managed syndicates have credit facilities in place to assist them, where necessary, in meeting their policyholder liabilities; however, these are not available to the Group other than through their participation on the syndicates it supports.



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## 24 Insurance contracts - technical provisions and reinsurance assets

Net	212,469	185,148
	62,215	51,691
Provision for unearned premiums	5,103	3,863
Claims outstanding	57,112	47,828
Recoverable from reinsurers		
	274,684	236,839
Other provisions	-	341
Provision for unearned premiums	63,355	67,658
Claims outstanding	211,329	168,840
Gross		
	£'000	£'000
	2010	2009
	31 December	31 December

#### Provision for claims outstanding

The provision for claims outstanding relates to underwriting losses which have been incurred by the Group but which have not yet been settled and includes an element of claims handling costs. The payment of these provisions is dependent on a large number of factors including the time for the legal aspects of a claim to be resolved, the time at which a full assessment of a claim can be completed and the processing of information through the broker. An element of the claims provision will be reimbursed by the Group's reinsurers and these are shown as an asset on the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position. The level of reimbursement depends on the extent to which the Group's reinsurance programmes are engaged and the ability of that reinsurer to pay its losses.

## Provision for unearned premiums

This provision is in respect of premiums written by the Group but which have been deferred to a future year. This is to match the premium to the level of exposure of the policies underwritten by the Group. Although for insurance entities this is classed as a provision, it is actually deferred income.

## Other provisions

Other provisions are in respect of losses foreseen on open years and related to one syndicate which was in run-off and related to the 2000 year of account. The Group used information available in respect of this syndicate to determine the extent of the losses and had provided accordingly for this. At December 2010, this provision was reversed.

## 24.1 Reconciliation of changes in insurance liabilities and reinsurance assets

	Claims outstanding - gross £'000	Provision for unearned premiums £'000	Other provisions	Total 2010 £'000	Total 2009 £'000
Gross	•••••		•••••		•••••
Provision at I January	168,840	67,658	341	236,839	252,209
Additional provisions made in the year	110,837	58,545	-	169,382	142,567
Amounts used in the year	(71,044)	(63,825)	-	(134,869)	(154,148)
Unused amount reversed during the year	(942)	-	(341)	(1,283)	2,388
Exchange differences	3,638	977	-	4,615	(6,177)
Provision at 31 December	211,329	63,355	-	274,684	236,839

	Claims	Provision for			
	outstanding	unearned	Other	Total	Total
	- gross	premiums	provisions	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Reinsurance assets					
Provision at 1 January	47,828	3,863	-	51,691	61,651
Additional provisions made in the year	25,110	5,015	-	30,125	19,229
Amounts used in the year	(17,091)	(3,875)	-	(20,966)	(27,198)
Unused amount reversed during the year	-	-	-	-	2,275
Exchange differences	1,265	100	-	1,365	(4,266)
Provision at 31 December	57,112	5,103	-	62,215	51,691
Net	154,217	58,252	-	212,469	185,148

## 24.2 Movement in deferred acquisition costs

	31 December	31 December
	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
Provision at 1 January	13,090	12,001
Additional provisions made in the year	11,597	11,756
Amounts used in the year	(12,000)	(10,667)
Provision at 31 December	12,687	13,090



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#### 25 Provisions for other liabilities

	31 December	31 December
	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
Provision in respect of profit sharing scheme		
Provision at 1 January	4,972	7,903
Charge for the year	3,109	4,449
Utilised in the year	(4,744)	(7,380)
Provision at 31 December	3,337	4,972

The Group operates a profit sharing scheme from which all executive directors and full time employees of the Group can benefit. The size of this profit related pool created under this scheme is determined annually and is equal to 15 per cent of the consolidated Group profit before tax and amortisation (including any impairment charges) and before the interest charge on Manager and Investor Loan Notes of Cathedral Capital (Investments) Limited and dividends on the Preference shares issued by the Company. All distributions from this scheme are entirely at the discretion of the Board of the Company, following recommendations made by the Group's Remuneration Committee. The provision includes an estimate of employers' National Insurance (at either 12.8% or 13.8% depending on the prevailing rate) which would be payable.

Any distributions made to the Directors of the Company have been included in the Directors emolument table on page 69. Since the year end, the Group Remuneration Committee has recommended to the Board that £3,311,000 (including employers' national insurance) should be distributed to Group employees.

#### 26 Provision for deferred tax

The provision for deferred tax for the Group is represented by:

	31 December	31 December
	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
Declared underwriting profits	5,884	6,471
Annually accounted profits	3,650	6,467
Provisions for future underwriting losses	-	(95)
Unrealised investment gains	339	23
Accelerated capital allowances	(24)	8
Tax losses carried forward	(154)	(111)
Claims equalisation reserve	5,301	-
Other temporary differences	6,379	6,488
Provision for deferred tax	21,375	19,251
Provision for deferred tax at start of year	19,251	
Deferred tax charge in Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income for year	2,124	
Provision for deferred tax at end of year	21,375	

Unprovided deferred tax assets for the Group were £nil at 31 December 2010 (31 December 2009: £nil).

The Company had no deferred tax assets or liabilities at 31 December 2010 (31 December 2009: £nil).

All deferred tax assets are considered to be recoverable.

## 27 Other creditors

	Group	Group	Company	Company
	31 December	31 December	31 December	31 December
	2010	2009	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Amounts due within one year:		••••••	•••••	•••••
Arising out of direct insurance operations	1,377	1,322	-	-
Arising out of reinsurance operations	13,879	14,098	-	-
Other taxes and social security costs	487	469	-	-
Trade creditors	2,331	2,559	-	55
Other creditors	1	1	-	-
	18,075	18,449	-	55

Other creditors includes £1,400 payable to the shareholders of Cathedral Capital Holdings Limited who hadn't accepted the offer to purchase their shares by the end of the year (2009: £1,400). This amount is held in a specific bank account for those shareholders.

## 28 Share capital

	31 December	31 December
	2010	2009
	Allotted issued	Allotted issued
	and fully paid	and fully paid
	Number	Number
Number:		
A ordinary shares of Ip each	-	702,290
A ordinary shares of 0.1p each	702,290	-
B ordinary shares of Ip each	65,695	210,210
BI ordinary shares of Ip each	144,515	-
Ordinary shares of Ip each	337,500	337,500
	£'000	£'000
Nominal value		
A ordinary shares of Ip each	-	7
A ordinary shares of 0.1p each	I	-
B ordinary shares of Ip each	I	2
BI ordinary shares of Ip each	1	-
Ordinary shares of 1p each	3	3
	6	13

On 25 November 2010, the Company reorganised its share capital as follows:

702,290 of the A Ordinary Shares of Ip each were sub-divided into 702,290 A Ordinary Shares of 0.1p each and 702,290 Deferred A Shares of 0.9p each. All of the Deferred A Shares were then bought back by the Company for an aggregate of Ip and were cancelled by the Company.

At the same time, 144,515 of the B Ordinary Shares of 1p each were redesignated as B1 Ordinary Shares of 1p each.



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Following this share reorganisation, the voting rights of the shares were such that the A Ordinary Shares of 0.1p each equate to 51.3% of the total votes, the B Ordinary Shares of 1p each equate to 5.25% of the total votes, the B1 Ordinary Shares of 1p each equate to 23.45% of the total votes and the Ordinary Shares of 1p each equate to 20.0% of the total votes.

The A Ordinary Shares of 0.1p each, the Ordinary Shares of 1p each, the B Ordinary Shares of 1p each and the B1 Ordinary Shares of 1p each all continue to rank pari-passu as regards to economic rights.

Details of the movements in each class of shares are set out below:

	31 December	31 December
An 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.	2010	2009
Allotted, issued and fully paid:	Number	Number
A ordinary shares of I p each		
At the beginning of the year	702,290	702,290
Converted to A ordinary shares of 0.1p each	(70,229)	-
Converted to Deferred A shares of 0.9p each	(632,061)	-
At the end of the year	-	702,290
Deferred A shares of 0.9p each		
At the beginning of the year	-	-
Converted to A ordinary shares of Ip each	702,290	-
Cancelled Deferred A shares of 0.9p each	(702,290)	-
At the end of the year	-	-
A ordinary shares of 0.1p each		
At the beginning of the year	-	-
Converted from A ordinary shares of Ip each	702,290	-
At the end of the year	702,290	-
B ordinary shares of Ip each		
At the beginning of the year	210,210	210,210
Converted from B1 ordinary shares of 1p each	(144,515)	-
At the end of the year	65,695	210,210
BI ordinary shares of Ip each		
At the beginning of the year	-	-
Converted from B ordinary shares of Ip each	144,515	-
At the end of the year	144,515	_

There was no movement in the Ordinary shares of 1p each during 2009 or 2010.

## 29 Reserves

#### Movement in reserves - Group

Details of movement in reserves for the Group are set out in the Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity on page 25.

## Movement in reserves - Company

			•••••	•••••
				Total
	Balance at			attributable
	l January	(Loss) for	Share	to
	2010	the year	reorganisation	shareholders
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Called-up share capital	13	-	(7)	6
Share premium	1,237	-	-	1,237
Capital redemption reserve	1,013	-	7	1,020
Retained earnings	5,983	(34)	-	5,949
Equity shareholders' funds	8,246	(34)	-	8,212

#### Nature and purpose of each reserve

The called up share capital is the nominal value of each share in issue and is not distributable.

The share premium account represents the difference between the proceeds and the nominal value of each share issued and is not distributable, although expenses relating to the issue of shares can be offset against this reserve.

The capital redemption reserve is in respect of Preference shares and deferred shares which are redeemed out of distributable profits and is not distributable.

All of the profit and loss reserve at 31 December 2010 and 31 December 2009 is distributable.

## 30 Reconciliation of total shareholders' equity

	Company	Company
	31 December	31 December
	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
Total recognised (losses)/gains for the year	(34)	45
Opening shareholders' equity	8,246	8,201
Closing shareholders' equity	8,212	8,246



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## 31 Employee Share Ownership Plan

The Employee Share Ownership Plan ("ESOP") is set up for the benefit of the full time employees of the Group and holds the following investments:

31 December	31 December
2010	2009
Number	Number
	•••••
9.2% Manager Loan Notes in Cathedral Capital (Investments) Limited 1,302,367	1,302,367
6.44% Preference shares of £1 each in Cathedral Capital Limited 651,084	651,084
B ordinary shares in Cathedral Capital Limited 13,723	13,723

Although the Group only has de facto control of the ESOP, the Group is required under Standard Interpretations Committee pronouncement I2 to account for the assets of the ESOP as if they belong to the Group. Consequently, the assets and liabilities, income and expenses of the ESOP appear in the Group financial statements.

The income and expenses and the assets and liabilities of the ESOP (as included within the Group financial statements) are as follows:

	Year ended 31 December 2010 £'000	Year ended 31 December 2009 £'000
Profit and loss account		
Investment income on shares and Loan Notes	162	162
Other interest	1	-
Tax withheld	(24)	(24)
Total profit	139	138
Balance Sheet		
Investments *	1,967	1,967
Cash	328	189
Less liabilities	-	-
Net assets	2,295	2,156
ESOP funds	2,295	2,156
Reconciliation of ESOP funds		
ESOP funds at 1 January	2,156	2,018
Profit arising in ESOP during year	139	138
ESOP funds at 31 December	2,295	2,156

<sup>\*</sup>Valued at cost to the Group.

## 32 Capital commitments

The Group had no capital commitments at 31 December 2010 (2009: £nil).

The Company had no capital commitments at 31 December 2010 (2009: £nil).

## 33 Operating leases

	Group 31 December 2010 £'000	Group 31 December 2009 £'000
Future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases:		
Land & buildings:		
Within one year	244	366
In the second to fifth years inclusive	1,464	183
More than five years	153	-
Other:		
Within one year	13	12
In the second to fifth years inclusive	23	11
	1,897	572

Commitments under operating leases for land & buildings relate to rent payable. The Group entered into a 10 year rental contract, which commenced on 8 June 2006. Either party could give at least nine months notice to cancel the contract on 8 June 2011. However, no such notice was given. The contract includes an initial 11 months rent free period which is being credited over the first five years of the rental contract. There is a further four months rent free period from 8 June 2011 to 8 October 2011.

Other commitments relate to operating leases for IT equipment.

The Company had no commitments under operating leases for 2010 or 2009.

## 34 Pensions

The Group does not operate a pension fund. Instead, it makes contributions to employees' individual pension funds.

## 35 Reconciliation of profit to cash generated from operations

	Year ended	Year ended
	31 December	31 December
	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
Profit before taxation	5,943	12,532
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	244	237
(Increase) / decrease in debtors & accrued income	(1,676)	24,284
Change in underwriting balances	27,724	(6,499)
Purchase of investments	(211,565)	(193,944)
Proceeds from disposal of investments	143,659	177,748
Unrealised investment (gains) / losses	(125)	1,014
Exchange revaluation	(3,064)	10,683
(Decrease) in creditors	(1,997)	(13,246)
Interest expense	12,112	8,987
Interest received	(5,828)	(7,091)
Dividends received	(283)	(249)
Cash generated from operations	(34,856)	14,456



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## 36 Related party transactions

#### (i) Directors' interest in Transactions

Each of the Directors and their families owned shares in Cathedral Capital Limited and Loan Notes in Cathedral Capital (Investments) Limited. Mr Slade also has an indirect beneficial interest in Alchemy Partners (Guernsey) Limited which, as set out below, owned shares in the Company and Loan Notes in Cathedral Capital (Investments) Limited. The Preference shares pay a dividend of 6.44% and the Loan Notes pay interest of 9.2%. Each of the Directors therefore earned dividends and interest in respect of their holdings.

The interests of the Directors and their families in the Preference shares issued by Cathedral Capital Limited and the Loan Notes issued by Cathedral Capital (Investments) Limited at 31 December 2010 and 31 December 2009 (according to the register of Directors' interests) are set out below:

	31 December 2010			31 🗅	December 2009	
	Preference	Investor Loan Notes	Manager Loan Notes	Preference	Investor Loan Notes	Manager Loan Notes
FFD : 1	£l shares	£I	£1	£1 shares	£I	£1
E E Patrick    A Lynch	357,211 822,639		714,533 1,645,531	357,211 822.639	-	714,533 1,645,531
P D Scales	822,639		1,645,531	822,639	-	1,645,531
D J H Slade	36,530	73,071	-	36,530	73,071	-

The Cathedral Group has an Employee Share Ownership Plan ("ESOP") in which all full time employees are potential beneficiaries. As such, all Directors who are full time employees of Cathedral Group have a potential interest in the shares (and other assets) held by the ESOP. Details of the Preference shares, Manager Loan Notes and B ordinary shares held by the ESOP are set out in Note 31.

## (ii) Other

## Alchemy Partners Nominee Limited

Alchemy Partners Nominee Limited ("Alchemy") is a 56% shareholder in the Company and has been approved as a controller of the Group's managing agency subsidiary by both Lloyd's and the FSA. Alchemy has also been approved as a controller of the Company's active underwriting subsidiary by Lloyd's.

## (iii) Incentive Plans

## Cathedral Capital Employee Share Ownership Plan

This ESOP has been set up for the benefit of all full time employees in the Group. The objective of the ESOP is to help and encourage the holding of shares by beneficiaries or for their benefit. The ESOP is established as an employees' share scheme within Section 1116 of the Companies Act 2006.

The interests of the ESOP at 31 December 2010 and 31 December 2009 are:

	Cathedral Ca	Cathedral Capital Limited		
	B ordinary	Preference	(Investment)	
	I pence shares	shares	Limited Manage	
	Number	Number	Loan Notes £	
At 31 December 2010	13,723	651,084	1,302,367	
At 31 December 2009	13,723	651,084	1,302,367	

Further details of the ESOP are set out in Note 31.

#### (iv) Directors' Remuneration

All executive Directors have employment contracts, with 12 months notice periods, with the Group which set out their employment terms and conditions. The non-executive Directors have appointment letters. The remuneration of the Directors is set out below:

				31 December	31 December
	Fees &	<b>B</b> enefits		2010	2009
	Salaries	in Kind	<b>Pensions</b>	Total	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
E E Patrick	60	2	-	62	62
J A Lynch	400	1	23	424	539
J A Lynch P D Scales	400	2	23	425	539
	860	5	46	911	1,140

All pension contributions are made to the Directors' own personal pension schemes.

Alchemy Partners (Guernsey) Limited received a fee of £65,000 (2009: £63,000) in respect of Mr Slade's directorship.

The Group operates a discretionary profit sharing scheme from which all executive Directors and full time employees of the Group can benefit. The size of the profit related pool created under this scheme is determined annually and is equal to 15 per cent of the consolidated Group profit before tax and amortisation (including any impairment charges) and before the interest charge on Manager and Investor Loan Notes of Cathedral Capital (Investments) Limited and dividends on the Preference shares issued by the Company. Any proposals by executives for distributions to staff, including those to executive Directors, from the profit sharing scheme, are discussed by the Group's Chief Executive Officer and the Remuneration Committee. The aggregate amount and timing of any payments are agreed by the Remuneration Committee. The rationale for any distributions to executive Directors and senior executives having basic salaries of £125,000 and above are explained to and agreed by the Remuneration Committee.

The Remuneration Committee has agreed the proposed distributions to the executive Directors from the profit sharing scheme which have been included within the Fees and Salaries disclosed above. The amount of the profit sharing scheme is set out in detail in Note 25.

As mentioned above, the Group also operates its ESOP as an incentive scheme. Shares have not been granted from the ESOP to any executive Director of the Company. The non-executive Directors of the Company had, and have, no interest in this incentive scheme.

## (v) Key Management Compensation

Key management personnel includes all persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Group. These people include both the executive and non-executive directors of the Company together with certain other members of the executive management team who are not themselves directors of the Company. Details of the cost of key management compensation charged to the Group are as follows:

	Year ended	Year ended
	31 December	31 December
	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
Key management compensation		
Salaries and other short-term employee benefits	2,536	3,342
Post-employment benefits	118	110
	2,654	3,452

Loans advanced to Directors and key management of the Company (and their families) are solely in relation to the timing of payment of personal items. No interest is charged on these small loans. At 31 December 2010, these items were de minimis (2009: £nil outstanding).



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### 37 Contingent liabilities

#### Lloyd's of London

(i) As explained in Note 2 the Group participates on insurance business written by Lloyd's syndicates. As a result of this participation, the Group is exposed to claims arising on insurance business written by those syndicates.

If the corporate member subsidiary fails to meet any of its Lloyd's obligations, after having called on the Group under its guarantees, then:

- (a) Lloyd's will be entitled to require the subsidiary to cease or reduce its underwriting; and / or
- (b) having regard to the fact that the Central Fund or the New Central Fund may be applied to discharge the obligations of the defaulting corporate member subsidiary, Lloyd's will be entitled to require the corporate member subsidiary to contribute to the Central Fund or New Central Fund to the amount of its net profits held from time to time in its Premium Trust Funds, sufficient to reimburse the Central Fund or New Central Fund in full for any payment made on behalf of the defaulting member.
- (ii) The reinsurance to close is technically a reinsurance contract and, as such, the payment of a reinsurance to close does not remove from members of that year of account ultimate responsibility for claims payable on risks they have written. If the reinsuring members under the reinsurance to close become insolvent and the other elements of the Lloyd's chain of security also fail, the reinsured members remain theoretically liable for the settlement of any outstanding claims.

## 38 Capital

The Group's capital structure consists of equity attributable to equity holders of the Company (which in turn comprises issued capital, reserves and retained earnings), Preference shares, Manager and Investor Loan Notes and Unsecured Floating Rate Subordinated Loan Notes. Details of the equity attributable to equity holders of the Company are set out in Note 29 and details of the loan capital are set out in Note 23.

A significant proportion of the Group's capital is used to support its Lloyd's underwriting commitments.

The Group's corporate member, which underwrites on various syndicates at Lloyd's, is required to hold regulatory capital in compliance with the rules issued by the Financial Services Authority ("FSA"). Furthermore, it is also subject to Lloyd's capital requirements.

Under FSA regulations, the Lloyd's market must at all times hold sufficient capital to meet the Minimum Capital Requirement ("MCR"), being the capital requirement set out in the EU directives.

Each managing agent is required to calculate an Individual Capital Assessment ("ICA") for each syndicate it manages. This calculation is calibrated such that the probability of resources being sufficient to meet liabilities over a one year time period are at least at a 99.5% confidence level. In so doing they must consider not only ultimate insurance losses, but also credit, market, liquidity, group and operational risks. Lloyd's may impose an increase to an individual ICA where it does not regard the managing agent has submitted an adequate figure.

The basis of the ICA calculation is considered to be broadly equivalent to a BBB insurance financial strength rating. Lloyd's has the ability to uplift ICAs in order to ensure market level capital that will among other factors support and maintain its rating. To achieve this, each syndicate ICA is currently uplifted by 35% to arrive at its Economic Capital Assessment ("ECA").

Lloyd's uses the syndicate ECA as a starting point for the calculation of corporate member capital requirements. The final member level capital requirement as determined by Lloyd's is known as the Economic Capital Requirement ("ECR"). The ECR includes a number of additional factors, including a credit for diversification, given where a member supports more than one syndicate. Currently the minimum Funds at Lloyd's ratio is 40%.

Each ICA is reviewed by Lloyd's annually and by the FSA on a sample basis. Management are required to carry out regular assessments of the amount of capital that is adequate for the size and nature of each syndicate. Funds at Lloyd's requirements are formally assessed twice a year and must be met for the Group to continue underwriting at Lloyd's. In addition, adjustments are made by Lloyd's to allow for open year profits and losses of the syndicates on which the corporate member participates. Members must remain solvent on a continuous basis.

The Group's objective when managing capital is to ensure there is sufficient capital to meet the requirements set out above.

At 31 December 2010, the Group's funds at Lloyd's amounted to £127.9 million, which was in excess of its capital requirements after allowing for solvency credits. These funds were invested in a mixture of equities, fixed interest instruments and cash.

## 39 Categories of financial assets and liabilities

The financial assets and liabilities of the Group are categorised as follows:

As at 31 December 2010			Assets at fair		Non-		
	Financial		value through	Insurance	financial		
£'000	assets	receivables	profit or loss	contracts	assets	Total	
Assets							
Property, plant and equipment	-	-	-	-	504	504	
Intangible assets	-	-	-	-	23,234	23,234	
Reinsurers' share of technical provisions	-	-	-	62,215	-	62,215	
Financial investments	-		250,938	-	-	250,938	
Deferred acquisition costs	-	-	-	12,687	-	12,687	
Other assets	-	-	-	-	645	645	
Prepayments and accrued income	1,095	-	-	-	6,094	7,189	
Trade and other receivables	-	66,387	-	-	-	66,387	
Cash and cash equivalents	-	99,378	-	-	-	99,378	
Total assets	1,095	165,765	250,938	74,902	30,477	523,177	

£'000	Amortised cost	Financial liabilities	Insurance contracts	Non- financial liabilities	Total
Liabilities		•••••	•••••	•••••	
Borrowings	44,522	112,501	-	-	157,023
Insurance contracts	-	-	274,684	-	274,684
Provision for other liabilities and charges	-	-	-	3,337	3,337
Deferred tax liabilities	-	-	-	21,375	21,375
Trade and other payables	-	-	-	18,075	18,075
Current tax liabilities	-	-	-	552	552
Accruals and deferred income	-	115	-	1,043	1,158
Total liabilities	44,522	112,616	274,684	44,382	476,204



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The financial assets and liabilities of the Group are categorised as follows:

As at 31 December 2009			Assets at fair		Non-	
	Financial	Loans and	value through	Insurance	financial	
£'000	assets	receivables	profit or loss	contracts	assets	Total
Assets						
Property, plant and equipment	-	-	-	-	562	562
Intangible assets	-	-	-	-	23,234	23,234
Reinsurers' share of technical provisions	-	-	-	51,691	-	51,691
Financial investments	-	-	180,061	-	-	180,061
Deferred acquisition costs	-	-	-	13,090	-	13,090
Other assets	-	-	-	-	1,220	1,220
Prepayments and accrued income	398	-	-	-	5,126	5,524
Trade and other receivables	-	61,172	-	-	-	61,172
Cash and cash equivalents	-	146,875	-	-	-	146,875
Total assets	398	208,047	180,061	64,781	30,142	483,429

	••••••	•••••	•••••	Non-		
£'000	Amortised cost	Financial liabilities	Insurance contracts	financial liabilities	Total	
Liabilities					•••••	
Borrowings	43,153	112,501	-	-	155,654	
Insurance contracts	-	-	236,839	-	236,839	
Provision for other liabilities and charges	-	-	-	4,972	4,972	
Deferred tax liabilities	-	-	-	19,251	19,251	
Trade and other payables	-	-	-	18,449	18,449	
Current tax liabilities	-	-	-	4,147	4,147	
Accruals and deferred income	-	108	-	1,031	1,139	
Total liabilities	43,153	112,609	236,839	47,850	440,451	



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