



TALISMAN

— UNDERWRITING PLC —

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2022



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Directors	Peter K Steel David Monksfield Paul F Sandilands	Chairman
Company Secretary	Graham Hodgson	
Registered Office	5 th Floor 70 Gracechurch Street London EC3V 0XL	
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Company Registration Number	03370297	



The Directors have pleasure in presenting their Report together with the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Results and Dividends

The results for the year are set out on pages 11 and 12 of the Financial Statements. No dividends were paid in the year (2021 - £Nil).

Directors

The Directors of the Company in office during the year were as follows:

Peter K Steel
Robert E Eaton (Resigned 1 February 2022)
David Monksfield
Paul F Sandilands

Auditors

A resolution to reappoint PKF Littlejohn LLP will be proposed at the next Annual General Meeting.

Disclosure of Information to Auditors

In the case of each of the persons who are Directors at the time this report is approved, the following applies:

- (a) So far as the Directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware, and
- (b) They have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a Director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

Directors' Indemnity

The Board of Directors has effected a Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance policy to indemnify the Directors and Officers of the Company against loss arising from any claim made against them jointly or severally by reason of any wrongful act in their capacity as Directors or Officers of the Company. The insurance also covers the Company's loss when it is required or permitted to indemnify the Directors or officers pursuant to the law, Common or Statutory, or the Articles of Association. The cost of this insurance is met by the Company.

By Order of the Board on 5 June 2023

D Monksfield
Director



The Directors have pleasure in presenting their Strategic Report together with the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Business Review

Activity

The principal activity of Talisman Underwriting Plc and its subsidiaries (“the Group”) in the year under review was that of underwriting insurance risks at Lloyd’s.

The Group completed the acquisitions of 3 corporate members during 2022.

Results

The Financial Statements incorporate the annual accounting results of the syndicates on which the Group participates for the 2020, 2021 and 2022 years of account and any run-off years.

The annual accounting technical result for the year is a profit of £1,032,104 (2021 – profit of £1,740,923) including the loss on exchange from syndicate participations reported in the non-technical account. The underwriting profits in 2022 include the benefit from prior year releases and the impact of major claims. The severity and frequency of major claims were of a similar level as 2021; 2022 however was significantly impacted by unrealised investment losses following increases in interest rates across the World.

The 2020 year of account closed at 31 December 2022 with a profit, before Members’ Agents fees and profit commission, of £562,907 (2019 profit - £331,604). The 2021 and 2022 open underwriting years will normally close at 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2024 respectively, and the Directors expect the 2021 year of account to produce a result of between 0.5% to 10.7% of capacity and based on current information a result for the 2022 year of account of between 1.9% to 11.7% although it must be noted that many policies remain on risk.

Future Developments

The Group continues to write insurance business in the Lloyd’s insurance market. The capacity being underwritten on the 2023 year of account is £39.5m, an increase of £5.7m against the 2022 year of account.

Key Performance Indicators

For the 2022 calendar year the amount of gross premium written by the Syndicates on which the Group participates amounted to £39.2m (2021 - £30.1m) with a technical underwriting profit for the year of £1.1m (2021 – profit of £1.8m).

Risk Factors

The nature of a Lloyd’s Corporate Member means that the majority of the Group’s activities are carried out by the Syndicates in which it participates. The Group is not involved directly in the management of the Syndicates’ activities, including employment of Syndicate staff, as this is the responsibility of the relevant Managing Agent. Each Managing Agent will also have responsibility for the environmental activities of each Syndicate, although by their nature insurers do not produce significant environmental emissions. As a result, the Directors do not consider it appropriate to monitor and report any risk factors in relation to staff or environmental matters.



Risk Management

As the holding company for Corporate Members of Lloyd's the majority of the risks to the Group's future cash flows arise from its participation in the results of Lloyd's syndicates. As detailed on page 25, these risks are mostly managed by the Managing Agents of the syndicates. This Group's role in managing this risk in conjunction with its Members' Agent is limited to selection of syndicate participations and monitoring performance of the syndicates.

Section 172 Statement

The Directors are well aware of their duty under section 172 of the Companies Act 2006 to act in a way which they consider, in good faith, would be most likely to promote the success of the Company for the benefit of its members as a whole.

As a result of the nature of this Company as a holding company for Lloyd's corporate members, the majority of its activities are carried out by the syndicates in which it participates. The Company is not involved directly in the management of the syndicates' activities, as these are the responsibility of the relevant managing agent. Each managing agent has a board of directors which are responsible for the activities of each syndicate, and they have a duty towards a range of considerations including (but not limited to) employees, community and environmental matters, standards of business conduct and the long term consequences of business decisions.

The Company itself undertakes very few transactions. Its strategy is to continue to build a portfolio of underwriting capacity through the acquisition of corporate members and participation in the Lloyd's annual auction process. It continues to target high quality syndicates managed by leading managing agents.

The Company does not employ any staff other than the Directors and the Company Secretary and the only suppliers are those who provide services for the administration of the Company. The Directors ensure supplier invoices are paid on time in line with any agreed terms.

The Directors issue twice yearly updates to the Company's members and encourage two-way communication with the members to ensure that they are kept informed of the latest developments.

By Order of the Board on 5 June 2023

D Monksfield
Director



The Directors are responsible for preparing the Report of the Directors, the Strategic Report and 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 and Parent Company Financial Statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the Directors must not approve the Financial Statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and Parent Company and of the profit or loss of the Group for that period. In preparing these Financial Statements, the Directors are required to:

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

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

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



Independent Auditor's Report to the Shareholders of Talisman Underwriting Plc**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Talisman Underwriting Plc (the "parent company") and its subsidiaries (the "group") for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Group Profit and Loss Account, the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Group and Parent Company Balance Sheet, the Group and Parent Company Statement of Changes in Equity, the Group Cash Flow Statement, the Accounting Policies, the Risk Management section and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and FRS 103 "Insurance Contracts" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent company's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of the group's profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the director's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.



Independent Auditor's Report to the Shareholders of Talisman Underwriting Plc (continued)**Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the group and parent company financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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.

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the group and parent company financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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



Independent Auditor's Report to the Shareholders of Talisman Underwriting Plc (continued)**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

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

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The procedures we have undertaken to detect irregularities, including fraud, are detailed below:

- We obtained an understanding of the company and the sector in which it operates to identify laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a direct effect on the financial statements. We obtained our understanding in this regard through discussion with management and the application of our knowledge and experience of the sector in which the company operates in. We determined the principal laws and regulations relevant to the company in this regard to be those arising from the Companies Act 2006, Lloyd's byelaws as they relate to the company and UK taxation legislation.
- We designed our audit procedures to ensure the audit team considered whether there were any indications of non-compliance by the company with those laws and regulations. These procedures included, but were not limited to:
 - discussion with management of any known, or suspected instances, of non-compliance by the company with those laws and regulations;
 - discussion with management of any, or suspected, incidence of fraud;
 - review of the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
 - review of the minutes of the board of directors and other correspondence as we deemed appropriate; and
 - review and testing of the system of controls established by management to ensure the accuracy of the financial statements.
- As in all of our audits, we addressed the risk of fraud arising from management override of controls by performing audit procedures which included but were not limited to: the testing of journals; reviewing accounting estimates for evidence of bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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



Independent Auditor's Report to the Shareholders of Talisman Underwriting Plc (continued)**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the Company's shareholders, 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 shareholders those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's shareholders as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Thomas Seaman (Senior statutory auditor)
For and on behalf of PKF Littlejohn LLP
Statutory auditor

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5 June 2023



TECHNICAL ACCOUNT - GENERAL BUSINESS

	Note	2022	2021
Gross Premiums Written			
Continuing operations	1	39,177,128	30,142,813
Outward reinsurance premiums		(9,309,039)	(8,814,706)
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Net Premiums Written		29,868,089	21,328,107
Change in the provision for unearned premiums			
Gross provision	3	(1,912,744)	(402,375)
Reinsurers share	3	28,570	(171,681)
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Earned Premiums, Net of Reinsurance		27,983,915	20,754,051
Allocated Investment Return Transferred from the Non-Technical Account	5	(1,109,221)	11,333
Claims Paid			
Gross amount		(16,322,753)	(14,874,942)
Reinsurers' share		5,238,378	5,033,215
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Net claims paid		(11,084,375)	(9,841,727)
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Change in Provision for Claims			
Gross amount	3	(6,436,883)	(1,966,275)
Reinsurers' share	3	2,005,256	916,105
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Change in net provision for claims		(4,431,627)	(1,050,170)
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Claims Incurred, Net of Reinsurance		(15,516,002)	(10,891,897)
Net operating expenses	4	(10,209,562)	(8,104,828)
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Balance on the Technical Account for General Business		£1,149,130	£1,768,659
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The Accounting Policies and Notes on pages 19 to 48 form part of these Financial Statements.



NON-TECHNICAL ACCOUNT

	Note	2022	2021
Balance on the General Business Technical Account		1,149,130	1,768,659
Investment income	5	208,546	281,124
(Loss) on exchange - syndicate participation		(117,026)	(27,736)
Other income		262,810	9,714
Other charges		(669,249)	(792,036)
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Profit/(Loss) on Ordinary Activities before Taxation	6	834,211	1,239,725
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	7	(178,798)	(135,786)
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Profit/(Loss) on Ordinary Activities after Taxation		£655,413	£1,103,939
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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Profit/(Loss) for the financial year	655,413	1,103,939
Other Comprehensive income:		
Currency translation differences	-	-
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	£655,413	£1,103,939
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All operations are continuing.

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TALISMAN UNDERWRITING PLC
GROUP BALANCE SHEET
As at 31 December 2022
Registered Number 03370297

	Note	2022			2021		
		Syndicate Participation	Corporate	Total	Syndicate Participation	Corporate	Total
Assets							
Intangible Assets	9a	-	1,769,318	1,769,318	-	1,276,608	1,276,608
Positive goodwill	9a	-	276,786	276,786	-	3,875	3,875
Negative goodwill	9b	-	(98,557)	(98,557)	-	(130,532)	(130,532)
		-	178,229	178,229	-	(126,657)	(126,657)
Investments							
Financial Investments	10	38,042,137	3,375,383	41,417,520	29,837,549	3,194,340	33,031,889
Deposits with ceding undertakings		117,622	-	117,622	178,692	-	178,692
		38,159,759	3,375,383	41,535,142	30,016,241	3,194,340	33,210,581
Reinsurers' share of technical provisions							
Provision for unearned premiums		3,659,412	-	3,659,412	3,114,108	-	3,114,108
Claims outstanding		21,851,598	-	21,851,598	16,725,939	-	16,725,939
		25,511,010	-	25,511,010	19,840,047	-	19,840,047
Debtors							
Arising out of direct Insurance operations	11	11,852,730	-	11,852,730	9,181,822	-	9,181,822
Arising out of Reinsurance operations	11	8,155,885	-	8,155,885	6,002,588	-	6,002,588
Other debtors	12	1,396,652	488,252	1,884,904	1,070,198	629,124	1,699,322
		21,405,267	488,252	21,893,519	16,254,608	629,124	16,883,732
Other Assets							
Cash at bank and In hand	13	2,174,177	8,004,150	10,178,327	1,803,565	7,633,145	9,436,710
Overseas deposits		3,377,018	-	3,377,018	3,038,451	-	3,038,451
Other		138,951	-	138,951	181,560	-	181,560
		5,690,146	8,004,150	13,694,296	5,023,576	7,633,145	12,656,721
Prepayments and Accrued Income							
Accrued interest		88,611	-	88,611	49,940	-	49,940
Deferred acquisition costs		4,391,673	-	4,391,673	3,520,421	-	3,520,421
Other prepayments and accrued income		149,862	14,192	164,054	96,068	17,030	113,098
		4,630,146	14,192	4,644,338	3,666,429	17,030	3,683,459
Total Assets							
		£95,396,328	£13,829,524	£109,225,852	£74,800,901	£12,623,590	£87,424,491



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Registered Number 03370297

	Note	2022		2021			
		Syndicate Participation	Corporate	Total	Syndicate Participation	Corporate	Total
Liabilities and Shareholders' Funds							
Capital and Reserves							
Called-up share capital	14	-	5,867,998	5,867,998	-	5,532,519	5,532,519
Capital redemption reserve		-	410	410	-	410	410
Share premium account		-	6,198,237	6,198,237	-	5,544,188	5,544,188
Profit and Loss Account		(143,613)	(413,158)	(556,771)	(1,057,856)	(154,328)	(1,212,184)
Total Shareholders Funds		(143,613)	11,653,486	11,509,873	(1,057,856)	10,922,789	9,864,933
Technical provisions:							
Provision for unearned premiums		18,753,240	-	18,753,240	14,507,941	-	14,507,941
Claims outstanding		63,575,013	-	63,575,013	49,805,288	-	49,805,288
Provisions for Other Risks and Charges							
Deferred taxation	15	-	314,413	314,413	-	92,941	92,941
Deposit received from reinsurers		86,787	-	87,787	169,362	-	169,362
Creditors							
Arising out of direct Insurance operations	16	962,502	-	962,502	899,919	-	899,919
Arising out of Reinsurance operations	16	9,207,916	-	9,207,916	7,121,598	-	7,121,598
Other creditors including taxation and social security	17	2,089,056	1,726,973	3,816,029	2,590,410	1,485,304	4,075,714
		12,259,474	1,726,973	13,986,429	10,611,927	1,485,304	12,097,231
Accruals and Deferred Income		865,427	134,651	1,000,078	764,239	122,556	886,795
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Funds		£95,396,328	£13,829,524	£109,225,852	£74,800,901	£12,623,590	£87,424,491

The Financial Statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 5 June 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

D Monksfield
Director

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TALISMAN UNDERWRITING PLC

Registered Number 03370297

COMPANY BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2022

	Note	2022	2021
Fixed Assets			
Investments	10	1,327,174	1,259,720
Current Assets			
Debtors	12	1,616,485	938,315
Investments	10	3,375,383	3,194,340
Cash at bank		7,550,614	7,477,334
		<u>12,542,482</u>	<u>11,609,989</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(1,597,740)	(1,588,010)
		<u>10,944,742</u>	<u>10,021,979</u>
Net current assets			
		12,271,916	11,281,699
Total assets less current liabilities			
Provision for other risks and charges			
Deferred taxation	15	-	-
		<u>£12,271,916</u>	<u>£11,281,699</u>
Net assets			
Capital and Reserves			
Called-up share capital	14	5,867,998	5,532,519
Capital redemption reserve		410	410
Share premium account		6,198,237	5,544,188
Profit and Loss Account			
At 1 January		204,583	42,902
Profit/(Loss) for the year		689	161,680
Dividends paid		-	-
		<u>£12,271,916</u>	<u>£11,281,699</u>
Shareholders' Funds attributable to Equity Interests			
		<u>£12,271,916</u>	<u>£11,281,699</u>

The Financial Statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 5 June 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

D Monksfield

Director

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Group statement of changes in shareholders' equity

	A Ordinary Share capital	B Ordinary share capital	Capital redemption reserve	Share premium account	Profit and loss account	Total
At 1 January 2021	5,120,553	1,357	375	4,767,180	(2,316,123)	7,573,342
Profit for the financial year					1,103,939	1,103,939
Dividends paid	-	-	-	-	-	-
Issue of 1,642,111 ordinary A shares of 25p each	410,528	-	-	777,008	-	1,187,536
Issue of 1,164 ordinary B shares of 10p each	-	116	-	-	-	116
Cancellation of 342 ordinary B shares of 10p each	-	(35)	35	-	-	-
At 31 December 2021	£5,531,081	£1,438	£410	£5,544,188	£(1,212,184)	£9,864,933
At 1 January 2022	5,531,081	1,438	410	5,544,188	(1,212,184)	9,864,933
Profit for the financial year	-	-	-	-	655,413	655,413
Dividends paid	-	-	-	-	-	-
Issue of 1,341,000 ordinary A shares of 25p each	335,250	-	-	654,049	-	989,299
Issue of 2,270 ordinary B shares of 10p each	-	227	-	-	-	227
At 31 December 2022	£5,866,331	£1,667	£410	£6,198,237	£(556,771)	£11,509,873

The capital redemption reserve represents the nominal value of the shares redeemed and cancelled by the company.

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Company statement of changes in shareholders' equity

	A Ordinary Share capital	B Ordinary share capital	Capital redemption reserve	Share premium account	Profit and loss account	Total
At 1 January 2021	5,120,553	1,357	375	4,767,180	42,902	9,932,367
Profit for the financial year	-	-	-	-	161,680	161,680
Dividends paid	-	-	-	-	-	-
Issue of 2,238,313 ordinary A shares of 25p each	410,528	-	-	777,008	-	1,187,536
Issue of 1,955 ordinary B shares of 10p each	-	116	-	-	-	116
Cancellation of 342 ordinary B shares of 10p each	-	(35)	35	-	-	-
At 31 December 2021	£5,531,081	£1,438	£410	£5,544,188	£204,582	£11,281,699
At 1 January 2022	5,531,081	1,438	410	5,544,188	204,582	9,864,933
Profit for the financial year	-	-	-	-	689	689
Dividends paid	-	-	-	-	-	-
Issue of 1,341,000 ordinary A shares of 25p each	335,250	-	-	654,049	-	989,299
Issue of 2,270 ordinary B shares of 10p each	-	227	-	-	-	227
Cancellation of 342 ordinary B shares of 10p each	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	£5,866,331	£1,667	£410	£6,198,237	£205,273	£12,271,916

The capital redemption reserve represents the nominal value of the shares redeemed and cancelled by the company.

The Accounting Policies and Notes on pages 19 to 48 form part of these Financial Statements.



	Note	2022	2021
Cash flows from operating activities			
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before tax		834,211	1,239,725
Addition of loss/(deduction of profit) attributed to syndicate transactions		(1,033,514)	(1,725,147)
(Collection)/Distribution of closed year result from syndicates		119,271	(325,160)
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Total		(80,032)	(810,582)
Adjustments for:			
Decrease in debtors		(235,760)	(15,164)
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors		201,533	(279,370)
Amortisation of goodwill		1,293	1,294
Amortisation of negative goodwill		(31,975)	(10,652)
Profit on sale of syndicate capacity		(171,618)	-
Amortisation of syndicate capacity		597,556	577,199
Investment income		(27,504)	(3,573)
Unrealised (gains) on investments		(181,043)	(277,586)
Taxation recovered / (paid)		184,632	23,009
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Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities		257,082	(795,425)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Investment income		27,504	3,573
Purchase of syndicate capacity		-	(220,464)
Proceeds from sale of syndicate capacity		204,332	-
Purchase of subsidiaries net of cash acquired		(308,501)	(8,718)
Purchase of investments		-	-
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Net cash (outflow) from investing activities		(76,665)	(225,609)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Equity dividends paid		-	-
Issues of shares		190,588	662,512
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Net cash inflow from financing activities		190,588	662,512
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Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	18	371,005	(358,522)
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Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		7,633,145	7,991,667
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Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	18	£8,004,150	£7,633,145
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Cash and cash equivalents comprise:			
Cash at bank and in hand (including Funds at Lloyd's)		8,004,150	7,633,145
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Cash and cash equivalents	18	£8,004,150	£7,633,145
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The Group has no control over the disposition of assets and liabilities at Lloyd's. Consequently, the Cash Flow Statement is prepared reflecting only the movement in corporate funds, which includes transfers to and from the syndicates at Lloyd's.



The Accounting Policies and Notes on pages 19 to 48 form part of these Financial Statements.

General information

The Company is a public limited company that was incorporated in England and whose registered office is 5th Floor, 70 Gracechurch Street, London, EC3V 0XL. The Group participates in insurance business as an underwriting member of various syndicates at Lloyd's through its subsidiary undertakings.

Basis of Preparation

These Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", FRS 103 "Insurance Contracts", the Companies Act 2006 and Schedule 3 of the Large and Medium sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, relating to insurance. The Financial Statements are prepared under the historical cost basis of accounting modified to include the revaluation of investments and comply with applicable Accounting Standards. Accounting information in respect of the Syndicate participations has been provided by each Syndicate's managing agent and has been reported upon by the Syndicate auditors.

Going Concern

The Group, through its subsidiaries participates as underwriting members of Lloyd's. Its underwriting is supported by Funds at Lloyd's either made available by the company directly or by its loan note holders. The Group continues to participate on the 2021 and 2022 underwriting years of account, which will normally close at 31 December 2023 and 2024 respectively, and has continued this participation since the year end on the 2023 year of account. The Group has significant funds to support its underwriting through Fund at Lloyd's. The Directors are of the opinion that the Group and Company have adequate resources to meet its underwriting and other operational obligations for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the going concern concept has been adopted in the preparation of these Financial Statements.

Basis of Accounting

The Financial Statements are prepared using the annual basis of accounting. Under the annual basis of accounting a result is determined at the end of each accounting period reflecting the profit or loss from providing insurance coverage during that period and any adjustments to the profit or loss of providing insurance cover during earlier accounting periods.

Amounts reported in the general business technical account relate to movements in the period in respect of all relevant years of account of the Syndicates on which the group participates.

Assets and liabilities arising as a result of the underwriting activities are mainly controlled by the Syndicates' managing agents. Accordingly, these assets and liabilities have been shown separately in the balance sheet as "Syndicate Participation". Other assets and liabilities are shown as "Corporate". The syndicate assets are held subject to trust deeds for the benefit of the Syndicates' insurance creditors.

The information included in these Financial Statements in respect of the Syndicates has been supplied by Managing Agents based upon the various accounting policies they have adopted. The following describes the policies they have generally adopted.

General Business

i. Premiums

Premiums written comprise the total premiums receivable in respect of business incepted during the year, together with any differences between booked premiums for prior years and those previously accrued, and include estimates of premiums due but not yet receivable or notified to the syndicates on which the Group participates, less an allowance for cancellations. All premiums are shown gross of commission payable to intermediaries and exclude taxes and duties levied on them.



General Business (continued)**ii. Unearned Premiums**

Written premium is earned according to the risk profile of the policy. Unearned premiums represent the proportion of premiums written in the year that relate to unexpired terms of policies in force at the balance sheet date, calculated on a time apportionment basis having regard where appropriate, to the incidence of risk. The specific basis adopted by each syndicate is determined by the relevant managing agent.

iii. Deferred Acquisition Costs

Acquisition costs, which represent commission and other related expenses, are deferred over the period in which the related premiums are earned.

iv. Reinsurance Premiums

Reinsurance premium costs are allocated by the Managing Agent of each syndicate to reflect the protection arranged in respect of the business written and earned.

v. Claims Incurred and Reinsurers' Share

Claims incurred comprise claims and settlement expenses (both internal and external) occurring in the year and changes in the provisions for outstanding claims, including provisions for claims incurred but not reported and settlement expenses, together with any other adjustments to claims from previous years. Where applicable, deductions are made for salvage and other recoveries.

The provision for claims outstanding comprises amounts set aside for claims notified and claims incurred but not yet reported (IBNR). The amount included in respect of IBNR is based on statistical techniques of estimation applied by each syndicate's in house reserving team and in most cases reviewed by external consulting actuaries. These techniques generally involve projecting from past experience 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. The provision for claims also includes amounts in respect of internal and external claims handling costs. 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 reinsurers' share of provisions for claims is based on calculated amounts of outstanding claims and projections for IBNR, net of estimated irrecoverable amounts, having regard to each syndicate's 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. Each syndicate uses a number of statistical techniques to assist in making these estimates.

Accordingly the two most critical assumptions made by each syndicates managing agent as regards claims provisions are that the past is a reasonable predictor of the likely level of claims development and that the rating and other models used including pricing models for recent business are reasonable indicators of the likely level of ultimate claims to be incurred.

The level of uncertainty with regard to the estimations within these provisions generally decreases with time since the underlying contracts were exposed to new risks. In addition the nature of short tail claims such as property where claims are typically notified and settled within a short period of time will normally have less uncertainty after a few years than long tail risks such as some liability business where it may be several years before claims are fully advised and settled. In addition to these factors if there are disputes regarding coverage under policies or changes in the relevant law regarding a claim this may increase the uncertainty in the estimation of the outcomes.



General Business (continued)**v. Claims Incurred and Reinsurers' Share (continued)**

The assessment of these provisions is usually the most subjective aspect of an insurer's accounts and may result in greater uncertainty within an insurer's accounts than within those of many other businesses. The provisions for gross claims and related reinsurance recoveries have been assessed on the basis of the information currently available to the directors of each syndicate's managing agent. However, ultimate liability will vary as a result of subsequent information and events and this may result in significant adjustments to the amounts provided. Adjustments to the amounts of claims provisions established in prior years are reflected in the Financial Statements for the period in which the adjustments are made. The provisions are not discounted for the investment earnings that may be expected to arise in the future on the funds retained to meet the future liabilities. The methods used, and the estimates made, are reviewed regularly.

vi. Unexpired Risks Provision

Provisions for unexpired risks are made where the costs of outstanding claims, related expenses and deferred acquisition costs are expected to exceed the unearned premium provision carried forward at the balance sheet date. The provision for unexpired risks is calculated separately by reference to classes of business which are managed together, after taking into account relevant investment return. The provision is made on a syndicate by syndicate basis by the relevant managing agent.

vii. Closed Years of Account

At the end of the third year, the underwriting account is normally closed by reinsurance into the following year of account. The amount of the reinsurance to close premium payable is determined by the managing agent, generally by estimating the cost of claims notified but not settled at 31 December, together with the estimated cost of claims incurred but not reported at that date, and an estimate of future claims handling costs. Any subsequent variation in the ultimate liabilities of the closed year of account is borne by the underwriting year into which it is reinsured.

The payment of a reinsurance to close premium does not eliminate the liability of the closed year for outstanding claims. If the reinsuring syndicate was unable to meet its obligations, and the other elements of Lloyd's chain of security were to fail, then the closed underwriting account would have to settle outstanding claims.

The Directors consider that the likelihood of such a failure of the reinsurance to close is extremely remote, and consequently the reinsurance to close has been deemed to settle the liabilities outstanding at the closure of an underwriting account. The group has included its share of the reinsurance to close premiums payable as technical provisions at the end of the current period, and no further provision is made for any potential variation in the ultimate liability of that year of account.

viii. Run-off Years of Account

Where an underwriting year of account is not closed at the end of the third year (a "run-off" year of account) a provision is made for the estimated cost of all known and unknown outstanding liabilities of that year. The provision is determined initially by the managing agent on a similar basis to the reinsurance to close. However, any subsequent variation in the ultimate liabilities for that year remains with the corporate member participating therein. As a result any run-off year will continue to report movements in its results after the third year until such time as it secures a reinsurance to close.

ix. Net Operating Expenses (including Acquisition Costs)

Net operating expenses include acquisition costs, profit and loss on exchange and other amounts incurred by the syndicates on which the group participates.

Acquisition costs, comprising commission and other costs related to the acquisition of new insurance contracts, are deferred to the extent that they are attributable to premiums unearned at the Balance Sheet date.



General Business (continued)**x. Distribution of Profits and Collection of Losses**

Lloyd's operates a detailed set of regulations regarding solvency and the distribution of profits and payment of losses between syndicates and their members. Lloyd's continues to require membership of syndicates to be on an underwriting year of account basis and profits and losses belong to members according to their membership of a year of account. Normally profits and losses are transferred between the syndicate and members after results for a year of account are finalised after 36 months. This period may be extended if a year of account goes into run-off. The syndicate may make earlier on account distributions or cash calls according to the cash flow of a particular year of account and subject to Lloyd's requirements.

xi. Financial Instruments

The syndicate and company investments comprise debt and equity investments, derivatives, cash and cash equivalents and loans and receivables. The debt, equity investments and derivatives are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Debtors/creditors arising from insurance/reinsurance operations shown in the Balance Sheet include the totals of all the syndicates outstanding debit and credit transactions as processed by the Lloyd's central accounting facility. No account has been taken of any offsets which may be applicable in calculating the net amounts due between the syndicates and each of their counterparty insureds, reinsurers or intermediaries as appropriate.

Recognition

Financial assets and liabilities are recognised when the syndicate becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the syndicate after deducting all of its liabilities.

Initial measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Subsequent measurement

Non-current debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Debt instruments that are classified as payable or receivable within one financial year and which meet the above conditions are measured at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received.

Other debt instruments are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Derecognition of financial assets and liabilities

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flow from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the syndicates transfer to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the syndicates, despite having retained some significant risks and rewards of ownership, have transferred control of the asset to another party and the other party has the practical ability to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party and is able to exercise that ability unilaterally and without needing to impose additional restrictions on the transfer.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.



xi. Financial Instruments (continued)*Fair value measurement*

The best evidence of fair value is a quoted price for an identical asset in an active market. When quoted prices are unavailable, the price of a recent transaction for an identical asset provides evidence of fair value as long as there has not been a significant change in economic circumstances or a significant lapse in time since the transaction took place. If the market is not active and recent transactions of an identical asset on their own are not a good estimate of fair value, the syndicates and group estimate the fair value by using a valuation technique.

Impairment of financial instruments measured at amortised cost or cost

For financial assets carried at amortised cost, the amount of an impairment is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate, i.e. using the effective interest method.

For financial assets carried at cost less impairment, the impairment loss is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the best estimate of the amount that would be received for the asset if it were to be sold at the reporting date.

Where indicators exist for a decrease in impairment loss, and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the prior impairment loss is tested to determine reversal. An impairment loss is reversed on an individual impaired financial asset to the extent that the revised recoverable value does not lead to a revised carrying amount higher than the carrying value had no impairment been recognised. The amount of the reversal is recognised in profit and loss immediately.

xii. Investment Return

Investment return comprises all investment income, realised investment gains and losses and movements in unrealised gains and losses, net of investment expenses and charges.

Realised and unrealised gains and losses are measured by reference to the original cost of the investment if purchased in the year, or if held at the beginning of the year by reference to the current value at that date.

Investment return is initially recorded in the non-technical account. A transfer is made from the non-technical account to the general business technical account to reflect the investment return on funds supporting the underwriting business.

xiii. Basis of Currency Translation

The Group financial statements are presented in sterling.

The Company's functional and presentation currency is sterling.

Syndicates maintain separate funds in sterling, United States dollars, Canadian dollars and Euros.

Income and expenditure in US dollars, Canadian dollars and Euros is translated at the average rate of exchange for the year. Underwriting transactions denominated in other foreign currencies are included at the rate of exchange ruling at the date the transaction is processed.

Monetary assets and liabilities are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange at the Balance Sheet date.

All differences arising on the translation of foreign currency amounts in syndicates are included in either the non-technical or technical account irrespective of their treatment by the underlying syndicates.



Current Taxation

The Group is taxed on its results including its share of underwriting results declared by the syndicates and these are deemed to accrue evenly over the calendar year in which they are declared. The syndicate results included in these Financial Statements are only declared for tax purposes in the calendar year following the normal closure of the year of account. No provision is made for corporation tax in relation to open years of account. However, full provision is made for deferred tax on underwriting results not subject to current corporation tax.

HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) agree the taxable results of the syndicates at a syndicate level on the basis of computations submitted by the managing agent. At the date of the approval of these Financial Statements the syndicate taxable results of years of account closed at this and at previous year ends may not have been fully agreed with the HMRC. Any adjustments that may be necessary to the tax provisions established by the Group, as a result of HMRC agreement of syndicate results, will be reflected in the Financial Statements of subsequent periods.

Deferred Taxation

Deferred tax is provided in full on timing differences which result in an obligation at the balance sheet date to pay more tax, or a right to pay less tax, at a future date. Tax is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the period end.

Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits.

Intangible Assets

Costs incurred by the Group in the Corporation of Lloyd's auctions in order to acquire rights to participate on Syndicates' underwriting years are included at cost within intangible fixed assets and amortised over a 3 year period beginning in the year the underwriting commences in respect of the purchased Syndicate participation.

Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of acquisition over the fair value of the separable net assets of businesses acquired. Goodwill is amortised through the profit and loss account in equal instalments over its estimated useful life of 5 years.

Cash Flow Statement

The Group has no control over the disposition of assets and liabilities at Lloyd's. Consequently, the Cash Flow Statement is prepared reflecting only the movement in corporate funds, which includes transfers to and from Syndicates at Lloyd's.

Basis of consolidation

The Group Financial Statements consolidate the Financial Statements of Talisman Underwriting Plc with those of its subsidiaries for the year ended 31 December 2022.

No profit or loss account is presented for Talisman Underwriting Plc as provided by s408 of the Companies Act 2006. The profit of the parent company for the financial year dealt within the consolidated Financial Statements of Talisman Underwriting Plc was £689 (2021 – profit of £161,680).

The profits and losses of subsidiaries are consolidated from the date of acquisition to the date of disposal using the purchase method of accounting. The difference between the fair value of the consideration, both cash and equity instruments, and the fair value of the separable net assets acquired is amortised through the profit and loss account in equal instalments over its estimated useful life.

Uniform accounting policies are used for all Group companies. Profits or losses on intra-Group transactions are eliminated on consolidation.



Risk management

This section summarises the financial and insurance risks the Group is exposed to either directly at the corporate level or indirectly via its participation in the Lloyd's syndicates.

Risk background

The syndicates are exposed to a variety of financial and non-financial risks. The managing agent is responsible for managing the syndicate's exposure to these risks and, where possible, introducing controls and procedures that mitigate the effects of the exposure to risk. Each year, the managing agent prepares a Lloyd's Capital Return ("LCR") for the syndicate, the purpose of this being to agree capital requirements with Lloyd's based on an agreed assessment of the risks impacting the syndicate's business, and the measures in place to manage and mitigate those risks from a quantitative and qualitative perspective. The risks described below are typically reflected in the LCR, and, typically, the majority of the total assessed value of the risks concerned is attributable to insurance risk.

The insurance risks faced by a syndicate include the occurrence of catastrophic events, downward pressure on pricing of risks, reductions in business volumes and the risk of inadequate reserving. Reinsurance risks arise from the risk that a reinsurer fails to meet their share of a claim. The management of the syndicate's funds is exposed to risks of investment, liquidity, currency and interest rates leading to financial loss. The syndicate is also exposed to regulatory and operational risks including its ability to continue to trade. However, supervision by Lloyd's provides additional controls over the syndicate's management of risks.

The Group manages the risks faced by the syndicates on which it participates by monitoring the performance of the syndicates it supports. This commences in advance of committing to support a syndicate for the following year, with a review of the business plan prepared for each syndicate by its managing agent. In addition, quarterly reports and annual accounts together with any other information made available by the managing agent are monitored and if necessary enquired into. If the Group considers that the risks being run by the syndicate are excessive it will seek confirmation from the managing agent that adequate management of the risk is in place and, if considered appropriate will withdraw support from the next underwriting year. The Group relies on advice provided by the members' agent which acts for it, who are specialists in assessing the performance and risk profiles of syndicates. The Group also mitigates its insurance risks by participating across several syndicates as detailed in Note 21.

On the basis that the Group itself does not undertake the business of effecting or carrying out insurance contracts there is no requirement to discuss financial risks arising from syndicate investment activities. The analysis below provides details of the financial risks the Group is exposed to from syndicate insurance activities as required by FRS 103. Note 3 provides further analysis of sensitivities to reserving and underwriting risks.



i. Liquidity risk

The syndicates are exposed to daily calls on their available cash resources, principally from claims arising from its insurance business. Liquidity risk arises where cash may not be available to pay obligations when due, or to ensure compliance with the syndicate's obligations under the various trust deeds to which it is party.

The syndicates' aim to manage their liquidity position so that they can fund claims arising from significant catastrophic events, as modelled in their Lloyd's realistic disaster scenarios ("RDS").

ii. Interest rate and equity price risk

Interest rate risk and equity price risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of financial instruments will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates and market prices, respectively. The Group and syndicates manage their exposure to these risks by maintaining an appropriate mix between equity and debt financial instruments, investing in both fixed and floating rate investments, and by investing in a large portfolio of high quality equity investments across of range of unrelated sectors.

iii. Currency risk

The syndicates' main exposure to foreign currency risk arises from insurance business originating overseas, primarily denominated in US dollars. Transactions denominated in US dollars form a significant part of the syndicates' operations. This risk is, in part, mitigated by the syndicates maintaining financial assets denominated in US dollars against its major exposures in that currency.

The table below provides details of syndicate assets and liabilities by currency:

	GBP £	USD £	EUR £	CAD £	Other £	Total £
2022 converted	converted	converted	converted	converted	converted	
Total assets	11,689,593	67,443,122	4,030,504	8,880,091	3,353,018	95,396,328
Total liabilities	(14,731,471)	(66,437,662)	(5,003,457)	(6,621,430)	(2,745,921)	(95,539,941)
Surplus/(deficiency) of assets	£(3,041,879)	£1,005,460	£(972,953)	£2,258,660	£607,097	£(143,613)
2021 converted	converted	converted	converted	converted	converted	
Total assets	10,671,563	50,227,239	3,486,664	7,353,229	3,062,206	74,800,901
Total liabilities	(13,699,706)	(50,128,639)	(4,099,031)	(5,436,302)	(2,495,079)	(75,858,757)
Surplus/(deficiency) of assets	£(3,028,144)	£98,600	£(612,367)	£1,916,927	£567,127	£(1,057,856)

The impact of a 5% change in exchange rates between GBP and other currencies would be £144,913 on the result for the year (2021: £98,514).

iv. Credit risk

The Syndicates, through careful monitoring of the quality of their financial counterparties, are not exposed to significant credit risk.



Corporate risks

i. Investment, credit, liquidity and currency risks

The significant risks faced by the Group are with regard to the investment of the available funds within its own custody. The elements of these risks are investment risk, credit risk, liquidity risk, currency risk and interest rate risk. The main liquidity risk would arise if a syndicate had inadequate liquid resources for a large claim and sought funds from the Group to meet the claim. In order to minimise investment, credit and liquidity risk the Group's funds are invested in readily realisable short term deposits. The syndicates can distribute their results in Pound Sterling, US Dollars or a combination of the two. The Group is exposed to movements in the US Dollar between the Balance Sheet date and the distribution of the underwriting profits and losses, which is usually in the May following the closure of a year of account. The Group does not use derivative instruments to manage risk and, as such, no hedge accounting is applied.

ii. Regulatory risks

The Group's subsidiaries are subject to continuing approval by Lloyd's to be a member of a Lloyd's syndicate. The risk of this approval being removed is mitigated by monitoring and fully complying with all requirements in relation to membership of Lloyd's. The capital requirements to support the proposed amount of syndicate capacity for future years are subject to the requirements of Lloyd's. A variety of factors are taken into account by Lloyd's in setting these requirements including market conditions and syndicate performance and although the process is intended to be fair and reasonable, the requirements can fluctuate from one year to the next, which may constrain the volume of underwriting the Group is able to support.

iii. Operational risks

As there are relatively few transactions actually undertaken by the Group there are only limited systems and operational requirements of the Group and therefore operational risks are not considered to be significant. Close involvement of all Directors in the Group's key decision making and the fact that the majority of the Group's operations are conducted by syndicates, provides control over any remaining operational risks.

Key accounting judgements and estimation uncertainties

In applying the Company's accounting policies, the Directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions in determining the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities. These judgements, estimates and assumptions are based on the best and most reliable evidence available at the time when the decisions are made, and are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be applicable. Due to the inherent subjectivity involved in making such judgements, estimates and assumptions, the actual results and outcomes may differ. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised, if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods, if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The measurement of the provision for claims outstanding is the most significant judgement involving estimation uncertainty regarding amounts recognised in these Financial Statements in relation to underwriting by the syndicates and this is disclosed further in Note 3. The management and control of each syndicate is carried out by the managing agent of that syndicate, and the Company looks to the managing agent to implement appropriate policies, procedures and internal controls to manage each syndicate.

The key accounting judgement and source of estimation uncertainty set out below therefore relates to those made in respect of the Company only, and do not include estimates and judgements made in respect of the syndicates.

Recoverability of debtors

The Company establishes a provision for debtors that are estimated not to be recoverable. When assessing recoverability, factors such as the ageing of the debtors, past experience of recoverability and the credit profile of the individuals or groups are all considered.



1. Class of Business	Gross written premiums	Gross premiums earned	Gross claims incurred	Net operating expenses	Reinsurance balance	Total
2022						
Direct Insurance						
Accident and health	771,897	689,225	(281,773)	(303,860)	(48,003)	55,589
Motor (third party liability)	62,112	128,804	(90,988)	(30,884)	10,774	17,706
Motor (other classes)	549,408	547,609	(226,590)	(212,520)	(29,704)	78,795
Marine, aviation and Transport	3,760,235	3,372,032	(2,351,994)	(1,193,671)	448,689	275,056
Fire and other damage to property	11,999,032	11,452,264	(5,870,164)	(3,186,222)	(1,302,556)	1,093,322
Third party liability	10,501,646	10,082,880	(6,402,455)	(3,058,727)	(278,694)	343,004
Credit and suretyship	918,795	899,347	(424,698)	(274,051)	(88,474)	112,124
Legal expenses	43,156	29,215	(13,370)	(12,663)	1,458	4,640
Miscellaneous	52,884	42,526	(25,230)	(24,629)	(11,131)	(18,464)
	<u>28,659,165</u>	<u>27,243,902</u>	<u>(15,687,262)</u>	<u>(8,297,227)</u>	<u>(1,297,641)</u>	<u>1,961,772</u>
Reinsurance	<u>10,517,963</u>	<u>10,020,482</u>	<u>(7,072,374)</u>	<u>(1,912,335)</u>	<u>(739,194)</u>	<u>296,579</u>
Total	<u>£39,177,128</u>	<u>£37,264,384</u>	<u>£(22,759,636)</u>	<u>£(10,209,562)</u>	<u>£(2,036,835)</u>	<u>£2,258,351</u>
2021						
Direct Insurance						
Accident and health	683,124	703,179	(239,332)	(305,823)	(41,901)	116,123
Motor (third party liability)	166,615	160,743	(109,080)	(35,644)	(5,582)	10,437
Motor (other classes)	391,790	423,573	(119,103)	(178,197)	(76,531)	49,742
Marine, aviation and Transport	2,613,726	2,484,551	(1,129,813)	(916,505)	(149,947)	288,286
Fire and other damage to property	9,473,752	9,537,710	(5,056,563)	(2,674,159)	(1,272,512)	534,476
Third party liability	8,214,114	7,955,862	(4,957,840)	(2,317,904)	(461,389)	218,729
Credit and suretyship	748,719	701,862	(424,037)	(226,087)	(117,819)	(66,081)
Legal expenses	8,890	9,181	(4,155)	(4,126)	(13)	887
Miscellaneous	29,315	18,151	(8,084)	(12,980)	(4,297)	(7,210)
	<u>22,330,045</u>	<u>21,994,812</u>	<u>(12,048,007)</u>	<u>(6,671,425)</u>	<u>(2,129,991)</u>	<u>1,145,389</u>
Reinsurance	<u>7,812,768</u>	<u>7,745,626</u>	<u>(4,793,210)</u>	<u>(1,433,403)</u>	<u>(907,076)</u>	<u>611,937</u>
Total	<u>£30,142,813</u>	<u>£29,740,438</u>	<u>£(16,841,217)</u>	<u>£(8,104,828)</u>	<u>£(3,037,067)</u>	<u>£1,757,326</u>



2. Geographical Analysis

2022

2021

Direct Net Premium Written in:

United Kingdom	£28,659,165	£22,330,045
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3. Technical provisions

	Gross £	Reinsurance £	2022 Net £	Gross £	Reinsurance £	2021 Net £
Movement in claims outstanding						
At 1 January	49,805,288	(16,725,939)	33,079,349	44,781,408	(14,662,039)	30,119,369
Movement in technical account	6,436,883	(2,005,256)	4,431,627	1,966,275	(916,105)	1,050,170
Other movements	7,332,842	(3,120,403)	4,212,439	3,057,605	(1,147,795)	1,909,810
At 31 December	£63,575,013	£(21,851,598)	£41,723,415	£49,805,288	£(16,725,939)	£33,079,349

	Gross £	Reinsurance £	2022 Net £	Gross £	Reinsurance £	2021 Net £
Movement in unearned premiums						
At 1 January	14,507,941	(3,114,108)	11,393,833	13,322,320	(3,158,410)	10,163,910
Movement in technical account	1,912,744	(28,570)	1,884,174	402,375	171,681	574,056
Other movements	2,332,555	(516,734)	1,815,821	783,246	(127,379)	655,867
At 31 December	£18,753,240	£(3,659,412)	£15,093,828	£14,507,941	£(3,114,108)	£11,393,833

	2022 £	2021 £
Movement in deferred acquisition costs		
At 1 January	3,520,421	3,407,587
Movement in deferred acquisition costs	389,782	(17,031)
Other movements	481,470	129,865
At 31 December	£4,391,673	£3,520,421

Included within other movements are foreign exchange movements in restating the opening balances and the effect of the 2019 and prior years' technical provisions being reinsured to close into the 2020 year of account (2021: 2018 and prior years' technical provisions being reinsured to close into the 2019 year of account), where the Company's syndicate participation portfolio has changed between those two years of account. The substantial changes in other movements are due to the changes in the Group's Syndicate participation as can be seen in Note 21.

Assumptions, changes in assumptions and sensitivity

As described on page 25 the majority of the risks to the Group's future cash flows arise from its participation in the results of Lloyd's syndicates and are mostly managed by the managing agents of the syndicates. The Group's role in managing these risks, in conjunction with the Group's member's agent, is limited to a selection of syndicate participations and monitoring the performance of the syndicates and their managing agents.

The amounts carried by the Group arising from insurance contracts are calculated by the managing agents of the syndicates and derived from accounting information provided by the managing agents and reported upon by the syndicate auditors.



3. Technical provisions (continued)

The key assumptions underlying the amounts carried by the Group arising from insurance contracts are:

- the net premiums written calculated by the managing agent are an accurate assessment of the premiums payable as a result of the risks contractually committed to up to the Balance Sheet date;
- the net unearned premiums calculated by the managing agent are an accurate assessment of the net premiums written that reflect the exposure to risks arising after the Balance Sheet date, including appropriate allowance for anticipated losses in excess of the unearned premium;
- the claims reserves calculated by the managing agent are an accurate assessment of the ultimate liabilities in respect of claims relating to events up to the Balance Sheet date;
- the potential ultimate result of run-off year results has been accurately estimated by the managing agent; and
- the value of investments and other assets and liabilities are correctly stated at their realisable values at the Balance Sheet date.

There have been no changes to these assumptions in 2022.

The amounts carried by the Group arising from insurance contracts are sensitive to various factors as follows:

- a 5% increase/decrease in net earned premium (with all other underwriting elements assumed to change pro-rata with premium) will increase/decrease the Company's pre-tax profit/loss by £1.4m (2022: £1.0m);
- a 5% increase/decrease in the managing agents' calculation of gross claims reserves will decrease/increase the Company's pre-tax profit/loss by £3.2m (2021: £2.5m);
- a 5% increase/decrease in the managing agents' calculation of net claims reserves will decrease/increase the Company's pre-tax profit/loss by £2.1m (2021: £1.7m).

The 5% movement has been selected to give an indication of the possible variations in the assumptions used.



5. Investment Income	2022	2021
Investment income – financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss		
Dividend income and interest	590,501	431,502
Realised gains and losses	(351,785)	(47,472)
Unrealised gains and losses - net	(1,135,422)	(71,497)
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Investment income	(896,706)	312,533
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Bank interest	27,504	3,573
Investment management expenses	(31,473)	(23,649)
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Total investment return	£(900,675)	£292,457
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Recognised in:		
Technical account	(1,109,221)	11,333
Non-technical account	208,546	281,124
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Total investment return	£(900,675)	£292,457
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6. Profit/(Loss) on Ordinary Activities before Taxation

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

Chairman's remuneration	£ 10,000	£ 10,000
Directors' remuneration- excluding Chairman.	£ 15,000	£ 22,500
Other staff costs	£ 9,000	£ 9,000
Auditors' remuneration - audit of these Financial Statements	£ 18,700	£ 17,000
- audit of the Company's subsidiaries	£ 19,500	£ 18,905
- tax compliance services	£ 11,000	£ 10,500
Profit on sale of capacity	£(171,618)	£ -
Amortisation of syndicate capacity	£ 597,556	£577,199
Amortisation of goodwill	£ 1,293	£ 1,294
Amortisation of negative goodwill	£ (31,975)	£(10,652)
Exchange (gain)/loss	£(188,226)	£(15,604)
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The Group has no employees other than the Directors and the Company Secretary.



7. Taxation	2022	2021
Analysis of Charge in Year		
Corporation tax:		
UK corporation tax on profit of the year	35,829	5,539
Prior year adjustment	(6,591)	(34,478)
Overseas taxation	4,499	4,423
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	33,737	(24,516)
Deferred tax:		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	145,061	160,302
Adjustment in respect of previous period	-	-
Change in tax rate	-	-
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Total tax charge/(credit)	£178,798	£135,786
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Factors affecting tax charge/(credit) for year

The tax assessed for the year is different to the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK. The differences are explained below:

Profit/(Loss) on ordinary activities before tax	£834,211	£1,239,725
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Profit/(Loss) on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2021 – 19%)	158,500	235,548
Effects of:		
Other adjustments to taxation	22,390	(69,707)
Foreign tax paid	4,499	4,423
Prior year adjustment	(6,591)	(34,478)
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Tax charge/(credit) for year	£178,798	£135,786
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Factors that may affect future tax charges

The results of the Group's participation on the 2020, 2021 and 2022 years of account, will not be assessed to tax until the year ended 31 December 2023, 2024 and 2025 respectively being the year after the calendar year result of each run-off year or the normal date of closure of each year of account.

The UK Government announced on 3 March 2021 its intention to increase the UK rate of corporation tax to 25% from 19% from 1 April 2023. This new rate was enacted by Finance Act 2021 on 10 June 2021. Deferred tax has been provided at the rate it is expected to unwind.



8. Dividends	2022	2021
Equity dividends declared and paid	£-	£ -
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9a. Intangible Assets and Positive Goodwill		
Purchased		
Cost	Positive Goodwill	Syndicate Capacity
At 1 January 2022	200,045	6,346,861
Additions	-	-
Acquisition of subsidiary	274,204	1,122,980
Disposals	-	(150,400)
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At 31 December 2022	474,249	7,319,441
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Amortisation		
At 1 January 2022	(196,170)	(5,070,253)
Provided during the year	(1,293)	(597,556)
Disposals	-	117,686
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At 31 December 2022	(197,463)	(5,550,123)
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Net Book Value		
At 31 December 2022	£276,786	£1,769,318
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At 31 December 2021	£3,875	£1,276,608
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9b. Negative Goodwill

Purchased

Cost	Negative Goodwill
At 1 January 2022	159,881
Additions	-
Disposals	-
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At 31 December 2022	159,881
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Amortisation

At 1 January 2022	(29,349)
Released during the year	(31,975)
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At 31 December 2022	(61,324)
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Net Book Value

At 31 December 2022	£98,557
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At 31 December 2021	£130,532
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10. Investments

Company	2022	2021
Fixed asset investments	Subsidiary Undertakings	Subsidiary Undertakings
At 1 January	1,259,720	1,212,242
Acquisition of subsidiary	67,454	47,478
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At 31 December	£1,327,174	£1,259,720
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The Company acquired Swann Underwriting LLP, St Albans Underwriting LLP and Nameco (No.420) Limited in 2019. Sally Hoppe LLP was acquired in 2021 and Lesley Jenkins LLP and B Heywood LLP were acquired in 2022. The Group also acquired Broun Lindsay LLP in 2022.



10. Investments (continued)

The Company has the following beneficial interests, held either directly or indirectly in group undertakings:

Name	Direct/ indirect interest	Ownership interest	Country of incorporation	Business activity
Talisman Corporate Underwriting Limited	Direct	100%	England and Wales	Lloyd's corporate member
Talisman Corporate Underwriting 1999 Limited	Direct	100%	England and Wales	Lloyd's corporate member
Talisman Corporate Underwriting 2000 Limited	Direct	100%	England and Wales	Lloyd's corporate member
Goodhart Limited	Direct	100%	England and Wales	Lloyd's corporate Member
Church Acre Limited	Direct	100%	England and Wales	Lloyd's corporate partner
Talisman Corporate Limited	Direct	100%	England and Wales	LLP corporate Partner
Nameco (No.420) Limited	Direct	100%	England and Wales	Lloyd's corporate member
St Albans Underwriting LLP	Direct	100%	England and Wales	Lloyd's corporate member
Swann Underwriting LLP	Direct	100%	England and Wales	Lloyd's corporate Member
Sally Hoppe LLP	Direct	100%	England and Wales	Lloyd's corporate member
Lesley Jenkins LLP	Direct	100%	England and Wales	Lloyd's corporate member
B Heywood LLP	Direct	100%	England and Wales	Lloyd's corporate member
J.A.T.P LLP	Indirect	100%	England and Wales	Lloyd's corporate member
John Coverdale LLP	Indirect	100%	England and Wales	Lloyd's corporate Member
Broun Lindsay LLP	Indirect	100%	England and Wales	Lloyd's corporate member

The registered office of the above subsidiaries, except for Nameco (No.420) Limited, is 5th Floor, 70 Gracechurch Street, London EC3V 0XL. Nameco (No.420) Limited's registered office is at 5th Floor, 40 Gracechurch Street, London EC3V 0BT.



10. Investments (continued)

The Group uses the following hierarchy for determining and disclosing the fair value of financial investments by valuation technique:

Level 1: quoted (unadjusted) prices in active markets for identical assets.

Level 2: prices based on recent transactions in identical assets.

Level 3: priced determined using a valuation technique.

Financial investments – Syndicate	Financial investments Held at fair value through profit or loss				Held at amortised cost	Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total		
2022						
Shares and other variable yield securities and units in unit trusts	912,417	2,378,460	625,627	3,916,504	-	3,916,504
Debt securities and other fixed income securities	7,390,925	25,304,748	-	32,695,673	-	32,695,673
Participation in investment pools	24,675	136,554	5,684	166,913	-	166,913
Loans and deposits with credit Institutions	75,937	-	231,920	307,857	-	307,857
Overseas deposits	419,294	385,525	25,519	830,338	-	830,338
Other investments	31,920	92,932	-	124,852	-	124,852
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Fair value	£8,855,168	£28,298,219	£888,750	£38,042,137	£-	£38,042,137
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Financial investments – Corporate	Financial investments Held at fair value through profit or loss				Held at amortised cost	Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total		
2022						
Shares and other variable yield securities and units in unit trusts	-	3,375,383	-	3,375,383	-	3,375,383
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Fair value	£-	£3,375,383	£-	£3,375,383	£-	£3,375,383
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Cost				£2,219,092	£-	£2,219,092
				<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The Corporate Investments comprise units held in the Ruffer LLP Total Return International Fund and are deposited at Lloyd's to support the Group's underwriting (see Note 22).



10. Investments (continued)

Financial investments – Syndicate	Financial investments Held at fair value through profit or loss				Held at amortised cost	Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total		
2021						
Shares and other variable yield securities and units in unit trusts	742,845	2,155,422	590,797	3,849,064	-	3,849,064
Debt securities and other fixed income securities	6,744,179	18,517,681	1,874	25,263,735	-	25,263,735
Participation in investment pools	21,975	147,476	4,791	174,242	-	174,242
Loans and deposits with credit Institutions	54,488	-	238,208	292,696	-	292,696
Overseas deposits	112,689	-	492,647	605,337	-	605,337
Other investments	-	-	12,475	12,475	-	12,475
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Fair value	£7,676,176	£20,820,579	£1,340,794	£29,837,549	£ -	£29,837,549
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Financial investments – Corporate	Financial investments Held at fair value through profit or loss				Held at amortised cost	Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total		
2021						
Shares and other variable yield securities and units in unit trusts	-	3,194,340	-	3,194,340	-	3,194,340
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Fair value	£ -	£3,194,340	£ -	£3,194,340	£ -	£3,194,340
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Cost				£2,219,092	£ -	£2,219,092
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11. Debtors arising out of Direct Insurance and Reinsurance Operations

	2022			2021		
	Syndicate Participation	Corporate	Total	Syndicate Participation	Corporate	Total
Direct insurance operations						
Policyholders	64	-	64	68	-	68
Intermediaries	11,852,666	-	11,852,666	9,181,754	-	9,181,754
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	£11,852,730	£-	£11,852,730	£9,181,822	£-	£9,181,822
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Reinsurance operations	8,155,885	-	8,155,885	6,002,588	-	6,002,588
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	£8,155,885	£-	£8,155,885	£6,002,588	£-	£6,002,588
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Debtors arising out of direct and reinsurance operations includes £263,595 (2021 - £14,572) and £1,178,025 (2021 - £58,603) respectively which is due after more than one year.

12. Other Debtors

Group	2022			2021		
	Syndicate Participation	Corporate	Total	Syndicate Participation	Corporate	Total
Deferred tax asset (Note 15)	-	67,756	67,756	-	271,534	271,534
Corporation tax	-	-	-	-	217,804	217,804
Other	1,396,652	420,496	1,817,148	1,070,198	139,786	1,209,984
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	£1,396,652	£488,252	£1,884,904	£1,070,198	£629,124	£1,699,322
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Company	2022	2021
Corporation tax recoverable	35,264	35,264
Debtors due from subsidiaries	1,476,884	796,070
Other debtors	90,145	89,951
Prepayments and accrued income	14,192	17,030
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	£1,616,485	£938,315
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>



13. Cash at Bank and in Hand

	2022			2021		
	Syndicate Participation	Corporate	Total	Syndicate Participation	Corporate	Total
Lloyd's deposit		2,587,722	2,587,722	-	2,071,552	2,071,552
Cash at bank	2,174,177	5,416,429	7,590,606	1,803,565	5,561,593	7,365,158
	<u>£2,174,177</u>	<u>£8,004,150</u>	<u>£10,178,327</u>	<u>£1,803,565</u>	<u>£7,633,145</u>	<u>£9,436,710</u>

The Lloyd's deposit represents monies deposited with the Corporation of Lloyd's (Lloyd's) to support the Group's underwriting activities (see Note 22).

14. Called-up Share Capital

	2022	2021
	Allotted, called-up and fully paid	Allotted, called-up and fully paid
23,465,324 (2021: 22,124,324) Ordinary A shares of 25p each	5,866,331	5,531,081
16,662 (2021: 14,392) Ordinary B shares of 10p each	1,667	1,438
	<u>£5,867,998</u>	<u>£5,532,519</u>

The Company has issued two classes of shares, Ordinary A shares and Ordinary B shares. The Ordinary A shares and Ordinary B shares carry the right for the shareholder to participate in the underwriting profits of the Company resolved to be distributed by the Company. The A shares also entitle the shareholder to participate on any investment income and gains generated on funds held by the Company to the exclusion of any other class of shares.

Each Ordinary A shareholder is entitled to a single vote for every A share held. Each Ordinary B shareholder is entitled to one thousand votes for every B share held. On winding up of the Company the capital and assets available for distribution will be divided amongst the members in proportions to the amounts paid up on the shares.

1,341,000 Ordinary A shares (2021: 1,642,111 Ordinary A shares) were issued at an average price of £0.74 per Ordinary A share and 2,270 Ordinary B shares (2021: 1,164 Ordinary B shares) were issued at par in 2022 and Nil Ordinary B shares were cancelled in 2022 (2021: 342 Ordinary B shares).



15. Deferred Taxation

Group	2022	2021
Opening balance – Deferred tax (asset)/liability	(178,593)	(390,262)
On acquisition of subsidiary companies	280,189	51,367
Profit and loss account (credit) for the financial year	145,061	160,302
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Closing balance – Deferred tax (asset)/liability	£246,657	£(178,593)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Deferred tax consists of the following items:

Underwriting (losses) and profits not subject to current taxation	(33,532)	(271,429)
Claims Equalisation reserve	-	-
Revaluation of capacity	280,189	92,836
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	£246,657	£(178,593)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The deferred tax balance is split:

Deferred tax assets (note 12)	(67,756)	(271,534)
Deferred tax liabilities	314,413	92,941
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	£246,657	£(178,593)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Deferred tax has been calculated using the tax rate at which it is expected to reverse between 19% and 25% (2021 – between 19% and 25%).

The deferred tax balance consists of underwriting profits and (losses), the claims equalisation reserve and the fair value revaluation of the syndicate capacity acquired and are expected to reverse:

	2022	2021
Within one year	50,300	(5,504)
Over one year	196,357	(173,089)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	£246,657	£(178,593)
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15. Deferred Taxation (continued)

Company	2022	2021
Opening balance – Deferred tax liability	-	-
On acquisition of LLP subsidiaries	-	-
Profit and loss account (credit) for the financial year	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Closing balance – Deferred tax liability	£-	£ -
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Deferred tax consists of the following items:		
Revaluation of capacity	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	£-	£ -
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Deferred tax has been calculated using a tax rate of between 19% and 25% (2021 – between 19% and 25%).

The deferred tax balance is expected to reverse:	2022	2021
Within one year	-	-
Over one year	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	£-	£ -
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16. Creditors arising out of Direct Insurance and Reinsurance Operations

	2022			2021		
	Syndicate Participation	Corporate	Total	Syndicate Participation	Corporate	Total
Direct insurance operations						
Falling due within						
one year	930,792	-	930,792	884,999	-	884,999
Due after one year	31,710	-	31,710	14,920	-	14,920
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	£962,502	£-	£962,502	£899,919	£ -	£899,919
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Reinsurance operations						
Falling due within						
one year	6,619,356	-	6,619,356	5,418,254	-	5,418,254
Due after one year	2,288,560	-	2,288,560	1,703,344	-	1,703,344
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	£9,207,916	£-	£9,207,916	£7,121,598	£ -	£7,121,598
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>



17. Other Creditors

Group	2022			2021		
	Syndicate Participation	Corporate	Total	Syndicate Participation	Corporate	Total
Corporation tax	-	565	565	-	-	-
Other	2,089,056	1,726,408	3,815,464	2,590,410	1,485,304	4,075,714
	<u>£2,089,056</u>	<u>£1,726,973</u>	<u>£3,816,029</u>	<u>£2,590,410</u>	<u>£1,485,304</u>	<u>£4,075,714</u>

Company	2022	2021
Amounts owed to group undertakings	151,502	97,750
Dividends payable	40,336	40,336
Other creditors	1,336,722	1,386,387
Accruals and deferred income	69,180	63,537
	<u>£1,597,740</u>	<u>£1,588,010</u>

Included in other creditors is £1,279,935 (2021: £1,329,600) which represents monies received from loan note holders to support the Group's underwriting. These monies are deposited as Funds at Lloyd's.

18. Movement in Cash

	At 01.01.22	Cash flow in year	At 31.12.22
Lloyd's deposit	2,071,552	516,170	2,587,722
Cash at bank	5,561,593	(145,164)	5,416,429
	<u>£7,633,145</u>	<u>£371,005</u>	<u>£8,004,150</u>



19. Related Parties

2022

2021

The following dividends were paid to the Directors:

Peter Steel	£	-	£	-
Robert Eaton	£	-	£	-
David Monksfield	£	-	£	-
Paul Sandilands	£	-	£	-

20. Loan Stock

In order to support the Group's underwriting activities, the Company has issued the following loan stock:

	Original Issue Nil paid £	Called and Cancelled £	Balance Nil Paid £
'B' loan stock 2000	2,037,796	1,967,804	69,992
'B' loan stock 2001	2,223,778	1,989,801	233,977
'B' loan stock 2002	2,051,795	1,812,819	238,976
'C' loan stock 2000	299,970	299,970	-
'C' loan stock 2001	170,983	170,983	-
'C' loan stock 2002	124,988	124,988	-
'C' loan stock 2004	235,780	195,209	40,572
'C' loan stock 2005	1,304,777	991,528	313,249
'C' loan stock 2006	523,800	424,779	99,021
'C' loan stock 2008	508,254	128,413	379,841
'C' loan stock 2009	153,256	38,139	115,117
'C' loan stock 2010	53,185	-	53,185
'C' loan stock 2011	215,011	-	215,011
'C' loan stock 2012	129,776	81,286	48,490
'C' loan stock 2013	389,935	188,267	201,669
'C' loan stock 2014	773,271	51,594	721,677
'C' loan stock 2015	50,392	-	50,392
'C' loan stock 2016	1,196,210	248,959	947,252
'C' loan stock 2017	119,984	-	119,984
'C' loan stock 2018	212,222	-	212,222
'C' loan stock 2019	75,740	-	75,740
'C' loan stock 2020	691,744	-	691,744
'C' loan stock 2021	3,555,599	100,085	3,455,515
'C' loan stock 2022	559,833	-	559,833
'C' loan stock 2023	1,308,054	-	1,308,054
'C' loan stock 2024	714,467	-	714,467
'C' loan stock 2025	1,601,761	-	1,601,761

The loan stock called may be converted to 'A' shares at the choice of the stockholder.

The loan stockholders are obliged to make funds, equivalent to the par value of the loan stock, available to Lloyd's to support the group's underwriting.



21. Syndicate Participation

The Group is or was an Underwriting Member of the following Syndicates:

No.	Managing Agent	2023 Allocated Capacity £'000	2022 Allocated Capacity £'000	2021 Allocated Capacity £'000	2020 Allocated Capacity £'000
33	Hiscox Syndicates Limited	6,347	5,985	5,773	5,773
318	Cincinnati Global Underwriting Agency Ltd	700	780	730	730
386	QBE Underwriting Ltd	2,191	2,092	1,827	1,739
510	Tokio Marine Kiln Syndicates Limited	7,400	6,622	6,335	5,511
609	Atrium Underwriters Limited	6,644	4,511	4,049	3,405
623	Beazley Furlonge Ltd	6,875	4,507	3,717	3,058
727	S A Meacock & Company Limited	-	-	-	52
1969	Apollo Syndicate Management Limited	850	1,068	700	593
2010	Cathedral Underwriting Limited	900	1,009	900	1,252
2121	Argenta Syndicate Management Ltd	1,300	1,506	1,275	1,611
2791	Managing Agency Partners Ltd	3,056	2,418	2,138	2,138
4444	Canopus Managing Agents Ltd	650	756	700	1,061
5623	Beazley Furlonge Ltd	850	820	398	297
5886	Asta Managing Agency Ltd	1,400	1,464	1,247	786
6103	Managing Agency Partners Ltd (*)	347	301	254	192
6104	Hiscox Syndicates Limited (*)	-	-	-	199
7231	MAPA 7231 (*)	-	-	-	606
		£39,510	£33,839	£30,043	£29,003

(*) On a Limited Tenancy Basis. MAPA 7231 provides limited tenancy capacity on Syndicate 5886.

22. Funds at Lloyd's

The Company's subsidiaries have entered into Lloyd's Deposit Trust Deeds which give the Corporation the right to apply these monies in settlement of any claims arising from the participation on the Syndicates. These monies can only be released from the provision of these Deeds with Lloyd's express permission and only in circumstances where the amounts are either replaced by an equivalent asset, or after the expiration of the Group's liabilities in respect of its underwriting.

In addition to the funds held in the Lloyd's Deposit (see Note 13) and the Corporate investments (see Note 10) totalling £5,963,104 (2021: £5,265,892) the Group's Lloyd's underwriting is also supported by bank guarantees from the loan note holders and inter-available funds, of £14,167,496 (2021: £13,248,250).

23. Ultimate Controlling Party

In the opinion of the Directors there is no ultimate controlling party of the Group.



24. Acquisitions

Acquisition of Broun Lindsay LLP

On 29 March 2022 Talisman Corporate Limited acquired 100% of the interest in Broun Lindsay LLP for a total consideration of £289,569. The total adjustment required to the book values of the assets and liabilities of Broun Lindsay LLP in order to present the net assets at fair values and in accordance with group accounting principles was £255,460, details of which are set out below. The purchase has been accounted for as an acquisition.

Broun Lindsay LLP contributed £44,114 to the Group's profit after tax for the year.

	Book and fair values		
	Book Value	Fair	Fair Value
	£	Value Uplift	£
		£	£
Syndicate Capacity	2,229	340,614	342,843
Other debtors	3,259	-	3,259
Underwriting losses payable to Syndicates	(16,308)	-	(16,308)
Other creditors	(385)	-	(385)
Accruals and deferred income	(6,218)	-	(6,218)
Deferred tax	-	(85,154)	(85,154)
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Net assets acquired	17,423	255,460	238,037
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Goodwill			51,532
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Consideration			£289,569
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Consideration satisfied by:			
Cash			280,000
Acquisition costs			9,569
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			£289,569
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The accounting for the acquisition has been completed. The revaluation of the capacity reflects its fair value according to the latest auction price at the time of acquisition.



24. Acquisitions (continued)

Acquisition of Lesley Jenkins LLP

On 13 October 2022 Talisman Underwriting PLC acquired 100% of the interest in Lesley Jenkins LLP for a total consideration of £246,041. The total adjustment required to the book values of the assets and liabilities of Lesley Jenkins LLP in order to present the net assets at fair values and in accordance with group accounting principles was £175,931, details of which are set out below. The purchase has been accounted for as an acquisition.

Lesley Jenkins LLP contributed £Nil to the Group's profit after tax for the year.

	Book and fair values		
	Book Value	Fair Value Uplift	Fair Value
	£	£	£
Syndicate Capacity	-	234,574	234,574
Underwriting losses payable to Syndicates	(10,050)	-	(10,050)
Other creditors	(4,798)	-	(4,798)
Accruals and deferred income	(5,088)	-	(5,088)
Deferred tax	-	(58,644)	(58,644)
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Net assets acquired	(19,936)	175,931	155,995
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Goodwill			90,047
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Consideration			£246,041
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Consideration satisfied by:			<hr/> <hr/>
Equity issued: 275,000 Ordinary A shares of 86p each			236,500
Acquisition costs			9,541
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			£246,041
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The accounting for the acquisition has been completed. The revaluation of the capacity reflects its fair value according to the latest auction price at the time of acquisition.



24. Acquisitions (continued)

Acquisition of B Heywood LLP

On 7 November 2022 Talisman Underwriting PLC acquired 100% of the interest in B Heywood LLP for a total consideration of £572,045. The total adjustment required to the book values of the assets and liabilities of B Heywood LLP in order to present the net assets at fair values and in accordance with group accounting principles was £409,172, details of which are set out below. The purchase has been accounted for as an acquisition.

B Heywood LLP contributed £Nil to the Group's profit after tax for the year.

	Book and fair values		
	Book Value	Fair Value Uplift	Fair Value
	£	£	£
Syndicate Capacity	-	545,563	545,563
Cash	214	-	214
Underwriting profits due from syndicates	38,853	-	38,853
Accruals and deferred income	(8,819)	-	(8,819)
Deferred tax	-	(136,391)	(136,391)
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Net assets acquired	30,248	409,172	439,420
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Goodwill			132,642
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Consideration			£572,045
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Consideration satisfied by:			
Equity issued: 654,000 Ordinary A shares of 86p each			562,440
Acquisition costs			9,605
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			£572,045
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The accounting for the acquisition has been completed. The revaluation of the capacity reflects its fair value according to the latest auction price at the time of acquisition.

25. Post balance sheet events

There are no post balance sheet events.

