

Annual report and financial statements

Lanark Master Issuer PLC

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Strategic report

The Directors of Lanark Master Issuer PLC (the “Company”) present their strategic report for the year ended 30 September 2021.

Principal activities and business structure

The Company is a Special Purpose Vehicle (“SPV”) which was established as part of Clydesdale Bank PLC’s (“CB PLC”) Lanark Residential Mortgage Backed Securities Programme (the “Programme”). The Programme was established primarily for the purpose of raising wholesale funding for the Programme Originator (“Originator”) CB PLC.

The Company is incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 and registered in England and Wales as a public limited company. It is a wholly owned subsidiary of Lanark Funding Limited (“LFL”), the immediate parent entity, which is incorporated under the Companies Act 2006. The ultimate controlling entity is Virgin Money UK PLC (“VMUK PLC”). VMUK PLC and its subsidiary undertakings, which include CB PLC, comprise the Virgin Money UK PLC Group (“Group”). Further detail of the group structure is disclosed in note 1.1.

The principal activity of the Company is the issuance of limited recourse class A and class Z Residential Mortgage Backed Loan Notes (the “Notes”), under the Programme, for onward lending to LFL. The Notes in issue have a legal maturity date of December 2069. The class A Notes are listed on the London Stock Exchange. The proceeds of the Notes were advanced via Global Intercompany Loans (“Intercompany Loans”) to LFL who applied the proceeds to acquire interests in a pool of residential mortgage loans held on trust by Lanark Trustees Limited (“LTL”).

The Programme documentation relating to the Programme structure defines certain prescribed roles and terms and should be read in conjunction with these financial statements. The Programme documentation can be found at: <https://www.virginmoneyukplc.com/investor-relations/debt-investors/securitisation-lanark/>.

Financial analysis

During the year the Programme issued no new Notes or associated Intercompany Loans. There were scheduled repayments of £1,313m including the full redemption of Notes 2015-1 2A, 2017-1 1A, 2018-2 1A, 2019-1 1A1 and 2019-1 1A2 and the associated Intercompany Loans.

The class A Notes and associated Intercompany Loans are subject to controlled amortisation and bullet repayments, with the maximum repayment on each payment date set out in the Programme documentation. Repayments are ultimately dependent on there being sufficient principal receipts from the borrowers under the underlying mortgage loans in the Trust Property or Originator cash contributions as outlined in the Programme documentation. The Company is only obliged to make repayments of interest and principal in respect of the Intercompany Loans, to the extent that repayments are received from CB PLC in respect of the deemed loan or applicable reserve funds are available.

The Company receives income from the Intercompany Loans, in line with the requirements of the Notes. Under the terms of the Programme, the Company is entitled to retain a pre-determined profit balance (before the net effect of fair value gains and losses). For the year ended 30 September 2021 this equated to £12,000 (2020: £12,000). Additional income required to meet the pre-defined profit balance accrues from LFL as deferred consideration of £3,320,000 (2020: £4,265,000). Deferred consideration is described in note 1.4 to the financial statements.

The combined performance of the receipts under the Intercompany Loan and payments made on the Notes has been in line with expectations.

The profit before tax for the year of £647,000 (2020: £178,000 loss) was due to the net effect of the fair value gain of £635,000 (2020: £190,000 loss). The gain results from fair value movements on the cross currency swaps which are designated in fair value hedge relationships and is excluded from the calculation of pre-determined profit as the effect is expected to unwind over the life of the swaps.

Key performance indicators (“KPIs”)

The Company’s Directors are of the opinion that analysis using KPIs is not necessary for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the Company.

Section 172(1) statement

In accordance with the Companies Act 2006 (as amended by the Companies (Miscellaneous Reporting) Regulations 2018), the Directors provide this statement describing how they have had regard to the matters set out in section 172(1) when performing their duty to promote the success of the Company.

In accordance with the Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (as amended by the Companies (Miscellaneous Reporting) Regulations 2018), this statement also provides details of how the Directors have engaged with and had regard to the interest of key stakeholders. In accordance with section 426B of the Companies Act 2006, this statement is also available at <https://www.virginmoneyukplc.com/investor-relations/>.

Strategic report (continued)

Section 172(1) statement (continued)

As an SPV, the governance structure and key policies to achieve the objectives of section 172(1) were set out in the Programme documentation at inception of the Programme. Therefore, compliance with the Programme documentation ensures regard for the matters set out in section 172(1) as follows:

- The programme documentation sets out the principal transactions that will be undertaken to achieve the purpose and objectives of the Company, while ensuring the Company's assets are safeguarded;
- The Company has appointed third parties to perform various roles as specified in the Programme documentation. Fees and conditions were agreed at inception and are paid in line with the Programmes' priority of payments schedule;
- In accordance with the securitisation tax regime, the Company is only permitted to retain minimal profit;
- The limited nature and range of activities of an SPV, mean the Company has no employees and engagement with community and environmental stakeholders is not relevant for consideration; and
- The Company has a sole member, LFL, which also forms part of the Programme. CB PLC is the originator of the Programme and where matters impact the wider Group, stakeholder engagement is led by the VMUK PLC Board.

Future developments

The Company was established to issue Notes under the Programme. The Directors continue to monitor the economic environment and financial markets with regard to the further issuance of Notes. No changes in future activities are envisaged.

Whilst constructive macroeconomic trends such as increased consumer spending, gross domestic product growth and a house price index increase contributed to an improving economic picture for 2021, there is still uncertainty surrounding the removal of government support measures for customers such as the furlough scheme which may lead to adverse economic conditions in the short term.

There continues to be an appetite for a Scottish independence referendum, with the Scottish Government recently announcing that a new referendum could take place by 2023. The Company will continue to closely monitor developments.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The Company is exposed to changes in market variables such as floating rate interest obligations arising from pounds sterling ("GBP") Notes and exchange rate movements on United States Dollar ("USD") and Euro ("EUR") Notes. These risks are mitigated by the terms of the Intercompany Loans to LFL, by the limited recourse nature of the Notes issued and by the use of cross currency swaps. The main features of the Company's internal control and risk management systems are set out in note 4.3.

The risks and challenges identified in the financial statements do not represent an exhaustive list of the risks and issues associated with the Company. Other risks and issues not specifically referenced may adversely impact the future financial position and performance of the Company. Accordingly, no assurances or guarantees of future performance, profitability or returns on capital are given by the Company.

Financial risk management

The Company's principal financial assets are the Intercompany Loans and the risks associated are the potential impairments in the carrying value of the underlying assets which LFL acquired and the floating rate interest obligations under the Notes issued. The financial risk management policies are discussed further in note 4.3 to the financial statements.

This report was approved by the Board of Directors on 20 January 2022 and was signed on its behalf by:



Sunil Masson

Director

20 January 2022

Directors' report

The Directors present their report and the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 30 September 2021.

Corporate governance

The Directors have been charged with governance in accordance with the Programme documentation, describing the structure and operation of the Programme. The governance structure of the Company is such that the key policies have been predetermined at inception and the operational roles have been assigned to third parties with their roles strictly governed by the Programme documentation.

The Programme documentation provides procedures that have been designed for safeguarding assets against unauthorised use or disposition; for maintaining proper accounting records; and for the reliability and usefulness of financial information used within the business or for publication. Such procedures are designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives whilst enabling them to comply with the regulatory obligations.

Due to the nature of the securities which have been issued and the structure of the entity, the Company is largely exempt from the requirements of the Financial Conduct Authority pertaining to the Disclosure and Transparency Rules as detailed in DTR 7.1 *Audit committees* and 7.2 *Corporate governance statements* (save for the rule DTR 7.2.5 requiring description of the features of the internal control and risk management systems), which would otherwise require the Company to have an audit committee in place and include a corporate governance statement in the Directors' report. The Directors are therefore satisfied that there is no requirement for an audit committee or supervisory body entrusted to carry out the functions of an audit committee.

The main features of the Company's internal control and risk management system are set out in note 4.3.

Profits and appropriations

The statement of comprehensive income for the year is set out on page 11.

The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend for the year under review (2020: £Nil).

Future developments, principal risks and financial risk management objectives and policies

Information regarding future developments, principal risks and financial risk management objectives and policies of the Company in relation to the use of financial instruments that would otherwise be required to be disclosed in the Directors' report, and which is incorporated into this report by reference, can be found in the strategic report.

Directors and Directors' interests

The Directors of the Company during the year and up to the date on which the financial statements were approved are shown on page 1.

Directors' interests

None of the Directors had any interest either during the year or at the end of the year in any material contract or arrangement with the Company.

Appointments and resignations

There have been no appointments or resignations during the year.

Directors' remuneration

None of the Directors were directly remunerated by the Company in respect of their duties as Directors of the Company. However, during the year, a fee in the amount of £7,000 (2020: £5,000) was expensed to Vistra (UK) Limited, for the provision of corporate administration services, including services of two Directors to the Company. In relation to the remaining Director, their service to the Company was performed as part of their employment with CB PLC and no remuneration was earned in respect of qualifying services provided to the Company. CB PLC has not recharged the Company for the cost of this service.

Company secretary

The Company secretary during the year, and subsequently, was Sunil Masson.

Third party indemnities

A qualifying third party indemnity provision for the benefit of the Directors was in force during the year and remains in force as at the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

Employees

The Company does not have any employees.

Directors' report (continued)

Stakeholder engagement

In accordance with the Companies Act 2006 (as amended by the Companies (Miscellaneous Reporting) Regulations 2018), the Directors provide this statement on pages 2-3 describing how they have had regard to the matters set out in section 172(1) when performing their duty to promote the success of the Company.

In accordance with the Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (as amended by the Companies (Miscellaneous Reporting) Regulations 2018), this statement also provides details of how the Directors have engaged with and had regard to the interest of key stakeholders.

The Company is a controlled entity of VMUK PLC, and as such follows many of the processes and practices of this company, which are further referenced in this statement where relevant. In accordance with section 426B of the Companies Act 2006, this statement is also available at <https://www.virginmoneyukplc.com/investor-relations/>.

Political donations

No political donations were made throughout the year (2020: £Nil).

Research and development costs

The Company does not undertake formal research and development activities.

Related parties

Details of related party transactions are set out in note 4.2 of the financial statements.

Share capital

Information about share capital is shown in note 3.9.

Going concern

The Directors have made an assessment of the Company's ability to continue as a going concern and are satisfied that the Company has the resources to continue in business for 12 months from the approval of the financial statements.

The Company's use of the going concern basis for preparation of the accounts is discussed in note 1.3.

Events after the balance sheet date

There have been no significant events between 30 September 2021 and the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements which would require a change to or additional disclosure in the financial statements.

Auditors and disclosure of information to the auditors

The Directors who were members of the Board at the time of approving the Directors' report are listed on page 1. Having made enquiries of fellow Directors and of the Company's auditors, each of these Directors confirms that:

- to the best of each Director's knowledge and belief, there is no information relevant to the preparation of their report of which the Company's auditors are unaware; and
- each Director has taken all the steps a Director might reasonably be expected to have taken to be aware of relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

The auditor, Ernst & Young LLP ("EY LLP") has expressed their willingness to continue in office until the next annual general meeting ("AGM"). Pursuant to section 489 of the Companies Act 2006, a resolution for the reappointment of EY LLP will be proposed at the forthcoming AGM of the Company.

This report was approved by the Board of Directors on 20 January 2022 and was signed on its behalf by:



Sunil Masson

Director

20 January 2022

Statement of Directors' responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for preparing the strategic report, Directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

UK company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with International Accounting Standards ("IAS") in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. Under company law the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and the profit or loss of the Company for that period. In preparing these financial statements the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies in accordance with IAS 8: Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors and then apply them consistently;
- present information, including accounting policies, in a manner that provides relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable information;
- provide additional disclosures when compliance with the specific requirements in International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") is insufficient to enable users to understand the impact of particular transactions, other events and conditions on the financial position and financial performance;
- state whether IAS in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable; and
- make an assessment of the Company's ability to continue as a going concern and prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is appropriate to presume that the Company will not continue in business.

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

Under UK company law and regulations, the Directors are also responsible for preparing a strategic report, and Directors' report, that comply with that law and those regulations.

This statement was approved by the Board of Directors on 20 January 2022 and was signed on its behalf by:



Sunil Masson

Director

20 January 2022

Independent auditor's report to the members of Lanark Master Issuer PLC

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Lanark Master Issuer PLC for the year ended 30 September 2021 which comprise the statement of comprehensive income, balance sheet, statement of changes in equity, statement of cash flows and the related notes 1.1 to 4.4, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and International Accounting Standards in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the Company's affairs as at 30 September 2021 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standards in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006; 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 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 as applied to listed public interest entities, 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 directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate. Our evaluation of the directors' assessment of the Company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting included an evaluation of Management's going concern assessment.

We reviewed Management's going concern assessment, taking into consideration the nature of the entity and its operations, its financial performance and position, including verifying the reasonableness of the key factors and assumptions which could affect the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. We examined Management's cashflow forecasts and compared these forecasts against our own assessment of the reasonable prospects of the entity. We additionally considered the recoverability of the assets of the Company, including the deemed loan asset.

We reviewed the Company's going concern disclosures included in the financial statements in order to assess whether the disclosures were appropriate and in conformity with the reporting standards.

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 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. However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

Overview of our audit approach

| | |
|-------------------|--|
| Key audit matters | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Performance and recoverability of the intercompany loan, including the impact of COVID-19. |
| Materiality | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overall materiality of £34.6m which represents 1% of total assets. |

An overview of the scope of our audit

Tailoring the scope

Our assessment of audit risk, our evaluation of materiality and our allocation of performance materiality determine our audit scope for the Company. This enables us to form an opinion on the financial statements. We take into account size, risk profile, the organisation of the Company and effectiveness of controls, including controls and changes in the business environment when assessing the level of work to be performed.

Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period and include the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement (whether or not due to fraud) that we identified. These matters included those which had the greatest effect on: the overall audit strategy, the allocation of resources in the audit; and directing the efforts of the engagement team. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Independent auditor's report to the members of Lanark Master Issuer PLC (continued)

| Risk | Our response to the risk | Key observations communicated to those charged with governance |
|--|---|--|
| <p>Performance and recoverability of the intercompany loan, including the impact of COVID-19</p> <p>Refer to Note 1.4 (page 17), Note 1.5 (page 19) and Note 3.1 (page 22) of the Financial Statements.</p> <p>The Company is a special purpose vehicle within a securitisation structure. It exists to advance intercompany funding to Lanark Funding Limited through the issuance of listed debt, which in turn then uses those funds to acquire a beneficial interest in a mortgage portfolio held by Lanark Trustees Limited.</p> <p>The interest and capital repayments on the intercompany loan are required to be received by the Company in order to service its external debt.</p> <p>Due to the significance of the intercompany loan (representing 99% of total assets) and the associated interest and capital repayments which may also be impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak, we considered the performance and recoverability of the loan to be a key audit matter.</p> | <p>We walked through the process and relevant controls by which the Directors assessed the expected credit losses for the intercompany loan in order to understand the assessment performed.</p> <p>We independently evaluated this assessment, which involved the following procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considering the terms of the intercompany loan between Lanark Master Issuer plc and Lanark Funding Limited, including the potential for any expected loss events under the Lanark programme. • Confirming that interest and principal repayments made during the period were recognised appropriately, completely and in accordance with the loan agreement. This included agreeing a sample of repayments to cash transactions in the period. • Examining the loan for any indicators of potential future losses, which involved looking through to the securitised mortgage loan portfolio from which intercompany loan repayments flow and assessing whether shortfalls in mortgage recoveries are expected. • Assessing the appropriateness of provisions for expected credit losses recognised by the Company and assessing the sufficiency and completeness of disclosures of the risk to the intercompany loan. • Assessing the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on the recoverability of the intercompany loan in respect of expected credit losses measurement. This involved evaluating management's COVID-19 assessment and reviewing the financial statement disclosures to determine whether they were consistent with the management's assessment of the potential impact of COVID-19 on the Company and in accordance with the requirements of applicable accounting standards. | <p>We concluded to those charged with governance that, based on the procedures performed, we were satisfied that the intercompany loan was not materially misstated as at 30 September 2021.</p> <p>We concluded that the financial statement disclosures in respect of the ongoing impact of COVID-19 are appropriate and in accordance with the requirements of applicable accounting standards.</p> |

Our application of materiality

We apply the concept of materiality in planning and performing the audit, in evaluating the effect of identified misstatements on the audit and in forming our audit opinion.

Materiality

The magnitude of an omission or misstatement that, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of the users of the financial statements. Materiality provides a basis for determining the nature and extent of our audit procedures.

We determined materiality for the company to be £34.6m (2020: £48.1m), which is 1% (2020: 1%) of total assets. We believe that the use of total assets is appropriate since the entity is a special purpose vehicle that is structured to make a nominal profit, and so the most relevant aspect of the entity is its assets.

Performance materiality

The application of materiality at the individual account or balance level. It is set at an amount to reduce to an appropriately low level the probability that the aggregate of uncorrected and undetected misstatements exceeds materiality.

On the basis of our risk assessments, together with our assessment of the company's overall control environment, our judgement was that performance materiality was 75% (2020: 75%) of our planning materiality, namely £25.9m (2020: £35.9m). We have set performance materiality at this percentage due to our previous experience as auditors of the Company, from which we concluded that there is a lower expectation of material financial statement misstatements due to the effective control environment and no material audit differences resulting from our prior period and current period work.

Independent auditor's report to the members of Lanark Master Issuer PLC (continued)

Our application of materiality (continued)

Reporting threshold

An amount below which identified misstatements are considered as being clearly trivial.

We agreed with those charged with governance that we would report to them all uncorrected audit differences in excess of £1.7m (2020: £2.4m), which is set at 5% of planning materiality, as well as differences below that threshold that, in our view, warranted reporting on qualitative grounds.

We evaluate any uncorrected misstatements against both the quantitative measures of materiality discussed above and in light of other relevant qualitative considerations in forming our opinion.

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 contained within the annual report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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 course of 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 themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

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

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 6, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the 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 company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

Independent auditor's report to the members of Lanark Master Issuer PLC (continued)

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect irregularities, including fraud. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the Company and management.

Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the Company and determined that the most significant are International Accounting Standards in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Companies Act 2006, the UK Listing Rules of the London Stock Exchange, Market Abuse Regulations, Transparency Regulations, and Tax legislation.
- We understood how the Company is complying with those frameworks by making inquiries of management and those charged with governance.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the Company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by considering the controls that the Company has established to address risks identified by the entity or that otherwise seek to prevent, deter or detect fraud.
- Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations. Our procedures involved inquiries of legal counsel, executive management and internal audit for their awareness of any known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations. We performed journal entry testing in order to detect instances of fraud. We also performed focused testing, as referred to in the Key Audit Matters section above.
- The Company operates in the capital markets industry which is a regulated environment. As such, the Senior statutory auditor considered the experience and expertise of the engagement team to ensure that the team had appropriate competence and capabilities.

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

Other matters we are required to address

- We were appointed by the Company on 30 September 2008 to audit the financial statements for the period ending on that date and subsequent financial periods.
- The period of total uninterrupted engagement including previous renewals and reappointments is 14 years, covering the periods ending 30 September 2008 to 30 September 2021.
- The non-audit services prohibited by the FRC's Ethical Standard were not provided to the Company and we remain independent of the Company in conducting the audit.

Use of our report

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



Blake Adlem (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP, Statutory Auditor
Edinburgh
24 January 2022

**Statement of comprehensive income
for the year ended 30 September**

| | Note | 2021 £'000 | 2020 £'000 |
|---|------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Interest income | 2.2 | 39,657 | 64,457 |
| Interest expense | 2.3 | <u>(39,150)</u> | <u>(63,907)</u> |
| Operating income | | 507 | 550 |
| Operating expenses | 2.4 | (495) | (538) |
| Net gains and losses from hedging relationships | 3.5 | <u>635</u> | <u>(190)</u> |
| Profit/(loss) before tax | | 647 | (178) |
| Tax (expense)/credit | 2.5 | <u>(2)</u> | <u>75</u> |
| Profit/(loss) after tax | | <u>645</u> | <u>(103)</u> |
| Items that may be reclassified to the income statement: | | | |
| <u>Change in cash flow hedge reserve</u> | | | |
| Effective portion of changes in fair value of cross currency swaps | | (27,602) | (58,938) |
| Transfers to the income statement | | 28,418 | 58,759 |
| Taxation thereon | | - | - |
| Total items that may be reclassified to the income statement | | <u>816</u> | <u>(179)</u> |
| Other comprehensive income/(loss) net of taxation | | 816 | (179) |
| Total comprehensive income/(loss) attributable to equity holders | | <u>1,461</u> | <u>(282)</u> |

The notes on pages 15 to 37 form part of these financial statements.

**Balance sheet
as at 30 September**

| | Note | 2021 £'000 | 2020 £'000 |
|-------------------------------------|------|------------------|------------------|
| Assets | | | |
| Intercompany Loans | 3.1 | 3,414,725 | 4,727,834 |
| Derivative financial assets | 3.5 | - | 36,141 |
| Other assets | 3.2 | 44,160 | 40,867 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 3.3 | 4,839 | 5,594 |
| Current tax asset | | - | 75 |
| Total assets | | 3,463,724 | 4,810,511 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Notes in issue | 3.4 | 3,399,994 | 4,761,686 |
| Derivative financial liabilities | 3.5 | 13,638 | - |
| Start-up loan | 3.6 | - | 500 |
| Other liabilities | 3.7 | 49,116 | 48,812 |
| Current tax liability | | 2 | - |
| Total liabilities | | 3,462,750 | 4,810,998 |
| Equity | | | |
| Share capital | 3.9 | 13 | 13 |
| Cash flow hedge reserve | | - | (816) |
| Retained earnings | | 961 | 316 |
| Total equity | | 974 | (487) |
| Total liabilities and equity | | 3,463,724 | 4,810,511 |

The notes on pages 15 to 37 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 20 January 2022 and was signed on its behalf by:



Sunil Masson

Director

20 January 2022

Company No: 06302751

Statement of changes in equity

| | Share capital £'000 | Cash flow hedge reserve £'000 | Retained earnings £'000 | Total £'000 |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Balance at 30 September 2019 | 13 | (637) | 419 | (205) |
| Total comprehensive loss for the year | - | (179) | (103) | (282) |
| Balance at 30 September 2020 | <u>13</u> | <u>(816)</u> | <u>316</u> | <u>(487)</u> |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | - | 816 | 645 | 1,461 |
| Balance at 30 September 2021 | <u>13</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>961</u> | <u>974</u> |

The notes on pages 15 to 37 form part of these financial statements.

**Statement of cash flows
for the year ended 30 September**

| | Note | 2021 £'000 | 2020 £'000 |
|---|------|--------------------|---------------|
| Operating activities | | | |
| Profit/(loss) before tax | | 647 | (178) |
| <i>Adjustments for non-cash movements included in profit/(loss) before tax:</i> | | | |
| Interest income | 2.2 | (39,657) | (64,457) |
| Interest expense | 2.3 | 39,150 | 63,907 |
| Net gains and losses | 2.5 | (635) | 190 |
| <i>Adjustments to working capital:</i> | | | |
| Changes in operating assets | 4.1 | 26 | (60) |
| Changes in operating liabilities | 4.1 | 573 | 4,760 |
| Tax received/(paid) | | 75 | (79) |
| Net cash flows provided by operating activities | | 179 | 4,083 |
| Investing activities | | | |
| Increase in Intercompany Loans issued | | - | (1,072,678) |
| Principal repayment of Intercompany Loans | | 1,312,876 | 857,977 |
| Interest received on Intercompany Loans | | 31,694 | 53,946 |
| Interest (paid)/received on cash and cash equivalents | | (5) | 23 |
| Net cash flows provided by/(used in) by investing activities | | 1,344,565 | (160,732) |
| Financing activities | | | |
| Issuance of Notes | 4.1 | - | 1,072,678 |
| Payment of transaction costs | 4.1 | (21) | (2,557) |
| Redemption of Notes | 4.1 | (1,312,876) | (857,977) |
| Interest paid on Notes | | (37,212) | (65,925) |
| Interest received on cross currency swaps | | 5,113 | 8,358 |
| Drawdown of start-up loan | 4.1 | - | 3,000 |
| Principal repayment of start-up loan | 4.1 | (500) | (6,004) |
| Interest paid on start-up loan | | (3) | (48) |
| Net cash flows (used in)/provided by financing activities | | (1,345,499) | 151,525 |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | | (755) | (5,124) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year | | 5,594 | 10,718 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of year | 3.3 | 4,839 | 5,594 |

The notes on pages 15 to 37 form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements

Section 1: Basis of preparation and accounting policies

1.1 General information

The Company is incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 as a public limited company and registered in England and Wales.

The immediate parent company is LFL, a company incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 and registered in England and Wales. The ultimate parent company is Vistra Capital Markets (Ireland) Limited ("Vistra Ltd"), a company incorporated and registered in the Republic of Ireland. Vistra Ltd does not consolidate the results of the Company.

CB PLC, a company incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 and registered in Scotland, is the Originator of the Programme. The smallest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that headed by CB PLC. The ultimate controlling entity is VMUK PLC, a company incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 and registered in England and Wales. VMUK PLC and its subsidiary undertakings, which include CB PLC, comprise the Virgin Money UK PLC Group. The Virgin Money UK PLC Group is the largest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated. The financial statements of VMUK PLC may be obtained from the registered office at Jubilee House, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 4PL.

1.2 Basis of accounting

The Company's financial statements, which should be read in conjunction with the strategic report and the Directors' report, have been prepared in accordance with IAS in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006¹. The financial information has been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the application of fair value measurements.

1.3 Going concern

The Company's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development, performance and position are set out in the strategic report. In addition, note 4.3 to the financial statements includes the Company's risk management objectives.

The Company has access to financial resources through its Intercompany Loans with LFL. It is the intention of the Directors of the Company to continue operations while the Programme supports the funding and liquidity needs of the Group. Negative retained earnings are solely related to the fair value movements of the economic hedging swap, which are expected to unwind over the life of the swap and should have no direct impact on the Company's ability to perform as a going concern. Due to the limited recourse nature of the Notes the ultimate risk is borne by the Noteholders, therefore any shortfall in the proceeds from the deemed loan will be a risk to the Noteholders rather than the Company.

The Directors believe the Company is well placed to manage its business risks successfully in line with the Programme documentation. Accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

1.4 Accounting policies

(a) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements of the Company are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (the 'functional currency'). The financial statements are presented in GBP, which is also the Company's presentation currency, rounded to the nearest thousand pounds ("£'000") unless otherwise stated.

(b) Foreign currency – transactions and balances

Initially, at the date of a foreign currency transaction, the Company records an asset, liability, expense or revenue arising from a transaction using the end of day spot exchange rate between the functional and foreign currency on the transaction date.

Subsequently, at each reporting date, the Company translates foreign currency monetary items at the closing rate. Foreign exchange ("FX") differences arising on translation or settlement of monetary items are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income during the period in which the gains or losses arise. Foreign currency non-monetary items measured at historical cost are translated at the date of the transaction. Foreign currency non-monetary items measured at fair value will be translated at the date when the fair value is determined. Foreign exchange differences are recognised directly in equity for non-monetary items where any component of associated gains or losses is recognised directly in equity.

(c) Interest income and interest expense

Interest income is reflected in the statement of comprehensive income using the effective interest rate ("EIR") method which discounts the estimated future cash payments or receipts over the expected life of the financial instrument to the gross carrying amount of the non-credit impaired financial asset. Interest expense is reflected in the statement of comprehensive income using the same EIR method on the amortised cost of the financial liability.

¹ As the Company's accounting year straddles 31 December 2020, the date the UK ceased to be subject to EU law, the 2021 published financial reports are required to follow EU adopted IFRS. From 1 October 2021, the Company will follow and refer only to UK adopted IAS, with the UK Endorsement Board being the body responsible for providing authorisation for the use of new International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") standards, amendments or interpretations in the UK from 1 January 2021. As at 30 September 2021, there were no material endorsement disparities between the UK and EU.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Section 1: Basis of preparation and accounting policies (continued)

1.4 Accounting policies (continued)

(c) Interest income and interest expense (continued)

When calculating the EIR, cash flows are estimated considering all contractual terms of the financial instrument (e.g. prepayment, call and similar options) excluding future Expected Credit Losses ("ECL"). The calculation includes all amounts paid or received that are an integral part of the EIR such as transaction costs and all other premiums or discounts. Where it is not possible to reliably estimate the cash flows or the expected life of a financial instrument (or group of financial instruments), the contractual cash flows over the full contractual term of the financial instrument (or group of financial instruments) are used.

Interest income and expense on hedged assets and liabilities are also recognised as part of net interest income.

Deferred consideration income from LFL

The deferred consideration income arises when the Company receives additional income from LFL to provide for the expenses of the Company and meet the pre-defined profit level. The deferred consideration paid to the Company is paid in priority to the deferred consideration LFL pays to the Programme Originator CB PLC as per the priority of payments in the Programme documentation. The income is included within interest income in the statement of comprehensive income and the balance is accrued as a receivable from LFL and derecognised once settled.

(d) Net gains and losses

Net gains and losses contain the fair value movement of the derivatives designated as fair value hedges and FX and fair value adjustments attributable to the hedged risk on hedged items. The net of these amounts represents hedge ineffectiveness for the year.

(e) Income tax

Income tax on the profit or loss for the year comprises current tax. Income tax is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income except to the extent that it is related to items recognised in equity, in which case the tax is also recognised in equity.

Income tax expense is the tax payable on the current year's taxable income based on the applicable tax rate adjusted by changes in deferred tax assets and liabilities and is based on the permanent tax regime for securitisation companies.

Current tax

Current tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

(f) Financial instruments

Recognition and derecognition

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised on the balance sheet when the Company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

The Company derecognises a financial asset when the contractual cash flows from the asset expire or it transfers the right to receive contractual cash flows on the financial asset in a transaction in which substantially all the risk and rewards of ownership are transferred. Financial liabilities are derecognised from the balance sheet when the Company has discharged its obligation to the contract, or the contract is cancelled or expires.

Classification and measurement

The Company measures a financial asset or liability on initial recognition at its fair value, plus or minus transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial asset or the financial liability (with the exception of financial assets or liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, where transaction costs are recognised directly in the statement of comprehensive income as they are incurred).

Financial assets

Subsequent accounting for a financial asset is determined by the classification of the asset depending on the underlying business model and contractual cash flow characteristics. This results in classification within one of the following categories: i) amortised cost, ii) fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI"), or iii) fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL"). The Company has no financial assets classified as FVOCI.

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost when (1) the asset is held within a business model whose objective is achieved by collecting contractual cash flows; and (2) the contractual terms give rise to cash flows on specified dates which are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding. Financial assets held at amortised cost are assessed for impairment using the ECL methodology. Further detail is provided in note 1.5

Notes to the financial statements (continued)**Section 1: Basis of preparation and accounting policies (continued)****1.4 Accounting policies (continued)****(f) Financial instruments (continued)***Financial assets (continued)*

A financial asset is measured at FVTPL if it (1) does not fall into the business model for amortised cost or FVOCI; (2) is specifically designated as FVTPL on initial recognition in order to eliminate or significantly reduce a measurement mismatch; or (3) is classified as held for trading.

The Company's cash and cash equivalents and Intercompany Loans are classified as financial assets at amortised cost. The derivative financial assets are designated in hedge relationships and classified as FVTPL.

Financial liabilities

All of the Company's financial liabilities are classified as financial liabilities at amortised cost, with the exception of derivative financial liabilities are designated in hedge relationships and classified as FVTPL.

Fair value measurement

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

When available, the Company measures the fair value of an instrument using quoted prices in an active market for that instrument. A market is regarded as active if transactions for the asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

Where no such active market exists for the particular asset or liability, the Company uses a valuation technique to arrive at the fair value, including the use of transaction prices obtained in recent arm's length transactions where possible, discounted cash flow analysis, option pricing models and other valuation techniques commonly used by market participants. In doing so, fair value is estimated using a valuation technique that makes maximum possible use of market inputs and that places minimal possible reliance upon entity-specific inputs.

The best evidence of the fair value of a financial instrument at initial recognition is the transaction price (i.e. the fair value of the consideration given or received) unless the fair value of that instrument is evidenced by comparison with other observable current market transactions in the same instrument (i.e. without modification or repackaging) or based on a valuation technique whose variables include only data from observable markets. When such evidence exists, the Company recognises profits or losses on the transaction date.

The carrying value of financial instruments at FVTPL reflects the credit risk attributable to the counterparty. Changes in the credit profile of the counterparty are reflected in the fair value of the instrument and recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

(g) Intercompany Loans

The loans issued under the terms of the Global Intercompany Loan Agreement with LFL comprise the Intercompany Loans. The Intercompany Loans are initially recognised on the balance sheet at the fair value of the proceeds received and subsequently measured at amortised cost.

(h) Other assets

Other assets include intercompany receivables and pre-paid expenses, which are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost.

(i) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are measured at amortised cost and are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows have expired or the Company has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership. For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise balances with less than three months' maturity from the date of acquisition.

(j) Notes in issue

The Residential Mortgage Backed Securities in issue comprise the Notes. The Notes are initially recorded in the balance sheet at the fair values of proceeds received net of any transaction costs. On subsequent reporting dates, the Notes are measured at amortised cost. The EIR has been calculated based on the assumption that the Notes will be fully redeemed on the step-up date.

The accrual for interest payable on the Notes is recognised unless the collectability of the income from the underlying assets in which the proceeds from the limited recourse Notes were invested is in doubt, in which case no interest expense is recognised as there is no obligation to pay interest to the Noteholders in those circumstances.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Section 1: Basis of preparation and accounting policies (continued)

1.4 Accounting policies (continued)

(k) Derivative financial instruments and hedge accounting

The Company uses derivative financial instruments to manage exposure to interest rate and foreign currency risk. Interest rate risk arises when there is a mismatch between fixed interest rate and floating interest rates, and different repricing characteristics between assets and liabilities. Currency risk arises when assets and liabilities are not denominated in the functional currency of the entity. Derivatives are recognised on the balance sheet at fair value on trade date and are remeasured at fair value throughout the life of the contract. Derivatives are carried as assets when the fair value is positive and as liabilities when the fair value is negative. The notional amount of a derivative contract is not recorded on the balance sheet but is disclosed in note 3.5.

Hedge Accounting

The hedging strategy of the Company is divided into cash flow and fair value hedges. Fair value hedges are designated as the hedging strategy on foreign currency denominated fixed rate debt issuances. Floating rate issuances that are denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the Group are designated in cash flow hedges with cross currency swaps.

Hedge ineffectiveness

Hedge ineffectiveness can arise from:

- Differences in timing of cash flows of hedged items and hedging instruments;
- Changes in expected timings and amounts of forecast future cash flows;
- Different interest rate curves applied to discount the hedged items and hedging instruments; and
- Derivatives used as hedging instruments having a non-zero fair value at the time of designation.

Other risks such as credit risk and liquidity risk are managed by the Company but are not included in the hedge accounting relationship. Changes in the designated risk component usually account for the largest portion of the overall change in fair value or cash flows of the hedged item.

Cash flow hedge

The effective portion of changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as cash flow hedges is recognised in equity. Specifically, the separate component of equity is adjusted to the lesser of the cumulative gain or loss on the hedging instrument, and the cumulative change in fair value of the expected future cash flows on the hedged item from the inception of the hedge. Any remaining gain or loss on the hedging instrument is recognised in the income statement. The carrying value of the hedged item is not adjusted. Amounts accumulated in equity are transferred to the income statement in the period in which the hedged item affects profit or loss.

There are no active micro cashflow hedges at the Company's balance sheet date.

Fair value hedge

The carrying value of the hedged item on initial designation is adjusted for the fair value attributable to the hedged risk. Subsequently, changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as fair value hedges are recorded in the income statement, together with any changes in the fair value of the hedged liability that are attributable to the hedged risk. This movement in the fair value of the hedged item is made as an adjustment to the carrying value of the hedged liability.

(l) Start-up loan

The start-up loan is a formal intercompany loan agreements between the Company and CB PLC. The loan is subject to the terms of the Start-up Loan Agreement. The start-up loan is recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost.

(m) Other liabilities

Other liabilities include non interest-bearing intercompany payables and accrued expenses, which are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost.

(n) Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of ordinary shares are recognised as a deduction from equity, net of tax effects.

(o) Capital management overview

The Company is not subject to externally imposed capital requirements outside the scope of Programme documentation. The Company considers its capital to reflect share capital which can be found in the balance sheet on page 12.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Section 1: Basis of preparation and accounting policies (continued)

1.5 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IAS requires the Directors to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses reported in these financial statements. Assumptions made at each balance sheet date are based on best estimates at that date and are reviewed by the Directors at each reporting date. Although the Company has internal control systems in place to ensure that estimates can be reliably measured, actual amounts may differ from those estimates. The most significant use of estimates and judgements relate to the following:

Fair value of financial instruments

Where the fair values of financial assets and liabilities recorded on the balance sheet cannot be derived from active markets, they are determined using a variety of valuation techniques that include the use of mathematical models. The inputs to these models are derived from observable market data where possible, but where observable market data is not available, judgement is required to establish fair values. The most significant inputs in relation to the Company's derivative financial instruments, impacting the carrying value are future expectations of interest rates. These are derived from observable market data. The valuation of these financial instruments is described in more detail in note 3.8.

Impairment of financial assets

At initial recognition, allowance is made for ECLs resulting from default events that are forecast within the next 12 months (12-month ECL). In the event of a significant increase in credit risk since origination, allowance (or provision) is made for ECLs resulting from all possible default event over the expected life of the financial instrument (lifetime ECL). In assessing a significant increase in credit risk, the Company monitors the level of credit enhancement within the programme as detailed in the monthly reporting, as well as consider the presence of any trigger events as per the Programme documentation.

Financial assets where 12-month ECL are recognised are considered to be Stage 1; financial assets which are considered to have experienced a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition are in Stage 2; and financial assets which have defaulted or are otherwise considered to be credit impaired are allocated to Stage 3.

Unlike other financial instruments, the Intercompany Loans are, by their construction, an instrument that incorporates credit enhancement. The interest due on the loans to related company is only due to the extent it matches the obligations of the entity. All securitisation programmes incorporate credit enhancement in the form of excess spread and various reserve funds for use in the event the excess spread for a particular payment period is insufficient. ECLs for these loans would only therefore be recognised where the ECLs on the underlying assets were large enough that no credit enhancement remained, which is not currently the case. As at 30 September 2021 management judges ECLs to be immaterial and as a result no ECL disclosures are presented.

1.6 New accounting standards & interpretations

(a) New accounting standards and interpretations adopted during the year

The Group has adopted a number of IASB pronouncements in the current financial year, none of which have had a material impact on the financial statements of the Company:

- amendments to International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") 3 'Business Combinations' issued October 2018 and effective for financial years beginning on or after 1 January 2020. This amendment revises the definition of a business and will assist in clarifying whether a transaction is an asset acquisition or a business combination; and
- amendment to IAS 1 and IAS 8 'Definition of Material' issued in October 2018 and effective prospectively for financial years beginning on or after 1 January 2020. The amendments are intended to make the definition of material easier to understand and are not intended to alter the underlying concept of materiality in IASs. The concept of obscuring material information with immaterial information has been included as part of the new definition.

Early adoption - Interest Rate Benchmark Reform – Phase 2 (Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39, IFRS 7, IFRS 4 and IFRS 16)

Following completion of the second part of the IASB's two-phased project, amendments were issued in August 2020 (adopted for use in both the UK and EU in January 2021) and effective for financial years beginning on or after 1 January 2021. The Group has early adopted these Phase 2 amendments this year, applied from 1 October 2020.

The Phase 2 amendments address issues that might affect financial reporting as a result of the reform of an interest rate benchmark, including the effects of changes to contractual cash flows or hedging relationships arising from the replacement of an interest rate benchmark with an alternative benchmark rate.

There was no impact on amounts reported in current or prior years as a result of early adoption of the Phase 2 amendments as the Company early adopted the Phase 1 amendments last year and has no remaining items which are subject to the interest rate benchmark reform.

(b) New accounting standards and interpretations not yet adopted

The IASB has issued a number of minor amendments to IFRSs that are not mandatory for the current financial year and have not been early adopted by the Company. These amendments are not expected to have a material impact for the Company and have therefore not been listed.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Section 2: Results for the year

2.1 Employee costs and Directors' emoluments

The Company does not have any employees thus there are no associated costs included within these financial statements (2020: £Nil). The administrative duties of the Company have been outsourced to an external services provider, Vistra (UK) Limited. Refer to page 4 for details of Directors' emoluments.

2.2 Interest income

| | 2021 £'000 | 2020 £'000 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Interest income on Intercompany Loans | 31,461 | 53,447 |
| Interest income on cross currency swaps | 4,876 | 6,722 |
| Deferred consideration income | 3,320 | 4,265 |
| Interest income on cash and cash equivalents | - | 23 |
| | <u>39,657</u> | <u>64,457</u> |

2.3 Interest expense

| | 2021 £'000 | 2020 £'000 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Interest expense on Notes | 36,340 | 60,164 |
| Amortisation charge (note 3.4) | 2,802 | 3,701 |
| Interest expense on start-up loans | 3 | 42 |
| Interest expense on cash and cash equivalents | 5 | - |
| | <u>39,150</u> | <u>63,907</u> |

2.4 Operating expenses

| | 2021 £'000 | 2020 £'000 |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Cash management fee | 100 | 100 |
| Other operating expenses | 395 | 438 |
| | <u>495</u> | <u>538</u> |

During the year, the company paid £20,000 (2020: £21,000) of audit fees which are included in other operating expenses.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Section 2: Results for the year (continued)

2.5 Income tax

The Company is taxable under The Taxation of Securitisation Companies Regulations 2006 ("Securitisation Regulations"), which is effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2007. As the payments condition has been satisfied at all times during the accounting year, the calculation of corporation tax is based upon the Company's retained profits.

The Company is entitled to retain an amount of £12,000 (2020: £12,000) before any net gains or losses as profit for the year ended 30 September 2021. This profit meets the definition of retained profits under the Securitisation Regulations and is taxable at the current taxation rate.

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| | £'000 | £'000 |
| Tax expense comprises: | | |
| Current tax expense/(credit) | <u>2</u> | <u>(75)</u> |
| The total charge for the year can be reconciled to the accounting profit as follows: | | |
| Profit/(loss) before tax | <u>647</u> | <u>(178)</u> |
| Income tax expense calculated at standard UK tax rate of 19% (2020: 19%) | <u>123</u> | <u>(34)</u> |
| <i>Effects of:</i> | | |
| Non-deductible (income)/expenses | <u>(121)</u> | 36 |
| Prior year adjustment | <u>-</u> | <u>(77)</u> |
| Income tax expense/(credit) recognised in the statement of comprehensive income | <u>2</u> | <u>(75)</u> |

The charge above has been calculated in accordance with the permanent regime for taxation of securitisation companies.

Since 1 April 2017, the statutory rate of UK corporation tax has been 19%. The previously enacted corporation tax reduction to 17% on 1 April 2020 was cancelled in the Budget of 11 March 2020, and a resolution effecting this passed by Parliament on 17 March 2020. An increase in the UK corporation rate from 19% to 25% (effective 1 April 2023) was substantively enacted on 24 May 2021. This will increase the Company's future current tax charge accordingly. The change to the tax rate has no impact on the amount disclosed in the financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Section 3: Assets, liabilities and capital

3.1 Intercompany Loans

The Company entered into a Global Intercompany Loan Agreement with the immediate parent company, LFL, pursuant to which the Company advanced the total of GBP equivalent cash proceeds received from the issue of the Notes in intercompany loan tranches to LFL.

| | 2021 £'000 | 2020 £'000 |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Principal balance | 3,414,068 | 4,726,944 |
| Accrued interest receivable | 657 | 890 |
| | <u>3,414,725</u> | <u>4,727,834</u> |

| Series and class of Intercompany Loans | Credit rating of associated Note | Initial principal amount £'000 | Interest | Margin | Step-up date | Adj margin |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|--------|------------------|------------|
| 2017-1 Class 2A | AAA rated | 800,000 | SONIA | 0.668% | 22 August 2022 | 1.218% |
| 2018-1 Class 2A | AAA rated | 285,000 | SONIA | 0.541% | 22 February 2023 | 0.961% |
| 2018-2 Class 2A | AAA rated | 250,000 | SONIA | 0.642% | 22 August 2023 | 1.162% |
| 2019-2 Class 1A | AAA rated | 197,628 | SONIA | 0.933% | 23 May 2022 | 1.866% |
| 2019-2 Class 2A | AAA rated | 300,000 | SONIA | 0.770% | 22 November 2022 | 1.540% |
| 2020-1 Class 1A | AAA rated | 191,307 | SONIA | 0.926% | 22 November 2022 | 1.852% |
| 2020-1 Class 2A | AAA rated | 800,000 | SONIA | 0.570% | 22 November 2023 | 1.140% |

Intercompany Loans linked to the class Z Variable Funding Note ("VFN") are also in existence. These are reassessed at the point of each issuance and have a rate of Daily Compounded SONIA plus 0.90%.

During the year the Programme issued no new Notes or associated Intercompany Loans. There were scheduled repayments of £1,313m including the full redemption of Notes 2015-1 2A, 2017-1 1A, 2018-2 1A, 2019-1 1A1 and 2019-1 1A2 and the associated Intercompany Loans.

The Intercompany Loans are repayable quarterly in order of priority starting from the class A tranches on a pro rata basis to the Class Z tranches, to the extent there are sufficient funds available in LFL.

The Intercompany Loans are interest-bearing and have a step-up provision for the interest margin. The adjusted margin is the rate that is payable if the principal is not paid by the step-up date. The ultimate maturity date for all loan tranches is December 2069.

Movements in the underlying Notes during the year are further disclosed in note 3.4.

3.2 Other assets

| | 2021 £'000 | 2020 £'000 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Deferred consideration receivable | 44,068 | 40,749 |
| Other receivables | 92 | 118 |
| | <u>44,160</u> | <u>40,867</u> |

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Section 3: Assets, liabilities and capital (continued)

3.3 Cash and cash equivalents

| | 2021 £'000 | 2020 £'000 |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | <u>4,839</u> | <u>5,594</u> |

The Company holds bank accounts with National Australia Bank. The accounts have been established in the Company's name for the following purposes:

- to hold the Company's available principal and revenue receipts until each quarterly Note payment date;
- to apply proceeds to pay various creditors in accordance with the relevant priority of payments; and
- to retain the remaining balance as the Company's profits and paid up share capital.

3.4 Notes in issue

| | 2021 £'000 | 2020 £'000 |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Principal balance | 3,395,435 | 4,753,020 |
| Hedging adjustment ⁽¹⁾ | 3,551 | 9,835 |
| Unamortised transaction costs | (2,434) | (5,483) |
| Accrued interest payable | 3,442 | 4,314 |
| | <u>3,399,994</u> | <u>4,761,686</u> |

⁽¹⁾ The hedging adjustment contains the life to date adjustments related to the interest rate risk and forward FX component of the hedge relationship, with the spot FX translation component included in the closing principal balance. The tables on page 24 include further disclosure of the movements in the spot FX component in the year.

| Series and class of Notes | Credit rating | Currency | Initial consideration '000 | Interest | Margin | Step-up date | Adj margin |
|---------------------------|---------------|----------|----------------------------|----------|--------|------------------|------------|
| 2017-1 Class 2A | AAA rated | GBP | 800,000 | SONIA | 0.668% | 22 August 2022 | 1.218% |
| 2018-1 Class 2A | AAA rated | GBP | 285,000 | SONIA | 0.541% | 22 February 2023 | 0.961% |
| 2018-2 Class 2A | AAA rated | GBP | 250,000 | SONIA | 0.642% | 22 August 2023 | 1.162% |
| 2019-2 Class 1A | AAA rated | USD | 197,628 | FIXED | 2.710% | 23 May 2022 | 1.340% |
| 2019-2 Class 2A | AAA rated | GBP | 300,000 | SONIA | 0.770% | 22 November 2022 | 1.540% |
| 2020-1 Class 1A | AAA rated | USD | 191,307 | FIXED | 2.277% | 22 November 2022 | 1.300% |
| 2020-1 Class 2A | AAA rated | GBP | 800,000 | SONIA | 0.570% | 22 November 2023 | 1.140% |

Credit enhancements in the form of class Z VFNs are also in existence. These are reassessed at the point of each issuance and have a rate of Daily Compounded SONIA plus 0.90%.

During the year the Programme issued no new Notes or associated Intercompany Loans. There were scheduled repayments of £1,313m including the full redemption of Notes 2015-1 2A, 2017-1 1A, 2018-2 1A, 2019-1 1A1 and 2019-1 1A2 and the associated Intercompany Loans.

The Notes are repayable quarterly in order of priority starting from the Class A tranches to the Class Z tranches, to the extent there are sufficient funds available.

The Notes are interest-bearing and have a step-up provision for the interest margin. The adjusted margin is the margin that is payable if the principal is not paid by the step-up date. The ultimate maturity date for all classes of Notes is December 2069.

The proceeds from each issue and class of Notes have been applied to fund a specified loan tranche of the Intercompany Loans, as discussed in note 3.1.

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3.4 Notes in issue (continued)

Movement in the year

| 2021 | Principal balance | Notes | Notes | FX | Principal balance |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Series and class of Notes | brought forward | issued | redeemed | movement ⁽¹⁾ | carried forward |
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| 2015-1 Class 2A | 117,808 | - | (112,678) | (5,130) | - |
| 2017-1 Class 1A | 386,250 | - | (386,250) | - | - |
| 2017-1 Class 2A | 800,000 | - | (64,000) | - | 736,000 |
| 2018-1 Class 2A | 285,000 | - | (5,700) | - | 279,300 |
| 2018-2 Class 1A | 154,637 | - | (143,596) | (11,041) | - |
| 2018-2 Class 2A | 250,000 | - | - | - | 250,000 |
| 2019-1 Class 1A1 | 175,900 | - | (165,504) | (10,396) | - |
| 2019-1 Class 1A2 | 245,000 | - | (245,000) | - | - |
| 2019-2 Class 1A | 193,296 | - | - | (8,145) | 185,151 |
| 2019-2 Class 2A | 300,000 | - | (72,000) | - | 228,000 |
| 2020-1 Class 1A | 193,296 | - | - | (8,145) | 185,151 |
| 2020-1 Class 2A | 800,000 | - | (120,000) | - | 680,000 |
| VFN 1 Class Z | 551,833 | - | - | - | 551,833 |
| VFN 2 Class Z | 300,000 | - | - | - | 300,000 |
| | 4,753,020 | - | (1,314,728) | (42,857) | 3,395,435 |

| 2020 | Principal balance | Notes | Notes | FX | Principal balance |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Series and class of Notes | brought forward | issued | redeemed | movement ⁽¹⁾ | carried forward |
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| 2014-2 Class 2A | 191,125 | - | (191,125) | - | - |
| 2015-1 Class 2A | 191,147 | - | (75,486) | 2,147 | 117,808 |
| 2017-1 Class 1A | 637,500 | - | (251,250) | - | 386,250 |
| 2017-1 Class 2A | 800,000 | - | - | - | 800,000 |
| 2018-1 Class 1A | 156,104 | - | (147,512) | (8,592) | - |
| 2018-1 Class 2A | 285,000 | - | - | - | 285,000 |
| 2018-2 Class 1A | 247,164 | - | (81,580) | (10,947) | 154,637 |
| 2018-2 Class 2A | 250,000 | - | - | - | 250,000 |
| 2019-1 Class 1A1 | 246,623 | - | (59,553) | (11,170) | 175,900 |
| 2019-1 Class 1A2 | 326,667 | - | (81,667) | - | 245,000 |
| 2019-2 Class 1A | 203,260 | - | - | (9,964) | 193,296 |
| 2019-2 Class 2A | 300,000 | - | - | - | 300,000 |
| 2020-1 Class 1A | - | 190,876 | - | 2,420 | 193,296 |
| 2020-1 Class 2A | - | 800,000 | - | - | 800,000 |
| VFN 1 Class Z | 470,462 | 81,371 | - | - | 551,833 |
| VFN 2 Class Z | 300,000 | - | - | - | 300,000 |
| | 4,605,052 | 1,072,247 | (888,173) | (36,106) | 4,753,020 |

⁽¹⁾ The foreign exchange movement includes both realised movements on Notes redeemed during the year and unrealised movements on Notes held at the end of the year.

Interest

Interest is payable quarterly in arrears. The payment of interest on the Notes is dependent on the receipt of income from the underlying loan tranches under the Intercompany Loans. If the Company does not receive income from the underlying loan tranches there is no obligation to pay interest to the Noteholders or the swap counterparty.

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3.4 Notes in issue (continued)

Redemption

Redemption of the Notes will be made from the principal proceeds received from LFL on the relevant payment date, in accordance to the seniority of the Notes and availability of funds.

Limited recourse and segregation of assets and liabilities

The Notes are limited in recourse to the swap agreements and to the underlying Intercompany Loans held pursuant to each class of Notes. Following termination of a swap agreement and its enforcement against the counterparty and the enforcement of the Global Intercompany Loan Agreement against LFL, there will be no other assets of the Company available to meet any outstanding claims of the Noteholders, who will bear any shortfall pro rata to their holdings of Notes.

The Noteholders of each class therefore cannot claim against the assets of any other classes of Notes.

Unamortised transaction costs

| | 2021 £'000 | 2020 £'000 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Opening balance | 5,483 | 7,842 |
| Capitalisation of transaction costs | (247) | 1,342 |
| Amortisation charge (note 2.3) | (2,802) | (3,701) |
| Closing balance | <u>2,434</u> | <u>5,483</u> |

3.5 Derivative financial instruments

Use of derivatives

The Company enters into certain derivative financial instruments, which are designated into hedge accounting relationships. These derivatives hedge foreign currency risk on the principal and interest of the Notes.

| | 2021 £'000 | 2020 £'000 |
|--|-----------------|---------------|
| Fair value of derivative financial instruments | | |
| Designated as hedging instruments | <u>(13,638)</u> | <u>36,141</u> |

The derivative financial instruments held by the Company are further analysed below. The notional contract amount is the amount from which the cash flows are derived and does not represent the principal amounts at risk relating to these contracts.

| | 2021 | | | 2020 | | |
|--|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Notional contract amount £'000 | Fair value of assets £'000 | Fair value of liabilities £'000 | Notional contract amount £'000 | Fair value of assets £'000 | Fair value of liabilities £'000 |
| CASH FLOW HEDGES | | | | | | |
| Cross currency swaps | - | - | - | 419,926 | 27,812 | - |
| FAIR VALUE HEDGES | | | | | | |
| Cross currency interest rate swaps | 388,935 | - | (13,638) | 388,935 | 8,329 | - |
| Total derivatives designated as hedging instruments | 388,935 | - | (13,638) | 808,861 | 36,141 | - |

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3.5 Derivative financial instruments (continued)

The below table discloses the impact derivatives held in micro hedging relationships are expected to have on the timing and uncertainty of future cash flows. All notional principal amounts and carrying values are presented gross, prior to any netting permitted for balance sheet presentation as this reflects the derivative position used for risk management and the impact on future cash flows.

There are no active micro cashflow hedges at the Company's balance sheet date. The following micro cashflow hedges existed in the prior year.

| 2020 | 3 months or less | 3 to 12 months | 1 to 5 years | Total |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------|
| CASH FLOW HEDGES | | | | |
| Foreign exchange risk | | | | |
| Cross currency swaps | | | | |
| <i>Notional principal (£,000)</i> | 184,583 | 235,343 | - | 419,926 |
| Average GBP/EUR rate | 1.4149 | 1.4149 | - | n/a |
| Average GBP/USD rate | 1.3023 | 1.2984 | - | n/a |

Summary of hedging instruments in designated hedge relationships

In the below table, the Company sets out the accumulated adjustments arising from the corresponding continuing hedge relationships, irrespective of whether there has been a change in hedge designation during the year.

| | 2021 | | | | 2020 | | | |
|--|---|--|----------------------|---|---|--|----------------------|---|
| | Notional contract amount £'000 | Carrying amount of hedging instrument | | Change in fair value of hedging instrument in the year used for ineffectiveness measurement £'000 | Notional contract amount £'000 | Carrying amount of hedging instrument | | Change in fair value of hedging instrument in the year used for ineffectiveness measurement £'000 |
| | | Assets £'000 | Liabilities £'000 | | | Assets £'000 | Liabilities £'000 | |
| CASH FLOW HEDGES | | | | | | | | |
| Foreign exchange risk | | | | | | | | |
| Cross currency swaps | - | - | - | (27,602) | 419,926 | 27,812 | - | (58,938) |
| FAIR VALUE HEDGES | | | | | | | | |
| Foreign exchange and interest rate risk | | | | | | | | |
| Cross currency swaps | 388,935 | - | (13,638) | (21,940) | 388,935 | 8,329 | - | (189) |

Summary of hedged items in designated hedge relationships

In the below tables, the Company sets out the accumulated adjustments arising from the corresponding continuing hedge relationships, irrespective of whether there has been a change in hedge designation during the year.

| | 2021 | | | 2020 | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Change in fair value of hedged item in the year used for ineffectiveness measurement £'000 | Cash flow hedge reserve | | Change in fair value of hedged item in the year used for ineffectiveness measurement £'000 | Cash flow hedge reserve | |
| | | Continuing hedges £'000 | Discontinued hedges £'000 | | Continuing hedges £'000 | Discontinued hedges £'000 |
| CASH FLOW HEDGES | | | | | | |
| Foreign exchange risk | | | | | | |
| Floating rate currency issuances | 28,418 | - | - | 58,759 | (816) | - |

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3.5 Derivative financial instruments (continued)

Summary of hedged items in designated hedge relationships (continued)

| | 2021 | | | | 2020 | | | |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------|---|--|---------------------------------|-------------|---|--|
| | Carrying amount of hedged items | | Accumulated amount of fair value adjustments on the hedged item | Change in fair value of hedged item in the year used for ineffectiveness measurement | Carrying amount of hedged items | | Accumulated amount of fair value adjustments on the hedged item | Change in fair value of hedged item in the year used for ineffectiveness measurement |
| | Assets | Liabilities | | | Assets | Liabilities | | |
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| FAIR VALUE HEDGES | | | | | | | | |
| Foreign exchange and interest rate risk | | | | | | | | |
| Fixed rate currency issuances | - | 374,326 | 15,083 | 22,575 | - | 396,331 | 9,835 | (1) |

Gains and losses from hedge accounting

| | 2021 | | | | | 2020 | | | | |
|--|--|--|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Hedge ineffectiveness recognised in income statement | Effective portion recognised in other comprehensive income | Reclassified into income as | | Net interest income | Hedge ineffectiveness recognised in income statement | Effective portion recognised in other comprehensive income | Reclassified into income as | | Net interest income |
| | | | Net interest income | Non interest income | | | | Net interest income | Non interest income | |
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| CASH FLOW HEDGES | | | | | | | | | | |
| Foreign exchange risk | | | | | | | | | | |
| Floating rate currency issuances | - | (27,602) | - | (28,418) | - | (58,938) | - | (58,759) | | |
| FAIR VALUE HEDGES | | | | | | | | | | |
| Foreign exchange and interest rate risk | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fixed rate currency issuances | 635 | n/a | n/a | n/a | (190) | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | |

Interest rate benchmark reform

As at 30 September 2021, the Company has no items which are subject to the interest rate benchmark reform.

All items that previously referenced IBORs were amended in the prior year to specify the alternative benchmark rate, the relevant spread adjustment and the date on which the interest rate benchmark would be replaced.

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3.6 Start-up loan

The Company entered into an issuer start-up loan agreement with CB PLC, pursuant to which the Company may receive loans to be applied towards:

- the funding of the issuer reserve fund (in whole or in part); or
- payment (in whole or in part) of the fees and expenses incurred by the Company and LFL in respect of the issuance of the Notes, and the lending of proceeds thereof to LFL.

The loans bear interest at the rate of a Daily Compounded SONIA plus 0.90%. The loan is subordinated to the class A Notes but senior to the class Z Notes.

| | 2021 £'000 | 2020 £'000 |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Opening principal balance | 500 | 3,504 |
| Amounts drawn | - | 3,000 |
| Amounts repaid | (500) | (6,004) |
| Closing principal balance | <u>-</u> | <u>500</u> |

3.7 Other liabilities

| | 2021 £'000 | 2020 £'000 |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Amounts due to LFL | 49,019 | 48,392 |
| Other payables | 97 | 151 |
| Accrued capital expenses | - | 269 |
| | <u>49,116</u> | <u>48,812</u> |

3.8 Fair value of financial instruments

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

Analysis of the fair value disclosures uses a hierarchy that reflects the significance of inputs used in measuring the fair value. The level in the fair value hierarchy within which a fair value measurement is categorised is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. The fair value hierarchy is as follows:

- Level 1 fair value measurements - quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for an identical financial asset or liability;
- Level 2 fair value measurements - inputs other than quoted prices within level 1 that are observable for the financial asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices); and
- Level 3 fair value measurements - inputs for the financial asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

Fair value of financial instruments held at amortised cost

There are various limitations inherent in this fair value disclosure particularly where prices are derived from unobservable inputs due to some financial instruments not being traded in an active market. The methodologies and assumptions used in the fair value estimates are therefore described in the notes to the tables. The difference between carrying value and fair value is relevant in a trading environment but is not relevant to assets such as the Intercompany Loans.

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3.8 Fair value of financial instruments (continued)

Fair value of financial instruments held at amortised cost (continued)

The tables below show a comparison of the carrying amounts, as reported on the balance sheet, and fair values of those financial assets and liabilities measured at the amortised cost where the carrying value amounts of the financial assets and financial liabilities recorded at amortised cost in the balance sheet are not approximately equal to their fair value.

| | 2021 | | | | | 2020 | | | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------|---------|----------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------|---------|
| | Carrying value | Fair value | Fair value measuring: | | | Carrying value | Fair value | Fair value measuring: | | |
| | | | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | | | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 |
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Financial assets held at amortised cost | | | | | | | | | | |
| Intercompany Loans | 3,414,725 | 3,440,379 | - | 3,440,379 | - | 4,727,834 | 4,688,051 | - | 4,688,051 | - |
| Financial liabilities held at amortised cost | | | | | | | | | | |
| Notes in issue | 3,399,994 | 3,428,844 | - | 3,428,844 | - | 4,761,686 | 4,728,937 | - | 4,728,937 | - |

The Company's fair values disclosed for financial instruments at amortised cost are based on the following methodologies and assumptions:

Intercompany Loans – The fair value is determined from a discounted cash flow model using current market rates for instruments of similar terms and maturity.

Notes in issue – The fair value is determined from a discounted cash flow model using current market rates for instruments of similar terms and maturity.

There were no transfers between levels during the year.

Fair value measurements recognised on the balance sheet

The following tables provide an analysis of financial instruments that are measured subsequent to initial recognition at fair value, using the fair value hierarchy described above.

| | 2021 | | | | | 2020 | | | | |
|---|----------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------|---------|----------------|------------|-----------------------|---------|---------|
| | Carrying value | Fair value | Fair value measuring: | | | Carrying value | Fair value | Fair value measuring: | | |
| | | | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | | | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 |
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Financial assets held at fair value | | | | | | | | | | |
| Derivative financial assets | - | - | - | - | - | 36,141 | 36,141 | - | 36,141 | - |
| Financial liabilities held at fair value | | | | | | | | | | |
| Derivative financial liabilities | 13,638 | 13,638 | - | 13,638 | - | - | - | - | - | - |

The Company's fair values disclosed for financial instruments at fair value are based on the following methodologies and assumptions:

Derivative instruments – The fair value of derivatives, including currency swaps, are obtained from discounted cash flow models or option pricing models as appropriate.

There were no transfers between levels during the year.

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3.9 Share capital

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| <i>Issued, allotted and paid-up share capital</i> | | |
| 2 ordinary shares - fully paid | 2 | 2 |
| 49,998 ordinary shares - £0.25 partly paid-up | <u>12,500</u> | <u>12,500</u> |
| | <u><u>12,502</u></u> | <u><u>12,502</u></u> |

The entire share capital of the Company is held by LFL.

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Section 4: Other notes

4.1 Notes to the statement of cash flows

| | 2021 £'000 | 2020 £'000 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Changes in operating assets | | |
| Net decrease/(increase) in: | | |
| Other receivables | <u>26</u> | <u>(60)</u> |
| Changes in operating liabilities | | |
| Net increase/(decrease) in: | | |
| Due to LFL | 627 | 4,762 |
| Other payables | <u>(54)</u> | <u>(2)</u> |
| | <u>573</u> | <u>4,760</u> |

Liabilities arising from financing activities

| | Notes in issue £'000 | Accrued capital expenses ⁽¹⁾ £'000 | Start-up loans £'000 | Total £'000 |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|------------------|
| At 30 September 2019 | 4,609,145 | 1,483 | 3,510 | 4,614,138 |
| Cash flows: | | | | |
| Issuances | 1,072,678 | - | 3,000 | 1,075,678 |
| Transaction costs | - | (2,557) | - | (2,557) |
| Redemptions | (857,977) | - | (6,004) | (863,981) |
| Non-cash flows: | | | | |
| Movement in accrued interest | (5,761) | - | (6) | (5,767) |
| FX movement ⁽²⁾ | (66,733) | - | - | (66,733) |
| Other movement ⁽³⁾ | 10,334 | 1,342 | - | 11,676 |
| At 30 September 2020 | <u>4,761,686</u> | <u>268</u> | <u>500</u> | <u>4,762,454</u> |
| Cash flows: | | | | |
| Issuances | - | - | - | - |
| Transaction costs | - | (21) | - | (21) |
| Redemptions | (1,312,876) | - | (500) | (1,313,376) |
| Non-cash flows: | | | | |
| Movement in accrued interest | (872) | - | - | (872) |
| FX movement ⁽²⁾ | (44,709) | - | - | (44,709) |
| Other movement ⁽³⁾ | (3,235) | (247) | - | (3,482) |
| At 30 September 2021 | <u>3,399,994</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>3,399,994</u> |

⁽¹⁾ Accrued capital expenses are transaction costs associated with the issuance of notes which have not yet been invoiced and form a component of the total other payables balance.

⁽²⁾ FX movement on the principal balance of Notes in issue, comprises of a net loss of £1,852,000 (2020: £30,627,000) made on the cross currency swaps at points of issue and redemption less £45,857,000 favourable (2020: £36,106,000) movement on the remaining Notes based on the closing FX rate.

⁽³⁾ Other movement relates to the capitalisation and amortisation of transaction costs in relation to the issuance and modification of Notes and movement of the fair value hedge adjustment.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Section 4: Other notes (continued)

4.2 Related party transactions

The Company had intercompany transactions with the immediate parent company, LFL, and the Originator of the Programme, CB PLC. The transactions with these related parties are disclosed below.

| <i>Transactions during the year</i> | 2021 £'000 | 2020 £'000 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| LFL | | |
| Intercompany Loans advanced | - | 1,072,678 |
| Principal repayments received on Intercompany Loans | 1,312,876 | 857,977 |
| Interest received on Intercompany Loans | 31,461 | 53,447 |
| Deferred consideration received | 3,320 | 4,265 |
| CB PLC | | |
| Notes issued | - | 583,921 |
| Notes redeemed | 315,368 | 121,725 |
| Interest paid on Notes | 14,166 | 20,181 |
| Proceeds from start-up loans drawn | - | 3,000 |
| Principal repayments made on start-up loans | 500 | 6,004 |
| Interest paid on start-up loans | 3 | 42 |
| Cash management fee paid | 100 | 100 |
| Audit fee recharged from CB PLC | 20 | 21 |
| Balances at end of the year | | |
| | 2021 £'000 | 2020 £'000 |
| LFL | | |
| Intercompany Loans receivable | 3,414,725 | 4,727,834 |
| Deferred consideration receivable | 44,068 | 40,749 |
| Expense contribution payable | (49,019) | (48,392) |
| | 3,409,774 | 4,720,191 |
| CB PLC | | |
| Notes in issue | 1,694,752 | 2,010,265 |
| Start-up loans payable | - | 500 |
| | 1,694,752 | 2,010,765 |

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Section 4: Other notes (continued)

4.3 Management of risk

Introduction and overview

The principal activity of the Company is the issue of limited recourse Notes, under the Lanark Programme, for onward lending to LFL. Therefore, the role of financial assets and financial liabilities is central to the activities of the Company; the financial liabilities provide the funding advanced to LFL, which represents the Company's principal financial asset. Financial assets and liabilities provide the majority of the assets and liabilities of the Company.

In addition to the advance of the Intercompany Loans, and the issuance of Notes, the Company has also entered into cross currency swaps. This is to hedge the currency and interest rate risk associated with the mismatch between the floating GBP interest generated by the Intercompany Loans and the foreign currency interest paid on the Notes.

The strategies used by the Company in achieving its objectives regarding the use of financial instruments were set when the Company entered into the series of issuance transactions, such as aligning the cash flow profiles of the Notes with the receivables under the Intercompany Loans. The Company has attempted to match the properties of its financial liabilities to its assets in order to avoid significant elements of risk generated by mismatches of maturity and interest rate risk.

This ensures that if one series defaults, the holders of that series do not have the ability to claim other assets of the issuer, resulting in the issuer's bankruptcy and the default of the other series of Notes. The segregation criteria include the following:

- The Company is a bankruptcy remote structured entity;
- The Company issues separate series of debt obligations;
- Intercompany Loan tranches relating to any particular classes of Notes are held separate from the assets relating to any other classes of that series;
- Any swap transaction entered into by the Company for a class of Notes is separate from any other swap transaction for any other class of Notes;
- Only the trustees are entitled to exercise remedies on behalf of the Noteholders; and
- Each series of Notes are reviewed by a recognised rating agency prior to issuance regardless of whether it is to be rated or not.

The Notes are initially recognised at the value of the net proceeds less issue costs received and are carried at amortised cost. The ultimate amount repaid to the Noteholders of these Notes will depend on the proceeds from the relevant tranches of the Intercompany Loans.

Risk management framework

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Company's risk management framework which is in line with the Programme documentation.

This note presents information about the Company's exposure to risk, the Company's objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing risk. Further quantitative disclosures are provided below.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of the financial loss to the Company if the counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations and arises principally from the Company's Intercompany Loans.

The Company limits its exposure to credit risk by investing only with counterparties that have a credit rating defined in the documentation of the relevant Note series. The risk of default on the Intercompany Loans is borne by the holders of the relevant classes of Notes.

Derivatives

At any one time, the amount subject to credit risk is limited to the current fair value of instruments that are favourable to the Company (i.e. assets where their fair value is positive) which, in relation to derivatives, may only be a small fraction of the contract, or notional values used to express the volume of instruments outstanding.

The Company further restricts its exposure to credit losses by entering into master netting arrangements with counterparties with whom it undertakes derivative transactions. Master netting arrangements do not generally result in an offset of balance sheet assets and liabilities. However, credit risk associated with the favourable contracts is reduced by a master netting arrangement to the extent that, if any counterparty failed to meet its obligations in accordance with the agreed terms, all amounts with the counterparty are terminated and settled on a net basis. Derivative financial instrument contracts are typically subject to the International Swaps and Derivatives Association ("ISDA") master netting agreements, as well as Credit Support Annexes, where relevant, around collateral arrangements attached to those ISDA agreements.

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Section 4: Other notes (continued)

4.3 Management of risk (continued)

Credit risk (continued)

Maximum exposure to credit risk

The carrying amount of financial assets represents the maximum credit exposure. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date was as follows:

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | £'000 | £'000 |
| Intercompany Loans | 3,414,725 | 4,727,834 |
| Derivative financial assets | - | 36,141 |
| Other assets | 44,160 | 40,867 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 4,839 | 5,594 |
| Current tax asset | - | 75 |
| | <u>3,463,724</u> | <u>4,810,511</u> |

Maturity analysis of assets and liabilities

The following tables represent a breakdown of the Company's balance sheet, according to the contractual maturity of the assets and liabilities. Maturity analysis of Intercompany Loans and Notes has been based upon these being redeemed at the step-up date.

| | 2021 | | | | | | Total £'000 |
|----------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| | Call £'000 | 3 months or less £'000 | 3 months to 12 months £'000 | 1 to 5 years £'000 | Over 5 years £'000 | No specified maturity £'000 | |
| Assets | | | | | | | |
| Intercompany Loans | - | 88,357 | 1,107,728 | 2,218,640 | - | - | 3,414,725 |
| Other assets | - | 92 | - | - | - | 44,068 | 44,160 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 4,839 | - | - | - | - | - | 4,839 |
| | <u>4,839</u> | <u>88,449</u> | <u>1,107,728</u> | <u>2,218,640</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>44,068</u> | <u>3,463,724</u> |
| Liabilities | | | | | | | |
| Notes in issue | - | 90,925 | 1,097,282 | 2,211,787 | - | - | 3,399,994 |
| Derivative financial liabilities | - | (593) | 10,816 | 3,415 | - | - | 13,638 |
| Other liabilities | - | 97 | - | - | - | 49,019 | 49,116 |
| Current tax liability | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | 2 |
| | <u>-</u> | <u>90,429</u> | <u>1,108,100</u> | <u>2,215,202</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>49,019</u> | <u>3,462,750</u> |

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Section 4: Other notes (continued)

4.3 Management of risk (continued)

Maturity analysis of assets and liabilities (continued)

| | 2020 | | | | | | Total £'000 |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| | Call £'000 | 3 months or less £'000 | 3 months to 12 months £'000 | 1 to 5 years £'000 | Over 5 years £'000 | No specified maturity £'000 | |
| Assets | | | | | | | |
| Intercompany Loans | - | 487,845 | 825,921 | 3,414,068 | - | - | 4,727,834 |
| Derivative financial assets | - | 830 | 26,982 | 8,329 | - | - | 36,141 |
| Other assets | - | 118 | - | - | - | 40,749 | 40,867 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 5,594 | - | - | - | - | - | 5,594 |
| Current tax asset | - | 75 | - | - | - | - | 75 |
| | <u>5,594</u> | <u>488,868</u> | <u>852,903</u> | <u>3,422,397</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>40,749</u> | <u>4,810,511</u> |
| Liabilities | | | | | | | |
| Notes in issue | - | 496,216 | 852,683 | 3,412,787 | - | - | 4,761,686 |
| Start-up loans | - | 500 | - | - | - | - | 500 |
| Other liabilities | - | 420 | - | - | - | 48,392 | 48,812 |
| | <u>-</u> | <u>497,136</u> | <u>852,683</u> | <u>3,412,787</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>48,392</u> | <u>4,810,998</u> |

Liquidity and funding risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company is unable to meet its current and future financial obligations as they fall due at acceptable cost.

The Company's obligation to the Noteholders of a particular class of Notes is limited to the net proceeds receivable under the related tranche of Intercompany Loans and any available reserve fund. Should the net proceeds be insufficient to make all payments due in respect of a particular series of Notes, the other assets of the Company will not be available for payment and the deficit is instead borne by the Noteholders according to established priorities.

Cash flows payable under financial liabilities by contractual maturity

The following are the gross undiscounted contractual cash flows of the financial liabilities. Liquidity analysis of Notes has been based upon these being redeemed at the step-up date.

| | 2021 | | | | | | Total £'000 |
|----------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| | Call £'000 | 3 months or less £'000 | 3 months to 12 months £'000 | 1 to 5 years £'000 | Over 5 years £'000 | No specified maturity £'000 | |
| Notes in issue | - | 95,726 | 1,122,656 | 2,242,334 | - | - | 3,460,716 |
| Derivative financial liabilities | - | (1,371) | 9,931 | 5,896 | - | - | 14,456 |
| Other liabilities | - | 97 | - | - | - | 49,019 | 49,116 |
| Current tax liability | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | 2 |
| | <u>-</u> | <u>94,452</u> | <u>1,132,589</u> | <u>2,248,230</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>49,019</u> | <u>3,524,290</u> |

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Section 4: Other notes (continued)

4.3 Management of risk (continued)

Liquidity and funding risk (continued)

| | 2020 | | | | | | Total £'000 |
|-------------------|---------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| | Call £'000 | 3 months or less £'000 | 3 months to 12 months £'000 | 1 to 5 years £'000 | Over 5 years £'000 | No specified maturity £'000 | |
| Notes in issue | - | 502,698 | 875,551 | 3,452,583 | - | - | 4,830,832 |
| Start-up loans | - | 500 | - | - | - | - | 500 |
| Other liabilities | - | 420 | - | - | - | 48,392 | 48,812 |
| | - | 503,618 | 875,551 | 3,452,583 | - | 48,392 | 4,880,144 |

The balances in the cash flow tables above do not agree directly to the balances in the balance sheet as the table incorporates all future cash flows, on an undiscounted basis, related to both principal and interest.

The Company's exposure to liquidity risk is mitigated by matching the repayments received on the Intercompany Loans with the repayment profiles of the Notes.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk comprises the sensitivity of the Company's current and future net interest income to movements in market interest rates. The Company would be exposed to interest rate risk, to the extent that there is a difference between the amount of the interest-earning assets and the amount of the interest-bearing liabilities, or that the assets and liabilities mature or reprice on different schedules. To mitigate this risk the programme is structured so as to match asset and liability cash flows.

At the reporting date, the Company's interest-bearing financial instruments were as follows:

| | 2021 £'000 | 2020 £'000 |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <i>Floating rate instruments</i> | | |
| Intercompany Loans | 3,414,068 | 4,726,944 |
| Notes in issue | (3,395,435) | (4,753,020) |
| | 18,633 | (26,076) |

Sensitivity analysis

The Company has mitigated any interest rate risk by matching interest receivable on the Intercompany Loans to that payable under the Notes. Any remaining difference is due to currency rates and is subject to currency risk mitigated by the use of cross currency swaps. Therefore, any change in interest rates would not affect the statement of comprehensive income of the Company.

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The Company is exposed to movements in exchange rates between its functional currency (GBP) and EUR and USD denominated financial instruments.

At the reporting date, the company had the following exposure to foreign currency risk:

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| | £'000 | £'000 |
| <i>Currency denominated monetary liabilities</i> | | |
| EUR-denominated Series 2015-1 Notes | - | 117,808 |
| USD-denominated Series 2018-2 Notes | - | 154,637 |
| USD-denominated Series 2019-1 Notes | - | 175,900 |
| USD-denominated Series 2019-2 Notes | 185,151 | 193,296 |
| USD-denominated Series 2020-1 Notes | 185,151 | 193,296 |
| | 370,302 | 834,937 |

The Company's policy is to fully mitigate any exchange rate exposures by using cross currency swaps.

Sensitivity analysis

The impact of any movements in the exchange rates on any foreign currency denominated Notes are offset by FX movements on the related cross currency swaps. Therefore, any change in interest rates would not affect the statement of comprehensive income of the Company.

Prepayment risk

Prepayment risk is the risk that the underlying loans in the deemed loan, which allow LFL to make Intercompany Loan payments, may be realised earlier than it is possible to redeem the liabilities. This may arise due to redemptions of mortgages in the underlying pool. In the event that the mortgage loans are redeemed sooner, the prepayment proceeds are distributed in accordance with the Programme documentation and additional mortgage loans are assigned to the pool as required.

Operational risk

Operational risk is the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed processes, people, systems or from external events. All administration functions have been outsourced by the Company to reputable organisations with strong operational risk controls.

4.4 Events after the balance sheet date

There have been no significant events between 30 September 2021 and the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements which would require a change to or additional disclosure in the financial statements.