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**GROUP STRATEGIC REPORT,
REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR AND
CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2016
FOR
BENCHMARK CAPITAL LIMITED**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2016**

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BENCHMARK CAPITAL LIMITED

**COMPANY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2016**

DIRECTOR:

I R Cooke

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REGISTERED NUMBER:

09404621 (England and Wales)

AUDITORS:

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BENCHMARK CAPITAL LIMITED (REGISTERED NUMBER: 09404621)

**GROUP STRATEGIC REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2016**

The director presents his strategic report of the company and the group for the year ended 31 July 2016.

PRINCIPLE ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the Company during the year was to set up and cultivate an environment which would allow each of its subsidiary companies to become best in class in their respective sectors, namely a chartered IFA network, a restricted network, a wealth management firm, an institutional trading platform and a technology firm, all servicing the wealth management sector.

BUSINESS REVIEW

The key drivers in the financial advice market continue to be professionalism and technology. All the firms under Benchmark have benefited from the continued innovation from Creative Technologies and in turn this has led to many larger directly authorised firms approaching Benchmark in order to purchase services from its subsidiary firms.

It has become clear that offering absolute solutions rather than just a platform or client management software in isolation is one of the key strengths for the group and overall the group is in a strong position both financially and structurally.

The Financial Conduct Authority's ('FCA') stance on governance, systems, controls and sound consumer outcomes is well aligned to the support to clients provided by Benchmark Capital. Our proposition has therefore become highly regarded by quality advice firms, where compliance is seen as a solid foundation, enabling the group to agree contracts with a number of high profile firms in the industry.

INNOVATION REVIEW

The board has strengthened its belief that technology will play a much greater role in client servicing and the trend for automation of processes will continue. The technology suite created and developed by the group is exactly aligned to this trend in the market which supports our strategic objectives.

Our continued innovation in technology has also laid a firm foundation for the development of 'robo advice' as this proliferates through the UK market in years to come. Again, Benchmark is fortunate to have developed this functionality through its own software house rather than outsource, saving money and building a better product.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES:

The board of directors have recognised three main areas of risk to the firm: regulatory risk, the risk arising from competition, and financial & economic risk.

REGULATORY RISK

Regulatory risk exists mainly within Best Practice where the company is exposed to the risk of inadequate and insufficient advice or failure to demonstrate standards that are deemed acceptable by the industry and regulator (the FCA). Failure to meet the requirements gives rise to a number of risks which may progress to fines from the regulator or redress payments to clients. The board recognises and mitigates these risks through an arrangement of internal and external training of staff and ARs, undertaking regular auditing of its ARs, engaging with two external compliance auditors to review company procedures, and using a bespoke CRM system for file reviews.

COMPETITION RISK

The companies within the group are ahead of its competition because of their integration and efficiency. Almost all of the group's competitors have to buy in external systems which create a drain on the P&L; Benchmark is in the enviable position of earning revenue through software development which in turn leads to greater innovation and more customers.

There is a trend of reducing basis point fees in the platform sector which is a risk to revenue, but as the firm owns its own platform technology it is well protected and sustainable.

FINANCIAL & ECONOMIC RISK

As the group has exposure to the financial services sector it is exposed to economic risk and market risk beyond the company's control. These risks are primarily derived from the performance of the stock market, changing legislation in respect of taxation and financial products and interest rates.

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**GROUP STRATEGIC REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2016**

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Once a year the directors prepare a strategic review of the company, including the operational and strategic issues, and the ongoing regulatory requirements set by the FCA.

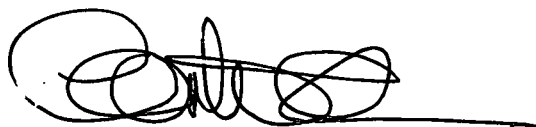
The board has identified a number of opportunities to take our in-house technologies overseas where an integrated suite of technology would work better than the adoption of many systems. Our success in the UK market provides a benchmark for firms to follow in other countries. The board has therefore decided to appoint PWC to investigate opportunities overseas and joint ventures where an obvious mutual benefit exists.

FINANCIAL KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The group measures its performance against the following KPIs:

	2016 £	2015 £
Turnover	17,555,720	12,869,073
EBITDA	5,096,474	3,108,335
Cash at Bank	5,491,456	4,185,321
Equity Shareholders' Funds	5,432,410	1,642,518

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:



I R Cooke - Director

12 January 2017

BENCHMARK CAPITAL LIMITED

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2016

The director presents his report with the financial statements of the company and the group for the year ended 31 July 2016.

DIVIDENDS

No dividends will be distributed for the year ended 31 July 2016.

DIRECTOR

I R Cooke held office during the whole of the period from 1 August 2015 to the date of this report.

POLITICAL DONATIONS AND EXPENDITURE

The Group made no political donations in the year.

STATEMENT OF DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The director is responsible for preparing the Group Strategic Report, the Report of the Director and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the director to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the director has elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'. Under company law the director must not approve the financial statements unless he is satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the group and of the profit or loss of the group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the director is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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

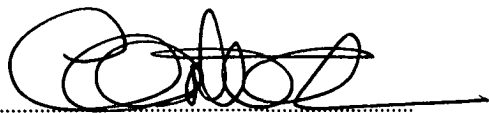
STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

So far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the group's auditors are unaware, and he has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the group's auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Carlton Haines Limited, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:



I R Cooke - Director

Date: 11 January 2017

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF BENCHMARK CAPITAL LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Benchmark Capital Limited for the year ended 31 July 2016 on pages seven to twenty five. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

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 a Report of the Auditors and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of director and auditors

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

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

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

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent company's affairs as at 31 July 2016 and of the group's profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

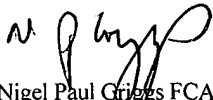
In our opinion the information given in the Group Strategic Report and the Report of the Director for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
BENCHMARK CAPITAL LIMITED**

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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



Nigel Paul Griggs FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Carlton Haines Limited
Statutory Auditors
Chartered Accountants
Carlton House
28/29 Carlton Terrace
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Date: 12 January 2017

BENCHMARK CAPITAL LIMITED

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2016**

	Notes	2016 £	2015 £
TURNOVER		17,555,720	12,869,073
Cost of sales		6,480,117	4,961,394
GROSS PROFIT		11,075,603	7,907,679
Administrative expenses		6,479,091	5,273,700
		4,596,512	2,633,979
Other operating income		26,534	18,402
OPERATING PROFIT	4	4,623,046	2,652,381
Client banks written off	5	7,485	-
		4,615,561	2,652,381
Income from fixed asset investments		20,921	13,708
Interest receivable and similar income		2,792	795
		23,713	14,503
		4,639,274	2,666,884
Interest payable and similar expenses	6	1,385	-
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION		4,637,889	2,666,884
Tax on profit	7	847,997	587,040
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		3,789,892	2,079,844
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR		3,789,892	2,079,844
Profit attributable to: Owners of the parent		3,789,892	2,079,844
Total comprehensive income attributable to: Owners of the parent		3,789,892	2,079,844

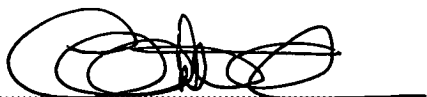
The notes form part of these financial statements

BENCHMARK CAPITAL LIMITED (REGISTERED NUMBER: 09404621)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
31 JULY 2016

	Notes	2016 £	2015 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Intangible assets	10	2,596,293	1,539,035
Tangible assets	11	145,715	135,865
Investments	12	517,888	64,330
		<u>3,259,896</u>	<u>1,739,230</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	13	1,998,167	905,515
Cash at bank and in hand		5,491,456	4,185,321
		<u>7,489,623</u>	<u>5,090,836</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	14	5,037,444	4,870,811
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>2,452,179</u>	<u>220,025</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>5,712,075</u>	<u>1,959,255</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(250,000)	(59,000)
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES	18	(29,665)	(257,737)
NET ASSETS		<u><u>5,432,410</u></u>	<u><u>1,642,518</u></u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	19	28,002	28,002
Retained earnings	20	5,404,408	1,614,516
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		<u><u>5,432,410</u></u>	<u><u>1,642,518</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the director on 11 January 2017 and were signed by:



I R Cooke - Director

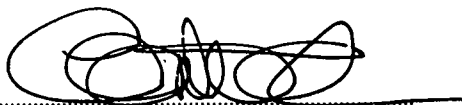
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BENCHMARK CAPITAL LIMITED (REGISTERED NUMBER: 09404621)

**COMPANY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
31 JULY 2016**

	Notes	2016 £	2015 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Intangible assets	10	-	-
Tangible assets	11	-	-
Investments	12	1,007,001	28,001
		<u>1,007,001</u>	<u>28,001</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	13	776,180	-
Cash at bank		197,789	60,100
		<u>973,969</u>	<u>60,100</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	14	1,754,847	60,099
NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES)/ASSETS		<u>(780,878)</u>	<u>1</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>226,123</u>	<u>28,002</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	15	250,000	-
NET (LIABILITIES)/ASSETS		<u>(23,877)</u>	<u>28,002</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	19	28,002	28,002
Retained earnings	20	(51,879)	-
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		<u>(23,877)</u>	<u>28,002</u>
Company's loss for the financial year		<u>(51,879)</u>	<u>-</u>

The financial statements were approved by the director on 11 January 2017 and were signed by:



I R Cooke - Director

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BENCHMARK CAPITAL LIMITED

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2016**

	Called up share capital £	Retained earnings £	Total equity £
Balance at 1 August 2014	28,001	1,454,672	1,482,673
Changes in equity			
Issue of share capital	1	-	1
Dividends	-	(1,920,000)	(1,920,000)
Total comprehensive income	-	2,079,844	2,079,844
Balance at 31 July 2015	<u>28,002</u>	<u>1,614,516</u>	<u>1,642,518</u>
Changes in equity			
Total comprehensive income	-	3,789,892	3,789,892
Balance at 31 July 2016	<u><u>28,002</u></u>	<u><u>5,404,408</u></u>	<u><u>5,432,410</u></u>

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BENCHMARK CAPITAL LIMITED

**COMPANY STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2016**

	Called up share capital £	Retained earnings £	Total equity £
Changes in equity			
Issue of share capital	28,002	-	28,002
Balance at 31 July 2015	<u>28,002</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,002</u>
Changes in equity			
Total comprehensive income	-	(51,879)	(51,879)
Balance at 31 July 2016	<u>28,002</u>	<u>(51,879)</u>	<u>(23,877)</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2016**

	Notes	2016 £	2015 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	5,064,438	2,876,807
Interest paid		(1,385)	-
Profit on sale of investments		19,418	12,983
Tax paid		(659,774)	(135,918)
Net cash from operating activities		<u>4,422,697</u>	<u>2,753,872</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of intangible fixed assets		(1,410,239)	(422,494)
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(87,154)	(36,546)
Purchase of fixed asset investments		(680,794)	-
Sale of intangible fixed assets		-	(63,258)
Sale of fixed asset investments		238,830	74,002
Interest received		2,792	795
Dividends received		20,921	725
Net cash from investing activities		<u>(1,915,644)</u>	<u>(446,776)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Amount introduced by directors		-	539,810
Amount withdrawn by directors		(1,200,918)	-
Share issue		-	1
Equity dividends paid		-	(1,920,000)
Net cash from financing activities		<u>(1,200,918)</u>	<u>(1,380,189)</u>
Increase in cash and cash equivalents		<u>1,306,135</u>	<u>926,907</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	2	<u>4,185,321</u>	<u>3,258,414</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	2	<u><u>5,491,456</u></u>	<u><u>4,185,321</u></u>

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BENCHMARK CAPITAL LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2016

1. RECONCILIATION OF PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION TO CASH GENERATED FROM OPERATIONS

	2016	2015
	£	£
Profit before taxation	4,637,889	2,666,884
Depreciation charges	430,284	364,597
(Profit)/loss on disposal of fixed assets	(5,534)	63,258
Decrease in provisions	(227,746)	95,659
Revaluations of investments	(5,534)	-
Finance costs	1,385	-
Finance income	(23,713)	(14,503)
	<u>4,807,031</u>	<u>3,175,895</u>
Increase in trade and other debtors	(461,003)	(406,020)
Increase in trade and other creditors	<u>718,410</u>	<u>106,932</u>
Cash generated from operations	<u><u>5,064,438</u></u>	<u><u>2,876,807</u></u>

2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The amounts disclosed on the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows in respect of cash and cash equivalents are in respect of these Statement of Financial Position amounts:

Year ended 31 July 2016

	31.7.16	1.8.15
	£	£
Cash and cash equivalents	<u><u>5,491,456</u></u>	<u><u>4,185,321</u></u>

Year ended 31 July 2015

	31.7.15	1.8.14
	£	£
Cash and cash equivalents	<u><u>4,185,321</u></u>	<u><u>3,258,414</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

BENCHMARK CAPITAL LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2016

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Benchmark Capital Limited is a private company, limited by shares, registered in England and Wales. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the General Information page.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Basis of consolidation

On 15 April 2015 the Company acquired all of the issued share capital of its subsidiaries by means of a share for share exchange with the ultimate beneficial owner of the companies concerned remaining the same.

As a result the provisions of FRS 6 for merger accounting were applied for the basis of consolidation with the accounts being presented as if a group has always existed.

During the year a further subsidiary was acquired from unrelated third parties and the assets and liabilities of that subsidiary have been included in the consolidated accounts at fair value.

Transition to frs 102

The entity transitioned from previously extant UK GAAP to FRS 102 as at 1 July 2014. Details of how FRS 102 has affected the report financial position and financial performance given in note 23.

Turnover

Turnover represents financial services compliance and distribution charges made to members, fees collected on behalf of advisors and investment platform management charges which are exempt from VAT. Together with net invoiced sales of telecommunications and software services excluding VAT.

Goodwill

Goodwill, includes the amounts paid in connection with the acquisition of client banks, which are being amortised evenly over an estimated useful life of three years if the amount is more than £25,000.

Client banks purchased under £25,000 are written off in full in the year of purchase.

In addition in March 2016 the Company acquired a further subsidiary the assets and liabilities of which and the goodwill arising on consolidation at fair value have been incorporated within these accounts. No amortisation of this goodwill arising on consolidation has been included within these accounts as the Group did not fully take over the operations of this subsidiary until 1 August 2016.

Intangible assets

Intangible fixed assets represents the value of expenditure incurred by the Group in respect of Software and website development and project management costs.

These costs are expected to generate substantial future revenues and will be amortised against those income streams over 10 years as they arise.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery	- 20% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost, 25% on cost, 20% on cost and 20% on reducing balance

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2016

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Deferred tax

The charge for taxation takes into account taxation deferred as a result of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. In general, deferred taxation is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date. However, deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the director considers that it is more likely than not that they will be recovered against reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. Deferred taxation is measured on a non-discounted basis at the average tax rates that would apply when the timing differences are expected to reverse, based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted by the balance sheet date.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the group's pension scheme are charged to profit or loss in the period to which they relate.

Claw back provision

When commission is received on indemnity terms it is liable to be repaid if the policy is cancelled during the indemnity period. A provision is made for, what in the Director's opinion is, a reliable estimate of the present obligation to repay commissions.

3. EMPLOYEES AND DIRECTORS

	2016 £	2015 £
Wages and salaries	3,212,977	2,481,168
Social security costs	314,876	243,346
Other pension costs	218,906	147,682
	<u>3,746,759</u>	<u>2,872,196</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2016	2015
Office Administration	58	50
Compliance	19	19
Software Developers	11	9
Financial Advisors	9	7
	<u>97</u>	<u>85</u>

The average number of employees by undertakings that are proportionately consolidated during the year was 6.

	2016 £	2015 £
Director's remuneration	243,337	176,351
Director's pension contributions to money purchase schemes	<u>51,007</u>	<u>27,764</u>

The number of directors to whom retirement benefits were accruing was as follows:

	2016	2015
Money purchase schemes	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

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**NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2016**

3. EMPLOYEES AND DIRECTORS - continued

Information regarding the highest paid director for the year ended 31 July 2016 is as follows:

	2016 £
Emoluments etc	7,000
Pension contributions to money purchase schemes	36,000
	<u> </u>

4. OPERATING PROFIT

The operating profit is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2016 £	2015 £
Depreciation - owned assets	77,304	75,984
(Profit)/loss on disposal of fixed assets	(5,534)	63,258
Goodwill amortisation	73,942	73,942
Computer software amortisation	279,039	214,673
Auditors' remuneration	35,520	26,200
Auditors' remuneration for non audit work	21,438	18,391
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5. EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS

	2016 £	2015 £
Software development expenditure capitalised	643,666	384,000
Client banks written off	(7,485)	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	636,181	384,000
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During the year the group incurred expenditure totalling £643,666 which is attributable to the development of Software and website costs and project management expenditure which is regarded as the creation of an intangible asset and these costs have been capitalised rather than being shown as a deduction from profit.

6. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR EXPENSES

	2016 £	2015 £
HMRC Interest	1,385	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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7. TAXATION

Analysis of the tax charge

The tax charge on the profit for the year was as follows:

	2016 £	2015 £
Current tax:		
UK corporation tax	849,708	593,762
Deferred tax	(1,711)	(6,722)
Tax on profit	<u>847,997</u>	<u>587,040</u>

Reconciliation of total tax charge included in profit and loss

The tax assessed for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK. The difference is explained below:

	2016 £	2015 £
Profit before tax	<u>4,637,889</u>	<u>2,666,884</u>
Profit multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 20% (2015 - 20.653%)	927,578	550,792
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	13,374	-
Income not taxable for tax purposes	(1,407)	(229)
Capital allowances in excess of depreciation	(4,378)	-
Deferred tax adjustments due to change in rate of tax or deferred tax asset B/Fwd	1,035	(742)
Other adjustments	-	(25)
Losses not utilised	-	37,244
Enhanced allowance under R&D relief	(88,205)	-
Total tax charge	<u>847,997</u>	<u>587,040</u>

8. INDIVIDUAL STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

As permitted by Section 408 of the Companies Act 2006, the Income Statement of the parent company is not presented as part of these financial statements.

9. DIVIDENDS

	2016 £	2015 £
Ordinary shares of £1 each		
Final	<u>-</u>	<u>1,920,000</u>

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10. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Group

	Goodwill £	Computer software £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 August 2015	464,200	1,884,000	2,348,200
Additions	766,573	643,666	1,410,239
At 31 July 2016	1,230,773	2,527,666	3,758,439
AMORTISATION			
At 1 August 2015	355,240	453,925	809,165
Amortisation for year	73,942	279,039	352,981
At 31 July 2016	429,182	732,964	1,162,146
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 July 2016	801,591	1,794,702	2,596,293
At 31 July 2015	108,960	1,430,075	1,539,035

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Group

	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 August 2015	7,837	65,757	453,721	527,315
Additions	5,467	10,073	71,614	87,154
At 31 July 2016	13,304	75,830	525,335	614,469
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 August 2015	1,861	36,177	353,412	391,450
Charge for year	2,507	12,426	62,371	77,304
At 31 July 2016	4,368	48,603	415,783	468,754
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 July 2016	8,936	27,227	109,552	145,715
At 31 July 2015	5,976	29,580	100,309	135,865

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12. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Group		Company	
	2016 £	2015 £	2016 £	2015 £
Shares in group undertakings	-	-	1,007,001	28,001
Other investments not loans	517,888	64,330	-	-
	<u>517,888</u>	<u>64,330</u>	<u>1,007,001</u>	<u>28,001</u>

Additional information is as follows:

Group

	Listed investments £
COST OR VALUATION	
Additions	314,857
Disposals	(252,713)
Share of profit/(loss)	19,943
Revaluations	5,534
At 31 July 2016	<u>87,621</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 July 2016	<u>87,621</u>

Cost or valuation at 31 July 2016 is represented by:

	Listed investments £
Valuation in 2016	5,534
Cost	82,087
	<u>87,621</u>

Investments (neither listed nor unlisted) were as follows:

	2016 £	2015 £
Cash investments	<u>430,267</u>	<u>64,330</u>

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12. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued

Company

	Shares in group undertakings £
COST	
At 1 August 2015	28,001
Additions	979,000
At 31 July 2016	1,007,001
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 July 2016	1,007,001
At 31 July 2015	28,001

The group or the company's investments at the Statement of Financial Position date in the share capital of companies include the following:

Subsidiaries

Aspect8 Limited

Registered office: Sussex House, North Street, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 1RQ

Nature of business: Chartered Financial Advisors

	%
Class of shares:	holding
Ordinary	100.00

Best Practice IFA group Limited

Registered office: Sussex House, North Street, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 1RQ

Nature of business: Chartered IFA network

	%
Class of shares:	holding
Ordinary	100.00

Creative Technologies Limited

Registered office: Sussex House, North Street, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 1RQ

Nature of business: Software development and consultancy services

	%
Class of shares:	holding
Ordinary	100.00

Evolution Wealth Network Limited

Registered office: Sussex House, North Street, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 1RQ

Nature of business: Chartered network for restricted firms

	%
Class of shares:	holding
Ordinary	100.00

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12. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued

Fusion Wealth Limited

Registered office: Sussex House, North Street, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 1RQ

Nature of business: Investment platform management

	%
Class of shares:	holding
Ordinary	100.00

Invicta Independent Financial Advisers Limited

Registered office: The Granary Hermitage Court, Hermitage Lane, Maidstone, Kent, ME16 9NT

Nature of business: Chartered Financial Advisors

	%
Class of shares:	holding
Ordinary	100.00

Fusion Funds Limited

Registered office: Sussex House, North Street, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 1RQ

Nature of business: Dormant Company

	%
Class of shares:	holding
Ordinary	100.00

Evolution Investment Management Limited

Registered office: Sussex House, North Street, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 1RQ

Nature of business: Dormant Company

	%
Class of shares:	holding
Ordinary	100.00

13. DEBTORS

	Group		Company	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	£	£	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:				
Trade debtors	901,361	594,899	-	-
Clawbacks recoverable	36,604	41,416	-	-
Other debtors	110,043	89,101	-	-
Directors' current accounts	612,899	-	776,180	-
Tax	18,750	-	-	-
Called up share capital not paid	-	25,000	-	-
Prepayments	260,177	155,099	-	-
	<u>1,939,834</u>	<u>905,515</u>	<u>776,180</u>	<u>-</u>
Amounts falling due after more than one year:				
Other debtors	<u>58,333</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Aggregate amounts	<u>1,998,167</u>	<u>905,515</u>	<u>776,180</u>	<u>-</u>

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14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Group		Company	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	2,951,677	2,654,199	-	-
Amounts owed to group undertakings	-	-	1,504,847	60,000
Tax	867,935	641,045	-	-
Social security and other taxes	107,438	79,672	-	-
VAT	20,143	21,148	-	-
Amounts owed to related co	470,856	497,183	-	-
Commission payable	210,000	217,000	-	-
Deferred share purchase consideration	250,000	-	250,000	-
Directors' current accounts	-	588,019	-	99
Accrued expenses	159,395	172,545	-	-
	<u>5,037,444</u>	<u>4,870,811</u>	<u>1,754,847</u>	<u>60,099</u>

15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	Group		Company	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	£	£	£	£
Other loans (see note 16)	-	59,000	-	-
Deferred share purchase consideration	250,000	-	250,000	-
	<u>250,000</u>	<u>59,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>-</u>

16. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	Group	
	2016	2015
	£	£
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable otherwise than by instalments	-	-
Subordinated loans	-	59,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>59,000</u>

17. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments fall due as follows:

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Group

Non-cancellable operating leases	
2016	2015
£	£
21,800	-
187,806	138,406
<u>209,606</u>	<u>138,406</u>

Within one year
Between one and five years

18. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

Group

	2016	2015
	£	£
Deferred tax	<u>3,191</u>	<u>3,517</u>
Other provisions		
Other provisions	-	15,000
Clawback provision	<u>26,474</u>	<u>239,220</u>
	<u>26,474</u>	<u>254,220</u>
Aggregate amounts	<u>29,665</u>	<u>257,737</u>

Group

	Deferred tax	Other provisions
	£	£
Balance at 1 August 2015	3,517	254,220
Reduction in provision	(326)	-
Decrease in clawback provision	-	(212,746)
Decrease in other provisions	-	(15,000)
Balance at 31 July 2016	<u>3,191</u>	<u>26,474</u>

19. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

Allotted, issued and fully paid:

Number:	Class:	Nominal value:	2016	2015
		£1	£	£
28,002	Ordinary		<u>28,002</u>	<u>28,002</u>

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20. RESERVES

Group

	Retained earnings £
At 1 August 2015	1,614,516
Profit for the year	3,789,892
At 31 July 2016	<u>5,404,408</u>

Company

	Retained earnings £
Deficit for the year	(51,879)
At 31 July 2016	<u>(51,879)</u>

21. DIRECTOR'S ADVANCES, CREDITS AND GUARANTEES

The following advances and credits to a director subsisted during the years ended 31 July 2016 and 31 July 2015:

	2016 £	2015 £
I R Cooke		
Balance outstanding at start of year	-	-
Amounts advanced	537,899	-
Amounts repaid	-	-
Amounts written off	-	-
Amounts waived	-	-
Balance outstanding at end of year	<u>537,899</u>	<u>-</u>

All advances to Directors existing at 31 July 2016 were repaid on 2 December 2016.

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22. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Mr I R Cooke who is the controlling Director of this company had the following related party transactions with its subsidiaries:-

Aspect 8 Ltd

Mr I R Cooke received commissions of £127,056 (2015, £148,204) and an amount of £nil (2015, £38,000) profit based fee disbursement.

At the year end there are amounts included in commissions payable owed to Mr I R Cooke, of £3,094 (2015, £18,426).

Best Practice IFA Group Ltd operates from premises owned by I R Cooke and paid rent during the year totalling £130,000.

I R Cooke is the sole Director and shareholder in Ian Cooke & Partners Ltd, a dormant company, which has made loans to group companies totalling £470,850 (2015, £497,183).

23. FIRST YEAR ADOPTION

The company transitioned to FRS 102 from previously extant UK GAAP as at 1 August 2014. There are no adjustments arising from this transition to the total equity previously reported by the company under UK GAAP as at 1 August 2014 or 31 July 2015, and no adjustment to the income or costs reported for the year ended 31 July 2016. Accordingly no reconciliations have been disclosed.