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D L Dale Syndicate 2525

Financial Statements
For the 36 Months ended 31 December 2014
2012 Closing Year Report and Accounts

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Directors and Administration

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Managing Agent

Asta Managing Agency Ltd

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SYNDICATE:

Active Underwriter

D L Dale

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Barclays Plc

Citibank N.A,

RBC Dexia

Investment Managers

Amundi (UK) Limited

Registered Auditors

KPMG LLP, London

Underwriter's Report for the 2012 Closing Year of Account

for the 36 months ended 31 December 2014

2012 Closing Year Comments

We are pleased to announce that the 2012 year of account on the traditional Lloyd's three-year accounting basis has closed with a profit before members' agents fees of £9.4m, which equates to a return on capacity of 22.7%.

Stamp Allocated Capacity	£41.7m
Capacity Utilisation	70%
Result (as a percentage of capacity) before Members' Agents Fees	22.7%
Total Result	£9.4m

Underwriter's Commentary as follows:

The structural changes seen over the last two years, namely the Ministry of Justice Reforms (April 2013), and the introduction of the claims portal for low value claims (July 2013), have changed the landscape significantly, although the true cost of this has yet to be ascertained. In last year's report the general opinion of the Syndicate was that the reforms and new processes would be cost neutral and that the case for such was to be generally applauded in that justice would be delivered to injured parties more speedily and at reasonable cost.

The speed of change has been significant, in that in a little under two years forty per cent of all claims received by the Syndicate now come through the portal; by any assessment this is nothing short of dramatic. What we believe to be clear is that the process being simple, quick and low cost has produced more notifications for the casualty market, as it has for the Syndicate, yet there are, perhaps, a significant number of these that may never become actual 'live' claims; time will tell. One of the unintended consequences of the changes has been an increase in the number of disease notifications as these are outside the portal, which excludes cases where two defendants are present, which is generally the case for disease claims. A very large composite UK insurer recently advised that it had seen a quadrupling in the number of deafness claims over the last few years and this may certainly have been spurred on by lawyers seeking to present claims in the more traditional manner with higher costs available outside the portal; many of these, however, were subsequently found to be spurious.

With the steady but controlled rise in income over the last few years it is not unexpected that the Syndicate would see a rise in notifications and that has been the case. However, the number has been slightly more than expected and this is probably due to the reasons explained above. As referred to above it may be that some of these notifications may not materialise into claims at all once our case is clear and it is right and proper to deny liability. The Syndicate will continue to monitor and respond to such claims and seek a fair result to both defendant and plaintiff alike.

The Syndicate has always prided itself in delivering a first class claims handling service (for this is what our customers buy) and in so doing has developed its own systems and products to reduce and bring greater proportionality to the frictional cost of handling claims for the mutual benefit of all.

Underwriter's Report for the 2012 Closing Year of Account

Underwriter's Commentary continued:

The current market place, by all accounts, across the whole spectrum of insurance covers, is extremely soft and awash with capital and it is difficult to see when a change to the level of pricing will occur. That is not to say that it is impossible to run a successful and profitable business unless some outside factor suddenly allows more to be charged for the same product.

The Syndicate product can stand on its own and has been carefully developed so that it can remain a solid proposition for our investors even in the most challenging of times. Attention to detail is everything and our core philosophy is based upon this simple concept; the Syndicate will not stop trying to provide to our customers the best that the casualty market has to give in service, in product, and in claims handling. If we do this then the Syndicate creates the best chance to make the best returns for its investors.

For 2015 the Syndicate has increased the premium estimate to £36.5m in order to cater for additional income expected to come from the fledgling primary international class, following the acquisition of a well respected London casualty market practitioner, who joined the Syndicate in December 2014. Some of this income has attached to the 2014 year of account and will slightly increase the international mix for that year, but the major part will fall into 2015. Our new Underwriter has created an additional 'buzz' around the Box from brokers, which demonstrates that people follow people not companies, especially within Lloyd's. The business mix will therefore change perceptively for 2015, as outlined in the SBF, with more third party risks attaching with an international flavour.

Furthermore, the whole 2525 team are committed to the success of the Syndicate and to creating synergies with brokers and clients alike; their dedication, hard work, knowledge, and experience are all fundamental in making sure that the Syndicate remains at the forefront of the Lloyd's casualty market.

I have included once again a table of our net incurred loss ratios and our net ultimate loss ratios which clearly demonstrate the development patterns inherent within the account.

Underwriter's Report for the 2012 Closing Year of Account

Underwriter's Commentary continued:

Net Loss Ratios / Net Ultimate Loss Ratios

2005 Net Incurred Loss Ratio at close	63.6%
2005 Net Incurred Loss Ratio at December 2014	39.2%
2005 Ultimate Net Loss Ratio at close	79.6%
2005 Ultimate Net Loss Ratio at December 2014	39.4%
2006 Net Incurred Loss Ratio at close	61.4%
2006 Net Incurred Loss Ratio at December 2014	38.2%
2006 Ultimate Net Loss Ratio at close	74.5%
2006 Ultimate Net Loss Ratio at December 2014	38.8%
2007 Net Incurred Loss Ratio at close	66.7%
2007 Net Incurred Loss Ratio at December 2014	54.0%
2007 Ultimate Net Loss Ratio at close	83.7%
2007 Ultimate Net Loss Ratio at December 2014	54.5%
2008 Net Incurred Loss Ratio at close	75.7%
2008 Net Incurred Loss Ratio at December 2014	49.9%
2008 Ultimate Net Loss Ratio at close	87.9%
2008 Ultimate Net Loss Ratio at December 2014	50.5%
2009 Net Incurred Loss Ratio at close	59.0%
2009 Net Incurred Loss Ratio at December 2014	40.3%
2009 Ultimate Net Loss Ratio at close	82.4%
2009 Ultimate Net Loss Ratio at December 2014	41.9%
2010 Net Incurred Loss Ratio at close	73.8%
2010 Net Incurred Loss Ratio at December 2014	58.8%
2010 Ultimate Net Loss Ratio at close	89.8%
2010 Ultimate Net Loss Ratio at December 2014	63.1%
2011 Net Incurred Loss Ratio at close	66.4%
2011 Net Incurred Loss Ratio at December 2014	67.4%
2011 Ultimate Net Loss Ratio at close	84.7%
2011 Ultimate Net Loss Ratio at December 2014	74.9%
2012 Net Incurred Loss Ratio at close	91.2%
2012 Ultimate Net Loss Ratio at close	102.0%

Incurred Loss Ratios exclude Incurred but not Reported (IBNR) losses.

D L Dale
Active Underwriter
24 March 2015

Managing Agent's Report for the 2012 Closing Year of Account

for the 36 months ended 31 December 2014

The Directors of Asta Managing Agency Ltd ("Asta") present their report at 31 December 2014 for the 2012 closed year of account.

This report is prepared in accordance with the Lloyd's Syndicate Bylaw (No 8 of 2005). It accompanies the underwriting year accounts prepared on an underwriting year basis of accounting as required by Statutory Instrument No 1950 of 2008, the Insurance Accounts Directive (Lloyd's Syndicate and Aggregate Accounts) Regulations 2008.

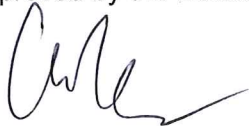
Business Review

A summary of the 2012 year of account performance is given in the accompanying Underwriter's Report on pages 2 – 4.

Disclosure of Information to the Auditors

So far as each person who was a Director of the Managing Agent at the date of approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information, being information needed by the auditors in connection with their report, of which the auditors are unaware. Having made enquiries of fellow Directors of the agency and the Syndicate's auditors, each Director has taken all the steps that he/she is obliged to take as a Director in order to make he/she aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board.



C Chow
Company Secretary
24 March 2015

Statement of Managing Agent's Responsibilities

The Insurance Accounts Directive (Lloyd's Syndicate and Aggregate Accounts) Regulations 2008 require the managing agent to prepare Syndicate underwriting year accounts at 31 December in respect of any underwriting year which is being closed by reinsurance to close which give a true and fair view of the result of the underwriting year at closure. Detailed requirements in respect of the underwriting year accounts are set out in the Lloyd's Syndicate Accounting Byelaw (No 8 of 2005).

In preparing the Syndicate underwriting year accounts, the Managing Agent is required to:-

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently throughout each underwriting year and from one underwriting year to the next, subject to changes from newly adopted accounting standards. Where items affect more than one underwriting year, the Managing Agent must ensure that the Syndicate treats the affected member equitably. In particular, the premium charged for reinsurance to close should be equitable between the reinsured and reinsuring members of the Syndicate;
- take into account all income and charges relating to a closed year of account without regard to the date of receipt or payment;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in these accounts.

The Managing Agent is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Syndicate and enable it to ensure that the Syndicate annual accounts comply with the Lloyd's Regulations and Syndicate Accounting Byelaw. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Syndicate and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Managing Agent is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the business website. Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of the financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Syndicate 2525

2012 Closed Year of Account

We have audited the syndicate underwriting year accounts for the 2012 year of account of syndicate 2525 for the three years ended 31 December 2014, as set out on pages 9 to 19. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the members of the syndicate, as a body, in accordance with the Insurance Accounts Directive (Lloyd's Syndicate and Aggregate Accounts) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the syndicate'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 syndicate's members as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of the Managing Agent and the auditor

As explained more fully in the Statement of Managing Agent's Responsibilities set out on page 6, the Managing Agent is responsible for the preparation of syndicate underwriting year accounts under the Insurance Accounts Directive (Lloyd's Syndicate and Aggregate Accounts) Regulations 2008 and in accordance with the Lloyd's Syndicate Accounting Byelaw (no. 8 of 2005), which give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit, and express an opinion on, the syndicate underwriting year accounts in accordance with applicable legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the syndicate underwriting year accounts

A description of the scope of an audit of accounts is provided on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate.

Opinion on syndicate underwriting year accounts

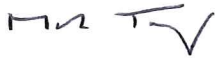
In our opinion the syndicate underwriting year accounts:

- give a true and fair view of the profit for the 2012 closed year of account;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Insurance Accounts Directive (Lloyd's Syndicate and Aggregate Accounts) Regulations 2008 and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Lloyd's Syndicate Accounting Byelaw (no. 8 of 2005).

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Lloyd's Syndicate Accounting Byelaw (no. 8 of 2005) requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the Managing Agent in respect of the syndicate has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the syndicate underwriting year accounts are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.



Mark Taylor (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
London
24 March 2015

Profit and Loss account: Technical account – General Business

for the 36 months ended 31 December 2014

	Notes	£'000	£'000
Earned premiums, net of reinsurance			
Gross premiums written	3	36,061	
Outward reinsurance premiums		<u>(5,649)</u>	
			30,412
Reinsurance to close premiums received, net of reinsurance			
			61,306
Allocated investment return transferred from the non-technical account			
			575
Claims incurred, net of reinsurance			
Claims paid - Gross amount		(16,738)	
- Reinsurers' share		<u>5,697</u>	
Net claims paid		(11,041)	
Reinsurance to close premium payable net of reinsurance	5	<u>(57,596)</u>	
			(68,637)
Net operating expenses			
	6		(14,208)
Balance on the technical account – general business			
	4		<u>9,448</u>

The underwriting year closed and therefore all items relate to discontinued operations.

The notes on pages 12 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

Profit and Loss Account: Non-Technical Account

	Notes	£'000
Balance on the technical account – general business		9,448
Investment Income	7	1,635
Unrealised gains on investments		53
Unrealised losses on investments		(665)
Investment expenses and charges	7	<u>(448)</u>
		575
Allocated investment return transferred to general business technical account		(575)
Profit for the closed year of account		<u>9,448</u>

The underwriting year closed and therefore all items relate to discontinued operations.

There are no recognised gains or losses in the accounting period other than those dealt with in the technical and non-technical accounts.

The notes on pages 12 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

Balance Sheet

at 31 December 2014

	Notes	£'000	£'000
ASSETS			
Investments	8		63,558
Debtors			
Debtors arising out of direct insurance operations	9	9	
Debtors arising out of reinsurance operations	10	13	
Other debtors, prepayments and accrued income		<u>443</u>	465
Reinsurance recoveries anticipated on gross reinsurance premiums payable to close the account	5		25,706
Other Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand			4,789
Overseas Deposits			378
TOTAL ASSETS			<u>94,896</u>
LIABILITIES			
Amounts due to members	11		9,142
Reinsurance to close premiums payable to close the Account – gross amount	5		83,302
Creditors			
Creditors arising out of direct business	12	(26)	
Creditors arising out of reinsurance operations	13	273	
Profit commission		2,004	
Other creditors including taxation and social security		<u>201</u>	2,452
TOTAL LIABILITIES			<u>94,896</u>

The notes on pages 12 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

The Syndicate underwriting year accounts were approved by the Board of Asta Managing Agency Ltd on 13 March 2015 and were signed on its behalf by



D J G Hunt
Director
24 March 2015

Notes to the Financial Statements

for the 36 months ended 31 December 2014

1. Basis of Preparation

The Syndicate underwriting year accounts have been prepared under the Insurance Accounts Directive (Lloyd's Syndicate and Aggregate Accounts) Regulations 2008 ("the Lloyd's Regulations") and in accordance with the Syndicate Accounting Byelaw and applicable Accounting Standards in the United Kingdom.

Members participate on a Syndicate by reference to a year of account and each Syndicate year of account is a separate annual venture. These accounts relate to the 2012 year of account which has been closed by reinsurance to close at 31 December 2014. Consequently the balance sheet represents the assets and liabilities of the 2012 year of account at the date of closure and the profit and loss account reflects the transactions for that year of account during the 36 months period until closure.

As each Syndicate year of account is a separate annual venture, there are no comparative figures.

2. Accounting Policies

Underwriting Transactions

- a. The underwriting accounts for each year of account are normally kept open for three years before the result on that year is determined. At the end of that three year period, outstanding liabilities can normally be determined with sufficient accuracy to permit the year of account to be closed by payment of a reinsurance to close premium to the successor year of account.
- b. Gross premiums are allocated to years of account on the basis of the inception date of the policy. Commission and brokerage are charged to the year of account to which the relevant policy is allocated. Policies written under binding authorities, lineslips or consortium arrangements are allocated to the year of account into which the arrangement incepts. Additional and return premiums follow the year of account of the original premium. Premiums are shown gross of brokerage payable and exclude taxes and duties levied on them. Estimates are made for pipeline premiums, representing amounts due, but not yet notified to the Syndicate year of account.

Written premium is earned according to the risk profile of the policy. Unearned premiums represent the balance of premiums written in the period to the balance sheet date that relate to unexpired risks of policies in force at that date, calculated on the basis of established earnings patterns or time apportionment as appropriate.

Outwards reinsurance premiums ceded are attributed to the same year as the original risk being produced.

Gross claims paid are allocated to the same year of account as that to which the corresponding premiums are allocated and include internal and external claims settlement expenses. Reinsurance recoveries are allocated to the year of account to which the claim was charged.

2. Accounting Policies (Continued)

- c. The reinsurance to close premium is determined by reference to the outstanding technical provisions (including those for outstanding claims and unearned premiums, net of deferred acquisition costs and unexpired risks) relating to the closed year and to all previous closed years reinsured therein. Although this estimate of net outstanding liabilities is considered to be fair and reasonable, it is implicit in the estimation procedure that the ultimate liabilities will be at variance from the premium so determined. The reinsurance to close premium transfers the liability in respect of all claims, reinsurance premiums, return premiums and other payments in respect of the closing year (and previous closed years reinsured therein) to the members of the successor year of account and gives them the benefit of refunds, recoveries, premiums due and other income in respect of those years in so far as they have not been credited in these accounts.
- d. The outstanding claims comprise amounts set aside for claims notified and claims incurred but not yet reported (IBNR).

Notified claims are estimated on a case by case basis with regard to the circumstances as reported, any information available from loss adjusters and previous experience of the cost of settling claims with similar characteristics. The amount included in respect of IBNR is based on statistical techniques of estimation applied by the Syndicate's external consulting actuaries. These techniques generally involve projecting from past experience of the development of claims over time to form a view of the likely ultimate claims to be experienced for more recent underwriting, having regard to variations in the business accepted and the underlying terms and conditions. For the most recent years, where a high degree of volatility arises from projections, estimates may be based in part on output from rating and other models of the business accepted and assessments of underwriting conditions.

The provision for claims includes amounts in respect of internal and external claims handling costs.

The reinsurers' share of provisions for claims is based on calculated amounts of outstanding claims and projections for IBNR, net of estimated irrecoverable amounts, having regard to the reinsurance programme in place for the class of business, the claims experience for the year and the current security rating of the reinsurance companies involved.

The Syndicate uses a number of statistical techniques to assist in making the above estimates. The two most critical assumptions as regards claims provisions are that the past is a reasonable predictor of the likely level of claims development and that the rating and other models used for current business are fair reflections of the likely level of ultimate claims to be incurred. The methods used, and the estimates made, are reviewed regularly.

- e. A provision for unexpired risks is created where claims, related expenses and deferred acquisition costs, likely to arise after the balance sheet date in respect of contracts relating to the closing year of account, are expected to exceed the unearned premiums and premiums receivable under these contracts, after the deduction of any acquisition costs deferred.

2. Accounting Policies (Continued)

- f. Acquisition costs, comprising commission and other internal and external costs related to the acquisition of new insurance contracts are deferred to the extent that they are attributable to premiums at the balance sheet date.

Investment and Investment Return

- g. Investment return comprises investment income, realised investment gains and losses and movements in unrealised gains and losses, net of investment expenses and charges. Investment return arising in each calendar year on all the Syndicate's investments is allocated to open years of account in proportion to the average funds available for investment attributable to those years. Investment returns in respect of overseas deposits are allocated to the year of account which funded those deposits.

Realised gains and losses on investments carried at market value are calculated as the difference between sale proceeds and purchase price. Movements in unrealised gains and losses on investments represent the difference between their valuation at the balance sheet date and their purchase price or, if they have been previously valued, their valuation at the end of the previous calendar year, together with the reversal of unrealised gains and losses recognised in earlier calendar years in respect of investment disposals in the current period.

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

Investments are stated at current value at the balance sheet date. For this purpose, listed investments are stated at bid-market value and deposits with credit institutions and overseas deposits are stated at cost. Unlisted investments for which a market exists are stated at the average price at which they were traded on the balance sheet date, or the last trading day before that date.

Syndicate Operating Expenses & Profit Commission

- h. Costs incurred by the managing agent in respect of the Syndicate are charged to the Syndicate and included within the relevant profit and loss account heading. Where expenses do not relate to any specific year of account they are apportioned between years of account on a basis which reflects the benefit obtained by each year of account from each type of expense.

Where expenses are incurred jointly by the Managing Agent and the Syndicate, they are apportioned as follows:

- Salaries and Related Costs
According to time of each individual spent on Syndicate matters.
- Accommodation Costs
According to number of personnel.
- Other Costs
As appropriate in each case.

2. Accounting Policies (Continued)

Syndicate Operating Expenses & Profit Commission continued

- Profit Commission
Profit commission is charged by the Managing Agent at a rate of 17.5% of profit subject to the operation of a deficit clause. Such commission does not become payable until after the appropriate year of account closes, normally at 36 months. Profit commission on naturally open years is accrued on the basis of earned profit to date.
- Pensions
The Managing Agent operates a defined contribution pension scheme and its recharges to the Syndicate in respect of salaries and related costs include an element for pension costs. These pension costs are expensed in full in the period to which the recharge relates.

Amounts recharged by the Managing Agent include costs arising from the use of assets in the period. These rental costs are expensed in full in the period to which the recharge relates.

Taxation

- i. Under Schedule 19 of the Finance Act 1993 managing agents are not required to deduct basic rate income tax from trading income. In addition, all UK basic income tax deducted from Syndicate investment income is recoverable by managing agents and consequently the distribution made to members or their members' agents is gross of tax. Capital appreciation falls within trading income and is also distributed gross of tax. It is the responsibility of members to agree and settle their individual tax liabilities with HM Revenue & Customs.

Members resident overseas for tax purposes are responsible for agreeing and settling any tax liabilities with the taxation authorities of their country of residence.

Basis of Currency Translation

- j. Transactions in settlement currencies other than GBP are translated at the date of the transaction or at an approximation average rate. Underwriting transactions denominated in other foreign currencies are included at the rate of exchange at the date the transaction is processed. Assets and liabilities are re-translated into sterling at the rate of exchange at the balance sheet date.

Although transactions are translated as described above, the final result for the year of account is calculated with all settlement currencies translated at the balance sheet rates of exchange.

Differences arising on the re-translation of foreign currency amounts are included in the technical account under net operating profit.

Where currencies are sold or bought relating to the profit or loss of a closed underwriting account after 31 December, any exchange profit or loss arising is reflected in the underwriting account into which the liabilities of that year have been reinsured.

Notes to the Financial Statements

3. Particulars of Business Written

An analysis of the underwriting result before investment return is set out below:

	Gross Premiums Written and Earned £'000	Gross Claims Incurred £'000	Net Operating Expenses £'000	Reinsurance Balance £'000	Total £'000
Direct Insurance:					
Third Party Liability	36,061	(100,040)	(14,208)	87,060	8,873
Total	<u>36,061</u>	<u>(100,040)</u>	<u>(14,208)</u>	<u>87,060</u>	<u>8,873</u>

All business is written in the United Kingdom. Analysis by destination is not materially different from the analysis above.

Gross operating expenses are the same as net operating expenses.

4. Analysis of Result by Year of Account

	2011 & prior years of account £'000	2012 Pure Year £'000	2012 Total £'000
Technical account balance before allocated investment return and net operating expenses	18,187	4,894	23,081
Brokerage and commission on gross premium	-	(6,848)	(6,848)
	<u>18,187</u>	<u>(1,954)</u>	<u>16,233</u>
Other acquisition costs	-	(601)	(601)
Net other expenses	389	(7,148)	(6,759)
Investment income	21	554	575
Balance on technical account	<u>18,597</u>	<u>(9,149)</u>	<u>9,448</u>

5. Reinsurance to Close Premium Payable Net of Reinsurance

	Reported £000	IBNR £000	Total £000
Gross outstanding losses	(72,535)	(10,767)	(83,302)
Reinsurance recoveries anticipated	23,977	1,729	25,706
Net outstanding losses	<u>(48,558)</u>	<u>(9,038)</u>	<u>(57,596)</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements

6. Net Operating Expenses

	£'000
Acquisition costs	7,449
Standard personal expenses	2,635
Administration expenses	3,907
Loss on exchange	217
	<u>14,208</u>

	£'000
The closed year profit is stated after charging:	
Auditor's remuneration:	
Fees payable to the Syndicate's auditor for the audit of these financial statements	183
Fees payable to the Syndicate's auditor and its associates in respect of:	
Other services pursuant to legislation	15
	<u>198</u>

The auditor did not receive any other remuneration other than that stated above.

7. Investment Income

	£'000
Income from investments	1,630
Realised gains on investments	5
	<u>1,635</u>

	£'000
Investment management expenses	(64)
Realised losses on investments	(384)
	<u>(448)</u>

8. Investments

	£'000
Holdings in collective investment schemes	3,476
Debt securities and other fixed income securities	60,082
	<u>63,558</u>

All debt securities and other fixed income securities are listed on a recognised stock exchange. All investments are rated AAA to A by external rating agencies.

Notes to the Financial Statements

9. Debtors Arising out of Direct Insurance Operations

	£'000
Due within one year – Intermediaries	9
	<u>9</u>

10. Debtors Arising out of Reinsurance Operations

	£'000
Due within one year	13
	<u>13</u>

11. Amounts Due to Members

	£'000
Profit for the closed year of account	9,448
Members' agents' fees paid on behalf of members	(306)
Members' balances carried forward at 31 December 2013	<u>9,142</u>

12. Creditors Arising out of Direct Insurance Operations

	£'000
Due within one year	(26)
	<u>(26)</u>

13. Creditors Arising out of Reinsurance Operations

	£'000
Due within one year	273
	<u>273</u>

14. Disclosure of Interests

Managing Agent's interest

Asta is currently the Managing Agent for nine Lloyd's Syndicates. Syndicates 1686, 1729, 1897, 1910, 2357, 2525, 2526, 4242 and 6117 are managed on behalf of third party capital providers.

The agency also provides administrative services to Syndicates and undertakes a number of ancillary roles for clients.

The Financial Statements of the Managing Agency can be obtained by application to the Registered Office (see page 2).

15. Related Parties

Asta provides services and support to Syndicate 2525 in its capacity as Managing Agent. The 2012 year of account was charged managing agency fees of £420,001. Asta also recharged £1,939,599 worth of service charges to the 2012 year of account. As at 31 December 2014, nothing was owed to Asta in respect of this service.

There was no residual inter-company balance at the period end.

Syndicate 2525 has recorded £2,004,033 for profit commission.

From time to time, syndicates managed by Asta enter into (re)insurance contracts with one another. All such transactions are subject to Asta's internal controls which ensure that all are compliant with Lloyd's Related Party Bylaw provisions.

16. Post Balance Sheet Event

The 2012 underwriting year result, less member's agents' fees, of £9.1 million will be distributed to members during 2015.

Summary of Closed Year Results

as at 31 December 2014

	2006 £'000	2007 £'000	2008 £'000	2009 £'000	2010 £'000	2011 £'000	2012 £'000
Syndicate allocated capacity	49,848	41,868	41,848	41,982	41,956	41,983	41,655
Number of Underwriting members	478	478	469	469	496	505	518
Aggregate net premiums	32,994	27,822	26,588	22,658	22,379	23,475	22,963
Results for an illustrative share of £10,000							
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Gross premiums	10,078	10,504	9,856	9,407	8,904	8,627	8,657
Net premiums	6,619	6,645	6,353	5,397	5,334	5,592	5,513
Reinsurance to close from an earlier account	16,091	21,726	20,672	20,242	18,452	16,665	14,718
Net claims	(2,517)	(3,717)	(4,100)	(3,535)	(3,033)	(3,499)	(2,651)
Reinsurance to close	(18,247)	(20,662)	(20,307)	(18,504)	(16,649)	(14,670)	(13,827)
Profit/(Loss) on exchange	1,130	(69)	123	5	(15)	(127)	(52)
Syndicate operating expenses	(151)	(104)	(87)	(288)	(418)	(933)	(938)
Balance on technical account	2,925	3,819	2,654	3,317	3,671	3,028	2,763
Investment income less investment expenses and charges and investment gains less losses	1,608	1,208	559	442	380	183	138
Profit on ordinary activities	4,533	5,027	3,213	3,759	4,051	3,211	2,901
Illustrative personal expenses							
Managing agent's fee	60	60	60	75	75	75	101
Profit commission	652	723	461	632	683	537	481
Other personal expenses (excluding member's agents fees)	125	150	81	71	71	68	51
	837	933	602	778	829	680	633
Profit on ordinary activities after illustrative managing agent's fee and profit commission and illustrative personal expenses	3,696	4,094	2,611	2,981	3,222	2,531	2,268
Total of Syndicate operating expenses, managing agent's fee and profit commission	863	887	608	995	1,176	1,545	1,520
Capacity utilised	86.4%	88.4%	83.7%	73.4%	72.6%	70.8%	70.1%
Net capacity utilised	69.6%	71.4%	63.5%	54.0%	53.3%	55.9%	55.1%
Underwriting profit ratio	29.0%	28.9%	26.9%	36.7%	41.2%	35.1%	31.9%

Notes

1. The summary of closed year results has been prepared from the audited accounts of the Syndicate.
2. Personal expenses have been stated at the amount which would be incurred pro rata by individual Names writing the illustrative premium income in the Syndicate irrespective of any minimum charge applicable. Corporate members may be charged at different rates. Foreign tax, which may be treated as a credit for personal tax purposes, has been excluded.
3. As regards the 2012 year of account, an illustrative share of £10,000 represents 0.0240% of the respective allocated capacity.