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StarStone

Syndicate 1301

Annual Report and
Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2020



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Directors and administration

Managing Agent

StarStone Underwriting Limited

Directors

The directors named below held office during the year and up to the date of signing the annual accounts.

E Gilmour (Chairman and Non-Executive)

A Agnew (Non-Executive)

C Barrett

R Delhaise

B Dimmock

D Truman

J Wardrop (Non-Executive)

P West (Appointed, 15 July 2020)

Former directors who served during the year

G Maina (Resigned 10 February 2020)

S Schnorr (Resigned 15 November 2020)

Directors and administration (continued)

Managing agent's secretary

C Traxler

S Hextall

Managing agent's registered office

7th Floor, One Creechurch Place

London, EC3A 5AY

United Kingdom

Managing agent's registered number

08039754

Syndicate

Active underwriter

S Low (Appointed 5 December 2019 and resigned 1 October 2020)

R Merrett (Appointed 18 November 2020)

Bankers

Citibank, Barclays, Royal Bank of Canada

Investment manager

Goldman Sachs

Registered auditor

KPMG LLP

Consulting actuary

Lane Clark & Peacock LLP

Directors' interests

None of the directors of the managing agent have any participation in the Syndicate's premium income capacity.

Report of the directors of the managing agent

The directors of StarStone Underwriting Limited ("SUL"), the managing agent for Syndicate 1301 ("the Syndicate"), present their report for the year ended 31 December 2020.

This annual report is prepared using the annual basis of accounting as required by Statutory Instrument No 1950 of 2008, the Insurance Accounts Directive (Lloyd's Syndicate and Aggregate Accounts) Regulations 2008 and applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102, "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS102") and Financial Reporting Standard 103 "Insurance Contracts" ("FRS103").

Results

The result for the Syndicate for the year ended 31 December 2020 is a loss of £21.7 million (2019: £32.5 million loss). The Syndicate's key financial performance indicators during the year were as follows:

	2020 £'m	2019 £'m
Gross written premium	144.5	175.4
Gross premiums earned	169.0	206.7
Net premiums earned	136.0	142.1
Profit/(Loss) for the financial year	(21.7)	(32.5)
Claims ratio	71.4%	86.8%
Commission ratio	26.4%	30.6%
Expense ratio	22.2%	13.2%
Combined ratio	120.0%	130.6%

Principal activities

The Syndicate's principal activity remains the transaction of general insurance and reinsurance business in the United Kingdom at Lloyd's of London. The Syndicate underwrites a mixture of Marine, Property, Casualty, Reinsurance, and Specialty lines of business. The Syndicate trades through the Lloyd's worldwide licenses and rating platform. It also benefits from the Lloyd's brand. Lloyd's has an A (Strong) rating from A.M. Best, A+ (Strong) rating from Standard & Poor's and AA- (Very Strong) rating from Fitch.

Business profile

On 10 June 2020, Enstar Group announced that they were placing StarStone International operations, including the Syndicate, into an immediate and orderly run-off. A run-off plan for the Syndicate was prepared and submitted to Lloyd's on 14 August 2020 and an orderly run-off of the 2020 and prior underwriting years has been managed since the announcement.

Report of the directors of the managing agent (continued)

2020 and Prior Underwriting Years

For the 2020 and prior underwriting years, the Syndicate focused on London Wholesale Market Business, European Retail Business and US Retail Business through both the Syndicate and StarStone's wholly owned service companies in Europe and the US.

The Syndicate offered a broad range of Property, Casualty and Specialty insurance products from large multi-national through to small and middle-market clients around the world, with the Syndicate writing a diversified portfolio by territory and line of business.

The Syndicate's operations were managed across two business units: Marine, Aviation & Transport and Specialty.

The Marine segment offered a range of Marine products including Hull and Machinery, Marine and Energy Liabilities, Cargo, War, Transport Liabilities, Offshore Energy and Specie & Fine Art. The Aviation segment included General Aviation. Both Marine and Aviation were primarily written from London, but some European retail business was also written through the Syndicate service company branch network.

The Specialty division included the segments Crisis Management, Property and Casualty. Crisis Management encompassed the Terrorism, Political Risk and Credit products. The Property segment included Onshore Energy and a low volume and selective North American delegated property portfolio. The Casualty segment included Financial Lines, Accident & Health and Personal Accident Treaty products.

Business review

The result for the financial year ended 31 December 2020 is a loss of £21.7m (2019: £32.5m loss) with a combined ratio of 120.0% (2019: 130.6%). This includes COVID-19 losses and increased expenses following the decision by Enstar Group to place the Syndicate's 2020 and prior underwriting years into run-off.

Gross written premiums decreased to £144.5m (2019: £175.4m) due to the cessation of underwriting mid-way through the year.

The Syndicate's claims ratio of 71.4% (2019: 86.8%) includes COVID-19 losses, primarily relating to contingency for the Personal Accident Treaty line of business.

The Syndicate's expense ratio deteriorated to 22.2% (2019: 13.2%). This ratio includes 6% relating to restructuring expenses incurred following the run-off decision.

The non-technical account includes a foreign exchange gain of £2.3m (2019: £5.2m) arising from the translation of foreign currency net positions at closing rates of exchange.

The Syndicate reported an investment return of £3.2m (2019: £5.8m) for the financial year. This comprises realised gains of £0.3m (2019: 0.9m), unrealised gains £1.8m (2019: £3.0m) and investment income £1.1m (2019: £1.9m). The Syndicate's return is mainly from the fixed Income portfolio, which primarily comprises corporate and government bonds.

Report of the directors of the managing agent (continued)

Business review (continued)

Risk review

A description of the principal risks and uncertainties facing the Syndicate is set out in the notes to the financial statements (Risk and Capital Management review).

Future developments

Inigo Limited

On 17 November 2020, Inigo Limited ("Inigo") agreed to purchase StarStone Underwriting Limited, including the participation on Lloyd's Syndicate 1301 from Enstar Group, to allow Inigo to commence writing a new portfolio of insurance and reinsurance risks for the 2021 underwriting year. The Inigo transaction is subject to completion and regulatory approval.

On 2 December 2020, the Syndicate 2021 SBF and authority to underwrite was approved 'in principle' by the Lloyd's Council. In addition, Inigo Corporate Member Limited was subsequently approved and Funds at Lloyd's provided to satisfy the new member capital requirement. For 2021, Inigo have commenced underwriting a portfolio of Reinsurance, Property and Casualty business under a new management team. The Syndicate stamp capacity for the 2021 year of account is £270m.

For the 2020 years of account and prior, SGL No. 1 Limited is the corporate member and capital provider. SGL1 No. 1 Limited is a corporate member within the Enstar Group and is also the corporate member for Syndicate 2008. As part of the Inigo transaction, subject to regulatory approvals, the management of 2020 and prior years will be novated to another managing agency (Enstar Managing Agency Limited, subject to approval) and these years will be eventually reinsured to close into Syndicate 2008.

COVID-19

The World Health Organisation (WHO), on 11 March 2020, declared the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak as a global pandemic. COVID-19 is an event that is not clearly timebound nor limited to direct consequences that are easily quantifiable due to the unprecedented nature. The directors continue to closely monitor the COVID-19 outbreak and actively assess the potential impact to all stakeholders. The Syndicate has a formal business continuity plan which is being continually reviewed in light of current developments and is being actively deployed as events require, which includes office closures.

From an employee wellbeing and business continuity perspective the directors are proactively monitoring this outbreak by maintaining continuous dialogue regarding its status and issuing periodic updates and guidance to all staff on measures to maintaining good health.

As the situation continues to evolve the directors are regularly assessing the impact on solvency capital in line with established risk metrics and in compliance with the Syndicate's risk appetite, including the impact of the recent volatility in the financial markets.

The directors have considered the Syndicate's forecast income and financial position and the potential impact of COVID-19:

- The Syndicate's ultimate loss estimate at 31 December 2020 is £71.6m gross and £21.7m net of reinsurance and including reinstatement premiums, primarily in its Accident and Health, Personal Accident Treaty and Credit Risk lines of business.

Report of the directors of the managing agent (continued)

COVID-19 (continued)

- The Syndicate monitors risks arising from COVID-19 through its COVID-19 Risk Working Group and monitors COVID-19 loss estimates through its reserving committee.
- The Syndicate's financial investments reported a loss during the first quarter of 2020. This reversed during the second quarter and the Syndicate reported total annual income and gains on investments of £3.2m (2019: £5.8m).
- The Syndicates members' balance is a liability of £68.9m (2019: £85.5m liability) and cash at bank and in hand is £9.2m (2019: £5.4m). Its financial assets are valued at £176.5m (2019: £167.7m) and are predominantly high grade corporate and government bonds, and other short-term liquid investments. The Syndicate's Board together with its asset managers are continually monitoring its investment portfolios against the guidelines in place.
- There has been no notable business disruption as a result of any reduced services offered by outsourced providers. Questionnaires were sent to key Outsource Providers focusing on their respective business continuity plans. No vulnerabilities were identified.
- Increased cyber risk is, in part, mitigated through regular phishing tests and additional training. Any staff member failing the test are enrolled onto mandatory cyber-awareness training with follow up training to increase awareness and mitigate a real cyber-attack resulting in fraud.

Brexit

The United Kingdom withdrew from the European Union ("Brexit") following a transition period that ended on 31 December 2020. Prior to the end of the transition period, the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation agreement was signed between the European Union and the United Kingdom. Following Brexit, Lloyd's members no longer benefit from EU passporting provisions and will no longer have permission to underwrite European Economic Area (EEA) (re)insurance business.

In an effort to provide continued access to Lloyd's for policy holders within the EEA following the United Kingdom's exit from the EU on 31 January 2020, Lloyd's established a subsidiary insurance and reinsurance company incorporated in Belgium, Lloyd's Insurance Company S.A. (Lloyd's Brussels). Lloyd's Brussels is authorised in Belgium by the National Bank of Belgium ("NBB") and regulated by the NBB and the Financial Services and Markets Authority of Belgium. It is capitalised according to the Solvency II standard formula and benefits from the same financial ratings as the Lloyd's market, which are provided by A.M. Best (A Strong); Standard & Poor's (A+ Strong); and Fitch Ratings (AA- Very Strong). Lloyd's Brussels has 18 branches across the EEA and a branch in the UK.

Lloyd's Brussels writes all classes of non-life insurance business and non-life reinsurance (facultative and non-proportional excess of loss treaty only) business from EEA countries. It does not underwrite proportional treaty reinsurance. The establishment of Lloyd's Brussels ensured that Lloyd's European intermediaries and policyholders still have access to the combined scale, expertise, capacity and claims service of the Lloyd's market through a single insurance company based at the heart of Europe.

Lloyd's Part VII Transfer

On 30 December 2020, the Members and former Members of the Syndicate, as comprised for each of the relevant years of account between 1993 and April 2019 (or October 2020 in the case of German reinsurance), transferred all relevant policies (and related liabilities) underwritten by them for those years of account to Lloyd's Insurance Company S.A. ('Lloyd's Brussels'), in accordance with Part VII of the Financial Services and

Report of the directors of the managing agent (continued)

Lloyd's Part VII Transfer (continued)

Markets Act 2000. On the same date, the Members of the Syndicate entered into a 100% Quota Share Reinsurance Agreement whereby Lloyd's Brussels reinsured all risks on the same policies back to the relevant open years of account of the Syndicate which wrote the transferring policies and/or inherited liabilities on transferring policies through Reinsurance to Close of earlier years of account.

Following the sanction of the scheme by the High Court on 18 November 2020, the scheme took effect on 30 December 2020 and the Members and former Members of the Syndicate transferred the impacted EEA policies and related liabilities to Lloyd's Brussels, together with cash of \$38.7m. On the same date, under the Reinsurance Agreement, Lloyd's Brussels reinsured the same risks back, together with an equal amount of cash of \$38.7m. The combined effect of the two transactions had no economic impact for the Syndicate, and accordingly there is no impact on the Syndicate's income statement or balance sheet.

Current year underwriting results for the transferred policies have been reported in the same classes of business as in prior years, as the effective date of the transfer was 30 December 2020, and in line with Society of Lloyd's guidance no movements were processed on these policies on 31 December 2020. In future years, results relating to these risks will be reported under the Inwards Reinsurance class of business, reflecting the new contractual arrangement with Lloyd's Brussels.

Directors

None of the directors of the managing agent who served during the year ended 31 December 2020 were underwriting Names on the Syndicate for the 2018, 2019 or 2020 years of account.

The current directors of the managing agent are set out on page 2.

Auditor

Pursuant to Section 14(2) of Schedule 1 of the Insurance Accounts Directive (Lloyd's Syndicate and Aggregate Accounts) Regulations 2008, the auditor will be deemed to be reappointed and KPMG LLP will therefore continue in office.

Disclosure of information to auditor

The directors of the managing agent who held office at the date of approval of this managing agent's report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Syndicate's auditor is unaware; and each director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Syndicate's auditor is aware of that information.

Syndicate meeting

The Managing Agent confirms that it does not propose to hold an annual general meeting of the members of the Syndicate.



P West
Director
For and on behalf of the board
4 March 2021

Statement of managing agent's directors' responsibilities

The directors of the managing agent are responsible for preparing the Syndicate annual accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The Insurance Accounts Directive (Lloyds's Syndicate and Aggregate Accounts) Regulations 2008 requires the directors of the managing agent to prepare their Syndicate's annual accounts for each financial year. Under that law they have elected to prepare the annual accounts in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland*.

Under Insurance Accounts Directive (Lloyds's Syndicate and Aggregate Accounts) Regulations 2008 the directors of the managing agent must not approve the annual accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Syndicate and of the profit or loss of the Syndicate for that period. In preparing these annual accounts, the directors of the managing agent are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the annual accounts; and
- Assess the Syndicate's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and
- Use the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to cease trading, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The directors of the managing agent are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Syndicate's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Syndicate and enable them to ensure that the Syndicate annual accounts comply with the Insurance Accounts Directive (Lloyds's Syndicate and Aggregate Accounts) Regulations 2008. They are responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of Syndicate annual accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Syndicate and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The directors of the managing agent are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the Syndicate and financial information included on the Syndicate's website. Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of Syndicate annual accounts may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

On behalf of the board



P West
Director
4 March 2021

Independent auditor's report to the members of Syndicate 1301

Opinion

We have audited the Syndicate annual accounts of Syndicate 1301 ("the Syndicate") for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the Income Statement: Technical account, Income Statement: Non-Technical account, Statement of Financial Position – Assets, Statement of Financial Position – Liabilities, Statement of Changes in Members' Balances, Statement of Cash Flows, and related notes, including the accounting policies in note 3.

In our opinion the Syndicate annual accounts:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Syndicate's affairs as at 31 December 2020 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK accounting standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland*; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Insurance Accounts Directive (Lloyd's Syndicate and Aggregate Accounts) Regulations 2008.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities are described below. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities under, and are independent of the Syndicate in accordance with, UK ethical requirements including the FRC Ethical Standard. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is a sufficient and appropriate basis for our opinion.

Going concern

The directors of the Managing Agent have prepared the Syndicate annual accounts on the going concern basis as they do not intend to cease underwriting or to cease its operations, and as they have concluded that the Syndicate's financial position means that this is realistic. They have also concluded that there are no material uncertainties that could have cast significant doubt over its ability to continue as a going concern for at least a year from the date of approval of the Syndicate annual accounts ("the going concern period").

In our evaluation of the directors' conclusions, we considered the inherent risks to the Syndicate's business model and analysed how those risks might affect the Syndicate's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period.

Our conclusions based on this work:

- we consider that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the Syndicate annual accounts is appropriate;
- we have not identified, and concur with the directors' assessment that there is not, a material uncertainty related to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Syndicate's ability to continue as a going concern for the going concern period.

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the above conclusions are not a guarantee that the Syndicate will continue in operation.

Independent auditor's report to the members of Syndicate 1301 (Continued)

Report of the directors of the Managing Agent

Fraud and breaches of laws and regulations-ability to detect

To identify risks of material misstatement due to fraud ("fraud risks") we assessed events or conditions that could indicate an incentive or pressure to commit fraud or provide an opportunity to commit fraud. Our risk assessment procedures at the Syndicate and Managing Agent included:

- Enquiring of directors, the audit committee, internal audit, compliance, legal and risk and inspection of policy documentation as to the Syndicate and Managing Agent's high-level policies and procedures to prevent and detect fraud, including the internal audit function, and the Syndicate and Managing Agent's channel for "whistleblowing", as well as whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud.
- Reading Board, audit committee and risk and solvency committee minutes.
- Considering remuneration incentive schemes and performance targets for management and directors.
- Using analytical procedures to identify any usual or unexpected relationships.

We communicated identified fraud risks throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of fraud throughout the audit.

As required by auditing standards, and taking into account possible pressures to meet profit targets and our overall knowledge of the control environment, we perform procedures to address the risk of management override of controls, in particular the risk that management may be in a position to make inappropriate accounting entries, and the risk of bias in accounting estimates and judgements such as the valuation of claims outstanding and the valuation of premium debtors. We did not identify any additional fraud risks.

We performed procedures including:

- Identifying journal entries and other adjustments to test based on risk criteria and comparing the identified entries to supporting documentation. These included those posted by senior management, journals posted without a user identity, those posted to accounts linked to an accounting estimate and those posted with unusual descriptions or related to run-off if any; and
- Assessing significant accounting estimates for bias.

Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to non-compliance with laws and regulations

We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the Annual Return from our general commercial and sector experience and through discussion with the directors and other management (as required by auditing standards), and from inspection of the Managing Agent's regulatory and legal correspondence and discussed with the directors and other management the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations.

As the Syndicate is regulated, our assessment of risks involved gaining an understanding of the control environment including the entity's procedures for complying with regulatory requirements.

We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit.

The potential effect of these laws and regulations on the Annual Return varies considerably.

Firstly, the Syndicate is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the Annual Return including financial reporting legislation (including related Lloyd's regulations) and we assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related Annual Return items.

Independent auditor's report to the members of Syndicate 1301 (Continued)

Secondly, the Syndicate is subject to many other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the Annual Return, for instance through the imposition of fines or litigation or the loss of the Syndicate's capacity to operate. We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect: regulatory capital and conduct recognising the financial and regulated nature of the Syndicate's activities.

Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Therefore, if a breach of operational regulations is not disclosed to us or evident from relevant correspondence, an audit will not detect that breach.

Context of the ability of the audit to detect fraud or breaches of law or regulation

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the Annual Return, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the Annual Return, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it.

In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of fraud, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. Our audit procedures are designed to detect material misstatement. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance or fraud and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

Other information – Report of the directors of the Managing Agent

The directors are responsible for the Report of the directors of the Managing Agent. Our opinion on the Syndicate annual accounts does not cover that report and we do not express an audit opinion or, except as explicitly stated below, any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the Report of the directors of the Managing Agent and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our Syndicate annual accounts audit work, the information therein is materially misstated or inconsistent with the Syndicate annual accounts or our audit knowledge. Based solely on that work:

- we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the directors of the Managing Agent;
- in our opinion the information given in the Report of the directors of the Managing Agent is consistent with the Syndicate annual accounts; and
- in our opinion the information given in the Report of the directors of the Managing Agent have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Insurance Accounts Directive (Lloyd's Syndicate and Aggregate Accounts) Regulations 2008.

Independent auditor's report to the members of Syndicate 1301 (Continued)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Under the Insurance Accounts Directive (Lloyd's Syndicate and Aggregate Accounts) Regulations 2008, we are required 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 Syndicate annual accounts 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 the directors of the Managing Agent

As explained more fully in their statement set out on page 9, the directors of the Managing Agent are responsible for: the preparation of the Syndicate annual accounts and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view; such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of Syndicate annual accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; assessing the Syndicate'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 they either intend to cease trading, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Syndicate annual accounts as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue our opinion in an auditor's report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not 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 aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the Syndicate annual accounts.

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on the FRC's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities.

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

This report is made solely to the Syndicate's members, 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 Managing Agent and the Syndicate's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



David Maddams (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants
15 Canada Square
London, E14 5GL
4 March 2021

Income Statement: Technical account – General Business

For the year ended 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 £000	2019 £000
Earned premiums, net of reinsurance			
Gross premiums written	5	144,478	175,405
Outwards reinsurance premiums		(24,188)	(31,933)
		120,290	143,472
Change in the provision for unearned premiums			
Gross amount	16	24,482	31,250
Reinsurers' share		(8,803)	(32,626)
		15,679	(1,376)
		135,969	142,096
Allocated investment return transferred from the non-technical account			
	10	3,159	5,804
Claims incurred, net of reinsurance			
Claims paid			
Gross amount		(155,854)	(191,246)
Reinsurers' share		48,477	64,675
		(107,377)	(126,571)
Change in the provision for claims			
Gross amount	16	2,542	1,858
Reinsurers' share		7,762	1,403
		10,304	3,261
Net operating expenses			
	7	(66,036)	(62,195)
Balance on the technical account – general business			
		(23,981)	(37,605)

All operations relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 20 to 56 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Income Statement - Non-technical account

For the year ended 31 December 2020

	<i>Note</i>	2020 £000	2019 £000
Balance on the technical account – general business		(23,981)	(37,605)
Investment income	10	1,453	2,829
Unrealised gains on investments	10	6,828	5,104
Investment expenses and charges	10	(46)	(19)
Unrealised losses on investments	10	(5,076)	(2,110)
Allocated investment return transferred to technical account	10	(3,159)	(5,804)
Gain on foreign exchange		2,330	5,150
Loss for the financial year		(21,651)	(32,455)

All operations relate to continuing activities.

There are no items of other comprehensive income in the accounting period, therefore no statement of other comprehensive income has been presented.

The notes on pages 20 to 56 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Statement of Financial Position – Assets

As at 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 £000	2019 £000
Investments			
Other financial investments	11	176,454	167,710
Reinsurers' share of technical provisions			
Provision for unearned premiums	16	9,103	17,708
Claims outstanding		135,085	129,615
		144,188	147,323
Debtors			
Debtors arising out of direct insurance operations	12	22,345	59,376
Debtors arising out of reinsurance operations	13	52,982	51,643
Other debtors		5,078	5,517
		80,405	116,536
Other assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	18	9,175	5,399
		9,175	5,399
Prepayments and accrued income			
Accrued interest		305	322
Deferred acquisition costs	14	13,866	21,868
Other prepayments and accrued income		395	413
		14,566	22,603
Total assets		424,788	459,571

The notes on pages 20 to 56 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Statement of Financial Position – Liabilities

As at 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 £000	2019 £000
Capital and reserves			
Members' balances		(68,926)	(85,522)
Technical provisions			
Provision for unearned premiums		57,604	82,191
Claims outstanding		364,841	372,186
	16	422,445	454,377
Deposits received from reinsurers			
		46,716	40,342
Creditors			
Creditors arising out of direct insurance operations		9,691	13,361
Creditors arising out of reinsurance operations		8,856	28,717
Other creditors		2,521	3,266
	17	21,068	45,344
Accruals and deferred income			
		3,485	5,030
Total liabilities and equity		424,788	459,571

The notes on pages 20 to 56 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The Syndicate financial statements on pages 14 to 56 were approved by the board of StarStone Underwriting Limited and were signed on its behalf by:



P West
 Director
 04 March 2021

Statement of Changes in Members' Balances

For the year ended 31 December 2020

		2020	2019
	<i>Note</i>	£000	£000
Members' balances brought forward at 1 January		(85,522)	(93,667)
Loss for the year		(21,651)	(32,455)
Contribution to losses	22	38,247	40,600
Members' balances carried forward at 31 December		(68,926)	(85,522)

The notes on pages 20 to 56 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Members participate on Syndicates by reference to years of account (YOA) and their ultimate result, assets and liabilities are assessed with reference to policies incepting in that year of account in respect of their membership of a particular year.

Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 31 December 2020

	Note	2020		2019	
		£000	£000	£000	£000
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Loss for the year		(21,651)		(32,455)	
<i>Adjustments:</i>					
Decrease in technical provisions		(31,932)		(54,145)	
Decrease in reinsurers share of technical provisions		3,135		38,297	
Decrease in debtors, subrogation and salvage and prepayments		44,132		104,962	
Decrease in creditors		(25,822)		(130,711)	
Movement in other assets/liabilities		6,410		39,945	
Net interest and dividends receivable		(3,159)		(5,804)	
Foreign exchange gains		(127)		(24)	
Net cash outflow from operating activities			(29,014)		(39,935)
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Acquisitions of financial instruments		(65,891)		(86,262)	
Proceeds from sale of financial instruments		63,535		94,464	
Interest received		1,406		2,810	
Increase in deposits with credit institutions		-		(113)	
Central Fund Loan		(649)		(766)	
Decrease/ (Increase) in overseas deposits		4,306		(7,816)	
Foreign exchange losses		3,199		2,911	
Net cash inflow from investing activities			5,906		5,228
Cash flow from financing activities:					
Contribution to losses		38,248		40,600	
Net cash inflow from financing activities			38,248		40,600
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			15,140		5,893
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January			119,997		114,081
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents			127		23
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	18		135,264		119,997

The notes on pages 20 to 56 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes (forming part of the financial statements)

1. Basis of preparation

Syndicate 1301 ('the Syndicate') comprises a group of members of the Society of Lloyd's that underwrites insurance business in the London Market.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Insurance Accounts Directive (Lloyd's Syndicate and Aggregate Accounts) Regulations 2008 and Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102") as issued in August 2014, and Financial Reporting Standard 103 Insurance Contracts ("FRS 103") as issued in March 2014.

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, except for financial assets which have been recorded at fair value through the statement of profit or loss.

The financial statements are presented in Pound Sterling ("GBP"), which is the Syndicate's functional currency. All amounts have been rounded to the nearest thousand, unless otherwise indicated.

As permitted by FRS 103 the Syndicate has continued to apply the accounting policies that existed prior to this standard for its insurance contracts.

The Syndicate has elected to apply paragraph 6.3 of FRS 103 to claims development triangles where the Syndicate need not disclose information that occurred earlier than five years before the end of the first financial year in which this FRS applies, building up to 10 years of development with the introduction of each future period.

The Syndicate financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with FRS102.

The directors have performed an assessment of the Syndicate's ability to continue as a going concern, including the assessment relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Underwriting activity has recommenced and operations restarted following the announcement of the sale of Syndicate 1301's capacity and the Managing Agent (SUL) to Inigo Limited (Inigo) on 17 November 2020, and subsequently the approval 'in principle' of the Inigo 2021 SBF at the Lloyd's Council on 2 December 2020.

The completion of the sale is subject to customary regulatory approvals, which at the date of these financial statements has not been received. The nature of the business plan and risk profile of the Inigo 2021 and future years of account is different from historic years of StarStone and there is inherent uncertainty related to the Syndicate's future success and viability. As such, the Syndicate's plans and operations will be subject to close oversight and, if post approval expectations are not met, revised plans and actions may be required. The Syndicate's management have concluded that due to a signed sale agreement and that the 2021 year of account is actively being written, following Lloyd's approval of the 2021 SBF, it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Syndicate initiated its Post Loss Exposure Reporting ("PLER") process. The process reviewed and assessed the potential implications for each class of business that the Syndicate underwrites, across all its platforms, with involvement from underwriting, exposure management, actuarial, claims and finance teams. The output of this review formed the basis of Syndicate's loss reserving. The current ultimate best estimate financial impact of COVID-19 is £21.7m, net of reinsurance and including reinstatement premiums. This constitutes 9.5% of Syndicate's total net loss reserves.

The Syndicate's financial forecasts reflect the outcomes that the directors consider most likely, based on the information available at the date of signing these financial statements. To assess the Syndicate's going concern, resilience and response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the financial stability of the Syndicate was modelled for a period of at least 12 months and a number of sensitivity, stress and scenario tests were applied. This included analysis for both the 2020 and prior year of account, as well as the Inigo 2021 year of account.

Notes (continued)

1. Basis of preparation (continued)

For the 2020 and prior years of account, sensitivity analysis for claims investments, ULAE/run-off costs and claims development was conducted. For the 2021 year of account, sensitivity analysis was conducted for investments and claims development.

To further stress the financial stability of the Syndicate, additional scenario testing was performed. This included modelling the occurrence of a number of high severity loss events impacting the Syndicate in 2021. The testing identified that even under the more severe but plausible stress scenarios, the Syndicate had more than adequate liquidity and solvency headroom.

In addition to the above, the following factors were also considered as part of going concern assessment:

On 15 January 2021, the UK Supreme Court delivered its judgement on the FCA's business interruption test case. The aim of the test case was to obtain clarity on insurance contract wording and determine whether certain business interruption clauses were triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic. For the insurance industry, this means that in certain instances, policyholders will now have their COVID-19 related business interruption claims paid where previously these claims may have been denied. It may also impact the reinsurance industry as insurers will seek to recover from the reinsurance protection they have in place. In light of the UK Supreme Court ruling, the Syndicate has performed a detailed review of the business interruption clauses in its insurance and reinsurance contracts and concluded that there is no material impact on the COVID-19 best estimate loss booked for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The Syndicate's strategy is to deploy capital into a hardening market, in which pricing strengthens due to market capital constraints, and to lower the amount of capital deployed in a softer market, where pricing is weaker due to over-supply of risk capital. The COVID-19 pandemic has generated (re)insurance market losses both in terms of the claims environment and the impact on financial markets. In the face of these challenges there has been a retrenchment in (re)insurance markets risk capital and capacity. This in turn has led to continued rate increases in many of the Syndicate's core insurance segments and accelerated rating dislocation in the catastrophe exposed reinsurance lines. The Syndicate expects the momentum of rising rates to continue in this and other classes of business across its portfolio throughout 2021 and beyond. The Syndicate expects to take advantage of this rating improvement by writing increased levels of business at higher pricing levels.

As at 31 December 2020, the Syndicate considers that it has more than adequate liquidity to pay its obligations as they fall due. The Syndicate held cash and cash equivalents of £9.2 million and fixed maturity investments with maturity dates of less than one year of £146.2m.

As at 31 December 2020, the average credit quality of the fixed maturity portfolio was A rated (31 December 2019 – A rated) and there has not been a significant change in Syndicate's counterparty credit exposure as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, it is an area the directors continue to monitor. Additional credit risk disclosures are set out on pages 29 to 42.

Additionally, the ability of the syndicate to meet its obligations as they fall due is also underpinned by the support provided by the Lloyd's solvency process and its chain of security for any members who are not able to meet their underwriting liabilities.

Based on the going concern assessment performed as at 31 December 2020, the directors consider there to be no material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt over the Syndicate's ability to continue to operate as a going concern.

Notes (continued)

1. Basis of preparation (continued)

The directors have formed a judgment that there is a reasonable expectation that the Syndicate has adequate resources to continue in operational existence in the foreseeable future, a period of at least 12 months from the date of signing these financial statements.

The accounting policies set out below have, unless otherwise stated, been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

2. Use of judgments and estimates

In preparing these financial statements, the directors of the Managing Agent have made judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of the Syndicate's accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses.

Actual results may differ from these estimates. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to estimates are recognised prospectively.

Technical Provisions

The measurement of the provision for claims outstanding involves judgments and assumptions about the future that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

The provision for claims outstanding comprises the estimated cost of settling all claims incurred but unpaid at the balance sheet date, whether reported or not. This is a judgmental and complex area due to the subjectivity inherent in estimating the impact of claims events that have occurred but for which the eventual outcome remains uncertain. In particular, judgment is applied when estimating the value of amounts that should be provided for claims that have been incurred at the reporting date but have not yet been reported (IBNR) to the Syndicate.

The amount included in respect of IBNR is based on statistical techniques of estimation applied by the Syndicate Managing Agent's in-house actuaries and reviewed by external consulting actuaries. These techniques generally involve projecting from past experience the development of claims over time in view of the likely ultimate claims to be experienced and for more recent underwriting, having regard to variations in business accepted and the underlying terms and conditions. The provision for claims also includes amounts in respect of internal and external claims handling costs. For the most recent years, where a high degree of volatility arises from projections, estimates may be based in part on output from rating and other models of business accepted and assessments of underwriting conditions.

In arriving at the level of claims provisions a management margin is applied over and above the actuarial best estimate. Further information about the risk that the provision for claims outstanding could be materially different from the ultimate cost of claims settlement is included in note 4.

Estimates of future premiums

For certain insurance contracts, premium is initially recognised based on estimates of ultimate premiums. These estimates are judgemental and could result in misstatements of revenue recorded in the financial statements. The main assumption underlying these estimates is that past premium development can be used to project future premium development.

Notes (continued)

2. Use of judgments and estimates (continued)

Fair value of financial assets determined using valuation techniques

Where the fair value of financial assets recorded in the statement of financial position cannot be derived from active markets, they are determined using a variety of valuation techniques that include the use of discounted cash flow models and/or other mathematical models. The inputs from these models are derived from observable market data where possible, but where observable market data are not available, judgment is required to establish fair values. For fixed-income and asset-backed securities the judgments include considerations for liquidity risk, credit risk, and prepayment rates.

For discounted cash flow analysis, estimated future cash flows and discount rates are based on current market information and rates applicable to financial instruments with similar yields, credit quality and maturity characteristics. Estimated future cash flows are influenced by factors such as economic conditions (including country specific risks), concentrations of specific industries and market liquidity. Discount rates are influenced by risk-free interest rates and credit risk.

Changes in the assumptions about these factors could affect the reported fair value of the financial instruments.

3. Significant accounting policies

The following principal accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Syndicate's financial statements.

Insurance Contracts

Product classifications

Insurance contract are those contracts when the Company (the insurer) has accepted significant insurance risk from another party (the policyholder) by agreeing to compensate the policyholder if a specified uncertain future event (the insured event) adversely affects the policyholders. As a general guideline, the company determines whether it has significant insurance risk, by comparing benefits paid with benefits payable if the insured event did not occur. Insurance contracts can also transfer financial risk. Once a contract has been classified as an insurance contract, it remains an insurance contract for the remainder of its lifetime, even if the insurance risk reduces significantly during this period, unless all rights and obligations are extinguished or expire.

Premiums written

Gross written premiums comprise the total premiums receivable for the whole period of cover provided by the contracts entered into during the reporting period, regardless of whether these are wholly due for payment in the reporting period, together with any adjustments arising in the reporting period to such premiums receivable in respect of business written in prior reporting periods. They are recognised on the date on which the policy commences. Additional or return premiums are treated as a re-measurement of the initial premium. Premiums are shown gross of brokerage payable and exclude taxes and duties levied on them.

Written premiums include an estimate for pipeline premiums (i.e. premiums written but not reported to the Company by the reporting date) relating only to those underlying contracts of insurance where the period of cover has commenced prior to the reporting date. The most significant assumption in this estimate is that prior year experience will be consistent with current experience.

Outward reinsurance premiums are accounted for in the same accounting period as the premiums for the related direct insurance or inwards reinsurance business.

Notes (continued)

3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Managing Agent profit commission

The managing agent does not charge profit commission.

Fee and commission income

Insurance policyholders are charged for policy administration services, investment management services, surrenders and other contract fees. These fees are recognised as revenue over the period in which the related services are performed. If the fees are for services provided in future periods, then they are deferred and recognised over those future periods.

Claims

Claims include all claims occurring during the year, whether reported or not, related internal and external claims management costs that have been determined by an apportionment of employment costs, and any adjustments to claims outstanding from previous years.

Internal claims handling costs, including remuneration costs of the claims department, are reclassified from administrative expenses and included within claims incurred.

Reinsurance claims are recognised when the related gross insurance claim is recognised according to the terms of the relevant contract.

Technical Provisions

Technical provisions comprise claims outstanding, provisions for unearned premiums and provisions for unexpired risk.

Claims provisions

Claims incurred comprise claims and claims handling expenses (both internal and external) paid in the year and the movement in provision for outstanding claims and settlement expenses.

Full provision is made on an individual case basis for the estimated cost of claims notified but not settled by the balance sheet date after taking into account handling costs and settlement trends. A provision for claims incurred but not reported (IBNR) is established from statistical analysis undertaken by the Syndicate's actuaries. The methods used and the estimates made are reviewed regularly.

Whilst the directors consider that the gross provision for claims and the related reinsurance recoveries are fairly stated on the basis of the information currently available to them, the ultimate liability will vary as a result of subsequent information and events. Any differences between provisions and subsequent settlements are dealt with in the technical accounts of later years.

In calculating the estimated cost of unpaid claims the Syndicate uses a variety of estimation techniques, generally based upon statistical analyses of historical experience, which assumes that the development pattern of current claims will be consistent with past experience.

Notes (continued)

3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Allowance is made, however, for changes or uncertainties which may create distortions in the underlying statistics or which may cause the cost of unsettled claims to change when compared with the cost of previously settled claims including:

- changes in Syndicate processes which might accelerate or slow down the development and/or recording of paid or incurred claims compared with the statistics from previous periods
- changes in the legal environment
- the effects of inflation
- changes in the mix of business
- the impact of large losses
- movement in industry benchmarks

A component of these estimation techniques is usually the estimation of the cost of notified but not paid claims. In estimating the cost of these the Syndicate has regard to claim circumstances as reported, and information available from loss adjusters and information on the cost of settling claims with similar characteristics in previous periods.

Large claims impacting each relevant business class are assessed separately where appropriate, being measured on a case-by-case basis or projected separately in order to allow for the possible distortive effect of the development and incidence of the large claims.

The provision for claims outstanding is based on information available at the balance sheet date and is estimated to give a result within a normal range of outcomes. To the extent that the ultimate cost falls outside this range, for example where assumptions over claims inflation may alter in future, there is a contingent liability in respect of this uncertainty. Provisions are calculated allowing for reinsurance recoveries and a separate asset is recorded for the reinsurers' share, having regard to collectability.

The reinsurers' share of provisions for claims is based on the 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.

Anticipated salvage and subrogation recoveries are calculated on an individual case basis. The level of recovery estimated is set on the basis of information which is currently available, including potential outstanding claims advices and case law. Salvage and subrogation recoveries are included in claims incurred in the income statement.

The liability is not discounted for the time value of money.

Provision for unearned premiums

Unearned premiums are those proportions of premiums written in a year that relate to periods of risk after the reporting date. Written premiums are recognised as earned over the period of the policy on a time apportionment basis having regard, where appropriate, to the incidence of risk. The provision for unearned premiums is calculated on a daily pro rata basis where appropriate. The proportion attributable to subsequent periods is deferred as a provision for unearned premiums.

Unearned reinsurance premiums are those proportions of reinsurance premiums written in a year that relate to periods of risk after the reporting date. Unearned reinsurance premiums are deferred over the term of the underlying direct insurance policies for risks-attaching contracts, and over the term of the reinsurance contract for losses-occurring contracts.

Notes (continued)

3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Provision for unexpired risks

Provision is made for unexpired risks arising from general insurance contracts where the expected value of claims and expenses attributable to the unexpired periods of policies in force at the balance sheet date exceeds the unearned premiums provision in relation to such policies (after the deduction of any deferred acquisition costs). The provision for unexpired risks is calculated by reference to classes of business which are managed together, after taking into account the future investment return on investments held to back the unearned premiums and unexpired claims provisions.

Deferred acquisition costs

Acquisition costs, comprising commission and other costs related to the acquisition of new insurance contracts, the renewal of existing insurance contracts and the deferral of other costs directly related and incremental to successful acquisition of a new or renewed insurance contract, are deferred to the extent that they are attributable to premiums unearned at the balance sheet date.

Deferred acquisition costs are amortised over the period in which the related premiums are earned.

The reinsurers' share of deferred acquisition costs is amortised in the same manner as the underlying asset. Amortisation is reported in the technical account.

Commissions receivable on outwards reinsurance contracts are amortised over the term of the outwards reinsurance premiums and deferred to the extent that they are attributable to outwards reinsurance premiums unearned as at the balance sheet date.

Reinsurance assets

The Syndicate cedes insurance risk in the normal course of business. Reinsurance assets represent balances due from reinsurance companies. Amounts recoverable from reinsurers are estimated in a manner consistent with the outstanding claims provision or settled claims associated with the reinsurer's policies and are in accordance with the related reinsurance contract.

Reinsurance assets are reviewed for impairment at each reporting date, or more frequently, when an indication of impairment arises during the reporting year. Impairment occurs when there is objective evidence as a result of an event that occurred after initial recognition of the reinsurance asset that the Syndicate may not receive all outstanding amounts due under the terms of the contract, and the event has a reliably measurable impact on the amounts that the Syndicate will receive from the reinsurer. The impairment loss is recorded in the income statement.

Insurance receivables

Insurance receivables are recognised when due and measured on initial recognition at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Subsequent to initial recognition, insurance receivables are measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

The carrying value of insurance receivables is reviewed for impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable, with the impairment loss recorded in the statement of profit or loss. Insurance receivables are derecognised when the de-recognition criteria for financial assets have been met.

Notes (continued)

3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Insurance payables

Insurance payables are recognised when due and measured on initial recognition at the fair value of the consideration paid or payable less directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Insurance payables are derecognised when the obligation under the liability is settled, cancelled or expired.

Financial Investments

As permitted by FRS 102, the Syndicate has elected to apply the recognition and measurement provisions of IAS 39 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement* (as adopted for use in the EU) to account for all of its financial instruments.

Classification

The Syndicate classifies its financial assets into the following categories: Redeemable fixed interest securities, deposits with credit institutions and shares and other variable yield securities. All of these assets are classified as fair value through profit and loss.

The Syndicate determines the classification of its financial assets on initial recognition.

Recognition

Financial instruments are recognised when the Syndicate becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets are derecognised if the Syndicate's contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial assets expire or if the Syndicate transfers the financial asset to another party without retaining control of substantially all risks and rewards of the asset.

Purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised and derecognised, as applicable, on the trade date, i.e. the date that the Syndicate commits itself to purchase or sell the asset.

Measurement

Redeemable debt securities and other fixed-income securities are classified as fair value through profit or loss and are initially measured at fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition, these investments are re-measured at fair value at each reporting date. Fair value adjustments and realised gains and losses are recognised in the income statement.

Deposits with credit institutions are also classified at fair value through profit or loss and are held at cost as the best measure for fair value. These typically consist of callable on-demand deposits with very short maturities, which are not always held to maturity, and cash letters of credit (LOCs).

Shares and other variable yield securities and units in unit trusts consist of collective investment schemes and private equity investments. These are also designated on initial recognition as an asset to be measured at fair value with fair value changes recognised in profit or loss account at subsequent reporting periods. Realised gains and losses are also recognised through profit and loss account.

Offsetting

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the balance sheet when, and only when, the Syndicate currently has a legal right to set off the amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Notes (continued)

3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash at bank and in hand as well as short-term deposits with credit institutions. These consist of collateralised cash LOCs with a restriction of one month or less and highly liquid short-term investments with maturity of less than 90 days from the date of acquisition.

Cash at bank and in hand on the statement of financial position includes only cash and balances at central banks and loans and advances to banks repayable on demand.

Cash and cash equivalents are carried at amortised cost in the statement of financial position.

Investment return

Investment income comprises interest income, dividends receivable and realised investment gains. Investment return comprises investment income and movements in unrealised gains and losses on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss, less investment management expenses, interest payable, realised losses and impairment losses.

Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sale proceeds and purchase price. Unrealised gains and losses on investments represent the difference between the valuation at the balance sheet date and their valuation at the previous balance sheet date, or purchase price if acquired during the year, together with the reversal of unrealised gains and losses recognised in earlier accounting periods 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. Investment return has been allocated to the technical account in respect of actual investment return on investments supporting the general insurance technical provisions and member balances. Any investment returns on investments that relate to undistributed profits on closed years remain in the non-technical account.

Financial liabilities

The Syndicate's financial liabilities consist of insurance creditors, intercompany balances and trade payables.

All financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value. Intercompany balances are repayable on demand and are typically settled within one year. Intercompany balances are subsequently measured at amortised cost should they remain unsettled over a year. A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged or expires.

Foreign currencies

The Syndicate's functional currency and its presentation currency are GBP.

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the functional currency using the exchange rates at the date of the transactions. The Syndicate's monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into the functional currency at the rates of exchange at the balance sheet date. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are measured at fair value are retranslated to the functional currency at the exchange rate at the date that the fair value was determined. Non-monetary items denominated in foreign currencies that are measured at historic cost are translated to the functional currency using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction.

Differences arising on translation of foreign currency amounts relating to the insurance operations of the Syndicate are included in the non-technical account.

Notes (continued)

3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Taxation

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 rate income tax (currently at 20%) 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.

No provision has been made for any United States Federal Income Tax payable on underwriting results or investment earnings. Any payments on account made by the Syndicate during the year have been included in the balance sheet under the heading 'other debtors'.

No provision has been made for any other overseas tax payable by members on underwriting results.

Pension costs

StarStone Group operates a defined contribution scheme. Pension contributions relating to Syndicate staff are charged to the Syndicate as incurred and are included within net operating expenses.

4. Risk and capital management

Introduction and overview

This note presents information about the nature and extent of insurance and financial risks to which the Syndicate is exposed, the Managing Agent's objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing insurance and financial risks, and for managing the Syndicate's capital.

Risk management framework

The Board of directors of the Managing Agent has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Syndicate's risk management framework. The Board has established a Risk Committee to oversee the operation of the Syndicate's risk management framework and to review and monitor the management of the risks to which the Syndicate is exposed. The Risk Committee has delegated oversight of the management of aspects of insurance risks to the StarStone Run-off, Underwriting and Reserving Committees, which are responsible for developing and monitoring insurance risk management policies, and the management of aspects of financial risks to the StarStone Investment Committee, which is responsible for developing and monitoring financial risk management policies.

The Risk Committee reports regularly to the Board of directors on its activities. The StarStone Run-off, Underwriting and Reserving Committees and the StarStone Investment Committee report regularly to the Risk Committee on their activities.

The risk management policies are established to identify and analyse the risks faced by the Syndicate, to set appropriate risk limits and controls, and to monitor risks and adherence to limits.

Management of insurance risk

A key component of the management of underwriting risk for the Syndicate is the risk of uncertainty around all unexpired and future underwriting exposure. The Board manages premium risk by agreeing its appetite for these annually through the business plan.

Contracts can contain a number of features which help to manage the underwriting risk such as the use of deductibles, or capping the maximum permitted loss, or number of claims (subject to local regulatory and legislative requirements)

Notes (continued)

4. Risk and capital management (continued)

Management of insurance risk (continued)

The Syndicate makes use of reinsurance to mitigate the risk of incurring significant losses linked to one event or catastrophe, including excess of loss and quota share reinsurance. Where an individual exposure is deemed surplus to the Syndicate's appetite additional facultative reinsurance is also purchased.

The Reserving Committee oversees the management of reserving risk. The use of proprietary and standardised modelling techniques, internal and external benchmarking, and the review of claims development are all instrumental in mitigating reserving risk.

The Managing Agent's in-house actuaries perform a reserving analysis on a quarterly basis liaising closely with underwriters, claims and reinsurance technicians. The aim of this exercise is to produce a probability-weighted average of the expected future cash outflows arising from the settlement of incurred claims. These projections include an analysis of claims development compared to the previous 'best estimate' projections. The output of the reserving analysis is reviewed by external consulting actuaries.

The Reserving Committee performs a comprehensive review of the projections, both gross and net of reinsurance. Following this review the Reserving Committee makes recommendations to the Risk Committee and the Managing Agent's Board of directors of the amount of claims provisions to be established.

Concentration of insurance risk

The Syndicate's exposure to insurance risk is well diversified. The following table provides an analysis of the geographical breakdown of its written premiums by class of business.

Year 2020	Accident and Health	Marine, aviation and transport	Fire and other damage to property	Third party liability	Misc	Reinsurance	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£000
UK	-	438	206	40	253	322	1,259
France	1	(29)	248	-	-	67	287
Germany	-	16	-	-	-	143	159
Other Europe	-	93	118	92	494	3,007	3,804
US	25	1,168	17,523	(152)	(86)	1,711	20,189
Other	9,077	28,121	9,921	14,458	8,278	48,925	118,780
Total	9,103	29,807	28,016	14,438	8,939	54,175	144,478

Notes (continued)

4. Risk and capital management (continued)

Concentration of insurance risk (continued)

Year 2019	Accident and Health £'000	Marine, aviation and transport £'000	Fire and other damage to property £'000	Third party liability £'000	Misc £'000	Reinsurance £'000	Total £000
UK	-	258	856	3	199	367	1,683
France	1	(12)	(679)	-	-	10	(680)
Germany	-	(10)	(1)	-	-	166	155
Other Europe	(42)	607	376	60	604	4,417	6,022
US	(186)	2,097	6,579	296	255	3,808	12,849
Other	9,746	36,758	23,452	12,578	6,418	66,424	155,376
Total	9,519	39,698	30,583	12,937	7,476	75,192	175,405

The Other category includes policies with worldwide risk exposures.

Sensitivity to insurance risk

The liabilities established, which includes claims outstanding and claims incurred but not reported (IBNR), could be significantly lower or higher than the ultimate cost of settling the claims arising. This level of uncertainty varies between the classes of business and the nature of the risk being underwritten and can arise from developments in case reserving for large losses and catastrophes, or from changes in estimates of IBNR. A five per cent increase or decrease in the ultimate cost of settling claims arising is considered to be reasonably possible at the reporting date.

A five percent increase or decrease in total net claims liabilities would have the following effect on profit or loss and equity:

	2020		2019	
	5 per cent increase	5 per cent decrease	5 per cent increase	5 per cent decrease
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Accident and health	(1,746)	1,746	(370)	370
Marine, aviation and transport	(4,329)	4,329	(5,891)	5,891
Fire and other damage to property	(3,600)	3,600	(3,443)	3,443
Third party liability	(1,091)	1,091	(2,146)	2,146
Miscellaneous	(545)	545	(278)	278
Total	(11,311)	11,311	(12,128)	12,128

Notes (continued)

4. Risk and capital management (continued)

Financial risk

The focus of financial risk management for the Syndicate is ensuring that the proceeds from its financial assets are sufficient to fund the obligations arising from its insurance contracts. The goal of the investment management process is to optimise the risk-adjusted investment income and risk-adjusted total return by investing in a diversified portfolio of securities, whilst ensuring that the assets and liabilities are managed on a cash flow and duration basis.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Syndicate if a counterparty fails to discharge a contractual obligation.

The Syndicate is exposed to credit risk in respect of the following:

- debt securities;
- reinsurers' share of insurance liabilities;
- amounts due from intermediaries;
- amounts due from reinsurers in respect of settled claims;
- cash and cash equivalents; and
- other debtors and accrued interest.

The nature of the Syndicate's exposures to credit risk and its objectives, policies and processes for managing credit risk have not changed significantly from the prior year.

Management of credit risk

The Syndicate's credit risk in respect of debt securities is managed by placing limits on its exposure to a single counterparty, by reference to the credit rating of the counterparty. Financial assets are graded according to current credit ratings issued by rating agencies such as Standard and Poor's. The Syndicate has a policy of investing mainly in government issued and government backed debts. The Syndicate does not currently invest new monies in speculative grade assets.

The Syndicate limits the amount of cash and cash equivalents that can be deposited with a single counterparty and maintains an authorised list of acceptable cash counterparties.

The Syndicate's exposure to intermediaries and reinsurance counterparties is monitored by the individual business units as part of their credit control processes. All intermediaries must meet minimum requirements established by the Syndicate. The credit ratings and payment histories of intermediaries are monitored on a regular basis.

The Syndicate assesses the creditworthiness of all reinsurers by reviewing public rating information and by internal investigations. The impact of reinsurer default is regularly assessed and managed accordingly.

Exposure to credit risk

The carrying amount of financial assets and reinsurance assets represents the maximum credit risk exposure. The Syndicate does not hold any collateral as security or purchase any credit enhancements (such as guarantees, credit derivatives and netting arrangements that do not qualify for offset).

Notes (continued)

4. Risk and capital management (continued)

Exposure to credit risk (continued)

The following table analyses the credit rating by investment grade of financial investments, reinsurers' share of claims outstanding, debtors arising out of direct insurance and reinsurance operations, cash at bank and in hand, and other debtors and accrued interest that are neither past due, nor impaired.

Year 2020 Total	AAA £'000	AA £'000	A £'000	BBB £'000	<BBB £'000	Not rated £'000	Total £'000
Financial investments							
Shares and other variable yield securities and units in unit trusts	34,442	6,545	55,822	28,867	412	-	126,088
Debt securities and other fixed income securities	11,302	5,166	8,387	6,741	378	-	31,974
Loans with credit institutions	-	-	1,416	-	-	-	1,416
Deposits with credit institutions	-	-	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
Overseas deposits	8,168	2,502	2,369	960	977	-	14,976
Reinsurers' share of claims outstanding	-	3,776	81,325	49,941	42	1	135,085
Debtors arising out of direct insurance operations	-	-	-	-	-	4,571	4,571
Debtors arising out of reinsurance operations	-	1,248	19,991	290	-	-	21,529
Cash at bank and in hand	-	9,175	-	-	-	-	9,175
Other debtors and accrued interest	-	-	-	-	-	5,383	5,383
Total	53,912	28,412	171,310	86,799	1,809	9,955	352,197

Year 2019 Total	AAA £'000	AA £'000	A £'000	BBB £'000	<BBB £'000	Not rated £'000	Total £'000
Financial investments							
Shares and other variable yield securities and units in unit trusts	32,278	12,851	43,488	12,403	9,017	4,562	114,599
Debt securities and other fixed income securities	13,783	6,526	6,699	4,304	-	-	31,312
Loans with credit institutions	-	-	766	-	-	-	766
Deposits with credit institutions	-	-	2,058	-	-	-	2,058
Overseas deposits	9,042	4,723	3,400	989	822	-	18,976
Reinsurers' share of claims outstanding	-	18,701	110,877	-	-	37	129,615
Debtors arising out of direct insurance operations	-	-	-	-	-	34,097	34,097
Debtors arising out of reinsurance operations	-	2,721	17,739	-	-	8	20,468
Cash at bank and in hand	-	-	5,399	-	-	-	5,399
Other debtors and accrued interest	-	-	-	-	-	6,252	6,252
Total	55,103	45,522	190,426	17,696	9,839	44,956	363,542

Notes (continued)

4. Risk and capital management (continued)

Exposure to credit risk (continued)

At 31 December 2020, the largest concentration of credit risk in the Syndicate's debt security portfolio was in governments bonds amounting to £9.5 million (2019: £14.0 million).

The Syndicate has concentrations in its debt securities portfolio through its holdings of structured securities (including mortgage backed securities). The Syndicate does not have any investments with exposure to peripheral Eurozone countries.

Financial assets that are past due or impaired

The Syndicate has debtors arising from direct insurance and reinsurance operations that are past due but not impaired at the reporting date.

These debtors have been individually assessed for impairment by considering information such as the occurrence of significant changes in the counterparty's financial position, patterns of historical payment information and disputes with counterparties. An analysis of the carrying amounts of past due or impaired debtors is presented in the table below. The debtors arising from reinsurance operations excludes accepted reinsurance debtors of £31.4 million (2019: £31.2 million).

Year 2020	Debtors arising from direct insurance operations £000	Debtors arising from reinsurance operations £000
Past due but not impaired financial assets:		
Past due by:		
Up to 3 months	3,900	-
Three to Six Months	3,814	-
Six Months to one year	6,596	-
Greater than one year	3,464	-
Past due but not impaired financial assets	17,774	-
Impaired financial assets	-	-
Gross value of past due and impaired financial assets	17,774	-
Less: individually assessed impairment allowances	-	-
Net carrying value of past due and impaired financial assets	17,774	-
Neither past due nor impaired financial assets	4,571	21,529
Net carrying value	22,345	21,529

Notes (continued)

4. Risk and capital management (continued)

Financial assets that are past due or impaired (continued)

Year 2019	Debtors arising from direct insurance operations £000	Debtors arising from reinsurance operations £000
Past due but not impaired financial assets:		
Past due by:		
Up to 3 months	9,246	-
Three to Six Months	4,336	-
Six Months to one year	7,034	-
Greater than one year	4,663	-
Past due but not impaired financial assets	25,279	-
Impaired financial assets	-	-
Gross value of past due and impaired financial assets	25,279	-
Less: individually assessed impairment allowances	-	-
Net carrying value of past due and impaired financial assets	25,279	-
Neither past due nor impaired financial assets	34,097	20,469
Net carrying value	59,376	20,469

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Syndicate will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations arising from its insurance contracts and financial liabilities. The Syndicate is exposed to daily calls on its available cash resources mainly from claims arising from insurance contracts.

The nature of the Syndicate's exposures to liquidity risk and its objectives, policies and processes for managing liquidity risk have not changed significantly from the prior year.

Management of liquidity risk

The Syndicate's approach to managing liquidity risk is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when they fall due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Syndicate's reputation.

Notes (continued)

4. Risk and capital management (continued)

Management of liquidity risk (continued)

The Syndicate's approach to managing its liquidity risk is as follows:

- Forecasts are prepared and revised on a regular basis to predict cash outflows from insurance contracts over the short, medium and long term;
- Assets purchased by the Syndicate are required to satisfy specified marketability requirements;
- The Syndicate maintains cash and liquid assets to meet daily calls on its insurance contracts;
- The Syndicate regularly reviews its contingency funding plans to ensure that adequate liquid financial resources are in place to meet obligations as they fall due in the event of reasonably foreseeable abnormal circumstances.

The maturity analysis presented in the table below shows the remaining contractual maturities for the Syndicate's insurance contracts and financial instruments. For insurance contracts, the contractual maturity is the estimated date when the gross undiscounted contractually required cash flows will occur. For financial assets and liabilities it is the earliest date on which the gross undiscounted cash flows (including contractual interest payments) could be paid assuming conditions are consistent with those at the reporting date. The actual timing of future settlement cash flows may differ materially from the disclosure below.

Year 2020	Carrying amount £000	Total cash flows £000	Undiscounted net cash flows			
			Less than 1 year £000	1-2 years £000	2-5 years £000	More than 5 years £000
Financial investments:						
Shares and other variable yield securities and units in unit trusts	126,088	126,088	126,088	-	-	-
Debt securities	31,974	31,974	1,775	6,181	23,545	473
Deposits with credit institutions	3,416	3,416	3,416	-	-	-
Overseas deposits	14,976	14,976	14,976	-	-	-
Reinsurers share of technical provisions	144,188	144,188	66,572	34,392	32,940	10,284
Debtors and accrued interest	81,105	81,105	81,105	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	9,175	9,175	9,175	-	-	-
Total assets	410,922	410,922	303,107	40,573	56,485	10,757
Technical provisions	422,445	422,445	195,043	100,764	96,509	30,129
Deposits received from reinsurers	46,716	46,716	46,716	-	-	-
Creditors	21,068	21,068	21,068	-	-	-
Total liabilities	490,229	490,229	262,827	100,764	96,509	30,129

Notes (continued)

4. Risk and capital management (continued)

Management of liquidity risk (continued)

Year 2019	Carrying amount £000	Total cash flows £000	Undiscounted net cash flows			
			Less than 1 year £000	1-2 years £000	2-5 years £000	More than 5 years £000
Financial investments:						
Shares and other variable yield securities and units in unit trusts	114,598	114,598	114,598	-	-	-
Debt securities	31,312	31,312	1,707	2,614	25,662	1,329
Deposits with credit institutions	2,824	2,824	2,824	-	-	-
Overseas deposits	18,976	18,976	18,976	-	-	-
Reinsurers share of technical provisions	147,323	147,323	46,731	38,498	47,715	14,379
Debtors and accrued interest	117,271	117,271	117,267	4	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	5,399	5,399	5,399	-	-	-
Total assets	437,703	437,703	307,502	41,116	73,377	15,708
Technical provisions	454,377	454,377	191,475	104,825	128,988	29,089
Deposits received from reinsurers	40,342	40,342	40,342	-	-	-
Creditors	45,344	45,344	45,344	-	-	-
Total liabilities	540,063	540,063	277,161	104,825	128,988	29,089

In the above tables, the majority of debt securities, are included in the '2-5 years' column. In practice cash could be realised through the sale of the Syndicate's investments in debt securities. The disclosure does not take account of premiums received from new business written which can be used to pay claims arising.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument or insurance contract will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises three types of risk: interest rate risk, currency risk and other price risk.

The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return on risk. The nature of the Syndicate exposures to market risk and its objectives, policies and processes for managing market risk have not changed significantly from the prior year.

Management of market risks

For each of the major components of market risk the Syndicate has policies and procedures in place which detail how each risk should be managed and monitored. The management of each of these major components of major risk and the exposure of the Syndicate at the reporting date to each major risk are addressed on pages 38 to 40.

Notes (continued)

4. Risk and capital management (continued)

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

Interest rate risk arises primarily from the Syndicate's financial investments, cash and overseas deposits. The risk of changes in the fair value of these assets is managed by primarily investing in short-duration financial investments and cash and cash equivalents. The StarStone Investment Committee monitors the duration of these assets on a regular basis.

Currency risk

The Syndicate writes business primarily in Sterling, Euro and US dollar and is therefore exposed to currency risk arising from fluctuations in the exchange rates of Sterling against these currencies. The foreign exchange policy is to maintain assets in the currency in which the cash flows from liabilities are to be settled.

The table below summarises the carrying value of the Syndicate's assets and liabilities, at the reporting date:

Year 2020	GBP £000	EUR £000	USD £000	CAD £000	AUD £000	Total £000
Financial investments						
Shares and other variable yield securities and units in unit trusts	2,674	39,497	72,526	11,391	-	126,088
Debt securities and other fixed income securities	7,326	-	24,648	-	-	31,974
Deposits with credit institutions	1,416	-	2,000	-	-	3,416
Overseas deposits	3,763	-	1,594	2,376	7,243	14,976
	15,179	39,497	100,768	13,767	7,243	176,454
Reinsurers' share of technical provisions	14,081	12,726	110,981	3,422	2,978	144,188
Insurance and reinsurance receivables	15,054	(24,755)	84,317	(4,413)	5,124	75,327
Cash at bank and in hand	257	142	1,752	-	7,024	9,175
Other assets	784	1,903	14,589	288	2,080	19,644
Total assets	45,355	29,513	312,407	13,064	24,449	424,788
Technical provisions	33,627	47,795	312,546	8,338	20,139	422,445
Deposits received from reinsurers	-	-	46,716	-	-	46,716
Insurance and reinsurance payables	113	(5,400)	22,865	(1,365)	2,334	18,547
Other creditors	2,243	530	2,974	214	45	6,006
Total liabilities	35,983	42,925	385,101	7,187	22,518	493,714
Net assets	9,372	(13,412)	(72,694)	5,877	1,931	(68,926)

Notes (continued)

4. Risk and capital management (continued)

Currency risk (continued)

Year 2019	GBP £000	EUR £000	USD £000	CAD £000	AUD £000	Total £000
Financial investments						
Shares and other variable yield securities and units in unit trusts	1,320	38,945	62,459	11,874	-	114,598
Debt securities and other fixed income securities	9,676	-	21,636	-	-	31,312
Deposits with credit institutions	766	-	2,058	-	-	2,824
Overseas deposits	5,353	-	1,829	2,811	8,983	18,976
	17,115	38,945	87,982	14,685	8,983	167,710
Reinsurers' share of technical provisions	6,146	12,123	122,208	3,504	3,342	147,323
Insurance and reinsurance receivables	8,689	(21,926)	118,635	(1,130)	6,751	111,019
Cash at bank and in hand	1,356	1,914	678	-	1,451	5,399
Other assets	2,751	2,534	19,989	663	2,183	28,120
Total assets	36,057	33,590	349,492	17,722	22,710	459,571
Technical provisions	27,417	49,870	350,596	10,046	16,448	454,377
Deposits received from reinsurers	-	-	40,342	-	-	40,342
Insurance and reinsurance payables	(7,916)	(161)	44,350	1,039	4,766	42,078
Other creditors	5,148	334	2,376	374	64	8,296
Total liabilities	24,649	50,043	437,664	11,459	21,278	545,093
Net assets	11,408	(16,453)	(88,172)	6,263	1,432	(85,522)

Notes (continued)

4. Risk and capital management (continued)

Sensitivity analysis to market risks

An analysis of the Syndicate's sensitivity to interest rate and other price risk is presented in the table below. The table shows the effect on profit or loss of reasonably possible changes in the relevant risk variable, assuming that all other variables remain constant, if that change had occurred at the end of the reporting period and had been applied to the risk exposures at that date.

	2020	2019
	Profit or loss for the year £'000	Profit or loss for the year £'000
Interest rate risk		
+ 50 basis points shift in yield curves	(1,058)	(1,330)
- 50 basis points shift in yield curves	926	1,330
Currency risk		
10 percent increase in GBP/euro exchange rate	1,219	1,496
10 percent decrease in GBP/euro exchange rate	(1,490)	(1,828)
10 percent increase in GBP/US dollar exchange rate	6,608	8,016
10 percent decrease in GBP/US dollar exchange rate	(8,077)	(9,797)
Market price risk		
5 percent increase in market prices	8,616	7,678
5 percent decrease in market prices	(8,616)	(7,678)

The impact of the reasonably possible changes in the risk variables on Members' balances would be the same, since the Syndicate recognises all changes in recognised assets and liabilities in profit or loss.

A 50 basis point increase (or decrease) in yield curves and a 5% increase (or decrease) in investment market prices have been selected on the basis that these are considered to be reasonably possible changes in these risk variables over the following year.

The sensitivity analysis demonstrates the effect of a change in a key variable while other assumptions remain unchanged. However, the occurrence of a change in a single market factor may lead to changes in other market factors as a result of correlations.

The sensitivity analyses do not take into consideration that the Syndicate's financial investments are actively managed. Additionally, the sensitivity analysis is based on the Syndicate's financial position at the reporting date and may vary at the time that any actual market movement occurs. As investment markets move past pre-determined trigger points, action would be taken which would alter the Syndicate's position.

Notes (continued)

4. Risk and capital management (continued)

Operational risk

This is the risk that errors caused by people, processes or systems lead to losses to the Syndicate. The Managing Agent seeks to manage this risk through the use of detailed procedure manuals and a structured programme of compliance testing of processes and systems.

Group risk

This is the risk that changes in group strategy or the fortunes of other group companies will lead to losses to the Syndicate. This risk is reviewed quarterly as part of the regular review processes.

Regulatory risk

The Managing Agent is required to comply with the requirements of the Prudential Regulation Authority, the Financial Conduct Authority and Lloyd's. Lloyd's requirements include minimum standards and those imposed on the Lloyd's market by overseas regulators, particularly in respect of US situs business. Regulatory risk is the risk of loss owing to a breach of regulatory requirements or failure to respond to a regulatory change. The Managing Agent monitors regulatory developments and assesses their impact on agency policy and procedures. In addition, the agency carries out a compliance monitoring programme.

Capital management

Capital framework at Lloyd's

The Society of Lloyd's (Lloyd's) is a regulated undertaking and subject to supervision by the Prudential Regulatory Authority (PRA) under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, and in accordance with the Solvency II Framework.

Within this supervisory framework, Lloyd's applies capital requirements at member level and centrally to ensure that Lloyd's would comply with the Solvency II requirements, and beyond that to meet its own financial strength, licence and ratings objectives.

Although, as described below, Lloyd's capital setting processes use a capital requirement set at Syndicate level as a starting point, the requirement to meet Solvency II and Lloyd's capital requirements apply at overall and member level only respectively, not at Syndicate level. Accordingly, the capital requirement in respect of Syndicate 1301 is not disclosed in these financial statements.

Lloyd's capital setting process

In order to meet Lloyd's requirements, each Syndicate is required to calculate its Solvency Capital Requirement (SCR) for the prospective underwriting year. This amount must be sufficient to cover a 1 in 200 year loss, reflecting uncertainty in the ultimate run-off of underwriting liabilities (SCR 'to ultimate'). The Syndicate must also calculate its SCR at the same confidence level but reflecting uncertainty over a one year time horizon (one year SCR) for Lloyd's to use in meeting Solvency II requirements. The SCRs of each Syndicate are subject to review by Lloyd's and approval by the Lloyd's Capital and Planning Group.

Notes (continued)

4. Risk and capital management (continued)

Lloyd's capital setting process (continued)

A Syndicate may be comprised of one or more underwriting members of Lloyd's. Each member is liable for its own share of underwriting liabilities on the Syndicates on which it is participating but not other members' shares. Accordingly, the capital requirements that Lloyd's sets for each member operates on a similar basis. Each member's SCR shall thus be determined by the proportion of the member's share of the Syndicate SCR 'to ultimate'. Where a member participates on more than one Syndicate, a credit for diversification is provided to reflect the spread of risk, but consistent with determining an SCR which reflects the capital requirement to cover a 1 in 200 loss 'to ultimate' for that member. Over and above this, Lloyd's applies a capital uplift to the member's capital requirement, known as the Economic Capital Assessment (ECA). The purpose of this uplift, which is a Lloyd's not a Solvency II requirement, is to meet Lloyd's financial strength, licence and ratings objectives. The capital uplift applied for 2019 was 35% of the member's SCR 'to ultimate'.

Provision of capital by members

Each member may provide capital to meet its ECA either by assets held in trust by Lloyd's specifically for that member (funds at Lloyd's), assets held and managed within a Syndicate (funds in Syndicate), or as the member's share of the members' balances on each Syndicate on which it participates. Accordingly, all of the assets less liabilities of the Syndicate, as represented in the members' balances reported on the balance sheet on page 17, represent resources available to meet members' and Lloyd's capital requirements.

5. Analysis of underwriting result

An analysis of the underwriting result before investment return and profit/(loss) on foreign exchange is presented in the table below:

Year 2020	Gross premiums written £000	Gross premiums earned £000	Gross claims incurred £000	Gross operating expenses £000	Reinsurance balance £000	Total £000
Direct insurance						
Accident and health	9,103	8,717	(17,148)	(3,671)	3,514	(8,588)
Marine, aviation and transport	29,807	37,793	(21,464)	(13,790)	(3,394)	(855)
Fire and other damage to property	28,016	32,306	(13,273)	(13,567)	(4,020)	1,446
Third party liability	14,438	16,557	(10,507)	(4,321)	(2,802)	(1,073)
Miscellaneous	8,939	8,081	(26,948)	(3,002)	16,846	(5,023)
	90,303	103,454	(89,340)	(38,351)	10,144	(14,093)
Reinsurance	54,175	65,506	(63,972)	(27,685)	13,104	(13,047)
Total	144,478	168,960	(153,312)	(66,036)	23,248	(27,140)

Notes (continued)

5. Analysis of underwriting result (continued)

Year 2019	Gross premiums written £000	Gross premiums earned £000	Gross claims incurred £000	Gross operating expenses £000	Reinsurance balance £000	Total £000
Direct insurance						
Accident and health	9,519	9,470	(7,901)	(3,562)	(1,198)	(3,191)
Marine, aviation and transport	39,698	50,578	(48,995)	(15,907)	1,622	(12,702)
Fire and other damage to property	30,583	45,834	(40,810)	(13,050)	2,632	(5,394)
Third party liability	12,937	15,892	(37,837)	(2,854)	8,471	(16,328)
Miscellaneous	7,476	7,529	(4,974)	(826)	(1,848)	(119)
	100,213	129,303	(140,517)	(36,199)	9,679	(37,734)
Reinsurance	75,192	77,352	(48,871)	(25,996)	(8,160)	(5,675)
Total	175,405	206,655	(189,388)	(62,195)	1,519	(43,409)

No gains or losses were recognised in profit or loss during the year on buying reinsurance (2019: nil).

The gross premiums written for direct insurance by geographical risk exposure is presented in the table below:

	2020 £000	2019 £000
United Kingdom	938	1,316
Other European Union Member States	1,021	2
US	18,494	9,041
Other countries	69,850	89,854
Total gross premiums written	90,303	100,213

The Other category includes policies with worldwide risk exposures.

Notes (continued)

6. Claims

Adverse movements of £1.0 thousand (2019: £18.5 million adverse) in the past year's provision for claims outstanding, net of expected reinsurance recoveries, are included in claims incurred, net of reinsurance.

These arose in respect of the following classes of business:

	2020 £'000	2019 £'000
Accident and health	(4,186)	(2,056)
Marine, aviation and transport	6,278	(5,266)
Fire and other damage to property	(3,151)	56
Third party liability	3,812	(16,126)
Miscellaneous	2,574	(583)
Reinsurance	(5,328)	5,492
	(1)	(18,483)

7. Net operating expenses

	2020 £'000	2019 £'000
Acquisition costs:		
Brokerage and commissions	33,933	44,796
Other acquisition costs	1,851	9,619
	35,784	54,415
Change in deferred acquisition costs	5,409	(6,257)
Administrative expenses	28,449	16,153
Members' standard personal expenses	1,757	2,595
Reinsurance commissions and profit participation	(5,363)	(4,711)
Net operating expenses	66,036	62,195

Total written commissions for direct insurance business for the year amounted to £24.8 million (2019: £40.5 million).

The majority of administrative expenses are incurred by the UK services company and are recharged to the Syndicate in line with Group policy. As a result of the run-off announcement, the Syndicate incurred additional restructuring expenses of £8.3m.

The member's standard personal expenses are included within administrative expenses and include Lloyd's subscriptions, New Central Fund contributions and Managing Agent's fees.

Notes (continued)

7. Net operating expenses (continued)

Administrative expenses include:

	2020 £'000	2019 £'000
Auditors' remuneration:		
fees payable to the Syndicate's auditor for the audit of these financial statements	30	30
fees payable to the Syndicate's auditor for the audit of regulatory returns	332	285
fees payable to the Syndicate's auditor and its associates in respect of other services pursuant to legislation	160	160

8. Key management personnel compensation

The directors of StarStone Underwriting Limited received the following aggregate remuneration charged to the Syndicate and included within net operating expenses:

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Directors' emoluments	644	679
Contribution to pension schemes	17	49
	661	728

No other compensation was payable to key management personnel.

The active underwriter received the following aggregate remuneration charged to the Syndicate and included within directors' emoluments above.

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Emoluments	201	214

9. Staff numbers and costs

All staff are employed by Enstar (EU) Limited. The average number of persons employed by Enstar (EU) Limited, but working for the Syndicate during the year, analysed by category, was as follows:

	2020	2019
Administration and finance	33	36
Underwriting	8	43
Claims	16	12
	57	91

Notes (continued)

9. Staff numbers and costs (continued)

The following amounts were recharged by Enstar (EU) Limited through the managing agency to the Syndicate in respect of payroll costs:

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Wages and salaries	14,154	11,871
Social security costs	1,675	1,636
Other pension costs	862	810
Other	804	357
	17,495	14,674

As a result of the run-off announcement, the Syndicate incurred additional restructuring expenses of £4.0m included in staff costs.

10. Investment return

The investment return transferred to the technical account from the non-technical account comprises the following:

	2020 £'000	2019 £'000
Investment income:		
Interest and dividend income	1,162	1,886
Realised gains	393	1,098
Unrealised gains on investments	6,828	5,104
Investment expenses and charges:		
Investment management expenses, including interest	(46)	(19)
Losses on the realisation of investments	(102)	(155)
Unrealised losses on investments	(5,076)	(2,110)
Investment return transferred to the technical account from the non-technical account	(3,159)	(5,804)
Total investment return	-	-

The Syndicate's focus is on liquidity and the preservation of capital. The investment policy is to invest predominantly in high quality, short dated bonds. The maturity profile of the portfolio reflects the short tail nature of the underwriting commitments, the currency mix is matched to that of the net liabilities and there is no exposure to equities.

Notes (continued)

10. Investment return (continued)

The total income, expenses, net gains or losses, including changes in fair value, recognised on all financial assets and financial liabilities comprises the following:

	2020 £'000	2019 £'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	2,043	3,937
Financial assets at amortised cost:		
Interest income	1,162	1,886
Impairment losses on debtors	-	-
Financial liabilities at amortised cost:		
Interest expense	-	-
Investment management expenses, excluding interest	(46)	(19)
Total investment return	3,159	5,804

The table below presents the average amounts of funds in the year per currency and analyses by major currency the average investment yields in the year.

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Average amount of syndicate funds available for investment during the year		
Sterling	16,953	20,194
Euro	40,250	42,139
US dollar	39,559	36,273
Canadian Dollar	3,875	3,398
Australian Dollar	12,351	7,965
Total funds available for investment, in sterling	112,988	109,969
Total investment return	3,159	5,804
Annual investment yield		
Sterling	2.06%	1.79%
Euro	3.56%	7.66%
US dollar	2.57%	4.43%
Canadian Dollar	4.62%	9.15%
Australian Dollar	1.49%	3.70%
Total annual investment yield, in sterling	2.80%	5.28%

Notes (continued)

11. Financial investments

	Carrying value		Cost	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Shares and other variable yield securities and units in unit trusts	126,088	114,598	123,719	113,012
Debt securities and other fixed income securities	31,974	31,312	33,258	31,758
Government and supranational securities	9,541	14,042	10,086	14,245
Asset backed securities	0	0	0	0
Mortgage backed instruments	5,076	4,602	5,163	4,627
Corporate bonds	17,357	12,668	18,009	12,886
Deposits with credit institutions	3,416	2,824	3,416	2,824
Overseas deposits as investments	14,976	18,976	12,365	18,976
Total financial investments	176,454	167,710	172,758	166,570

The table below presents an analysis of financial investments by their measurement classification.

	2020	2019
	£'000	£'000
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	31,974	50,288
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	144,480	117,422
Total financial investments	176,454	167,710

The Syndicate classifies its financial instruments held at fair value in its statement of financial position using a fair value hierarchy, as follows:

- Level 1 – Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2 – Prices based on recent transactions in identical assets (either unadjusted or adjusted)
- Level 3 – Prices determined using a valuation technique

Notes (continued)

11. Financial investments (continued)

The table below analyses financial instruments held at fair value in the Syndicate's statement of financial position at the reporting date by its level in the fair value hierarchy.

2020	Level 1 £'000	Level 2 £'000	Level 3 £'000	Total £'000
Shares and other variable yield securities and units in unit trusts	19,648	106,440	-	126,088
Debt securities and other fixed income securities	-	31,974	-	31,974
Loans and deposits with credit institutions	3,416	-	-	3,416
Overseas deposits	3,513	11,463	-	14,976
Total	26,577	149,877	-	176,454

2019	Level 1 £'000	Level 2 £'000	Level 3 £'000	Total £'000
Shares and other variable yield securities and units in unit trusts	46,419	68,179	-	114,598
Debt securities and other fixed income securities	-	31,312	-	31,312
Loans and deposits with credit institutions	2,824	-	-	2,824
Overseas deposits	4,698	14,278	-	18,976
Total	53,941	113,769	-	167,710

Information on the methods and assumptions used to determine fair values for each major category of financial instrument measured at fair value is provided below.

Debt securities are generally valued using prices provided by external pricing vendors. Pricing vendors will often determine prices by consolidating prices of recent trades for identical or similar securities obtained from a panel of market makers into a composite price. The pricing service may make adjustments for the elapsed time from a trade date to the valuation date to take into account available market information. Lacking recently reported trades, pricing vendors will use modelling techniques to determine a security price.

Some government and supranational securities are listed on recognised exchanges and are generally classified as level 1 in the fair value hierarchy. Those that are not listed on a recognised exchange are generally based on composite prices of recent trades in the same instrument and are generally classified as level 2 in the fair value hierarchy.

Corporate bonds, including asset backed securities, that are not listed on a recognised exchange or are traded in an established over-the-counter market are also mainly valued using composite prices. Where prices are based on multiple quotes and those quotes are based on actual recent transactions in the same instrument the securities are classified as level 2, otherwise they are classified as level 3 in the fair value hierarchy.

The fair values for all securities in the fixed maturity investments portfolio are independently provided by the investment accounting service providers, investment managers and investment custodians, each of which utilise internationally recognised independent pricing services.

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11. Financial investments (continued)

Overseas deposits are lodged as a condition of conducting underwriting business in certain countries. The funds are required in order to protect policyholders in overseas markets and enable the Syndicate to operate in those markets. The access to those funds is restricted and the Syndicate cannot influence the investment strategy.

Enstar Group record the unadjusted price provided by the investment accounting service providers, investment managers or investment custodians and validate this price through a process that includes, but is not limited to:

- (i) comparison of prices against alternative pricing sources;
- (ii) quantitative analysis (e.g. comparing the quarterly return for each managed portfolio to its target benchmark);
- (iii) evaluation of methodologies used by external parties to estimate fair value, including a review of the inputs used for pricing;
- (iv) comparing the price to Enstar Group's knowledge of the current investment market.

Enstar Group have on-going due diligence processes with respect to the other investments carried at fair value and their managers. These processes are designed to assist in assessing the quality of information provided by, or on behalf of, each fund and in determining whether such information continues to be reliable or whether further review is warranted. Certain funds do not provide full transparency of their underlying holdings; however, Enstar Group obtain the audited financial statements for funds annually, and regularly review and discuss the fund performance with the fund managers to corroborate the reasonableness of the reported net asset values.

At the reporting date all debt instruments were valued using valuation techniques based on observable market data.

12. Debtors arising out of direct insurance operations

	2020	2019
	£'000	£'000
Amounts due from intermediaries:		
Due within one year	22,345	59,372
Due after one year	-	4
	22,345	59,376

13. Debtors arising out of reinsurance operations

	2020	2019
	£'000	£'000
Amounts due within one year	52,982	51,642
Amounts due after one year	-	1
	52,982	51,643

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14. Deferred acquisition costs

	2020	2019
	£'000	£'000
Balance at 1 January	21,868	29,366
Incurred costs deferred	33,933	44,796
Amortisation	(41,959)	(50,964)
Effect of movements in exchange rates	24	(1,330)
Balance at 31 December	13,866	21,868

15. Claims development

Claims development is shown in the tables below, both gross and net of reinsurance ceded, on an underwriting year basis. Balances have been translated at exchange rates prevailing at 31 December 2020 in all cases.

Pure underwriting year - Gross	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
	£'m	£'m	£'m	£'m	£'m	£'m	£'m	£'m	£'m	£'m	£'m
Estimate of ultimate gross claims at end of underwriting year	29.3	25.7	49.5	49.2	61.6	69.4	115.7	97.7	52.4	78.7	
one year later	55.4	51.7	83.0	86.2	104.8	140.9	231.7	177.7	102.0		
two years later	61.6	52.8	80.3	85.6	115.0	159.5	254.8	197.4			
three years later	58.1	51.5	79.4	82.5	125.6	165.3	256.2				
four years later	58.0	51.8	80.1	89.6	136.8	165.0					
five years later	58.2	51.5	78.6	89.1	132.6						
Six years later	58.3	52.4	82.7	88.6							
Seven years later	58.0	53.5	80.2								
Eight years later	58.0	53.1									
Nine years later	57.7										
Less gross claims paid	57.4	51.7	76.3	77.1	98.5	142.4	200.9	110.5	26.6	9.0	
Gross ultimate claims reserve	0.3	1.4	3.9	11.5	34.1	22.6	55.3	86.9	75.4	69.7	361.1
Gross ultimate claims reserve for 2010 and prior years											3.7
Gross claims reserves											364.8

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15. Claims development (continued)

Pure underwriting year - Net	2011 £'m	2012 £'m	2013 £'m	2014 £'m	2015 £'m	2016 £'m	2017 £'m	2018 £'m	2019 £'m	2020 £'m	Total £'m
Estimate of ultimate net claims											
at end of underwriting year	24.3	24.7	46.7	48.7	53.1	64.3	75.4	61.3	46.6	42.4	
one year later	50.7	50.5	76.1	80.1	94.9	132.1	141.6	104.1	85.8		
two years later	55.4	51.9	71.6	80.0	102.2	146.7	152.5	112.4			
three years later	51.7	50.7	68.7	77.7	109.3	150.0	155.5				
four years later	51.5	51.0	69.2	83.2	117.8	150.6					
five years later	51.6	50.7	68.1	83.2	114.2						
Six years later	51.7	50.9	71.1	83.1							
Seven years later	51.4	52.0	69.2								
Eight years later	51.3	51.5									
Nine years later	51.0										
Less net claims paid	51.0	50.1	66.6	74.0	91.6	132.0	123.8	65.8	25.9	8.0	
Net ultimate claims reserve	0.0	1.4	2.6	9.1	22.6	18.6	31.7	46.6	59.9	34.4	226.9
Net ultimate claims reserve for 2010 and prior years											3.0
Net claims reserves											229.9

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16. Technical provisions

The table below shows changes in the insurance contract liabilities and assets from the beginning of the period to the end of the period.

	2020			2019		
	Gross provisions £'000	Reinsurance assets £'000	Net £'000	Gross provisions £'000	Reinsurance assets £'000	Net £'000
Incurred claims outstanding:						
Claims notified	215,336	(76,258)	139,078	198,039	(53,960)	144,079
Claims incurred but not reported	156,850	(53,357)	103,493	190,910	(79,900)	111,010
Balance at 1 January	372,186	(129,615)	242,571	388,949	(133,860)	255,089
Change in prior year provisions	(5,299)	5,300	1	31,620	(13,137)	18,483
Expected cost of current year claims	158,609	(61,539)	97,070	157,768	(52,941)	104,827
Claims paid during the year	(155,854)	48,477	(107,377)	(191,246)	64,675	(126,571)
Effect of movements in exchange rates	(4,801)	2,292	(2,509)	(14,905)	5,648	(9,257)
Balance at 31 December	364,841	(135,085)	229,756	372,186	(129,615)	242,571
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Claims notified	172,027	(53,771)	120,934	215,336	(76,258)	139,078
Claims incurred but not reported	192,814	(81,314)	108,822	156,850	(53,357)	103,493
Balance at 31 December	364,841	(135,085)	229,756	372,186	(129,615)	242,571
Unearned premiums						
Balance at 1 January	82,191	(17,708)	64,483	119,573	(51,760)	67,813
Premiums written during the year	144,478	(24,188)	120,290	175,405	(31,933)	143,472
Premiums earned during the year	(168,960)	32,991	(135,969)	(206,655)	64,559	(142,096)
Effect of movements in exchange rate	(105)	(198)	(303)	(6,132)	1,426	(4,706)
Balance at 31 December	57,604	(9,103)	48,501	82,191	(17,708)	64,483

Notes (continued)

17. Creditors

(i) Creditors arising out of direct insurance operations

	2020	2019
	£'000	£'000
Due within one year	9,691	13,361
Due after one year	-	-
Total creditors arising out of direct insurance operations	9,691	13,361

(ii) Creditors arising out of reinsurance operations

	2020	2019
	£'000	£'000
Due within one year	8,856	28,717
Due after one year	-	-
Total creditors arising out of reinsurance operations	8,856	28,717

Creditors arising out of reinsurance operations include nil (2019: £16.6m) due to related undertakings. Other creditors include £0.6m (2019: £1.8m) due to related undertakings.

18. Cash and cash equivalents

	2020	2019
	£'000	£'000
Short term deposits with credit institutions	126,089	114,598
Cash at bank and in hand	9,175	5,399
Total cash and cash equivalents	135,264	119,997

Only deposits with credit institutions with maturities of three months or less that are used by the Syndicate in the management of its short-term commitments are included in cash and cash equivalents.

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19. Related parties

StarStone Insurance Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in Bermuda, is the immediate parent company. Enstar Group Limited, a company incorporated in Bermuda, is the ultimate parent company and ultimate controlling party.

The Syndicate's corporate member for the 2020 & prior years of account is SGL No.1 Limited, who provided 100% of its underwriting capacity for these years.

KaylaRe is a wholly owned subsidiary of Enstar Group Limited. The Syndicate has a quota share agreement with KaylaRe Ltd for the 2017 and 2018 underwriting year of accounts, in which KaylaRe Ltd reinsures 35% of business written by the Syndicate.

During the year, the Syndicate ceded £2.1m (2019: £6.5m) of outward reinsurance premiums with KaylaRe. The recoveries (including ceded ULAE) as at the end of the year was £4.9m (2019: £32.7m). The Syndicate has not remitted any funds in respect of premiums (net of commission) to KaylaRe during the year and has an outstanding balance at the 2020 year-end of £3.9m in respect of the net amount due from KaylaRe (2019: £4.9m).

StarStone Insurance SE (SISE) is a company domiciled in Lichtenstein that operates under the StarStone umbrella underwriting insurance and reinsurance business from London and its branches across Europe. The 2020 year-end balance due from SISE in respect of recoveries is £0.5m (2019: £1.0m).

StarStone Insurance Services Limited (SISL), a company domiciled in the United Kingdom, is a wholly owned subsidiary of StarStone Insurance Bermuda Limited (SIBL). SISL is an approved Lloyd's coverholder and acts as a coverholder for the Syndicate. The Company also provides services to SUL to perform Syndicate activities for and behalf of the corporate member, for which costs are incurred and re-charged to the Syndicate. During the year, SISL charged the Syndicate £0.4m (2019: £0.5m) in commissions and £27.9m (2019: £24.0m) in recharged expenses. At the balance sheet date, the Syndicate owed SISL £0.5m (2019: £0.1m). All expenses from SISL are recharged to the Syndicate via StarStone Underwriting Limited (SUL).

Enstar (EU) Limited, a company domiciled in the United Kingdom, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Enstar Group Limited, a company incorporated in Bermuda. (EEUL) is a service company which employs all UK StarStone Group staff including underwriters, claims and reinsurance staff. EEUL recharged the Syndicate £0.2m (2019: £0.7m) in re-charged expenses. No balance was due to EEUL at the balance sheet date.

J Wardrop is a non-executive director of Ark Syndicate Management Limited ("Ark") which manages Syndicates 3902 and 4020. During the year the Syndicate wrote £4.0m of premiums lead by Syndicate 4020. The Syndicate is also due £0.2m from Syndicate 4020 with respect to reinsurance recoveries.

E Gilmour is a non-executive director of Antares Managing Agency Limited ("Antares") which manages Syndicates 1274. During the year the Syndicate wrote £1.8m of premiums lead by 1274. The Syndicate is also due £0.1m from Syndicate 1274, with respect to reinsurance recoveries, and paid £0.1m in respect of reinsurance premiums during the year.

During the year transactions have been entered into between the Syndicate and the managed Syndicate within Enstar Group companies (Atrium managed Syndicate 609). Any such related party transactions are entered into by the Syndicate on a commercial basis.

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20. Foreign exchange rates

The following currency exchange rates have been used for principal foreign currency transactions

	2020		2019	
	Year-end rate	Average rate	Year-end rate	Average rate
Euro	1.12	1.13	1.18	1.14
US dollar	1.37	1.28	1.33	1.28
Canadian dollar	1.74	1.72	1.72	1.69
Australian dollar	1.77	1.86	1.89	1.84

21. Funds at Lloyd's

Every member is required to hold capital at Lloyd's which is held in trust and known as Funds at Lloyds ("FAL"). These funds are intended primarily to cover circumstances where Syndicate assets prove insufficient to meet participating members' underwriting liabilities.

The level of FAL that Lloyd's requires a member to maintain is determined by Lloyd's based on Prudential Regulatory Authority requirements and resource criteria. The determination of FAL has regard to a number of factors including the nature and amount of risk to be underwritten by the member and the assessment of the reserving risk in respect of business that has been underwritten. Since FAL is not under the management of the Managing Agent, no amount has been shown in these financial statements by way of such capital resources. However, the Managing Agent is able to make a call on the members FAL to meet liquidity requirements or to settle losses.

22. Members' balances

During the period the Syndicate received contribution to losses of £38.2m (2019: £40.6m contribution to losses) from its corporate member.

23. Post balance sheet events

On 13 February 2021, the Winter Storm Uri loss event commenced in the US State of Texas. At the date of these financial statements, it is too early to quantify the effects, however, it is an event which is in the normal course of insurance business and the Syndicate will closely monitor developments in the coming weeks. Any losses relating to this event will be recognised in the 2021 calendar year financial statements.

24. Ultimate Parent Company

StarStone Insurance Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in Bermuda, is the immediate parent company. Enstar Group Limited, a company incorporated in Bermuda, is the ultimate parent company and ultimate controlling party.

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