

DB INVESTMENTS (GB) LIMITED

STRATEGIC REPORT

For the year ended 31 December 2019

The Directors of DB Investments (GB) Limited ("the Company") present their annual report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 101 *Reduced Disclosure Framework* ("FRS 101"). In so doing, the Company has applied the recognition, measurement and disclosure requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union ("IFRSs"), but has made amendments, where necessary, in order to comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Objectives

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft ("Deutsche Bank AG"). Deutsche Bank AG and its other subsidiaries are collectively referred to as "the Group" in these financial statements.

The Company enables the Group to pursue strategic opportunities in the UK driven by client demands, regulatory requirements and/or other commercial advantages.

Through its principal operating companies, DB UK Bank Limited ("DBUKB") and Deutsche Trustee Company Limited ("DTCL"), the Company engages in the following activities:

- UK Wealth Management ("WM") through DBUKB; and
- Trustee for debt capital market instruments through DTCL.

Section 172 Companies Act 2006 Statement

D B Investments (GB) Limited (the "Company") is a holding company for its principal operating companies over which it maintains oversight through regular reporting and common directorships. The Company has no operating business, employees or direct relationships with external suppliers or customers. Consistent with DB Group policies, the Directors are committed to implementing and maintaining strong disciplines in their decision making and high standards of business conduct. Insofar as the Directors have made decisions during the financial year, they have had regard to the factors set out above where relevant in performing their duties under Section 172, particularly the likely consequences of such decisions in the long term and their impact on the wider DB Group. During the year, the Company's decision-making was limited to the approval of the Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process.

The Company operates in accordance with relevant DB Group policies, procedures, principles and codes of conduct as well as its framework of prudent controls which enables risk to be assessed and managed. The DB Group is committed to the Paris Pledge for Action and has recently been part of the first round of signatories to the UN Principles for Responsible Banking.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The Company's risks are primarily internal to the Group and, as a wholly owned subsidiary within the Group, are managed within the risk and control functions of the Group.

The Company, as a stand alone entity, has limited risk of losses in its subsidiaries, impacting the carrying value of investments and their potential for impairment.

There is limited market risk in the Company and/or its subsidiaries as assets are funded on a term matched basis.

Key performance indicators

The key business metric for the Company which is monitored by the Board is:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	<u>£ 000s</u>	<u>£ 000s</u>
Net Assets	607,582	647,432
Pre-tax (Loss)/Profit	(40,037)	109,169

Current period results and dividends

The result of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2019 shows a post-tax loss of £(40)m (2018: post-tax profit of £109m).

The loss for the year was driven by £(45)m provision for impairment offset by £5m dividend income from subsidiaries.

On 10 December 2019, the Company received £5m dividends from DTCL (2018: £938m dividends from Deutsche Holdings Limited ("DHL")).

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Events after the balance sheet date

A novel strain of coronavirus (COVID-19) that first surfaced in China was classified as a pandemic by the World Health Organization on 11 March 2020, impacting countries globally. The impact of COVID-19 is expected to continue on the global economy for the coming months with likely adverse effects on the operations and financial position of businesses. The Directors do not consider there to be a material impact on the operations and financial position of the Company. The Company has and continues to assess material risks and their implications to the business operations as a result of the global spread of COVID-19. As this is an evolving situation, emerging risks are reviewed and actively managed accordingly as they arise.

This is a non-adjusting event and an estimate of the financial effect cannot be made at the date of approving these financial statements as the situation remains a rapidly evolving one.

On 9 July 2020, a dividend of £3,635,000 was approved by DTCL.

Future outlook

The Company's business activities along with the key risks are set out in this strategic report. The Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future.

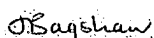
As part of its transformation and growth strategy, in 2017, the WM business completed work to consolidate its UK activities into the Company's subsidiary, DBUKB, from other DB Group undertakings and, in addition, increase the scope of the UK product offering. In 2019 and 2018 WM has continued to grow the business based on a dedicated product strategy for key client segments and deliver a competitive product and services offering that responds to specific client needs.

As a result of the declaration of backing from its parent Deutsche Bank AG, the Company is able to maintain its good standing and remain in a position to meet its obligations as they fall due. The Directors of the Company have considered the financial position of the Deutsche Bank Group as at 30 June 2020, to understand that, as of the date of signing these Accounts, the Deutsche Bank Group has the ability and intent to continue to support the Company.

On 31 January 2020, the United Kingdom ("UK") formally left the European Union ("EU") ("Brexit"), by reaching an agreement with the EU. UK is now in the transition period which is due to end on 31 December 2020. The future impacts of Brexit to the Company cannot be predicted but the Directors will continue to closely monitor the developments and assess the possible impacts of these developments on the Company. As at the date of this report the Directors have no reason to believe that any of these uncertain factors will have any impact on the Company given that the Company does not have any balances that are external to the Group.

The global spread of COVID-19 has resulted in governments taking varied actions towards stemming its spread and also bolstering economies. Consequently, the global economy has seen a slowdown of economic activity in many sectors and increased volatility in the financial markets including the UK. Since the Company does not have any trading operations, COVID-19 is not expected to have any significant impact on the business. The Company is closely monitoring the spread of COVID-19, the actions and reactions of Governments and the potential effects it will have on its business.

By order of the Board of Directors



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