

**Mizuho International plc**

**Financial Statements for the year  
ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018**

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## General Information

### Directors as at the date of signature of the Reports and Financial Statements

Mr D. Weymouth	Chair and Independent Non-Executive Director
Mr M. de Jong	President and Chief Executive Officer
Mr M. Mochizuki	Deputy President and Senior Managing Director
Mr T. Sciard	Senior Independent Non-Executive Director
Ms M. Erasmus	Independent Non-Executive Director (Appointed 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2017)
Mr C. Newell	Independent Non-Executive Director
Mr K. Fujii	Non-Executive Director
Mr H. Kawashima	Non-Executive Director
Mr H. Nagamine	Non-Executive Director

All of the above Directors were in office throughout the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018, with the exception of Ms M. Erasmus, who was appointed on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017. In addition, Mr Y. Shibata, stepped down as Executive Director, as of 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017.

### Company Secretary

Mr B. Lanaghan

### Auditors

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# Strategic Report

The Directors of Mizuho International plc (the “Company”) present their strategic report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

## Review of the businesses

With a focus on the activities of clients of the group of companies headed by Mizuho Financial Group Inc. (“Mizuho Group”), tailored products and solutions are provided to institutional and corporate clients across the EMEA region.

The Company’s wide range of services includes sales and trading of debt securities and cleared derivatives for global and EMEA institutional investor clients, arranging and underwriting new debt issuances for non-Japanese clients, and sourcing European-originated products for the Japanese retail client base. It further provides Japanese equity sales, facilitation and investor relation services for European clients, engages in underwriting and distributing of international equity offerings and convertible bonds for Japanese and EMEA corporations, and provides M&A services for Japanese firms targeting EMEA assets.

	<b>2018</b>	2017
	<b>£ millions</b>	£ millions
Client business	<b>235.0</b>	220.2
Legacy business	-	0.1
Net income from operations	<b>235.0</b>	220.3
Administrative expenses & depreciation	<b>(205.0)</b>	(195.6)
Provision for liabilities	<b>(0.2)</b>	(12.5)
Profit/(Loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	<b>29.8</b>	12.2
Tax on profit / (loss) on ordinary activities	<b>(2.2)</b>	-
Profit / (loss) for the year	<b>27.6</b>	12.2
Tier I Capital	<b>690.9</b>	658.3

The first year of Phase 2 in the Company’s 3+3 year business plan exhibited a number of milestones towards the firm achieving its mid-term target: enhanced sustainability and profitability alongside a diversified product portfolio and client centric business.

Major changes across the Company’s IT platforms continued during the year. Notable achievements include enhancements across the Front and Middle Office platforms as well as risk controls, in line with both local and global strategies. The go-live of MiFID II in early Q4 was commendable. The Front Office strategic IT path has equipped the Company with a very competitive e-trading distribution system, quoting Euro, Dollar and Japanese Yen products with real-time risk.

The Company conducted an extensive review of its support function cost base. As a result, a number of cost savings initiatives commenced, further enhancing efficiency of the organisation. A nearshoring programme began with focus on the outsourcing of some IT functions to Ireland and a portion of the Product Control function to India. The outsourcing of these functions has provided savings and allowed the core team in London to continue focussing on the high rate of change and value-add developments that have continued to be demanded by the business.

On the business side, the Company aims to further extend its product scope; in light of the latter target, the Exchange Traded Funds business has been successfully established. Revenue enhancement opportunities have also been identified as part of a review focusing on the expansion of the business with Japanese retail clients.

A major milestone as part of the Company’s plan to elevate its strategic footprint and client reach, was the opening of the Dubai branch in January 2018. The new office will be instrumental to further breakthroughs in the region as Mizuho’s presence grows in the Middle East.

# Strategic Report (Continued)

## Review of the businesses (continued)

The year has also shown that some strategies did not deliver expected results. Whilst still remaining committed to equities as an integral part of the Company's franchise, in October 2017 a reorganisation of the Equity Sales & Trading business was undertaken with the resultant focus on sales, facilitation and investor relations.

Brexit is a significant, complicated and unparalleled challenge affecting all sectors of the European economy. As a major portion of capital markets activity is currently being conducted in the UK, the wholesale banking sector is particularly affected, and faces major questions around the continued provision of services to clients as well as maintaining well-functioning markets.

Brexit will be one of the biggest challenges to banks' future business as it will imply a major restructuring for the whole industry as well as the potential for depleted revenue sources and cost pressures. The Company is committed to preserving continuity of client service and is developing Brexit plans to enable the EMEA business as a whole to maintain existing primary, secondary and advisory businesses. As a result, the Company has initiated the application process for a MiFID licence to operate a new entity based in the city of Frankfurt, Germany.

The Company will report a positive P&L for the year, outperforming its budgeted profit. This performance was underpinned by significant macroeconomic factors that caused an increase in the number of new issue transactions, by good two-way flow, the successful recycling of Japanese retail clients' selling of Uridashi bonds into European wholesale investors and a cautious risk strategy during periods of uncertainty.

## KPIs

The Company's performance against KPI's was strong, with another year on year increase in Net income from operations as shown below.

	<b>2018</b>	2017
	<b>Y-o-Y change</b>	Y-o-Y change
Net income from operations increase	<b>6.7%</b>	51.3%
Administrative expenses increase	<b>4.8%</b>	22.9%

The client-facing businesses have yielded combined revenue of £235.0 million compared to £220.2 million in the previous year.

The Fixed Income business saw an increase in revenues of over 6% compared to the previous year, with significant outperformance in the Japanese Non Yen desk due to strong retail flows in BRL and RUB. The EMEA flow derivatives desk, which was integrated into the company in the prior year, contributed an additional £14m of revenues, although performance was below expectation due to limited trade volumes.

The Equity business is run on a cost-plus basis. Year on year increases in commission, reflecting continued market share gains, saw increased revenues booked in Mizuho Securities. McLagan data for Japan secondary cash equity revenues for the EU region in 2017 showed an increase in market share from rank 3 to rank 2 with 8.3% share. European equity activity via Redburn has also increased sharply year on year.

The ECM business made significant progress in bolstering the European origination platform. The Company is now the number one Asian bank on European offerings and was involved in 5 of the 7 largest capital increases of the last 18 months.

Also, the M&A team has been successful in building a robust pipeline with over ten mandates mostly from Japanese companies in 2017 thanks to deepened relationships with its partner banks across Europe as well as One MIZUHO collaboration. During the year, the M&A team showed its strongest performance in the last four years in terms of the number of mandated transactions.

## Strategic Report (Continued)

DCM success during the year was driven by significant macroeconomic factors including the current QE policy and a favourable interest rate environment. Borrowers took advantage of favourable market conditions to source new funding at attractive levels and investor demand was robust across the tenor spectrum. Also, CEEMEA primary volumes throughout the year continued to break the all-time high YTD record on the back of solid sovereign and agency supply from GCC and CEE. DCM's strong performance in the Corporates, EM, SSA, private placement / Uridashi space resulted in a noteworthy outperformance versus budget. The business also continued to positively contribute to derivative revenues, and ensured increasing collaboration with Mizuho Bank on financing opportunities, while the MTN desk continued to interact productively with the various distribution outlets in Japan.

### Future developments

The coming year will further be dominated by a focus on sustainable growth and profitability as part of Phase 2 of the Company's 3+3 year business plan. Key initiatives will centre around a strengthened product offering and client base as well as cost savings to be realised from operational efficiency initiatives.

The markets are expected to remain challenging, however the Company aims to maintain its profile in core activities and create new revenue opportunities, specifically via increased production with key accounts and via the introduction of new products as well as further penetration into key markets.

The Company continues to pursue a cautious to moderate risk profile in support of Mizuho Group's global issuer and investor client franchise. It continuously works on advancing its governance, risk and control framework with key focus on conduct risk. In all its activities the Company's people are at the centre, alongside its clients. Therefore, a prerequisite for the Company's sustainable success is the continuous promotion of Learning & Development, Inclusion & Diversity as well as Culture & Conduct initiatives. The Company will further focus on supporting the outlined strategy and targets by developing a truly inclusive culture. It will create opportunities for growth and future-proof the Company by enhancing diversity and re-enforcing our ethically resilient culture.

By Order of the Board  
Brian Lanaghan  
Company Secretary  
21 June 2018

## Directors' Report

The directors named below who are on the Board of Mizuho International plc at the date of this report (the "Directors") present this report on the affairs of the Company, together with the financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

### Principal Activities

The Company provides investment banking and securities market services to clients of the group of companies headed by Mizuho Financial Group, Inc. ("Mizuho Group").

The Company has permissions from the Prudential Regulation Authority ('PRA') for deposit taking and other activities relating to its investment businesses pursuant to the provisions of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, and operates under the rules of the PRA and the Financial Conduct Authority ('FCA'). The Company has an agent office in Frankfurt, Germany and a branch in Dubai.

### Results and Dividends

The Company recorded a profit of £27.6 million for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 (2017: £12.2 million). The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend in respect of the current financial year (2017: £nil).

### Going Concern

The Company's Directors believe that there are no material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt upon the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. The Company's financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The Directors' assessment of the Company's ability to continue as a going concern is based upon an assessment of the Company's business plans, together with related forecasts in respect of the Company's capital adequacy and liquidity positions, and stresses to those forecast positions.

### Directors

The following served as Directors of the Company during the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018:

Executive Directors	Mr M. de Jong Mr M. Mochizuki Mr Y. Shibata (Resigned 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2017)
Non-Executive Directors	Mr D. Weymouth (Chair) Mr T. Sciard (Senior Independent Non-Executive Director) Mr C. Newell (Independent Non-Executive Director) Ms M. Erasmus (Independent Non-Executive Director) (Appointed 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2017) Mr K. Fujii (Non-Executive Director) Mr H. Kawashima (Non-Executive Director) Mr H. Nagamine (Non-Executive Director)

There are no Directors' interests requiring disclosure under the Companies Act 2006.

The Company has granted an indemnity to its Directors against liability in respect of proceedings brought by third parties, subject to the conditions set out in section 234 of the Companies Act 2006. Such qualifying third party indemnity provision remains in force as at the date of approving the Directors' Report.

# Directors' Report (Continued)

## Corporate Governance

As the Company is not listed there is no requirement to comply with the UK Corporate Governance Code. However, the Directors consider that Corporate Governance is an important matter and have adopted a number of procedures as set out below:

- The Company's board of Directors ("the Board") meets at least four times each year and more frequently where business needs require (in practice at least ten times a year).
- As at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 the Board consisted of two Executive Directors, and seven Non-Executive Directors (including an Independent Chairman and three other Independent Non-Executive Directors and three Non-Executive Directors).
- In order to facilitate the effective conduct of business across the Company, the Board delegates certain matters to five committees, which comprise an Audit and Compliance Committee, a Board Risk Committee, a Crisis Management Committee, a Nomination Committee and a Remuneration Committee. Whilst the Board ultimately remains responsible for all delegated matters, the affairs of those committees are organised to encompass the conduct of the Company's business. The responsibilities and constitution of those committees, referred to in the singular below, are as follows:

**The Audit and Compliance Committee** is responsible for the review and monitoring of internal control functions, financial reporting, audit effectiveness and regulatory compliance. The committee meets on a quarterly basis and more frequently if required. It is chaired by Mr C. Newell who reports directly to the Board. Its members are Independent Non-Executive Directors. The chair of the Committee is expressly entitled to invite other Board members, the external auditors, Chief Financial Officer, the Head of Internal Audit and the Chief Risk Officer and also any other members of management to attend the Committee's meetings.

**The Board Risk Committee** is responsible for reviewing the Company's risk appetite, risk profile and performance against risk appetite, risk management framework and risk culture. The Board Risk Committee meets not less than 6 times a year but may meet more often as deemed necessary. It is chaired by Ms. M. Erasmus and the members include at least two other Non-Executive Directors; meetings are also attended by the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Risk Officer, the Chief Financial Officer and the Head of Compliance. Other members of management or external advisers may be invited by the chair of the Committee.

**The Crisis Management Committee** is responsible for managing a crisis or other situation impacting the Company, including the breach of an operating stage trigger as set out in the Company's Recovery Plan. The committee does not meet under normal operating conditions but may be convened at the request of i) any two of the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Risk Officer, the Chief Financial Officer and the Treasurer; ii) the Risk Management Committee; iii) the Chair of the Board; iv) the Chair of the Board Risk Committee; or v) the Senior Independent Non-Executive Director of the Board. Once the Committee has been convened, the Chair of the Committee will be determined by the Chair of the Board or, in their absence, the Chair of the Board Risk Committee, or in their absence the Senior Independent Non-Executive Director. The members of the Committee will comprise its Chair, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Risk Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, the Chief Operating Officer Front Office, the Chief Information Officer, the Deputy President, the Head of Compliance, the Head of Legal, the Treasurer and the Chair of the Board or an Independent non-Executive Director of the Board, if requested by the Board.

**The Nomination Committee** is responsible for the selection and recommendation of new members to the Board and the evaluation of performance of the Board. The committee meets as often as necessary to fulfil its responsibilities but not less than twice a year. The Chair of the Nomination Committee is Mr D. Weymouth and the members of the committee are the three other Independent Non-Executive Directors; meetings are also attended by the Head of Human Resources; other individuals who are not members of the Committee, including for example the Company Secretary, the Head of Compliance and external advisers, may also be invited to attend meetings of the Committee.

## Directors' Report (Continued)

### Corporate Governance (continued)

**The Remuneration Committee** is responsible for approving the Company's remuneration policy for its employees generally and specific remuneration at or above certain senior levels including identified Material Risk Takers. The Remuneration Committee meets at least four times a year with additional meetings as necessary. It is chaired by Mr T. Sciard and its membership comprises the three other Independent Non-Executive Directors and two Non-Executive directors, including a member of the Audit and Compliance Committee and a member of the Board Risk Committee; meetings are also attended by the Head of Human Resources. Meetings may also be attended by others by invitation. The Chair of the Committee is also entitled to invite any other staff members or external advisers to attend the Committee's meetings.

The Company's organisational structure is designed to ensure that responsibilities are defined and authority is delegated only where appropriate, and that the Board receives regular management accounts containing a sufficient level of analysis of the financial performance of the Company. In respect of internal financial controls the Directors are responsible for ensuring that the Board meets regularly to review this information and takes appropriate decisions on all material matters.

The Company, through its Board, delegates responsibility for the day to day running of the business of the Company to the Chief Executive. The Chief Executive in turn delegates powers for certain matters to executive management, including the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Risk Officer. The Chief Executive is assisted by the Executive Committee, the membership of which comprises the heads of the Front office business areas and the heads of significant support functions. The Executive Committee's role is to act as a consultative body to the Chief Executive, who therefore has the decision making responsibilities in relation to all matters, save in relation to charity and new product matters, where the Executive Committee's members are entitled to vote.

The Chief Executive has empowered the Executive Committee to delegate responsibility to thirteen sub-committees as follows:

- Assets and Liability Committee
- Change and Implementation Committee
- Charity Committee
- Executive Data Committee
- Front Office Supervision Committee
- Health and Safety Committee
- Information Risk Steering Committee
- Learning and Development and Inclusion Committee
- M&A Engagement and Reputational Risk Committee
- New Product Committee
- Risk Management Committee
- Underwriting Committee, and
- Valuation Control Committee

Those sub-committees, apart from the Charity Committee and the New Product Committee, act as consultative bodies to their Chair, who have the sole decision-making powers in relation to matters covered by those sub-committees. The members of the Charity Committee and the New Product Committee, on the other hand, have the right to vote on the matters covered by those sub-committees respectively.

### Performance Measurement and Management

The Company and its business streams are managed in accordance with a variety of measures, which are reported on a regular basis to the Executive Committee. The primary measures that are used to monitor and manage performance within the Company include profit before taxation, capital utilisation, VaR utilisation and stress test exposures (these are disclosed within the financial statements and accompanying notes).

## **Directors' Report (Continued)**

### **Performance Measurement and Management (continued)**

#### **Remuneration**

The Company has adopted a Remuneration Policy that takes into account the Remuneration part of the PRA's Rulebook and the FCA's Remuneration Codes for dual-regulated firms (which are intended to promote effective risk management but retain the flexibility to change dependent on external factors including, but not limited to, legislative or regulatory measures in the future). The Company's remuneration practices, policies and procedures are consistent with the principles set out by the PRA and FCA in the documents referred to above. When determining the size of the overall bonus pool, the cost of economic or regulatory capital, liquidity and the need to maintain and/or strengthen a sound capital base are taken into account. Individual awards are then allocated using the results of a Balanced Scorecard Appraisal. Material Risk Takers (MRTs) are subject to bonus deferral in accordance with the Remuneration Codes (i.e. deferral periods of 3, 5 or 7 years); a general deferral plan is in place for all other staff whose bonus award is above a threshold set out in the Remuneration Policy. Bonus awards are subject to malus adjustment (including forfeiture) and deferred bonuses will vest only to the extent determined by the Remuneration Committee in its sole discretion, having regard to matters set out in the Remuneration Policy. At least 50% of any variable remuneration awarded to MRTs will be allocated in the form of awards based on Mizuho Financial Group Inc. shares and is subject to a retention period of 6/12 months. The requirement is applied to both deferred and non-deferred awards. The Remuneration Codes require the Company to be contractually entitled to apply clawback to the variable remuneration of MRTs for seven years after the award has been made (this can be extended to 10 years for Senior Managers in the event of an investigation).

#### **Employment Policies**

As set out in its Equality and Diversity Policy, the Company is committed to equal opportunities for all. The Company opposes all forms of discrimination including on the grounds of age, disability, gender (including gender reassignment), marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief and sexual orientation. Pursuant to the policy, members of staff, whether full time, part time or temporary, are to be treated fairly, equally and with respect.

The Company values and respects the differences between all people in its employment. By promoting and ensuring an inclusive environment the Company can build on the collective and complementary skills, knowledge, background and networks of its people. Valuing diversity is an integral part of our strategy for competing in the current and future marketplace and driving business performance and success.

The Equality and Diversity Policy applies to all aspects of employment, including recruitment and selection, appraisal, learning and development, promotion, pay and conditions. Selection for employment, promotion, learning and development or any other benefit is on the basis of aptitude and ability.

The Company promotes a high performance culture and learning organisation, building on individual and group skills and learning experiences; and is committed to creating a positive working environment in which each employee can develop their specialist knowledge and professional experience. All employees are supported and encouraged to develop their full potential and the talents and resources of our workforce will be utilised to maximise the efficiency of the organisation.

The Company extends its commitment to equality and diversity to the communities in which it operates, through its Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives.

All staff are made aware of the provisions of the Company's Equality and Diversity Policy through regular awareness sessions and full details of the policy are made available on the Company's intranet site. Staff have a positive responsibility to comply with this policy and ensure that its terms are put into effect.

## **Directors' Report (Continued)**

### **Employment Policies (continued)**

The Company places considerable value on the involvement of its employees and has a practice of keeping them informed on matters affecting them as employees and on the various factors affecting the performance of the Company. This is achieved through regular circulars distributed throughout the Company, through the intranet site and through the Directors' Report and financial statements which are made available to all employees.

### **Principal Risk and uncertainties**

As an international investment banking and securities markets business within the group of companies headed by Mizuho Group, Ltd., the Company is affected by a range of risk factors. The Company's risk management framework comprises risk identification, quantification, control and risk monitoring and reporting processes designed to achieve effective management in line with the risk appetite statement through a top-down delegation of authority.

#### **Risk Identification**

Risk identification is conducted by examination of all activities of the Company and is captured in the risk register that consists of all risks from all risk areas to which the Company is exposed. The risk register contains measures of materiality, mitigants and controls to ensure capital adequacy.

Market risk is the risk that changes in interest rates, foreign exchange rates, credit spreads, equity prices and other rates, prices, volatilities, correlations or other market conditions, such as liquidity, will have an adverse impact on the Company's financial condition or results.

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Company if an issuer of a financial instrument or a customer fails to meet its contractual obligations.

Liquidity Risk is the risk that the Company, although solvent, does not have available sufficient financial resources to enable it to meet its obligations as they fall due.

Operational risk is defined as the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems or from external events.

#### **Risk Quantification and assessment**

Risks identified in the risk register are quantified and assessed by various metrics including severe but plausible stress tests and key risks are identified to form the risk appetite statement. The risk capture methodology and results of the risk metrics are reviewed and challenged by senior management and measured against risk appetite limits.

#### **Risk Control**

As an overarching risk control, the Company operates a three lines of defence model to manage all risks.

- The first line is any business or support unit that originates risk, owns it and is responsible for that risk. The first line function is obliged to understand the implication of any risks run by it and to conduct its own supervision to control/manage the risk.
- The second line is provided by a number of functions (predominantly Risk Management, Compliance, Legal and Finance) who are responsible for conducting independent challenge, oversight and reporting of risk and validating the management of risks by the first line of defence.
- The third line of defence is provided by the Internal Audit Function that is independent of both the first and second lines of defence. The role of the third line is to independently check and verify the effectiveness of the first and second lines of defence and to escalate to Senior Management any deficiencies that it identifies.

The Company's risk controls are implemented in line with the risk appetite statement by setting various risk limits and policies owned by the Board which are cascaded down to more granular and specific limits which are owned by delegated risk management authorities.

## **Directors' Report (Continued)**

### **Principal Risk and uncertainties (continued)**

#### **Risk Monitoring and reporting**

For most risk metrics and limits, exposures are monitored daily by automated processes to support timely management information that includes a daily risk report to the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Risk Officer, weekly risk report to the Executive Committee and Risk Management Committee and monthly risk report to the Board Risk Committee.

#### **Financial Instruments**

The Company uses financial instruments for risk management purposes, as outlined in Accounting Policy 2D.

Further information around the Company's risk management objectives and policies, and its exposure to various risks, can be found in note 30.

#### **Future Developments**

The future developments of the Company are discussed in the Strategic Report.

#### **Events since the balance sheet date**

On 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2018, the Company made a share capital injection of EUR 730,000 to incorporate a new legal entity in Frankfurt, Germany. The new entity, Mizuho Securities Europe GmbH (MHEU), will be a 100% fully owned subsidiary of the Company and is being setup in response to Brexit and to support Mizuho Group's ability to access the European financial market after the UK leaves the EU. MHEU is expected to begin trading operations from January 2019.

#### **Disclosure of Information to Auditors**

The Directors who held office at the date of approval of this Directors' Report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware; and the Directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as Directors to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

#### **Independent Auditors**

Ernst & Young LLP were reappointed as auditors of the Company during the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018. Ernst & Young LLP have expressed their willingness to continue in office and a resolution re-appointing them as Auditors of the Company and authorising the Directors to determine their remuneration will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

By Order of the Board  
B. Lanaghan  
Company Secretary  
21<sup>st</sup> June 2018

## Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

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

The Companies Act 2006 law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ('FRS 102'). As provided by the Companies Act 2006, the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and accounting 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 financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

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

# Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Mizuho International plc

## Opinion

We have audited the Financial Statements of Mizuho International plc ('the Company') for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the related notes 1 to 33 including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including FRS 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ('FRS 102' or 'United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice' or 'UKGAAP').

In our opinion, the Financial Statements:

- give a true and fair view of the Company's affairs as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UKGAAP including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK"; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

## Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Statements section of our report below. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the Financial Statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard as applied to public interest entities, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the Financial Statements is not appropriate; or
- the Directors have not disclosed in the Financial Statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the Financial Statements are authorised for issue.

# Independent Auditor’s Report to the Members of Mizuho International plc (Continued)

## Overview of our audit approach

Key audit matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The risk of inappropriate valuation of higher estimation uncertainty ('HEU') products</li> <li>• The risk of recording of fictitious transactions</li> <li>• The risk of management override of controls</li> </ul>
Materiality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall materiality of £11.3m which represents 1.5% of the Company's total equity (see 'Our application of materiality' section below).</li> </ul>

## Key audit matters

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

Inappropriate valuation of higher estimation uncertainty ('HEU') products	Our response to the risk	Key observations communicated to the Audit Committee
<p><b>Refer to the Accounting policies (page 25); and Note 29 of the Financial Statements (page 56)</b></p> <p>The risk of improper or inaccurate valuation or measurement for all HEU (i.e. harder to value) positions. HEU positions include those where pricing inputs are not readily observable as well as model-valued positions where the models are complex or subjective.</p> <p>Inappropriate valuation may lead to balance sheet misstatement and inappropriate revenue recognition.</p> <p>The risk of inappropriate valuation of HEU products is most likely to arise where there is a higher level of judgement involved. Specifically these include material level 3 positions as defined by the Company's fair value hierarchy disclosure, complex model-dependent valuations, instruments valued using illiquid pricing inputs, and certain XVA adjustments.</p> <p>At year end the Company reported:</p>	<p>Our approach focussed on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessing the design and operating effectiveness of key controls around model validation, collateral management and independent price verifications ('IPV').</li> <li>• Utilising EY valuation specialists to sample test the independent valuation of positions and fair value adjustments. These procedures used market data independent of that used by management to revalue the positions; and, an assessment of whether the valuation methodology and model inputs were consistent with market valuation practices where required.</li> <li>• Where differences were identified between our independent valuation and management's valuation, we performed additional testing over each variance to support our assessment of the appropriateness of the fair value.</li> </ul>	<p>We are satisfied that the fair value of financial instruments with a higher degree of estimation uncertainty and the recognition of related income is materially stated and in accordance with UK GAAP.</p> <p>We highlighted to the Audit and Compliance Committee that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our independent valuation procedures identified judgemental variances outside of our threshold for bifurcated embedded derivatives related to legacy structured notes issuances. Management have adjusted for these differences.</li> <li>• We note that there are complex structures within the underlying product, high subjectivity of the model inputs used to value the instruments, and only a limited number of legacy trades in existence at reporting date.</li> </ul>

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<p>Level 2 Assets 2018: £10,961.9m (2017: £11,391.0m)</p> <p>Level 2 Liabilities 2018: £7,418.7m (2017: £7,562.6m)</p> <p>Level 3 Assets 2018: £177.6m (2017: £303.5m)</p> <p>Level 3 Liabilities 2018: £194.3m (2017: £314.3m)</p> <p>The level of risk is commensurate with the prior financial period.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessing management's annual review over the third party pricing providers which are used as part of the IPV process.</li> <li>Assessing the impact of year end collateral disputes which indicated a valuation for a position out of line with other market participants.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Recording of fictitious transactions</b></p> <p>The risk that transactions recorded may be fictitious in nature, leading to dealing gains or losses and financial positions being misstated.</p> <p>Material misstatement to dealing gains and losses, and financial positions, may be effected through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>long-dated positions, such as, those that have a longer settlement than the portfolio average,</b></li> <li><b>fictitious trade settlement dates being re-dated in the future to avoid triggering identification; or,</b></li> <li>fictitious trades being 'executed' with counterparties with confirmation backlogs or who are known not to confirm trades.</li> </ul> <p>The above circumstances lead to a higher risk of fictitious trading.</p>	<p><b>Our response to the risk</b></p> <p>Our approach focussed on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Testing the design and operating effectiveness of those key controls identified as detecting and preventing the recording of fictitious transactions.</li> <li>This included testing reconciliations which utilise third party information (nostro / depot, broker accounts), third party confirmation controls, approval controls (in particular around collateral management, the cancelation and amendment of trades, static data, and resolution of failed trades), and review controls involving senior management (such as collateral reporting, dispute resolution, and controls over P&amp;L recording).</li> <li>Substantive procedures to identify fictitious transactions were undertaken in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>year end front office and back office reconciliations;</li> <li>alleged trades; and</li> <li>any collateral disputes unresolved at the balance sheet date.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Independent confirmation procedures were performed</li> </ul>	<p><b>Key observations communicated to the Audit Committee</b></p> <p>We have not identified any indications of fraudulent activity during the year, and have not identified any transactions recorded as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 that are materially misstated. We noted the following results from our audit procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trades identified that met the higher risk criteria set out in our testing procedures were confirmed as genuine trades by testing to the evidence of subsequent settlement. No exceptions were noted.</li> <li>The controls identified and tested, in aggregate, were concluded to be operating effectively with the exception of the cancel and amended trades control which helps to mitigate the risk.</li> <li>We assessed that the ineffective control did not significantly increase the risk of unauthorised trading occurring or going undetected by validating and testing completeness of all alleged trades noting no exceptions.</li> <li>Consideration was given that other controls were</li> </ul>

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	<p>for a sample of trading and cash positions to counterparties / agents to test their existence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specific risks from long-dated and unconfirmed trades were further addressed by testing trades identified as unconfirmed for a longer period after the balance sheet date.</li> </ul> <p>Analysis was undertaken of the trade population to identify trades which had settlement characteristics outside of the expected portfolio criteria. Any such trades were then directly tested to subsequent settlement evidence.</p>	<p>operating effectively and the work performed mitigated any residual risk arising due to the ineffective control.</p>
<p><b>The risk of management override of controls</b></p> <p>This is the risk that controls may be overridden to perpetrate fraudulent activity or fraudulent financial reporting.</p> <p>The following areas are where we consider there to be a higher risk of management override: revenue recognition, accounting for significant estimates and provisions, the posting of manual journal entries (as opposed to system driven journals), and engaging in complex and unusual transactions, whose structure may misrepresent the financial position or performance.</p>	<p><b>Our response to the risk</b></p> <p>In relation to revenue recognition, we refer to our key audit matters above (higher estimation uncertainty position valuation, and the recording of fictitious transactions) which address the areas where we believe there is a heightened risk of revenue being recognised inappropriately.</p> <p>For significant estimates and provisions, we have undertaken an assessment of all accounting estimates for bias – and involved our specialists as necessary to help determine the appropriateness of accounting judgements and estimates made throughout the Financial Statements.</p> <p>To address risk arising from manual journal entries, we undertook risk assessed journal entry testing on general ledger journals, and on other adjustments made in the preparation of the Financial Statements.</p> <p>We set a number of filters to identify journal entries with characteristics which may be</p>	<p><b>Key observations communicated to the Audit Committee</b></p> <p>We undertook our mandatory audit procedures which address the risk of material misstatement due to fraud and error, and management override of controls.</p> <p>Our enquiries of management and those charged with governance, and our general audit procedures did not identify anything to indicate fraudulent activity, or to be a matter for concern.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please refer to our specific findings on the valuation of HEU positions, and the recording of fictitious transactions for our detailed communications on revenue recognition.</li> <li>We commented that the approach to provisioning was at the conservative end of the acceptable range.</li> <li>As is the norm, we identified instances whereby post year-end</li> </ul>

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	<p>indicative of fraudulent activity, and determined from the complete population a sample to substantively test.</p> <p>We also considered whether any transactions could be considered significant or unusual – we do not believe any such transactions occurred in the current year.</p>	<p>events highlighted the need to adjust certain provisions and management adjusted the provisions as necessary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our testing identified no unsubstantiated or unapproved journal entries.</li> </ul>
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### An overview of the scope of our audit

#### Tailoring the scope

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

#### Our application of materiality

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

#### Materiality

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

We determined materiality for the purposes of our audit of the Financial Statements to be £11.3 million (2017: £11.0 million), which is 1.5% (2017: 1.5%) of the Company’s total equity. We determined our materiality based on equity as the firm has not been profitable historically. Also, our expectation is that the main users of the Financial Statements, such as the Prudential Regulation Authority and the immediate and ultimate controlling party, view capital preservation as a key consideration. The same basis of materiality was used in the previous year.

We set materiality during the planning phase of our audit using the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 equity position. During the course of our audit, we reassessed this initial materiality and concluded that it was appropriate to maintain this level of materiality through to the date of our audit opinion. Whilst the entity has maintained profitability in the current year, we do not consider it appropriate to switch to an earnings related basis of materiality at this point, as we still consider that the shareholders and stakeholders remain most concerned with the stability and capital position of the entity. Further, as there is no established pattern of profitability, changing the basis of materiality could lead to large movements in the materiality used period-on-period.

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## Performance materiality

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

On the basis of our risk assessments, together with our assessment of the Company's overall control environment, our judgement was that performance materiality should be established at 50% (2017: 50%) of our planning materiality, namely £5.7m (2017: £5.5m). We set performance materiality at a level which is the lower end of our normal range, due to the detection of certain errors in previous periods. We consider it prudent to use the lower end of the range for our performance materiality as it reduces our detection risk (i.e. the risk that we do not detect a material error through our testing procedures).

## Reporting threshold

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

We reported to the Directors all uncorrected audit differences in excess of £570k (2017: £550k), which is set at 5% of planning materiality, as well as differences below that threshold that, in our view, warranted reporting on qualitative grounds.

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

## Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report set out on pages 22 to 81 other than the Financial Statements and our Auditor's Report thereon. The Directors are responsible for the other information.

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

In connection with our audit of the Financial Statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the Financial Statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the Financial Statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

## Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the Financial Statements are prepared is consistent with the Financial Statements; and
- the Strategic Report and Directors' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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## Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

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

## Responsibilities of Directors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 12, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the Financial Statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of Financial Statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the Financial Statements, the Directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

The objectives of our audit, in respect to fraud, are; to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the Financial Statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses; and to respond appropriately to fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and management.

Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the Company and determined that the most significant are the UK Companies Act and UK Tax Legislation, the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and the Financial Services Act 2012. Further, by virtue of being part of a larger group the Company is directly impacted by the rules of the US Securities and Exchange Commission and the Japanese Financial Services Authority. By virtue of the entities activities, the entity is also subject to the rules of various exchanges it transacts on, and the International Capital Market Association.

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- We understood how the Company is complying with those frameworks through enquiring of management, and those responsible for legal and compliance matters. We also perform an inspection of the Company's regulatory correspondence, and minutes of various board committees.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the Company's Financial Statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur, by considering the controls that the Company has established to address risks identified by the entity, or that otherwise seek to prevent, deter, or detect fraud.
- Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations. Our procedures involved directly testing controls implemented at the entity level, such as the regular review, maintenance and communication of conduct policies, and the monitoring of compliance by staff of such policies. Further, we tested controls at the individual transaction level which ensure appropriate approval and oversight of the Company's activities. We perform journal entry testing, which targets transactions or postings that have certain characteristics which could be indicative of fraudulent activity, and substantively verifies the appropriateness of the posting. Please also refer to the key audit matters above in relation to higher estimation uncertainty products, the recording of fictitious transactions and the risk of management override – all of which relate to areas of heightened financial statement fraud risk.
- The Company operates in a specialised industry, and as such, the Senior Statutory Auditor considered the experience and expertise of the engagement team to ensure that the team had the appropriate competence and capabilities, which included the use of specialists where appropriate.

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

### Other matters we are required to address

- We were appointed by the Company on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2017 to audit the Financial Statements for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 and subsequent financial periods. The period of total uninterrupted engagement including previous renewals and reappointments is 13 years, covering the years ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.
- The non-audit services prohibited by the FRC's Ethical Standard were not provided to the Company and we remain independent of the Company in conducting the audit.
- We provided a reasonable assurance CASS (Client Assets) Audit to the entity, which has not been disclosed in the Annual Report or Financial Statements.
- The audit opinion is consistent with the additional report to the Audit Committee

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## Use of our report

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

*Peter Wallace (Senior statutory auditor)  
for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP, Statutory Auditor  
London  
June 2018*

### Notes:

1. *The maintenance and integrity of the Mizuho International plc web site is the responsibility of the Directors; the work carried out by the auditors does not involve consideration of these matters and, accordingly, the auditors accept no responsibility for any changes that may have occurred to the Financial Statements since they were initially presented on the web site.*
2. *Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.*

## Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018

	Note	2018 £ millions	2017 £ millions
Interest receivable		1.4	1.1
Interest payable		(11.5)	(11.9)
<b>Net interest payable</b>		<b>(10.1)</b>	<b>(10.8)</b>
Fees and commissions receivable	4	148.9	140.0
Fees and commissions payable	4	(65.2)	(58.1)
<b>Net fees and commissions</b>		<b>83.7</b>	<b>81.9</b>
Dealing profit	5	161.3	144.5
Other operating income	6	0.1	4.7
<b>Net income from operations</b>		<b>235.0</b>	<b>220.3</b>
Administrative expenses	7	(178.4)	(174.8)
Depreciation and amortisation	15, 16	(26.6)	(20.8)
Provisions for contingent liabilities and commitments	22	(0.2)	(12.5)
<b>Operating expenses</b>		<b>(205.2)</b>	<b>(208.1)</b>
<b>Profit on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		<b>29.8</b>	<b>12.2</b>
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	8	(2.2)	-
<b>Profit for the year</b>		<b>27.6</b>	<b>12.2</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>			
Profit for the financial year		27.6	12.2
Remeasurement gains and losses from defined benefit scheme	24	(2.4)	(4.5)
<b>Total profit recognised before tax</b>		<b>25.2</b>	<b>7.7</b>
Deferred Tax		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>		<b>25.2</b>	<b>7.7</b>

All of the activities of the Company are classified as continuing

# Statement of Financial Position as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018

Registered number: 1203696

	Note	2018 £ millions	2017 £ millions
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and balances at central banks		230.2	112.5
Loans and advances to banks	10	126.2	166.4
Reverse repurchase agreements with banks		2,756.6	4,091.3
Reverse repurchase agreements with customers		4,636.4	5,106.9
Debt and other fixed income securities	11	5,248.4	4,054.6
Equity Shares	12	1.3	1.5
Derivative assets	13	2,136.2	1,498.4
Shares in group undertakings	14	6.0	5.8
Intangible assets	15	66.0	71.5
Tangible fixed assets	16	31.1	33.2
Other assets	17	210.9	193.0
Prepayments and accrued income		68.0	60.1
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>15,517.3</b>	<b>15,395.2</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Deposits by banks	18	398.0	318.9
Customer accounts	18	337.8	432.0
Repurchase agreements with banks		1,861.6	2,448.5
Repurchase agreements with customers		3,301.7	3,779.3
Debt securities in issue	19	1,773.3	1,387.9
Short trading positions	20	4,561.1	4,297.7
Derivative liabilities	13	2,030.6	1,433.1
Other liabilities	21	296.2	357.3
Accruals and deferred income		137.8	141.7
Provisions for liabilities	22	12.4	17.2
Subordinated liabilities	23	45.2	45.2
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>14,755.7</b>	<b>14,658.8</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Called up share capital	26	709.9	709.9
Share premium account		15.6	15.6
Pension reserve		(3.7)	(1.3)
Profit and loss account		39.8	12.2
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>761.6</b>	<b>736.4</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>		<b>15,517.3</b>	<b>15,395.2</b>

Approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on and signed on its behalf by

Michiel de Jong  
Chief Executive Officer  
21<sup>st</sup> June 2018

## Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018

	Share capital £ millions	Share premium account £ millions	Pension Reserve £ millions	Profit and loss account £ millions	Total equity £ millions
At 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2016	2,875.3	15.6	(16.8)	(2,413.3)	460.8
Increase in paid up share capital	267.9	-	-	-	267.9
Share capital reduction	(2,433.3)	-	20.0	2,413.3	-
Profit for the year	-	-	-	12.2	12.2
Other comprehensive income	-	-	(4.5)	-	(4.5)
At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017	<u>709.9</u>	<u>15.6</u>	<u>(1.3)</u>	<u>12.2</u>	<u>736.4</u>
At 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2017	<b>709.9</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>(1.3)</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>736.4</b>
Profit for the year	-	-	-	<b>27.6</b>	<b>27.6</b>
Other comprehensive income	-	-	(2.4)	-	(2.4)
At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2018	<u><b>709.9</b></u>	<u><b>15.6</b></u>	<u><b>(3.7)</b></u>	<u><b>39.8</b></u>	<u><b>761.6</b></u>

# Notes to the Financial Statements

## 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

Mizuho International plc is a public limited company incorporated in the United Kingdom and registered in England and Wales. The Registered Office is Mizuho House, 30 Old Bailey, London, EC4M 7AU.

The Company's financial statements have been prepared in compliance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ('FRS 102') and in accordance with the provisions relating to Banking Companies and Schedule 2 of the Companies Act 2006.

### Accounting policies

The accounting policies that are significant in the context of the Company's financial statements are described in note 2. The accounting policies adopted by the Company in the preparation of the financial statements are consistent with those in the previous year.

### Basis of measurement

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified for derivative financial instruments, financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit and loss, which are measured at fair value.

### Presentation currency

The financial statements are presented in Sterling which is the Company's functional currency and the financial information is presented in £ millions and has been rounded to the nearest £100,000 unless otherwise indicated.

### Cash flow statement

In accordance with the scope exclusions contained in FRS 102, the Company has not prepared a cash flow statement as the Company is a qualifying entity and is included within publicly available consolidated financial statements of the Mizuho Financial Group, Inc. as described in note 33.

### Segmental analysis

Segmental analysis of income and net assets has not been prepared as, in the opinion of the Directors, the Company has only one class of business, being investment banking, and operates in a global market which is not defined by geographical bounds. The Company does not operate in countries or groups of countries which could provide useful information by being segmented based on stability of regime, exchange control regulations, or exchange rate fluctuations.

## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### A – Financial instruments

The Company applies IAS 39: Financial Instruments for the recognition and measurement of financial instruments.

#### Regular way purchase or sale of financial assets (excluding derivatives)

Settlement date accounting is applied for the purposes of recognising and de-recognising financial assets.

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### A – Financial instruments (continued)

##### Recognition

Financial instruments are recognised when the Company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the relevant financial asset or financial liability. Financial instruments are initially recorded at fair value plus, in the case of financial instruments not measured at fair value through profit and loss, transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial instrument.

##### De-recognition of financial assets

A financial asset is de-recognised when:

- The contractual rights to receive the cash flows from the asset expire; or
- The Company has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the financial asset; or
- The Company has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the financial asset but has transferred control of the financial asset.

Where the Company neither transfers nor retains substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of a transferred asset, and retain control of the transferred asset, the Company will account for its continuing involvement in the asset. Under this approach, the Company will continue to recognise the transferred asset to the extent of the continuing involvement in that asset and recognise an associated liability such that the net carrying value of the transferred asset and associated liability is equal to the fair value of the retained rights and obligations.

##### De-recognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are de-recognised when they have been extinguished as a result of the cancellation, discharge or expiry of the obligations specified in the contract.

##### Offsetting

Financial assets and liabilities are set off and the net amount presented on the Statement of Financial Position when, and only when, the Company 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.

Income and expenses are presented on a net basis only when permitted by accounting standards, or where gains and losses arise from a group of similar transactions, such as the Company's trading activities.

#### B – Trading financial instruments

Non derivative financial instruments are classified as held for trading if they are acquired for the purpose of selling in the near term or are part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that are managed together and for which there is evidence of a recent actual pattern of short term profit taking. Non derivative trading financial instruments include reverse repurchase and repurchase agreements, trading debt and trading equity securities. Subsequent to initial recognition, trading financial instruments are measured at fair value. Changes in fair value, and gains or losses realised on de-recognition, are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and reported under dealing profit.

##### Reclassifications from trading non derivative financial assets

The Company will reclassify trading non derivative financial assets, other than those designated as at fair value through profit and loss upon initial recognition (see accounting policy E), if they are no longer held for the purpose of being sold or repurchased in the near term.

Non derivative financial assets, other than loans and receivables, may only be reclassified in rare circumstances.

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### C – Derivative financial instruments

##### Trading derivative instruments

Subsequent to initial recognition, trading derivative instruments are measured at fair value and disclosed as financial assets when the fair value is positive and financial liabilities when the fair value is negative. Changes in fair value, and realised gains or losses, are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and reported under dealing profit.

##### Derivative financial instruments held for risk management purposes

Derivative financial instruments held for risk management purposes comprise swaps and other derivative financial instruments designated in hedging relationships. These are used to hedge the Company's debt securities in issue (see accounting policy D – Hedge accounting). These instruments are measured and presented in the same manner as trading derivative instruments.

##### Embedded derivatives

Derivatives embedded within financial instruments that are not held for trading or designated at fair value through the Statement of Comprehensive Income are separated from their host contracts and accounted for as derivatives if the economic characteristics of the embedded derivative are not closely related to those of the host contract and if a separate instrument with the terms of the embedded derivative meets the definition of a derivative.

Embedded derivatives are separated from their host contracts and are measured and presented in the same manner as trading derivative instrument at fair value through the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### D – Hedge accounting

The Company uses derivative financial instruments to manage exposure to interest rate risk, credit risk, currency risk and price risk. The Company applies fair value hedge accounting when a transaction meets the criteria necessary to obtain hedge accounting treatment.

Hedge accounting is applied where a designated fair value hedging relationship exists between a derivative hedging instrument (see accounting policy C – derivative financial instruments held for risk management purposes) and a hedged financial liability. A fair value hedge of a financial liability represents a hedge against changes to the fair value of a liability that is attributable to a particular risk that could impact the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

A hedging relationship qualifies for hedge accounting if the following conditions are met:

- At inception, formal documentation is prepared to include:
  - Designation of the hedging relationship;
  - Identification of the hedging instrument and hedged item;
  - Nature of the risk being hedged; and
  - Description of how hedge effectiveness will be assessed.
- The hedge is expected to be highly effective (80 to 125%), and its effectiveness can be reliably measured; and
- The hedge is assessed for effectiveness on an ongoing basis.

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### D – Hedge accounting (continued)

The gain or loss from re-measuring the hedging instrument at fair value is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. The gain or loss on the hedged financial liability attributable to the hedged risk adjusts the carrying value of the hedged item and is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

The Company prospectively discontinues hedge accounting for a hedged relationship if:

- The hedging instrument expires or is sold, terminated or exercised;
- The hedge no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting; or
- The Company revokes the designation.

If hedge accounting is discontinued, for hedged financial liabilities recorded at amortised cost the difference between the carrying value of the hedged financial liability on termination of the hedge and the face value is amortised over the remaining term of the original hedge. If the hedged financial liability is de-recognised, the unamortised fair value adjustment is recognised immediately in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### E – Financial instruments designated as at fair value through profit and loss

The Company may designate financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit and loss when either:

- The assets or liabilities are managed, evaluated and reported internally on a fair value basis in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy;
- The designation eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch which would otherwise arise; or
- The asset or liability contains an embedded derivative that significantly modifies the cash flows that would otherwise be required under the contract.

Fair value gains or losses, together with net interest income / expense, arising from financial instruments designated as at fair value through profit and loss are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income account and reported under dealing profit. The amount of each class of financial asset or liability that has been designated at fair value through profit and loss is set out in note 29.

#### F – Equity Shares

The Company classifies equity shares at fair value through profit and loss. These are measured as described in accounting policy E.

#### G – Loans and advances

Subsequent to initial recognition, loans and advances are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method (see Accounting Policy N) less impairment (see Accounting Policy M), with any resulting interest income taken to the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### H – Repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements

Securities sold under agreements to repurchase at a specified future date (repurchase agreements) are not de-recognised from the Statement of Financial Position. The corresponding cash received, including accrued interest is recognised on the Statement of Financial Position as Repurchase Agreements reflecting its economic substance as a loan to the Company.

Securities purchased under agreements to resell at a specified future date (reverse repurchase agreements) are not recognised on the Statement of Financial Position. The corresponding cash paid including accrued interest is recognised on the Statement of Financial Position as Reverse Repurchase Agreements reflecting its economic substance as a loan receivable by the Company.

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### H – Repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements (continued)

Repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements are classified as held for trading at fair value through Statement of Comprehensive Income.

##### Securities lending and borrowing

Securities lending and borrowing transactions are usually collateralised by securities or cash. The transfer of the securities to counterparties is only reflected on the statement of financial position if the risks and rewards of ownership are also transferred. Cash advanced or received as collateral is recorded as an asset or liability.

Securities borrowed are not recognised in the statement of financial position, unless they are then sold to third parties, in which case, the obligation to return the securities is recorded as a short sale within financial liabilities held for trading and measure at fair value with any gains or losses included in dealing profit.

#### I – Deposits and debt securities in issue

Deposits and debt securities in issue are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method except where the Company has designated financial liabilities as at fair value through profit and loss.

The Company has designated certain issued debt securities and deposits as at fair value, and these financial liabilities are measured as described in accounting policy E.

#### J – Fair value measurement

Fair value is the amount of which an asset could be exchanged, a liability settled, or an equity instrument granted could be exchanged, between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction. Financial instruments measured at fair value comprise:

- Trading financial instruments;
- Trading derivatives and derivatives held for risk management purposes;
- Embedded derivatives; and
- Financial assets and financial liabilities designated as at fair value through profit and loss.

Fair values are derived from quoted market prices or valuation techniques as described below:

##### Active market

Financial instruments that trade within an active market are valued using quoted market prices or rates available within that market. An active market exists where regular prices are provided by exchanges, dealers, brokers, industry groups or pricing services, and these prices represent actual market transactions.

Financial instruments may be priced from the most advantageous active market to which the Company has access, and this may result in the recognition of revenue on trade date ('day one profit'), to the extent that a fair value instrument has been traded at a favourable price in comparison to prices available within an active market.

Long positions are marked to the bid side, and short trading positions to the offered side of an active market. Where the Company holds positions which create offsetting risk positions, then those offsetting positions are valued at mid market rates, with any resulting net risk positions being marked to the bid or offered side as appropriate.

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### J – Fair value measurement (continued)

##### No active market

Financial instruments that do not trade within an active market are valued using a valuation technique, which may consist of:

- Analysis of current or recent third party transactions in the same instrument; or
- Reference to the value of other instruments, that are substantially the same as the instrument to be valued; or
- Use of a valuation model.

Valuation techniques, including valuation models, meet the following conditions:

- Consistency with accepted methodologies for pricing financial instruments;
- Inclusion of all relevant factors that market participants would consider in setting a price;
- Use of market observable data where possible; and
- Periodic calibration to actual market transactions where possible.

If, on trade date, a valuation technique results in a different estimate of fair value to the actual transaction price, then the valuation technique will be calibrated to the transaction price, so that no gain or loss is recognised except as described below.

Gains or losses will only be recognised subsequently, to the extent that they arise from changes in a factor (including time) that market participants would consider in setting a price.

Fair value estimates from valuation techniques may be used on trade date without calibration to the transaction price, resulting in the recognition of day one gains and losses, under the following conditions:

- Fair value is supported by current market transactions in the same instrument; or
- Fair value is based upon a valuation technique whose variables include only data from observable markets.

Day one gains or losses that do not meet these criteria are deferred and amortised over the life of the financial instrument to which they relate.

#### K – Cash and balances at central banks

Cash and balances at central banks in the statement of financial position comprise cash held with central banks and short term deposits with an original maturity date of three months or less. These balances are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method less impairment, with any resulting interest income taken to the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### L – Foreign currencies

Foreign currency carrying values at initial recognition are translated into the functional currency at the exchange rate at the date of the transaction.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are expressed in the functional currency of the Company at the mid-market rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded using an average rate of exchange for the year. Foreign currency translation differences are included in operating income.

Non monetary items that are measured at historical cost in a foreign currency are translated into functional currency at the original transaction rate.

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### M – Identification and measurement of impairment

##### Financial assets

At the end of each financial reporting period, an assessment is made as to whether there is any objective evidence of impairment in the value of financial assets. Impairment losses are recognised when objective evidence demonstrates that a loss event has occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, and that the loss event has an impact on the future cash flows on the financial asset that can be estimated reliably.

Impairment losses on financial assets carried at amortised cost are measured as the difference between the carrying amount of the financial assets and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate.

Losses are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and reflected in an allowance account against the impaired financial asset category. Interest on impaired assets continues to be recognised through the unwinding of the discount.

When a subsequent event causes the amount of impairment loss to decrease, and the decrease can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the previously recognised impairment loss is reversed through the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Any reversal is limited to the extent that the value of the asset may not exceed the original amortised cost of the asset had no impairment been recognised.

##### Non-financial assets

On an annual basis, the Company will assess whether there are indicators of impairment against non-financial assets. Where there are indicators of impairment of individual assets, the Company will compare the carrying amount of the asset to the recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is determined as the higher of fair value less costs to sell or a value in use. The fair value less costs to sell calculation is based on available data from binding sales transactions in an arm's length transaction on similar assets or observable market prices less incremental costs for disposing of the asset. The value in use calculation is based on a discounted cash flow model. The cash flows are derived from the budget for the next five years and do not include significant future investments that will enhance the asset's performance of the cash generating unit being tested. The recoverable amount is most sensitive to the discount rate used for the discounted cash flow model as well as the expected future cash flows and the growth rate used for extrapolation purposes.

If the recoverable amount is less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is impaired and it is reduced to its recoverable amount through an impairment in the Statement of Comprehensive Income unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss of a revalued asset is a revaluation decrease.

An impairment loss recognised for all assets is reversed in a subsequent period if and only if the reasons for the impairment loss have ceased to apply. Any reversal is limited to the extent that the value of the asset may not exceed the original amortised cost of the asset had no impairment been recognised.

#### N – Recognition of income and expenses

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Company and that revenue can be reliably measured. The following specific recognition criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised.

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### N – Recognition of income and expenses (continued)

##### Interest income and expense

Interest income and expense, in respect of financial instruments that are not recognised at fair value through profit and loss, are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income using the effective interest rate method and are reported under interest receivable and payable. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts the estimated future cash payments and receipts through the expected life of a financial asset or financial liability, or a shorter year where appropriate, to the carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. The effective interest rate is established on initial recognition of the financial asset or financial liability. The calculation of the effective interest rate includes all the fees and points paid or received, transaction costs, and discounts or premiums that are an integral part of the effective interest rate. Transaction costs are incremental costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, issue or disposal of a financial asset or financial liability.

##### Fees and commissions

Fees and commissions are recognised as the service is performed. For services provided over a period of time, the income and expenses are recognised as the services are provided or received. For transaction based services, the income and expenses are recognised on completion of the underlying transaction.

##### Dealing profit / loss

Dealing profit / loss comprises gains less losses related to trading financial assets, trading financial liabilities, derivative instruments held for risk management purposes and the fair value hedge adjustments relating to the hedged items, and financial instruments designated as at fair value through profit and loss.

This includes all associated realised and unrealised fair value changes, interest, dividends and foreign exchange differences.

##### Dividend income

Dividend income is recognised when the Company's right to receive payment is established.

#### O – Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets held for use in the business are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment allowances. Such cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

- Short leasehold properties and improvement are written off on a straight line basis over the remaining life of the lease or twenty five years, whichever is shorter; and
- Fixtures, equipment and vehicles are depreciated on a straight line basis over periods between two and five years.

#### P – Intangible assets and amortisation

Intangible assets available for use are classified as Software, stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment allowances.

Intangible assets classified as Software Development Expenditure include the directly attributable costs of the development and bringing into use of significant computer software systems, not yet deemed to be available for use. Amortisation is only applied once the asset is deemed available for use, and reclassified to Software.

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### P – Intangible assets and amortisation (continued)

Development costs for internal projects are capitalised when:

- it is feasible the project will be made available for use,
- there is the intention to complete the project,
- the intangible asset generated from the project has the ability to be used,
- it will generate probable future economic benefits,
- adequate resources are available to complete the project, and
- expenditure can be reliably attributable to the intangible asset during development.

This is assessed on a project by project basis. The development costs for any projects not meeting these capitalisation requirements will be expensed as incurred.

Software intangible assets are amortised on a straight line basis over their useful lives. The useful economic lines of software assets are determined to be between four to five years.

#### Q – Taxation

Current tax assets and liabilities are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities, based on tax rates and laws that are enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more tax or a right to pay less tax in the future have occurred at the balance sheet date. This is subject to deferred tax assets only being recognised if it is considered more likely than not that there will be suitable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted. Timing differences are the differences between the Company taxable profits and its results as stated in the financial statements, which are capable of reversal in one or more subsequent years.

Deferred tax is measured on a non discounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the years in which the timing differences are expected to reverse based on the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

#### R – Operating leases

The Company has entered into commercial property leases as the lessee. As the lessee, it obtains the use of the property. The classification of such leases as an operating lease requires the Company to determine, based on an evaluation of the terms and conditions of the arrangement, whether it does not retain or acquire significant risks and rewards of ownership of these assets and accordingly the lease is not required to be recognised an asset and liability in the Statement of Financial Position.

In the instance a portion of the building space is sublet, the rental income is classified as other operating income.

Operating lease income and expenses are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

#### S – Share based payments

The Company engages in share based payment in transactions in respect of services received from certain employees of the Company. These payments may be cash or physically settled at the election of the employee on vesting. The fair value of the services received is measured by reference to the fair value of the shares granted. The cost of the employee services received in respect of the shares granted is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income over the year that the services are received. With regard to continuing employees, the service year corresponds to the vesting year of the share awards, whilst the service years of former employees who retain rights as good leavers, are deemed to end once employment with the Company has ceased. The share based payment scheme is considered to be a cash settled scheme, because the Company has granted rights to equity instruments of its ultimate parent to its employees.

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### S – Share based payments (continued)

The cost of cash settled transactions is measured at fair value using an appropriate option pricing model. Fair value is established initially at the grant date and at each balance sheet date thereafter until the awards are settled. During the vesting period, a liability is recognised representing the product of the fair value of the award and the portion of the vesting period expired as at the balance sheet date. From the end of the vesting period until settlement, the liability represents the full fair value of the award as at the balance sheet date. Changes in the carrying amount for the liability are recognised in Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### T – Pension costs

The Company operates defined contribution schemes and a defined benefit scheme.

##### Defined contribution schemes

Contributions to defined contribution schemes are recognised within the Statement of Comprehensive Income in the year in which they become payable.

##### Defined benefit scheme

This scheme is closed to new entrants and has no active remaining members.

The defined benefit pension scheme requires contributions to be made to a separately administered fund. The cost of providing benefits under the defined benefit scheme is determined using the projected unit credit method, which attributes entitlement to benefits to the prior years (to determine the present value of defined benefit obligation) and is based upon actuarial advice.

Past service costs are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on a straight line basis over the vesting year or immediately if the benefits have vested. The interest element of the defined benefit cost represents the change in present value of scheme obligations resulting from the passage of time, and is determined by applying the discount rate to the opening present value of the benefit obligation, taking into account material changes in the obligation during the year.

The interest on scheme assets is based on an assessment made at the beginning of the year of long term market returns on scheme assets, adjusted for the effect on the fair value of scheme assets of contributions received and benefits paid during the year. The difference between the interest on scheme assets and the interest cost is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income as other finance income or expense.

Actuarial gains and losses are recognised in full in Other Comprehensive Income in the year in which they occur.

The total of the present value of the defined benefit obligation (using a discount rate based on high quality corporate bonds), less any past service cost not yet recognised and less the fair value of scheme assets gives rise to a defined benefit pension liability or surplus. The fair value of scheme assets is based on market price information.

Defined benefit pension liabilities are recognised on the Statement of Financial Position, whilst defined benefit pension surpluses are only recognised to the extent of their recoverability. Defined benefit pension surpluses are determined to be recoverable only where refunds have been agreed by scheme trustees at the balance sheet date.

#### U – Provisions

Provision is made where a present obligation arises as a result of a past event and it is probable that the Company will make a transfer of economic benefits to satisfy such obligation. Such provision is made based on the Directors' best estimate of the economic benefits to be transferred, discounted where relevant at an appropriate discount rate.

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 3. ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. The results of the Company are sensitive to accounting policies, assumptions and estimates that underlie the preparation of the financial statements.

When preparing the financial statements, it is the Directors' responsibility under applicable UK law to select suitable accounting policies and make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the year in which the estimate is revised and in any future years affected.

The accounting policies that are deemed critical to the Company's financial performance and position, in terms of the materiality of the items to which the policy is applied, or which involve a high degree of judgement and estimation are summarised below:

#### Valuation of financial instruments

The Company accounting policy for valuation of financial instruments is set out in accounting policy 2J. The valuation techniques used in measuring fair value of financial instruments are discussed further in note 29C.

Where valuation techniques are used, the inputs to these models are taken from observable markets where possible. Where observable market data is not available, a degree of judgement is required in establishing fair value.

Further disclosure on valuation techniques using non observable market data is provided in Note 29C. Sensitivity analysis is provided in 30B.

#### Pension liability

The principal assumptions and estimates in determining the pension liability for the financial year are set out in note 24.

#### Provisions

The Company recognises provisions when: there is an obligation at reporting date (legal or constructive) resulting from a past event; it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required and a reliable estimate can be made as to the amount of the obligation.

Provisions are distinguished from other liabilities, as there is uncertainty about the timing or amount of future expenditure required to settle the obligation, and the Company recognises provisions based upon its best estimate of such expenditure.

#### Share based payment

The estimates in determining the share based payment for the financial year are set out in note 31.

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 4. FEES AND COMMISSIONS

	2018 £ millions	2017 £ millions
<b>Fees and commissions receivable</b>		
- Trading activities	144.0	135.8
- Fiduciary services	4.9	4.2
	<u>148.9</u>	<u>140.0</u>
<b>Fees and commissions payable</b>		
- Trading activities	(65.2)	(58.1)
	<u>(65.2)</u>	<u>(58.1)</u>

### 5. DEALING PROFIT

	2018 £ millions	2017 £ millions
Net interest expense from financial instruments held for trading	(40.6)	(28.0)
Net interest expense from financial instruments designated at fair value	(0.6)	(0.6)
Net gains from financial instruments held for trading	201.5	172.3
Net gains from financial instruments designated at fair value	1.0	0.8
	<u>161.3</u>	<u>144.5</u>

Dealing profit includes foreign currency losses arising on the translation of foreign currency monetary assets and liabilities amounting to £3.0 million (2017: £0.2million).

### 6. OTHER OPERATING INCOME

	2018 £ millions	2017 £ millions
Rental income	-	4.4
Net third party contribution on defined benefit scheme (note 24)	0.1	0.3
	<u>0.1</u>	<u>4.7</u>

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 7. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

	2018 £ millions	2017 £ millions
<b>Staff costs</b>		
Wages and salaries	98.0	97.8
Social security costs	10.4	9.4
Pension costs – defined contribution schemes	4.8	4.4
Share based payments	1.7	2.6
	<u>114.9</u>	<u>114.2</u>
<b>Auditors' remuneration</b>		
Audit fees	0.7	0.8
Other services	0.1	-
	<u>0.8</u>	<u>0.8</u>
Rental charges payable under operating leases	3.7	10.3
Other administrative expenses	59.0	49.5
	<u>62.7</u>	<u>59.8</u>
	<u>178.4</u>	<u>174.8</u>

### Average number of employees

	2018 Number	2017 Number
Executive and senior managerial	116	105
Other managerial, supervisory and clerical	382	355
	<u>498</u>	<u>460</u>

### Directors' emoluments

	2018 £ millions	2017 £ millions
Directors' emoluments in respect of qualifying services	<u>3.7</u>	<u>3.7</u>

	2018 Number	2017 Number
Retirement benefits are accruing to Directors by virtue of their directorship of the Company		
Other Mizuho Financial Group, Inc., group retirement plans	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>

	2018 £ millions	2017 £ millions
Aggregate emoluments of highest paid Director	<u>2.2</u>	<u>1.8</u>
Pension contributions made to highest paid Director	<u>nil</u>	<u>nil</u>

Part of the compensation of the highest paid director is deferred to future years, of which £0.4 million (2017: £0.5 million) relates to deferred share awards. No other directors receive compensation under this scheme.

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 8. TAX ON PROFIT / (LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

#### Charge for taxation

	2018 £ millions	2017 £ millions
<b>Current taxation</b>		
UK Corporation tax for the current year	2.1	-
Foreign tax	0.1	-
Current tax charge	<u>2.2</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Deferred taxation</b>		
Deferred tax charge	-	-
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	<u>2.2</u>	<u>-</u>

#### Total taxation reconciliation

A reconciliation between the tax expense and the accounting profit multiplied by UK standard rate of corporation tax is as follows:

	2018 £ millions	2017 £ millions
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	<u>29.8</u>	<u>12.2</u>
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by the standard rate 19% (2017: 20%)	5.7	2.4
Effects of:		
- Utilised tax losses	(1.7)	(2.5)
- Movements in fixed asset timing differences	(1.3)	(0.6)
- Net of income not taxable and expenses not deductible for tax purposes	(1.2)	(0.2)
- Other short term timing differences	-	0.9
- Banking surcharge tax	0.6	-
- Foreign tax	0.1	-
Current tax charge	<u>2.2</u>	<u>-</u>

#### Deferred taxation

The Finance (No. 2) Act 2015 reduced the tax rate to 19% (effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017) and the Finance Act 2016 further reduced the tax rate to 17% (effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020). Additionally the Company will be subject to banking surcharge tax at 8%. These changes to the main tax rate had been enacted at the Balance Sheet date.

No deferred tax balance continues to be recognised on the Balance Sheet in line with the prior year as the Directors have concluded that the level of anticipated future profits will not support the quantum of deferred tax currently unrecognised at the Balance Sheet date. The net deferred tax asset not recognised amounted to £329 million (2017: £325 million). Unrecognised deferred tax has been calculated at 17.2% (2017: 17%)

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 9. TRANSFERRED FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ASSETS HELD OR PLEDGED AS COLLATERAL

#### Transferred financial assets that are not derecognised in their entirety

The following tables provide a summary of those financial assets that have been transferred in such a way as to not be fully derecognised, together with the associated liabilities:

2018	Government debt securities £ millions	Other debt securities £ millions	Total £ millions
Carrying amount assets	660.1	523.1	1,183.2
Carrying amount associated liabilities	655.1	505.3	1,160.4
2017	Government debt securities £ millions	Other debt securities £ millions	Total £ millions
Carrying amount assets	683.6	386.9	1,070.5
Carrying amount associated liabilities	688.2	374.5	1,062.7

#### Explanatory note on Transferred financial assets that are not derecognised in their entirety

1. These financial assets have been transferred through repurchase agreements, and there are no liabilities that have recourse only to the transferred assets.

The Company has a programme to borrow and lend securities and to sell securities under agreements to repurchase (repos) and to purchase securities under agreements to resell (reverse repos).

The securities lent or sold under agreements to repurchase are transferred to a third party and the Company receives cash in exchange, or other financial assets. These transactions are conducted under terms based on the applicable ISDA Collateral Guidelines. If the securities increase or decrease in value the Company may, in certain circumstances, require, or be required, to pay additional cash collateral. The Company has determined that it retains substantially all the risks and rewards of these securities, which include credit risk and market risk, and therefore it has not derecognised them. In addition it recognises a financial liability in respect of cash received as collateral.

The associated liabilities are recorded within the Statement of Financial Position line item Repurchase agreements, together with liabilities which have financed reverse repo transactions:

	2018 £ millions	2017 £ millions
Liabilities financing transferred assets	1,160.4	1,062.7
Liabilities financing reverse repo transactions	4,002.9	5,165.1
Repurchase agreements	5,163.3	6,227.8

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 9. TRANSFERRED FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ASSETS HELD OR PLEDGED AS COLLATERAL (CONTINUED)

#### Assets pledged as collateral

The Company pledges assets in various day-to-day transactions that are conducted under the usual terms and conditions applying to such agreements. The Company pledged securities as collateral in repurchase agreements with a fair value of £13,907.3 million (2017: £13,771.0 million). Of these, securities with a fair value of £1,183.2 million (2017: £1,070.5 million) are recognised on the Company's Statement of Financial Position.

#### Assets held as collateral

The Company holds certain assets as collateral which it is permitted to sell or re-pledge in the absence of default by the owner of the collateral, under the usual terms and conditions applying to such agreements.

The Company received securities as collateral in reverse repurchase agreements with a fair value of £15,787.5 million (2017: £16,345.6 million). Of these, securities with a fair value of £15,389.1 million (2017: £15,846.5 million) have been sold or re-pledged. The Company is obliged to return the same collateral to the owner on completion of the arrangement.

#### Transferred financial assets that are derecognised in their entirety – Purchased call options

During the year, the Company transferred convertible bonds that are subject to call options that were neither deeply in the money nor deeply out of the money at the date of transfer. The market for these convertible bonds was and is still regarded as liquid. Additionally the agreement with the majority of the option counterparties allows for cash settlement. The Company therefore determined that, although it had not transferred substantially all of the risks and rewards to the transferee, it had not retained control of the assets and, as such, it derecognised the convertible bonds.

The carrying amount of the purchased call options are as follows:

	<b>2018</b>	2017
	<b>£ millions</b>	£ millions
Carrying amount of purchased call options	<u><b>91.9</b></u>	<u>133.6</u>

### 10. LOANS AND ADVANCES

	<b>2018</b>	2017
	<b>£ millions</b>	£ millions
<b>Loans and advances to banks</b>		
Repayable on demand	<b>121.9</b>	164.8
Other loans and advances	<u><b>4.3</b></u>	<u>1.6</u>
	<u><b>126.2</b></u>	<u>166.4</u>

Interest Income arising from loans and advances to banks amounted to £1.4 million (2017: £0.9 million).

Other loans and advances comprises cash deposit held with Bank of England ("BOE") in adherence to regulatory requirements.

Further details of the classification and fair value measurement of loans and advances to banks are disclosed in note 29.

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### 11. DEBT AND OTHER FIXED INCOME SECURITIES

	2018 £ millions	2017 £ millions
<b>Debt securities</b>		
Issued by public bodies	3,945.3	2,455.4
Issued by other issuers	1,303.1	1,599.2
	<u>5,248.4</u>	<u>4,054.6</u>

As at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018, there were no unobservable day one profits in respect of debt securities (2017: £nil).

Further details of the classification and fair value measurement of debt securities is disclosed in note 29.

### 12. EQUITY SHARES

	2018 £ millions	2017 £ millions
Listed other than on a recognised UK exchange	0.6	0.5
Other financial investments	0.7	1.0
	<u>1.3</u>	<u>1.5</u>

Other financial investments relates to a carried interest financial investment in Apposite Healthcare Fund L.P and Apposite Healthcare Fund II L.P. The value of these interests at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 was £0.6million (2017: £0.8million). Apposite Healthcare Fund L.P was placed into liquidation on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017. The Company's investment will be repaid over time until all the Fund's investments have been exited and the Fund has been fully wound down.

During the prior year, the Company invested £0.2 million into a seat in the CME Group. The value of the CME Group interest at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 was £0.1million (2017: £0.2million).

Further details of the classification and fair value measurement of equity shares is disclosed in note 29.

### 13. DERIVATIVE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	2018 £ millions	2017 £ millions
<b>Derivative assets</b>		
Trading derivative assets	2,130.7	1,481.8
Derivative assets held for risk management	5.5	16.6
	<u>2,136.2</u>	<u>1,498.4</u>
<b>Derivative liabilities</b>		
Trading derivative liabilities	2,026.2	1,429.3
Derivative liabilities held for risk management	4.4	3.8
	<u>2,030.6</u>	<u>1,433.1</u>

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 13. DERIVATIVE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

Additional disclosures relating to trading derivatives and derivatives held for risk management are included below.

#### Trading derivative assets and liabilities

	2018 £ millions	2017 £ millions
<b>Trading derivative assets</b>		
Interest rate	1,945.2	1,167.7
Convertible bond options	173.5	282.1
Foreign currency	5.2	17.5
Credit	6.8	14.5
	<u>2,130.7</u>	<u>1,481.8</u>
<b>Trading derivative liabilities</b>		
Interest rate	1,843.8	1,132.6
Convertible bond options	172.8	279.4
Foreign currency	2.7	2.2
Credit	6.9	15.1
	<u>2,026.2</u>	<u>1,429.3</u>

As at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018, there were no unobservable day one profits in respect of trading derivative assets and liabilities (2017: £nil).

Further details of the classification and fair value measurement of trading derivative assets and liabilities are disclosed in note 29.

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 13. DERIVATIVE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

#### Derivatives held for risk management

2018 Assets	Non-hedge accounted £ millions	Fair value hedge accounted £ millions	Total £ millions
<b>Primary instruments</b>			
Interest rate	1.0	0.6	1.6
Foreign currency	-	0.2	0.2
Credit	0.4	-	0.4
	1.4	0.8	2.2
<b>Embedded derivatives</b>			
Interest rate	-	-	-
Foreign currency	-	3.3	3.3
Credit	-	-	-
	-	3.3	3.3
<b>Total</b>			<b>5.5</b>
2018 Liabilities	Non-hedge accounted £ millions	Fair value hedge accounted £ millions	Total £ millions
<b>Primary instruments</b>			
Interest rate	-	0.1	0.1
Foreign currency	0.6	2.9	3.5
Credit	-	-	-
	0.6	3.0	3.6
<b>Embedded derivatives</b>			
Interest rate	0.8	-	0.8
Foreign currency	-	-	-
	0.8	-	0.8
<b>Total</b>			<b>4.4</b>

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 13. DERIVATIVE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

#### Derivatives held for risk management (Continued)

2017 Assets	Non-hedged accounted £ millions	Fair value hedge accounted £ millions	Total £ millions
<b>Primary instruments</b>			
Interest rate	1.4	0.4	1.8
Foreign currency	0.1	1.1	1.2
Credit	0.6	0.1	0.7
	2.1	1.6	3.7
<b>Embedded derivatives</b>			
Interest rate	-	0.3	0.3
Foreign currency	-	12.4	12.4
Credit	-	0.2	0.2
	-	12.9	12.9
<b>Total</b>			16.6
2017 Liabilities	Non-hedged accounted £ millions	Fair value hedge accounting £ millions	Total £ millions
<b>Primary instruments</b>			
Interest rate	0.2	0.1	0.3
Foreign currency	0.2	1.8	2.0
Credit	0.1	-	0.1
	0.5	1.9	2.4
<b>Embedded derivatives</b>			
Interest rate	1.3	-	1.3
Foreign currency	-	0.1	0.1
	1.3	0.1	1.4
<b>Total</b>			3.8

The Company uses primary derivative instruments to manage exposure to interest rate risk, foreign currency risk and credit risk arising from its structured note issuance programmes (see note 19). These derivative instruments include interest rate swaps, foreign currency swaps, credit default swaps.

Further details of the classification and fair value measurement of derivatives held for risk management are disclosed in note 29.

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 13. DERIVATIVE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

#### Derivatives held for risk management designated as fair value hedges

The Company uses primary interest rate and other swap instruments to hedge its exposure to changes in fair value of fixed rate structured notes and structured note host contracts that are carried at amortised cost. The changes in fair values of the hedging derivative instruments and the hedged items attributable to the hedged risks are analysed below:

	<b>2018</b> <b>£ millions</b>	2017 £ millions
(Losses)/gains on hedging derivative instruments	<u>(6.7)</u>	<u>5.1</u>
Gains/(losses) on hedged items attributable to hedged risk:		
- Debt securities in issue (see note 19)	<u>6.7</u>	<u>(5.1)</u>
Gains/(losses) on hedged items attributable to hedged risk	<u>6.7</u>	<u>(5.1)</u>
Ineffective portion of fair value hedges	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Derivative assets designated as fair value hedges	<u>0.8</u>	<u>1.6</u>
Derivative liabilities designated as fair value hedges	<u>3.0</u>	<u>1.9</u>

### 14. SHARES IN GROUP UNDERTAKINGS

	<b>2018</b> <b>£ millions</b>	2017 £ millions
Listed other than on a recognised UK exchange	<u>6.0</u>	<u>5.8</u>

The Employee Benefit Trust (EBT) is responsible for purchasing and holding shares of the Mizuho Group for the hedging of future liabilities arising as a result of the employee share based compensation scheme. The EBT is included in the Company's financial statements as part of the share base scheme for the benefit of employees. Further details of the share based payment scheme are disclosed in note 31.

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 15. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Software	Software development expenditure	Total
	£ millions	£ millions	£ millions
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2017	119.9	10.5	130.4
Additions	0.2	16.3	16.5
Transfers / reclassification	16.3	(16.3)	-
Disposals	(21.5)	-	(21.5)
<b>At 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018</b>	<b>114.9</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>125.4</b>
<b>Accumulated depreciation and amortisation</b>			
At 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2017	58.9	-	58.9
Disposals	(21.5)	-	(21.5)
Charge for the year	22.0	-	22.0
<b>At 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018</b>	<b>59.4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>59.4</b>
<b>Net book value</b>			
<b>At 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018</b>	<b>55.5</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>66.0</b>
At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017	61.0	10.5	71.5

During the financial year, the Company capitalised £16.5m (2017: £32.7m) of internally developed software.

### 16. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Short leasehold property	Fixtures, equipment, integrated software and vehicles	Total
	£ millions	£ millions	£ millions
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2017	23.6	20.1	43.7
Additions	0.1	2.4	2.5
Disposals	-	(3.6)	(3.6)
<b>At 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>42.6</b>
<b>Accumulated depreciation and amortisation</b>			
At 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2017	0.9	9.6	10.5
Disposals	-	(3.6)	(3.6)
Charge for the year	1.1	3.5	4.6
<b>At 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>11.5</b>
<b>Net book value</b>			
<b>At 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>31.1</b>
At 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017	22.7	10.5	33.2

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 17. OTHER ASSETS

	2018 £ millions	2017 £ millions
Unsettled repo receivables	80.3	88.7
Collateral pledged on derivatives trades	51.9	28.6
Clearing house default fund contribution	55.5	50.3
Other trade receivables	16.5	18.5
<b>Trade receivables</b>	<b>204.2</b>	<b>186.1</b>
Other assets	6.7	6.9
	<b>210.9</b>	<b>193.0</b>

Unsettled repo receivables are all less than three months past due.

### 18. DEPOSITS BY BANKS AND CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS

	2018 £ millions	2017 £ millions
<b>Deposits by banks</b>		
Repayable on demand	-	0.6
With agreed maturity dates or periods of notice	398.0	318.3
	<b>398.0</b>	<b>318.9</b>
<b>Customer accounts</b>		
With agreed maturity dates or periods of notice	337.8	432.0
	<b>337.8</b>	<b>432.0</b>

Interest expense arising from Deposits by banks and Customer accounts amounted to £5.6 million (2017: £6.0 million). Of this, £2.5 million (2017: £5.3 million) was payable to Group entities.

Further details of the classification and fair value measurement of customer accounts are disclosed in note 29.

### 19. DEBT SECURITIES IN ISSUE

	2018 £ millions	2017 £ millions
Debt securities – amortised cost	1,373.2	862.5
Debt securities – adjusted for fair value hedge accounting	382.4	493.6
Debt securities – designated at fair value through profit and loss	17.7	31.8
	<b>1,773.3</b>	<b>1,387.9</b>

Interest expense arising from Debt securities accounted at amortised cost (including those adjusted for fair value hedge accounting) amounted to £5.2 million (2017: £4.9 million).

Further details of the classification and fair value measurement of debt securities in issue are disclosed in note 29.

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 19. DEBT SECURITIES IN ISSUE (CONTINUED)

#### Debt securities adjusted for fair value hedge accounting

	2018 £ millions	2017 £ millions
Net gain/(loss) recognised in the statement of comprehensive income	<u>6.7</u>	<u>(5.1)</u>
Contractual amount at maturity	<u>387.9</u>	<u>481.7</u>

The net loss recognised in the statement of comprehensive income arising on debt securities that have been adjusted for fair value hedge accounting represents fair value movements relating to interest rate risk effectively hedged by the risk management derivatives designated as fair value hedges of interest rate risk (see note 13).

#### Debt securities designated at fair value through profit and loss

	2018 £ millions	2017 £ millions
Net loss recognised in the statement of comprehensive income	<u>(0.5)</u>	<u>(0.4)</u>
Contractual amount at maturity	<u>17.2</u>	<u>31.2</u>

Certain debt securities in issue were designated at fair value since these are managed on a fair value basis. The net loss recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income arising on debt securities that is attributable to changes in the Company's credit risk amounted to £nil (2017: £nil).

### 20. SHORT TRADING POSITIONS

	2018 £ millions	2017 £ millions
Short trading positions in debt securities:		
- Government securities	4,062.5	3,923.4
- Other public sector securities	96.4	11.1
- Other securities	<u>402.2</u>	<u>363.2</u>
	<u>4,561.1</u>	<u>4,297.7</u>

As at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018, there were no unobservable day one profits in respect of bonds (2017: £nil).

Further details of the classification and fair value measurement of short trading positions are disclosed in note 29.

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### 21. OTHER LIABILITIES

	2018 £ millions	2017 £ millions
Unsettled repo payables	23.1	10.0
Collateral received on derivatives trades	258.3	336.0
Other trade payables	10.0	5.9
<b>Trade payables</b>	<b>291.4</b>	<b>351.9</b>
Other liabilities	2.4	3.1
Tax and social security payable	2.4	2.3
	<b>296.2</b>	<b>357.3</b>

Unsettled repo payables are all past due for less than three months.

### 22. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

	Employment Matters £ millions	Regulatory Matters £ millions	Infrastructure £ millions	Total £ millions
At 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2017	3.7	7.1	6.4	17.2
Charged through income statement	-	0.3	0.8	1.1
Released	-	(0.7)	(0.2)	(0.9)
Utilised for the year	(0.4)	(2.1)	(2.5)	(5.0)
<b>At 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>12.4</b>

#### Employment matters

This amount includes costs arising from previous employee relationships. Historically, the Company has made use of certain employee trust arrangements. As a result of provisions set out in the Finance Bill 2017, the Company has reconsidered its exposure to related employment matters. Utilisation of this provision is expected to be within two years.

#### Regulatory matters

The Company engages services on external professional advisors to assist them in implementing regulatory change, providing current market insight and responding to regulatory matters. Utilisation of this provision is expected to be within two years.

#### Infrastructure

The Company continues to make enhancements to its systems, control framework and work place to drive efficiencies and realise synergies within its business. Infrastructure provisions relate to such projects committed to as at the balance sheet date. Utilisation of this provision is expected to be within one year.

Also included within infrastructure provisions is a dilapidation provision. A provision of £2.9 million was raised during the prior year in relation to the estimated costs of the Company's exit of its new premises, Mizuho House. This provision will be charged to the income statement over the life of the lease.

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### 23. SUBORDINATED DEBT

	2018 £ millions	2017 £ millions
Wholly repayable within five years	0.2	0.2
Not wholly repayable within five years	45.0	45.0
	<u>45.2</u>	<u>45.2</u>

On 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015, the Company issued £45.0 million in subordinated debt to Mizuho Securities. The debt is interest bearing, and resets every three months based on LIBOR plus an agreed margin. The debt is denominated in GBP and matures on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025, with an average interest rate for the period to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 of 2.1% (2017: 2.2%). Early repayment may not be demanded by Mizuho Securities. The interest expense on subordinated debt for the year was £0.9 million (2017: £1.0 million).

### 24. PENSION LIABILITIES

#### Defined benefits scheme

The Company operate a defined benefits scheme, the Mizuho International plc Retirement Benefits Scheme ('Scheme'), which is a final salary scheme, established in 1978 and currently governed by the trust deed and rules dated 18<sup>th</sup> September 1998. The Scheme is a "registered pension scheme" for tax purposes. All members were contracted-out of the State Second Pension during active membership of the Scheme.

In accordance with the trust deed the Company, as Principal Employer, has the power to appoint and remove the Trustees of the Scheme. The three Trustees include a Company representative, an independent corporate Trustee and a member nominated Trustee.

There are no active members remaining in the Scheme, and it is closed to new entrants and future benefit accrual. There were 189 deferred members and 39 pensioner members who have pensions paid directly from the Scheme as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

A full valuation was undertaken as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 and updated to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 by a qualified independent Actuary.

The principal actuarial assumptions at the balance sheet date were as follows:

	2018 % p.a.	2017 % p.a.
Discount rate	2.6	2.5
Inflation assumption (RPI)	3.3	3.4
LPI Pension increases (capped at 5% p.a.)	3.2	3.3
CPI linked increases	2.3	2.4

The underlying mortality assumption is based upon the standard table known as S2PA on a year of birth usage with CMI\_2017 future improvement factors and long-term rate of future improvement of 1.0% p.a. (2016: S2PA on a year of birth usage with CMI\_2016 future improvement factors and a long term rate of future improvement of 1.0% p.a.). This results in the following life expectancies:

- Male age 60 now has a life expectancy of 26.3 years (previously 26.5 years)
- Female age 60 now has a life expectancy 28.3 years (previously 28.5 years)

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 24. PENSION LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

The amounts recognised in the Statement of Financial Position are as follows:

	<b>2018</b>	2017
	<b>£ millions</b>	£ millions
Present value of Scheme liabilities	<b>(45.9)</b>	(52.4)
Market value of Scheme assets	<b>55.1</b>	55.1
Restriction of Recognisable Surplus under FRS 102 Para 28.22	<b>(9.2)</b>	(2.7)
Deficit in the Scheme	-	-
Related deferred tax asset	-	-
<b>Net pension liability</b>	<b>-</b>	-

The amounts to be recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year are as follows:

	<b>2018</b>	2017
	<b>£ millions</b>	£ millions
Interest on Scheme assets	<b>1.3</b>	1.4
Interest on Scheme liabilities	<b>(1.3)</b>	(1.4)
Contribution paid by a related party	<b>0.1</b>	0.3
	<b>0.1</b>	0.3

Changes in the present value of the Scheme liabilities are as follows:

	<b>2018</b>	2017
	<b>£ millions</b>	£ millions
Present value of Scheme liabilities at 1 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>52.4</b>	43.3
Interest on Scheme liabilities	<b>1.3</b>	1.4
Benefits paid	<b>(4.3)</b>	(2.8)
Actuarial losses	<b>(3.5)</b>	10.5
Present value of Scheme liabilities at 31 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>45.9</b>	52.4

Changes in the fair value of the Scheme assets for the year are as follows:

	<b>2018</b>	2017
	<b>£ millions</b>	£ millions
Market value of Scheme assets at 1 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>55.1</b>	47.2
Interest on Scheme assets	<b>1.3</b>	1.4
Return on assets	<b>0.5</b>	4.8
Benefits paid	<b>(4.2)</b>	(2.8)
Contributions paid by the Company	<b>2.3</b>	4.2
Contributions paid by a related party	<b>0.1</b>	0.3
Market value of Scheme assets at 31 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>55.1</b>	55.1

The agreed contributions to be paid by the Company for the forthcoming year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 are £2,327,000 payable by the Company. A further contribution of £128,000 is to be paid by Asset Management One International Ltd ("AMOI"), a third party company. All contributions are subject to review at future actuarial valuations (2017: £2,327,000 payable by the Company and £128,000 by AMOI).

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### 24. PENSION LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

The major categories of Scheme assets as a percentage of total Scheme assets for the year are as follows:

	2018 %	2017 %
Equities and Diversified Growth Fund	39	59
Bonds	40	31
Liability Driven Investments ("LDI")	17	10
Cash	4	-
	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

Analysis of amounts recognisable in the Other Comprehensive Income for the year are as follows:

	2018 £ millions	2017 £ millions
Return on assets	0.5	4.8
Actuarial losses	3.5	(10.5)
Restriction of Recognisable Surplus under FRS 102 Para 28.22	<u>(6.4)</u>	<u>1.2</u>
Remeasurement gains and losses recognised in other comprehensive income	<u>(2.4)</u>	<u>(4.5)</u>

Movements in the surplus / (deficit) during the year are as follows:

	2018 £ millions	2017 £ millions
Deficit in Scheme at 1 <sup>st</sup> April	-	-
Amounts recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income	0.1	0.3
Contributions paid by the Company	2.3	4.2
Remeasurement gains and losses recognised in other comprehensive income	<u>(2.4)</u>	<u>(4.5)</u>
Deficit in Scheme at 31 <sup>st</sup> March	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

### Employment benefit plans

The Company currently operates a Group Personal Pension ('GPP') arrangement which is a defined contribution scheme. Subject to meeting certain qualifying conditions, all staff joining the Company are eligible to become members of the GPP.

The GPP provides employees with a tax-efficient way of saving for retirement. It is a low-cost, flexible and portable arrangement which the Company also contributes towards.

Contributions are currently subject to the maximum limits as laid down by H M Revenue & Customs for the tax year in question. Company contributions are made as a percentage of salary and/or bonus waivers through a salary sacrifice arrangement.

The assets of the GPP are held separately from those of the Company in independently administered funds. During the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 the Company made contributions of £6.0 million (2017: £5.4 million) to the GPP of which £1.7 million related to the employees' salary sacrifice arrangements (2017: £1.6 million). The total expense to the Company was £4.2 million (2017: £3.8 million).

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### 25. RELATED PARTY BALANCES

Included within assets and liabilities are the following balances due to/from Mizuho Financial Group entities:

<b>2018</b>	<b>Controlling entities <sup>(1)</sup> £ millions</b>	<b>Other related £ millions</b>	<b>Total £ millions</b>
<b>Assets</b>			
Loans and advances to banks	-	36.4	36.4
Reverse repurchase agreements with banks	579.4	148.6	728.0
Debt and other fixed income securities	5.6	22.0	27.6
Derivative assets	176.3	1.6	177.9
Shares in group undertakings	6.0	-	6.0
Other assets	5.5	3.1	8.6
Prepayments and accrued income	8.8	7.5	16.3
	<u>781.6</u>	<u>219.2</u>	<u>1,000.8</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Deposits by banks	50.3	221.0	271.3
Repurchase agreements with banks	-	53.5	53.5
Derivative liabilities	6.6	2.5	9.1
Other liabilities	156.0	0.6	156.6
Accruals and deferred income	17.6	20.2	37.8
Provision for liabilities	-	2.9	2.9
Subordinated liabilities	45.2	-	45.2
	<u>275.7</u>	<u>300.7</u>	<u>576.4</u>

Included within the Statement of Comprehensive Income are the following transactions due to/from Mizuho Financial Group entities:

<b>2018</b>	<b>Controlling entities <sup>(1)</sup> £ millions</b>	<b>Other related £ millions</b>	<b>Total £ millions</b>
Interest receivable	-	0.1	0.1
Interest payable	(1.0)	(2.5)	(3.5)
Fees and commissions receivable	54.2	15.3	69.5
Fees and commissions payable	(29.3)	(17.2)	(46.5)
Dealing profit	55.6	(17.2)	38.4
Other operating income	-	0.1	0.1
Administrative expenses	5.7	(1.0)	4.7
Total income from Affiliates	<u>85.2</u>	<u>(22.4)</u>	<u>62.8</u>

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### 25. RELATED PARTY BALANCES (CONTINUED)

2017	Controlling entities <sup>(1)</sup> £ millions	Other related parties £ millions	Total £ millions
<b>Assets</b>			
Loans and advances to banks	-	75.1	75.1
Reverse repurchase agreements with banks	1,031.2	97.6	1,128.8
Debt and other fixed income securities	-	38.8	38.8
Derivative assets	288.3	1.1	289.4
Shares in group undertakings	5.8	-	5.8
Other assets	14.0	5.4	19.4
Prepayments and accrued income	5.3	3.3	8.6
	<u>1,344.6</u>	<u>221.3</u>	<u>1,565.9</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Deposits by banks	74.6	243.7	318.3
Repurchase agreements with banks	1.1	41.8	42.9
Derivative liabilities	2.4	0.6	3.0
Other liabilities	291.9	0.6	292.5
Accruals and deferred income	19.0	14.9	33.9
Provision for liabilities	-	2.9	2.9
Subordinated liabilities	45.2	-	45.2
	<u>434.2</u>	<u>304.5</u>	<u>738.7</u>

2017	Controlling entities <sup>(1)</sup> £ millions	Other related parties £ millions	Total £ millions
Interest payable	(1.0)	(4.1)	(5.1)
Fees and commissions receivable	57.6	15.0	72.6
Fees and commissions payable	(30.9)	(12.9)	(43.8)
Dealing profit	151.5	46.0	197.5
Other operating income	-	4.2	4.2
Administrative expenses	11.0	(0.2)	10.8
Total income from Affiliates	<u>188.2</u>	<u>48.0</u>	<u>236.2</u>

#### Explanatory notes on controlling entities

1. Controlling entities includes the Company's parent, Mizuho Securities Co. Limited, and the Company's ultimate parent, Mizuho Financial Group, Inc. All other entities within the Mizuho Financial Group structure are reported under the category 'Other related parties'.

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### 26. SHARE CAPITAL

	2018 Number	2018 £ millions	2017 Number	2017 £ millions
<b>Issued called up and fully paid</b>				
Ordinary shares of GBP 10 each	<b>70,985,797</b>	<b>709.9</b>	70,985,797	709.9

### 27. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

Future minimum rentals payable under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2018 £ millions Buildings	2017 £ millions Buildings
Not later than one year	4.2	1.6
Later than one year and not later than five years	16.9	16.9
Later than five years	50.0	54.2
	<b>71.1</b>	<b>72.7</b>

The total lease payments recognised as an expense by the Company for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 were £3.7 million (2017: £10.3 million). Future minimum lease receivables were recognised on a straight line basis over the life of the lease.

### 28. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

During the ordinary course of business the Company can be subject to complaints and threatened legal proceedings brought by or on behalf of current or former employees, customers, investors or other third parties, as well as legal and regulatory reviews, challenges and investigations. All such matters are assessed periodically to determine the likelihood of the Company incurring a liability. In those instances where it is concluded that it is probable that a quantifiable payment will be made a provision is established based on management's best estimate of the amount required at the balance sheet date. In some cases it will not be possible to form a view, for example because the facts are unclear or further time is required to fully assess the merits of the case or reasonably to quantify the financial effect. In these circumstances no provision is held and a contingent liability is assessed to exist. The disclosure of the particular circumstances of any contingent liability are assessed by the Board after taking into consideration the impact on the Company's legal privilege of the matters, as has been the case for the reported financial year.

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### 29. FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

#### A Classification of financial assets and financial liabilities

2018	Held for trading £ millions	Designated as at fair value £ millions	Loans and receivables £ millions	Total £ millions
<b>Financial assets:</b>				
Cash and balances at central banks	-	-	230.2	230.2
Loans and advances to banks	-	-	126.2	126.2
Reverse repurchase agreements with banks	2,756.6	-	-	2,756.6
Reverse repurchase agreements with customers	4,636.4	-	-	4,636.4
Debt securities	5,248.4	-	-	5,248.4
Equity shares	0.6	0.7	-	1.3
Derivative assets	2,130.7	5.5	-	2,136.2
Shares in group undertakings	-	6.0	-	6.0
Trade receivables	8.1	-	196.1	204.2
Prepayments and accrued income	31.8	-	26.0	57.8
	<u>14,812.6</u>	<u>12.2</u>	<u>578.5</u>	<u>15,403.3</u>

2018	Held for trading £ millions	Designated as at fair value £ millions	Financial liabilities £ millions	Total £ millions
<b>Financial liabilities:</b>				
Deposits by banks	-	-	398.0	398.0
Customer accounts	-	-	337.8	337.8
Repurchase agreements with banks	1,861.6	-	-	1,861.6
Repurchase agreements with customers	3,301.7	-	-	3,301.7
Debt securities in issue	-	17.7	1,755.6	1,773.3
Short Positions	4,561.1	-	-	4,561.1
Derivative liabilities	2,026.2	4.4	-	2,030.6
Trade payables	6.9	-	282.1	289.0
Accruals and deferred income <sup>(1)</sup>	30.0	-	39.9	69.9
Subordinated liabilities	-	-	45.2	45.2
	<u>11,787.5</u>	<u>22.1</u>	<u>2,858.6</u>	<u>14,668.2</u>

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 29. FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

#### A Classification of financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

2017	Held for trading £ millions	Designated as at fair value £ millions	Loans and receivables £ millions	Total £ millions
Financial assets:				
Cash and balances at central banks	-	-	112.5	112.5
Loans and advances to banks	-	-	166.4	166.4
Reverse repurchase agreements with banks	4,091.3	-	-	4,091.3
Reverse repurchase agreements with customers	5,106.9	-	-	5,106.9
Debt securities	4,054.6	-	-	4,054.6
Equity shares	0.5	1.0	-	1.5
Derivative assets	1,481.8	16.6	-	1,498.4
Shares in group undertakings	-	5.8	-	5.8
Trade receivables	2.3	-	183.8	186.1
Prepayments and accrued income	27.5	-	24.4	51.9
	<u>14,764.9</u>	<u>23.4</u>	<u>487.1</u>	<u>15,275.4</u>

2017	Held for trading £ millions	Designated as at fair value £ millions	Financial liabilities £ millions	Total £ millions
Financial liabilities:				
Deposits by banks	-	-	318.9	318.9
Customer accounts	-	-	432.0	432.0
Repurchase agreements with banks	2,448.5	-	-	2,448.5
Repurchase agreements with customers	3,779.3	-	-	3,779.3
Debt securities in issue	-	31.8	1,356.1	1,387.9
Short positions	4,297.7	-	-	4,297.7
Derivative liabilities	1,429.3	3.8	-	1,433.1
Trade payables	4.0	-	347.9	351.9
Accruals and deferred income <sup>(1)</sup>	38.5	-	39.4	77.9
Subordinated liabilities	-	-	45.2	45.2
	<u>11,997.3</u>	<u>35.6</u>	<u>2,539.5</u>	<u>14,572.4</u>

#### Explanatory note on classification of financial assets and financial liabilities

1. Accruals and deferred income contains accrued interest relating to financial liabilities, including deposits by banks, customer accounts, repurchase agreements and debt securities in issue.

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 29. FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

#### B Fair value hierarchy

The Company has allocated its financial instruments into a three-level fair value hierarchy based on the priority of the inputs to the valuation methodology.

The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs. If the inputs used to measure the financial instruments fall within different levels of the hierarchy, the categorisation is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities recorded on the Statement of Financial Position are categorised based on the inputs to the valuation techniques as follows:

*Level 1* – Financial assets and liabilities whose values are based on unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in an active market that the Company has the ability to access. Valuation adjustments and block discounts are not applied to Level 1 instruments. Since valuations are based on quoted prices that are readily and regularly available in an active market, valuation of these products does not entail a significant degree of judgment.

*Level 2* – Financial assets and liabilities whose values are based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or model inputs that are observable either directly or indirectly for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

*Level 3* – Financial assets and liabilities whose values are based on prices or valuation techniques that require market data inputs that are both unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement. These inputs reflect management's own assertions about the assumptions a market participant would use in pricing the asset or liability.

The availability of observable market data will vary from product to product and is affected by a wide variety of factors, including but not exclusive to the type of product and the liquidity of markets and other characteristics particular to the product. Where the valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised by the Company in determining fair value is greatest for instruments categorized in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

The Company considers market data that is current as of the measurement date, irrespective of whether that date falls within a period of market dislocation. In such circumstances the observability of market data may be reduced for many products. This condition could cause an instrument to be reclassified between levels within the fair value hierarchy.

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 29. FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

#### B Fair value hierarchy (continued)

The following tables show the analysis of the fair values for fair value instruments disclosed in note 29A above categorised in accordance with the hierarchy described above.

2018	Level 1 £ millions	Level 2 £ millions	Level 3 £ millions	Fair value Total £ millions
Reverse repurchase agreements with banks	-	2,756.6	-	2,756.6
Reverse repurchase agreements with customers	-	4,636.4	-	4,636.4
Debt and other fixed income securities	3,623.7	1,624.7	-	5,248.4
Equity securities	0.6	0.1	0.6	1.3
<i>Interest rate</i>	15.1	1,931.7	-	1,946.8
<i>Convertible bond option</i>	-	-	173.5	173.5
<i>Foreign currency</i>	-	5.2	3.5	8.7
<i>Credit</i>	-	7.2	-	7.2
Derivative assets	15.1	1,944.1	177.0	2,136.2
Shares in group undertakings	6.0	-	-	6.0
<b>Financial assets</b>	<b>3,645.4</b>	<b>10,961.9</b>	<b>177.6</b>	<b>14,784.9</b>
Repurchase agreements with banks	-	1,861.6	-	1,861.6
Repurchase agreements with customers	-	3,301.7	-	3,301.7
Short trading positions	4,157.2	403.9	-	4,561.1
<i>Interest rate</i>	2.5	1,841.4	0.8	1,844.7
<i>Convertible bond option</i>	-	-	172.8	172.8
<i>Foreign currency</i>	-	3.2	3.0	6.2
<i>Credit</i>	-	6.9	-	6.9
Derivative liabilities	2.5	1,851.5	176.6	2,030.6
Debt securities in issue	-	-	17.7	17.7
<b>Financial liabilities</b>	<b>4,159.7</b>	<b>7,418.7</b>	<b>194.3</b>	<b>11,772.7</b>

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 29. FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

#### B Fair value hierarchy (continued)

2017	Level 1 £ millions	Level 2 £ millions	Level 3 £ millions	Fair value Total £ millions
Reverse repurchase agreements with banks	-	4,091.3	-	4,091.3
Reverse repurchase agreements with customers	-	5,106.9	-	5,106.9
Debt and other fixed income securities	3,051.7	995.5	7.4	4,054.6
Equity securities	0.5	0.2	0.8	1.5
<i>Interest rate</i>	6.0	1,164.0	(0.2)	1,169.8
<i>Convertible bond option</i>	-	-	282.1	282.1
<i>Foreign currency</i>	-	17.5	13.5	31.0
<i>Credit</i>	-	15.6	(0.1)	15.5
Derivative assets	6.0	1,197.1	295.3	1,498.4
Shares in group undertakings	5.8	-	-	5.8
<b>Financial assets</b>	<b>3,064.0</b>	<b>11,391.0</b>	<b>303.5</b>	<b>14,758.5</b>
Repurchase agreements with banks	-	2,448.5	-	2,448.5
Repurchase agreements with customers	-	3,779.3	-	3,779.3
Short trading positions	4,022.8	274.8	-	4,297.6
<i>Interest rate</i>	0.6	1,132.4	1.2	1,134.2
<i>Convertible bond option</i>	-	-	279.4	279.4
<i>Foreign currency</i>	-	2.4	1.9	4.3
<i>Credit</i>	-	15.2	-	15.2
Derivative liabilities	0.6	1,150.0	282.5	1,433.1
Debt securities in issue	-	-	31.8	31.8
<b>Financial liabilities</b>	<b>4,023.4</b>	<b>7,652.6</b>	<b>314.3</b>	<b>11,990.3</b>

#### C Methods and valuation techniques used to determine fair values

Fair value is the amount of which an asset could be exchanged, a liability settled, or an equity instrument granted could be exchanged, between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction.

The Company carries positions in financial instruments at a point within the bid-ask range that meets the Company's best estimate of fair value. Bid prices reflect the highest price that a party is willing to pay for an asset. Ask prices represent the lowest price that a party is willing to accept for an asset. For offsetting positions in the same financial instrument, the same price within the bid-ask spread is used to measure both the long and short positions.

The Company determines the fair value of financial instruments either by using prices obtained directly from external data, estimated on the basis of the price established in recent transactions involving similar instruments or by using valuation techniques. These valuation techniques incorporate generally accepted models commonly used by the financial community. They maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. They are calibrated to reflect current market conditions.

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 29. FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

#### C Methods and valuation techniques used to determine fair values (continued)

The fair value for many cash instruments and OTC derivative contracts are derived using pricing models. Pricing models take into account the contract terms as well as multiple input parameters, including, where applicable, equity prices, interest rate yield curves, credit curves, correlation, creditworthiness of the counterparty, creditworthiness of the Company, option volatility and currency rates.

Valuation adjustments are applied as appropriate, when some factors such as model, liquidity and credit risks are not captured by the models or their underlying inputs, but are nevertheless considered by market participants when setting the exit price. The exit costs are priced in terms of bid-mid and mid-ask spreads, which are marked to levels observed in trade activity, broker quotes or other external third-party data. Where these spreads are unobservable for a financial instrument or market data point, spreads are derived from observable levels of similar positions.

Fair value is a market-based measure considered from the perspective of a market participant rather than an entity-specific measure. Therefore, even when market parameters are not readily available, assumptions are set to reflect those that the Company believes market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. Where the Company manages a group of financial assets and financial liabilities on the basis of its net exposure to either market or credit risks, the Company measures the fair value of those financial instruments consistently with how market participants would price the net risk exposure at the measurement date.

The methods and valuation techniques used to determine fair values used for financial instruments shown at fair value on the Statement of Financial Position are described in more detail below by class of financial instrument.

#### Reverse repurchase and repurchase agreements

Reverse repurchase agreements and repurchase agreements are carried on the Statement of Financial Position at fair value, with changes in fair value taken through Statement of Comprehensive Income.

The fair value is determined in accordance with relevant market derived interest rates, which principally vary by reference asset type, currency, maturity and the degree of market demand for collateral which underlies individual contracts. Where appropriate, transactions with the same counterparty are reported on a net basis.

#### Debt and other fixed income securities

Highly liquid securities are priced from readily available quoted prices. Less liquid securities are priced giving consideration to quoted prices & market derived rates for those securities.

Illiquid securities are valued by benchmarking model-derived prices to quoted market prices and trade data for identical or comparable securities. These securities are priced using relevant proxy market data as far as possible, and this data chiefly comprises market rates derived from more liquid securities of that issuer, rates implied from recent transactions in that or proxy securities and rates derived from credit derivative markets.

#### Equity shares

Common and preferred shares traded in active markets are valued using dealer price quotations or exchange prices recorded on the security exchange on which the security is principally traded.

Exchange traded funds are valued at the closing price recorded by the security exchange on which the security is principally traded.

Other financial investments included in equity shares principally comprised an investment in a private equity fund, which is valued based upon regular valuation reports provided by the fund manager.

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 29. FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

#### C Methods and valuation techniques used to determine fair values (continued)

##### Derivative assets and liabilities

The fair value of OTC derivatives is taken to be the sum of the estimated future cash flows arising from the instrument, discounted to present value at the date of measurement, using valuation techniques commonly used by the financial markets – “net present value” (NPV).

##### *Credit derivatives*

Credit derivatives that reference liquid reference assets, indices or issuers are valued using observable interest rates, credit spreads and recovery rates. To the extent that credit spreads are unobservable, these are determined with reference to recent transactions or proxy spreads from relevant debt securities.

##### *Other derivatives*

Vanilla interest rate and currency derivatives are priced using industry standard models that incorporate observable market interest and currency rates.

Interest rate, currency and equity derivatives that incorporate option related or other more complex features are priced using industry standard and proprietary valuation techniques. These utilise input parameters which include FX rates, interest rates, and equity prices, together with relevant volatility and correlation rates, and other model parameters. Certain derivative transactions executed with other Mizuho group counterparties have been priced using valuations provided by those counterparties, and those valuations have been based on the techniques described above.

Overnight Indexed Swaps (“OIS”) discounting has been applied to the Company’s derivative transactions conducted under agreements which provide for collateralisation of credit exposures, taking account of factors such as margin thresholds and the currency of collateral provided.

#### XVA

XVA fair value adjustments comprise Credit Valuations Adjustments (“CVA”), Debt Valuations Adjustments (“DVA”), Margin Valuations Adjustments (“MVA”) and Funding Valuations Adjustments (“FVA”), which in themselves include Funding Benefit Adjustments (“FBA”) and Funding Cost Adjustments (“FCA”)

The effect on the Profit & Loss for the following derivative fair value adjustments is:

	<b>2018</b>	2017
	<b>£ millions</b>	£ millions
CVA gain	<b>0.6</b>	1.8
DVA (loss)	-	(0.9)
FVA (loss)	<b>(2.0)</b>	(1.0)
MVA gain / (loss)	<b>0.2</b>	(1.1)
Total XVA reserve loss	<b>(1.2)</b>	(1.2)

##### *Credit valuation adjustment*

The CVA is the mark to market cost of protection required to hedge credit risk from counterparties in the Company’s derivative and repo portfolio, and depends on expected and potential future exposures, default probability and recovery rates. The assessment takes into account whether collateral, netting arrangements or break clauses are in place.

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 29. FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

#### C Methods and valuation techniques used to determine fair values (continued)

##### XVA (continued)

###### *Credit valuation adjustment (continued)*

The Company applies credit-related valuation adjustments to its derivative and repo portfolios. The impact of changes in the counterparty's credit data is considered when measuring fair value. In determining the expected exposure, the Company simulates the distribution of the future exposure to a counterparty, then applies market-based default probabilities to the future exposure, leveraging independent third-party credit default swap ("CDS") spread data. Where CDS spread data is unavailable for a specific counterparty, CDS spread data that reference a comparable counterparty may be utilized. The Company also considers collateral held and legally enforceable master netting agreements that mitigate the Company's exposures.

In respect of counterparties that are regarded as distressed, the adjustment is determined through a more judgemental consideration of the likelihood of recovery with regards to the circumstances of those individual counterparties. Key items taken into consideration include the size of the Company's and third party claims upon the counterparty in comparison to the counterparty's available assets.

###### *Debit valuation adjustment*

DVA are taken to reflect the credit quality of the Company in the valuation of liabilities measured at fair value. This is determined symmetrically to the CVA on the same products & calculation methodologies, based on the negative potential and expected exposures and the Company's own creditworthiness. The Company's credit spread is observed through the CDS market to estimate the probability of default and loss given default as a result of a systemic event affecting the Company.

###### *Funding valuation adjustment*

The Company's FVA framework incorporates the impact of funding to its valuation estimates for derivatives. The framework incorporates the Company's best estimate of the funding cost or benefit that a relevant market participant would consider in the transfer of a derivative. The FVA methodology applies to both assets and liabilities. The key inputs within this process are the expected funding requirement arising from the Company's positions with each counterparty, giving consideration to the collateral arrangements. A hypothetical funding cost for a transfer to a market participant with similar credit standing as the Company, as exercised in the principal market, has been applied.

###### *Margin valuation adjustment*

The Company's MVA framework reports the impact on funding costs associated with the posting of Initial margin. Such margin must be funded as in the majority of cases, its re-hypothecation is not permissible. Those derivatives which require the posting of such margin will price in those related costs within the fair value representation.

The methodology adopted incorporates the ISDA proposed model (SIMM) and the Company's own assessment of the market risk sensitivities prevalent in the derivatives portfolio. The funding level applied within the calculation is identical to that consumed within the FVA model.

#### **Debt securities in issue**

##### *Debt securities – adjusted for fair value hedge accounting*

The carrying amount of financial liabilities measured at amortised cost are adjusted by the amount of the changes in the fair value associated with those hedged risks.

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 29. FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

#### C Methods and valuation techniques used to determine fair values (continued)

##### Debt securities in issue (continued)

*Debt securities – designated at fair value through profit and loss*

Debt securities in issue designated at fair value through profit and loss are priced using an industry standard discounted cash flow analysis model that incorporates the valuation of the relevant market rates which drive the calculation of coupon and principal payments, together with an assessment of the Company's own credit spread

### 30. RISK MANAGEMENT

This note presents information on the Company's exposure to financial and other risks and how it manages those risks. The Company has exposure to various risks from its use of financial instruments, including market risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. This note also presents information on how the Company manages operational risk, legal risk and its regulatory capital requirements.

#### A Risk management framework

The Company has established a comprehensive framework for managing financial and other operational risks which is evolving with its business activities in response to developments in markets and products.

The Company operates a Risk Management function which is independent from the Front Office businesses. The Risk Management function is led by the Chief Risk Officer who reports directly into the Chief Executive Officer with independent oversight provided by the Chair of the Board Risk Committee. The Risk Management function comprises of the following departments:

- Credit Risk
- Market Risk
- Model Validation
- Operational Risk
- Regulatory and Liquidity Risk
- Risk Analytics
- Risk Reporting

The Company has a Risk Management Committee, chaired by the Chief Risk Officer who advises the Executive Committee and Board Risk Committee on risk methodologies, limits and policies, for market, credit liquidity and operational risk and monitors compliance with these limits.

The Risk Management Committee has eight sub-committees:

- Aged Asset Committee
- Credit Risk Committee
- Market Risk Committee
- Model Risk & Risk Methodology Committee
- Operational Risk Committee
- Prudential Regulation Committee
- Risk Management Governance & Control Committee
- Stress Testing Committee

Each of those sub-committees act as consultative bodies to their Chair, who have the sole decision-making powers in relation to the matters covered by those sub-committees.

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 30. RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### B Market Risk

##### Control environment

Market risk is the risk that changes in interest rates, foreign exchange rates, credit spreads, equity prices and other rates, prices, volatilities, correlations or other market conditions, such as liquidity, will have an adverse impact on the Company's financial condition or results.

##### Principal market risks

The principal market risks to which the Company is exposed are FX risk, interest rate risk, and credit spread risk. The Company's fixed income sales and trading business is the primary source of interest rate and credit spread risk in the Company's trading portfolios. These include trading in securities and derivatives and related hedges.

Risk Management is responsible for monitoring compliance with all market risk limits and policies. Management of all market risks is the responsibility of the individual business units.

##### Risk analysis – trading financial instruments

The Company measures and manages the market risk in its trading portfolios through position and sensitivity limits, as well as profit and loss and Value at Risk (VaR) limits, and stress testing limits. These limits and risk policies are approved by the delegated risk management authorities as defined in the Company's risk management framework. In addition, the Company has total VaR and Market Risk and Credit Risk Capital limits set by Mizuho Securities, the parent company of the Mizuho Securities group.

The company ensures compliance with the Volcker rule by conducting relevant controls and monitoring of metrics implemented in the Company's three lines of defence model in accordance with the Company's business desk designation.

##### *Stress Testing*

Stress testing is an essential component of the tools used for managing risk within the organisation and provides information regarding risks borne by the Company. This assists senior management in understanding the potential impact of stress events on its business strategy and its available capital resources.

Stress scenarios address a wide range of severities and time horizons, taking into account correlation and diversification across both risks and asset classes. A broad set of severe but plausible scenarios and extreme reverse stress scenarios are used from Company specific events to market wide downturns.

##### *Value at Risk*

VaR is a statistical measure that produces an estimate of the potential decrease in the market value of a portfolio over a specified time horizon at a given confidence level under normal market conditions. The Company's VaR is calculated on a daily basis and assumes a time horizon of one day and a confidence level of 99 per cent. Regular back testing of VaR is conducted to ensure effectiveness of the VaR model and its assumptions.

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 30. RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### B Market Risk (Continued)

##### Risk analysis – trading financial instruments (continued)

##### *Value at Risk (continued)*

A summary of the daily VaR and risk statistics for the trading portfolios, based on a 99 per cent confidence level and a one day time horizon, segregated by type of market risk, is presented below:

2018		Average	Maximum	Minimum
VaR Risk Factor	£ thousands	£ thousands	£ thousands	£ thousands
Interest Rate <sup>(1)</sup>	833	918	2,297	591
Credit Spread	1,320	1,726	2,998	603
Equity	-	-	-	-
FX Risk	147	143	303	50
Total VaR <sup>(1)</sup>	1,248	1,673	2,555	1,018

2017		Average	Maximum	Minimum
VaR Risk Factor	£ thousands	£ thousands	£ thousands	£ thousands
Interest Rate <sup>(1)</sup>	940	819	2,122	435
Credit Spread	1,362	1,096	1,999	429
Equity	-	7	289	-
FX Risk	431	153	472	25
Total VaR <sup>(1)</sup>	1,811	1,483	2,132	821

##### **Explanatory note on VaR Risk Factor**

1. The total VaR shown in the tables above is not a sum of the component risks due to offsets between them.

##### **Sensitivity analysis – non trading financial instruments**

##### ***Currency risk sensitivity***

The Company's foreign currency loans and advances to banks and customers and investments are funded in matched currencies, and in addition funding raised from debt security issuance is also used to support trading activities on a matched currency basis. Foreign currency derivatives are used when required to swap between relevant asset and liability currencies. Consequently no significant currency exposure arises on non trading book activities.

##### ***Interest rate risk sensitivity***

The Company's non trading books comprise assets and liabilities which are not held or issued for trading purposes. These include the raising and provision of funding to support the Company's trading activities, acceptance of customer deposits and investment activities. Funding and deposit taking activity, including related derivative hedging, is conducted in such a manner as to minimise, where possible, interest rate risk.

The Company's market risk profile is reviewed at the weekly Risk Management Committee and also periodically reviewed by the Market Risk Committee, the Executive Committee and the Board Risk Committee.

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 30. RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### B Market Risk (Continued)

##### Sensitivity analysis – non trading financial instruments (continued)

##### *Interest rate risk sensitivity (continued)*

The tables below summarise the interest rate sensitivity gaps within the Company's non trading book. Items are allocated to time bands by reference to the earlier of the next contractual interest rate re-pricing or the maturity date.

2018	Less than 3 months £ millions	3-6 months £ millions	6-12 months £ millions	1-5 years £ millions	Over 5 years £ millions	Non interest bearing £ millions	Total £ millions
Cash and balances at central banks	230.2	-	-	-	-	-	230.2
Loans and advances to banks	121.9	-	-	-	-	4.3	126.2
Equity shares - other financial investments	-	-	-	-	-	0.7	0.7
Other assets	51.9	-	-	-	-	150.9	202.8
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-	-	-	-	36.2	36.2
<b>Assets</b>	<b>404.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>192.1</b>	<b>596.1</b>
Deposits by banks	285.5	62.2	50.3	-	-	-	398.0
Customer accounts	337.8	-	-	-	-	-	337.8
Debt securities in issue	1,347.0	81.7	193.1	137.3	12.7	-	1,771.8
Other liabilities	258.3	-	-	-	-	31.0	289.3
Accruals and deferred income	-	-	-	-	-	107.8	107.8
Provisions for liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	12.4	12.4
Subordinated liabilities	45.2	-	-	-	-	-	45.2
Shareholders' funds	-	-	-	-	-	761.6	761.6
<b>Liabilities and equity</b>	<b>2,273.8</b>	<b>143.9</b>	<b>243.4</b>	<b>137.3</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>912.8</b>	<b>3,723.9</b>
Off balance sheet items <sup>(1)</sup>	(382.5)	39.4	193.1	137.3	12.7	-	-
<b>Interest rate sensitivity gap</b>	<b>(2,252.3)</b>	<b>(104.5)</b>	<b>(50.3)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(720.7)</b>	<b>(3,127.8)</b>
<b>Cumulative gap</b>	<b>(2,252.3)</b>	<b>(2,356.8)</b>	<b>(2,407.1)</b>	<b>(2,407.1)</b>	<b>(2,407.1)</b>	<b>(3,127.8)</b>	<b>(3,127.8)</b>

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 30. RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### B Market Risk (Continued)

##### Sensitivity analysis – non trading financial instruments (continued)

##### Interest rate risk sensitivity (continued)

2017	Less than 3 months £ millions	3-6 months £ millions	6-12 months £ millions	1-5 years £ millions	Over 5 years £ millions	Non interest bearing £ millions	Total £ millions
Cash and balances at central banks	112.5	-	-	-	-	-	112.5
Loans and advances to banks	164.8	-	-	-	-	1.6	166.4
Equity shares - other financial investments	-	-	-	-	-	1.0	1.0
Other assets	-	-	-	-	-	193.0	193.0
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-	-	-	-	60.1	60.1
<b>Assets</b>	<b>277.3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>255.7</b>	<b>533.0</b>
Deposits by banks	167.2	77.1	74.6	-	-	-	318.9
Customer accounts	432.0	-	-	-	-	-	432.0
Debt securities in issue	996.0	120.9	170.0	72.6	15.8	-	1,375.3
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	357.3	357.3
Accruals and deferred income	-	-	-	-	-	141.7	141.7
Provisions for liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	17.2	17.2
Subordinated liabilities	45.2	-	-	-	-	-	45.2
Shareholders' funds	-	-	-	-	-	736.4	736.4
<b>Liabilities and equity</b>	<b>1,640.4</b>	<b>198.0</b>	<b>244.6</b>	<b>72.6</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>1,252.6</b>	<b>3,424.0</b>
Off balance sheet items <sup>(1)</sup>	(349.2)	98.0	162.8	72.6	15.8	-	-
<b>Interest rate sensitivity gap</b>	<b>(1,712.3)</b>	<b>(100.0)</b>	<b>(81.8)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(996.9)</b>	<b>(2,891.0)</b>
<b>Cumulative gap</b>	<b>(1,712.3)</b>	<b>(1,812.3)</b>	<b>(1,894.1)</b>	<b>(1,894.1)</b>	<b>(1,894.1)</b>	<b>(2,891.0)</b>	<b>(2,891.0)</b>

##### Explanatory note on interest rate sensitivity

###### 1. Off balance sheet items:

Where interest rate swaps are hedging debt securities in issue with greater than three months' maturity, the notional of these swaps has been disclosed as an off balance sheet item banded with reference to its next floating rate reset date, to reflect the true sensitivity of the Company to interest rate risk on these structures.

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 30. RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### C Credit Risk

##### Control environment

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Company if an issuer of a financial instrument or a customer fails to meet its contractual obligations.

The Risk Management Department performs independent credit analysis and due diligence on individual entities relevant to the Company's credit risk profile. Further it ensures compliance with credit risk limits and policies to ensure that the Company operates within the agreed credit risk appetite framework. The Company's credit risk limit framework cascades down from the Company's risk appetite owned by the Board and it includes limits for country, sector, asset class and counterparty.

The Company's counterparty credit exposures are quantified to assess both current and potential credit risk. Current credit exposure represents the replacement cost of those instruments which have a positive carrying value. Potential credit exposures are based on estimates of future replacement costs over the remaining life of the instrument.

The Company's credit risk profile is reviewed at the weekly meeting of the Risk Management Committee and also periodically reviewed by the Credit Risk Committee, the Executive Committee and the Board Risk Committee.

The Company's risk policies define levels of authority for approval of standard transactions. Authority levels are governed by the counterparty's credit quality as well as the nature and potential risk of the transactions.

##### Maximum exposure and effects of collateral and other credit enhancements

The maximum exposure to credit risk for financial assets, including derivatives, recognised on the Statement of Financial Position is typically the carrying amount and is represented on the table below which analyses maximum exposure to credit risk by asset class, representing credit risk arising from counterparty default.

The maximum exposure is shown gross of the use of master netting and collateral agreements unless such credit enhancements meet the offsetting requirements as set out in note 2A.

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 30. RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### C Credit Risk (Continued)

2018	Maximum exposure £ millions	Collateral <sup>(1)</sup> £ millions	Netting <sup>(2)</sup> £ millions	Other items <sup>(3)</sup> £ millions	Net exposure to credit risk £ millions
<b>On-balance sheet:</b>					
Cash and balances at central banks	230.2	-	-	-	230.2
Loans and advances to banks	126.2	(6.5)	-	-	119.7
Reverse repurchase agreements with banks	2,756.6	(2,718.2)	(6.0)	-	32.4
Reverse repurchase agreements with customers	4,636.4	(4,493.4)	(45.5)	-	97.5
Debt securities	5,248.4	-	-	-	5,248.4
Derivative assets	2,136.2	(249.4)	(1,844.7)	-	42.1
Trade receivables	204.2	(80.3)	(23.8)	-	100.1
<b>Total on-balance sheet</b>	<b>15,338.2</b>	<b>(7,547.8)</b>	<b>(1,920.0)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,870.4</b>
<b>Off-balance sheet:</b>					
Credit lines and other commitments	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total off-balance sheet</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,338.2</b>	<b>(7,547.8)</b>	<b>(1,920.0)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,870.4</b>

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 30. RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### C Credit Risk (Continued)

##### Maximum exposure and effects of collateral and other credit enhancements (continued)

2017	Maximum exposure £ millions	Collateral <sup>(1)</sup> £ millions	Netting <sup>(2)</sup> £ millions	Other items <sup>(3)</sup> £ millions	Net exposure to credit risk £ millions
<b>On-balance sheet:</b>					
Cash and balances at central banks	112.5	-	-	-	112.5
Loans and advances to banks	166.4	(71.2)	-	-	95.2
Reverse repurchase agreements with banks	4,091.3	(4,058.1)	(5.4)	-	27.8
Reverse repurchase agreements with customers	5,106.9	(4,908.9)	(38.6)	-	159.4
Debt securities	4,054.6	-	-	-	4,054.6
Derivative assets	1,498.4	(330.7)	(114.2)	(13.0)	1,040.5
Trade receivables	186.1	(88.7)	(14.1)	-	83.3
<b>Total on-balance sheet</b>	<b>15,216.2</b>	<b>(9,457.6)</b>	<b>(172.3)</b>	<b>(13.0)</b>	<b>5,573.3</b>
<b>Off-balance sheet:</b>					
Credit lines and other commitments	0.1	-	-	-	0.1
<b>Total off-balance sheet</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,216.3</b>	<b>(9,457.6)</b>	<b>(172.3)</b>	<b>(13.0)</b>	<b>5,573.4</b>

##### Explanatory notes on collateral and other enhancements obtained

- Collateral received:**  
Collateral received in the form of securities or cash in respect of reverse repurchase transactions, derivative transactions under relevant credit support agreements, and from a related party under a collateralised funding arrangement is shown above within Collateral.
- Netting and set-off:**  
The impact of netting and set-off under legally enforceable master netting agreements is disclosed within Netting above, and is calculated after taking account of the effect of collateral described above as well as netting posted on the balance sheet in accordance with FRS102. The amount shown under Maximum exposure takes into account amounts that have been netted on the balance sheet in accordance with FRS102.
- Other items:**  
The impact of purchased credit protection in respect of debt securities (in derivative or cash form) is disclosed within Other items and is capped at the notional value of the protection. Embedded derivative assets, which have been separated from host securities in issue and reflected within the Maximum exposure of Derivative assets, have been offset within Other items, as these assets bear no exposure to the creditworthiness of third parties.

##### Concentrations of exposure to credit risk

Concentrations of exposure to credit risk exist when a number of counterparties are engaged in similar activities or operate in the same geographical areas or industry sectors and have similar economic characteristics so that their ability to meet contractual obligations is similarly impacted by changes in economic, political or other conditions. Significant concentrations of exposure to credit risk are discussed below.

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 30. RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### C Credit Risk (Continued)

##### Maximum exposure and effects of collateral and other credit enhancements (continued)

##### *Reverse repurchase agreements*

The Company's repo trading activities give rise to counterparty risk exposures, which as noted above, are mitigated through the execution of netting agreements and the agreement of margin requirements; such that net counterparty exposures are maintained at a low level. The largest counterparty exposure as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 totalled £115 million (2017: £199 million), and no remaining exposures exceeded £36 million (2017: £26 million).

##### *Debt securities*

The Company's holdings of debt securities are diversified by issuer, geographic region and industry sector. A summary of the most significant geographic exposures by class of debt is given as follows:

2018	Government £ millions	Other public sector £ millions	Other £ millions	Total £ millions
France	566.8	89.2	190.1	846.1
Germany	935.1	128.1	250.9	1,314.1
US	109.0	11.5	152.3	272.8
Japan	426.1	42.1	45.0	513.2
Italy	677.3	-	32.1	709.4
UK	12.7	10.2	189.1	212.0
Spain	277.2	10.7	44.4	332.3
Other	132.4	517.0	399.1	1,048.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,136.6</b>	<b>808.8</b>	<b>1,303.0</b>	<b>5,248.4</b>
2017	Government £ millions	Other public sector £ millions	Other £ millions	Total £ millions
France	630.1	45.1	106.3	781.5
Germany	444.2	9.5	131.5	585.2
US	211.4	-	171.5	382.9
Japan	280.5	22.8	77.1	380.4
Italy	298.6	-	9.3	307.9
UK	35.2	-	127.1	162.3
Other	287.0	191.0	976.4	1,454.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,187.0</b>	<b>268.4</b>	<b>1,599.2</b>	<b>4,054.6</b>

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 30. RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### C Credit Risk (Continued)

##### *Derivatives*

The Company's derivative trading activities give rise to counterparty risk exposures which as noted above are principally mitigated through the execution of netting agreements and the agreement of margin requirements. The largest such counterparty exposure as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 totalled £13.4 million (2017: £37.1 million). Counterparty exposure totalled £42.1 million as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 (2017: £1,040.5 million), and all exposures greater than £1 million were against investment grade-rated financial institutions, clearing houses or other Mizuho Financial Group subsidiaries. There have been no defaults historically against these counterparties.

##### **Credit quality**

The following table represents an analysis of the carrying value of reverse repurchase agreements based on the credit quality rating designation of the underlying collateral received, and by internal credit ratings (or their equivalent) for debt and similar securities and loans and advances balances. The internal credit ratings are derived from S&P, Moody's and Fitch. For Japanese securities, the ratings are derived from Japanese rating agencies. For securities where external ratings are not available, the rating is internally calculated by the Company.

##### *Reverse repurchase agreements with banks*

<b>2018</b>	<b>Government £ millions</b>	<b>Bank £ millions</b>	<b>Corporate £ millions</b>	<b>Total £ millions</b>
AAA	875.1	205.2	7.0	1,087.3
AA- to AA+	757.9	51.0	98.7	907.6
A- to A+	3.5	209.6	318.4	531.5
BBB+ to BBB-	4.1	6.5	204.4	215.0
BB+ to B-	1.5	9.0	4.7	15.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,642.1</b>	<b>481.3</b>	<b>633.2</b>	<b>2,756.6</b>

  

<b>2017</b>	<b>Government £ millions</b>	<b>Bank £ millions</b>	<b>Corporate £ millions</b>	<b>Total £ millions</b>
AAA	1,469.6	481.1	74.9	2,025.6
AA- to AA+	878.5	48.2	123.5	1,050.2
A- to A+	491.7	35.4	307.7	834.8
BBB+ to BBB-	11.7	7.4	151.9	171.0
BB+ to B-	-	-	9.7	9.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,851.5</b>	<b>572.1</b>	<b>667.7</b>	<b>4,091.3</b>

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 30. RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### C Credit Risk (Continued)

##### Credit quality (continued)

##### *Reverse repurchase agreements with customers*

2018	Government £ millions	Bank £ millions	Corporate £ millions	Total £ millions
AAA	1,481.8	48.7	-	1,530.5
AA- to AA+	2,693.0	-	-	2,693.0
A- to A+	-	-	139.2	139.2
BBB+ to BBB-	273.6	-	0.1	273.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,448.4</b>	<b>48.7</b>	<b>139.3</b>	<b>4,636.4</b>

2017	Government £ millions	Bank £ millions	Corporate £ millions	Total £ millions
AAA	739.0	-	0.2	739.2
AA- to AA+	2,921.8	-	-	2,921.8
A- to A+	-	-	191.5	191.5
BBB+ to BBB-	1,254.4	-	-	1,254.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,915.2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>191.7</b>	<b>5,106.9</b>

##### *Debt securities, loans and advances and cash and balances at central banks*

2018	Debt securities £ millions	Loans and advances £ millions	Cash and balances at central banks £ millions
AAA	1,698.5	-	-
AA- to AA+	1,249.5	17.3	230.2
A- to A+	822.9	108.7	-
BBB+ to BBB-	1,436.0	0.2	-
BB+ to B-	39.4	-	-
Unrated	2.1	-	-
	<b>5,248.4</b>	<b>126.2</b>	<b>230.2</b>

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 30. RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### C Credit Risk (Continued)

##### Credit quality (continued)

##### *Debt securities, loans and advances and cash and balances at central banks (continued)*

2017

	Debt securities £ millions	Loans and advances £ millions	Cash and balances at central banks £ millions
AAA	1,209.8	-	-
AA- to AA+	1,350.3	18.0	112.5
A- to A+	724.6	147.7	-
BBB+ to BBB-	737.2	0.7	-
BB+ to B-	28.7	-	-
CCC+ to C	0.5	-	-
Unrated	3.5	-	-
	<u>4,054.6</u>	<u>166.4</u>	<u>112.5</u>

#### D Liquidity Risk

Liquidity Risk is the risk that the Company, although solvent, does not have available sufficient financial resources to enable it to meet its obligations as they fall due. The Company considers its current liquidity risk to be low, resulting from a prudent liquidity risk appetite when measured against severe yet plausible stress scenarios, a healthy and stable balance of high quality liquid assets, and a matched funding profile.

The Company's liquidity risk management framework enables and ensures continuous review of the Company's liquidity position.

##### Control environment

The Company manages its liquidity risk in accordance with the requirements set out in the *Prudential Regulation Authority's Rulebook*, and specifically in the *Internal Liquidity Adequacy Assessment* section. The Company maintains liquidity resources that are adequate, both as to amount and quality, to ensure that there is no significant risk that its liabilities cannot be met as they fall due. Liquidity and funding is actively managed through operating in the wholesale money markets and repurchase agreement markets. The Company documents its approach to liquidity risk management and its assessment of the appropriate level of liquidity resources consistent with its liquidity risk appetite through its *Internal Liquidity Adequacy Assessment Process*.

##### Stress testing

Liquidity mismatches and stress testing results are monitored and reported on a daily basis, and are formally reviewed at the weekly meeting of the Risk Management Committee. The stress testing results are also periodically reviewed by the Asset and Liability Committee, the Executive Committee and the Board Risk Committee.

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 30. RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### D Liquidity Risk (Continued)

##### Residual contractual maturity of financial liabilities

The table below summarises the maturity profile of the Company's financial liabilities:

2018	Carrying Amount £ millions	Contractual Amount £ millions	Repayable on demand £ millions	Less than three months £ millions	3-6 months £ millions	6-12 months £ millions	1-5 years £ millions	Over 5 years £ millions
<b>Financial liabilities:</b>								
Deposits by banks	398.0	398.0	-	285.5	62.2	50.3	-	-
Customer accounts	337.8	337.8	-	337.8	-	-	-	-
Repurchase agreements with banks	1,861.6	1,861.6	114.8	1,020.6	465.7	260.5	-	-
Repurchase agreements with customers	3,301.7	3,301.7	60.1	2,874.1	367.5	-	-	-
Short positions <sup>(1)</sup>	4,561.1	4,199.1	478.9	3,705.1	15.1	-	-	-
Derivative liabilities <sup>(2)</sup>	2,030.6	2,031.2	-	26.2	17.1	49.4	791.8	1,146.7
Debt securities in issue	1,773.3	1,771.6	-	554.9	256.5	418.6	515.4	26.2
Trade payables	289.0	289.0	-	289.0	-	-	-	-
Accruals and deferred income <sup>(3)</sup>	69.9	83.1	-	70.5	3.7	2.4	2.7	3.8
Subordinated liabilities	45.2	53.8	-	0.4	0.2	0.5	4.6	48.1
	<b>14,668.2</b>	<b>14,326.9</b>	<b>653.8</b>	<b>9,164.1</b>	<b>1,188.0</b>	<b>781.7</b>	<b>1,314.5</b>	<b>1,224.8</b>

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 30. RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### D Liquidity Risk (Continued)

##### Residual contractual maturity of financial liabilities (continued)

2017	Carrying Amount £ millions	Contractual Amount £ millions	Repayable on demand £ millions	Less than three months £ millions	3-6 months £ millions	6-12 months £ millions	1-5 years £ millions	Over 5 years £ millions
<b>Financial liabilities:</b>								
Deposits by banks	318.9	318.9	0.6	166.6	77.1	74.6	-	-
Customer accounts	432.0	432.0	-	432.0	-	-	-	-
Repurchase agreements with banks	2,448.5	2,448.5	42.0	1,556.5	658.5	191.5	-	-
Repurchase agreements with customers	3,779.3	3,779.3	59.4	2,731.9	914.6	73.4	-	-
Short positions <sup>(1)</sup>	4,297.7	3,985.3	357.9	3,578.4	7.5	41.5	-	-
Derivative liabilities <sup>(2)</sup>	1,433.1	1,436.0	-	3.3	2.7	17.0	614.5	798.5
Debt securities in issue	1,387.9	1,375.3	-	168.7	77.1	380.0	700.1	49.4
Trade payables	351.9	351.9	-	351.9	-	-	-	-
Accruals and deferred income <sup>(3)</sup>	77.9	77.9	-	77.9	-	-	-	-
Subordinated liabilities	45.2	54.8	-	0.4	0.2	0.5	4.3	49.4
	<b>14,572.4</b>	<b>14,259.9</b>	<b>459.9</b>	<b>9,067.6</b>	<b>1,737.7</b>	<b>778.5</b>	<b>1,318.9</b>	<b>897.3</b>

##### Explanatory notes on residual contractual maturity of financial liabilities

- Short trading positions:*  
Short trading positions principally comprise short trading positions in debt securities. The contractual maturity of short trading positions has been presented based upon the maturity of the related reverse repurchase contracts through which the Company has borrowed securities to facilitate the trading short trading positions.
- Derivative liabilities*  
The contractual maturity of derivative liabilities has been represented based on the varying value of the derivatives (net present value) rather than based on the contractual future cashflows
- Accruals and deferred income*  
*Included within accruals and deferred income are fees and other coupon related payables*

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 30. RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### E Operational Risk

Operational risk is defined as the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems or from external events.

##### Control environment

The Company manages its exposure through an Operational Risk Framework overseen and managed by Operational Risk Management. The Framework includes risk identification and assessment, control and monitoring, and capital management.

Operational risk exposures are assessed and measured using a variety of approaches including: risk and control self-assessments, the setting and reporting of key operational risk indicators, internal loss event reporting, external loss event capture and scenario stress testing.

Operational risk is reviewed, assessed and monitored against defined tolerance statements via the Company's corporate governance structure. In addition, the Company maintains and tests contingency facilities to support operations in the event of business disruption and has purchased insurance where required by law or regulation and to address selected business risks.

The Company's operational risk profile is reviewed at the weekly meeting of the Risk Management Committee and also periodically reviewed by the Operational Risk Committee, the Executive Committee and the Board Risk Committee.

#### F Legal Risk

Legal risk is the risk that the business activities of the Company have unintended or unexpected legal consequences and includes risk arising from inadequate documentation, legal or regulatory incapacity, insufficient authority of a counterparty and uncertainty as to the validity or enforceability of a contract. The Company identifies and manages legal risk through effective use of its legal services department, which is independent of the front office, and external legal advisors.

#### G Regulatory Capital Management

The primary objectives of the Company's capital management process is to ensure that the regulated Company entities comply with all externally imposed capital requirements and maintain a strong capital position in order to support the Company's business.

The Company maintains an effectively managed capital base to cover risks inherent in the business. Since the beginning of January 2014 the Capital Requirements Directive and the Capital Requirements Regulation, jointly CRD IV have been the relevant supervisory statements on the prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms within the EU. Accordingly the Company's capital adequacy is monitored under the requirements of CRD IV as implemented by the Prudential Regulation Authority.

The Company also performs regular capital projections that include scenario analysis, which are reviewed by the senior management of the Company and are consistent with requirements under Basel Pillar II.

The methodology used by the Company for calculating capital is based upon CRD IV standardised approach requirements for market, credit, settlement, credit valuation adjustment and counterparty risk and the Basic Indicator Approach for Operational Risk. The Company manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it in light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of its activities.

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 30. RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### G Regulatory Capital Management (Continued)

The Company's regulatory capital is analysed below:

	2018 £ millions	2017 £ millions
Tier 1 Capital	690.9	658.3
Tier 2 Capital	<u>45.0</u>	<u>45.0</u>
<b>Total capital resources</b>	<b><u>735.9</u></b>	<b><u>703.3</u></b>

Regulatory capital consists of Tier 1 and Tier 2 capital. 2018 Tier 1 comprises share capital, share premium and retained earnings and current year profit. Tier 2 is comprised of a subordinated loan facility. Certain adjustments are made to UK GAAP based results and reserves as prescribed under CRD IV requirements.

The Company has complied with all regulatory requirements throughout the year.

Return on assets (Net profit or loss divided by total balance sheet) is 0.2%.

#### H Special Purpose Companies

##### Control environment

The Company may enter into transactions with customers in the ordinary course of business which involve the establishment of special purpose companies.

Where the transactions involve the use of special purpose companies arranged by the Company, these special purpose companies are authorised upon establishment to ensure appropriate purpose and governance. The activities of the special purpose companies sponsored or administered by the Company are closely monitored by senior management. The Company's involvement with the most significant types of special purpose companies and related transactions is described below.

##### ***Structured credit intermediation transactions***

The Company has used special purpose companies to intermediate structured credit transactions. The Company enters into credit derivative transactions with these special purpose companies. Such special purpose companies were arranged by the Company or by third parties.

The Company has used special purpose companies to provide structured credit transactions to third parties who wish to obtain exposure to reference debt securities. The third parties obtain the risks and rewards of the reference assets through the notes issued by these special purpose companies. The Company may enter into interest rate derivatives with these special purpose companies.

Consolidation assessments have been carried out with respect to all such special purpose companies. The Company does not treat any of these companies as subsidiaries.

### 31. SHARE BASED PAYMENT

The Company has adopted a deferral plan as part of its remuneration policy, that creates a mechanism to reward staff in line with the longer term performance of their respective divisions and the Company as a whole. The plan also aims to encourage the ongoing retention and motivation of employees over the longer term.

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### 31. SHARE BASED PAYMENT (CONTINUED)

The deferral plan applies to MRTs and other staff whose variable remuneration exceeds defined thresholds. Half of the variable remuneration awarded to MRTs is required to be in the form of shares in the Mizuho Financial Group (or the cash equivalent value of such shares at distribution). Either 40% or 60% of the total variable remuneration of MRTs must be awarded in deferred form, which vests over three and / or five and / or seven years from the date of the non deferred awards, and is subject to forfeiture conditions. Share based remuneration may also be awarded to non MRTs in the context of hiring, by way of buyout of existing bonus arrangements (including any deferral and / or retention years). Such share based remuneration will be subject to appropriate performance adjustment requirements.

Subject to good leaver provisions, deferred bonuses / awards may be forfeited in the following circumstances: voluntary resignation; or termination of employment for misconduct or gross misconduct; or an employee's failure to comply with the Company's professional standards and / or the PRA's Principles of Approved Persons; or restatement or recalculation of individual, departmental, and / or corporate financial performance; or in the case of MRTs only, assessment or reassessment of individual, departmental, and / or corporate financial performance; or a material error; or a material failure of risk management.

The cost of share based awards has been recognised in the profit & loss account in a time apportioned manner over the relevant vesting years. The liability on the Statement of Financial Position comprises this accrued cost, less any vested awards that have been paid out. Details of awards made, share based payment liabilities and expenses recognition are provided below:

	<b>2018</b>	2017
	<b>£ millions</b>	£ millions
Carrying value of share based payment liability	<b>5.3</b>	<b>5.0</b>
Expense arising from share-based payment transactions	<b>1.7</b>	<b>2.6</b>

### 32. COUNTRY BY COUNTRY TAX PAYMENTS

Country/ Business	Income	Profit before tax	Capital	Retained earnings	Tangible assets	Tax paid	Average number of employees
	£ millions	£ millions	£ millions	£ millions	£ millions	£ millions	
UK (Banking)	233.8	29.7	709.9	39.8	31.1	2.2	496
Germany (Primary debt)	1.2	0.1	-	-	-	-	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>235.0</b>	<b>29.8</b>	<b>709.9</b>	<b>39.8</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>498</b>

The Company is committed to responsible management of its tax affairs. Tax is managed in accordance with Local laws and the Company is transparent in its interaction with tax authorities. In the UK, the Company has reaffirmed our adoption of the HMRC's Code of Practice on Taxation.

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### 33. PARENT UNDERTAKINGS

Mizuho International plc is directly owned by Mizuho Securities Co Ltd a company which is incorporated in Japan. The Company's ultimate parent undertaking is Mizuho Financial Group, Inc., which is incorporated in Japan.

Copies of the group financial statements for Mizuho Financial Group, Inc. can be obtained from:

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