London Stock Exchange Group Holdings Limited

Report and Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2018

Company Registration Number 06795362

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DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

DIRECTORS

L Condron
C Thomas
M Freedman

COMPANY SECRETARY

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The Directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

London Stock Exchange Group Holdings Limited (the "Company") operates as an investment holding company. The Company receives royalties from FTSE International Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary, for the use of a brand name.

This report shows results for the year ended 31 December 2018, with comparatives for the year ended 31 December 2017.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS

The Company's profit after tax for the year ended 31 December 2018 was £153.7 million (year ended 31 December 2017: loss of £0.3 million). The profit was driven primarily from dividends received from subsidiary undertakings.
During the year the Company disposed of Exactpro Systems Limited for £5.4m resulting in a £1.5m gain on disposal.

The Company is part of London Stock Exchange Group plc (the "Group").

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The Company is expected to continue to operate as an investment holding company.

DIVIDENDS

There was no dividend proposed in the year (year ended 31 December 2017: nil). The board has proposed an interim dividend of £155m, in respect of the year ended 31 December 2018, to be paid in 2019.

DIRECTORS AND DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

The following Directors have held office throughout the year and up to the date of approval of the financial statements:

L Condron
C Thomas
D Warren (resigned 20 February 2018)
M Freedman (appointed 29 April 2018)

None of the Directors had any interest in the shares of the Company. There are no directors' interests requiring disclosure *under Companies Act 2006.*

DIRECTORS' LIABILITIES

The Company has Directors and Officers insurance which provides an indemnity to one or more of its directors against liability in respect of proceedings brought by third parties. Such qualifying third party indemnity provision remains in force as at the date of approving the Directors' Report.

EMPLOYEES

The Company has no employees.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

London Stock Exchange Group plc (LSEG, the Group) operates group wide risk management procedures which bring greater judgement to decision making as this allows management to make better, more informed and more consistent decisions based on a clear understanding of the risks involved.

LSEG has adopted a group wide risk management system that provides ongoing formal assurance that all the subsidiary companies are appropriately controlling all of the risks to which they are exposed, ensuring that internal controls operate efficiently and effectively.

The Company is subject to a variety of foreseeable and unforeseeable risks and uncertainties which may have an impact on the Company's ability to execute its strategy and deliver its expected performance. The identification, assessment and management of these risks are central to the Company's operating framework. The Company's risk management structure is based on the 'three lines of defence' model:

- The First line (Management), is responsible and accountable for identifying, assessing and managing risk.
- The Second line (Risk Management and Compliance), is responsible for defining the risk management process and policy framework and providing challenge to the first line on risk management activities assessing risks and reporting to the Group Board Committees on risk exposure.
- The Third line (Internal Audit), provides independent assurance to the Board and other key stakeholders over the effectiveness of the systems of controls and the Risk Framework.

The Company's principal operational risks are considered to arise from its status as an investment holding company. The value and management of the company's investments in subsidiary undertakings are given by the underlying performance of the investments.

On 23 June 2016, the UK voted to exit the EU. The Company relies on a number of rights that are available to it to conduct business with EU members. This includes, without limitation, the right for the UK trading venues to offer services to members in the EU. The Company has analysed the potential impact as an investment holding company as have its subsidiaries and considered contingency plans that it may choose to execute should these rights not be replaced by rights that persist outside EU membership.

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 101 *Reduced Disclosure Framework* (FRS 101).

Under company law, 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 of the Company for that year.

In preparing those 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 United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 101 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 transaction and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to 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.

The Directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the Company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

GOING CONCERN

The Directors have reviewed the Company's forecasts and projections, taking into account reasonably possible changes in trading performance, which show that the Company has sufficient financial resources. On the basis of this review, and after making due enquiries, the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and at least 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

On 25 February 2019, the Company acquired a 7.3% equity stake in Nivaura Limited, a UK-based fintech specialising in developing end-to-end automation and distributed ledger technology solutions for capital raising and administrations. The consideration was £2.5m. A convertible loan note was also given of £3.5m.

On 31 May 2019, the Company acquired a 100% holding in Beyond Ratings SAS, a Paris-based provider of sovereign sustainability assessments. The consideration was for €16.0m, of which €1.9m was deferred until 11 July 2019 and €0.4m is deferred until 30 September.

STRATEGIC REPORT

In accordance with section 414B of the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013, the Company has taken the exemption not to prepare a strategic report as the Company qualifies as a small company in accordance with sections 382(2) and 383(3) of the Companies Act 2006. In the current year and in the prior year, the *Company's turnover was not more than £10,200,000 and the number of employees was not more than 50.*

AUDIT EXEMPTION

For the year ended 31 December 2018 the Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 479A of the Companies Act 2006 relating to subsidiary companies.

By order of the Board

M Freedman
Director
9 September 2019
REGISTERED OFFICE:
10 Paternoster Square, London, EC4M 7LS

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED

INCOME STATEMENT

Year ended 31 December 2018

	Notes	Year ended 31 December 2018 £'000	Year ended 31 December 2017 £'000
Royalty income	3	32,571.9	32,838.1
Total income		32,571.9	32,838.1
Expenses			
Amortisation of purchased intangible assets	8	(9,058.3)	(9,058.3)
Administrative expenses	4	(16.2)	(64.5)
Gain on disposal of investments	4	1,468.7	-
Impairment of investment	4	-	(38,732.8)
Foreign exchange gain/(loss)	4	573.0	(6,265.5)
Total expenses	4	(7,032.8)	(54,121.1)
Operating profit/(loss)		25,539.1	(21,283.0)
Finance income	6	145,750.8	37,242.2
Finance expense	6	(15,345.8)	(15,856.1)
Net finance income		130,405.0	21,386.1
Profit before taxation		155,944.1	103.1
Taxation	5	(2,165.9)	(359.1)
Profit/(Loss) for the financial year		153,778.2	(256.0)

The transactions in the current and prior year were derived from continuing operations.

There are no other items of income or expenditure other than those included within the income statement for the year ended 31 December 2018 or year ended 31 December 2017.

The notes on pages 8 to 19 form an integral part of these financial statements.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 31 December 2018

	Notes	31 December 2018 £'000	31 December 2017 £'000
Non current assets			
Intangible assets	7	162,672.0	171,730.3
Investments in subsidiary undertakings	8	215,569.9	219,848.9
Investment in associates	9	954.4	-
		379,196.3	391,579.2
Current assets			
Trade and other receivables	10	134,085.6	98,653.8
Cash and cash equivalents	11	1.5	25.0
Derivative financial instruments	12	-	192.0
		134,087.1	98,870.8
Total assets		513,283.4	490,450.0
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	13	(327,665.6)	(456,519.9)
Deferred consideration	13	-	(2,465.6)
Derivative financial instruments	12	(121.7)	-
		(327,787.3)	(458,985.5)
Non current liabilities			
Deferred tax liabilities	14	(4,336.9)	(4,083.5)
		(4,336.9)	(4,083.5)
Total liabilities		(332,124.2)	(463,069.0)
Net assets		181,159.2	27,381.0
Capital and reserves attributable to the Company's equity holder			
Share capital	15	7,000.0	7,000.0
Retained earnings		174,159.2	20,381.0
Total equity		181,159.2	27,381.0

The notes on pages 8 to 19 form an integral part of these financial statements.

For the year ended 31 December 2017 the Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 479A of the Companies Act 2006 relating to subsidiary companies.

Directors' responsibilities

- the members have not required the Company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with 476; and
- the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 8 to 19 were approved by the Board on 9 September 2019 and signed on its behalf by:

Mark Freedman
Director
London Stock Exchange Group Holdings Limited
9 September 2019

Registered number 06795362

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

Year ended 31 December 2018

	Ordinary share capital	Retained earnings	Total attributable to equity holders
	£'000	£'000	£'000
31 December 2016	7,000.0	20,637.0	27,637.0
Loss for the financial year	-	(256.0)	(256.0)
31 December 2017	7,000.0	20,381.0	27,381.0
Profit for the financial year	-	**153,778.2**	**153,778.2**
31 December 2018	**7,000.0**	**174,159.2**	**181,159.2**

The notes on pages 8 to 19 form an integral part of these financial statements.

1. Basis of Preparation and Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101, 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' ("FRS 101") and the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act"). FRS 101 sets out a reduced disclosure framework for a 'qualifying entity' as defined in the standard which addresses the financial reporting requirements and disclosure exemptions in the individual financial statements of qualifying entities that otherwise apply the recognition, measurement and disclosure requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as adopted by the European Union ("EU").

The Company is a qualifying entity for the purposes of FRS 101. Note 17 gives details of the Company's ultimate parent and from where its consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with IFRS may be obtained.

FRS 101 sets out amendments to IFRS that are necessary to achieve compliance with the Act and related Regulations. The impact of these amendments to the Company's previously adopted accounting policies in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the EU was not material on the shareholders' equity as at the date of transition and as at 31 December 2017 or on the profit for the year ended 31 December 2017.

The following disclosure exemptions under FRS 101 have been considered and applied where deemed to be applicable:

- IAS 7 cash flow statements and related notes;
- reduced IFRS 2 disclosure for share-based payment arrangements in a subsidiary's financial statements;
- IAS 8 the listing of new or revised standards that have not been adopted (and information about their likely impact) may be omitted;
- reduced IAS 36 disclosure of impairment review;
- reduced IFRS 3 disclosure for business combinations during and after the period;
- reduced IFRS 5 disclosure for discounted operations;
- reduced IFRS 7 disclosure of financial instruments;
- reduced IFRS 13 disclosure relating to fair value measurement
- IAS 24 related party disclosures for intra-group transactions and disclosure of key management compensation;
- IAS 1 the requirement to present comparatives in roll-forward reconciliations for movements on share capital, property plant and equipment, intangible assets and investment property; and
- reduced IAS 1.134-1.136 disclosure on capital management.

The following amendments were endorsed by the EU during the year and have been adopted in these financial statements:

- IFRS 9 'Financial Instruments' on classification and measurement and amendments regarding general hedge accounting
- IFRS 15 'Revenue from Contracts with Customers'
- Amendment to IFRS 4 'Insurance Contracts' regarding the implementation of IFRS 9, 'Financial instruments'
- Amendments to IAS 40 'Transfers of Investment Property'
- IFRIC 22 'Foreign Currency Transactions and Advance Consideration'
- IFRIC 23 'Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments'

The adoption of these standards do not have a material affect on the financial statements.

These financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of assets and liabilities held at fair value.

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies.

These financial statements contain information about London Stock Exchange Group Holdings Limited as an individual company and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The Company has taken the exemption from producing consolidated financial statements afforded by section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 because it is a wholly owned subsidiary of London Stock Exchange Group plc which prepares consolidated financial statements which are publicly available.

The Company is a private limited company, limited by shares incorporated and domiciled in the England and Wales. The address of its registered office is 10 Paternoster Square, London, EC4M 7LS.

Going concern

The Directors have reviewed the Company's forecasts and projections, taking into account reasonably possible changes in trading performance, which show that the Company has sufficient financial resources and access to funding. On the basis of this review, and after making due enquiries, the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and at least 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Accounting policies

Revenue
Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts, VAT and other sales related taxes.

Revenue is recognised in the period when the service or supply is provided. The source of revenue and other income is:
Royalties - revenue is recognised at the date at which they are earned and measurable with certainty.

Foreign currencies
These financial statements are presented in Pounds Sterling, which is the Company's presentation and functional currency.

Foreign currency transactions are converted into the functional currency using the rate ruling at the date of the transaction or at the monthly average as a proxy. Foreign exchange gains or losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the income statement.

Finance income and expense
Finance income and expense comprise interest earned on cash deposited with financial counterparties and amounts due from Group undertakings and associated companies, and interest paid on borrowings and amounts owed to Group undertakings which reflect the agreed market-based or contractual rate for each transaction undertaken during the financial period.

Finance income includes dividend income which is recognised when the Company's right to receive the payment is established; and this is generally when shareholders approve the dividend.

Intangible assets
On the acquisition of a business, fair values are attributed to the assets and liabilities acquired. These may include brand names, customer relationships, and intellectual property, all of which are recorded as intangible assets and held at cost less accumulated amortisation. These assets are amortised on a straight line basis over their useful economic lives, which do not normally exceed 25 years or the term of the licence. The amortisation period and method are reviewed and adjusted, as appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

Current and deferred tax
Current tax is recognised in the income statement except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income or directly in equity. In this case the tax is also recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income or directly in equity, respectively.

The current tax charge is calculated on the basis of the tax laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date in the countries where the Company operates and generates taxable income and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred tax is provided in full, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. Deferred tax is not recognised if it arises from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction (other than a business combination) that affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss at that time. Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date and are expected to apply when the deferred tax asset or liability is settled. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when the deferred income taxes assets and liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority.

Financial assets
The Company classifies its financial assets in the following categories: at fair value through profit or loss and loans and receivables. The classification depends on the purpose for which the financial assets were acquired. Management determines the classification of its financial assets at initial recognition.

a) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss include financial assets held for liquidity purposes and are initially recognised at fair value and any subsequent changes in fair value are recognised directly in the income statement. These assets are financial instruments not designated as hedges. Assets in this category are classified as current assets if expected to be settled within 12 months, otherwise they are classified as non-current assets.

b) Loans and receivables
Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They are included in current assets and comprise "Debtors" and "Cash at bank and in hand" in the Statement of Financial Position.

Investments in subsidiary undertakings
Subsidiaries are all entities (including structured entities) over which the Company has control. The Company controls an entity when the Company is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity.

Investments in subsidiaries are stated in the Company's financial statements at cost less impairment, if any. On disposal, the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the investment's carrying amount is included in the income statement. Loans to subsidiaries which are not intended to be repaid and which are determined as capital contributions are recorded as investments in subsidiary undertakings.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash at bank and in hand comprises deposits held at call with banks that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and are subject to insignificant risk of changes in value.

Trade and other payables
Trade and other payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Trade and other payables are classified within current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less (or in the normal operating cycle of the business if longer). If not, they are presented within non current liabilities. They are measured initially at fair value, and then subsequently measured at amortised costs using effective interest method.

Financial liabilities
The Company classifies its trade and other payables as financial liabilities at amortised cost. Subsequent to initial recognition, financial liabilities at amortised cost are measured using the effective interest rate method, with gains and losses recognised in finance income and expenses respectively. Financial liabilities are derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged, cancelled or expired.

Deferred consideration
To the extent that deferred consideration is payable, this is included in the total consideration at its fair value on the date of acquisition and recorded as a liability of the Company. Where the deferral period is greater than one year, then the deferred consideration may be discounted at an appropriate interest rate. Any discount element is unwound through the income statement over the lifetime of the obligation.

Share capital
The share capital of the Company consists of only one class of Ordinary Shares and these are classified as equity.

2. Significant Judgements and Estimates

Judgements and estimates are regularly evaluated based on historical experience, current circumstances and expectations of future events. The significant judgements and estimates for the year ended 31 December 2018 are as follows:

- Purchased intangible assets: valued on acquisition using appropriate methodologies and amortised over their estimated useful economic lives. These valuations and lives are based on management's best estimates of future performance and periods over which value from the intangible assets is realised; and
- Valuation of investments in subsidiary companies: for purpose of impairment assessment, determined based on forecast cash flows and an appropriate discount rate. The basis of such values cannot be precise and is subject to market variations in both cases.

3. Royalty Income

	Year ended 31 December 2018 £'000	Year ended 31 December 2017 £'000
Royalty income	32,571.9	32,838.1
Total	32,571.9	32,838.1

The principal operations and customers of the Company are in the United Kingdom. Therefore no further information on business or geographical segments is disclosed.

The Company receives royalties from FTSE International Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary, for the use of a brand name.

4. Expenses by Nature

Expenses comprise the following:

		Year ended 31 December 2018 £'000	Year ended 31 December 2017 £'000
Amortisation of purchased intangible assets		9,058.3	9,058.3
Gain on disposal of subsidiary	8	(1,468.7)	-
Impairment of investment in subsidiary	8	-	38,732.8
IT costs		15.0	46.9
Other costs		1.2	17.6
Foreign exchange gain		(573.0)	6,265.5
Total expenses		7,032.8	54,121.1

The Company is exempt from audit and therefore no audit fees were incurred by the Company for the year ended 31 December 2018 (year ended 31 December 2017: nil).

No Directors received remuneration during the year to 31 December 2018 in respect of services to this Company, from this Company (year ended 31 December 2017: nil).

The Company has no employees (31 December 2017: nil).

5. Taxation

The standard UK corporation tax rate 19% (year ended 31 December 2017: 19.25%).

Taxation charged to the income statement	Year ended 31 December 2018 £'000	Year ended 31 December 2017 £'000
Current tax:		
UK corporation tax for the year	2,065.2	920.6
Adjustment in respect of previous years	(152.7)	(931.7)
Total current tax	1,912.5	(11.1)
Deferred tax for the year	253.4	370.2
Taxation charge	2,165.9	359.1

Factors affecting the tax charge for the year:

The income statement tax charge for the year differs from the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (year ended 31 December 2017: 19.25%) as explained below:

	Year ended 31 December 2018 £'000	Year ended 31 December 2017 £'000
Profit before taxation	155,944.1	102.9
Loss multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK	29,629.4	19.8
Expenses disallowed and income not taxable	(27,564.2)	900.9
Adjustment in respect of previous years	(152.7)	(931.7)
Movement in deferred tax on distributable reserves	253.4	370.1
Taxation charge	2,165.9	359.1

The UK Finance Bill 2016 was enacted in September 2016 reducing the standard rate of corporation tax to 17% effective from 1 April 2020.

6. Net finance expense

	Year ended 31 December 2018 £'000	Year ended 31 December 2017 £'000
Finance income		
Interest receivable from the Parent	**332.7**	1,038.5
Interest receivable from subsidiary companies	**1,818.1**	1,745.2
Interest receivable from associated company	**-**	138.2
Dividend income	**143,474.0**	34,291.9
Other finance income	**126.0**	28.4
	145,750.8	37,242.2
Finance expense		
Interest payable to the Parent	**(11,743.1)**	(9,907.6)
Interest payable to companies under common control	**(420.3)**	-
Interest payable to subsidiary undertaking	**(3,181.5)**	(5,897.8)
Other interest payable	**(0.9)**	(50.7)
	(15,345.8)	(15,856.1)
Net finance income/(expense)	**130,405.0**	21,386.1

7. Intangible Assets

	Intellectual Property £'000
Cost:	
1 January 2018	226,457.5
31 December 2018	**226,457.5**
Accumulated amortisation:	
1 January 2018	54,727.2
Amortisation charge for the year	9,058.3
31 December 2018	**63,785.5**
Net book values:	
31 December 2018	**162,672.0**
31 December 2017	171,730.3

The Company made no acquisitions during the year. The balance relates to intellectual property acquired on the acquisition of FTSE International Limited. The remaining amortisation period is 18 years.

8. Investment in Subsidiary Undertakings

	£'000
31 December 2017	219,848.9
Disposal of Exactpro Systems Limited	(4,279.0)
31 December 2018	**215,569.9**

During the year the Company disposed of Exactpro Systems Limited for £6m resulting in a £1.5m gain on disposal.

A list of the Company's subsidiaries as at 31 December 2018 is given below including the percentage of each class held and the Company's' ownership percentage. The Company's ownership percentages give the Group's ultimate percentage and therefore allow for the situation where subsidiaries are owned by partly owned intermediate subsidiaries.

Name of subsidiary undertaking	Country of incorporation	Registered office address	Identity of each class of share held in the subsidiary undertaking	Direct or indirect holding	Percent age of class by direct parent	Ultimate Company ownership percentage
FTSE (Australia) Limited	England and Wales	10 Paternoster Square, London, England and Wales, EC4M 7LS	Ordinary	Indirect	100	**100**
FTSE (Beijing) Consulting Limited	China	Room 02D-H, 6/F Dongwai Diplomatic Building, 23 Dongzhimenwai Dajie, Beijing, China	Ordinary	Indirect	100	**100**
FTSE (Japan) Limited	England and Wales	10 Paternoster Square, London, England and Wales, EC4M 7LS	Ordinary	Indirect	100	**100**
FTSE Americas, Inc	United States	80 State Street, Albany, New York, 12207- 2543, United States	Ordinary	Indirect	100	**100**
FTSE China Index Ltd	Hong Kong	6th Floor, Alexandra House, 18 Chater Road, Central Hong Kong	Ordinary	Indirect	100	**100**
FTSE International (France) Limited	England and Wales	10 Paternoster Square, London, England and Wales, EC4M 7LS	Ordinary	Indirect	100	**100**
FTSE International (Hong Kong) Limited	Hong Kong	6th Floor Alexandra House, 18 Chater Road, Central Hong Kong	Ordinary	Indirect	100	**100**
FTSE International (Italy) Limited	England and Wales	10 Paternoster Square, London, England and Wales, EC4M 7LS	Ordinary	Indirect	100	**100**
FTSE International (MEA) Ltd	United Arab Emirates	Office 50, Level 15 The Gate, PO Box 121208, Dubai, United Arab Emirates	Ordinary	Indirect	100	**100**
FTSE International Brasil Representacoes LTDA	Brazil	Edificio Argentina, Praia de Botafogo 228, 16 andar, Sala1617, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Ordinary	Indirect	99	**100**
FTSE International Limited	England and Wales	10 Paternoster Square, London, England and Wales,	Ordinary	Direct	100	**100**

		EC4M 7LS				
FTSE Mexico Sociedad	Mexico	Paseo de los Tamarindos 400ª, 5 piso, Col. Bosques de las Lomas, Mexico City, C.P. 05120, Mexico	Ordinary	Indirect	1	**100**
FTSE Global Debt Capital Markets Inc	Canada	70 York Street, Suite 1520, Toronto, Ontario, Canada	Ordinary	Indirect	100	**100**
FTSE Global Debt Capital Markets Limited	England and Wales	10 Paternoster Square, London, England and Wales, EC4M 7LS	Ordinary	Indirect	100	**100**
FTSE International Taiwan Limited	Taiwan	12F, No. 415, Sec. 4, Xinyi Rod., Xinyi District, Taipei City (110), Taiwan	Ordinary	Indirect	100	**100**
LSEG (ELT) Ltd	England and Wales	10 Paternoster Square, London, England and Wales, EC4M 7LS	Ordinary	Direct	100	**100**
LSEG Pension Trustees Ltd	England and Wales	10 Paternoster Square, London, England and Wales, EC4M 7LS	Ordinary	Direct	100	**100**
LSEG Technology Ltd	England and Wales	10 Paternoster Square, London, England and Wales, EC4M 7LS	Ordinary	Direct	100	**100**
LSEGH Inc.	United States	c/o Capital Services Inc 1675 State Street Suite B,Dover, Delaware 19901 United States	Ordinary	Direct	100	**100**
MilenniumIT (USA) Inc	United States	1013 Centre Road, Suite 403S, Wilmington, New Castle County, Delaware 19805, United States	Common	Indirect		**100**
Millennium Information Technologies (India) (Private) Limited	India	83 - C, Mittal Towers, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400 021, India	Ordinary	Indirect	100	**100**
Millennium IT Software (Private) Limited	Sri Lanka	No.01 Millennium Drive, Malabe, Sri Lanka	Ordinary	Direct	100	**100**
Millennium Software (Canada) Inc	Canada	Suite 2400, 333 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada	Common	Indirect	100	**100**
Mtsnext Limited	England and Wales	10 Paternoster Square, London, England and Wales, EC4M 7LS	Ordinary	Indirect	100	**100**

LSEG Malaysia Sdn.Bhd.	Malaysia	Suite 2-4, Level 2 Tower Block, Menara Millenium,Jalan Damanlela, Pusat Bandar Damansara, 50490 Kuala Lumpar, Wilayah Persekutuan, Malaysia	Ordinary	Indirect	100	**100**
SSC Global Business Services Limited	England and Wales	10 Paternoster Square, London, England and Wales, EC4M 7LS	Ordinary	Direct	100	**100**

The accounting reference date for all subsidiaries is 31 December.

9. Investment in associates

	£'000
31 December 2017	-
Investment in LSEG Business Services RM S.R.L.	954.4
31 December 2018	**954.4**

The Company's associate undertakings were:

Name of subsidiary undertaking	Country of incorporation	Registered office address	Identity of each class of share held in the subsidiary undertaking	Direct or indirect holding	Percent age of class by direct parent	Ultimate Company ownership percentage
London Stock Exchange Connectivity Solutions LP	England and Wales	10 Paternoster Square, London, England and Wales, EC4M 7LS	Ordinary	Direct	3.6	**3.6**
LSEG Business Services RM S.R.L.	Romania	6F Iuliu Maniu Blvd 6th District Bucharest Romania	Ordinary	Direct	10.1	**10.1**

The accounting reference date for all associates is 31 December.

10. Trade and other receivables

	31 December 2018 £'000	31 December 2017 £'000
Amounts due from Parent	**118.6**	1,169.7
Amounts due from subsidiary companies	**124,506.2**	88,716.2
Amounts due from companies under common control	**14.8**	14.8
Group tax relief due from companies under common control	**8,789.8**	8,753.1
Other debtors	**656.2**	-
Total trade and other receivables	**134,085.6**	96,653.8

Management does not expect any losses from non-performance by the counterparties holding cash and cash equivalents.

The carrying values of trade and other receivables are reasonable approximations of fair values. There are no trade and other receivables which are past due and not impaired.

Amounts due from Parent include £0.1m (€0.03m) (31 December 2017: £0.8m (€0.9m)) and £0.02m ($0.03m) (31 December 2017: £0.1m ($0.2m)) which accrue interest at 4% above EURIBOR and USD LIBOR per annum respectively. It is repayable on demand with 3 months notice or on its final maturity date of 16 October 2019.

Amounts due from subsidiary companies includes the following:

- Loans to SSC Global Business Services Limited of £79.8m (31 December 2017: £74.6m, £0.8m (€0.9m) and £0.1m ($0.2m)) which accrues interest at 1.5% above LIBOR, EURIBOR and USD LIBOR per annum respectively. It is repayable with 3 months notice or on its final maturity date of 22 May 2022.
- Loans to LSEG Technology Limited Ltd of £1.7m (31 December 2017: £1.8m) which accrues interest at 1.5% above LIBOR per annum. It is repayable with 3 months notice or on its final maturity date of 20 April 2022.
- Loans to London Stock Group Exchange Holdings Inc were fully repaid during the year (31 December 2017: £0.3m and £0.7m ($1.0m)) which accrued interest at 1.2% above LIBOR and USD LIBOR per annum respectively. It was repayable with 3 months notice or on its final maturity date of 19 January 2018.

Other debtors represents a loan given to a 3rd party as part of the sale of Exactpro Systems Limited, with interest accruing at 10% per annum. Repayments are due quarterly each month with a final repayment date of 16 January 2021. This loan was fully repaid in June 2019.

11. Cash and cash equivalents

	31 December 2018 £'000	31 December 2017 £'000
Cash and cash equivalents	**1.5**	25.0
	1.5	25.0

There are no differences between the book and fair value of the above balances. Management does not expect any losses from non-performance by the counterparties holding cash and cash equivalents.

12. Derivative financial instruments

	31 December 2018 £'000	31 December 2017 £'000
Derivatives not designated as hedges - foreign exchange forward contracts	**(121.7)**	192.0
	(121.7)	192.0

13. Trade and other payables

	31 December 2018 £'000	31 December 2017 £'000
Amounts owed to Parent	229,393.5	243,649.5
Amounts owed to companies under common control	50,083.4	40,601.1
Amounts owed to subsidiary undertakings	41,430.8	159,166.8
Deferred consideration	-	2,465.6
Group tax relief payable to Parent	6,757.9	13,102.4
Total trade and other payables	**327,665.6**	458,985.4

The carrying amounts of trade and other payables are reasonable approximations of fair value.

Amounts owed to the Parent include loans from the Parent of £226.3m (31 December 2017: £239.5m). The loans are denominated in Sterling. Interest on these loans is charged at LIBOR plus 4%. It is repayable on demand with 3 months notice or on its final maturity date of 16 October 2019.

Amounts owed to companies under common control includes the following:

- Loan to Euro MTS Limited of £20.1m (€22.3m) (31 December 2017: £18.0m (€20.3m)). Interest on this loan is charged at EURIBOR plus 1%. It is repayable with 3 months notice or on its final maturity date of 25 March 2020.
- Loan to Turquoise Group Holdings Limited of £19.3m (31 December 2017: £22.4m). Interest is charged at LIBOR plus 1.2%. It is repayable with 3 months notice or on its final maturity date of 9 September 2020.

Amounts owed to subsidiary undertakings include a loan from FTSE International Limited of £41.2m (31 December 2017: £158.7m). Interest on this loan is charged at LIBOR plus 1.5%. It is repayable with 3 months notice or on its final maturity date of 28 March 2022.

Other amounts owed to Parent, companies under common control and subsidiary undertakings are interest free and repayable on demand.

14. Deferred Tax

	Other temporary differences £'000
1 January 2018	4,083.5
Tax charged to income statement	253.4
31 December 2018	**4,336.9**

The deferred tax liability, which is due after more than one year, reflects the future withholding tax payable on distribution of reserves in its subsidiary undertaking, Millennium Information Technologies Limited.

15. Ordinary Share Capital

	31 December 2018		31 December 2017	
	Number	£	Number	£
Issued, called up and fully paid				
Ordinary shares of £1 each	7,000,000	7,000,000	7,000,000	7,000,000

The authorised number of Ordinary £1 shares is 7,000,000, all of which have been issued and fully paid.

16. Commitments and Contingencies

The Company has no contracted commitments, nor has it any contingent liabilities (31 December 2017: nil).

17. Ultimate Parent Company

As at 31 December 2018, the Company's immediate and ultimate parent undertaking and the parent that headed the smallest and largest group of undertakings for which consolidated financial statements were prepared was London Stock Exchange Group plc, a company incorporated in United Kingdom. One hundred per cent of the issued share capital of the Company was beneficially owned by its ultimate parent undertaking.

A copy of the London Stock Exchange Group plc consolidated financial statements can be obtained from London Stock Exchange Group plc, 10 Paternoster Square, London EC4M 7LS.

18. Events after the Reporting Period

On 25 February 2019, the Company acquired a 7.3% equity stake in Nivaura Limited, a UK-based fintech specialising in developing end-to-end automation and distributed ledger technology solutions for capital raising and administrations. The consideration was £2.5m. A convertible loan note was also given of £3.5m.

On 31 May 2019, the Company acquired a 100% holding in Beyond Ratings SAS, a Paris-based provider of sovereign sustainability assessments. The consideration was for €16.0m, of which €1.9m was deferred until 11 July 2019 and €0.4m is deferred until 30 September.