

# Proton Finance Limited

Annual report and financial statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2019

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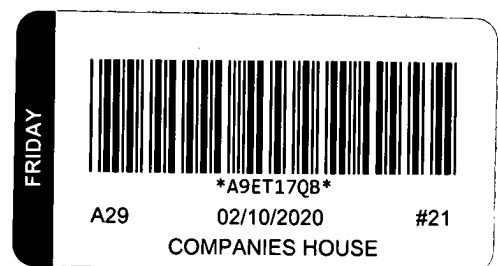
**Current directors**

C M Adams  
M A K B Farikullah  
R A Jones  
A F M Kenali

**Company Secretary**

D D Hennessey

Member of Lloyds Banking Group



## Directors' report

For the year ended 31 December 2019

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements of Proton Finance Limited ("the Company") for the year ended 31 December 2019.

### General information

The Company is a private company limited by shares, incorporated in the United Kingdom, registered in England and Wales and domiciled in Wales (registered number: 00519068).

The Company previously provided a range of hire purchase products, personal loans and short term finance for forecourt and consignment stock, generally in conjunction with the financing of Proton motor cars. The customer loan book had been repaid by the end of July 2018.

The Company is funded entirely by other companies within the Lloyds Banking Group ("the Group").

### Principal risks and uncertainties

From the perspective of the Company, the principal risks and uncertainties are integrated with the principal risks of the Retail Division, which is part of the Lloyds Banking Group. The Retail Division is a portfolio of businesses and operates in a number of specialist markets providing consumer lending and contract hire to personal and corporate customers. Further details of risk management policies are contained in note 14 to the financial statements.

### Key performance indicators ("KPIs")

Given the straightforward nature of the business, the Company's directors are of the opinion that analysis using KPIs is not necessary for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business.

### Future outlook

From 31 January 2012 the Company served notice on the trading agreement with Proton Cars (UK) Limited, meaning the Company ceased to write new business. The Company has managed its loan book and now all the loans have been repaid or impaired and the Company has ceased to trade. The directors aim to liquidate the Company in the next 12 months.

The Company was subject to Payment Protection Insurance ("PPI") claims. The PPI claim deadline has now passed and all claims received are currently being evaluated (see notes 2 and 16).

Following the UK's exit from the EU, significant negotiation is now required on the terms of the future trade agreement. As a result, the possibility of a limited or no deal at the end of the transition period remains and could manifest in prolonged business uncertainty across the UK, including in the financial services sector. This continued lack of clarity over the UK's relationship with the EU and other foreign countries, and on-going challenges in the Eurozone, including weak growth, raise additional uncertainty for the UK's economic outlook. There also remains the possibility of a further referendum on Scottish independence. The Company is part of the wider Lloyds Banking Group, and, it is at that level that consideration of the many potential implications this may have has been undertaken. Work continues to assess the impact of EU exit at the level of the Lloyds Banking Group, as well as for the Company, upon customers, colleagues and products. This assessment includes all legal, regulatory, tax, finance and capital implications. No impact is expected for the Company.

### Post balance sheet events

On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organisation declared Covid-19 to be a public health emergency and a pandemic on 11 March 2020. Given the circumstances and information that was available as at 31 December 2019, the resulting impact of Covid-19 has been assessed by the directors to be a non-adjusting post balance sheet event.

The directors have considered the actual and potential impacts of Covid-19 and the UK government's responses to the pandemic on the activities of the Company and concluded that there will be no significant impact for the Company.

### Dividends

No dividends were paid or proposed during the year ended 31 December 2019 (2018: £nil).

### Going concern

The directors have decided to liquidate the Company and it is expected that the Company will be liquidated within the next 12 months. Therefore the accounts have been prepared on a basis other than going concern.

### Directors

The current directors of the Company are shown on the front cover. There have been no changes to directors between the beginning of the reporting period and the approval of the Annual report and financial statements.

## Directors' report (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2019

### Directors' indemnities

Lloyds Banking Group plc ("LBG") has granted to Messrs C M Adams and R A Jones, the LBG directors of the Company appointed by and representing the Group, a deed of indemnity through deed poll which constituted 'qualifying third party indemnity provisions' for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006. The deeds were in force during the whole of the financial year and at the date of approval of the financial statements. LBG directors no longer in office but who served on the board of the Company at any time in the financial year have the benefit of this contract of indemnity during that period of service. The indemnity remains in force for the duration of a director's period of office. The deed indemnifies the LBG directors to the maximum extent permitted by law. The deed for current LBG directors is available for inspection at the registered office of the Group. In addition, the Group has in place appropriate LBG directors and officers liability insurance cover which was in place throughout the financial year.

Proton Cars (UK) Limited has in place appropriate Directors and Officers Liability Insurance cover for Mr M A K B Farikullah and Dato' A F M Kenali, the Proton Cars (UK) Limited directors, which was in place throughout the financial year and at the date of approval of the financial statements.

### 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 Company's financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union. 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 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 IFRSs as adopted by the European Union 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 auditors and disclosure of information to auditors

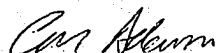
In accordance with Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006, in the case of each director in office at the date the report is approved:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware; and
- they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP are deemed to be re-appointed as auditors under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within section 414 of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the board of directors and signed on its behalf by:



C M Adams  
Director

30 September 2020

## Statement of comprehensive income

For the year ended 31 December 2019

	Note	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payment protection insurance (charge)/credit	11	(222)	56
Impairment gains/(losses)	3	21	(1)
Other operating expenses	4	(4)	(12)
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<b>(Loss)/profit before tax</b>		<b>(205)</b>	<b>43</b>
Taxation	7	6	(9)
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<b>(Loss)/profit for the year</b>		<b>(199)</b>	<b>34</b>
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<b>Attributable to:</b>			
Owners of the parent		(100)	17
Non-controlling interest		(99)	17
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<b>(Loss)/profit for the year being total comprehensive (expense)/income</b>		<b>(199)</b>	<b>34</b>
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The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these financial statements.

## Balance sheet

As at 31 December 2019

	Note	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Trade and other receivables	8	163	275
Current tax asset		-	7
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>163</b>	<b>282</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Provision for liabilities and charges	11	168	88
Deferred tax liability	10	1	1
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>169</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Share capital	12	20	20
(Accumulated losses)/Retained earnings		(26)	173
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>(6)</b>	<b>193</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>		<b>163</b>	<b>282</b>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and were signed on its behalf by:



C M Adams  
Director

30 September 2020

## Statement of changes in equity

For the year ended 31 December 2019

	Share capital	(Accumulated losses)/ Retained earnings	Total equity
	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>At 31 December 2017</b>	20	134	154
Transition to IFRS 9	-	5	5
<b>At 1 January 2018</b>	20	139	159
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to:			
- Owners of the parent	-	17	17
- Non-controlling interest	-	17	17
<b>At 31 December 2018</b>	20	173	193
Total comprehensive expense for the year attributable to:			
- Owners of the parent	-	(100)	(100)
- Non-controlling interest	-	(99)	(99)
<b>At 31 December 2019</b>	20	(26)	(6)

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these financial statements.

## Cash flow statement

For the year ended 31 December 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
<b>Cash flows used in operating activities</b>		
(Loss)/profit before tax	(205)	43
Adjustments for:		
- Increase/(decrease) in Provision for liabilities and charges	80	(92)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
- Net decrease in Loans and advances to customers	-	10
- Net decrease in Other debtors and Trade and other receivables	33	23
- Net decrease in Loans and advances to customers - adjustment on adoption of IFRS 9	-	6
<b>Cash used in operations</b>	<b>(92)</b>	<b>(10)</b>
Tax received	13	-
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>(79)</b>	<b>(10)</b>
<b>Cash flows generated from financing activities</b>		
Proceeds from net lending to group undertakings	79	10
<b>Net cash generated from financing activities</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	-	-
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these financial statements.

## Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2019

### 1. Accounting policies

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied in both years presented, unless otherwise stated.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable IFRSs as adopted by the European Union and the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies reporting under IFRSs. IFRSs comprise accounting standards prefixed IFRS issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and those prefixed IAS issued by the IASB's predecessor body, as well as interpretations issued by the IFRS Interpretations Committee ("IFRS IC") and its predecessor body.

There are no new pronouncements relevant to the Company requiring adoption in these financial statements.

Details of those pronouncements which will be relevant to the Company but which were not effective at 31 December 2019 and which have not been applied in preparing these financial statements are given in note 18. No standards have been early adopted.

The financial statements have been prepared on a break up basis as the directors expect to liquidate the Company within the next 12 months. There would be no difference to asset values between a going concern basis and a basis other than going concern under the historical cost convention.

#### 1.2 Financial assets and liabilities

Financial assets comprise Amounts due from group undertakings and Other debtors. The Company has no financial liabilities.

Financial assets and liabilities are recognised when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets and liabilities are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows, or obligations to pay cash flows, have expired.

Interest bearing financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised and measured at amortised cost inclusive of transaction costs, using the effective interest rate method.

Amounts due from group undertakings is assessed at the reporting date for impairment on a forward looking basis and where appropriate an expected credit loss ("ECL") is recognised based on reasonable and supportable information.

#### 1.3 Impairment

##### Impairment of financial assets

The impairment charge in the Statement of comprehensive income includes the change in expected credit losses and certain fraud costs. Expected credit losses are recognised for Loans and advances to customers and other financial assets held at amortised cost, together with any loan commitments. Expected credit losses are calculated by using an appropriate probability of default, adjusted to take into account a range of possible future economic scenarios, and applying this to the estimated exposure of the Company at the point of default after taking into account the value of any collateral held or other mitigants of loss and including the impact of discounting using the effective interest rate.

A loan or advance is normally written off, either partially or in full, against the related allowance when the proceeds from realising any available security have been received or there is no realistic prospect of recovery and the amount of the loss has been determined. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off decrease the amount of impairment losses recorded in the income statement. The write-off takes place only once an extensive set of collections processes has been completed, or the status of the account reaches a point where policy dictates that continuing concessions are no longer appropriate.

##### Impairment of retail loans and advances

At initial recognition, allowance is made for expected credit losses resulting from default events that are possible within the next 12 months (12-month expected credit losses). In the event of a significant increase in credit risk, allowance (or provision) is made for expected credit losses resulting from all possible default events over the expected life of the financial instrument (lifetime expected credit losses). Financial assets where 12-month expected credit losses are recognised are considered to be Stage 1; financial assets which are considered to have experienced a significant increase in credit risk are in Stage 2; and financial assets which have defaulted or are otherwise considered to be credit impaired are allocated to Stage 3.



## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2019

### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### 1.3 Impairment (continued)

##### Impairment of retail loans and advances (continued)

An assessment of whether credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition considers the change in the risk of default occurring over the remaining expected life of the financial instrument. The assessment is unbiased, probability-weighted and uses forward-looking information consistent with that used in the measurement of expected credit losses. In determining whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk, the Company uses quantitative tests based on relative and absolute probability of default ("PD") movements linked to internal credit ratings together with qualitative indicators such as watch lists and other indicators of historic delinquency. However, unless identified at an earlier stage, the credit risk of financial assets is deemed to have increased significantly when more than 30 days past due. Where the credit risk subsequently improves such that it no longer represents a significant increase in credit risk since origination, the asset is transferred back to Stage 1.

Assets are transferred to Stage 3 when they have defaulted or are otherwise considered to be credit impaired.

In certain circumstances, the Company will renegotiate the original terms of a customer's loan, either as part of an on going customer relationship or in response to adverse changes in the circumstances of the borrower. In the latter circumstances, the loan will remain classified as either Stage 2 or Stage 3 until the credit risk has improved such that it no longer represents a significant increase since origination (for a return to Stage 1), or the loan is no longer in default (for a return to Stage 2).

The probability of default ("PD") of an exposure, both over a 12 month period or over its lifetime is a key input to the measurement of the ECL allowance. Default has occurred when there is evidence that the customer is experiencing significant financial difficulty which is likely to affect the ability to repay amounts due. The Company has adopted the following definition of default for all its products:

- factors indicating an unwillingness to pay, such as bankruptcy or other financial hardship support, e.g. individual voluntary arrangements; or
- a payment is past due by 90 days;

IFRS 9 contains a rebuttable presumption that default occurs no later than when a payment is 90 days past due, which the Company has adopted.

##### Impairment of other financial assets

Under IFRS 9 at initial recognition, allowance is made for expected losses resulting from default events that are possible within the next 12 months (12-month expected credit losses). In the event of a significant increase in credit risk since origination, allowance (or provision) is made for expected losses resulting from all possible default events over the expected life of the asset.

Other financial assets where 12-month expected credit losses are recognised are considered to be Stage 1; other financial assets which are considered to have experienced a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition are in Stage 2; and other financial assets which have defaulted or are otherwise considered to be credit impaired are allocated to Stage 3.

#### 1.4 Cash and cash equivalents

For the purposes of the Balance sheet and Cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise balances with less than three months' maturity.

#### 1.5 Taxation, including deferred income taxes

Tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. Current and deferred tax are charged or credited in the Statement of comprehensive income except to the extent that the tax arises from a transaction or event which is recognised, in the same or a different period, outside the Statement of comprehensive income (either in other comprehensive income, directly in equity, or through a business combination), in which case the tax appears in the same statement as the transaction that gave rise to it.

Current tax is the amount of corporate income taxes expected to be payable or recoverable based on the profit for the period as adjusted for items that are not taxable or not deductible, and is calculated using tax rates and laws that were enacted or substantively enacted at the Balance sheet date.

Current tax includes amounts provided in respect of uncertain tax positions when management expects that, upon examination of the uncertainty by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) or another tax authority, it is more likely than not that an economic outflow will occur. Provisions reflect management's best estimate of the ultimate liability based on their interpretation of tax law, precedent and guidance, informed by external tax advice as necessary. Changes in facts and circumstances underlying these provisions are reassessed at each Balance sheet date, and the provisions are re-measured as required to reflect current information.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2019

### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### 1.5 Taxation, including deferred income taxes (continued)

Deferred tax is recognised on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the Balance sheet. Deferred tax is calculated using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the Balance sheet date, and which are expected to apply when the related deferred tax asset is realised or the deferred tax liability is settled.

Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences but not recognised for taxable temporary differences arising on investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint arrangements where the reversal of the temporary difference can be controlled and it is probable that the difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future. Deferred tax liabilities are not recognised on temporary differences that arise from goodwill which is not deductible for tax purposes.

Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which the deductible temporary differences can be utilised, and are reviewed at each Balance sheet date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not recognised in respect of temporary differences that arise on initial recognition of assets and liabilities acquired other than in a business combination. Deferred tax is not discounted.

#### 1.6 Provision for liabilities and charges

Provisions are recognised in respect of present obligations arising from past events where it is probable that outflows of resources will be required to settle the obligations and they can be reliably estimated.

### 2. Critical accounting estimates and judgements in applying accounting policies

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires the use of estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Although those estimates are based on management's best knowledge of the amount, event or actions, actual results ultimately may differ from those estimates.

The following are critical accounting estimates and accounting judgements that the directors have made in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements:

#### Payment Protection Insurance

At 31 December 2019 the Company has provided £168,000 (2018: £55,000) against the cost of making redress payments to customers and the related administration costs in relation to the mis-selling of Payment Protection Insurance (PPI).

As a result of the unprecedented volume of claims received in the run up to the 29 August 2019 FCA deadline for making claims, the Group and the Company are in the process of assessing the claims received. Until this process is complete, the determination of an estimate of the amount of provision, representing management's best estimate of the cost of settling, requires the application of assumptions in respect of matters that are inherently uncertain, including the number of valid complaints received and the average cost of redress. Whilst these assumptions are subject to regular review against actual experience, it is possible that the claims against the Company that are yet to be assessed, will result in future costs which differ from those calculated using assumptions in order to derive management's best estimate.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2019

### 3. Impairment gains/(losses)

	Stage 1 £'000	Stage 2 £'000	Stage 3 £'000	Total £'000
<b>31 December 2019</b>				
Other changes in credit quality	-	-	20	20
Other items	-	-	1	1
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In respect of Loans and advances to customers	-	-	21	21
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<b>31 December 2018</b>				
Other changes in credit quality	-	-	(1)	(1)
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In respect of Loans and advances to customers	-	-	(1)	(1)

### 4. Other operating expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Management charges payable (see note 13)	2	2
Other operating expenses	2	10
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Fees payable to the Company's auditors for the audit of the financial statements of £10,000 have been borne by a fellow group company and are not recharged to the Company (2018: audit fee of £10,000 was recharged to the Company). Accounting and administration services are provided by a fellow group undertaking and are recharged to the Company as part of Management fees.

### 5. Staff costs

The Company did not have any employees during the year (2018: none).

### 6. Directors' emoluments

No director received any fees or emoluments from the Company during the year (2018: £nil). The directors are employed by other companies within the Group or companies controlled by Proton Cars (UK) Limited and consider that their services to the Company are incidental to their other responsibilities within the Group (see also note 13).

### 7. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
<b>a) Analysis of (credit)/charge for the year</b>		
UK corporation tax:		
- Current tax on taxable profit for the year	-	6
- Adjustments in respect of prior years	(6)	1
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Current tax (credit)/charge	(6)	7
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UK deferred tax:		
- Origination and reversal of timing differences (see note 10)	-	2
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Tax (credit)/charge	(6)	9

Corporation tax is calculated at a rate of 19.00% (2018: 19.00%) of the taxable profit for the year.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2019

### 7. Taxation (continued)

#### b) Factors affecting the tax (credit)/charge for the year

A reconciliation of the (credit)/charge that would result from applying the standard UK corporation tax rate to the (loss)/profit before tax to the actual tax charge for the year is given below:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(Loss)/profit before tax	(205)	43
Tax (credit)/charge thereon at UK corporation tax rate of 19.00% (2018: 19.00%)	(39)	8
Factors affecting (credit)/charge:		
- Tax losses where no deferred tax recognised	39	-
- Adjustments in respect of prior years	(6)	1
<b>Tax (credit)/charge on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities</b>	<b>(6)</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Effective rate</b>	<b>2.93%</b>	<b>20.93%</b>

### 8. Trade and other receivables

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts due from group undertakings (see note 13)	163	242
Other debtors	-	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>275</b>

Amounts due from group undertakings is unsecured, non-interest bearing and repayable on demand. All Amounts due from group undertakings are included within stage 1 for IFRS 9 purposes. The ECL is negligible.

At 31 December 2019, the Company held an asset of £nil (2018: £33,000) in respect of indemnities from Black Horse Limited in relation to a specific provision (see note 11).

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2019

### 9. Loans and advances to customers

	Stage 1 £'000	Stage 2 £'000	Stage 3 £'000	Total £'000
Balance as at 1 January 2018	3	-	13	16
Transfers to Stage 3	(3)	-	3	-
Repayments	-	-	(2)	(2)
Gross advances written off	-	-	(14)	(14)
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Gross loans and advances to customers at 31 December 2018 and 31 December 2019	-	-	-	-

Loans and advances to customers include finance lease and hire purchase receivables:

The Company provides a range of finance lease products in connection with the financing of motor vehicles and equipment. The leases typically run for periods of between 3 and 5 years.

### 10. Deferred tax (liability)/asset

The movement in the Deferred tax (liability)/asset is as follows:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
At 1 January under IFRS 9	(1)	1
Charge for the year (see note 7)	-	(2)
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At 31 December	(1)	(1)

The deferred tax charge in the Statement of comprehensive income comprises the following temporary differences:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Accelerated capital allowances	-	(2)
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Deferred tax liability comprises:	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Other temporary differences	(1)	(1)

A deferred tax asset of £34,000 (2018: £nil) relating to miscellaneous losses has not been recognised on the basis that the Company has insufficient forecast taxable profits to recover the asset in future periods. Subject to some conditions the losses can be carried forward indefinitely and offset against future taxable profits.

The Finance Act 2016 reduced the main rate of corporation tax to 17% with effect from 1 April 2020. Within the March 2020 budget, the UK government stated its intention to maintain the corporation tax rate at 19 per cent with effect from 1 April 2020. This intention to maintain the corporation tax rate was enacted under the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968 on 17 March 2020. Had this rate change been substantively enacted at 31 December 2019, the effect would have been to increase unrecognised deferred tax assets by £4,000.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2019

### 11. Provision for liabilities and charges

	PPI Provision	Other Provision	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000
At 1 January 2018	124	56	180
Credit for the year	(56)	-	(56)
Derecognised in the year	-	(23)	(23)
Utilised during the year	(13)	-	(13)
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At 31 December 2018	55	33	88
Charge for the year	222	-	222
Derecognised in the year	-	(33)	(33)
Utilised during the year	(109)	-	(109)
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<b>At 31 December 2019</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>168</b>

As described in notes 2 and 16, an assessment has been made of the potential future transfer of economic benefits from claims made against the Company in relation to PPI.

During 2017, the Group undertook an exercise relating to potential retrospective rectification activity to provide redress to affected customers in relation to arrears management. The Company has provided for £nil (2018: £33,000) relating to these redress claims. Black Horse Limited will indemnify the Company against all actions arising from this issue (see note 8).

### 12. Share capital

	2019	2018
	£'000	£'000
<b>Allotted, issued and fully paid</b>		
9,999 "A" ordinary shares of £1 each	10	10
10,001 "B" ordinary shares of £1 each	10	10
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	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>

At 31 December 2019, the authorised share capital of the Company was £20,000 divided into 9,999 "A" ordinary shares of £1 each and 10,001 "B" ordinary shares of £1 each.

The "A" ordinary shares carry the right to appoint the chairman of the Company but, in all other respects, rank pari passu with the "B" ordinary shares, including the right to receive all dividends and other distributions declared, made or paid on the ordinary share capital of the Company. Proton Cars (UK) Limited is the holder of all the "A" ordinary shares, the "B" ordinary shares are held by Black Horse Group Limited (99.99%) and United Dominions Trust Limited (0.01%).

### 13. Related party transactions

The Company is controlled by the Retail Division of the Group. A number of transactions are entered into with related parties in the normal course of business. A summary of the outstanding balances at the year end and the related expense for the year is set out below.

	2019	2018
	£'000	£'000
<b>Amounts due from group undertakings</b>		
Black Horse Limited (see note 8)	163	275
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<b>Management fees payable</b>		
Black Horse Limited (see note 4)	2	2

The above balances are unsecured in nature and are expected to be settled in cash or by cash equivalents. Transactions in the year are those reflected through the Statement of comprehensive income.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2019

### 13. Related party transactions (continued)

#### Key management personnel

Key management personnel are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning and controlling the activities of the Company. Accordingly, key management comprises the directors of the Company and Retail Division. There were no transactions between the Company and key management personnel during the current or preceding year. Key management personnel are employed by other companies within the Group or Proton Cars (UK) Limited and consider that their services to the Company are incidental to their other activities within these Groups.

### 14. Financial risk management

The Company's operations expose it to business risk; it is not exposed to any significant credit risk, liquidity risk, market risk, interest rate risk nor foreign exchange risk. Responsibility for the control of overall risk lies with the board of directors, operating within a management framework established by the Retail Division, and the ultimate parent, Lloyds Banking Group plc. The credit risk is carefully monitored by the Retail Division's credit committee and credit functions.

A description of the Company's financial assets/liabilities and associated accounting is provided in note 1.

#### 14.1 Business risk

Business risk is the risk that the Company's earnings are adversely impacted by a suboptimal business strategy or the suboptimal implementation of the strategy. In assessing business risk consideration is given to internal and external factors such as products, funding, resource capability and economic, political and regulatory factors.

Through regular reports and oversight business risk is managed by corrective actions to plans and reductions in exposures where necessary.

#### 14.2 Financial strategy

The Company does not trade in financial instruments, nor does it use derivatives.

#### 14.3 Fair values of financial assets and liabilities

The fair value of a financial instrument is the amount at which the instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties, other than in a forced or liquidation sale.

The directors consider that there are no significant differences between the carrying amounts shown in the Balance sheet and the fair value.

### 15. Capital disclosures

The Company's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, provide an adequate return to its shareholders through pricing products and services commensurately with the level of risk and, indirectly, to support the Group's regulatory capital requirements.

The Company's parent manages the Company's capital structure and advises the board of directors to consider making adjustments to it in the light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of the underlying assets. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the board of directors may adjust the amount of dividends to be paid to shareholders, return capital to shareholders, issue new shares, or sell assets.

The Company's capital comprises all components of equity, movements in which appear in the Statement of changes in equity. The Company receives its funding requirements from its fellow group undertakings and does not raise funding externally.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2019

### 16. Contingent liabilities and capital commitments

There were no contracted capital commitments at the Balance sheet date (2018: £nil).

The financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 were approved after the FCA deadline of 29 August 2019 for customers to make claims in relation to the mis-selling of PPI. As a result of the unprecedented volume of potential claims received by the Group during August 2019, the requirement for the evaluation of individual claims in order to form a reliable estimate of the exposure and the limited time available prior to the approval of the 2018 financial statements, the directors concluded that it was not possible to determine a reliable estimate in respect of these claims for the purposes of the 2018 financial statements.

The directors are satisfied that sufficient evaluation of the claims received has now been performed in order to calculate a reliable estimate of the Company's exposure (see note 11).

There were no contingent liabilities at 31 December 2019.

### 17. Post balance sheet events

On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organisation declared Covid-19 to be a public health emergency and a pandemic on 11 March 2020. Given the circumstances and information that was available as at 31 December 2019, the resulting impact of Covid-19 has been assessed by the directors to be a non-adjusting post balance sheet event. The directors have considered the actual and potential impacts of Covid-19 and the UK government's responses to the pandemic on the activities of the Company and concluded that there will be no significant impact for the Company.

### 18. Future developments

The following pronouncement will be relevant to the Company but was not effective at 31 December 2019 and has not been applied in preparing these financial statements.

Pronouncement	Nature of change	Effective date
Minor amendments to other accounting standards	The IASB has issued a number of minor amendments to IFRSs (including IFRS 3 Business Combinations and IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements).	Annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2020

The full impact of this pronouncement is being assessed by the Company. However, the initial view is that this is not expected to cause any material adjustments to the reported numbers in the financial statements.

### 19. Ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party

The immediate parent company is Black Horse Group Limited (incorporated in England and Wales). The company regarded by the directors as the ultimate parent company and controlling party is Lloyds Banking Group plc (incorporated in Scotland), which is also the parent undertaking of the largest group of undertakings for which group financial statements are drawn up and of which the Company is a member. Lloyds Bank plc is the parent undertaking of the smallest such group of undertakings. Copies of the financial statements of both companies may be obtained from Group Secretariat, Lloyds Banking Group plc, 25 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7HN. The Lloyds Banking Group plc financial statements may be downloaded via [www.lloydsbankinggroup.com](http://www.lloydsbankinggroup.com).



# Independent Auditors' report to the members of Proton Finance Limited

## Report on the audit of the financial statements

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### Opinion

In our opinion, Proton Finance Limited's financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2019 and of its loss and cash flows for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements, included within the Annual report and accounts (the "Annual Report"), which comprise: the Balance sheet as at 31 December 2019; the Statement of comprehensive income, the Cash flow statement and the Statement of changes in equity for the year then ended; and the Notes to the financial statements, which include a description of the significant accounting policies.

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### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities under ISAs (UK) are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### *Independence*

We remained independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, which includes the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

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### Emphasis of matter - financial statements prepared on a basis other than going concern

In forming our opinion on the financial statements, which is not modified, we draw attention to note 1 to the financial statements which describes the directors' reasons why the financial statements have been prepared on a basis other than going concern.

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### Reporting on other information

The other information comprises all of the information in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, any form of assurance 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 an apparent material inconsistency or material misstatement, we are required to perform procedures to conclude whether there is a material misstatement of 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 this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report based on these responsibilities.

With respect to the Directors' report, we also considered whether the disclosures required by the UK Companies Act 2006 have been included.

Based on these responsibilities described above and our work undertaken in the course of the audit, ISAs (UK) require us also to report certain opinions and matters as described below.

### *Directors' report*

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, the information given in the Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2019 is consistent with the financial statements and has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we did not identify any material misstatements in the Directors' report.

## Independent Auditors' report to the members of Proton Finance Limited (continued)

### Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

#### *Responsibilities of the directors for the financial statements*

As explained more fully in the Statement of directors' responsibilities set out on page 2, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable framework and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. The directors are also responsible for such internal control as they 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.

#### *Auditors' 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 auditors' 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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the FRC's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditors' report.

#### *Use of this report*

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the Company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

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### Other required reporting

#### Companies Act 2006 exception reporting

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

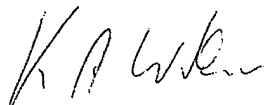
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the Company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified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

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

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#### Entitlement to exemptions

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion, the directors were not entitled to: take advantage of the small companies exemption in preparing the Directors' report; and take advantage of the small companies exemption from preparing a strategic report. We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.



Kevin Williams (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
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Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors  
Cardiff

30 September 2020