Habib European Bank Limited

(Wholly owned subsidiary of Habib Bank AG Zurich) 14 Athol Street, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM1 1JA



Directors' report and financial statements For the year ended 31 December 2014



Our Policy

Confidentiality.



Our Bank, 150 years of Financial Heritage

Habib European Bank Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Habib Bank A G Zurich, was incorporated in the Isle of Man in 1982 and is licensed by the Isle of Man Financial Supervision Commission. Whilst this year the Bank celebrates its 32nd year on the Island, the original impetus for locating in this important and well regarded jurisdiction was the result of a conceptual strategy formulated by the Parent Bank Habib Bank A G Zurich, headquartered in Zurich, which was incorporated in 1967 and, which from an original asset base of 25 million Swiss Francs has now grown to a global operation with an asset base of 9.8 billion Swiss Francs.

Although the present format the Habib group dates from incorporation just over 45 years ago, it is enriched by a strong financial heritage and expertise of over 150 years when its direct ancestors started trading activities in the Indian sub continent. European representation started as early as 1912 in Italy and Austria and thereafter in China and Japan. Mr. Habib Esmail, the founder member due to his honesty and reputation was entrusted by wealthy people with their valuables for safe keeping and this led to the group's entrance into merchant banking. In 1922 Mr. Habib Esmail started the firm Habib and Sons which became the parent company of Habib Bank Limited a fully-fledged commercial bank established in 1941 at Bombay, India by his son Mr. Mohammedali Habib and his three brothers. By 1973 this Bank had become the largest international commercial Bank in Asia. Japan excepted, maintaining 927 branches in the parent country and 42 branches on a global basis.



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Banker Magazine puts Swiss Bank within top five positions in Switzerland as far as Soundness is concerned.

Habib European Bank Limited is a member of the Depositors'Compensation Scheme as set out in the Depositors' CompensationScheme Regulations 2010.**99**

Habib Bank Limited was nationalised on 1st January 1974. As a result, the group was left with a single independent office i.e. Habib Bank A G Zurich in Zurich and it was from this base that our Parent Bank expanded to become the present day international operation which, as per the July 2014 issue of the *"Banker Magazine"* survey of the Top 1000 World Banks, was included amongst these prominent institutions. Encompassing the categories of Soundness, Performance and Return on Assets we were ranked well above mid point in all three categories.

As regards the country analysis conducted at the Bank's home base in Switzerland "Banker Magazine" ranked our parent bank 27th amongst all the banks in Switzerland and in Soundness, Habib Bank AG Zurich is the 5th soundest bank in Switzerland. These are independent and impressive statistics which, overall, reflect the prestige and performance of our Parent Company of which we in the Isle of Man are a wholly owned integral entity.





Services we offer

Current, Deposit and Fixed Term accounts in all major currencies.

Lending in the form of Overdrafts, Loans, Trade Finance and Bills Discounting in all major currencies

Opening of Import Letters of Credit

Handling of Export Letters of Credit

Handling of trade related inward and outward documentary collections

Issuance of Letters of Guarantee

Spot/Forward buying and selling of all major currencies

Transfer of funds in all major currencies by wire, swift and chaps

Issuance of Bankers cheques in all major currrencies.

Other Services available through Parent Bank

Private Banking

Portfolio Management

Buying and selling of shares, commodities and metals

Trustee and custodial services

Credit Cards

Traveller cheques

Safe Deposit Lockers

Habib European Bank Limited, being a wholly owned subsidiary of Habib Bank A G Zurich, places funds with other parts of its group and thus its financial standing is linked to that of the group. Depositors may wish to form their own view on the financial standing of Habib European Bank Limited and the group based on publicly available information. The latest report and accounts are available at www.habibbank.com.



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Company Information

Directors:	D. J. Gelling, CBE CP S. A. Zubairi S. K. Kazmi S. K. Dowling, LL.B A. S. Ibrahim Z. Habib	(Chairman) (Vice Chairman)
Secretary:	S. K. Dowling, LL.B	
Management:	S. M. A. Jafri Syed Ali Asad	(Vice President) (Operations Manager)
Registered office:	14 Athol Street Douglas Isle of Man	
Auditors:	KPMG Audit LLC Heritage Court 41 Athol Street Douglas Isle of Man	
Advocates:	Appleby 33 Athol Street Douglas Isle of Man	



Chairman's Statement

Habib European Bank Limited was incorporated in the Isle of Man in September 1982 and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Habib Bank AG Zurich a Swiss incorporated Bank with total assets of Swiss Francs 9.8 Billion and offices worldwide and once again ranked 5th soundest bank in Switzerland by the prestigious "The Banker" magazine The present format of our Group has evolved from incorporation in Zurich 47 years ago but was preceded by a financial history of over 150 years involving expertise of Merchant Banking, Money Lending and Gold Trading. The Group is well positioned to serve and facilitate client needs in the major international business regions relevant to existing and evolving trade patterns.

Our Group considers the economy and future of the Isle of Man promising and, complimented by stable government, believe it continues to offer opportunities to international investors. Moreover, Isle of Man's progress in further strengthening its anti-money laundering regime coupled with further tax transparency has positioned the Isle of Man as a well respected and responsible business centre of the modern age.

Despite turbulent global markets and the increased cost of regulation, our group have struck the balance between compensating our staff in a competitive industry, whilst investing in our business at pace and delivering reasonable returns for the shareholders.

Results

The world economy continued its on-again-off-again recovery from depression through 2014 and unfortunately the business environment did not show improvements. I am however, pleased to report that Habib Bank AG Zurich Group remained on track and we can look back at a relatively positive year, considering the difficult circumstances obtaining over the period.

I consider one of the key elements behind our continuing progress remains the personalized and individually orientated services, which promote client satisfaction and which we consider to be an important factor in the present and future growth of the Bank.

The interest rates continued to remain at historic low in most major currencies, resulting in depositors' seeking alternative investment selection with more remunerative income streams. This has resulted in continued decline in deposits and has faced the Bank with a challenge in maintaining a healthy level of incomes from interest differential business. I am however pleased to report that the Bank's liquidity ratio remains high which enables quality lending opportunities to be considered in future.

Operations

To sustain the level of customer service we provide requires ongoing analysis and review of our back office procedures, which are of paramount importance in maintaining an efficient



Chairman's Statement (continued)

and effective framework for the delivery of essential products to our clients. Resultantly full implementation of "Master hPLUS", an improved version of group's in-house Banking software, has assisted and streamlined operational efficiency.

In an increasingly competitive and changing world we recognise the importance of addressing contemporary issues with modern innovation and practice to maximise the options we provide in our business philosophy and approach. In consolidating and expanding in-house procedures our staffs also receive on-going training though Parent Bank's comprehensive online study portal H-Learning, attending local business seminars, workshops and work related courses, all of which are selected to enhance overall awareness in a changing environment with ever increasing regulatory requirements. The later necessitate careful implementation, monitoring and reporting.

To achieve objectives in the operational area our IT facilities are equally subject to continuing assessment with technical expertise provided by our Parent Bank. To conclude, we are confident that the support structure for the day to day conduct of our business is of a high standard, fully protective of client security, regulatory requirements and external obligations.

Dividend

Our Bank's own resources remain strong and, maintaining this, no dividend is to be paid to shareholders.

Future Strategy & Outlook

The recent worldwide financial difficulties have demonstrated that the Bank's conservative approach towards lending and emphasis on developing traditional business is the correct and proven strategy and this continues to be an integral part of our business model. Additionally, whilst adhering to the Bank's personalized client service policies, which are becoming ever more attractive in today's business culture, efforts are being made to expand our place in the Manx environment. As indicated herein, by continuing to progress our marketing programme here and overseas we feel optimistic that we shall succeed in increasing overall market share.

Conclusion

The Bank's past and present growth would not have been possible without the dedicated efforts and stability of our staff and management, all of whom deserve recognition and sincere appreciation for managing the Bank so successfully. I would like to add my thanks to the Directors, for their continuous and knowledgeable support to the Bank. I would also like to acknowledge the cordial relationship the Bank continues to enjoy with the Manx Government and the Financial Supervision Commission.

Donald James Gelling CBE CP Chairman



Directors' Report

The Directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the Company is that of bankers in the Isle of Man.

Results and dividend

The Directors submit the audited financial statements for the year. The loss for the year ended 31 December 2014 amounted to £Stg207,961 *(2013: profit of £Stg23,830)*, including the unrealised exchange loss on the Swiss Franc denominated assets (note 1e). The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend *(2013: £StgNil)*.

Directors

The Directors who served during the year and to date were:

- D. J. Gelling, CBE CP (Chairman)
- S. A. Zubairi (Vice Chairman)
- S. K. Kazmi
- S. K. Dowling, LL.B
- A. S. Ibrahim
- Z. Habib

Employees

The average number of full time employees during the year was 4.5 (2013: 5).

Secretary

The Company Secretary during the year and to date was:

S. K. Dowling, LL.B

Auditors

Our auditors, KPMG Audit LLC, being eligible, have expressed their willingness to continue in office in accordance with Section 12 (2) of the Isle of Man Companies Act 1982.

By order of the Board

S. K. Dowling, LL.B Secretary



Statement of Directors' responsibilities in respect of the Directors' report and the financial statements

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, which meet the requirements of Isle of Man company law. In addition, the Directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards.

The financial statements are required by law to 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 estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements in accordance with the applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards; 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 proper 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 to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Acts 1931 to 2004. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.



Report of the Independent Auditors, KPMG Audit LLC, to the member of Habib European Bank Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Habib European Bank Limited for the year ended 31 December 2014 which comprise the Profit and loss account, the Balance sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and UK Accounting Standards.

This report is made solely to the Company's member, as a body, in accordance with Section 15 of the Companies Act 1982. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's member 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 member as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Directors and Auditors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 11, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit, and express an opinion on, the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the annual report to identify material inconsistences with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistences we consider the implications for our report.



Report of the Independent Auditors, KPMG Audit LLC, to the member of Habib European Bank Limited *(continued)*

Opinion on the financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2014 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK Accounting Standards; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of Companies Acts 1931 to 2004.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Acts 1931 to 2004 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- proper books of account have not been kept and proper returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the Company's Balance sheet and Profit and loss account are not in agreement with the books of account 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.

KPMG Audit LLC Chartered Accountants 31st March 2015

Heritage Court 41 Athol Street Douglas Isle of Man IM99 1HN





Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31 December, 2014

Notes 1b 1b	£Stg 301,282	2014 £Stg	£Stg	2013 £Stg
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	301,282			
1b			386,908	
	(57,300)		(104,570)	
		243,982		282,338
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		6,768		204,974
		250,750		487,312
	394,308		374,519	
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	27,000		27,000	
	17,864		14,629	
9	21,268		23,171	
		(460,440)		(460,319)
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In both the current and preceding financial years, there were no recognised gains or losses other than those dealt with in the profit and loss account.

The Directors consider the activities of the Company to be continuing.

The notes on pages 18 to 28 form part of these financial statements.



Balance Sheet as at 31 December, 2014

		Notes	2014	2013
		wores	£Stg	£Stg
Liquid assets			a stg	2015
Investments		5	2,921,716	3,597,233
Discounted bills			2,158,103	1,598,749
Cash			185	21
Due from banks	- demand	6	638,802	1,028,798
	- time	6	15,443,032	4,197,778
	- group companies	6	12,231,156	24,023,951
			33,392,994	34,446,530
Other assets				
Advances to cust	tomers	8	1,655,605	1,948,765
Prepayments and	l sundry debtors		158,693	200,822
Fixed assets		9	760,909	781,878
Total assets			35,968,201	37,377,995



Balance Sheet as at 31 December, 2014

	Notes	2014	2013
		£Stg	£Stg
Current liabilities			
Demand deposits			
- due to customers	6	5,860,851	6,320,263
Time deposits			
- due to group companies	6	-	-
- due to customers	6	22,691,284	23,412,600
Other liabilities	10	197,382	218,487
		28,749,517	29,951,350
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	12	5,000,024	5,000,024
Profit and loss account	13	2,218,660	2,426,621
Total equity shareholder's funds	18	7,218,684	7,426,645
Total liabilities and equity shareholder's fund	ls	35,968,201	37,377,995
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The notes on pages 18 to 28 form part of the financial statements.

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 31st March 2015 and were signed on their behalf by:

A. S. IBRAHIM *Director*

S. K. DOWLING *Director*



Notes

(forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014)

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified for certain investments which are stated at amortised cost, applicable to the United Kingdom Accounting Standards and have been prepared on the going concern basis.

b) Interest receivable and payable

Interest receivable and payable are accounted for on an accruals basis.

c) Other income and expenses

Other income and expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis.

d) Depreciation/Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are depreciated so as to write-off their cost less estimated residual values on the straight line basis at the following rates:

Furniture, fixtures and fittings	15% per annum
Leasehold improvements	20% per annum
Equipment	25% per annum
Leasehold property	2% per annum

e) Foreign exchange transactions

Monetary assets and liabilities in currencies other than Sterling are translated into Sterling at the rates ruling at the balance sheet date. Share capital is translated at historic rate. Revenue and expenses are translated at the rates prevailing at the time of settlement. All foreign exchange gains and losses are included in the profit and loss account.

f) Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the profit for the year and takes into account deferred taxation that is recognised in respect of all timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes which have arisen but not reversed by the balance sheet date.

g) Pension costs

The charge for pension costs represents amounts payable to the defined contribution scheme during the year.

h) Investments and discounted bills

Investments and discounted bills are stated at the lower of book cost and amortised cost.

i) Advances

Advances to customers and discounted bills are stated at cost less impairment losses recognised.

2 SEGMENTAL REPORTING

The Directors are of the opinion that the Company does not operate in more than one class of business, banking, or in more than one geographical area, the Isle of Man.

Accordingly, it is not appropriate to provide a segmental analysis of the Company's business as required by Statement of Standard Accounting Practice No 25.



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3 TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

	2014 £Stg	2013 £Stg
a) Analysis of charge in period		2015
Profit and loss account		
Current tax		
Isle of Man income tax at 10% (2013: 10%) based on profits for the year	-	3,441
Adjustments in respect of previous periods		1
	-	3,442
Deferred tax		
Provision for deferred tax	(1,729)	(279)
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	(1,729)	3,163
Balance sheet		
Due in less than one year	_	(3,441)
Due in more than one year	-	-
Deferred tax		
Accelerated capital allowances	(2,411)	(2,556)
Losses carried forward	1,584	
	(827)	(2,556)
Provision brought forward	(2,556)	(2,835)
Deferred tax credit in profit and loss account	1,729	279
Provision carried forward	(827)	(2,556)

There is no unprovided deferred tax.



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3 TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES (continued)

b) Factors affecting tax charge for the period

The tax assessed for the period is lower *(2013: higher)* than the rate of Manx income tax. The differences are explained below:

	2014 £Stg	2013 £Stg
(Loss)/Profit on ordinary activities before tax	(209,690)	26,993
(Loss)/Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by rates of Manx income tax:		
Tax at 10% (2013: 10%)	(20,969)	2,699
Effects of:		
Income taxable at 0%	-	(47)
Non-taxable foreign exchange income	17,288	(2,383)
Depreciation in excess of capital allowances	2,097	2,280
Excess management charge	1,584	892
Adjustment in respect of prior periods		1
Current tax charge		3,442

4 PENSION COSTS

The charge for pension costs during the year amounted to £Stg5,513 (2013: £Stg5,252).

The staff are members of a defined contribution personal pension scheme operated by the Company.



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5 INVESTMENTS

Investments comprise the following:

	2014	2013
	£Stg	£Stg
Stated at book cost		
14 Athol Street Limited	1	1
HSBC Finance Fixed Rate Note	650,745	681,733
Credit Agricole SA	650,745	681,733
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	-	605,583
Standard Chartered Bank	644,107	605,583
Macquarie Bank Ltd	976,118	1,022,600
	2,921,716	3,597,233



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6 DEPOSIT ASSETS AND LIBILITIES

	Assets £'000Stg	2014 Liabilities £'000Stg	Assets £'000Stg	2013 Liabilities £'000Stg
Demand deposits - banks	639	_	1,029	_
- customers	-	5,861	_	6,320
- group companies	2,925	-	3,034	-
Time deposits - banks	15,443	_	4,198	_
- customers	-	22,691	-	23,413
- group companies	9,306	-	20,990	-
	28,313	28,552	29,251	29,733
Maturity analysis				
Sight - less than 8 days	15,529	10,859	12,487	10,355
8 days less than 1 month	5,684	5,981	11,333	9,974
Due between 1 and 3 months	4,950	9,477	5,181	9,068
Due between 3 and 6 months	2,050	2,090	250	293
Due between 6 and 12 months	100	145	-	43
	28,313	28,552	29,251	29,733

Deposit liabilities held as security for advances, guarantees and similar obligations amount to £Stg2,325,000 (2013: £Stg2,273,000).

7 CREDIT EXPOSURES

Credit exposures individually exceeding 10% of the total adjusted capital base:

	2014	2013
	£Stg	£Stg
Total value	3,801	2,629
Number	3	2



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8 ADVANCES TO CUSTOMERS

	2014 £Stg	2013 £Stg
Customers – secured	1,440,500	1,579,700
Staff loans	214,777	244,905
Customers' current accounts	328	124,160
	1,655,605	1,948,765

Staff loans include a loan of £55,738 (2013: £67,738) advanced to Mr A S Ibrahim, a director of the Company.

9 FIXED ASSETS

	Leasehold property and improvements £Stg	Office fixtures & fittings £Stg	Office equipment £Stg	Household furniture & fittings £Stg	Total £Stg
Cost					
At 1 January 2014	941,125	25,038	142,957	11,146	1,120,266
Additions	-	299	-	-	299
Asset write-off	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2014	941,125	25,337	142,957	11,146	1,120,565
Depreciation					
At 1 January 2014	161,311	25,038	141,006	11,033	338,388
Charge for the year	20,049	35	1,071	113	21,268
Asset write-off	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2014	181,360	25,073	142,077	11,146	359,656
Net book value					
At 1 January 2014	779,814	-	1,951	113	781,878
At 31 December 2014	759,765	264	880		760,909

The ownership of the ground floor of 14 Athol Street is on a 999-year lease agreement with 14 Athol Street Limited.



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10 OTHER LIABILITIES

	2014	2013
	£Stg	£Stg
Sundry creditors and accruals	196,555	212,490
Taxation (payable in subsequent year)	-	3,441
Deferred tax liability (note 3)	827	2,556
	197,382	218,487

11 DEPOSITORS' COMPENSATION SCHEME

All Isle of Man incorporated licensed deposit-taking institutions are members of the statutory Isle of Man Depositors' Compensation Scheme under the Compensation of Depositors Regulations 2008 as amended by the Compensation of Depositors (Amendment) Regulations 2010 ("the Scheme").

The Scheme provides compensation to a maximum of 100% of the first £50,000 or currency equivalent of individual depositors and £20,000 in any other case, subject to a maximum of £200,000,000 for all participants, in the event of the failure of a participant institution to meet its obligations to depositors.

On 8 October 2008, the banking licence granted to Kaupthing Singer and Friedlander (Isle of Man) Limited ("Kaupthing S&F") was suspended and on 29 May 2009 Kaupthing S&F was placed into liquidation, thus triggering the provisions of the scheme.

During 2014 a refund of £46,064 (2013: £43,807) was received by the Company, representing approximately 16% (2013: 15%) of the contribution previously made to the Scheme. The amount received is included within "other income" in the profit and loss account.

12 SHARE CAPITAL

	2014	2013
	£Stg	£Stg
Authorised		
9,579 ordinary shares of CHF 1,000 each converted at historic rate	4,007,904	4,007,904
3,623,327 ordinary "B" shares of £1 each	3,623,327	3,623,327
	7,631,231	7,631,231
Issued and fully paid		
9,579 ordinary shares of CHF 1,000 each converted at historic rate	4,007,904	4,007,904
992,120 ordinary "B" shares of £1 each	992,120	992,120
	5,000,024	5,000,024



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13 PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	2014	2013
	£Stg	£Stg
Balance at 1 January	2,426,621	2,402,791
Retained (loss)/profit for the year	(207,961)	23,830
Balance at 31 December	2,218,660	2,426,621

14 CASH FLOW STATEMENT

The Company has claimed exemption from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard No 1 (Revised 1996) as it is a wholly-owned subsidiary and the financial statements of the parent company are publicly available.

15 PARENT AND ULTIMATE HOLDING COMPANY

The parent and ultimate holding company is Habib Bank AG Zurich, a company incorporated in Switzerland.

16 FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARD NO 8 – RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Habib Bank AG Zurich, a company registered in Switzerland. The financial statements of the Company are consolidated into the financial statements of Habib Bank AG Zurich, who are considered to be the controlling entity of the Company. The financial statements of Habib Bank AG Zurich can be obtained from the company secretary of Habib Bank AG Zurich, PO Box 303, 8035 Zurich, Switzerland. The Company is therefore exempt from compliance with Financial Reporting Standard No 8 pursuant to paragraph 3(c) of that Standard – ie, from disclosure of balances and transactions with other Group companies.

17 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Company had entered into letters of guarantee and letters of credit of £Stg1,712,673 (2013: £Stg1,633,958) as at 31 December 2014 on behalf of customers.

18 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY SHAREHOLDER'S FUNDS

	2014 £Stg	2013 £Stg
Opening equity shareholder's funds (Loss)/profit for the financial year after taxation	7,426,645 (207,961)	7,402,815 23,830
Closing equity shareholder's funds	7,218,684	7,426,645



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19 REVIEW OF THE COMPANY'S RISK PROFILE

The Company's financial instruments comprise deposits, money market assets, some cash and liquid resources, and other various items that arise directly from its operations.

The main risks arising from the Company's financial instruments are credit risk, liquidity risk and interest rate risk. The Board reviews and agrees policies for managing each of these risks and they are summarised below. These policies have remained unchanged since the beginning of the year.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a customer or counterparty will be unable or unwilling to meet a commitment that it has entered into with the Company. The Company manages its credit risk by investing deposit funds received by the Company with financial institutions that have been approved by the Board of Directors as an acceptable counterparty. In addition, limits are set as to the maximum exposure to any individual financial institution that may exist at any one time, these limits being reviewed on a regular basis.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will encounter difficulty in realising assets or otherwise raising funds to meet commitments. The Company monitors expected cash outflow on each working day. Its policy throughout the year has been to ensure liquidity by maintaining at all times sufficient high quality liquid assets to cover the expected net cash outflow over the next business day. The maturity analysis of the assets and liabilities are disclosed in note 6.

Interest rate risk

Exposure to interest rate risk is the risk that arises when there is an imbalance between rate sensitive and non-rate sensitive assets and liabilities. The Company's policy is to maintain the interest rate risk at a minimal level except that management may invest funds in fixed or floating rate instruments in response to market conditions.

The tables on pages 27 and 28 show the management's estimate of the interest rate sensitivity gap as at 31 December 2014 and 2013. Assets and liabilities are included in the table at the earliest date at which the applicable interest rate can change.

Interest rate sensitivity gap analysis

Part of the Company's return on financial instruments is obtained from controlled mismatching of the dates on which interest receivable on assets and payable on liabilities are next reset to market rates or, if earlier, the dates on which the instruments mature. The tables below summarise these repricing mismatches on the Company's non-trading book as at 31 December 2014 and 2013 and are representative of the whole year. Items are allocated to time bands by reference to the earlier of the next contractual interest rate repricing date and the maturity date.



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19 REVIEW OF THE COMPANY'S RISK PROFILE (continued)

At 31 December 2014:

	Within 3 months £'000 Stg	After 3 months but within 6 months £'000 Stg	After 6 months but within 1 year £'000 Stg	After 1 year but within 5 years £'000 Stg	After 5 years £'000 Stg	Non- interest bearing funds £'000 Stg	Total £'000 Stg
Assets		, i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	, i i i i i i g				
Investments	-	-	1,295	1,627	-	-	2,922
Balances due from banks	22,599	2,050	100	-	-	3,564	28,313
Loans and advances including bills discounted	1,998	160	-	1,655	-	-	3,813
Other assets	-	-	-	-	-	920	920
Total assets	24,597	2,210	1,395	3,282	_	4,484	35,968
Liabilities							
Demand and time deposits	20,456	2,090	145	_	_	5,861	28,552
Other liabilities	-	_	-	_	_	197	197
Shareholder's funds						7,219	7,219
Total liabilities	20,456	2,090	145			13,277	35,968
Interest rate sensitivity gap	4,141	120	1,250	3,282		(8,793)	_
Cumulative interest rate sensitivity gap	4,141	4,261	5,511	8,793	8,793		



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19 REVIEW OF THE COMPANY'S RISK PROFILE (continued)

At 31 December 2013:

	Within 3 months £'000 Stg	After 3 months but within 6 months £'000 Stg	After 6 months but within 1 year £'000 Stg	After 1 year but within 5 years £'000 Stg	After 5 years £'000 Stg	Non- interest bearing funds £'000 Stg	Total £'000 Stg
Assets	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Investments	606	_	_	2,992	-	_	3,598
Balances due from banks	24,937	250	-	-	-	4,063	29,250
Loans and advances including bills discounted	1,672	51	-	5	1,819	-	3,547
Other assets						983	983
Total assets	27,215	301	-	2,997	1,819	5,046	37,378
Liabilities							
Demand and time deposits	23,076	294	43	_	_	6,320	29,733
Other liabilities	-	_	_	_	_	218	218
Shareholder's funds						7,427	7,427
Total liabilities	23,076	294	43			13,965	37,378
Interest rate sensitivity gap	4,139	7	(43)	2,997	1,819	(8,919)	-
Cumulative interest rate sensitivity gap	4,139	4,146	4,103	7,100	8,919		





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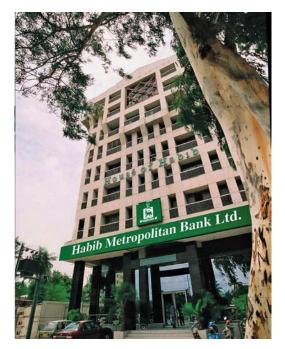
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