

DUNCTON GROUP LIMITED
(Company Number 06308608)

ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Duncton Group Limited (the 'company') is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Provident Financial plc, a public limited company listed on the London Stock Exchange, which, together with its subsidiaries, forms the Provident Financial group (the 'group').

Principal activities and review of the business

The principal activity of the company is that of a holding company. The principal activity of the company's subsidiaries is the financing of motor vehicles to individuals via conditional sale agreements.

Results

The statement of comprehensive income for the year is set out on page 4. The loss for the year of £18,000 (2015: loss of £18,000) has been deducted from reserves.

Dividends

The directors are unable to propose the payment of a dividend in respect of the year ended 31 December 2016 (2015: £nil).

Directors

The directors of the company during the year ended 31 December 2016, all of whom were directors for the whole year then ended and to the date of this report, except where stated, were:

R W Anderson	(Appointed 1 September 2016)
P S Crook	Chairman (resigned as Chairman 31 December 2016)
A C Fisher	
S Hodgson	
S D K Law	
M J Le May	(Resigned 15 September 2016)
P Minter	Chairman (appointed Chairman 1 January 2017)

Consolidation exemption

The company is not required to produce consolidated accounts for its subsidiaries as the ultimate parent of the company, Provident Financial plc, produces a consolidation which includes the company and its subsidiaries. The financial statements for Provident Financial plc are publicly available.

Exemption from preparing a strategic report

In accordance with section 414B of Companies Act 2006, the company has taken advantage of the exemption for small companies from preparing a strategic report.

Auditor information

In accordance with section 418 of the Companies Act 2006, each person who is a director at the date of this report confirmed that:

- i) so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware; and
- ii) he has taken all reasonable steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

Auditor

Deloitte LLP will continue as auditor to the company for the next financial year.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD



E G Versluys
Company Secretary
Bradford
8 March 2017

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STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

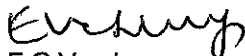
The directors are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) 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, International Accounting Standard 1 requires that directors:

- properly select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- present information, including accounting policies, in a manner that provides relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable information;
- provide additional disclosures when compliance with the specific requirements in IFRS are insufficient to enable users to understand the impact of particular transactions, other events and conditions on the entity's financial position and financial performance; and
- make an assessment of the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

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.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD



E G Versluys
Company Secretary
Bradford
8 March 2017

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
DUNCTON GROUP LIMITED**

We have audited the financial statements of Duncton Group Limited for the year ended 31 December 2016 which comprise the statement of comprehensive income, the balance sheet, the statement of changes in shareholder's equity, the statement of cash flows, the statement of accounting policies, the financial and capital risk management report and the related notes 1 to 10 of the financial statements. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union.

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

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they 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 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 inconsistencies 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 inconsistencies, we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on 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 2016 and of its loss 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.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

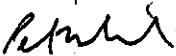
- the information given in the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements is prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the directors' report.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies exemption in preparing the Directors' Report or from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.


Peter Birch ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Deloitte LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
Leeds, United Kingdom
8 March 2017

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 December	Note	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Administrative costs		(3)	(2)
Loss before taxation	1	(3)	(2)
Tax charge	2	(15)	(16)
Loss and total comprehensive loss for the year		(18)	(18)

All of the above operations relate to continuing operations.

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BALANCE SHEET

	Note	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Investments in subsidiaries	4	10,000	10,000
Current assets			
- trade and other receivables	6	1,072	1,087
Total current assets		1,072	1,087
Total assets		11,072	11,087
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
- trade and other payables	7	(62)	(59)
Total liabilities		(62)	(59)
NET ASSETS		11,010	11,028
SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY			
Share capital	8	11,007	11,007
Share premium account		20	20
Retained (deficit)/earnings		(17)	1
TOTAL SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY		11,010	11,028

The financial statements on pages 4 to 14 were approved by the board of directors on 8 March 2017 and signed on its behalf by:

S Hodgson
Director



S D K Law
Director



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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY

	Share capital £'000	Share premium account £'000	Retained earnings £'000	Total £'000
At 1 January 2015	11,007	20	19	11,046
Loss and total comprehensive loss for the year	-	-	(18)	(18)
At 31 December 2015	11,007	20	1	11,028
At 1 January 2016	11,007	20	1	11,028
Loss and total comprehensive loss for the year	-	-	(18)	(18)
At 31 December 2016	11,007	20	(17)	11,010

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

There have been no changes in the company's cash and cash equivalents in the current or prior years. A statement of cash flows is therefore not presented.

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General information

The company is a limited liability company incorporated and domiciled in the UK. The address of its registered office is The New Barn, Bedford Road, Petersfield, GU32 3LJ.

The principal activity of the company is that of a holding company. The principal activity of the company's subsidiaries is the financing of motor vehicles to individuals via conditional sale agreements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) adopted for use in the European Union (EU), International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) interpretations and the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies reporting under IFRS.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention.

The company's accounting policies are chosen by the directors to ensure that the financial statements present a true and fair view. In accordance with section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 consolidated accounts are not presented since the company is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of Provident Financial plc, a company incorporated in the United Kingdom.

Principal accounting policies

The company's principal accounting policies under IFRS, which have been consistently applied to all the years presented unless otherwise stated, are set out below.

There have been no new or amended standards adopted by the company in the financial year beginning 1 January 2016 which had a material impact on the company.

There are no other IFRSs or IFRIC interpretations that are not yet effective that would be expected to have a material impact on the company.

Revenue

Revenue comprises dividends received from group undertakings and is recognised on an accruals basis.

Investment in subsidiaries

Investments in subsidiaries are stated at cost less, where appropriate, provisions for impairment.

Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

Taxation

The tax charge represents the sum of current and deferred tax. Current tax is calculated based on taxable profit for the year using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date. Taxable profit differs from profit before taxation as reported in the income statement because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible.

Deferred tax is the tax expected to be payable or recoverable on differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit, and is accounted for using the balance sheet liability method.

Deferred 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 related deferred tax asset is realised or the deferred tax liability is settled. Deferred tax is also provided on temporary differences arising on investments in subsidiaries, except where the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference is controlled by the company and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the future.

Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Taxation (continued)

Deferred 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 tax assets and liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the taxable entity or different taxable entities where there is an intention to settle the balances on a net basis.

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FINANCIAL AND CAPITAL RISK MANAGEMENT

Dunton Group Limited (the company) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Provident Financial plc which, together with its subsidiaries, forms the Provident Financial group (the group).

The overall group internal control and risk management framework is the responsibility of the group board with certain responsibilities in respect of internal control and risk management being delegated to various sub-committees who report directly to the board. An overview of the group's risk management framework can be found in the annual report and financial statements of Provident Financial plc.

The group operates with a centralised treasury function and therefore the funding requirements of the company are met wholly or partially via funding from Provident Financial plc or one of its subsidiaries. In addition, the allocation of capital is managed on a group basis by the centralised treasury function.

Accordingly, it is inappropriate to consider the management of liquidity risk, interest rate risk, market risk and capital risk on a stand-alone company basis.

(a) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the group will have insufficient liquid resources available to fulfil its operational plans and/or to meet its financial obligations as they fall due.

Liquidity risk is managed by the group's centralised treasury department through daily monitoring of expected cash flows in accordance with a board-approved group funding and liquidity policy. This process is monitored regularly by the group treasury committee.

The group's funding and liquidity policy is designed to ensure that the group is able to continue to fund the growth of the business. The group therefore maintains committed borrowing facilities and access to retail deposit funding through its subsidiary, Vanquis Bank Limited, to meet forecast borrowing requirements, including contractual maturities, at all times for at least the following 12 months. As at 31 December 2016, the group's committed borrowing facilities had a weighted average maturity of 2.5 years (2015: 2.8 years) and the headroom on these committed facilities amounted to £110.2m (2015: £222.3m). On 31 January 2017, the group entered into a new syndicated bank facility of £450m maturing in May 2020 and cancelled the existing facility of £382.5m which was due to expire in May 2018.

The group is less exposed than other mainstream lenders to liquidity risk as the loans issued by the Consumer Credit Division are of short-term duration (typically around one year), whereas the group's borrowings extend over a number of years.

A maturity analysis of the undiscounted contractual cash flows of the group's bank and other borrowings, including derivative financial instruments settled on a net and gross basis, is set out in the annual report and financial statements of Provident Financial plc.

(b) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk of a change in external interest rates which leads to an increase in the company's cost of borrowing.

The group's exposure to movements in interest rates is managed by the group treasury committee and is governed by a board-approved interest rate hedging policy which forms part of the group's treasury policies. The group seeks to limit the net exposure to changes in interest rates. This is achieved through a combination of issuing fixed-rate debt and by the use of derivative financial instruments such as interest rate swaps.

A 2% movement in the interest rate applied to borrowings during 2016 and 2015 would not have had a material impact on the group's profit before taxation or equity as the group's interest rate risk was substantially hedged. Further details of the interest rate risk management are detailed within the annual report and financial statements of Provident Financial plc.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 Loss before taxation

	2016	2015
	£'000	£'000
Auditors' remuneration		
Fees payable to the company's auditor for the audit of the financial statements	2	2
Total auditors' remuneration	2	2

2 Tax charge

	2016	2015
	£'000	£'000
Tax charge in the income statement		
Current tax	(15)	(16)
Total tax charge	(15)	(16)

A tax charge (2015: tax charge) arises on the loss before taxation for the year at a rate higher than (2015: higher than) the average standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 20% (2015: 20.25%). This can be reconciled as follows:

	2016	2015
	£'000	£'000
Loss before taxation	(3)	(2)
Loss before taxation multiplied by the average standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 20% (2015: 20.25%)	1	-
Effects of:		
- adjustment in respect of prior years	(16)	(16)
Total tax charge	(15)	(16)

The tax charge (2015: tax charge) in respect of prior years relates to transfer pricing adjustments reflected in the corporation tax returns which imput an arm's length interest charge on non-trading intragroup balances.

3 Employee information and directors' remuneration

The company has no employees other than directors, the cost of whom is borne by Moneybarn Limited.

4 Investments in subsidiaries

	2016	2015
	£	£
Cost and net book value		
Investments in subsidiary companies	10,000	10,000

The directors consider the value of investments to be supported by their underlying assets.

The following are all subsidiary undertakings which, in the opinion of the directors, principally affect the profit or assets of the company, all of which are incorporated in England. Direct subsidiaries are 100% owned by the company and indirect subsidiaries of the company are all 100% owned by their immediate parent.

Company	Direct/indirect subsidiary	Class of capital	Principal activity
Moneybarn Group Limited	Direct	Ordinary	Holding company
Moneybarn Limited	Indirect	Ordinary	Service company
Moneybarn No.1 Limited	Indirect	Ordinary	Vehicle finance

The above companies operate principally in their country of incorporation or registration.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

5 Financial instruments

The following table sets out the carrying value of the company's financial assets and liabilities in accordance with the categories of financial instruments set out in IAS 39. Assets and liabilities outside the scope of IAS 39 are shown within non-financial assets/liabilities.

	2016			
	Loans and receivables £'000	Amortised cost £'000	Non-financial assets/ liabilities £'000	Total £'000
Assets				
Investments in subsidiaries	-	-	10,000	10,000
Trade and other receivables	1,072	-	-	1,072
Total assets	1,072	-	10,000	11,072
Liabilities				
Trade and other payables	-	(62)	-	(62)
Total liabilities	-	(62)	-	(62)

	2015			
	Loans and receivables £'000	Amortised cost £'000	Non-financial assets/ liabilities £'000	Total £'000
Assets				
Investments in subsidiaries	-	-	10,000	10,000
Trade and other receivables	1,087	-	-	1,087
Total assets	1,087	-	10,000	11,087
Liabilities				
Trade and other payables	-	(59)	-	(59)
Total liabilities	-	(59)	-	(59)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

6 Trade and other receivables

	2016	2015
	£'000	£'000
Current assets		
Amounts owed by fellow subsidiary undertakings	1,072	1,087
Total	1,072	1,087

The fair value of trade and other receivables equates to their book value (2015: fair value equated to book value). All trade and other receivables are classified as level 2 in the IFRS 13 fair value hierarchy.

Amounts owed by fellow subsidiary undertakings are unsecured, repayable on demand and do not accrue interest.

The maximum exposure to credit risk of trade and other receivables is the carrying value of each class of receivable set out above (2015: carrying value).

7 Trade and other payables

	2016	2015
	£'000	£'000
Current liabilities		
Amounts owed to fellow subsidiary undertakings	32	17
Accruals	30	42
Total	62	59

The fair value of trade and other payables equates to their book value (2015: fair value equated to book value). The amounts owed to subsidiary and fellow subsidiary undertakings are unsecured, due for repayment in less than one year and do not accrue interest. All trade and other payables are classified as level 2 in the IFRS 13 fair value hierarchy.

8 Share capital

	2016		2015	
	Number of shares	Issued and fully paid £	Number of shares	Issued and fully paid £
'A' ordinary shares of 1p each	3	-	3	-
'B' ordinary shares of 1p each	1,230,851	12,309	1,230,851	12,309
'D' ordinary shares of 1p each	527,507	5,275	527,507	5,275
'E' ordinary shares of 100p each	10,989,000	10,989,000	10,989,000	10,989,000
'F' ordinary shares of 1p each	1	-	1	-
Total	12,747,362	11,006,584	12,747,362	11,006,584

There are no shares issued and not fully paid at the end of the year (2015: no shares).

Rights of class of share

A Shares; do not carry any rights to receive notice of, attend and vote at shareholders' meetings. The holders of the A shares are not entitled to receive any dividends or distributions.

B shares and D shares; carry a right to receive notice of, attend and vote at meetings. The holders of the B shares and D shares are entitled to receive all distributions made by the company. On a return of capital on a liquidation, the surplus assets of the company remaining after satisfaction of its then outstanding liabilities are to be distributed in cash to shareholders in a specified order, as set out in the company's Articles of Association.

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8 Share capital (continued)

E Shares and F Shares; do not carry any rights to receive notice of, attend and vote at Shareholders' meetings. The holders of the E shares are not entitled to receive any dividends or distributions.

9 Related party transactions

Details of the transactions between the company and other group undertakings, which comprise any balances outstanding at 31 December are set out below:

	2016	2015
	Outstanding balance	Outstanding balance
	£'000	£'000
Other subsidiaries of the ultimate parent undertaking	1,040	1,070
Total	1,040	1,070

The company is a guarantor in respect of: (i) borrowings made by the company's ultimate parent undertaking; and (ii) guarantees given by the company's ultimate parent undertaking in respect of borrowings of certain of its subsidiaries to a maximum of £1,019.0m (2015: £1,073.4m). At 31 December 2016, the borrowings amounted to £908.8m (2015: £851.1m). No loss is expected to arise.

10 Parent undertaking and controlling party

The immediate parent undertaking and also the ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is Provident Financial plc, which is the largest and smallest group to consolidate these financial statements. Copies of the consolidated financial statements of Provident Financial plc may be obtained from the Company Secretary, Provident Financial plc, No.1 Godwin Street, Bradford, BD1 2SU.