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GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP HOLDINGS (U.K.) LIMITED

ANNUAL REPORT

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## GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP HOLDINGS (U.K.) LIMITED

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### STRATEGIC REPORT

The directors present their strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2019.

#### 1. Introduction

Goldman Sachs Group Holdings (U.K.) Limited (the company) serves as a holding company that predominantly holds investment companies.

The company's ultimate parent undertaking and controlling entity is The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (Group Inc.). Group Inc. is a bank holding company and a financial holding company regulated by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. In relation to the company, 'group undertaking' means Group Inc. or any of its subsidiaries. Group Inc., together with its consolidated subsidiaries, form 'GS Group'. GS Group is a leading global investment banking, securities and investment management firm that provides a wide range of financial services to a substantial and diversified client base that includes corporations, financial institutions, governments and individuals.

The company primarily operates in a U.S. dollar environment as part of GS Group. Accordingly, the company's functional currency is the U.S. dollar and these financial statements have been prepared in that currency.

#### 2. Financial overview

The financial statements have been drawn up for the year ended 31 December 2019. Comparative information has been presented for the year ended 31 December 2018.

The directors consider profit after tax, total assets and total liabilities as the company's key performance indicators.

The results for the year are shown in the profit and loss account on page 7. Profit before taxation for the year ended 31 December 2019 was US\$220.4 million (2018: loss of US\$50.3 million). The increase primarily reflects dividends received from subsidiary undertakings.

The company had total assets of US\$979.8 million as at 31 December 2019 (31 December 2018: US\$1,411.6 million). The company had total liabilities of US\$150.4 million as at 31 December 2019 (31 December 2018: US\$810.2 million). As disclosed in note 2(h), whilst the company has net current assets of US\$136.4 million as at 31 December 2019 (31 December 2018: net current liabilities of US\$549.0 million), the company has disclosed debtors due in more than one year of US\$221.7 million within current assets as required by SI 2008/410 and Companies Act 2006. As a result, based on contractual maturity, the company has net current liabilities of US\$85.3 million. The primary current liabilities of the company represent amounts payable to fellow group undertakings. In addition to undrawn facilities able to provide sufficient liquidity of the company when required, the immediate parent company has committed to ensuring the provision of sufficient funds to enable the company to meet its liabilities as they fall due. As a result, the directors have prepared these financials on a going concern basis.

#### 3. Exchange rate

The British pound / U.S. dollar exchange rate at the balance sheet date was £ / US\$1.3265 (31 December 2018: £ / US\$1.2743). The average rate for the year was £ / US\$1.2792 (year ended 31 December 2018: £ / US\$1.3297).

#### 4. Future outlook

The directors consider that the year end financial position of the company was satisfactory and do not anticipate any significant changes in its activities in the forthcoming year.

Since the balance sheet date there has been a global outbreak of a coronavirus disease (COVID-19) which has caused widespread disruption to financial markets and normal patterns of business activity across the world. In view of its evolving nature, it is not currently possible to estimate the financial effect of COVID-19 on the company.

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**STRATEGIC REPORT (continued)**

**5. Principal risks and uncertainties**

The directors consider that the most important components of the company's financial risk are market risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. As a holding company, the company is also exposed to risk of decline in value of its non-financial assets, primarily fixed asset investments in subsidiary undertakings. The company, as part of a global group, adheres to global risk management policies and procedures. The company's risk management objectives and policies are described in note 19 of the financial statements.

**6. Principal decision making and stakeholder engagement**

In performing their functions, the directors are guided by the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and the risk and governance framework of GS Group as well as the corporate governance framework of the company.

By doing so, the directors adhere to their duties set out in section 172(1)(a)-(f) of the Companies Act 2006 to promote the success of the company for the benefit of its members as a whole and having regard for its stakeholders, the community and the environment, namely by having regard to:

- a) the likely consequences of any decision in the long term;
- b) the need to foster the company's business relationships with suppliers, customers and others;
- c) the impact of the company's operations on the community and the environment; and
- d) the desirability of the company maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct.

The company identifies its key member as Goldman Sachs Group UK Limited (the sole shareholder of the company). The company serves as a holding company that predominantly holds investment companies.

**7. Date of authorisation of issue**

The strategic report was authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 9 June 2020.

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD**



**R. M. Thomas**  
Director

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**DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019.

**1. Introduction**

In accordance with section 414A of the Companies Act 2006, the directors have prepared a strategic report, which contains a review of the company's business and a description of the principal risks and uncertainties facing the company. The directors have chosen to make reference to the future outlook of the company in the strategic report in accordance with section 414C(11) of the Companies Act 2006. The company's risk management objectives and policies, including exposures to credit risk and liquidity risk are described in note 19 to the financial statements. The directors have also chosen to make reference to the requirements of Section 172(1) in the strategic report in accordance with section 414C(11).

**2. Dividends**

The directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend in respect of the year (year ended 31 December 2018: US\$ nil).

**3. Disclosure of information to auditors**

In the case of each of the persons who are directors of the company at the date when this report was approved:

- so far as each of the directors is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- each of the directors has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

**4. Independent auditors**

Prior to 1 October 2007, the company passed an elective resolution under section 386 of the Companies Act 1985 to dispense with the annual reappointment of auditors. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP will, accordingly, continue in office as auditors of the company pursuant to section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006 and paragraph 44 of schedule 3 to the Companies Act 2006 (Commencement No. 3 Consequential Amendment, Transitional Provisions and Savings) Order 2007.

**5. Directors**

The directors of the company who served throughout the year and to the date of this report were:

**Name**

P. N. O. Curle  
G. P. Shaw  
R. M. Thomas

No director had, at the year end, any interest requiring note herein.

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**DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)**

**6. Statement of directors' responsibilities**

The directors are responsible for preparing the strategic report, 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 period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at the end of the financial period 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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and, hence, for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**7. Post balance sheet events**

Since the balance sheet date there has been a global outbreak of a coronavirus disease (COVID-19) which has caused widespread disruption to financial markets and normal patterns of business activity across the world. In view of its evolving nature, it is not currently possible to estimate the financial effect of COVID-19 on the company.

On 13 March 2020, the directors declared and paid an interim dividend of US\$180.0 million to Goldman Sachs Group UK Limited.

On 17 March 2020, following a dividend of US\$200.0 million received from ELQ Investors VIII Limited, the directors declared and paid an interim dividend of US\$200.0 million to Goldman Sachs Group UK Limited.

On 20 May 2020, following a dividend of US\$1,150.0 million received from ELQ Investors VIII Limited, the directors declared and paid an interim dividend of US\$1,150.0 million to Goldman Sachs Group UK Limited.

**8. Date of authorisation of issue**

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 9 June 2020.

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD**



**R. M. Thomas**  
Director

**Independent auditors' report to the members of  
GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP HOLDINGS (U.K.) LIMITED**

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**Report on the audit of the financial statements**

**Opinion**

In our opinion, Goldman Sachs Group Holdings (U.K.) 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 profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework", and applicable law); 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, which comprise: the Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2019, the Profit and Loss Account, the Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended; and the notes to the financial statements, which include a description of the significant accounting policies.

**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.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

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

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

However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

**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 Strategic Report and Directors' Report, we also considered whether the disclosures required by the UK Companies Act 2006 have been included.

Based on the 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.

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*Strategic Report and Directors' Report*

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, the information given in the Strategic Report and 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 Strategic Report and Directors' Report.

**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 4, 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.

**Other required reporting**

**Companies Act 2006 exception reporting**

Under the Companies Act 2005 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.



Mike Wallace (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors  
London  
9 June 2020

**GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP HOLDINGS (U.K.) LIMITED**

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**

**for the year ended 31 December 2019**

		Year ended 31 December 2019	Year ended 31 December 2018
	Note	US\$'000	US\$'000
Income from shares in group undertakings	10	228,582	15
Gain on sale of subsidiary undertakings		-	15
Write down of shares in group undertakings	10	(2,275)	(33,301)
Interest receivable and similar income	4	5,808	5,232
Interest payable and similar expenses	5	(10,180)	(19,494)
Administrative expenses	6	(1,568)	(2,724)
<b>PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAXATION</b>		<b>220,367</b>	<b>(50,257)</b>
Tax on profit/(loss)	9	7,649	551
<b>PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>		<b>228,016</b>	<b>(49,706)</b>

The profit/(loss) before taxation of the company is derived from continuing operations in the current and prior years.

The company has no recognised gains and losses other than those included in the profit and loss account for the years shown above, and therefore no separate statement of other comprehensive income has been presented.

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



**GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP HOLDINGS (U.K.) LIMITED**

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**as at 31 December 2019**

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Note	US\$'000	US\$'000
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Investments	697,206	1,165,748
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year	29,695	8,134
Debtors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	221,689	219,538
Cash at bank and in hand	31,259	18,211
	282,643	245,883
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>	(146,213)	(794,917)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)</b>	136,430	(549,034)
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR</b>	(4,152)	(15,246)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	829,484	601,468
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>		
Called up share capital	3,174	3,174
Share premium account	416,133	416,133
Other reserves	183,284	183,284
Profit and loss account	226,893	(1,123)
<b>TOTAL SHAREHOLDER'S FUNDS</b>	829,484	601,468

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 9 June 2020 and signed on its behalf by:



**R. M. Thomas**  
Director

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

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**GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP HOLDINGS (U.K.) LIMITED**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

**for the year ended 31 December 2019**

	Called up share capital	Share premium account	Other reserves	Profit and loss account	Total shareholder's funds
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Balance at 1 January 2018	3,174	416,133	183,284	48,583	651,174
Loss for the financial year	-	-	-	(49,706)	(49,706)
Balance at 31 December 2018	3,174	416,133	183,284	(1,123)	601,468
Profit for the financial year	-	-	-	228,016	228,016
Balance at 31 December 2019	3,174	416,133	183,284	226,893	829,484

No dividends were paid in 2019 (2018: US\$nil).

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

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**GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP HOLDINGS (U.K.) LIMITED**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31 DECEMBER 2012**

**1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

The company is a private limited company and is incorporated and domiciled in England and Wales. The address of its registered office is Plumtree Court, 25 Shoe Lane, London, EC4A 4AU, United Kingdom.

The company's immediate parent undertaking is Goldman Sachs Group UK Limited (GSG UK), a company incorporated and domiciled in England and Wales.

The ultimate parent undertaking and the parent company of the smallest and largest group for which consolidated financial statements are prepared is The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., a company incorporated in the United States of America. Copies of its consolidated financial statements can be obtained from Investor Relations, 200 West Street, New York, NY 10282, United States of America, or at [www.goldmansachs.com/investor-relations/](http://www.goldmansachs.com/investor-relations/).

**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**a. Basis of preparation**

These financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis, under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework (FRS 101) and the Companies Act 2006.

The following exemptions from disclosure requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the E.U. have been applied in the preparation of these financial statements in accordance with FRS 101:

- (i) IFRS 2 'Share-based Payment' paragraph 45(b) and 46 to 52. These disclosures are provided in the consolidated financial statements of Group Inc.;
- (ii) IAS 1 'Presentation of Financial Statements' paragraph 38 to present comparative information in respect of IAS 1 'Presentation of Financial Statements' paragraph 79(a)(iv);
- (iii) IAS 1 'Presentation of Financial Statements' paragraphs 10(f), 16 and 40A-D;
- (iv) IAS 7 'Statement of Cash Flows';
- (v) IAS 8 'Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors' paragraphs 30 and 31;
- (vi) IFRS 15 'Revenue from Contracts with Consumers' second sentence of paragraph 110 and paragraphs 113(a), 114, 115, 118, 119(a) to (c), 120 to 127 and 129;
- (vii) IAS 24 'Related Party Disclosures' paragraph 17; and
- (viii) IAS 24 'Related Party Disclosures' requirements to disclose transactions with companies also wholly owned within GS Group.

The company is a subsidiary of Group Inc., a company incorporated within the United States of America, whose consolidated financial statements include the company and are publicly available. As a result the company has elected not to prepare consolidated financial statements as permitted by section 401 of the Companies Act 2006.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31 DECEMBER 2019**

**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**b. Dividends**

Final equity dividends are recognised as a liability and deducted from equity in the period in which the dividends are approved by the company's shareholder. Interim equity dividends are recognised and deducted from equity when paid.

**c. Foreign currencies**

The company's financial statements are presented in U.S. dollars, which is also the company's functional currency.

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars at rates of exchange ruling on the date the transaction occurred. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars at rates of exchange prevailing at the balance sheet date. Foreign exchange gains and losses are recognised in the profit and loss account.

**d. Fixed asset investments**

Fixed asset investments comprise investments in subsidiary undertakings. Investments in ordinary shares are stated at cost less provision for any impairment. Dividends receivable are recognised when the right to receive payment has been established.

**e. Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand represents highly liquid overnight deposits held in the ordinary course of business.

**f. Financial assets and liabilities**

**(i) Recognition and derecognition**

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets are derecognised when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or if the company transfers the financial asset and the transfer qualifies for derecognition. A transferred financial asset qualifies for derecognition if the company transfers substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset or does not retain control. Financial liabilities are derecognised only when they are extinguished (i.e. when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged or cancelled or expires).

**(ii) Classification and measurement**

Financial assets comprise the company's current assets (with the exception of deferred tax assets), and financial liabilities comprise all of the company's creditors.

The company classifies financial assets into financial assets measured at amortised cost on the basis of both the company's business model for managing financial assets and contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The company's business model is to hold the assets to collect contractual cash flows and the cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest. If these conditions were not met, the financial assets would be mandatorily measured at fair value through profit or loss.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31 DECEMBER 2019

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

f. Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

Financial assets measured at amortised cost are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial instrument and allocating the interest income over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset or, when appropriate, a shorter period to the net carrying amount of the financial asset. When calculating the effective interest rate, the company estimates cash flows considering all contractual terms of the financial asset but does not consider future credit losses. All finance income is recognised in the profit and loss account.

The company classifies its financial liabilities as financial liabilities measured at amortised cost. The classification, which is determined at initial recognition, depends on the purpose for which they were acquired or originated. Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost are initially recognised at fair value plus transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method (see above). Finance costs, including discounts allowed on issue, are recorded in the profit and loss account.

(iii) Offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount is presented in the balance sheet where there is:

- (i) Currently a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts; and
- (ii) Intent to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Where these conditions are not met, financial assets and financial liabilities are presented on a gross basis on the balance sheet.

g. Current and deferred tax

The tax expense comprises current tax and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the profit and loss account.

Current tax is calculated on the basis of the tax laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date in the countries where the company operates and generates taxable income.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all temporary differences that have originated, but not reversed at the balance sheet date, where transactions or events have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more tax or a right to pay less tax in the future with the following exceptions:

- (i) Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the directors consider that it is more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which future reversal of the underlying temporary differences can be deducted.
- (ii) Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which temporary differences reverse, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

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**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**h. Going concern**

The company had total assets of US\$979.8 million as at 31 December 2019 (31 December 2018: US\$1,411.6 million). The company had total liabilities of US\$150.4 million as at 31 December 2019 (31 December 2018: US\$810.2 million). Whilst the company has net current assets of US\$136.4 million as at 31 December 2019 (2018: net current liabilities of US\$549.0 million), the company has disclosed debtors due in more than one year of US\$221.7 million within current assets as required by S1 2008/410 and Companies Act 2006. As a result, based on contractual maturity, the company has net current liabilities of US\$85.3 million. The primary current liabilities of the company represent amounts payable to fellow group undertakings. In addition to undrawn facilities to provide sufficient liquidity to the company when required, the immediate parent company has committed to ensuring the provision of sufficient funds to enable the company to meet its liabilities as they fall due. As a result, the directors have prepared these financial statements on a going concern basis.

**3. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS**

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts recognised in these financial statements. The nature of estimation means that actual outcomes could differ from those estimates. The following estimate (note a) and judgement (note b) have had the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements:

**a. Write down of shares in group undertakings**

During the year, the company recognised an impairment loss in relation to an investment in a subsidiary undertaking, Broad Street Principal Investments International, LTD. The directors consider the revised carrying amount to equate to that of the recoverable amount of the investment. The recoverable amount has been determined with reference to net asset value of the underlying subsidiary. See Note 10 for further information.

**b. Deferred tax**

The company has recognised a deferred tax asset (see note 13) which requires judgement for determining the extent of its recoverability at each reporting date. The company assesses recoverability with reference to forecasts of future taxable profits. These forecasts require the use of assumptions and estimates. Where the temporary differences are related to losses, relevant tax law is considered to determine the availability of the losses to offset against the future taxable profits.

**4. INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME**

	Year ended 31 December 2019	Year ended 31 December 2018
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Interest on loans to group undertakings (see note 12)	5,808	5,232

**5. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR EXPENSES**

	Year ended 31 December 2019	Year ended 31 December 2018
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Interest on loans from group undertakings (see notes 14 and 15)	10,180	19,494

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**6. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES**

	Year ended 31 December 2019	Year ended 31 December 2018
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Foreign exchange gains	(97)	(23)
Auditors' remuneration - audit services	38	40
Other expenses	1,627	2,707
	<u>1,568</u>	<u>2,724</u>

Other expenses in the current and prior year comprise of management recharges to group undertakings.

**7. STAFF COSTS**

As in the prior year, the company has no employees. All persons involved in the company's operations are employed by group undertakings and no cost is borne by the company.

**8. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS**

The directors did not receive any remuneration from the company in the current or prior years and no contributions were made by the company under defined benefit or defined contribution pension schemes. The directors are employed by other group undertakings and their remuneration is borne by those companies. The directors do not consider that more than an incidental amount of their remuneration relates to the qualifying services provided to the company.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31 DECEMBER 2019**

**9. TAX ON PROFIT/(LOSS)**

	Year ended	Year ended
	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
	US\$'000	US\$'000
U.K. corporation tax	58	50
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	(5,557)	(601)
<b>Total tax on profit/(loss)</b>	<b>(5,499)</b>	<b>(551)</b>
<b>Deferred tax:</b>		
Origination and reversal of temporary differences	(2,150)	-
<b>Total deferred tax</b>	<b>(2,150)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total tax on profit/(loss)</b>	<b>(7,649)</b>	<b>(551)</b>

The table below presents a reconciliation between tax on profit/(loss) before taxation and the amount calculated by applying the standard rate of U.K. corporation tax applicable to the company for the year of 19.0% (2018: 19.0%) to the profit/(loss) before taxation.

	Year ended	Year ended
	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Profit/(loss) before taxation	220,367	(50,257)
Profit/(loss) multiplied by the weighted average rate in the U.K. of 19.0% (2018: 19.0%)	41,870	(9,549)
Permanent differences	(42,998)	6,422
Tax losses surrendered to group undertakings for nil consideration	1,186	3,177
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	(5,557)	(601)
Changes in recognition and measurement of deferred tax assets	(2,150)	-
<b>Total tax on profit/(loss)</b>	<b>(7,649)</b>	<b>(551)</b>



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**10. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

Fixed asset investments comprise investments in subsidiary undertakings and consist of investments in unlisted ordinary shares, stated at cost less provision for any impairment:

	Cost US\$'000	Provisions for impairment US\$'000	Net book value US\$'000
At 1 January 2018	1,375,464	(246,024)	1,129,440
Additions	69,642	-	69,642
Impairments	-	(33,301)	(33,301)
Disposals	(33)	-	(33)
<b>At 31 December 2018</b>	<b>1,445,073</b>	<b>(279,325)</b>	<b>1,165,748</b>
Distribution (see note (i))	(466,267)	-	(466,267)
Impairments (see note (ii))	-	(2,275)	(2,275)
<b>At 31 December 2019</b>	<b>978,806</b>	<b>(281,600)</b>	<b>697,206</b>

During the current year, the following movements in shares in subsidiary undertakings took place:

- (i) During 2019, GS Liquid Trading Platform II Limited made a distribution of US\$678.0 million. It was determined that this dividend represented a distribution preceding the appointment of the liquidator of the subsidiary and the company therefore reduced the value of the investment by US\$450.1 million. The remainder of the distribution of US\$227.9 million has been recognised in the profit and loss account.

During 2019, Goldman Sachs Ireland Finance made a distribution of US\$16.8 million. It was determined that this dividend represented a distribution preceding the appointment of the liquidator of the subsidiary and the company therefore reduced the value of the investment by US\$16.2 million. The remainder of the distribution of US\$0.6 million has been recognised in the profit and loss account.

- (ii) At 31 December 2019, the company recognised an impairment in Broad Street Principal Investments International, LTD of US\$2.3 million.

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**10. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS (continued)**

The subsidiaries over which the company exercises control, and the effective percentage ownership interest in the ordinary shares held directly by the company at the year end, are:

Name of company	Nature of business	Proportion of nominal value held	Class of shares held
ELQ Investors VIII Limited <sup>1</sup>	Investment company	100%	Ordinary shares
Broad Street Principal Investments UK LTD <sup>1</sup>	Investment company	100%	Ordinary shares
Broad Street Principal Investments International, LTD <sup>2</sup>	Investment company	100%	Ordinary shares
Goldman Sachs Group U.K. Finance Limited <sup>1</sup>	Investment company	100%	Ordinary shares
Rothsay Life (Cayman) Limited <sup>2</sup>	Investment company	100%	Ordinary shares
Goldman Sachs T̄ Danışmanlık Hizmetleri Anonim Şirketi <sup>3</sup>	Service company	100%	Ordinary shares
Goldman Sachs Ireland Finance Limited <sup>4</sup>	In liquidation	100%	Ordinary shares
GS Liquid Trading Platform II Limited <sup>5</sup>	Investment company	100%	Ordinary shares

The subsidiaries over which the company exercises control via ordinary shares held by or on behalf of other subsidiaries and not directly held by the company, are listed below:

Name of company	Nature of business	Proportion of nominal value held	Class of shares held
GS Index Holdings Limited <sup>1</sup>	Investment company	100%	Ordinary shares
GS Index Funding Limited <sup>1</sup>	Investment company	100%	Ordinary shares
European Index Assets B.V. <sup>6</sup>	Investment company	100%	Ordinary shares
PIL Holding 2 Limited <sup>14</sup>	Investment company	99.59%	Ordinary shares
Titanium UK Holdco 1 Limited <sup>1</sup>	Investment company	100%	Ordinary Shares
Titanium Luxco 2 S.A.R.L. <sup>7</sup>	Investment company	89.52%	Ordinary shares
PIL Acquisitions 2 Limited <sup>8</sup>	Investment company	99.59%	Ordinary shares
PIL Newbury Limited <sup>8</sup>	Investment company	99.59%	Ordinary shares
Parrot B.V. <sup>10</sup>	Investment company	82.95%	Ordinary shares
Parrot Management B.V. <sup>9</sup>	Investment company	82.95%	Ordinary shares
Obsidian Irish Collective Asset-Management Vehicle <sup>10</sup>	Investment company	100%	Ordinary shares
OBSF (I) Limited <sup>10</sup>	Investment company	100%	Ordinary shares
Prosta Acquisitions Ltd <sup>1</sup>	Investment company	99.53%	Ordinary shares

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**10. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS (continued)**

Name of company	Nature of business	Proportion of nominal value held	Class of shares held
Trinity II Investments SP. Z O.O. <sup>11</sup>	Investment company	99.53%	Ordinary shares
Sky Mundi S.A.R.L. <sup>8</sup>	Investment company	100%	Ordinary shares
Prosta Investments SP. Z O.O. <sup>12</sup>	Investment company	99.53%	Ordinary shares
ELQ VIII Acquisition S.A.R.L. <sup>7</sup>	Investment company	100%	Ordinary shares
Titanium Capital Co I Limited <sup>5</sup>	Investment company	89.52%	Ordinary shares

**Registered office address at:**

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<sup>4</sup> 70 Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin, 2, Ireland

<sup>5</sup> IFC 5, St. Helier, Jersey, JE1 1ST

<sup>6</sup> Strawinskylaan 1161, Amsterdam, 1077 XX, Netherlands

<sup>7</sup> 2, Rue due Fossé, L-1536, Luxembourg

<sup>8</sup> 26 New Street, St Helier, Jersey, JE1 1ST

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<sup>10</sup> Earlsfort Centre, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin, 2, Ireland

<sup>11</sup> Zlota 59, Warsaw, 00-120, Poland

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<sup>14</sup> 26 New Street, St Helier, JE2 3RA, Jersey

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**11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<u>31 December 2019</u>	<u>31 December 2018</u>
	<u>US\$'000</u>	<u>US\$'000</u>
Amounts due from group undertakings	29,695	8,134

Amounts due from group undertakings in the current and prior year includes US\$19.8 million (31 December 2018: US\$8.1 million) in cash balances held on account by a fellow group undertaking.

**12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR**

	<u>31 December 2019</u>	<u>31 December 2018</u>
	<u>US\$'000</u>	<u>US\$'000</u>
Long-term loans receivable from group undertakings	219,538	219,538
Deferred tax assets	2,150	-
	<u>221,688</u>	<u>219,538</u>

Loans due from group undertakings (due in more than one year) in the current and prior year consists of a loan of US\$219.5 million (31 December 2018: US\$219.5 million) advanced by the company to a fellow group undertaking. The loan is unsecured, carries interest at a variable rate and is repayable 367 days after the date of such demand by the company.

**13. DEFERRED TAX ASSET**

	<u>31 December 2019</u>	<u>31 December 2018</u>
	<u>\$'000</u>	<u>\$'000</u>
Deferred tax balance comprises:		
Unused tax loss (see note 12)	2,150	-
	<u>2,150</u>	

Unused tax losses  
US\$'000

The movements in the deferred tax balance were as follows:

At 31 December 2018	-
Credited to the profit and loss account for the period (see note 12)	2,150
At 31 December 2019	<u>2,150</u>

The directors consider that future profits will be available against which the deferred tax asset can be recovered.

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**14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31 December 2019 US\$'000	31 December 2018 US\$'000
Short-term loans payable to group undertakings	132,830	752,857
Amounts due to group undertakings	11,438	40,315
Other creditors and accruals	1,945	1,745
	146,213	794,917

Short-term loans payable to group undertakings in the current and prior year include amounts of US\$132.8 million (31 December 2018: US\$752.9 million) advanced to the company by fellow group undertakings. The loans are unsecured and carry interest at a variable rate.

**15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR**

	31 December 2019 US\$'000	31 December 2018 US\$'000
Long-term loans payable to group undertakings	4,152	15,246

Long-term loans payable to group undertakings in the current and prior year consists of a loan of US\$4.2 million (31 December 2018: US\$15.2 million) advanced to the company by a fellow group undertaking. The loan is unsecured, carries interest at a variable rate and is repayable 367 days after the date of such demand by the lender.

**16. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL**

At 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018 called up share capital comprised:

	31 December 2019		31 December 2018	
	No.	US\$'000	No.	US\$'000
<b><u>Allotted, called up and fully paid</u></b>				
Ordinary shares of US\$0.01 each	317,379,000	3,174	317,379,000	3,174
		3,174		3,174

**17. OTHER RESERVES**

In 2016, as part of a group reorganisation, the company acquired the entire issued share capital of ELQ Investors VIII Limited for a total consideration of US\$207.6 million from Goldman Sachs Group UK Limited, the company's immediate parent undertaking. As consideration, the company issued 40,179,790 ordinary shares of US\$0.01 to Goldman Sachs Group UK Limited. Following application of section 611 of the Companies Act 2006, share premium of US\$156.6 million was recorded and the remaining difference of US\$50.6 million was credited to other reserves.

In 2015, as part of a group reorganisation, the company acquired the entire issued share capital of Broad Street Principal Investments International, LTD from Goldman Sachs Group UK Limited, the company's immediate parent undertaking. As consideration, the company issued 31,122,744 ordinary shares of US\$0.01 to Goldman Sachs Group UK Limited. Following application of section 611 of the Companies Act 2006, nil share premium was recorded and the remaining difference of US\$132.7 million was credited to other reserves.

Other reserves were non-distributable as at 31 December 2019.

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**18. FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

The company had no financial commitments or contingencies outstanding at year end (31 December 2018: US\$nil).

**19. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT**

The company monitors its capital on an ongoing basis. The company's objective is to be prudently capitalised in terms of the amount and composition of its equity base compared to the company's risk exposures. The appropriate level and composition of equity capital is determined by considering multiple factors including the business environment, conditions in the financial markets and assessments of potential future losses due to adverse changes in market environments.

The company is not exposed to any externally imposed capital requirements.

The directors consider that the most important components of the company's financial risk are market risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. The company, as part of a global group, adheres to global risk management policies and procedures.

**a. Market risk**

Market risk is the risk of loss in value of investments, as well as certain other financial assets and financial liabilities due to changes in market conditions. Risks are monitored and controlled through strong firmwide oversight and independent control and support functions across the company's business. The relevant market risk for the company is interest rate risk.

Interest rate risk results from exposures to changes in level, slope and curvature of yield curves, volatilities of interest rates and credit spreads.

If interest rates had been 0.5 percent higher/lower and all other variables were held constant, the company's profit for the year would have been US\$0.5 million higher/lower (loss/profit for the year ended 2018: US\$2.7 million). This has been determined by assuming that the company's exposure to interest rate risk at balance sheet date was consistent for the whole year.

The company manages its interest rate risk as part of GS Group's risk management policy, as appropriate to the circumstances of the company.

**b. Credit risk**

Credit risk represents the potential for loss due to the default or deterioration in the credit quality of a counterparty. Credit risk is managed by reviewing the credit quality of the counterparties and reviewing, if applicable, the underlying collateral against which the financial assets are secured. The company's maximum exposure to credit risk is equivalent to the carrying value of its financial assets as at 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018. The company's credit exposures are described further below:

**Credit exposures**

**Cash at bank and in hand.** Cash at bank and in hand refers to interest-bearing deposits. To mitigate the risk of credit loss, the company places substantially all of its deposits with highly-rated banks.

**Debtors.** The company is exposed to credit risk from its amounts due from group undertakings, for which the credit risk is considered minimal. As at 31 December 2019, the company had no debtors past due (31 December 2018: US\$nil).

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**19. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT (continued)**

**c. Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the company does not have sufficient cash or collateral to make payments to its counterparties or customers as they fall due. The company manages its liquidity risk in accordance with GS Group's comprehensive and conservative set of liquidity and funding policies to address both company specific and broader industry or market liquidity events. For analysis of financial liabilities by maturity, refer to note 20(c).

**20. FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES**

**a. Financial assets and liabilities by category**

All financial assets are categorised as financial assets at amortised cost in the current and prior years. All financial liabilities are categorised as financial liabilities measured at amortised cost in the current and prior years.

**b. Fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities not measured at fair value**

The company has US\$280.5 million (31 December 2018: US\$245.9 million) of current financial assets and US\$146.1 million (31 December 2018: US\$794.9 million) of current financial liabilities that are not measured at fair value. Given the short-term nature of these instruments, their carrying amounts in the balance sheet are a reasonable approximation of fair value.

The company has US\$4.2 million (31 December 2018: US\$15.2 million) of financial liabilities due after more than one year that are not measured at fair value and relate to long-term intercompany borrowings. The interest rate associated with such borrowings is variable in nature and approximates prevailing market interest rates for instruments with similar terms and characteristics. As such, the carrying amount in the balance sheet is a reasonable approximation of fair value.

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**20. FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (continued)**

**c. Maturity of financial liabilities**

The tables below present the undiscounted cash flows of the company's financial liabilities by contractual maturity including interest that will accrue.

	31 December 2019					
	Less than 1 month	1-3 months	3 months to 1 year	1-5 years	5+ years	Total
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
<b>Financial liabilities</b>						
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	146,103	11	33	-	-	146,147
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	-	-	-	4,152	-	4,152
<b>Total - on balance sheet</b>	<b>146,103</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>4,152</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>150,299</b>

	31 December 2018					
	Less than 1 month	1-3 months	3 months to 1 year	1-5 years	5+ years	Total
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
<b>Financial liabilities</b>						
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	794,917	45	135	-	-	795,097
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	-	-	-	15,246	-	15,246
<b>Total - on balance sheet</b>	<b>794,917</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>15,246</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>810,343</b>

**21. NON-ADJUSTING POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

Since the balance sheet date there has been a global outbreak of a coronavirus disease (COVID-19) which has caused widespread disruption to financial markets and normal patterns of business activity across the world. In view of its evolving nature, it is not currently possible to estimate the financial effect of COVID-19 on the company.

On 13 March 2020, the directors declared and paid an interim dividend of US\$180.0 million to Goldman Sachs Group UK Limited.

On 17 March 2020, following a dividend of US\$200.0 million received from ELQ Investors VIII Limited, the directors declared and paid an interim dividend of US\$200.0 million to Goldman Sachs Group UK Limited.

On 20 May 2020, following a dividend of US\$1,150.0 million received from ELQ Investors VIII Limited, the directors declared and paid an interim dividend of US\$1,150.0 million to Goldman Sachs Group UK Limited.