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BRIT SYNDICATES LIMITED
REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
31 DECEMBER 2010



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Company Information

Executive Directors

D J Douetil (Chief Executive Officer)
S Egan (Appointed 19 January 2011)
R C Cox (Appointed 20 October 2010)
J R Turner (Appointed 19 October 2010)
M Wilson (Appointed 11 November 2010)
M Beane (Appointed 11 November 2010)
M Scales (Resigned 20 December 2010)

Non-Executive Directors

C A C M Schrauwers
K Culley (Chairman)
P D Webster (Appointed 19 July 2010)
R J O Barton (Resigned 10 May 2010)

Secretary

M D Jackson

Registered Office

55 Bishopsgate
London
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Auditor

Ernst & Young LLP
1 More London Place
London
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BRIT SYNDICATES LIMITED

Report of the Directors

Brit Syndicates Limited
Registered Number: 0824611

The Directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2010

Principal activities and review of the business

The Company is an approved Lloyd's managing agent managing the affairs of Syndicate 2987 and Syndicate 389 (in run off since 31 December 2003)

The Company received a flat fee of £67.1 million (2009 £50.4 million) from Syndicate 2987 in return for providing all of the necessary resources to manage that syndicate. In addition it was reimbursed for any expenses incurred in managing Syndicate 389.

During 2010 the underwriting premium capacity of syndicate 2987 was £745 million (2009 £560 million)

The ratio of expenses to turnover was 101.71% (2009 111.41%)

In the opinion of the Directors, the state of affairs of the Company at the end of the year was satisfactory. The Directors do not envisage any changes to the current business model in 2011.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The Company contracts with Syndicate 2987 to manage the syndicate in return for a fixed fee. Therefore the Company takes the risk that the cost of the required resources exceeds the fee being received. The Company manages this risk by setting budgets, monitoring against these on a monthly basis and taking action to reduce costs where appropriate.

Result and dividend

The loss for the year after taxation is £605,530 (2009 loss of £3,870,653)

The Directors do not recommend a final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2010 (2009 £ nil)

Directors

The names of the Directors as at the date of this report are listed on page 2

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Report of the Directors

Employee and environmental matters

All staff in the United Kingdom are employed by the Group services company, Brit Group Services Limited, and the full staff cost disclosures are included in the notes to those accounts. Further information on the Group's employment policies can be found in the accounts of Brit Group Services Limited.

Brit Insurance is committed to managing and reducing its environmental impact in a cost effective and responsible way. During 2010, employees' individual waste bins were replaced with larger, centrally located bins with improved waste sorting. As a result our capacity to recycle materials has increased substantially. Timers have also been installed on all TVs and lights to minimise our energy consumption.

Statement of Directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

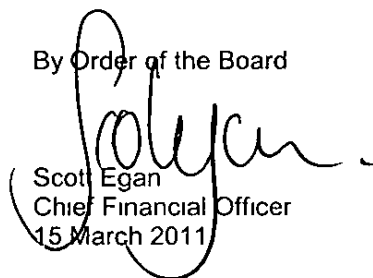
The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies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

Statement of Disclosure of Information to Auditors

The Company's Auditor is Ernst & Young LLP. Each person who is a Director at the date of approval of this Report confirms that

- So far as the Director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware, and
- Each Director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's Auditors are aware of that information.

By Order of the Board



Scott Egan
Chief Financial Officer
15 March 2011

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Independent Auditor's Report To the Member of Brit Syndicates Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Brit Syndicates Limited for the year ended 31 December 2010 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, and the related notes 1 to 17. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 auditors' 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 Auditors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 4, 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 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.

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 2010 and of its loss for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

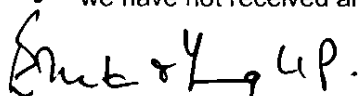
Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

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.



T J Leggett (Senior statutory auditor)
for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP, Statutory Auditor
London

15 March 2011

BRIT SYNDICATES LIMITED

Profit and Loss Account For the Year Ended 31 December 2010

		2010 £	2009 £
	Notes		
Turnover	1 (b) & 2	67,050,000	50,400,000
Administrative expenses		(68,199,605)	(56,151,383)
Operating loss	3	(1,149,605)	(5,751,383)
Interest receivable and similar income	4	206,026	375,475
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		(943,579)	(5,375,908)
Taxation on loss on ordinary activities	8	338,049	1,505,255
Loss on ordinary activities after taxation		(605,530)	(3,870,653)

The profit and loss account relates entirely to continuing activities

There is no difference between the loss on ordinary activities before taxation and the retained loss for the year stated above, and their historical cost equivalents

The Company has no recognised gains and losses other than those included in the loss above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented


The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet As at 31 December 2010

		2010 £	2009 £
	Notes		
Current assets			
Debtors	10	5,972,565	5,303,848
Cash at bank and in hand		30	30
		<u>5,972,595</u>	<u>5,303,878</u>
Creditors · Amounts falling due within one year	11	(1,726,641)	(452,394)
Net current assets		<u>4,245,954</u>	<u>4,851,484</u>
Net assets		<u>4,245,954</u>	<u>4,851,484</u>
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	12	1,000,100	1,000,100
Capital reserve		1,454	1,454
Profit and loss account		3,244,400	3,849,930
Shareholder's funds	13	<u>4,245,954</u>	<u>4,851,484</u>

The financial statements on pages 6 to 12 were approved by the Board of Directors on 15 March 2011 and signed on their behalf by -


Dene Douetil
Chief Executive Officer


Scott Egan
Chief Financial Officer

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements

1 Accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards

(b) Turnover

Turnover consists of fees receivable from the provision of Lloyd's managing agency services

(c) Expenses

All expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis

(d) Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing 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, or a right to pay less or receive more tax

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 the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted

Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which timing differences reverse, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date

(e) Cash flow statement

Brit Syndicates Limited is exempt from preparing a cash flow statement under Financial Reporting Standard 1 Brit Insurance Holdings N V , the ultimate parent company during the year, has prepared a consolidated cash flow statement

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Notes to the Financial Statements continued

2 Turnover

	2010 £	2009 £
Fee income	<u>67,050,000</u>	<u>54,000,000</u>

Turnover is attributable to the Company's principal activity as a Lloyd's Managing Agency and arises from the UK

3 Operating loss

This is arrived at after charging -	2010 £	2009 £
Auditor's remuneration	<u>15,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>

The Company is exempt from disclosing fees paid to the Company's auditor, Ernst & Young, and its associates for services other than the statutory audit of the Company as non-audit fees have been disclosed in the consolidated financial statements of Brit Insurance Holdings N V , the ultimate parent company during the year

Operating lease costs are met by the Group services company, Brit Group Services Limited, and the full operating lease cost disclosures are included in the notes to those accounts. The Company is recharged an appropriate amount by Brit Group Services Limited for the operating lease costs incurred at a Group level

4 Interest receivable and similar income

	2010 £	2009 £
Intra-group interest receivable	<u>206,026</u>	<u>375,475</u>

5 Staff costs

All staff in the UK are employed by the Group services company, Brit Group Services Limited, and the full staff cost disclosures are included in the notes to those accounts. The Company is recharged an appropriate amount by Brit Group Services Limited for the services it receives from those staff

6 Pensions

Brit Group Services Limited also provides pension benefits to Group staff. These benefits are provided by a defined contribution group personal pension plan and a defined benefit scheme. The Company is recharged an appropriate amount by Brit Group Services Limited for the cost of providing these pension benefits. Each separate company within the Group is however unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the defined benefit scheme and therefore the scheme has been accounted for as a defined contribution scheme in these separate financial statements. Disclosure relating to the defined benefit scheme is included in the notes to the accounts of Brit Group Services Limited

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Notes to the Financial Statements continued

7 Directors' remuneration and transactions involving Directors

The Executive Directors did not receive any remuneration for their services to the Company during the year ended 31 December 2010 (2009 Nil). The Non-Executive Directors received fees from the Group for their services to the Company, for being Non-Executive Directors of Brit Insurance Limited and for membership of Group Committees. The total remuneration received by the Non-Executive Directors was Kenneth Culley £73k (2009 £66k), Cees Schrauwers £86k (2009 £86k) and Peter Webster £20k since becoming a Director on 19 July 2010.

8 Taxation

	2010 £	2009 £
(i) Tax credit on loss on ordinary activities		
Current taxation		
UK corporation tax at 28.0%	338,049	1,505,255
Total current tax credit (Note 8(ii))	<u>338,049</u>	<u>1,505,255</u>
(ii) Factors affecting the current tax credit		
Loss on ordinary activities before tax	<u>(943,579)</u>	<u>(5,375,908)</u>
Loss on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in UK of 28.0%	264,202	1,505,255
Effects of		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes and other permanent differences	73,847	-
Total current tax credit (Note 8(i))	<u>338,049</u>	<u>1,505,255</u>

9 Subsidiary companies

During 2009 the company disposed of all of its subsidiaries at cost as follows

	£
Cost at 1 January 2009	202
Disposal of Brit Insurance Services Limited	(2)
Disposal of Wren Legal Expenses Limited	(100)
Disposal of Marham Consortium Management Limited	(100)
Cost at 31 December 2009	<u>-</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements continued

10 Debtors

	2010 £	2009 £
Due within one year		
Amounts due from Group companies	5,964,668	5,287,848
Loans	7,897	16,000
	<u>5,972,565</u>	<u>5,303,848</u>

11 Creditors

	2010 £	2009 £
Amounts falling due within one year		
Amounts due to Group companies	928,013	-
Amounts due to managed syndicates	349,878	313,735
Accruals and deferred income	448,750	138,659
	<u>1,726,641</u>	<u>452,394</u>

12 Issued share capital

	2010 £	2009 £
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
1,000,100 Ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000,100	1,000,100
	<u>1,000,100</u>	<u>1,000,100</u>

13 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders funds

	2010 £	2009 £
Loss for the year	(605,530)	(3,870,653)
Shareholder's funds at 1 January	4,851,484	8,722,137
Shareholder's funds at 31 December	<u>4,245,954</u>	<u>4,851,484</u>

14 Ultimate holding company

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Brit Underwriting Holdings Limited. As at 31 December 2010, the ultimate holding company was Brit Insurance Holdings N V, a company registered in the Netherlands. Copies of Brit Insurance Holdings N V accounts can be obtained by writing to PO Box 79083, 1070 NC, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

15 Related party transactions

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard 8 'Related party disclosures' not to disclose transactions with other members of the Group. This is by virtue of the entity being fully controlled within a group whose consolidated financial statements are publicly available.

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Notes to the Financial Statements continued

16 Financial instruments

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard 29 'Financial Instruments Disclosures' not to provide the disclosures required by this standard. This is by virtue of the entity being included in publicly available consolidated financial statements which include disclosures that comply with this standard.

17 Post balance sheet events

On 09 March 2011, following the acquisition of Brit Insurance Holdings N V by Achilles Netherlands Holdings B V, the ultimate holding company became Achilles Holdings 1 S a r l, a Luxembourg registered company. Copies of Achilles Holdings 1 S a r l accounts can be obtained by writing to 5, rue Guillaume Kroll, L – 1882, Luxembourg.