

Viability statement

In accordance with the UK Corporate Governance Code, the Directors have carried out a comprehensive and robust assessment of the Group's prospects and viability.

Process and period for assessing viability

The Directors have assessed the Group's viability over a three year period to 31 March 2027, taking account of the Group's current financial position and the potential impact of our principal risks.

The Group's long-term prospects are primarily assessed through the strategic and financial planning process. The main output of this process is the Group's three year plan, which is produced by the Finance Team with detailed input from team heads across each area of the business. The Executive Committee and Group Board review and challenge the plan.

The assessment of the Group's viability requires the Directors to consider the principal risks that could affect the Group, which are outlined on pages 55 to 63. The Directors review the principal risks regularly and consider the options available to the Group to mitigate these risks, to maintain the Group's ongoing viability.

As part of the Internal Capital Adequacy and Risk Assessment process ("ICARA"), stress testing is performed on the Group's three year plan, which considers the impact of one or more of the key risks crystallising over the assessment period. Severe but plausible downside scenarios applied to the plan included:

- 50% lower fundraising
- 10% reduction in valuation of the funds managed by the Group
- 25% lower deployment
- A combination of the three scenarios above

Having reviewed the results of the stress tests, the Directors have concluded that the Group would have sufficient resources in each scenario and that the Group's ongoing viability would be sustained. The shift in recent years to a more recurring revenue model, with c.85-90% recurring revenues from evergreen or long-term funds, means the Group has a stable baseline profitability. Under all the scenarios above, the Group remains profitable and in the event of any of these happening, mitigating actions would be taken to protect and enhance this profitability further.

As of 31 March 2024, the Group balance sheet was strong. The cash balance at year end was £45.0 million and this financial position provides confidence that the Group has sufficient financial resources for the foreseeable future.

Viability statement

Based on the results described above, the Directors confirm they have a reasonable expectation that the Group is well positioned to manage its operations and meet its liabilities as they fall due, over the three year period they assessed.

The Directors also consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis.

Pages 4 to 65 constitute the Strategic Report, which was approved by the Board on 26 June 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Jo-anna Nicolle
Company Secretary