

**FIDUCIAN  
GROUP  
LIMITED**  
**And Controlled Entities**

**ACN 602 423 610**

**Financial Report**

**For the year ended  
30 June 2015**

**Together with Directors' Report  
and  
Independent Audit Report**

<b>Directors</b>	R Bucknell FCA <i>Chairman</i>  I Singh CFP, BTech, MComm (Bus), ASIA, ASFA, Dip. FP <i>Managing Director</i>  F Khouri B Bus, FCPA, FTIA  C Stone B Comm, LLB, LLM, CA, ACIS
<b>Secretary</b>	I Singh CFP, BTech, MComm (Bus), ASIA, ASFA, Dip. FP
<b>Notice of annual general meeting</b>	The annual general meeting of Fiducian Group Limited <b>will be held at</b> Level 4, 1 York Street, Sydney <b>time</b> 10:00:00 AM <b>date</b> Thursday, 22 October 2015
<b>Principal registered office in Australia</b>	Level 4 1 York Street Sydney NSW 2000 (02) 8298 4600
<b>Wholly Owned Operating Entities</b>	Fiducian Financial Services Pty Limited Fiducian Business Services Pty Limited Fiducian Portfolio Services Limited Fiducian Services Pty Limited Fiducian Investment Management Services Limited
<b>Share register</b>	Computershare Investor Services Pty Limited Level 3 60 Carrington Street Sydney NSW 2000
<b>Auditor</b>	PricewaterhouseCoopers Chartered Accountants Darling Park Tower 2 201 Sussex Street Sydney NSW 2000
<b>Bankers</b>	Westpac Banking Corporation 341 George Street Sydney NSW 2000  ANZ Banking Group 388 Collins Street Melbourne VIC 3000
<b>Securities Exchange Listing</b>	Fiducian Group Limited (ASX: FID) shares are listed on the Australian Securities Exchange.
<b>Website address</b>	<a href="http://www.fiducian.com.au">www.fiducian.com.au</a>

**Fiducian Group Limited**

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**Directors' report**

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Your directors present their report on the Fiducian Group Limited (" the Company ") and its wholly owned operating entities (referred to hereafter as the Group ) for the year ended 30 June 2015. The Group was formed on 1 March 2015 following the restructure of Fiducian Portfolio Services Limited ("FPSL") and all its existing activities, with the exception of the Registrable Superannuation Entity licence("RSE"), have been transitioned to various entities within the new Group. Other than the incorporation of a new parent company for the Group there has been no change to the consolidated group reporting entity and therefore the comparatives presented throughout this report are those of the consolidated group when FPSL was the parent entity of the Group.

**Directors**

The following persons were directors of Fiducian Group Limited from 1 March 2015 up to the date of this report. Prior to that all of the following people were directors of the previous parent, FPSL, from the start of the financial year till 1 March 2015.

R Bucknell

I Singh

F Khouri

C Stone

**Principal activities**

During the year the principal continuing activities of the Group consisted of:

- (a) Operating an Investor Directed Portfolio Service and Managed Discretionary Account service through Fiducian Investment Service
- (b) Acting as the Trustee of Fiducian Superannuation Service through its wholly owned subsidiary, Fiducian Portfolio Services Limited,
- (c) Acting as the Responsible Entity of Fiducian Funds through its wholly owned subsidiary Fiducian Investment Management Services Limited,
- (d) Providing specialist financial planning services through its wholly owned operating subsidiary, Fiducian Financial Services Pty Limited,
- (e) Providing accountancy resource services through its wholly owned operating subsidiary, Fiducian Business Services Pty Limited.
- (f) Providing administration and professional services to the Group through its wholly owned subsidiary Fiducian Services Pty Limited.

**Dividends - Fiducian Group Limited**

Dividends paid to members during the financial year by FPSL while it was the parent entity of the Fiducian Group were as follows:

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Final ordinary fully franked dividend for the year ended 30 June 2014 of 5.00 cents (2013: Fully franked 3.60cents) per share paid on 19 September 2014 .	1,538	1,131
Interim ordinary fully franked dividend for the year ended 30 June 2015 of 4.50 cents (2014: Fully franked 4.10 cents) per share paid on 26 March 2015.	1,390	1,265
Total dividends in respect of the year	<u>2,928</u>	<u>2,396</u>

In addition to the above, since the end of the financial year, the directors of the current parent entity, Fiducian Group Limited have declared a payment of a final fully franked dividend for the year ended 30 June 2015 of 5.50 cents per ordinary share held at 10 September 2015 and payable on 24 September 2015.

**Review of operations**

A summary of consolidated revenues and results by significant industry segments is set out below:

	Segment Revenues		Segment Results	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Platform	15,673	18,584	2,576	4,022
Financial planning	11,470	10,392	1,522	2,065
Business services	1,142	1,114	( 81)	( 12)
Funds Management	2,011	-	1,280	
Administration	3,571		1,296	
Intersegment sales	( 7,615)	( 7,217)	-	-
	<u>26,253</u>	<u>22,873</u>		
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax expense			<u>6,593</u>	<u>6,075</u>
Income tax expense			( 1,971)	( 2,092)
Net profit attributable to members of Fiducian Group Limited			<u>4,622</u>	<u>3,983</u>

**Comments on operations and results**

Comments on the operations, business strategies, prospects and financial position are contained in the Joint Report of the Chairman and Managing Director.

**Shareholder returns**

The valuation of investment funds has improved substantially during the year and favourably impacted the management fees received by the Fiducian Group, as more fully detailed in the Joint Report of the Chairman and Managing Director. This has enabled Fiducian to increase profit for the second half of the year and declare a dividend distribution of 5.50 cents per share, bringing the full year dividend to 10 cents per share.

**Significant changes in the state of affairs**

On 1 March 2015, the Fiducian Group restructured into a non-operating holding company structure following receipt of the requisite approvals from the shareholders and the Federal Court of Australia. This restructure resulted in Fiducian Group Limited being established as the non-operating parent for the Fiducian Group. As a consequence of the restructure the activities of Fiducian Portfolio Services Limited, with the exception of the Registrable Superannuation Entity licence, were transitioned across to various entities within the Group to align the businesses along legal and operating entity lines.

Following on from the restructure the Group adopted tax consolidation and GST grouping to ease the burden of its taxation obligations.

Other than these, there were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Group.

**Matters subsequent to the end of the financial year.**

Subsequent to the end of the financial year a subsidiary of the Group has acquired two portfolios of financial planning clients with the transition to Fiducian commencing from 1 July 2015 and 1 August 2015 respectively. Under the terms of the contracts of acquisition the Group will finance the acquisitions through a combination of cash payments and issue of shares over the payment period. Accordingly the Group has issued 133,552 fully paid ordinary shares at \$1.83 on 14 August 2015 towards payment of the first instalment of one of the above mentioned acquisitions. Further shares will be issued during the year in accordance with the terms of each contract.

The Group has also commenced proceedings with ASIC to deregister its two dormant subsidiaries, details of which are provided in Note 12 of these financial statements.

To the date of this report, the Group has not bought back any shares off the market ( 2014: Nil)

Other than this there has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely in the opinion of the directors of the Group, to affect significantly the operations of the Company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Group in subsequent years.

**Likely developments and expected results of operations.**

The Chairman and Managing Director have commented on expected results of operations in their Joint Report. Other than this, the directors have excluded further information on likely developments in the operations of the Group and the expected results of those operations in future financial years, since, in the opinion of the directors, it would prejudice the interests of the Group if this information was included.

**Environmental regulation**

The Group is not subject to significant environmental regulations under a Commonwealth, State or Territory law.

**Employee Diversity**

Fiducian is proud to be an equal opportunity employer. It endorses diversity and currently has a number of employees that bring different skill-sets from their country of origin. We recognise that diversity includes , but is not limited to gender, age, ethnicity and cultural backgrounds. Our diversity policy encourages persons of different sexes, ethnic backgrounds, ages and skills to participate and receive recognition, reward and authority commensurate with their performance. Employees are comprised of staff from over 19 countries of origin, 26 % over 55 years, and 44 % female with 31 % in senior roles.

**Key management personnel disclosures**

**(a) Directors**

The following persons were directors of Fiducian Group Limited during the financial year:

<i>Chairman (non-executive)</i>	R Bucknell
<i>Executive director</i>	I Singh - Managing Director
<i>Non-executive directors</i>	F Khouri
	C Stone

Key management personnel disclosures (continued)

(b) Information on directors

**R E Bucknell FCA.** Chairman - non executive.

**Experience and expertise.**

Chairman since inception in 1996. Extensive experience in accounting and business management over the past 50 years as a Chartered Accountant .

**Other current directorships.**

None

**Former directorships in the last 3 years.**

None

**Special responsibilities.**

Chairman of the Group, the Remuneration Committee, and the Board Audit Risk and Compliance Committee.  
Member of the Publications Committee.

**Interest in shares and options.**

800,000 ordinary shares in Fiducian Group Limited.

**I Singh CFP, BTech, MComm (Bus), ASIA, ASFA, Dip. FP.** Managing Director.

**Experience and expertise.**

Founder and Managing Director since inception in 1996. General Management and hands-on experience in the investment of savings and superannuation funds over the past 26 years.

**Other current directorships.**

None

**Former directorships in the last 3 years.**

None

**Special responsibilities.**

Managing Director, member of Investment and Publications Committees.

**Interest in shares and options.**

10,373,764 ordinary shares in Fiducian Group Limited.

100,000 options for ordinary shares in Fiducian Group Limited

**F G Khouri B Bus, FCPA, FTIA** Independent non-executive director.

**Experience and expertise.**

Appointed to the Board 6 July 2007. Public accountant, registered company auditor, financial planner and business adviser since 1976 to small and medium enterprises, currently as a partner in the firm HG Khouri & Associates.

**Other current directorships.**

Director of Fiducian Portfolio Services Limited, the trustee company for the Fiducian Superannuation Service.

**Former directorships in the last 3 years.**

None

**Special responsibilities.**

Member of the Trustee Board, member of the Audit Risk and Compliance Committees for both Corporate and Super, and member of Group and Trustee Remuneration Committees.

**Interest in shares and options.**

251,373 ordinary shares in Fiducian Group Limited.

**Key management personnel disclosures (continued)**

**(b) Information on directors (continued)**

**C H Stone B Comm/LLB, LLM, CA, ACIS** Independent non-executive director.

**Experience and expertise.**

Appointed to the Board 3 March 2010. Practicing lawyer, holding senior legal and/or legal compliance roles in local and global financial services organisations, with 25 years experience. Currently Head of Compliance of State Street Australia Limited, and has 10 years experience as a Chartered Accountant in taxation and superannuation matters.

**Other current directorships.**

None

**Former directorships in the last 3 years.**

None

**Special responsibilities.**

Chairman of the Publications Committee, and member of the Group Remuneration Committee, and the Group Audit Risk and Compliance Committee.

**Interest in shares and options.**

33,700 ordinary shares in Fiducian Group Limited.

**(c) Company secretary**

The company secretary is Mr I Singh CFP, M Comm. (Bus), ASIA, ASFA, Dip. FP. Mr Singh has been the company secretary since inception in 1996, and is supported by legal counsel employed by Fiducian.

**(d) Meeting of directors**

The numbers of meetings of the company's board of directors and of each board committee held during the year ended 30 June 2015, and the numbers of meetings attended by each director were:

	Full meetings of directors				Meetings of committees											
	Corporate		Trustee*		Audit Risk & Compliance		Publi-cations		External Compliance & Risk Committee				Invest-ment		Remun-eration	
	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
R E Bucknell	9	9	8	8	5	5	2	2	**	**	**	**	**	**	1	1
I Singh	9	9	8	8	**	**	2	2	2	2	**	**	8	8	**	**
F Khouri	9	9	8	8	5	5	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	1	1
C Stone	9	9	8	8	5	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	**	**	1	1

A = Number of meetings attended.

B = Number of meetings held during the time the director held office or was a member of the committee during the year.

\* = Meetings of the Board in its capacity as Trustee of the Fiducian Superannuation Service to 1 March 2015.

\*\* = Not a member of the relevant committee at the time of meeting.

**Key management personnel disclosures (continued)**

**(e) Other key management personnel**

Mr I Singh as Managing Director of Fiducian Group Limited, had authority for and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Group, directly or indirectly, during the financial year ended 30 June 2015. This authority and responsibility is unchanged from the previous year.

**(f) Remuneration report**

The remuneration report is set out under the following main headings:

- A** Principles used to determine the nature and the amount of remuneration
- B** Details of remuneration
- C** Service agreements
- D** Share-based compensation
- E** Additional information

The information provided under headings A - E includes remuneration disclosures that are required under Australian Accounting Standard AASB 124 Related Party Disclosures. These disclosures have been transferred from the Director's report and have been audited.

**A - Principles used to determine the nature and the amount of remuneration**

The objective of the Group's executive reward framework is to ensure reward for performance is competitive and appropriate for the results delivered. The framework aligns executive reward with achievement of strategic objectives and the creation of value for shareholders, and conforms with market practice for delivery of reward. The Board seeks to ensure that executive reward satisfies the following key criteria for good reward governance practices:

- o competitiveness and reasonableness
- o acceptability to shareholders
- o performance linkage / alignment of executive compensation
- o transparency
- o capital management.

**(a) Non-executive directors**

Fees and payments to non-executive directors reflect the demands which are made on, and the responsibilities of, the directors. Non-executive directors' fees and payments are reviewed annually by the Board. Non-executive directors are no longer entitled to options under the Employee and Director Share Option Plan.

*Directors' fees*

The current base remuneration was last reviewed in June 2014. The Chairman and other external directors are paid a fixed fee plus a fee based on time spent on committees and any other fee for additional time spent on matters as approved by the Board. Directors with earnings derived from business placed with the Group may also receive remuneration as financial planners. The Chairman's fixed fee is higher than other non-executive directors based on comparative roles, time and fees in the external market.



**Key management personnel disclosures (continued)**

**A - Principles used to determine the nature and the amount of remuneration (continued)**

**(a) Non-executive directors (continued)**

Non-executive directors' fees for the Company are determined within an aggregate directors' fee pool limit, which is periodically recommended for approval by shareholders. The maximum pool currently stands at \$ 350,000 per annum and was approved by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting on 24 October 2007. No increase is being sought at the next Annual General Meeting.

*Retirement allowance for directors*

There are no retirement allowances for non-executive directors other than superannuation accumulation arising from any contributions made for them.

**(b) Executive Director**

Remuneration and other terms of employment for the Managing Director are formalised in a service agreement. The Managing Director's agreement provides for the provision of performance based cash bonuses and, where eligible, participation in the Employee and Director Share Option Plan. Other major provisions of the agreement are set out below:

*I Singh, Managing Director*

- o Term of agreement - until 30 June 2019
- o Base salary, inclusive of superannuation and salary sacrifice benefits.
- o Death and TPD/Trauma cover.
- o Short term performance incentives.
- o Long term incentives through the Fiducian Group Limited Employee and Director Share Option Plan, and
- o Retirement benefits.

The combination of these comprises the executive's total remuneration package.

An external remuneration consultant advises the Remuneration Committee, at least every 3 years, to ensure that the Group has structured an executive remuneration package that is market competitive and complimentary to the reward strategy of the organisation. Their most recent review was in June 2015.

*Base salary*

Mr Singh receives a base pay that comprises the fixed component of pay and the potential for rewards, which reflects the market value for his role. The base salary is reviewed annually by the Remuneration Committee at the commencement of each financial year.

There are no guaranteed base pay increases fixed in the executive's contract.

*Benefits*

Executive benefits include death cover of \$1 million and TPD/ Trauma insurance cover of \$0.2 million.

**Key management personnel disclosures (continued)**

**A - Principles used to determine the nature and the amount of remuneration (continued)**

**(b) Executive Director (continued)**

*Short-term incentives*

Mr Singh is entitled to a discretionary cash performance bonus of up to 20% of his total package as assessed by the Remuneration Committee against performance indicators and objectives set by the Board. It is limited to being met within the budget or out of over-budget financial performance. As in previous years Mr Singh has declined to accept the entitlement that was due for the financial year.

*Long-term incentives*

Mr Singh is entitled to a discretionary performance bonus of up to 100,000 options per year determined as at 30 June each year, based on the following measures:

- o the company's pre-tax profit *OR*
- o the 30 day average for June market value for ordinary shares in the company increasing by at least 15% over the previous year.

The options are issued under the company's ESOP at the rate of 5,000 options for each one percent increase in annual profit in excess of 15% or 5000 options for each one percent increase in the 30 day average for June market value for ordinary shares in the Company whichever is higher and only after approval by shareholders in the Company.

*Retirement Benefits*

Retirement benefits are delivered under the Fiducian Superannuation Service. This fund provides accumulation benefits based on the SGC contributions by the specified executive, on commercial terms and conditions. Other retirement benefits may be provided directly by the Group only if approved by the shareholders. Payment of a termination benefit on early termination by the Managing Director or by mutual consent is equal to 6 months of the gross annual remuneration.

**B - Details of remuneration**

The key management personnel of the Group were the following executive and non-executive directors during the year:

- o R Bucknell - *Chairman*
- o I Singh - *Managing Director & Company Secretary*
- o F Khouri - *Non-executive Director*
- o C Stone - *Non-executive Director*

*Amounts of remuneration*

Details of the remuneration of the key management personnel are set out in the following table :-

Key management personnel disclosures (continued)  
B - Details of remuneration (continued)

Key management personnel of Fiducian Group Limited and the Group

2015	Short-term employee benefits			Post employment benefits		Share-based payment	Total
	Cash salary and fees	Cash Bonus	Non-monetary benefits	Super-annuation	Retirement benefits	Options	
Name	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<i>Non-executive directors</i>							
R E Bucknell <sup>1,2</sup>	123,000	-	-	-	-	-	123,000
<i>(Chairman)</i>							
F Khouri <sup>3,4</sup>	80,539	-	-	7,651	-	-	88,190
C Stone <sup>4</sup>	76,031	-	-	8,132	-	-	84,163
<i>Executive director</i>							
I Singh <sup>5</sup>	450,217	-	14,670	18,784	-	-	483,671
Totals	729,787	-	14,670	34,567	-	-	779,024

<sup>1</sup> Excludes GST if paid to another firm.

<sup>2</sup> Including amounts paid to the director's company only in respect to director's duties.

<sup>3</sup> This excludes fees of \$ 211,179 for financial planning services paid to companies in which Mr Khouri has an interest in his capacity as a financial planner.

<sup>4</sup> Non-executive directors fees have increased due to the ongoing implementation of the new APRA prudential standards together with time costs related to the restructure of the Group during the current year.

<sup>5</sup> Mr I Singh is not entitled to any options in respect of the year ended 30 June 2015.

Key management personnel disclosures (continued)

B - Details of remuneration (continued)

2014 Name	Short-term employee benefits			Post employment benefits		Share-based payment	Total \$
	Cash salary and fees (a) \$	Cash Bonus \$	Non - monetary benefits \$	Super-annuation \$	Retirement benefits \$	Options \$	
<i>Non-executive directors</i> <sup>1</sup>							
R E Bucknell <sup>2 83</sup> (Chairman)	164,850	-	-	-	-	-	164,850
F Khouri <sup>4</sup>	61,760	-	-	4,966	-	-	66,726
C Stone	68,822	-	-	8,002	-	-	76,824
<i>Executive director</i>							
I Singh <sup>5</sup>	449,667	-	15,318	17,775	-	18,981	501,741
Totals	745,099	-	15,318	30,743	-	18,981	810,141

<sup>1</sup> Non-executive directors fees have increased during the current year due to new APRA prudential standards and other requirements introduced from 1 July 2013.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes GST if paid to another firm.

<sup>3</sup> Including amounts paid to the director's company only in respect to director's duties.

<sup>4</sup> This excludes fees of \$ 209,142 for financial planning services paid to companies in which Mr Khouri has an interest in his capacity as a financial planner.

<sup>5</sup> Subject to shareholder approval 100,000 options will be issued to Mr I Singh in respect of the 2014 financial year.

**C - Service Agreements and Induction Process**

The service agreement of the Executive Director is detailed in paragraph A(b) earlier. There are no service agreements with non-executive directors or employees.

In preparation for appointment to the Board, all non-executive directors undergo an induction program and receive an induction pack of documents necessary for them to understand Fiducian's charters, policies, procedures, culture and ethical values to enable new directors to carry out their duties in an effective and efficient manner.

Key management personnel disclosures (continued)

D - Share-based compensation

(i) Option compensation and holdings

Options over shares in Fiducian Group Limited are granted under the Employee and Director Share Option Plan, which was approved by shareholders on 28 July 2000. The Plan is described under Note 26.

The numbers of options for ordinary shares in the Company held directly by directors of Fiducian Group Limited and details of options for ordinary shares in the Company provided as remuneration to the key management personnel of the Group, are set out below.

2015						
Name	Balance at the start of the year	Exercised	Granted during the year as remuneration <sup>1</sup>	Lapsed during the year	Balance at the end of the year	Vested and exercisable
I Singh	140,000	140,000	100,000	-	100,000	-

<sup>1</sup> Options granted during the year are in respect of the entitlement relating to the year ended 30 June 2014.

2014						
Name	Balance at the start of the year	Exercised	Granted during the year as remuneration	Lapsed during the year	Balance at the end of the year	Vested and exercisable
I Singh	55,000	-	100,000	( 15,000)	140,000	40,000

Note: The assessed fair value at grant date of options granted to the individuals is detailed in Note 26.

**Key management personnel disclosures (continued)**

**D - Share-based compensation (continued)**

**(ii) Share holdings**

The numbers of shares in the company held by current directors of Fiducian Group Limited, including their personally related and associated entities, are set out below. No shares were granted during the period as compensation.

<b>2015</b>				
Name	Balance at the start of the year	Received during the year on the exercise of options	Other changes during the year	Balance at the end of the year
I Singh	10,162,512	140,000	71,252	10,373,764
R E Bucknell	800,000	-	-	800,000
F Khouri	251,373	-	-	251,373
C Stone	23,700	-	10,000	33,700

<b>2014</b>				
Name	Balance at the start of the year	Received during the year on the exercise of options	Other changes during the year	Balance at the end of the year
I Singh	10,113,012	-	49,500	10,162,512
R E Bucknell	900,000	-	( 100,000)	800,000
F Khouri	226,373	-	25,000	251,373
C Stone	20,000	-	3,700	23,700

*Shares provided on exercise of options*

140,000 ordinary shares in the Company were provided as a result of the exercise of remuneration options to a director of Fiducian Group Limited during the period (2014: Nil). No amounts are unpaid on any shares issued on the exercise of options.

**E Additional information**

*Principles used to determine the nature and amount of remuneration: relationship between remuneration and company performance*

The overall level of executive reward takes into account the performance of the Group over a number of years, with greater emphasis given to the current and prior year. For the current year ended 30 June 2015 there has been a small increase in base salary of the Managing Director. Cash bonuses and entitlements have not been granted or paid in the past 5 financial years and the grant of options entitlements have been only in accordance with the incentive programs. The Managing Director is not entitled to any options in respect of the current year ended 30 June 2015 (2014: 100,000 options).

**Directors' superannuation**

Directors have superannuation monies invested in Fiducian Superannuation Service. These monies are invested subject to the normal terms and conditions applying to this superannuation fund.

**Loans to directors**

No loans were made to directors during the financial year (2014: Nil).

**Other transactions with key management personnel**

A director, Mr R E Bucknell, is a director of Hunter Place Services Pty Ltd, a company which provides his services as a director to the company.

A director, Mr F Khouri, is an authorised representative under the Fiducian Financial Services Pty Ltd Australian Financial Services Licence and is a director and shareholder of Hawkesbury Financial Services Pty Ltd, which is a franchisee of Fiducian Financial Services Pty Ltd. Hawkesbury Financial Services Pty Ltd places business with and receives remuneration from the company for financial planning services. All transactions are on normal commercial terms and conditions.

Aggregate amounts of each of the above types of other transactions with directors of Fiducian Group Limited :

	Consolidated	
	2015	2014
	\$	\$
<b>Amounts recognised as an expense</b>		
Directors' fees and committee fees	295,353	308,400
Financial planning remuneration paid and payable	211,179	209,142
	<u>506,532</u>	<u>517,542</u>

**Shares under option**

No option holder has any right under the options to participate in any other share issue of the company or any other entity until after the exercise of the option.

**Shares issued on the exercise of options**

The details of ordinary shares of Fiducian Group Limited issued during the year in respect of 2015 and 2014 years on the exercise of options granted under the Fiducian Group Limited Employee & Director Share Option Plan and the Adviser Share Option Plan are disclosed under Note 26 to the Financial Report.

**Indemnification and insurance of officers**

The Constitution of Fiducian Group Limited provides the following indemnification of officers:

- (a) to indemnify officers of the company and related bodies corporate to the maximum extent permitted by law.
  
- (b) to allow the company to pay a premium for a contract insuring directors, the secretary and executive officers of Fiducian Group Limited and its related bodies corporate. The liabilities insured include costs and expenses that may be incurred in defending civil or criminal proceedings that may be brought against the officers in the capacity as officers of the company or a related body corporate.

No liability has arisen under these indemnities as at the date of this report.

During the year Fiducian Group Limited paid a premium under a combined policy of insurance for liability of officers of the company and related bodies corporate, professional indemnity and crime. In accordance with normal commercial practice, disclosure of the total amount of premium payable under, and the nature of the liabilities covered by, the insurance contract is prohibited by a confidentiality clause in the contract.

The officers of the company covered by the insurance policy include the current and previous directors: R E Bucknell, I Singh, F Khouri, C Stone, other officers of Fiducian Group Limited and independent members of the external Compliance and Investment Committees, J Evans, B Lacey and M Devlin.

**Proceedings on behalf of the company**

No person has applied to the Court under Section 237 of the Corporations Act 2001 for leave to bring proceedings on behalf of the company, or to intervene in any proceedings to which the company is a party, for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the company for all or part of those proceedings.

No proceedings have been brought or intervened in on behalf of the company with leave of the Court under section 237 of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

**Non-audit services**

The company may decide to employ the auditor on assignments additional to their statutory audit duties where the auditor's expertise and experience with the company and/or Group are important.

The board of directors is satisfied that the provision of non-audit services by the auditor did not compromise the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 for the following reasons:



**Non-audit services (continued)**

- o all non-audit services have been reviewed by the audit committee to ensure they do not impact the impartiality and objectivity of the auditor.
- o none of the services undermine the general principles relating to auditor independence as set out in APES110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants*.

The fees paid or payable for services provided during the year by the auditor (PricewaterhouseCoopers) of the parent entity, its related practices and non-related audit firms, are shown in Note 27 to the consolidated financial report.

**Auditors' independence declaration**

A copy of the auditors' independence declaration as required under Section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* is set out on page 17.

**Rounding of amounts**

The company is of a kind referred to in Class Order 98/0100, issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, relating to the "rounding off" of amounts in the directors' report. Amounts in the directors' report have been rounded off in accordance with that Class Order to the nearest thousand dollars, or in certain cases, to the nearest dollar.

**Auditor**

PricewaterhouseCoopers continues in office in accordance with section 327 of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

**Corporate governance**

A description of the group's current corporate governance practices is available on the group's website and can be viewed at [http://www.fiducian.com.au/linkref/corporate\\_governance\\_statement.pdf](http://www.fiducian.com.au/linkref/corporate_governance_statement.pdf).

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors.



I Singh  
Director

Sydney,  
27 August 2015



### **Auditor's Independence Declaration**

As lead auditor for the audit of Fiducian Group Limited for the year ended 30 June 2015, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

This declaration is in respect of Fiducian Group Limited and the entities it controlled during the period.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Craig Stafford'.

Craig Stafford  
Partner  
PricewaterhouseCoopers

Sydney  
27 August 2015

**A. Distribution of equity security holders by size of holding**

Analysis of numbers of equity security holders by size of holding, as at 19 August 2015

Distribution :	Option holders	Ordinary Share holders
1 – 1,000		96
1,001 – 5,000		367
5,001 – 10,000		120
10,001 – 50,000		153
50,001 – 100,000	1	22
100,001 – and over		26
Total holders	1	784

There were no holders of a less than marketable parcel of ordinary shares.

**B. Equity security holders**

*Twenty largest quoted equity security holders.*

The names of the twenty largest registered shareholders of quoted equity securities as at 19 August 2015, are listed below.

	Name	Number Held	Percentage of issued shares
1	INDYSHRI SINGH PTY LIMITED	8,795,933	28.36
2	HSBC CUSTODY NOMINEES (AUSTRALIA) LIMITED	1,976,791	6.37
3	NATIONAL NOMINEES LIMITED	1,813,266	5.85
4	J P MORGAN NOMINEES AUSTRALIA LIMITED	1,667,184	5.38
5	SHRIND INVESTMENTS PTY LTD <INDYSHRI SUPER FUND A/C>	1,571,831	5.07
6	LONDON CITY EQUITIES LIMITED	1,293,618	4.17
7	NORCAD INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	906,600	2.92
8	HUNTER PLACE SERVICES PTY LTD	800,000	2.58
9	CITICORP NOMINEES PTY LIMITED	696,595	2.25
10	CITICORP NOMINEES PTY LIMITED <COLONIAL FIRST STATE INV A/C>	692,293	2.23
11	D R SMITH HOLDINGS PTY LTD	593,689	1.91
12	MR VICTOR JOHN PLUMMER	500,000	1.61
13	GARRETT SMYTHE LIMITED	339,000	1.09
14	BNP PARIBAS NOMS (NZ)LTD	333,000	1.07
15	MR IVAN TANNER + MRS FELICITY TANNER <THE SUPERNATURAL S/F A/C>	326,795	1.05
16	BOND STREET CUSTODIANS LIMITED <GANES VALUE GROWTH A/C>	286,768	0.92
17	LONDON CITY EQUITIES LIMITED	277,034	0.89
18	H F R PTY LTD <THE F & M KHOURI S/FUND A/C>	199,187	0.64
19	DENDRINOS NOMINEES PTY LTD <BAYSIDE TAXI STAFF S/F A/C>	150,000	0.48
20	MRS JENNIFER MARGARET LEESON	138,847	0.45
		23,358,431	75.29

**B. Equity security holders (continued)**

**Unquoted equity securities**

As at 19 August 2015:

Type of Security	Number on issue	Number of holders
Options – Managing Director	100,000	1
	100,000	1

**C. Substantial shareholders**

Substantial shareholders and associates as at 19 August 2015 (more than 5% of a class of shares) in the company are set out below:

Name	Number held	Percentage
INDYSHRI SINGH PTY LIMITED and associates	10,373,764	33.45
HSBC CUSTODY NOMINEES (AUSTRALIA) LIMITED	1,976,791	6.37
NATIONAL NOMINEES LIMITED	1,813,266	5.85
J P MORGAN NOMINEES AUSTRALIA LIMITED	1,667,184	5.38

**D. Voting rights**

The voting rights attaching to each class of equity securities are set out below:

**Ordinary shares**

On a show of hands each holder of ordinary shares has one vote and upon a poll one vote for each share held.

**Options**

No voting rights.

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This financial report covers the consolidated Fiducian Group Limited and the its controlled entities.

The financial report is presented in Australian currency.

Fiducian Group Limited is a company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Its registered office and principal place of business is:

Fiducian Group Limited  
Level 4, 1 York Street  
Sydney NSW 2000

A description of the nature of the consolidated entity's operations and its principal activities is included in the Joint Report of the Chairman and Managing Director, and in the director's report on pages 2 - 16, both of which are not part of this financial report.

The financial report was authorised for issue by the directors on 27 August 2015. The company has the power to amend and reissue the financial report.

Through the use of the internet, we have ensured that our corporate reporting is timely, complete, and available globally at minimum cost to the company. All press releases, financial reports and other information are available on our website: [www.fiducian.com.au](http://www.fiducian.com.au).

**Fiducian Group Limited**

ACN 602 423 610

**Consolidated statement of comprehensive income**

**For the year ended 30 June 2015**

	Notes	Consolidated 2015	2014
		\$'000	\$'000
Revenue from ordinary activities	4	25,918	22,537
Other Income	5	335	337
Payments to advisors and service providers		( 5,715)	( 4,908)
Employee benefits expense		( 10,740)	( 9,812)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	6(a)	( 860)	( 682)
Other expenses	6(b)	( 2,345)	( 1,396)
<b>Profit before income tax expense</b>		<u>6,593</u>	<u>6,075</u>
Income tax expense	7	( 1,971)	( 2,092)
<b>Profit for the year</b>	24	<u>4,622</u>	<u>3,983</u>
<b>Other comprehensive income for the full year, net of tax</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<u><u>4,622</u></u>	<u><u>3,983</u></u>
Profit is attributable to:			
Owners of Fiducian Group Limited		<u>4,622</u>	<u>3,983</u>
		<u><u>4,622</u></u>	<u><u>3,983</u></u>
<b>Earnings per share</b>	32		
Earnings per share from profit from continuing operations attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the company:			
Basic earnings per share (in cents)		14.99	12.81
Diluted earnings per share (in cents)		14.93	12.75

*The above statement of comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.*

Fiducian Group Limited  
ACN 602 423 610  
Consolidated statement of financial position  
As at 30 June 2015

	Notes	2015	2014
		\$'000	\$'000
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	9	12,374	11,194
Trade and other receivables	10	3,747	2,855
Total Current Assets		<u>16,121</u>	<u>14,049</u>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Receivables	11	3,491	2,084
Other financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	13	-	106
Property, plant and equipment	14	388	524
Intangible assets	16	8,770	9,600
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>12,649</u>	<u>12,314</u>
<b>Total assets</b>		<u>28,770</u>	<u>26,363</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	17	5,073	4,118
Current tax liabilities	18	1,462	1,173
Total Current Liabilities		<u>6,535</u>	<u>5,291</u>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Payables non current	19	-	276
Net deferred tax liabilities	20	123	497
Provisions	21	921	947
Total Non-Current Liabilities		<u>1,044</u>	<u>1,720</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<u>7,579</u>	<u>7,012</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>21,191</u>	<u>19,351</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Contributed equity	22	6,366	6,236
Reserves	23	42	26
Retained profits	24	14,783	13,089
<b>Total equity</b>		<u>21,191</u>	<u>19,351</u>

The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Fiducian Group Limited  
ACN 602 423 610  
Consolidated statement of changes in equity  
As at 30 June 2015

	Notes	Contributed Equity \$'000	Reserves \$'000	Retained Earnings \$'000	Total \$'000
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2013 (restated)</b>		7,145	75	11,502	18,722
Profit for the year		-	-	3,983	3,983
Other comprehensive income		-	-	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		-	-	3,983	3,983
<b>Transactions with equity holders in their capacity as equity holders</b>					
Contributions of equity, net of transaction costs	22	(909)	-	-	(909)
Buy back of shares	22	-	-	-	-
Dividends provided for or paid	8	-	-	(2,396)	(2,396)
Share options lapsed	23	-	(49)	-	(49)
<b>Total transactions with equity holders</b>		(909)	(49)	(2,396)	(3,354)
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2014</b>		6,236	26	13,089	19,351
Profit for the year		-	-	4,622	4,622
Other comprehensive income		-	-	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		-	-	4,622	4,622
<b>Transactions with equity holders in their capacity as equity holders</b>					
Buy back of shares	22	(26)	-	-	(26)
Dividends provided for or paid	8	-	-	(2,928)	(2,928)
Share issued on exercise of options		156	-	-	156
Options issued during the year	23	-	16	-	16
<b>Total transactions with equity holders</b>		130	16	(2,928)	(2,782)
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2015</b>		6,366	42	14,783	21,191

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.



Fiducian Group Limited  
ACN 602 423 610  
**Consolidated statement of cash flows**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2015**

	Notes	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Receipts from customers (inclusive of goods and services tax)		27,908	24,575
Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of goods and services tax)		( 19,708)	( 17,814)
		<u>8,200</u>	<u>6,761</u>
Interest received		313	322
Income taxes (paid) / refunded		<u>( 2,006)</u>	<u>( 1,219)</u>
<b>Net cash inflow from operating activities</b>	<b>31</b>	<u>6,507</u>	<u>5,864</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Loans to related parties (associates, planners and staff)		( 1,719)	-
Investment in subsidiary / Trusts		112	64
Payments in relation to acquisitions		( 987)	( 874)
Repayment of loans by associates & planners		94	95
Payments for property, plant and equipment		( 29)	( 89)
<b>Net cash (outflow)/inflow from investing activities</b>		<u>( 2,529)</u>	<u>( 804)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Payments for shares bought back		( 26)	( 909)
Shares issued on exercise of options		156	-
Dividends paid		<u>( 2,928)</u>	<u>( 2,396)</u>
<b>Net cash (outflow) from financing activities</b>		<u>( 2,798)</u>	<u>( 3,305)</u>
<b>Net increase in cash held</b>		1,180	1,754
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		11,194	9,440
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year</b>	<b>9</b>	<u>12,374</u>	<u>11,194</u>

*The above statement of cash flow should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.*

## 1 Summary of significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted for the preparation of the financial report are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated. The financial report includes Fiducian Group Limited and its subsidiaries.

### (a) Basis of preparation

This general purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the Corporations Act 2001. Fiducian Group Limited is a for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing the financial statements.

#### *Compliance with IFRS*

The financial report of Fiducian Group Limited also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

#### *Historical cost convention*

The financial report has been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

#### *Restructure and comparatives*

On 1 March 2015, the Fiducian Group restructured into a non-operating holding company structure following receipt of the requisite approvals from the shareholders and the Federal Court of Australia. This restructure resulted in Fiducian Group Limited being established as the non-operating parent for the Fiducian Group. As a consequence of the restructure the activities of Fiducian Portfolio Services Limited, with the exception of the Registrable Superannuation Entity licence, were transitioned across to various entities within the Group to align the businesses along legal and operating entity lines. Other than the incorporation of a new parent company for the Group there has been no change to the consolidated group reporting entity and therefore the comparatives presented throughout this report are those of the consolidated group when FPSL was the parent entity of the Group.

#### *Critical accounting estimates*

The preparation of financial reports requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in Note 2.

### (b) Principles of consolidation

The consolidated financial report incorporates the assets and liabilities of all entities controlled by Fiducian Group Limited (company or parent entity) as at 30 June 2015 and the results of all controlled entities for the year then ended. Fiducian Group Limited and its subsidiaries together are referred to in this financial report as the Group.

Subsidiaries are all entities (including structured entities) over which the Group has control. The group controls an entity when the group is exposed, to or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power to direct the activities of the entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group. They are de-consolidated from the date that control ceases. Investments in subsidiaries are accounted for at cost in the parent company's financial report.

The acquisition method of accounting is used to account for the business combinations by the Group.

**1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

**(b) Principles of consolidation (continued)**

Intercompany transactions and balances on transactions between Group companies are eliminated. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of the impairment of the asset transferred. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

Non-controlling interests in the results and equity of subsidiaries are shown separately in the statement of comprehensive income.

**(c) Revenue recognition**

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Amounts disclosed as revenue are net of returns and amounts collected on behalf of third parties.

Revenue is recognised for the major business activities as follows:

*(i) Management fees and Fees, payments to advisers and related costs*

Revenues comprising trustee and management fees are recognised on an accruals basis. Fees, payments to advisers and costs related to this revenue is recognised at the same time and on the same basis.

*(ii) Interest income*

Interest income is recognised on a time proportion basis using the effective interest method. When a receivable is impaired, the Group reduces the carrying amount to its recoverable amount, being the estimated future cash flow discounted at the original effective interest rate of the instrument, and continues unwinding the discount as interest income. Interest income on impaired loans is recognised using the original effective interest rate.

*(iii) Dividends*

Dividends are recognised as revenue when the right to receive payment is established.

*(iv) Distributions from related trusts*

Distributions from related trusts are recognised as revenue when the right to receive payment is established.

*(v) Foreign currency translation*

*(i) Functional and presentation currency*

Items included in the financial statements of each of the group's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ('the functional currency'). The consolidated financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is Fiducian Group Limited's functional and presentation currency.

*(ii) Transactions and balances*

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in profit or loss.

*(iii) Group companies*

The results and financial position of foreign operations (none of which has the currency of a hyperinflationary economy) that have a functional currency different from the presentation currency are translated into the presentation currency as follows:

- assets and liabilities for each balance sheet presented are translated at the closing rate at the date of that balance sheet
- income and expenses for each statement of comprehensive income are translated at the closing rate at the end of the month, and
- all resulting exchange differences are recognised in other comprehensive income.

## 1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

### (d) Income tax

The income tax expense or benefit for the period is the tax payable on the current period's taxable income based on the national income tax rate for Australia adjusted by changes in deferred tax assets and liabilities attributable to temporary differences and unused tax losses.

Deferred income tax is provided in full, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the consolidated financial reports. However, the deferred income tax is not accounted for if it arises from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction other than a business combination that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting or taxable profit or loss. Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the statement of financial position date and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realised or the deferred income tax liability is settled.

Deferred tax assets are recognised for deductible temporary differences and unused tax losses only if it is probable that future taxable amounts will be available to utilise those temporary differences and losses.

Deferred tax liabilities and assets are not recognised for temporary differences between the carrying amount and tax bases of investments in controlled entities where the parent entity is able to control the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences and it is probable that the differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets and liabilities and when the deferred tax balances relate to the same taxation authority. Current tax assets and tax liabilities are offset where the entity has a legally enforceable right to offset and intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Current and deferred tax balances attributable to amounts recognised directly in equity are also recognised directly in equity.

#### *Tax consolidation*

With effect from 1 March 2015 Fiducian Group Limited and its wholly owned subsidiaries have implemented the tax consolidation legislation with Fiducian Group Limited as the head entity in the newly formed tax consolidated group. As a consequence these entities are taxed as a single entity and the deferred tax assets and liabilities of these entities are set off in the consolidated financial statements. The head entity has entered into a tax sharing agreement and a tax funding agreement with the members of the tax consolidated group. Under the tax funding agreement the members of the Group are required to contribute to the head entity for their current tax liabilities. The assets and liabilities arising under the tax funding agreement are recognised as intercompany assets and liabilities at call. Members of the tax consolidated group via the tax sharing agreement may be called to provide for the income tax liabilities between the entities should the head entity default on its tax payment obligations. No amount has been recognised in respect of this component of the agreement as the outcome is considered remote.

### (e) Operating leases

Leases in which a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases (Note 29). Payments made under operating leases (net of any incentives received from the lessor) are charged to the statement of comprehensive income on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

### (f) Trustee company and Responsible Entity

The Group acts as a Trustee of Fiducian Superannuation Service through a subsidiary, Fiducian Portfolio Services Ltd, and acts as the Responsible Entity of Fiducian Funds ("the trusts") through another subsidiary, Fiducian Investment Management Services Ltd. The accounting policies adopted by these Companies in the preparation of their financial reports and that of the Group for the year ended 30 June 2015 reflect the fiduciary nature of these company's responsibilities and that of the Group for the assets and liabilities of the trusts. The financial reports do not include the trusts' assets and liabilities as future economic benefits and obligations derived from the trusts' assets and liabilities do not accrue to these companies or the Group. In accordance with AASB 137 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets, the trust assets and liabilities have not been disclosed as the directors consider the probability of these companies or the Group having to meet the liabilities of the trusts as remote.

## 1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

### (g) Impairment of assets

Goodwill and intangible assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to amortisation and are tested annually for impairment, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that they might be impaired. Other assets are tested for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest level for which there are separately identifiable cash flows which are largely independent of the cash flows from other assets or groups of assets (cash-generating units). Non-financial assets other than goodwill that suffered an impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting date.

### (h) Cash and cash equivalents

For cash flow statement presentation purposes, cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

### (i) Trade receivables

Trade receivables are recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, less provision for impairment. Trade receivables are due for settlement no more than 120 days from the date of recognition for trade receivables and financial planning fees, and no more than 30 days for other receivables.

Collectability of trade receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Receivables, which are known to be uncollectible, are written off. An allowance account (provision for impairment of trade receivables) is used when there is objective evidence that the Group will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables. Significant financial difficulties of the debtor, probability that the debtor will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default or delinquency in payments (outside settlement terms) are considered indicators that the trade receivable is impaired. The amount of the impairment allowance is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the original effective interest rate. Cash flows relating to short-term receivables are not discounted if the effect of discounting is immaterial.

The amount of the impairment loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income within other expenses. When a trade receivable for which an impairment allowance had been recognised becomes uncollectible in a subsequent period, it is written off against the allowance account. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against other expenses in the statement of comprehensive income.

## 1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

### (j) Business combinations

The acquisition method of accounting is used to account for all business combinations, regardless of whether equity instruments or other assets are acquired. The purchase consideration transferred for the acquisition of a subsidiary comprises the fair values of the assets transferred, the liabilities incurred and the equity interests issued by the acquirer. The purchase consideration transferred also includes the fair value of any asset or liability resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement and the fair value of any pre-existing equity interest in the subsidiary.

Acquisition-related costs are expensed as incurred. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are, measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date.

The excess of the purchase consideration and the acquisition-date fair value over the share of the net identifiable assets acquired, is recorded as goodwill. If those amounts are less than the fair value of the net identifiable assets of the subsidiary acquired and the measurement of all amounts has been reviewed, the difference is recognised directly in profit or loss as a bargain purchase.

Where settlement of any part of cash consideration is deferred, the amounts payable in the future are discounted to their present value as at the date of exchange. The discount rate used is the entity's incremental borrowing rate, being the rate at which a similar borrowing could be obtained from an independent financier under comparable terms and conditions.

Contingent consideration is classified either as equity or a financial liability. Amounts classified as a financial liability are subsequently remeasured to fair value with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss.

### (k) Investments and other financial assets

The Group classifies its investments in the following categories: financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, loans and receivables, and other financial assets. The classification depends on the purposes for which the investments were acquired. Management determines the classification of its investments at initial recognition and, in the case of assets classified as held-to-maturity, re-evaluates this designation at each reporting date.

#### *(i) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss*

Financial assets are classified as held for trading if acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short term with the intention of making a profit.

#### *(ii) Loans and receivables*

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They arise when the Group provides money directly to a debtor with no intention of selling the receivable. They are included in current assets, except for those with maturities greater than 12 months after the statement of financial position date which are classified as non-current assets. Loans and receivables are included in receivables in the statement of financial position in Notes 10 and 11.

## 1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

### (l) Fair value estimation

The carrying value less impairment provision of trade receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their fair values due to their short-term nature. The fair value of financial liabilities for disclosure purposes is estimated by discounting the future contractual cash flows at the current market interest rate that is available to the Group for similar financial instruments.

### (m) Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less depreciation. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the statement of comprehensive income during the financial period in which they were incurred.

Depreciation on assets is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate their cost or revalued amounts, net of their residual values, over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

Furniture, office equipment and computers	2 – 8 years
Leasehold improvements	term of the lease

The asset's residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting date.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount in Note 1(g).

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amount. These are included in the statement of comprehensive income. When revalued assets are sold, it is Group policy to transfer the amounts included in other reserves in respect of those assets to retained earnings.

### (n) Intangible assets

#### *Goodwill*

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of an acquisition over the fair value of the Group's share of the net identifiable assets of the acquired subsidiary at the date of acquisition. Goodwill on acquisitions of subsidiaries is included in intangible assets. Goodwill is not amortised. Instead, goodwill is tested for impairment annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that it might be impaired, and is carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses. Gains or losses on the disposal of an entity include the carrying amount of goodwill relating to the entity sold.

Goodwill is allocated to cash-generating units for the purpose of impairment testing. These units are all within the financial planning segment.

**1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

**(n) Intangible assets (continued)**

*Client portfolios*

Consideration payable for the acquisition of client portfolios is deferred and amortised on a straight line basis over a period of 10 years. Client portfolios are also tested for events or changes in circumstances that indicate that they may be impaired, and are carried at cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment losses.

*IT development and software*

Costs incurred in developing products or systems and costs incurred in acquiring software and licences that will contribute to future period financial benefits through revenue generation and/or cost reduction are capitalised to software and systems where deemed appropriate. Costs capitalised include direct costs of materials and service and direct payroll and payroll related costs of employees' time spent on the project. Amortisation is calculated on a straight-line basis over periods generally ranging from 3 to 5 years.

Capitalised expenditure are tested for events or changes in circumstances that indicate that they may be impaired and whether they exceed their recoverable amount.

**(o) Trade and other payables**

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Group prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

**(p) Provisions**

Provisions for legal claims are recognised when the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events; it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation; and the amount has been reliably estimated. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognised even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

Provisions are measured at the present value of management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at reporting date. The discount rate used to determine the present value reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability.



## 1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

### (q) Employee benefits

#### *(i) Wages and salaries, annual leave and sick leave*

Liabilities for wages and salaries, and annual leave expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are recognised in other payables in respect of employee services up to the reporting date and are measured at the amount expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. Personal/carers and sick leave is brought to account as incurred.

#### *(ii) Long service leave*

The liability for long service leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits and measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date using the projected unit cost method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on national government bonds with terms of maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

#### *(iii) Share-based payments*

Share-based compensation benefits are provided to employees via the share option plans.

Information relating to this scheme is set out in Note 26.

Subsequent options issued to employees for no consideration have the fair value of options granted under the Fiducian Employee & Director Share Option Plan recognised as an employee benefit expense with a corresponding increase in equity. The fair value is measured at grant date and recognised over the period during which the employees become unconditionally entitled to the options.

The fair value at grant date is independently determined using a Binomial option pricing model that takes into account the exercise price, the term of the option, the impact of dilution, the share price at grant date, the expected price volatility of the underlying share, the expected dividend yield and the risk free interest rate for the term of the option.

### (r) Contributed equity

Ordinary shares are classified as equity.

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

If the entity reacquires its own equity instruments, for example as the result of a share buy-back, those instruments along with the consideration paid is deducted from equity and the shares are regarded as treasury shares until they are cancelled. No gain or loss is recognised in the profit or loss and the the consideration paid including any directly incremental costs (net of income taxes) is recognised directly in equity. Treasury shares are bought with the intention of cancellation and are not reissued.

**1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

**(s) Dividends**

Provision is made only for the amount of any dividend declared, being appropriately authorised and no longer at the discretion of the entity, on or before the end of the financial year but not distributed at balance date.

**(t) Earnings per share**

*(i) Basic earnings per share*

Basic earnings per share is determined by dividing the net profit after income tax attributable to equity holders of the company, excluding any costs of servicing equity other than ordinary shares, by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the financial year.

*(ii) Diluted earnings per share*

Diluted earnings per share adjusts the figures used in the determination of basic earnings per share to take into account the after income tax effect of interest and other financing costs associated with dilutive potential ordinary shares and the weighted average number of shares assumed to have been issued for no consideration in relation to dilutive potential ordinary shares.

**(u) Goods and services tax**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to the ATO is included with other payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to the ATO, are presented as operating cash flow.

**(v) Rounding of amounts**

The company is of a kind referred to in Class Order 98/100 issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, relating to the "rounding off" of amounts in the financial report. Amounts in the financial report have been rounded off in accordance with that Class Order to the nearest thousand dollars, or in certain cases, to the nearest dollar.

**1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

**(w) New accounting standards and interpretations**

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for 30 June 2015 reporting periods. The Group's and the parent entity's assessment of the impact of these new standards and interpretations is set out below.

**AASB 9 Financial Instruments (effective from 1 January 2018)**

This standard addresses the classification, measurement and derecognition of financial assets and financial liabilities. The standard is not applicable until 1 January 2018 but is available for early adoption. When adopted the standard will affect the accounting for available-for-sale financial assets, since AASB 9 only permits the recognition of fair value gains and losses in other comprehensive income if they relate to equity investments that are not held for trading. Fair value gains and losses on available-for-sale debt investments, for example, will therefore have to be recognised directly in profit or loss. In the current reporting period, the Company did not hold any available-for-sale financial assets or available-for-sale debt investments.

There will be no impact on Fiducian's accounting for financial liabilities, as the new requirements only affect the accounting for financial liabilities that are designated at fair value through profit or loss and Fiducian does not have any such liabilities. Fiducian does not have any hedging arrangements and hence there is no impact from the new hedging rules.

**AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers (effective from 1 January 2018)**

The new standard is based on the principle that revenue is recognised when control of a good or service is transferred to a customer so the notion of control replaces the notion of risks and rewards. It applies to all contracts with customers except leases, financial instruments and insurance contracts. It requires reporting entities to provide users of financial statements with more informative and relevant disclosures. Fiducian is in the process of assessing the implications for revenue recognition for the segments of its business.

## 2 Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

The Group makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

### *(i) Estimated impairment of goodwill*

The Group tests annually whether goodwill has suffered any impairment, by comparing its current amount with its recoverable amount in accordance with the accounting policy stated in Note 1(n). The recoverable amounts of the cash-generating units have been determined based on earnings multiples requiring the use of sustainable revenue estimates and comparable market transactions.

### *(ii) Estimated impairment of client portfolios*

The Group assesses at the end of each reporting period whether there is any indication that the investment or accounting portfolios may be impaired in accordance with the accounting policy stated in Note 1(n). If any such indication exists, the Group shall estimate the recoverable amount of the asset. The recoverable amounts of cash-generating units have been determined based on discounted cash flow models which require the use of assumptions on discount rates, recurring revenues and cash flow projections.

### 3 Segment information

#### (a) Description of segments

##### Business segments

Following the restructure of the Group the business activities of the Group have been segregated into business segments based on legal entities and reviewed by management accordingly. The business segments are as follows:-

##### *Platform Administration*

The Group through its subsidiary, Fiducian Portfolio Services Ltd, operates in a segment as RSE for a public offer superannuation fund, Fiducian Superannuation Service. Until 1 March 2015 and for the comparative year the Funds management and administration activities formed part of FPSL and were reviewed as such. Following the restructure these segments have been transferred to separate legal entities as discussed below.

##### *Financial Planning*

The Group continued its specialist financial planning operations through its subsidiary, Fiducian Financial Services Pty Ltd.

##### *Business Services*

The Group provides accountancy resource services through its subsidiary, Fiducian Business Services Pty Ltd.

Although this segment does not meet the quantitative thresholds required by AASB 8, management has concluded that this segment should be reported as it is closely monitored by management for its potential growth opportunities.

##### *Funds Management*

The Group through its newly established subsidiary, Fiducian Investment Management Services Ltd, acts as an operator of an Investor Directed Portfolio Service, Fiducian Investment Service and as Responsible Entity for managed investment schemes. Prior to 1 March 2015 and for the comparative year these activities formed part of the subsidiary Fiducian Portfolio Services Ltd.

##### *Administration*

The administration and professional services are provided to the Group by a newly established subsidiary, Fiducian Services Pty Ltd. Management view this as an operating segment since 1 March 2015. Prior to that date and for the comparative year these activities were conducted by Fiducian Portfolio Services Ltd.

##### Geographical segments

The Group operates in the following geographical segments - in Australia and in India. The Indian operations are not considered material for a separate geographical segment disclosure during the financial year 2015.

3 Segment information (continued)

(b) Primary reporting - business segments

	Platform	Financial Planning	Business Services	Administration & Holding Co	Funds Management	Inter segment	Consolidated
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>2015</b>							
Sales to external customers	16,966	4,390	1,179	19	3,363		25,918
Intersegment sales	( 1,506)	7,068	( 50)	3,476	( 1,374)	( 7,615)	-
Total sales revenue	15,460	11,459	1,129	3,495	1,990	( 7,615)	25,918
Other revenue	213	11	13	76	21		335
Total segment revenue	15,673	11,470	1,142	3,571	2,011	( 7,615)	26,253
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax expense	2,576	1,522	( 81)	1,296	1,280		6,593
Income tax expense							( 1,971)
Profit from ordinary activities after income tax expense							4,622
Segment assets	4,097	9,434	1,695	16,465	7,629	( 9,582)	29,738
Segment liabilities	437	2,420	341	4,446	1,150	( 250)	8,544
Acquisitions of plant and equipment, intangibles and other non-current segment assets	-	2	11	16	-	-	29
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	76	592	160	32	-	-	859
Net cash inflow from operating activities	1,916	1,162	102	1,986	1,341	-	6,507

3 Segment information (continued)

(b) Primary reporting - business segments (continued)

	Funds Manage- gement and Administration \$'000	Financial Planning \$'000	Business Services \$'000	Inter- segment eliminations \$'000	Consolidated \$'000
<b>2014</b>					
Sales to external customers	18,283	3,247	1,006		22,537
Intersegment sales	-	7,121	96	(7,217)	-
Total sales revenue	18,283	10,368	1,102	(7,217)	22,537
Other revenue	301	24	12	-	337
Total segment revenue	18,584	10,392	1,114	(7,217)	22,873
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax expense	4,022	2,065	(12)	-	6,075
Income tax expense					(2,092)
Profit from ordinary activities after income tax expense					3,983
Segment assets	21,000	11,300	2,801	(7,922)	27,179
Segment liabilities	3,843	5,208	2,815	(4,039)	7,827
Acquisitions of plant and equipment, intangibles and other non-current segment assets	63	2,212	221	-	2,496
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	141	425	116	-	682
Net cash inflow from operating activities	3,719	1,340	805	-	5,864

3 Segment information (continued)

(c) Other segment information

(i) Segment revenue

Sales between segments are carried out at arm's length and are eliminated on consolidation. The revenue from external parties reported to the board is measured in a manner consistent with that in the statements of comprehensive income.

Segment revenue reconciles to total revenue from continuing operations as follows:

	Consolidated	
	2015	2014
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Total segment revenue</b>	33,533	29,753
Intersegment eliminations	( 7,615)	( 7,217)
<b>Total revenue from continuing operations (Note 4)</b>	25,918	22,537

The entity is domiciled in Australia. The amount of its revenue from external customers in Australia is \$25,918,000 (2014: \$22,537,000).

(ii) EBITDA

The board assesses the performance of the operating segments based on the measures of profit contribution and EBITDA.

A reconciliation of EBITDA to operating profit before income tax is provided as follows:

	Consolidated	
	2015	2014
	\$'000	\$'000
EBITDA	7,453	6,758
Finance costs	-	( 2)
Depreciation	( 165)	( 164)
Amortisation	( 695)	( 518)
<b>Profit before income tax from continuing operations</b>	6,593	6,075



**3 Segment information (continued)**

**(c) Other segment information**

*(iii) Segment assets*

The amounts provided to the board with respect to total assets are measured in a manner consistent with that of the financial report. These assets are allocated based on the operations of the segment and the physical location of the asset.

All assets are located in Australia and in India (which are not material).

*(iv) Segment liabilities*

The amounts provided to the board with respect to total liabilities are measured in a manner consistent with that of the financial report. These liabilities are allocated based on the operations of the segment.

**4 Revenue from ordinary activities**

	<b>Consolidated</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
<b>From continuing operations</b>		
<b>Sales revenue</b>		
Fees received *	25,665	22,078
Other	253	458
Revenue from ordinary activities	<u>25,918</u>	<u>22,537</u>

\* Include fees received by FIMS as responsible entity of the managed investment schemes which includes underlying fund manager fees from 1 March 2015 which were previously netted off. This is as a result of an amendment to the product disclosure statement whereby fees due to underlying fund managers are paid by the responsible entity and are not separately charged to unitholders.

**5 Other Income**

Interest received/receivable	335	346
Fair value (losses)/ gains on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (Note 13)	-	(9)
	<u>335</u>	<u>337</u>

6 Expenses

	Consolidated	
	2015	2014
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Profit before income tax includes the following specific expenses:</b>		
<b>(a) Depreciation, and amortisation expense</b>		
<i>Depreciation</i>		
Furniture, office equipment and computers	111	112
Leasehold improvements	54	52
Total depreciation	<u>165</u>	<u>164</u>
<i>Amortisation</i>		
Capitalised computer software	14	13
Client portfolio acquisition costs	631	505
Total amortisation	<u>645</u>	<u>518</u>
<i>Impairment</i>		
Goodwill	50	-
Total depreciation, and amortisation expense	<u>860</u>	<u>682</u>
<b>(b) Other expenses <sup>1</sup></b>		
Professional services	901	464
Sales marketing and travel	1,042	807
Rental expense relating to operating leases	1,160	909
Premises and equipment	177	192
Communication and computing	557	480
Printing and stationery	191	116
Auditors (Note 27)	495	442
Doubtful debts	-	6
Administration and other	1,343	1,173
Expense Recovery <sup>2</sup>	(3,521)	(3,193)
	<u>2,345</u>	<u>1,396</u>

<sup>1</sup> Other expenses include \$ 616,000 incurred along various expense lines relating to the implementation of the restructure of the Fiducian Group.

<sup>2</sup> Fiducian Group Limited through its subsidiary, Fiducian Portfolios Services Limited, as trustee for the Fiducian Superannuation Service, is entitled to the reimbursement of expenses incurred by it in the operation of the service. Effective from 1 July 2012 Fiducian has, for the three year period ending 30 June 2015, recovered an amount up to 75% of the balance of any unrecovered operational expenses incurred by it subject to available reserves. A new administration agreement between Fiducian Portfolio Services Limited and Fiducian Services Pty Limited is expected to be put in place in the first quarter of 2015-2016 and until then the existing arrangements continue.

7 Income tax expense

	Consolidated	
	2015	2014
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>(a) Income tax expense</b>		
Current tax	2,041	1,991
Deferred tax	( 70)	( 9)
Adjustments for current tax of prior periods	-	110
Income tax expense	<u>1,971</u>	<u>2,092</u>
 <i>Deferred income tax (revenue) expense included in income tax expense comprises:</i>		
Decrease (increase) in deferred tax assets (Note 15)	152	134
(Decrease) increase in deferred tax liabilities (Note 20)	( 222)	416
Deferred tax	<u>( 70)</u>	<u>550</u>
 <b>(b) Numerical reconciliation of income tax expense to prima facie tax payable</b>		
Profit from continuing operations before income tax expense	<u>6,593</u>	<u>6,075</u>
Tax at the Australian tax rate of 30%	1,978	1,823
Tax effect of amounts which are not deductible (taxable) in calculating taxable income:		
Entertainment	26	18
Tax offset for amortisation		( 142)
Sundry items	( 33)	283
	<u>1,971</u>	<u>1,982</u>
Over provision in prior years	-	110
Income tax expense	<u>1,971</u>	<u>2,092</u>

**(c) Tax consolidation legislation**

Fiducian Group Limited and its wholly owned subsidiaries have formed a tax consolidated group with effect from 1 March 2015.

As a consequence these financial statements have been prepared on a tax consolidated basis where the head entity has assumed the tax liabilities initially recognised by the standalone taxpayers.

**8 Dividends**

	<b>Group</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
<b>Ordinary shares</b>		
Final ordinary fully franked dividend for the year ended 30 June 2014 of 5.00 cents (2013: Fully franked 3.60 cents) per share paid on 19 September 2014.	1,538	1,131
Interim ordinary fully franked dividend for the year ended 30 June 2015 of 4.50 cents (2014: Fully franked 4.10 cents) per share paid on 26 March 2015.	1,390	1,265
Total dividends paid in cash	<u>2,928</u>	<u>2,396</u>

The Directors have declared the payment of a final fully franked dividend for the year ended 30 June 2015 in the amount of 5.5 cents per ordinary share to be paid on shares registered on 10 September 2015 and payable on 24 September 2015.

**Franked dividends**

The franked portions of the final dividends recommended after 30 June 2015 will be franked out of existing franking credits.

	<b>Consolidated</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Franking credits available for subsequent financial years based on a tax rate of 30%	<u>7,093</u>	<u>7,632</u>

The above amounts represent the balances of the franking account as at the end of the financial year, adjusted for:

- (a) franking credits that will arise from the payment of the amount of the provision for income tax.
- (b) franking debits that will arise from the payment of dividends recognised as a liability at the reporting date.
- (c) franking credits that will arise from the receipt of dividends recognised as receivables at the reporting date.

The consolidated amounts include franking credits that would be available to the parent entity if distributable profits from subsidiaries were paid as dividends.

The impact on the franking account of the dividend recommended by the directors since year end, but not recognised as a liability at year end, will be a reduction in the franking account of approximately \$728,000 (2014: \$659,000).

	Consolidated	
	2015	2014
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>9 Current assets - Cash and cash equivalents</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	12,340	6,161
Deposits securing bank guarantees	34	34
Deposits - other	-	5,000
	<u>12,374</u>	<u>11,195</u>

The Group's and the parent entity's exposure to interest rate risk is discussed in Note 34.

#### 10 Current assets - Trade and other receivables

Amounts receivable from related entities:

Related trusts	2,197	1,710
Business development loans *	522	181
Staff loans *	3	3
Other receivables	804	721
Prepayments	251	270
	<u>3,777</u>	<u>2,885</u>
Less: Provision for impairment of receivables	( 30)	( 30)
	<u>3,747</u>	<u>2,855</u>

\* Refer to Note 11 for the non-current portion of these receivables.

#### Movements in provision for impairment of receivables

Balance at beginning of the year	( 30)	( 30)
Written off against provision	-	-
Balance at end of the year	<u>( 30)</u>	<u>( 30)</u>

At 30 June 2015, a provision for impairment exists for trade receivables outstanding greater than 120 days where management considers that the receivable is impaired. There has been no history of default and no material losses are expected.

Information about the Group's and the parent entity's exposure to interest rate risk in relation to trade and other receivables is provided in Note 34.

	Consolidated	
	2015	2014
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>11 Non-current assets - Receivables</b>		
Business development loans *	3,464	2,055
Loans to staff *	27	29
	<u>3,491</u>	<u>2,084</u>
Less: Provision for impairment of receivables	-	-
	<u><u>3,491</u></u>	<u><u>2,084</u></u>

\* Refer to Note 10 for the current portion of these receivables.

**(a) Impaired receivables and receivables past due**

No amount has been provided against non-current receivables in the current year (2014: Nil).

**(b) Fair values**

The fair values and carrying values of non-current receivables of the Group are as follows:

	2015		2014	
	Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair value
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Business development loans	3,464	3,464	2,055	2,055
Loans to staff	27	27	29	29
	<u>3,491</u>	<u>3,491</u>	<u>2,084</u>	<u>2,084</u>

**(c) Risk exposure**

Information about the Group's and the parent entity's exposure to credit and interest rate risk is provided in Note 34. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the carrying amount of each class of receivables mentioned above.

**12 Non-current assets - Other financial assets**

The Group's principal subsidiaries as at 30 June 2015 are set out below.

Name of entity	Country of Incorporation	Class of shares	Equity holding %
Fiducian Investment Management Services Ltd ("FIM") <sup>1</sup>	Australia	Ordinary	100
Fiducian Portfolio Services Ltd ("FPSL") <sup>2</sup>	Australia	Ordinary	100
Fiducian Services Pty Ltd <sup>3</sup>	Australia	Ordinary	100
Fiducian Financial Services Pty Ltd <sup>4</sup>	Australia	Ordinary	100
Fiducian Business Services Pty Ltd <sup>5</sup>	Australia	Ordinary	100
Harold Bodinnar & Associates Pty Ltd <sup>6</sup>	Australia	Ordinary	100
Money & Advice Pty Ltd <sup>6</sup>	Australia	Ordinary	100
Total investment by parent entity			

<sup>1</sup> The Company acts as the Responsible entity of the Fiducian Funds and the operator of the Fiducian Investment Service

<sup>2</sup> The Company acts as the Trustee for the Fiducian Superannuation Service

<sup>3</sup> The Company provides the administration and professional services to the other entities within the Group.

<sup>4</sup> The principal activity of the Company is the development of a specialist financial planning services network .

<sup>5</sup> The principal activity of the Company is to provide bookkeeping , accounting and tax processing services.

<sup>6</sup> These companies are currently dormant as their operations have been transferred to Fiducian Financial Services Pty Limited and are in the process of being deregistered.

In addition to the above subsidiaries, Fiducian Business Services has a 90% equity investment in Fiducian Resourcing Services Pvt Ltd, a company incorporated in India, providing accounting and tax processing services to the group. The operations of the Company are in its initial stages and are not considered material to the Group in 2015.

**13 Non-current assets - Other financial assets at fair value through profit and loss**

	Consolidated	
	2015	2014
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Investment in unlisted unit trusts</b>		
At beginning of the year	106	155
Capital distribution	( 106)	( 40)
Revaluation - fair value (losses)	-	( 9)
At end of the year	<u>-</u>	<u>106</u>
Investment in related trust	<u>-</u>	<u>106</u>

Financial assets held at fair value through profit and loss comprise investments into a related Fiducian trust. The fund was wound up during the year and the entire amount of capital was returned to the unitholders.

**14 Non-current assets - Property, plant and equipment**

	Consolidated	
	2015	2014
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Plant and equipment</b>		
Furniture, office equipment and computers	1,579	1,550
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(1,191)	(1,026)
	<u>388</u>	<u>524</u>

**Movements**

Reconciliation of the carrying amounts of each class of property, plant and equipment are set out below.

	Furniture and office equipment	Computers	Leasehold improve- ments	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Consolidated</b>				
<b>At 1 July 2013</b>				
Cost	226	427	808	1,461
Accumulated depreciation	(153)	(227)	(483)	(863)
Net book amount	<u>73</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>325</u>	<u>598</u>
<b>Year ended 30 June 2014</b>				
Opening net book amount	73	200	325	598
Additions	51	9	28	88
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Depreciation / amortisation charge	(22)	(92)	(48)	(162)
Closing net book amount	<u>102</u>	<u>117</u>	<u>305</u>	<u>524</u>
<b>At 30 June 2014</b>				
Cost	277	436	837	1,550
Accumulated depreciation	(175)	(319)	(532)	(1,026)
Net book amount	<u>102</u>	<u>117</u>	<u>305</u>	<u>524</u>
<b>Year ended 30 June 2015</b>				
Opening net book amount	102	117	305	524
Additions	11	18		29
Disposals			(2)	(2)
Depreciation / amortisation charge	(20)	(89)	(54)	(163)
Closing net book amount	<u>93</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>249</u>	<u>388</u>
<b>At 30 June 2015</b>				
Cost	288	454	836	1,579
Accumulated depreciation	(195)	(408)	(587)	(1,191)
Net book amount	<u>93</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>249</u>	<u>388</u>



**15 Non-current assets – Deferred tax assets**

	Consolidated	
	2015	2014
	\$'000	\$'000

**The balance comprises temporary differences attributable to:**

Doubtful Debts	9	10
Employee benefits	446	496
Accrued expenditure	127	24
Provision for audit and taxation services	164	152
Provision for depreciation	17	109
Unrealised gains (losses)	-	25
Restructure expenses	205	-
Deferred tax assets before set off	968	816
Set off against deferred tax liabilities	( 968)	( 816)
	-	-

**Movements:**

Opening balance at 1 July	816	950
Taken to the statement of comprehensive income	152	(134)
Deferred assets before set off	968	816
Set off against deferred tax liabilities	( 968)	( 816)
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**16 Non-current assets – Intangible assets****Deferred expenditure**

Capitalised expenditure – computer software	5,001	4,999
Less: Accumulated amortisation	( 4,989)	( 4,973)
	12	26

**Client portfolios**

Cost of acquisition of client portfolios	5,851	6,436
Less: Accumulated amortisation	( 2,101)	( 1,918)
	3,750	4,518

**Goodwill**

Goodwill on acquisition	5,471	5,521
Less: Accumulated amortisation	( 464)	( 464)
	5,007	5,057
	8,770	9,601

16 Non-current assets – intangible assets (continued)

(a) Movements

Movements in each category are set out below:

	Consolidated			
	Acquisition of client portfolios \$'000	Goodwill on acquisition \$'000	Capitalised Computer software * \$'000	Total \$'000
<b>At 1 July 2013</b>				
Cost	4,588	4,962	4,999	14,549
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	( 1,413)	( 464)	( 4,960)	( 6,837)
Net book amount	<u>3,175</u>	<u>4,498</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>7,712</u>
<b>Year ended 30 June 2014</b>				
Opening net book amount	3,175	4,498	39	7,712
Additions	1,848	559	-	2,407
Disposals/write off	-	-	-	-
Impairment charge	-	-	-	-
Amortisation charge	( 505)	-	( 13)	( 518)
Closing net book amount	<u>4,518</u>	<u>5,057</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>9,600</u>
<b>At 30 June 2014</b>				
Cost	6,436	5,521	4,999	16,956
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	( 1,918)	( 464)	( 4,973)	( 7,355)
Net book amount	<u>4,518</u>	<u>5,057</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>9,600</u>
<b>Year ended 30 June 2015</b>				
Opening net book amount	4,518	5,057	26	9,601
Additions **	-	-	-	-
Disposals/write off	( 137)	-	-	( 137)
Impairment charge (note 16 (d))	-	( 50)	-	( 50)
Amortisation charge ***	( 631)	-	( 14)	( 645)
Closing net book amount	<u>3,750</u>	<u>5,007</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>8,770</u>
<b>At 30 June 2015</b>				
Cost	6,299	5,471	4,999	16,769
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	( 2,549)	( 464)	( 4,987)	( 7,999)
Net book amount	<u>3,750</u>	<u>5,007</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>8,770</u>

\* Capitalised computer software costs includes an internally generated intangible asset. The assets in this category have been amortised on the basis of a 5 year useful life.

\*\* Amortisation of \$645,000 (2014: \$518,000) is included in depreciation, amortisation and impairment expense in the statement of comprehensive income.

(b) Impairment tests for goodwill and client portfolios

Goodwill and client portfolios are allocated to the Group's Cash Generating Units (CGUs) identified according to business segment. The recoverable amount of a CGU is determined based on market value calculations. These calculations use recurring income measures consistent with market valuations of similar financial services businesses.

**16 Non-current assets – Intangible assets (continued)**

**(c) Impact of possible changes in key assumptions**

Changes in assumptions made in the assessment of impairment of goodwill relate to updating the earnings multiple used to estimate sustainable revenues. These assumptions are compared to market each year and adjusted appropriately.

**(d) Impairment charge**

During the year an impairment charge amounting to \$ 50,000 was recorded against goodwill to reflect the lower payment on final settlement for the acquisition of a portfolio of client assets relating to financial planning and business services respectively (2014: Nil).

**(e) Sensitivity Analysis**

The estimates and judgements included in the fair value calculations are based on historical experience and other factors, including management's and the Director's expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the current circumstances. Other than (c) above there have been no impairment recognised for the Fiducian Group CGUs in the impairment assessment performed at 30 June 2015. Based on management's current assessment, the recoverable amount of Fiducian's CGU exceeds the carrying amount by \$ 5.79 million. The Fiducian Group's CGU recoverable amount is sensitive to reasonably possible movements in key assumptions including changes to the earnings multiple of 3.1 used to determine the fair value of the CGU.

Management has modelled below the impact of changes in these key assumptions with the following result :-

- if earning multiple were to decrease to 2.7, the CGU's recoverable amount would exceed carrying amount by \$ 4.69 million.
- if earning multiple were to decrease to 2.9, the CGU's recoverable amount would exceed carrying amount by \$5.24 million.

	<b>Consolidated</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
<b>17 Current liabilities - Trade and other payables</b>		
Trade payables	1,694	980
Other payables*	2,505	1,597
Amounts due to related entities	-	-
Client portfolio deferred settlement	308	897
Annual leave entitlements accrued	566	645
	<u>5,073</u>	<u>4,119</u>

Information about the Group's exposure to credit and interest rate risk is shown in Note 34.

\* Other payables include retirement benefits payable to planners covered under salary agreements with Fiducian Financial Services Pty Limited. Under the terms of the agreement with certain long serving salaried financial planners, those planners are entitled to a service fee subsequent to their retirement from the Company, under conditions designed to protect the Company's client base. Eligibility to this service fee is based on service period and payment is subject to further ongoing conditions, including client retention, provision of support services to the entity to achieve this aim. The benefit is personal to the planner, is not transferable, can be stopped by or repaid to Fiducian Financial Services Pty Ltd should there be a breach of conditions, and will be reduced if the planner purchases some or all of their client base at or after retirement. This arrangement has been accounted for in accordance with AASB 119 Employee Benefits.

**18 Current liabilities - Current tax liabilities**

Income tax	<u>1,462</u>	<u>1,173</u>
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**19 Non current liabilities - Trade and other payables**

Client portfolio deferred settlement	<u>-</u>	<u>276</u>
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**20 Non-current liabilities – Deferred tax liabilities**

	<b>Consolidated</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
<b>The balance comprises temporary differences attributable to:</b>		
<i>Amounts recognised in profit and loss</i>		
Depreciation and amortisation	<u>1,091</u>	<u>1,313</u>
Deferred tax liabilities before set off	<u>1,091</u>	<u>1,313</u>
Set off against deferred tax assets	<u>( 968)</u>	<u>( 816)</u>
Net deferred tax liabilities	<u>123</u>	<u>497</u>

**20 Non-current liabilities – Deferred tax liabilities (continued)**

	Consolidated	
	2015	2014
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Movements:</b>		
Opening balance 1 July	1,313	897
Taken to the statement of comprehensive income	( 222)	416
Arising on Business combination	-	559
Deferred tax liabilities at 30 June before set off	1,091	1,313
Set off against deferred tax assets	( 968)	( 816)
Net deferred tax liabilities	<u>123</u>	<u>497</u>
Expiration of net deferred tax liabilities		
Expiration of net deferred tax liabilities		
within 12 months	123	132
after 12 months	-	365
	<u>123</u>	<u>497</u>

**21 Non-current liabilities – Provisions**

Employee benefits - long service leave	<u>921</u>	<u>947</u>
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The provision for long service leave includes all pro-rata entitlements where employees have not yet completed the required period of service and also those where employees are entitled to pro-rata payments. The entire amount is presented as non-current as no material amounts are expected to be settled within the next 12 months.

		Consolidated			
		2015		2014	
		\$'000		\$'000	
<b>22 Contributed equity</b>					
<b>(a) Share capital</b>					
Ordinary shares – fully paid		6,366		6,086	
Treasury shares		-		150	
		6,366		6,236	
<b>(b) Movements in ordinary share capital and treasury shares</b>					
Date	Details	Number of Shares	Average price	\$'000	
1 July 2013	Opening Balance	31,532,429		7,145	
	Shares bought back on-market and cancelled	( 679,961)	\$1.11	( 755)	
	Treasury Shares	( 94,571)	\$1.58	( 150)	
	Buy-back transaction costs	-		( 4)	
		30,757,897		6,236	
30 June 2014	Balance	30,757,897		6,236	
	Shares bought back on-market and cancelled	( 14,500)	\$1.82	( 26)	
	Shares issued on exercise of options	140,000		156	
	Shares issued	1	\$1.00	-	
		30,883,398		6,366	
30 June 2015	Balance	30,883,398		6,366	

**(c) Ordinary shares and treasury shares**

Ordinary shares entitle the holder to participate in dividends and the proceeds on winding up of the company in proportion to the number of and amounts paid on the shares held.

On a show of hands every holder of ordinary shares present at a meeting in person or by proxy, is entitled to one vote, and upon a poll each share is entitled to one vote.

**(d) Share buy-back**

Between July 2014 and June 2015 the Company purchased and cancelled ordinary shares on-market in order to reduce the company's capital and surplus liquidity, as originally announced in 2005 and last extended on 3 March 2015. During the financial year the shares were acquired at an average price of \$1.82 per share, with prices ranging from \$1.70 to \$1.89. The net cost of \$26,394 of transaction costs, was deducted from equity.

At 30 June 2015, 500,000 shares remained available to be repurchased under the most recently announced buy back notice to the ASX.

**(e) Options**

Information relating to Fiducian Group Employee & Director and Adviser Option Plans and options issued, exercised and lapsed during the year is set out in Note 26.

**22 Contributed equity (continued)**

**(f) Capital risk management**

The Group's objectives when managing capital of the wholly owned subsidiaries within the Group is to safeguard their ability to continue as a going concerns, to individually continue to meet externally imposed capital requirements of APRA and ASIC under their Registrable Superannuation Entity (RSE) Licence, Responsible Entity (RE) licence and their Australian Financial Services (AFS) Licence respectively, and to continue to provide returns to shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders.

In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Group may adjust the amount of dividends paid to shareholders, return capital to shareholders via an on-market share buy back, or issue new shares upon exercise of outstanding options. There has been no borrowing to maintain capital adequacy.

The externally imposed requirements are:

- a. Under its ASIC RE licence, the RE, Fiducian Investment Management Services Limited, must maintain \$ 5,000,000 net tangible assets at all times.
- b. Under its APRA RSE licence, the RSE, Fiducian Portfolio Services Limited must maintain \$100,000 cash at all times since all superannuation assets are custodially held.

The requirement under the RSE licence and RE licences are maintained by placing cash on deposit with an ADI. The requirement under the AFS licence is monitored monthly when management accounts are prepared, and is reported to the Board monthly at each meeting.

**23 Reserves**

	Consolidated	
	2015	2014
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Movements</b>		
<b>Share based payments reserve</b>		
Balance 1 July	26	75
Option expense	16	19
Option lapses	-	( 68)
Balance 30 June	<u>42</u>	<u>26</u>

The share based payments reserve is used to recognise the fair value of options issued but not exercised.

**24 Retained profits**

Movements in retained profits were as follows:

Balance 1 July	13,089	11,503
Net profit for the year	4,622	3,982
Dividends paid (Note 8)	( 2,928)	( 2,396)
Balance 30 June	<u>14,783</u>	<u>13,089</u>

25 Key management personnel disclosures

(a) Key management personnel compensation

	Consolidated	
	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Short-term employee benefits	744,457	760,417
Post employment benefits	34,567	30,743
Share-based payments	-	18,981
	<u>779,024</u>	<u>810,141</u>

Detailed remuneration disclosures are provided in sections A-E of the Remuneration Report contained in the Directors' Report.

(b) Equity instrument disclosures relating to key management personnel

(i) Options provided as remuneration and shares issued on exercise of such options

Details of options provided as remuneration and shares issued on the exercise of such options, together with terms and conditions of the options, can be found in section D of the Remuneration Report.

(ii) Option holdings

The numbers of options over ordinary shares in the company held during the financial year by each director of Fiducian Group Limited, including their personally related and associated entities, are set out below. At the AGM on 23 October 2014, 100,000 options were granted to Mr I Singh as compensation in respect of the year ending 30 June 2014. Under the scheme of the restructure the options issued on 23 October 2014 were cancelled and an equivalent number of options were issued in the Company on substantially the same terms and conditions as the cancelled options.

2015	Balance at the start of the year	Exercised	Granted during the year as remuneration	Lapsed during the year	Balance at the end of the year	Vested and exercisable
I Singh	140,000	140,000	100,000	-	100,000	-

25 Key management personnel disclosures ( continued)

(b) Equity instrument disclosures relating to key management personnel (continued)

(ii) Option holdings (continued)

2014						
Name	Balance at the start of the year	Exercised	Granted during the year as remuneration	Lapsed during the year	Balance at the end of the year	Vested and exercisable
I Singh	55,000	-	100,000	( 15,000)	140,000	40,000

(iii) Shareholdings

The numbers of shares in the company held during the financial year by each director of Fiducian Group Limited, including their personally related and associated entities, are set out below. There were no shares granted during the period as compensation.

2015				
Name	Balance at the start of the year	Received during the year on the exercise of director options	Other changes during the year	Balance at the end of the year
I Singh	10,162,512	140,000	71,252	10,373,764
R E Bucknell	800,000	-	-	800,000
F Khouri	251,373	-	-	251,373
C Stone	23,700	-	10,000	33,700

2014				
Name	Balance at the start of the year	Received during the year on the exercise of director options	Other changes during the year	Balance at the end of the year
I Singh	10,113,012	-	49,500	10,162,512
R E Bucknell	900,000	-	(100,000)	800,000
F Khouri	226,373	-	25,000	251,373
C Stone	20,000	-	3,700	23,700



**25 Key management personnel disclosures ( continued)**

**(b) Equity instrument disclosures relating to key management personnel (continued)**

*Shares provided on exercise of options*

140,000 ordinary shares in the company were provided as a result of the exercise of remuneration options to the Managing Director of Fiducian Group Limited, as key management person of the Group, during the period (2014: Nil). No entities with which directors have interests have exercised any Adviser options during the year (2014: Nil). No amounts are unpaid on any shares issued on the exercise of options.

**(c) Loans to directors**

No loans were made to directors during the financial year (2014: Nil).

**(d) Other transactions with key management personnel**

A director, Mr R E Bucknell, is a director of Hunter Place Services Pty Ltd, a company which provides his services as a director to the Group.

A director, Mr F Khouri, is an authorised representative under the Fiducian Financial Services Pty Ltd Australian Financial Services Licence and is a director and shareholder of Hawkesbury Financial Services Pty Ltd, which is a franchisee of Fiducian Financial Services Pty Ltd. Hawkesbury Financial Services Pty Ltd places business with and receives financial planning remuneration from the Group. All transactions are on normal commercial terms and conditions.

A director, Mr C Stone, was paid director's fees for his personal contribution to the Board.

Aggregate amounts of each of the above types of other transactions with directors of Fiducian Group Limited :

	<b>Consolidated</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	\$	\$
<b>Amounts recognised as an expense</b>		
Directors' fees and committee fees*	295,353	308,400
Financial planning fees paid or payable	211,179	209,142
	506,532	517,542

\* Details of these fees and explanations for the increase have been provided in the Remuneration report in the Directors report.

**25 Key management personnel disclosures ( continued)**

**Shares under option**

Unissued ordinary shares of Fiducian Group Limited under option at the date of this report are disclosed in Note 26 of the financial report.

No option holder has any right under the options to participate in any other share issue of the company or any other entity until after the exercise of the option.

**Shares issued on the exercise of options**

The details of ordinary shares of Fiducian Group Limited issued during the year ended 30 June 2015 on the exercise of options granted under the Fiducian Group Limited Employee & Director Share Option Plan is disclosed under Note 26 to the financial report.

**(e) Loans to Key management personnel**

	Balance at 1 July 2014	Interest paid / payable for the year	Balance at 30 June 2014	Number of KMP in this aggregation
	\$	\$	\$	
Aggregate details of business development and staff loans made to Key management personnel of the Group, including their close family members and entities related to them	77,902	3,946	77,927	2

Business development and staff loans have been made at arm's length and at the same terms and conditions provided to other franchisees and staff.

**26 Share based payments**

**Employee and director share option plan (ESOP)**

The establishment of the Fiducian Group Limited ESOP was approved by shareholders at the 2000 annual general meeting. The ESOP is designed to provide long-term incentives for senior managers and directors to deliver long-term shareholder returns. Under the plan, participants are granted options which only vest if certain performance standards are met. Participation in the plan is at the Board's discretion and no individual has a contractual right to participate in the plan or receive any guaranteed benefits.

Fiducian Group Limited ('FGL') has established the ESOP, which is designed to provide incentives to employees and directors. All grants of options under the ESOP are subject to compliance with the Corporations Act 2001 and ASX Listing Rules.

The directors may, from time to time, determine which employees and directors may participate in the ESOP, and the number of options that may be issued to them. The directors have an absolute discretion to determine who will participate and the number of options that may be issued. The ESOP provides for an upper limit on the number of options that may be outstanding, the exercise price, exercise period and expiry, and adjustments in the event of capital restructuring. The directors have resolved that the ESOP no longer applies to non-executive directors.

Options are granted under the plan for no consideration. Employee options are granted for a five year period where 35% vest after one year, a further 45% vest after two years and the balance vest after three years. Director options vest after one year. Options granted under the plan carry no dividend or voting rights. When exercisable, each option is converted into one ordinary share on payment of the exercise price.

The exercise price of options is based on the volume weighted average price at which the company's shares are traded on the Australian Securities Exchange during the month preceding the date the options are granted. During the year the directors determined not to issue any options (2014: Nil) to staff and no employee options expired (2014: 155,000).

**26 Share based payments (continued)**  
**Employee and director share option plan (ESOP) (continued)**

Subject to prior approval by shareholders, the Company may issue each year a maximum of 100,000 options to the executive director for each year of service, subject to performance criteria. The Directors have resolved not to issue any options (2014: 100,000 options at \$1.63) to the executive director in respect of the year ended 30 June 2015.

Set out below are summaries of options granted under various option plans:

Grant date	Expiry date	Exercise price	Balance at start of the year Number	Granted during the year Number	Exercised during the year Number	Lapsed during the year Number	Balance at end of the year Number	Vested and Exercisable at end of the year Number
27 Oct 2010	29 Oct 2015	\$ 1.28	40,000	-	( 40,000)	-	-	-
23 Oct 2013	23 Oct 2018	\$ 1.05	100,000	-	( 100,000)	-	-	-
23 Oct 2014	23 Oct 2019	\$ 1.63	-	100,000	-	-	100,000	-
<b>Total</b>			<b>140,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>( 140,000)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>-</b>
Weighted average exercise price			\$1.12	\$1.63	\$1.12	\$ -	\$1.63	\$ -

The volume weighted average remaining contractual life of share options outstanding at the end of the period was 4.32 years (2014 : 3.46 years).

26 Share based payments (continued)

Grant date	Expiry date	Exercise price	Balance at start of the year Number	Granted during the year Number	Exercised during the year Number	Lapsed during the year Number	Balance at end of the year Number	Vested and Exercisable at end of the year Number
<b>Consolidated 2014</b>								
<b>EDSOP - Managing Director</b>								
29 Oct 2008	29 Oct 2013	\$ 2.30	15,000	-	-	( 15,000)	-	-
27 Oct 2010	29 Oct 2015	\$ 1.28	40,000	-	-	-	40,000	40,000
23 Oct 2013	23 Oct 2018	\$ 1.05	-	100,000	-	-	100,000	-
			55,000	100,000	-	( 15,000)	140,000	40,000
<b>ESOP - Staff</b>								
27 Aug 2008	27 Aug 2013	\$ 2.30	155,000	-	-	( 155,000)	-	-
			155,000	-	-	( 155,000)	-	-
<b>ASOP - Advisers</b>								
30 Sept 2008	30 Sept 2013	\$ 2.70	20,270	-	-	( 20,270)	-	-
			20,270	-	-	( 20,270)	-	-
Total			230,270	100,000	-	( 190,270)	140,000	40,000
Weighted average exercise price			\$2.16	\$1.05	\$ -	\$2.34	\$1.12	\$1.28

(c) Expenses arising from share-based payment transactions

Total expenses arising from share-based payment transactions recognised during the period as part of employee benefit expense were as follows:

	Consolidated	
	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Options issued , net of lapses	-	( 48,235)

	Consolidated	
	2015	2014
	\$	\$

**27 Remuneration of auditors**

During the year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by the auditor of the parent entity, its related practices and non-related audit firms:

**Audit services**

**PricewaterhouseCoopers Australian firm:**

Audit and review of financial reports	120,600	104,206
Other audit related work, including audit of entities for which the parent entity is trustee, manager or responsible entity (gross of any amounts reimbursed)	374,760	337,590
Total remuneration	495,360	441,796

It is the Group's policy to employ PricewaterhouseCoopers on assignments additional to their statutory audit duties where PricewaterhouseCoopers' expertise and experience with the Group are important.

**28 Contingent liabilities**

The parent entity and Group had contingent liabilities at 30 June 2015 in respect of bank guarantees for property leases of parent and group entities amounting to \$438,000 (2014: \$438,000).

**29 Commitments for expenditure**

	Consolidated	
	2015	2014
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>(a) Capital expenditure</b>		
Commitments payable within one year	-	-
<b>(b) Operating leases</b>		
The Group leases various offices under non-cancellable operating leases expiring within 12 months to four years. The leases have varying terms, escalation clauses and renewal rights. On renewal, the terms of the leases are renegotiated.		
Within one year	1,026	1,030
Later than one year but not later than 5 years	3,642	4,670
	<u>4,668</u>	<u>5,700</u>

**30 Related party transactions**

**(a) Parent entity**

The parent entity within the Group is Fiducian Group Limited at year end.

**(b) Subsidiaries**

Interests in subsidiaries are set out in Note 12.

The consolidated financial report incorporate the assets, liabilities and results of the subsidiaries set out in Note 12 in accordance with the accounting policy described in Note 1(b).

**(c) Key management personnel**

Disclosures relating to key management personnel are set out in Note 25.

**(d) Transactions with related parties**

(i) Transactions between the Group and other related entities

- a. Operator fee income received from related trusts
- b. Trustee fee income received from related trusts
- c. Recovery of group costs, such as insurance from related trusts
- d. Collection of fees by Responsible entities from the related funds.

The above transactions were on normal commercial terms and conditions and at market rates. All transactions between Group entities are eliminated on consolidation.

(ii) Transactions with related parties of directors

- a. Financial planning fees paid by Fiducian Financial Services Pty Limited to entities associated with the directors
- b. Financial planning fees paid by Fiducian Financial Services Pty Limited to entities associated with relatives of the directors

The above transactions were on normal commercial terms and conditions and at market rates.

**30 Related party transactions (continued)****(d) Transactions with related parties (continued)**

The following transactions occurred with related parties:

	Ownership interest <sup>1</sup>	Consolidated 2015 \$	2014 \$
<b>Related trusts</b>			
Fiducian Investment Service	Nil		
<i>Operator fees income</i>		3,779,488	2,746,796
<i>Expense recovery</i>		376,566	355,911
Fiducian Superannuation Service	Nil		
<i>Trustee fees income</i>		9,121,465	8,373,323
<i>Expense recovery</i>		3,348,012	2,923,670
Fiducian Funds	Nil		
<i>Responsible entity fees income</i>		5,872,640	3,566,835
<i>Expense recovery</i>		248,645	270,000
<b>Entities associated with directors or their relatives</b>			
Hawkesbury Financial Services Pty Ltd <sup>2</sup>			
<i>Financial planning fees paid</i>		211,179	209,142
Fiducian Financial Services Bondi Junction Pty Ltd <sup>3</sup>			
<i>Financial planning fees paid</i>		162,275	130,354

<sup>1</sup> "Ownership Interest" means the percentage of capital of the company held directly and/or indirectly through another entity by Fiducian Group Limited

<sup>2</sup> Payments to Franchisee associated with a director, F Khouri in the normal course of business in arms length transactions.

<sup>3</sup> Payments to Franchisee associated with James Bucknell, relative of RE Bucknell, in the normal course of business in arms length transactions.

**30 Related party transactions (continued)**

**(e) Outstanding balances arising from sales / purchases of services provided**

The following balances are outstanding at the reporting date in relation to transactions with related parties:

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Current receivables (income from related trusts)	2,389,381	1,800,338
	<u>2,389,381</u>	<u>1,800,338</u>

No provisions for doubtful receivables have been raised in relation to any outstanding balances, and no expense has been recognised in respect of bad and doubtful receivables due from related parties.

**31 Reconciliation of profit or loss after income tax to net cash inflow from operating activities**

	Consolidated	
	2015	2014
	\$'000	\$'000
Profit for the year	4,622	3,983
Non-cash employee (expense)/ benefit	( 89)	45
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	910	682
Net (gain) loss on sale of non-current assets	79	( 24)
<i>Changes in operating assets and liabilities:</i>		
Change in accounts receivable	( 551)	( 149)
Change in income tax payable	289	881
Change in other assets at fair value	-	9
Change in trade creditors	713	290
Change in other creditors	908	154
Change in deferred income tax asset	-	134
Change in deferred income tax liability	( 374)	( 142)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	<u>6,507</u>	<u>5,864</u>



32 Earnings per share

	Consolidated	
	2015	2014
<b>Earnings per share using weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period:</b>		
<b>(a) Basic earnings per share (in cents)</b>		
Profit from continuing operations attributable to the ordinary equity of the company	14.99	12.81
<b>(b) Diluted earnings per share (in cents)</b>		
Profit from continuing operations attributable to the ordinary equity and potential ordinary equity of the company	14.93	12.75

**(c) Weighted average number of shares used as the denominator**

	Consolidated	
	2015	2014
	Number	Number
Weighted average number of shares used as the denominator:		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used as the denominator in calculating basic earnings per share	30,835,861	31,015,853
<i>Adjustments for calculation of diluted earnings per share:</i>		
Options	119,782	142,958
Weighted average number of ordinary shares and potential ordinary shares used as the denominator in calculating diluted earnings per share	30,955,643	31,158,811

**(d) Reconciliation of earnings used in calculating basic and diluted earnings per share**

	Consolidated	
	2015	2014
	\$'000	\$'000
Net profit and earnings used calculating basic and diluted earnings per share	4,622	3,983

**(e) Information concerning the classification of securities**

Options granted to employees under the Fiducian Group Limited Employee Share Option Plan (ESOP) are considered to be potential ordinary shares and have been included in the determination of diluted earnings per share to the extent that they are dilutive. The options have not been included in the determination of basic earnings per share. Details relating to the options are set out in Note 26.

**33 Events occurring after balance date / reporting date**

Subsequent to the end of the financial year a subsidiary of the Group has acquired two portfolios of financial planning clients with the transition to Fiducian commencing from 1 July 2015 and 1 August 2015 respectively. Under the terms of the contracts of acquisition the Group will finance the acquisitions through a combination of cash payments and issue of shares over the payment period. Accordingly the Group has issued 133,552 fully paid ordinary shares at \$1.83 on 14 August 2015 towards payment of the first instalment of one of the above mentioned acquisitions. Further shares will be issued during the year in accordance with the terms of each contract.

The Group has also commenced proceedings with ASIC to deregister its two dormant subsidiaries details of which are provided in Note 12 of these financial statements.

To the date of this report, the Group has not bought back any shares off the market (2014: Nil)

Other than this there has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely in the opinion of the directors of the Group, to affect significantly the operations of the Group, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Group in subsequent years.

**34 Financial risk management**

The Group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The Group's overall risk management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the financial performance of the Group.

The Group holds the following financial instruments:

	Consolidated	
	2015	2014
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Financial assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	12,374	11,194
Trade and other receivables	7,238	4,939
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	106
	<u>19,612</u>	<u>16,239</u>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	<u>5,073</u>	<u>4,395</u>

**(a) Market risk***(i) Foreign exchange risk*

The Group has limited operations outside Australia and is not exposed to any material foreign exchange risk.

*(ii) Interest rate risk*

The Group's main interest rate risk arises from deposits in Australian Dollars, and short term loans to staff and planners. The group has no borrowings.

	30 June 2015		30 June 2014	
	Weighted average interest rate	Balance	Weighted average interest rate	Balance
	%	\$'000	%	\$'000
Cash at bank and on deposit	1.7%	12,374	2.1%	11,194
Staff & financial planner loans	5.1%	4,016	5.3%	2,268
		<u>16,390</u>		<u>13,462</u>

Bank deposits are at call and staff and planner loans have terms extending between 1 and 7 years, and may be repayable sooner in certain circumstances. Interest rates are reviewed and adjusted at least quarterly.

The Group's main interest rate risk arises from cash and cash equivalents with variable interest rates. At 30 June 2015 if interest rates change by +/- 100 basis points (2014: +/- 100 basis points) from the year end rates with all other variables held constant, post-tax profit would have been \$115,000 higher of lower (2014: \$ 94,000).

**34 Financial risk management (continued)**

**(b) Credit risk**

The Group has negligible credit risk from receivables, as management fee and financial planning income is received within one month of it falling due, and financial planning fees are only paid following the receipt of this income.

The credit quality of other financial assets can be assessed against external credit ratings as follows:

	<b>Consolidated</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Cash and cash equivalents		
AA-	12,374	11,194
	<u>12,374</u>	<u>11,194</u>
Investment in related trust		
Unrated	-	106
Loans to staff and financial planners		
Unrated	4,016	2,268
	<u>4,016</u>	<u>2,268</u>

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the carrying amount of the financial assets as summarised on this page.

**(c) Liquidity risk**

The Group maintains sufficient liquid reserves to meet all foreseeable working capital, investment and regulatory licensing requirements. The Group has no undrawn credit or other borrowing facilities in place.

	<b>Consolidated</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Due in less than 1 year	5,073	4,119
Due between 1 and 2 years	-	276
	<u>5,073</u>	<u>4,395</u>

**(d) Fair value estimation**

The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities must be estimated for recognition and measurements or for disclosure purposes.

- (a) quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities ( level1 )
- (b) inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices) (level 2), and
- (c) inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs) (level 3)

**34 Financial risk management (continued)**

**(d) Fair value estimation (continued)**

The following table presents the group's assets and liabilities measured and recognised at fair value according to the fair value hierarchy at 30 June 2015. The Group did not have any assets or liabilities recognised at fair value as at that date.

<b>At 30 June 2015</b>	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
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*Recurring Fair Value measurements*

Assets

Other financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Investment in related trust	-	-	-	-
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>At 30 June 2014</b>	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
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*Recurring Fair Value measurements*

Assets

Other financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Investment in related trust	-	-	106	106
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>106</b>

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets (such as publicly traded derivatives, and trading and available-for-sale securities) is based on quoted market prices at the end of the reporting period. The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the Group is the current bid price. These instruments are included in level 1. The Group holds none of these investments.

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market (for example, debt investments and derivative financial instruments) is determined using valuation techniques. These instruments are included in level 2. The Group held none of these investments during the year.

In the circumstances where a valuation technique for these instruments is based on significant unobservable inputs, such instruments are included in level 3. The Group's accounting policy is to value the investment in related trust at fair value through profit or loss, this was difficult as a result of a redemption freeze. As at 30 June 2015 the Group did not hold any Level 3 investments.

**34 Financial risk management (continued)**  
**(d) Fair value estimation (continued)**

The following table presents the changes in level 3 instruments for the year ended 30 June 2015:

	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Investment in related trust -		
Opening balance	106	155
Transfers in to level 3	-	-
Capital distribution	( 106)	( 40)
Fair value(Loss) recognised in Statement of Comprehensive Income	-	( 9)
	<u>-</u>	<u>106</u>

The carrying amounts of trade receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their fair values due to their short-term financial liabilities for disclosure purposes is estimated by nature.

**(e) Assets and liabilities not carried at fair value but for which fair value is disclosed**

The following table analyses within the fair value hierarchy the Group's assets and liabilities not measured at fair value at 30 June 2015 but for which fair value is disclosed:-

At 30 June 2015	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	12,374	-	-	12,374
Trade and other receivables (excluding loans)	-	-	3,222	3,222
Business development and staff loans	-	-	4,016	4,016
Total assets	<u>12,374</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,238</u>	<u>19,612</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Trade and other payables	5,073	-	-	5,073
Total liabilities	<u>5,073</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,073</u>
At 30 June 2014	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	11,194	-	-	11,194
Trade and other receivables (excluding loans)	-	-	2,671	2,671
Business development and staff loans	-	-	1,672	1,672
Total assets	<u>11,194</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,343</u>	<u>15,537</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Trade and other payables	-	-	4,553	4,553
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,553</u>	<u>4,553</u>

Assets and liabilities included in this table are carried at amortised cost; their carrying value are a reasonable approximation of fair value.

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held with bank and other short term investments in an active market.

Trade receivables include the contractual amount for settlement of the trade debts due to the Group. The carrying amount of the trade receivables are assumed to approximate their fair values due to their short term nature.

Trade and other payables include amounts due to creditors and accruals and represent the contractual amounts and obligations due by the Company for expenses. The carrying amount of the trade and other payables are assumed to approximate the fair value due to their short term nature.

Business development and staff loans represents contractual payments by advisers and staff over the period of loan. Loans classified as current have not been discounted as the carrying values are a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short term nature.

Non current loans have been valued at the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the original effective interest rates of the loans.

**35 Unconsolidated structured entities**

A structured entity is an entity that has been designed so that the voting or similar rights are not the dominant factor in deciding who controls the entity and the relevant activities are directed by means of contractual arrangements.

A subsidiary of the Group, FIM, acts as Responsible entity ("RE") for the Fiducian Funds and has significant influence over the funds due to its power to participate in financial and operating policies of the investee through the powers vested in it by the various contractual agreements. The Group considers all these funds to be structured entities. The RE receives management fees and netting fees from the funds. Except as indicated in Note 13, the Group does not invest in any of the funds it manages nor have any other forms of involvement such as the provision of funding, liquidity support or providing guarantees. Despite this, the Group has determined that it has an interest in the funds based on the variability of returns from management fees it receives linked to the net asset valuation of the respective funds.

The funds' objectives range from achieving medium to long term capital growth and their investment strategy does not include the use of leverage. The funds finance their operations by issuing redeemable units which are puttable at the holder's option and entitle the holder to a proportional stake in the respective fund's net assets.

The nature and extent of the Group's interest in the funds has been aggregated and is summarised below :-

Type of Fund	Accrued Income*	Financial Assets**	Maximum Exposure to Loss	Fund Net Asset Value	Fund's Invest- ment Portfolio
	\$'000s	\$'000s	\$'000s	\$'000s	\$'000s
Australian Equity Funds	275	-	275	365,469	363,886
Global Equity Funds	331	-	331	270,644	272,212
Property Fund	54	-	54	74,845	75,459
Diversified Funds	106	-	106	539,848	539,234
Technology Fund	66	-	66	30,691	30,639
Fixed Interest Fund	4	-	4	88,665	88,412

\*= shown as Other receivables in Current Assets under trade and other receivables subheading in the Statement of Financial Position.

\*\*= shown as Non current assets - Other financial assets at fair value through profit and loss (refer to Note 13 for details).

Unless specified otherwise, the Group's maximum exposure to loss is the total of its on-balance sheet position as at the reporting date. There are no additional off balance sheet arrangements which would expose the Group to potential loss.

During the year the Group earned management fees and netting fees from the structured entities.

A subsidiary of the Group, FPSL, acts as the trustee of the Fiducian Superannuation Service under the provisions of the Trust deed for the fund. Due to its fiduciary and statutory obligations to manage the assets of the trust on behalf of the beneficiaries, the Group exercises significant influence over the superannuation fund and therefore the superannuation fund is considered a structured entity as defined above. For its service the subsidiary receives a management fee for managing the investment from the members of the fund. In addition to this the subsidiary is entitled to reimbursement of expenses incurred by it in the operation of the service (for details refer to note 6).

The nature and extent of the subsidiary's interest in the fund is summarised below :-

Type of Fund	Accrued Income	Financial Assets**	Maximum Exposure	Fund Net Asset Value	Fund's Invest- ment Portfolio
	\$'000s	\$'000s	\$'000s	\$'000s	\$'000s
Fiducian Superannuation Service	1,248	-	1,248	889,522	889,427

**36 Parent entity financial information**

The stand alone summarised financial statements of the Company from the date it commenced operations following the restructure of the Fiducian Group are as follows:-

	<b>2015</b>
	<b>30 June</b>
	<b>\$'000s</b>
(a) Balance Sheet	
Current Assets	7,459
Non Current Assets	10,419
Total Assets	<u>17,878</u>
Current Liabilities	2,470
Non Current Liabilities	-
Total Liabilities	<u>2,470</u>
Net Assets	<u>15,408</u>
Equity	
Share capital	6,366
Reserves	42
Retained Earnings	9,000
Equity	<u>15,408</u>
(b) Profit for the period (1 March to 30 June)	
Dividend from subsidiary*	9,000

\*Dividends by the Fiducian Portfolio Services Limited, the previous holding company and operating group entity, on 1 March 2015 following the restructure and establishment of the Company as the parent entity of the Fiducian Group.

(c) Total comprehensive income -

(d) Contingent liability of the parent entity  
The Company did not have any contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2015.

(e) Contractual commitments for the acquisition of property, plant or equipment.  
As at 30 June 2015 the Company did not have any contractual commitments for the acquisition of property, plant or equipment.

(f) The Company commenced operations on 1 March 2015 and hence there are no comparatives for the previous year.

**37 Deed of Cross Guarantee**

Following the scheme of restructure, the Company entered into a deed of cross-guarantee, substantially in the form of ASIC Pro Forma 24 with each wholly owned member of the Fiducian Group. The effect of the deed of cross-guarantee is that each member that has entered into the deed, guarantees to each creditor of any member of the Fiducian Group that has entered into the deed payment in full of any debt owed to that creditor in the event of a winding up of that relevant member of the Fiducian Group.

In the directors' opinion:

- (a) the financial statements and notes set out on pages 21 to 70 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including
  - (i) complying with Accounting Standards, the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and
  - (ii) giving a true and fair view of the company's and consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 June 2015 and of their performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.
- (c) at the date of this declaration, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the members of the wholly owned group identified in note 12 will be able to meet any obligations or liabilities to which they are, or may become subject by virtue of the deed of cross guarantee described in note 37.

Note 1(a) confirms that the financial statements also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

The directors have been given the declarations by the Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer required by section 295A of the Corporations Act 2001.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors.



I Singh  
Director

Sydney,  
27 August 2015





## **Independent auditor's report to the members of Fiducian Group Limited**

### ***Report on the financial report***

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Fiducian Group Limited (the company), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2015, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the directors' declaration for the consolidated entity. The consolidated entity comprises the company and the entities it controlled at year's end or from time to time during the financial year.

### ***Directors' responsibility for the financial report***

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In Note 1, the directors also state, in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*, that the financial statements comply with International Financial Reporting Standards.

### ***Auditor's responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the consolidated entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### ***Independence***

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

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*Auditor's opinion*

In our opinion:

- (a) the financial report of Fiducian Group Limited is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
  - (i) giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 June 2015 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
  - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*
- (b) the financial report and notes also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in Note 1.

**Report on the Remuneration Report**

We have audited the remuneration report included in pages 7 to 14 of the Directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2015. The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the remuneration report in accordance with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the remuneration report, based on our audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

*Auditor's opinion*

In our opinion, the remuneration report of Fiducian Group Limited for the year ended 30 June 2015 complies with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

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PricewaterhouseCoopers

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Craig Stafford'.

Craig Stafford  
Partner

Sydney  
27 August 2015